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NEWSLETTER # 30

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CHAIRS MESSAGE

Blake Bartlett

As Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association completed its 20th Annual General Meeting, in looking back, the watershed group started its sampling program in 2007 and has now completed the 2025 sampling program. As we indicated at our AGM, this sampling program has been very productive, informative and conclusive that the nutrient loading coming from the landscape needs to be addressed.

Once again, our 2025 Try It Event was extremely successful with weather cooperating. I must put a large 'shout out' to all of our volunteers and the counties participation in funding this event. Thank you to the Leduc County's Park and Recreation Departments for coordinating this event.

WLWLSA's 2025 focus, once again, has been primarily directed to water quality and lake health. As noted in our 2025 Water Quality Summary for Wizard Lake, key findings that Tributary A has the greatest influence on water quality in Wizard Lake.

It was great to see an enthusiastic crowd at the great horned owl release. This was made possible by Alberta Society for Injured Birds of Prey.
Our 2025 biohaven floating island harvest yield was the largest harvest yet with approximately 22 lbs of vegetation being harvested.
Island #3 had a loon nesting this year with success of two baby loons being added to Wizard Lake's loon population.
In closing, I wish to thank all of our volunteers for their countless hours dedicated to community activities and initiatives. Without these folks, initiatives like the Try It Event, Biohaven floating islands project, Park Day, In-Lake water sampling summer and winter, and Tributary Sampling would not happen. Thank you.
Looking forward to seeing everyone once again at our Annual General Meeting 2026.

NOTE: WLWLSA will be circulating a survey in early 2026 with some basic questions. We encourage everyone to respond to this survey that will provide a path forward for WLWLSA's future. We thank you in advance. Looking forward to your response.

2025 Water Levels (Weir Levels)
April 01, 2025: -8" Below Top of Weir
November 25, 2025: -16 3/4" Below Top of Weir
*canal is completely frozen over

Ice In/ Ice Out Dates
2025 ice out was April 21st

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WLWLSA held its 2025 AGM at New Humble Community School. John Hrynkow, Treasurer presented the 2024/2025 financial statement and gave recognition and thank you to our accountant, Baker Tilly Accounting who takes care of the Registered Charity and GST filings.

Guest speaker this year was David Trew who's 50-year career as a water scientist, including 44 years in Alberta as a government scientist as well as a past Executive Director of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance. David continues to volunteer on small lakes of Parkland County.

Chairs Updates:

- BioHaven Floating Island Project
- 2025 Tributary Water Sampling by WLWLSA Volunteers
- 2025 Alberta Lake Management Society Winter/Summer Sampling Program
- Wetland Replacement Projects [WRP]]

Blake spoke on the number of years of reports completed on Wizard Lake from 1947 thru 2025. Boards were on display in a timeline formate addressing water quality, landscape run off, nutrient loading etc, Digital copy of the reports are available - email blake@wizardlake.ca

Board Members were re-elected.
AGM Minutes are posted on our website www.wizardlake.ca

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 07, 2026 – WINTER TRY IT FESTIVAL

WE WORK TOWARD ENHANCING AND PROTECTING THE SUSTAINABILITY AND ENJOYMENT OF WIZARD LAKE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL USERS AND WATERSHED INHABITANTS.

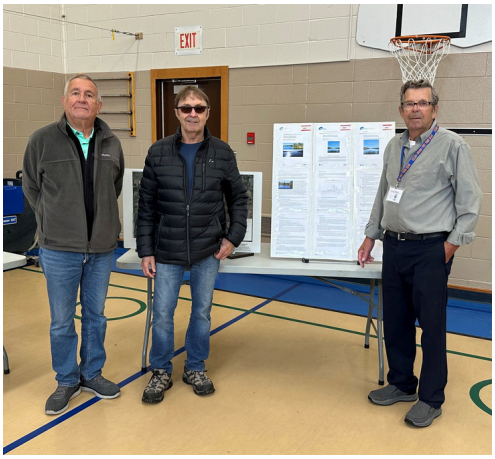
NEWS FROM THE WATERSHED

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Wizard Lake water sampling crew, Cathie and Corey Drynan, have been awarded the Volunteer of the Year award by Alberta Lake Management Society. Great job!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-2025

Guest speaker David Trew and WLWLSA Chair, Blake Bartlett engage in conversation with a shoreline land owner about the water quality of Wizard Lake past and present.



2025 UPDATES

BIOHAVEN FLOATING ISLAND FALL HARVEST

Thanks to Robert Swarok and Blake Bartlett for doing the fall harvest of vegetation. Approximately 22 pounds of vegetation was removed from 4 islands. Island #4 had a loon nesting this year with success of two baby loons being added to Wizard Lakes' loon population

GREAT HORNED OWL RELEASE

It was great to see such an enthusiastic crowd at the Great Horned Owl release which took place on Saturday August 30th at the Jubilee Day Park . Approximately 80 residents and campers joined AB Society of Injured Birds of prey in the owl release event. This owl was injured and was rehabilitated so he could be released back into the wonderful world of nature at Wizard Lake This was made possible by Alberta Society for Injured Birds of Prey

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

OPEN HOUSES AUGUST 23/24 & AUGUST 30/31

WLWLSA created display boards of a timeline for Wizard Lake's water quality starting in 1947 to 2025. These boards were on display in the brown shed at Jubilee Campground for the community and campground visitors to view. Conversations with approximately 50 people

RINK AT THE 2025 WINTER TRY IT FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY