



Wizard Lake Watershed & Lake Stewardship Association

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Blake Bartlett, Chair

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

With another wonderful summer over and the arrival of fall, it won't be long before 2017 will be behind us. I would like to recognize the support and dedication of all board members during the 2016-2017 year. Without these dedicated volunteers, none of the season's programs would have been possible. Thanks to all.

During the 2016-2017 season, we applied and were successful in receiving a Watershed Stewardship grant sponsored by the Land Stewardship Centre and financed by Alberta Environment and Parks. This grant is being used to fund the inlet stream testing as well as the floating island project (page 2).

CANADA DAY 150 CELEBRATIONS AT WIZARD LAKE

Once again we had a fantastic turnout for the Canada Day boat parade, great weather and well organized. Thanks to **Chris Daniel** and his group for the organization of this annual event. This year we had over 70 boats in the parade which has been our biggest turnout.



Special thanks goes out to **Dean Ohnysty, Leduc County, Parks and Recreation**, as well as **Geoff Lynch, County of Wetaskiwin, Parks and Recreation**, for their sponsorship in supplying the canteen vouchers.

The Canada Day 150 Fireworks display, organized and carried out by **Brent Elder and Terry Clark** was spectacular! It was a terrific way to end Canada's 150th birthday.



VICTORY TRIATHLON — JUBILEE PARK

Once again, an excellent commitment from volunteer boaters and on-shore participants in the 2017 Alberta Victory Triathlon event held **July 15, 2017**. Some 80 plus athletes participated in the use of our rural recreational area. A day enjoyed by all.



2017 WIZARD LAKE LEVELS

April 1 (prior to spring breakup)

- approximately **-6 inches** below top of weir

May 25 (after spring breakup)

- approximately **+2.5 inches** above top of weir

September 11

- approximately **-7 1/4 inches** below top of weir

SHORELINE AND COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The 2017 Shoreline and Community Cleanup has once again been a huge success. This success was achieved by representation from all areas surrounding the lake participating in this one day event. Thanks to all participants, area coordinators and board members for their work in order for this project to be such a success. Overall, we had more than 40 volunteers.

Thanks to **Leduc County, Parks and Recreation** for supplying the location and funding for this event.

Thanks to **County of Wetaskiwin, Leisure and Community Services** for supplying the dumpster along with financial support.



We are pleased to advise that the collected weight was **1630 kg** equalling 1.797 tons. This weight does not include a steel structure located on the lakeshore west of the power lines that **Albert Faulkner** assisted in moving from the lake to the shore.

He has volunteered his equipment and services to remove this from the shore this winter. This article was too heavy to be removed by water [estimated weight 800 lbs]. Thanks Bert for your assistance.

Once again, thanks to all participants for planning and execution of this event.



BIOHAVEN FLOATING ISLAND



With our success in applying for and receiving a Watershed Stewardship Grant sponsored by the **Land Stewardship Centre** and financed by **Alberta Environment and Parks**, we began the floating island project.

The first island was planted with seven aquatic plant species and launched on August 31 by a group of volunteers including **Heather Dickau, Horticulturalist Leduc County/County of Wetaskiwin.**

On September 9 the fully planted BioHaven Floating Island was on display at the Jubilee Park shoreline, after the shoreline and community cleanup and barbeque.

During the winter months, a number of questions will be addressed:

- reaction to ice conditions
- success or failure of any of the plant species
- mooring locations etc.

For further information on BioHaven Floating Islands, please refer to our website www.wizardlake.ca under **Projects** or www.vitawatertech.com.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The WLWLSA Annual General Meeting was held on July 15th at Jubilee Park day use area. The AGM minutes are posted on our website www.wizardlake.ca.

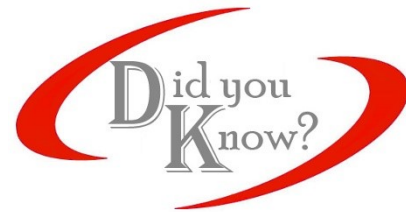
WLWLSA would like to welcome our newest board member, **Linc Drynan.**

Thanks

On behalf of WLWLSA, Blake Bartlett, Chair, presented **Jean Litzenberger** (Curilane A) with a basket of flowers along with a thank you note of appreciation, for continually picking up garbage and debris on her walks along TWP Road 480. Her dedication and efforts to keep our community clean are much appreciated.



Thanks Jean!



More than 80% of Alberta's water supply is found in the northern part of the province, while 80% of the demand is in the south.

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