



WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED & LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

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CHAIRS MESSAGE

Blake Bartlett

Another year has passed with us seeing lake levels extremely low, but we have seen rain sessions that has helped our water levels throughout the year.

Once again, the 2024 Winter Try It Festival kicked off our year with great excitement. We had another 600 + attendees at the event with a volunteer staff of 28.

Thanks to all the volunteers for your dedication in making the event an annual success.

Our sampling crew were out again this spring doing tributary sampling. In-lake sampling was also conducted this summer with Alberta Lake Management Society staff supported by WLWLSA's sampling crew.

We are looking forward to 2025. WLWLSA will be concentrating on the sustainability of Wizard Lake with the spring tributary sampling program. Thank you to our volunteers that made this sampling year another success story in the collection of data.

2024 Water Levels (Weir Levels)

April 01, 2024: -7" Below Top of Weir.

September 2024: -12" Below Top of Weir

Ice In Date

Ice In Date was December 01, 2023

What is your guess for 2024?

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WLWLSA held its 2024 AGM at the Jubilee Park Overflow Parking area. John Hrynkow, Treasurer presented the 2023/2024 financial statement and gave recognition and thank you to our accountant, Baker Tilly Accounting who takes care of the Registered Charity and GST filings. The meeting was well attended with excellent conversation and questions from those present.

Chairs Updates:

- BioHaven Floating Island Project
- Tributary Water Sampling 2024
- Land Stewardship Grant-Jubilee Park Signage- Long trail 1.6km 'Alberta Species at Risk'
- Municipal Reserve Project - Wizard Lake - NSWA Regional Lake Stewardship Grant and Leduc County

Raffle Draw: Bear Wood Carving:

A highlight of the AGM was the drawing for the wooden bear carving for which the WLWLSA Board of Directors sold raffle tickets at the Winter Try It Festival in February. All tickets were sold! Wetaskiwin County Reeve Josh Bishop drew the winning ticket. Congratulations Trevor Bartlett!

AGM Minutes are posted on our website
www.wizardlake.ca

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 08, 2025 - WINTER TRY IT FESTIVAL

➤➤➤ ALBERTA LAKE MANAGEMENT (ALMS) IN-LAKE WATER SAMPLING

2024 Wizard Lake In-Lake Sampling

This sampling is conducted by Alberta Lake Management Society with WLWLSA volunteers, 4 times per year/approximately 4 hours per trip, with boat supplied by volunteers Corey and Kathie Drynan.



Samples are collected from 7 locations. The location circled is our profile site where we spend most of our time. The lake was nearly 10 meters deep at this location.

SAMPLING APPARATUS

The net was used to collect zooplankton (small and microscopic animals) in the water column as it was pulled back up to the surface.



Sampling apparatus for monitoring water quality at various depths.

➤➤➤ NEW HUMBLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

New Humble Community School had an Open House on October 3, 2024 2pm – 7pm. We were invited to have a table to showcase the Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association projects and initiatives.



➤➤➤ 1.6 KM TRAIL SIGNAGE

7 signs were installed on the 1.6 trail in Jubilee Park Campground Overflow area with a 'Species at Risk in Alberta' theme. **Thank you to Edmonton & Area Land Trust for sharing their information.**

This signage project was funded in part through the Watershed Stewardship Grant, a program of Land Stewardship Centre financed by Alberta Environment and Parks.



Keep your eye out for the additional six signs on this 1.6km trail 'Species At Risk in Alberta'

➤➤➤ REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

This Regional Stewardship Project was a collaboration between the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance and Leduc County partnering with Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association.



As a curriculum component, this planting project had the assistance of New Humble Community School students, grades 4 and 6 along with teachers and volunteer staff.

This project consisted of the planting of some 400 native plants. WLWLSA volunteers enjoyed the interaction with the students on this projects.

