



# Little Rock Lake News

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**Meetings are held at Rumors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month, 11 A.M.**

**Future Meetings- Jan.14, Feb.11, & March 10**

Eric Altena, Area Fisheries Manager in Little Falls, received the LRLA Resolution 11-1 and letter requesting a permit transfer for carp netting. He responded that the carp netting permit would be issued as soon as Mr. Riedeman gives him the dates for the netting. So, a phone call from Riedeman to Altena will seal the deal. Goodbye, carp!

Justin Villard has enlisted ING Direct to sponsor a Fishing Contest on Little Rock Lake. It will be held Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Specific times and location are to be determined. This event will draw positive attention to our lake, and the contest will benefit the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of St. Cloud. For more information contact Justin Villard at [jvillard@ingdirect.com](mailto:jvillard@ingdirect.com) or 612-801-1559.

Membership in the LRLA continues to be solid. Treasurer Vic Hengel reported that there are 174 members at the time of the November meeting.

The Benton County Local Water Management Plan for 2011-2018 has been adopted by the county board. Some of the plan's more salient goals are as follows: (1) reduce the negative impact of animal manure and fertilizer; (2) balance open space and development to maintain or improve the area's water quality; (3) encourage county government units to adopt development-related ordinances and policies to maintain and enhance water resources; and (4) protect and maintain groundwater resources in the county. Having this plan makes it possible for LRLA to apply for and receive Grants.

Congratulations to LRLA President, Guy Spence and LRLA Board of Director, Maureen Graber. They will be the guests of Benton County Soil and Water Conservation at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Bloomington, on December 5 & 6, where they will be presented as Conservationists of the Year from Benton County.

## Ice Safety

Since 1976, almost 200 people have died falling through the ice and a large portion of them were ice fishermen. The DNR and other public safety agencies often receive calls from people wanting to know if the ice is "safe" on a particular lake. Of course, that is a very difficult question for them to answer, since ice is never 100 percent safe. Even during the coldest winter, ice conditions can vary greatly on the same body of water.

The DNR recommend folks check with someone who is near the particular lake for information. Bait shops are a valuable source for ice condition updates, since they deal with people out on the ice every day, who are drilling holes and checking the thicknesses.

## Snowmobile Safety

Each year many people are hurt or killed riding snowmobiles in Minnesota. Common factors in most accidents include alcohol, speed and lack of safety training. Striking fixed objects is the most common type of accident reported. Even though over 420 thousand students have been certified in snowmobile safety in our state, hundreds of accidents are reported annually. Snowmobile Safety CD's can be obtained from the DNR for free. We encourage operators to 'Ride Safe & Ride Smart'. Use these PSA's to promote a variety of important snowmobile safety reminders. If you would like more information or have questions please contact Lt. Leland Owens, 763-753-1887 or [leland.owens@state.mn.us](mailto:leland.owens@state.mn.us).

If the label on this newsletter is addressed to "Current Occupant", you are not a member for the 2011-2012 year. Please complete the following form and forward it with your check, for \$25, to the Little Rock Lake Association. **Your support in dues and time to help clean up our lake is greatly appreciated.**

**LRLA Membership (August 2011/July 2012) \$25 -- Payable to LRLA, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN. 56367**

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