

## SHAVERS LAKE REMEMBERS – The Mancinos

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To Whom It May Concern,

Many years ago, in the late 1970's and early 1980's, my wife, Nancy, and I lived in a home at 18108 Shavers Lake Drive. Our home was located on the southern shore of the narrowest part of the lake, a spot that locals referred to as "the channel".

In the first couple of years that we lived there, we would occasionally borrow our neighbor's canoe and traverse the lake from one end to the other, passing through the channel just below our home.

Over a relatively short period of years, the weeds in the lake began to become more pronounced. Several theories were advanced as to why this was happening, including the fertilizer used on nearby lawns, and the storm runoff that was allowed to enter Shavers Lake untreated. In any event, the effect reduced the area of navigable water, and threatened to close the channel. Several of the neighbors around the lake met and agreed to fund a weed removal project.

I was not the point person on the project, but I am fairly sure we applied for and received all necessary permissions and permits to dredge the worst parts of the weeds, including the channel. We contracted with a gentleman that used a very large machine (some sort of backhoe, I believe) and a system of large wooden floating platforms that he would use to "walk" across the water.

Over the next few years, at least until my wife and I moved to another home in Chanhassen, our consortium of neighbors contracted to remove much of the encroaching weeds and made sure the channel was kept open.

We have many happy memories of our time on Shavers Lake, and we hope that its charm and beauty can be maintained.

Yours, Sam Mancino