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Letter from the President

The ice is just about gone; the weather is warming up so it's time for LACC to kick off what will be our busiest year to date. The winter brought some great news for our organization. Through a competitive process, LACC was selected to receive a \$40,000 matching federal grant as part of the M.M.I. This was the largest award available. Here is a release from the Consortium. "The Maine Milfoil Consortium has announced the seven test lakes chosen for its fight against invasive milfoil in the coming year. The lakes include Sebago Lake and Little Sebago Lake in Cumberland County, Messalonskee Lake and Pleasant Pond in Kennebec County, Shagg Pond / Lake Christopher and Thompson Lake in Oxford County, and Lake Arrowhead in York County. The group recently received \$500,000 from Congress to mitigate, study, and, hopefully, eradicate the invasive plant called variable leaf milfoil. The seven lakes have variable leaf water milfoil infestations to varying extents, according to Jacolyn Bailey, coordinator of the project and lead scientist. "Importantly for this program, they all have community backing and robust volunteer support for their mitigation efforts," she said. The seven were chosen through a competitive application process. The goal of the project is prevention, research, management, mitigation, and eradication by identifying, applying and sharing "best practices."

LACC submitted a detailed proposal that outlined the need for a second harvester to double our milfoil removal efforts for this upcoming year. With that in mind, we've looked all winter and just recently we've located and agreed to purchase a second 28 foot pontoon boat that will be outfitted identical to the SS Arrowhead. The design of our current boat is being duplicated by other associations across the state due to our novel design approach and reduced operations cost. You can read more about the harvesting program in Dave Sanfason's article.

Another issue we have been closely monitoring is the legislative agenda in Augusta. Currently we are watching a couple of bills that are in committee. The first is a ban on pumping water out of infested lakes. This will probably pass easily especially since an exception for dry hydrants for fire fighting has been added. The second and much more controversial bill was one that would ban fishing tournaments on infested lakes in Maine. Currently it appears a compromise has been reached where the dept of Inland Fish and Wildlife will now require two certified CBI Inspectors be present at any tournament on an infested lake. The inspectors will be paid for by the group organizing the tournament. Discussion around the legislative body is beginning

to focus more and more on preventing the spread of invasive plants. One of the topics being discussed is the gating of boat ramps on infested lakes. The ramps would be closed unless a certified CBI Inspector is present. Another idea being discussed is inspections of boats on RTE 95 entering the state of Maine. This would require anyone towing a watercraft to pull over and be inspected, probably at the truck weigh station. These issues will be interesting to follow. We'll keep you abreast though our web-mails.

As you can see we've had a busy off-season and now it's almost time to get going on the lake. Enjoy the spring and we'll see you on the lake.

*Mike Fitzpatrick
President*





Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council

Board of Trustees Update

In the past year, LACC has endured the unfortunate resignation of three trustees. They are Pat Caron, Evan Grover, and Carol Carey. We would like to thank each of these individuals for their many volunteer hours and service to LACC and the community. Pat was instrumental in getting our Benthic Barrier program of the ground (literally). Evan was a critical voice for our cause to the Town of Waterboro and supported our efforts to raise funds to build the first DASH. Carol will focus her energy on ensuring water quality in Lake Arrowhead, a critical assignment, and we are fortunate to retain her as an active contributor to LACC.

In accordance with our by-laws, the Board of Trustees has voted to appoint three new volunteers from LACC membership to fill the unexpired terms. It is with great joy we welcome the following new trustees:

John J. Manning – “Jay” has a background as a professional engineer working for the state of

Rhode Island coordinating a water pollution abatement program. His duties include coordinating grant applications, reviewing management plans, and performing technical analysis. His background and expertise is an excellent fit with LACC and we look forward to his contributions to improving the quality of our lake. Jay lives on Leisure Lane in Limerick and has been a member of Lake Arrowhead Community for seven years. Jay will fill Evan Grover’s seat on the Board expiring in 2011. **Robert O’Keefe** – “Bob” has worked in the insurance business in the State of Maine for the past 28 years. Prior to that, he served as the Director of Counseling for a Connecticut School system. Bob has been a full-time resident on Lakeview Drive in Waterboro for several years and is a dedicated member of LACC. We feel that Bob’s passion for our cause will serve us well as he works with us to improve the lake for his 17 children and grandchildren! Bob will fill Pat Caron’s seat on the Board expiring in 2010. **Lynne Hawkes** – Lynne has

