



Wizard Lake Watershed & Lake Stewardship Association

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Blake Bartlett, Chair

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

As a new year is fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the busy year of 2016. I am pleased to inform you that the Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association (WLWLSA) Board has grown with the addition of four enthusiastic young people.

The WLWLSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on July 16th at Jubilee Park with great success. A variety of topics were discussed: fertilizer bans, in-lake water sampling, blue green algae, in-lake weed cutting, which led to great conversation and discussion.

Board members have been kept busy with attending a variety of workshops, answering a number of questions but in turn creating more questions.

Many thanks to the volunteers who share the desire to ensure the recreational value of Wizard Lake remains for future generations.



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COUNTY SUPPORT

WLWLSA would like to thank the Recreation Board members from **Leduc County** and **County of Wetaskiwin** for supporting our initiatives.

Many thanks to **Dean Ohnysty, Director of Parks and Recreation, Leduc County** and **Geoff Lynch, Director of Leisure and Community Services, County of Wetaskiwin**, for their ongoing support.



BULLETIN BOARDS

Stay tuned to new and exciting happenings around Wizard Lake by checking your bulletin board at the following locations:

- » Butterfly Cove
- » Curilane A
- » Curilane B
- » Enchantment Valley
- » Jubilee Park – day use



- » Wizard Heights East Road
- » Wizard Heights West Road
- » Wizard Ridge Estates
- » Wizard Lake Estates



ALBERTA LAKE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY — ZEBRA MUSSELS AND INVASIVE PLANT SURVEY

by Larry MacPherson

Breda Muldoon was our ALMS technician this past summer. She was very professional, efficient and a pleasure to work with. In summary, the lake was sampled five times June through September. The normal testing, taken at different depths, includes clarity, oxygenation, conductivity, temperature, invasive aquatic species.

There are now five mussel substrates deployed around the lake, and at seasons end there was no indication of zebra mussel contamination. Complete in-lake water sampling results will be available at the 2017 summer AGM.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT WIZARD LAKE

by Chris and Kate Daniel

The long tradition of celebrating Canada Day at Wizard Lake has been taking place since the early nineties. We used to have the "Yatch" Club on Curilane B which organized dances and BBQ's on Canada Day and this was a prelude to our road and boat parades.

Four of our long-standing residents on Curilane A and B, **Ken Litzenberger, Derek Brown, Gloria Holbrook and Millie Barhurst** took to organizing a road parade which encompassed many forms of transport from a 1940 Ford Pickup, bicycles, motorcycles, baby carriage, and quads all draped out in Canada Day flags etc. The only criterion to enter the parade was a unit with wheels decorated with Canada Day regalia. After expert and totally unbiased judging for the best entry there followed a grand feast held at the Gazebo.

The Gazebo was located on the tennis court (*the Yatch Club*) set up by **Andi and Liz Pallas** with the famous *pig roast* carefully prepared by **Emory Holbrook and Earl Johnston**. This attracted many residents from all around the lake and a good time was had by all. The last road parade and Canada Day BBQ was in 2003.

Kate and I immigrated to Canada from the United Kingdom in the late sixties and being proud Canadians we have always taken the opportunity to celebrate July 1st as a very special day. In 2004 we decided to decorate our boat, play and sing *O Canada* and put to sail around the lake creating our own single boat parade! Over the years the boat parade has grown and also includes the RCMP and Leduc County boats.

This year we had over 60 boats in the parade which has been our biggest turn out. In 2012 an added attraction was the **Canada Day Fireworks** display, organized and carried out by **Brent Elder and Terry Clark**. This has become another highlight and is especially spectacular when viewed by boat.

In 2017 we will be celebrating Canada's 150th birthday and are looking for suggestions on how to commemorate this special day above and beyond the boat parade and fireworks. A one off BBQ has been suggested at the end of the boat parade. Perhaps having one on the south side and one on the north side of the lake....looking for suggestions.

Wizard Lake is a unique and special hidden gem with events like this has made our community one of friendship and pride. Many individuals over the years have volunteered their time to make Wizard Lake a better place to live and play and our thanks to all of you for your contributions.



**2016 Canada Day
Boat Parade
Pictures Available**

Larry Staples was kind enough to take pictures of most of the boats that participated in the boat parade this year and has made them available to us. You can view all the pictures and if you like download a picture of your boat, at the WLWLSA website at www.wizardlake.ca





2016 VICTORIA TRIATHLON — JUBILEE PARK, JULY 16

WLWLSA was pleased to assist **Alberta Triathlon Association** with “The Victory Triathlon” held at Jubilee Park. With the support of member volunteers and their boats, members were a key component to the success of the swimming portion of this event. Approximately 160 swimmers, bicyclists and runners took part.

PARK DAY EVENT — JULY 16

Leduc County Park Day was held at Jubilee Park on July 16. WLWLSA participated in this event having tables of their own along with display booths from



Land Stewardship Centre (Living by Water), **Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society** “Cows and Fish” - game board showing children and adults riparian habitat, **Leduc County, Enforcement Services** – boat safety, and **Rural Crime Watch**. Many thanks to all participants and volunteers.

GARBAGE SIGNS

WLWLSA was pleased to collaborate with **Leduc County** in the purchase and installation of garbage notification signs in various locations around the shoreline of Wizard Lake. It is our hope that all lake users respect and participate in this initiative.



SHORELINE CLEAN-UP

A shoreline clean-up is being planned for the Fall of 2017. Previous shoreline clean-ups have been a huge success. Thank you to the many coordinators and volunteers who

donate their time in keeping the shores of Wizard Lake free of debris. The 2009, 2010, 2014 shoreline cleanups removed a total of 6.8 tonnes (13,600 lbs) of debris from our shorelines. Once the date is announced all support in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.



A huge thank you also goes out to WLWLSA board member, **Bryan Mason**, for preparing the financial statement ending May 31, 2016, filing our corporate tax return and maintaining our charitable status. Sincere appreciation goes out to members **Chris** and **Kate Daniel** for volunteering their time to review the WLWLSA 2015 financial records.

Another big thank you goes out to member **Cathy Holman** for preparing our newsletter.

BUOY REMOVAL

Once again, Wizard Lake speed buoys were installed and removed by **Leduc County Parks and Recreation** staff with the assistance of **WLWLSA volunteers**.



To all of our Members, Volunteers and Partners,
Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year



from the WLWLSA Board

