

***It's BENTHIC BARRIER Time*** – and boy did we kick off the season with a tremendous effort yesterday, Sunday, June 22nd. With the help of many Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council members, we successfully deployed eleven 20x20 barriers at the Brown Brook feed of our lake. The barriers were laid end to end so we can form a boating channel that will be identified for motorized boats in that section of the lake. This area is perhaps one of the most heavily infested areas and any boat traffic today will cut up milfoil and cause fragmentation. By creating a channel, we hope to provide access to boats in a manner which will reduce the further spread in that area. As we continue to place barriers we should see that channel getting bigger and bigger.

The volunteers split into two groups one ground based, the other water based. The ground team was lead by Pat Caron and the water team was lead by Dave Sanfason (we've promised not to let the word out that an Army Colonel was filling the role of a Navy Captain!!).

The ground team assembled all of the tarps utilizing rebar and wire tires. Once they were attached, they were rolled up and placed on a boat where they were shuttled to the water team. The water team would then roll out the barriers over the milfoil blooms and secure them to the bottom with the additional sand bags also supplied by the ground team. All of the tarps and sand bags have noodle type floats attached to them to warn off any approaching boats. These also aid in the removal process when the barriers get deployed to the adjoining areas in eight weeks.

While it is work, it was actually an enjoyable time. Neighbors got to know one another a little better and it's amazing how fast it went with the organizational format we used. The teams also appreciated the hot coffee, cookies, sandwiches and water all supplied by Kate Howard and Tracie Doyle.

We are in the process of ordering some additional tarps and getting more of a rebar inventory. We hope to soon be announcing another Benthic Barrier Day install so we can continue our assault to re-claim this section of our lake. Please come out and join us.

*LACC is still in the middle of our membership drive with the **Neighborhood Challenge**. We are asking each of you to visit with a neighbor and explain why it's in their best efforts to join us in the fight against milfoil. Please do your best to reach out. If you can't help in the water, you can surely help by speaking with your neighbors!!*

Please use the underlined link below to go to our website so you can see the pictures from our day.

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We are also looking for any volunteer divers that would be interested in donating some time when the harvester is up and running. For more information please contact us at [info@laccme.org](mailto:info@laccme.org) and we'll be happy to speak with you.

Thank you to all those who volunteer and showed their support yesterday! We apologize for any name misspelling or omissions. Please let us know and we'll give you your due credit!

Janet and Ron Legere, Mark Legere and granddaughter Autumn (dog watcher)

Victor Wakefield

Jean and Steve Burke and Buck (the dog)

Tracie and Shannon Doyle

Mike Fitzpatrick

Dave Sanfason and grandson Bradley (leech monitor)

Amy and Phil Oreto

Pat Caron

Scott Davis

Phyllis Boucher and Harry Boynton

Tony and Linda Gideika

John Columbo

Kate Howard (who donated cookies and Dunkin Donuts coffee)

Steve Dawson

Robert Carriere

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