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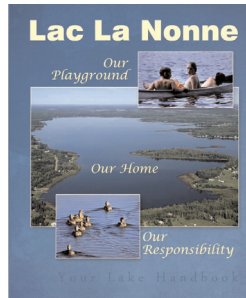
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LAC LA NONNE HANDBOOK

The Lac La Nonne Enhancement and Protection Association (LEPA) and the Waters Edge Resource Group (WERG) guidebook for residents, recreational users and visitors are still available. This "want to keep" lake booklet contains snippets on the history around the lake; lake maps and transparencies (Bathymetric, subdivisions); some of the wildlife, birds, fish, plants and habitat found here; how to join local interest groups; tips on being lake stewards; a list of all municipal and provincial government agencies phone numbers including emergency and regulatory contacts; and some regulations regarding living on the lake. For copies enquire 780-967- 9129



BMP UPDATE

Update on our first Riparian BMP project. Kirchner Farms and the West Central Conservation Group have introduced a biological control agent 'stem mining' weevils to address the excess growth of Canada Thistle along creek banks and in surrounding pastures. The female weevil attacks the rosettes of Canada thistle in early spring as the first spring flowers begin to appear laying eggs in a hole in thistle leaf. The larvae hatch a week or so later and then tunnel into the lower stem and roots collar. It is presently unclear as to how effective the weevil will be in causing decline in thistle densities. For additional information please contact WCCG at 780-727-4424.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2009 is over. I have been reflecting on how quickly this year has passed, and how LEPA has been busy with different activities this passed year. The Riparian Health Inventory has been done now on Lac La Nonne, a requirement of the State of the Watershed Report. We are continuing to explore the different restoration options for Lac La Nonne with the regulatory agencies and are making small progress. Alberta Environment has scheduled a meeting/workshop in the early part of 2010 in which they will talk to us on what Alberta Environment will do for us. If successful this would prove to be a positive thing for LEPA. We had a guest speaker at our AGM, Diane Orihel. Diane is a University of Alberta student who is doing the Iron Remediation Study at Nakamun. Her presentation was very positive and provided our members with hope that if her project works on Nakamun this would be a valuable solution for Lac La Nonne. We will continue to keep a close eye on this.

I would like to express a big thank you to Harvey Thompson and all the volunteers that worked at our Silent Auction this year, it was very successful. LEPA relies greatly on fundraising so we can continue to exist. Another Casino fundraiser is planned in 2010. This year also saw our first Parade/Regalia and judging by the turnout and the fun times had by all, it will not be our last. There are still lots to be done. The board is now working on a short term/long term Action Plan, so that we can be more productive and focused, therefore helping us to better prioritize the LEPA projects.

On behalf of the board of directors I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers this past year. Without the support of our volunteers LEPA would not be able to continue.

BY GISEL BOURGEOIS

LEPA's SILENT AUCTION

BY HARVEY THOMPSON

Once again LEPA's SILENT AUCTION and super was a great success raising \$3800.00. Congratulations and thanks to our volunteers - Ken Mayhew, Mary & Rich Desrocher, Linda & Ken Zarowny, Doreen Hagen, Eleanor & Harvey Thompson, Ellen Thompson & Kevin Jennings, and Darlene & Brian Sadoway. A very special kudos to the following businesses and individuals for the donation of auction items:

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MEMBERSHIP

LEPA's extensive membership is derived from the landowners, residents, cottagers, campers and visitors who inhabit the subdivisions of Chrystyna Beach, Mortensen Beach, Williams Beach, Winkleman Beach, Lac La Nonne South, Moonlight Bay, Moonlight Bay Estates, Idlehours, Greendale, Whiterock Beach, Murray's Beach and the Summer Village of Birch Cove. The owners and members from: Elks Beach Campground, WillowBend Resort, Killdeer Beach Resort and the Seniors Lakeside Resort. Also included in our membership are the agriculture producers, business owners and land developers surrounding the shores of Lac La Nonne.

DID YOU KNOW?

Riparian areas support 80% of all wildlife around Lac La Nonne and Native bird populations are 2 to 3 times higher in healthy riparian areas than unhealthy ones
Only YOU can protect these lake and stream shore areas

PROJECTS

We are looking for some ideas as to potential projects or activities that can be feasibly and of course legally be carried out on or around Lac La Nonne i.e. boat launch.
Call Gisel at 780-967-5529.

WATER CANNONS AND WATER BALLOONS

WATER CANNONS AND WATER BALLOONS - Pirates, Slime Busters, Hula girls and plain old fashion fun was the order of day Sunday August 30th 2009 as 36 odd crafts and some 150 plus individuals took part in the maiden voyage of the Lac La Nonne Boat Regalia. Most "decked out" their boats and themselves in all forms of finery (regalia) from flags to princess outfits adding to the fun, colour and noise of our inaugural boat parade. Others sat back, relaxed and enjoyed the entertainment from the safety of shore.

A FANTASTIC SUCCESS

Prizes were awarded to Cathy & Stan DeZaeyer's boat "the Duncan Road Slime Busters" for their originality and exuberance; Leo Pelletier's boat "Mystery Hula Girl" in the humorous category; and to Barry Pelletier who kayaked entire lake with parade. Thanks to all participants and to organizers "Doreen Hagen, Pat Doherty, Rich Desrocher, Darleen & Brian & Zachary & Shayna Sadoway, Lance & Tim Clarke and Kerri O'Shaughnessy" for running this years spirited event with such a short notice.

Help wanted! If you're interested in assisting in carrying out or helping organizing the 2010 "boat parade" please contact any LEPA's board member. And everyone be prepared to join in the fun next summer on Lac La Nonne.

BY DOREEN HAGEN

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

We have received word from the Gaming Commission informing us that the dates for our next Casino are Wednesday and Thursday April 21 & 22' 2010.

We are looking for 26 individuals to work along with board members to staff morning, afternoon or evening shifts over these 2 days. No experience necessary as you'll be working under the guidance of the Expert Casino Advisors group.

If interested please call Doreen at 780-967-3895

IRON REMEDIATION STUDY

"The preliminary data from the mesocosm experiment on Nakamun Lake looks very promising! The iron treatments did indeed slow phosphorus release from sediments during the summer (but I don't yet have data back from the lab as to what happened beyond the end of August). After a discussion with my University of Alberta supervisor, we decided to freeze the mesocosms into the ice so we can assess what happens under winter ice (mesocosms have been flagged and a snow fence will be put up to prevent snowmobilers from running them over). We have received word from AWRI that they will provide funding for the project."

Cultural eutrophication is a phenomenon in freshwater lakes. Diane Orihel's solution involves a two-tiered approach: reduce phosphorus from entering the water externally and inhibit internal phosphorus loading by adding iron to the lake water. Orihel and her team introduced different levels of iron (ferric chloride) into the 15 floating plastic cylinders, called mesocosms, which extend to the bottom of the lake. Sampling will resume once the ice leaves Nakamun Lake.

BY DIANE ORIHTEL