



KNIFE LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB--Your Lake Association

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As per the MN DNR, official ice out this year was 3/6/24. That shattered the last known data of 3/21/2012, as I looked back 43yrs in DNR records. Last year's ice out was 4/29/23. Personally speaking, I don't think I will ever see that record broken in my lifetime, and hopefully not. Oh, by the way, average ice out is 4/13. Again, that is MN DNR data. What was really funny, we put our dock in on 3/8/24 & pontoon 3/9/24 & the lake was iced back over the morning of 3/10/24. What a CRAZY winter this year was. Enough of that winter talk, onto warmer weather & great times enjoying this lake. Your KLSC is always planning events & one of the most asked summertime questions is.....**FIREWORKS!** In coordination with Northwoods Steakhouse, fireworks will be held on Saturday night 7/6/24. Mark your calendars & enjoy a fun filled day on the lake. KLSC summer raffle will be kicking off soon, stay tuned to our FB page & website, knifelake.us, for more details.

Ed Hamlin, President KLSC ed@knifelake.us



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

We will be doing our spring Adopt a Highway cleanup April 27th at 10:00am. We would like to have volunteers to help do the cleanup. We will provide lunch afterwards. Please contact me at 320-310-9560 if interested. Thank you!!

Jake Tillotson

Spring Archery – Get Ready

Happy Spring to you all! After this long, drawn-out cold fall weather, with hardly any ice, I thought you would be excited about the archery range opening soon. As of right now, a maintenance day of April 6th at 8:30 AM is planned. We plan on doing some trail maintenance, bow holder replacement and some replacement targets. This should only take a couple of hours, if you would like to bring your trimming tools and assist. Volunteer labor is highly appreciated by all. If you have any questions or advice, feel free to contact me at 763-300-3291.



Archery course opening day is scheduled for April 15th if you are excited to get out there and continue pulling that bow and warm up for our spring archery shoot. This will be scheduled for a Sunday afternoon in May, so stay tuned for details. See you out there!

Wayne Whited

KLID Report

Our monthly meeting's biggest discussion was once again weeds. With all the statewide early ice out conditions this year, the MN DNR has moved some weed spraying dates to allow better control of weeds. In normal years, Curry Leaf Pondweed is treated in May. This year it will be treated in April. Sometime later this month or early next month, a survey will be held that will provide weeded areas & recommendations for treatment will be provided to the KLID. The MN DNR only allows for a maximum of 75 of the 1250 lake acres to be treated. Typically, only 50 acres are treated. That's only 4% of the lake and only in the areas that need to be treated & approved by the property owner.

More on nuisance weeds next month. If you have any questions or concerns, the KLID holds their monthly meeting @ 8am every 3rd Saturday of the month, at the KLSC Clubhouse. Meetings are open to the public.

Ed Hamlin, KLSC President & liaison to KLID.



KLSC Logo Sportswear —caps, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets—Come to the next event or meeting to make your selection.



“Lip Ripping” Crappie Contest

It's almost that time of year again. The ice is gone and we are all ready to get out and do some open water fishing. As you all know, the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club started this contest in 2018 and have had a lot of following, so here we go again! This will be our 7th annual contest to date, so mark your calendars!

Following are details for this year:

Date: May 4th.

Registration: 7:30AM - 8:15AM.

Contest time: 8:30AM – 12 PM.

Fee: \$25 per angler.

Prizes & raffles: Following fish weigh-in.



Rules:

- Every paid entry can weigh up to 10 Crappie.
- All fish entered must be caught the day and time of the contest.
- You must be registered no later than the start time of the contest.
- All fish must be alive to weigh-in.
- No late weigh-in will be counted, so you must be back by 12 PM.
- Raffle tickets will be available for extra prizes @ \$5 each before contest or during registration of fish.
- All volunteers are able to enter and compete in the contest, but cannot weigh their own fish.

So, I don't know about you, but I am super excited for this tournament! Bring you're A-game and let's have a great time. See you all there!

Wayne Whited



Congratulations to Donna, the winner of this year's Ice Castle from our Winter Day of Fun! Happy Fishing and camping!



KNIFE LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.

Annual Membership Dues for 2023 -- \$35

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Lake address _____ Phone # _____

Mailing address if different _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

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Membership (please circle one) New Renewal Additional donation \$ _____

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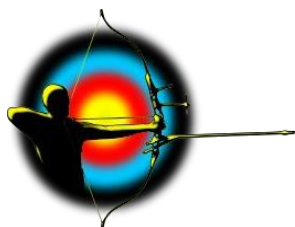
Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club

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Thank you!

Dues can now be paid on our website, **knifelake.us**



KLSC ARCHERY

Annual Membership Sign-up Form

Archery membership can now be paid on our website, **knifelake.us**

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Membership (please circle one): NEW RENEWAL

Individual - \$40 or Family - \$75

Please make checks payable to Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club (KLSC) and hand to KLSC board member, mail to Ed Hamlin, 2675 Kite St, Mora, MN 55051, or leave in lock box on archery range.

Non-member course usage is \$10 per day per person.

KLSC MUST HAVE A SIGNED "HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT" FOR EACH COURSE PARTICIPANT ON FILE