

# The Lake Riley Launch

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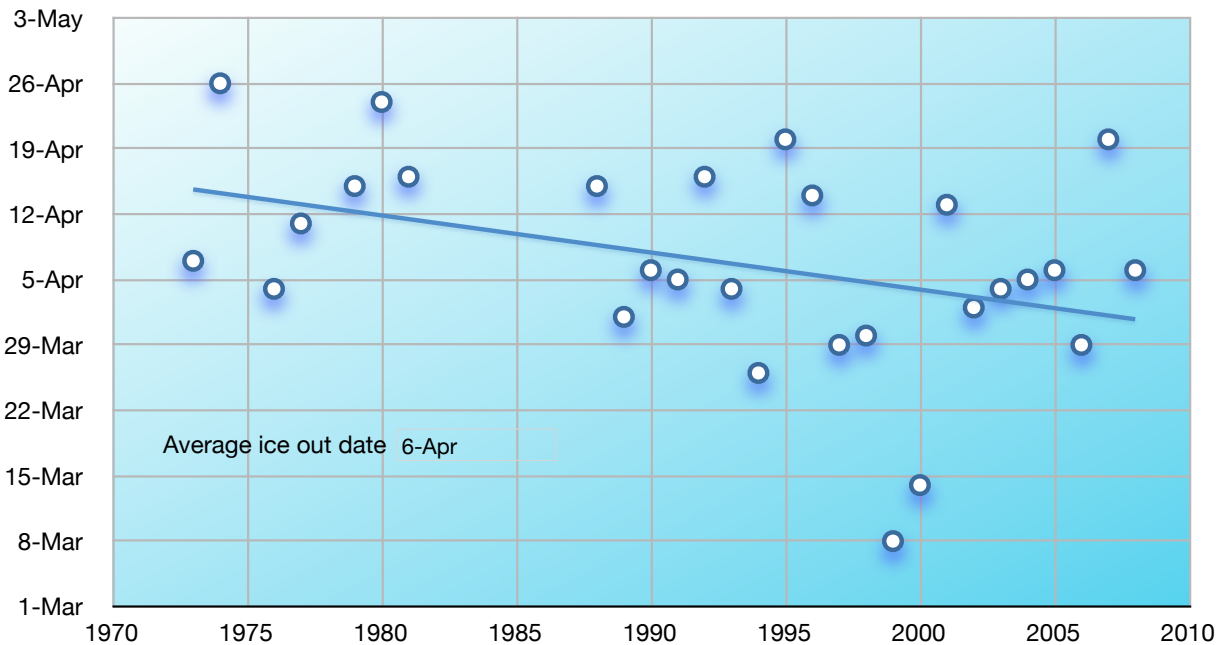
*An email newsletter for  
Lake Riley Improvement Association Members*

**Lake Dates.** In March it is time to start thinking about our **annual Lake Riley Improvement Association meeting**. It will be held on **Monday April 19, from 7-9 p.m. in Heritage Room 3 at the Eden Prairie City Center**. Mark your calendars now! A reminder will be sent out shortly before the meeting.

**Desperately Seeking Someone.** *“Life it is not just a series of calculations and a sum total of statistics, it's about experience, it's about participation, it is something more complex and more interesting than what is obvious.”* (D. Libeskind) **The LRIA really needs a secretary/treasurer**, largely to take in the annual dues checks that will be coming in this spring. The same lake residents seem to take on all the jobs every year; it would be tremendous to get more participation. Please consider stepping up. Secretary/treasurer is a straightforward job, it does not require a big time commitment, and it is a great way to get to know your neighbors on the lake. Contact president John Bushey for more information about that opportunity - and others - at [jabushey@mac.com](mailto:jabushey@mac.com) or 952-270-9206.

**Lake Ice.** Last year the ice went out on April 6th, which is the average. With nearly 40 years of data we can see the trend line towards earlier ice-out dates. You can check out some other Minnesota [Historical Lake Ice-Out dates](#). Here are approximate ice out dates for Lake Riley since 1973:

**Lake Riley Iceout Dates**



**Blue Maple Syrup.** AGAIN the Lake Riley ice boaters and ice skaters were robbed of their sport this winter because of continuous snow cover. And now the Riley Sugarbush Sapmeisters [John Bushey](#), [Bob Adomaitis](#), [David Florenzano](#) and [Eldon Berkland](#) are eagerly anticipating the upcoming maple syrup season, but they're a little nervous, too. Why? Because last year will be tough to beat! **The light amber syrup they entered in the State Fair last summer won a blue ribbon, PLUS they won the “best in show” award from the Minnesota Maple Syrup Producers Association!** Bravo, boys! Visit them in action this spring, and see how they do it.

**Carpe Carp.** Przemek Bajer of the University Carp team has this update for us concerning the carp seining: *“For the past 2 weeks we have been monitoring the distribution of carp to evaluate options for*

*another removal attempt. The fish re-grouped and are now aggregating approximately 200 yards to the east of the area that we seined. Unfortunately, this area has a relatively steep and uneven bottom with some rocks, and chances of capturing carp in this spot are slim. We will monitor this aggregation and try to remove some more if they move to a more suitable area – we have about one more month to do so.”* It has been a frustrating effort this year for all concerned (except the carp.) Word will be sent out if/when they decide to seine again.



Brett Miller Tossing a Carp Feb. 2010 (photo by David Florenzano)

**Minnesota and Earthquakes.** From Paul Douglas’ weather blog: “On July 9, 1975 a 4.6 quake shook towns near Morris, MN, resulting in minor damage to walls and foundations. Another quake centered in southern Illinois on November 9, 1968 was felt in the Twin Cities metro area. More historical information on Minnesota quakes from the USGS is [here](#). That said, the probability of a moderate or major earthquake in Minnesota is thought to be negligible. Cold comfort indeed.” If you’re any kind of a weather geek, check out [Paul’s weather blog at the Star Tribune](#) - it’s always interesting.

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