



Wizard Lake Watershed & Lake Stewardship Association

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Blake Bartlett, Chair

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

After a year of mixed weather, a windy spring and summer, to an early snow-fall, our boating season has come to an end once again. However, we have had

an exciting year with our annual Canada Day events, Park Day, and the Annual General Meeting.

We continue to watch our **BioHaven Floating Island** aquatic plants grow. WLWLSA is working through the Alberta Environment and Parks permitting process. Thank you to all government departments for their assistance in moving this project forward.



A **Try-It** event is being planned for Saturday, **February 16, 2019, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. This will be a family event of outdoor activities to encourage participants to "try" a new winter sport, i.e. snowshoeing, ice fishing, horse drawn sleigh rides, or curling on an outdoor rink. This event is sponsored in part by **Leduc County, County of Wetaskiwin and WLWLSA**. Keep an eye out for more information or check us out on Facebook. WLWLSA launched **Facebook** in September to promote our activities. Thanks to **Kathie Drynan and Shane Hammell** for setting this up.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our **WLWLSA Board of Directors, Leduc County, County of Wetaskiwin, Land Stewardship Centre, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, Cows and Fish, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)**, our accounting firm **Ross & Sylvestre** of Edmonton for their ongoing support of Wizard Lake.

As one season closes and another year opens its door, I am sure users of Wizard Lake area will stand together to protect this beautiful paradise known as Wizard Lake.

CANADA DAY BOAT PARADE AND FIREWORKS AT WIZARD LAKE 2018

By Chris Daniel



Boat Parade

According to our chief statistician and photographer, Larry Staples, we had 58 boats, 2 seadoos and 1 dingy. Thank you all for turning out on a very windy day especially considering the previous howler a couple of weeks before.

I would also like to thank the RCMP (Julian and partner) (picture below) and Leduc County by-law officers for coming out and being part of the festivities we all appreciate their presence and commitment not to mention the water balloons!!! I would also thank both Counties in particular **Josh Bishop, Councillor Division 4, County of Wetaskiwin** and **Tanni Doblanko, Mayor, Leduc County** for their support for this community event as well as **Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association**.





Fireworks

What can we say a fantastic show...the best ever guys...this year's show gave Edmonton a run for their money. All of us cannot thank you enough for the work and commitment you put into this special night and on behalf of all the participants on and off the water we offer **Brent Elder** and **Terry Clark** a huge thank you for a job well done. Special mention to the cleanup crew including **Lynn Elder**. I would be remiss if I did not thank all of you for your financial contributions which made it possible for Brent and Terry to put on such a great show.

As an added comment we had far more spectators all dressed up on the shore this year than in other years. Next year we will all continue the boat parade and finish where we started so the south side residents can view the parade and then have the "water exchange". The campsite (Jubilee Park) campers have asked that they would also like to financially participate in the fireworks so I will make arrangements to advise them on how to do this and thanks to Allan Sabourin for suggesting.

Our annual Canada Day celebrations have evolved and includes all ages, families and the community. We have all contributed to the creation of a memorable way to honour our country!!

2018 WIZARD LAKE WATER LEVELS

April 19: Water at weir **-7.5"**
April 25: Canal open, water at weir **+2"**
September 9: Water at weir **-5.5"**

INLET STREAM SAMPLING

Inlet stream sampling was completed in the Spring of 2018 and funded in part by Land Stewardship Centre, financed by Alberta Environment and Parks.

Thank you to **Kim Barkwell**, Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator, **County of Wetaskiwin**, as well as WLWLSA volunteers **Shane Hammell** and **Corey Drynan** for the collection of water samples. **ALS Canada** performed the lab analysis and report. We are currently reviewing the report and the findings will be shared at a later date.

LAKE CLEAN-UP

Lake clean-up during the summer and winter seasons is a new endeavour for WLWLSA. With the help of sponsorship from County of Wetaskiwin and Leduc County, volunteers removed debris and hazards from the ice of Wizard Lake.

WLWLSA thanks **Corey**, **Kathie** and **Lincoln Drynan** for removal of ice hazards, **Albert Faulkner** and **Tim Purnell** for the use of their equipment in the removal of an abandoned pier on the shoreline.

Every Spring there is debris floating in the water. Thank you to all residents who have taken debris out of the lake to help make the water safe for boaters.

PARK DAY EVENT — JULY 21

Leduc County Park Day was held at Jubilee Park on July 21. In conjunction with Leduc County summer program activities, WLWLSA participated in this event along with **Land Stewardship Centre**, and various handouts were made available.

This year WLWLSA added a new event by offering invitational boat tours on Wizard Lake. Our thanks to **Linc Drynan**, **Chris Daniel** and **Blake Bartlett** for this endeavor.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The WLWLSA Annual General Meeting was held on September 15, 2018 at Glen Park Hall. The AGM minutes are posted on our website www.wizardlake.ca.

WLWLSA would like to welcome our newest board members, **John Hyrnkow** and **Richard Ipsen**.



*Kerri O'Shaughnessy
Riparian Specialist
Cows and Fish*

Laverne Faulkner is stepping down from her position as director on the board but will continue with us for a transition time. **Thanks Laverne** for all your hard work and dedication. We owe you a debt of gratitude for your commitment toward enhancing and protecting the sustainability and enjoyment of Wizard Lake. You've been an integral part in this organization since its inception in 2004 serving as Chair and then Board member. I know you will continue to be involved with WLWLSA; however the Board will miss your voice at the table.

VOLUNTEERS!



Each year volunteers do a number of jobs in and around Wizard Lake for WLWLSA. We would like to recognize and thank the following people:



- ⇒ **Follow us on Facebook**
Kathie Drynan and Shane Hammell for setting this up
- ⇒ **www.wizardlake.ca**
Laverne Faulkner for maintaining our website
- ⇒ **Bulletin Board Flowers**
Kate Daniel and her volunteers for planting and maintaining these flowers



- ⇒ **Stream of Dreams Project**
Kathie Drynan and Lincoln Drynan for clear coating the fish display on the fence at New Humble School
- ⇒ **Annual Water Quality Testing (ALMS)**
Larry MacPherson for coordinating the Alberta Lake Management Society annual water quality testing of Wizard Lake
- ⇒ **Bulletin Board Maintenance**
Brian Clemo, Blake and Linda Bartlett for refurbishing the bulletin boards around Wizard Lake
- ⇒ **Installation and Removal of County Speed Buoys**
Sponsored in part by Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin
- ⇒ **Newsletter**
Once again, thank you to Cathy Holman



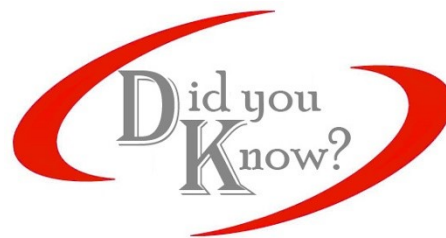
Lincoln Drynan, Stream of Dreams



Kathie Drynan, Stream of Dreams



Larry MacPherson assisting ALMS



**An important indicator of
water quality is its ability to
support different types of life.**

*"Facts About Water in Alberta"
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