



# Wizard Lake Watershed & Lake Stewardship Association



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## Newsletter #28

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### Chair's Message

\*2023 year has been a busy one with the 2023 Try It Event kicking off the year. Looking forward to 2024 Try It on February 10, 2024.

*Mark your calendars.*

\*2023 Tributary sampling was completed and sampling results are with our Consultant.

\*Jubilee Park Trail Systems signage is now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase 'Historical Trail'

\*2024 season will see continuation with our RR271 and TWP 480 Restoration Project.

\*Wizard Estates Municipal Reserve is in the planning stages.

**OPEN HOUSE** Sept 09, 2023. Everyone appreciated receiving WLWLSA updates from Chair, Blake Bartlett.

#### Thank you to presenters:

- Bradley Peter, ALMS
- Pamela Billey, Land Stewardship Centre
- Jill and Khaila, North Saskatchewan Watershed
- Lincoln Drynan, WLWLSA - Water Sampler
- Shane Hammell, WLWLSA Nature Alberta Rep.

### Open House Presenters



Congratulations to Carole Ellsworth : Winner of Nature Alberta's book.

**Water levels** are always of interest. April 1, 2023 – Ice was -6" below top of weir.

**Ice out date** for 2023 was April 27, 2023.

**Ice in date** for 2023 is December 01, 2023.

BioHaven Floating Island's first harvest took place on July 21, 2023



2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest took place  
September 16, 2023

**2023 TRY IT EVENT... approx. 700 participants enjoyed the beautiful day at Jubilee Park Day Use area.**



*Kick sleds were a hit as were all activities along with the one-man band.*

**2024 Try It Event Date is February 10, 2024**



Thank you to our 28 volunteers who made the 2023 Try It Event such a success.

NEW

WLWLSA Board of Directors would like to welcome our two new Directors:

**Linda Hutchinson and Albert Kamps**

**2023 Canada Day Boat Parade**



Approx. 35 boats participated in this annual event.

Always a joy to talk to community about sustaining Wizard Lake



**PARK DAY July 15, 2023**

Thank you to Shane Hammel, WLWLSA Nature Alberta representative who joined our table of information.

**Congratulations...**

Shane has been appointed as Edmonton Region Representative for Nature Alberta.

**WLWLSA Citizen Science Program**

Lincoln Drynan, under his parents supervision, continued his project of gathering data around 4 BioHaven Floating Islands with 3 testing dates in 2023.

**Great work Lincoln!**



In keeping with our mission and objective statements for Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association to sustain Wizard Lake and its watershed along with keeping watershed residents informed of Wizard Lake and its watershed health, we are pleased to announce that our Board of Directors have delivered to watershed residents our 2022 Wizard Lake Data Summary : "Technical Memorandum prepared by Associated Environmental Consultants"

**WLWLSA SIGNAGE PROJECT 2023—TRAIL SYSTEMS AT JUBILEE CAMPGROUND**

We, Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association wish to acknowledge the financial assistance of Land Stewardship Centre's Watershed Stewardship Grant Program, funded by Alberta Environment and Parks, for making this project possible.

**PHASE I – Nature Trails : Short Trail 900m / Long Trail 1.6km**







# Enjoy Your Walk

**Thank you to WLWSA volunteers for assisting with the installation of signage:**

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| LeVerne Ellsworth | Robert Swarok  |
| Gerd Andres       | Brian Clemo    |
| Kathie Drynan     | Linda Bartlett |
| Blake Bartlett    |                |



## Phase II - Shoreline Trails



Invasive species



Birds & animals around  
Wizard Lake



Water quality



What is riparian?

## Phase III - Historical Trail – ‘a work in progress’

.....do you have historical pictures of the Wizard Lake Watershed ie coal mine, saw mill, dance floor, etc. Please contact Blake Bartlett at 780-985-2538 or [blake@wizardlake.ca](mailto:blake@wizardlake.ca)



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