served as an administrative assistant specializing in the legal patent industry. She lives on Lake Shore Drive in Limerick. Lynne’s a very new member of Lake Arrowhead Community (welcome!) but is very eager to get involved and she has volunteered to lead up our membership drive. As you know, increasing our membership base is not only critical for the organization to function well, it is also necessary to grow and achieve external support. We are very excited to have Lynne join to help us accomplish our goals. Lynne will fill Carol Carey’s seat expiring in 2010. We thank our former trustees for all their hard work in helping build the organization into what it has become today and we are excited about what the future holds in store for us with the dedicated individuals that we have recently joined our Board. It is an exciting time to be a member of LACC.

*Phil Oreto,
LACC Trustee*

Ledgemere Dam Inspected by FEDS

In August of 2009, Ledgemere Dam and Maine Renewables, LLC were the subject of a dam safety inspection conducted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The positive news for our lake is that the report stated that “the project structures were observed to be in satisfactory condition and

adequately maintained.” There was an area of concern cited by FERC in a January 8th letter stating “It was evident that the previous deficiencies consisting of the large crack on the non-overflow section and the displaced rocks along the toe have not been addressed. In addition, at the vicinity of the crack area a gap exists between the non-overflow deck and the upstream parapet wall.

You should address these conditions in order to provide dam safety.” If you would like to see the full report you need to file a CEII request under CFR 388.113 requesting access to accession no(##) 20100128-0406. LACC will try and obtain more information regarding the full report. For other information you can go to the FERC web site: <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/>

APB to start Tracking Milfoil thru GPS Mapping

The Arrowhead Prop Busters, “APB”, fishing club has once again stepped forward and volunteered to help LACC in the milfoil program. APB has agreed to assist LACC this summer, in meeting the Maine Milfoil Initiative and the Federal Grant requirement to map the milfoil on the lake. The anglers will be trained in the use of GPS technology for mapping milfoil infestations on Lake Arrowhead. The lake will be divided

into grids and while fishing, the anglers will capture the coordinates of milfoil blooms as they come across them. The data will be downloaded onto pc based maps for a baseline milfoil study. Reporting and use protocols will be provided by the grant administrators in order to have an effective state wide approach. Our DASH teams will also track the areas they harvest milfoil from. Combined, the mapping program’s results will serve as a

baseline study and then an ongoing metric to substantiate our harvesting efforts. The information will be used as part of the scientific study being done on milfoil by the MMI and help devise a best practices approach to be used by other lakes with variable leaf milfoil.

*Jean Burke,
LACC Treasurer*

Another Year Of Fundraising

LACC's fundraising committee is busy with another year of fundraising. Our year round fundraiser is the LACC gear. For a \$20 donation, you will receive either a LACC t-shirt or hat and for a \$45 donation, you will receive a LACC zipped hooded sweatshirt. If you are interested in any of these items, please notify us through the website and we will make arrangements to get these items to you.

Our **second annual yard sale** will be held **Saturday, June 19th from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm** at the vacant lot next to Agency 1 Realty on Route 5 in Waterboro near the Lakeside Market. The rain date will be Sunday, June 20th at the same time. Anyone who arrives before 8:00 am ("Early Birds") will be charged a \$5 entrance fee. I would like to thank Diane Gray for allowing us to use her property again this year. We are asking members and their family and friends to donate items that are in good condition for the event. We already have many items which have been donated by our generous members. We will not accept text books, encyclopedias, stuffed animals, computer

equipment/monitors or televisions. So, please check your attics and basements for any items that you would like to donate. If you would like to donate items or volunteer, please notify us through the LACC website. Because we are a 501©3 organization, we can provide you with a receipt of the donated items upon request. We were extremely successful last year and are hoping to raise even more money this year to help fund the operation of our suction harvesters. In addition to the yard sale, there will be a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.

The **Arrowhead Prop Busters** ("APB") will be hosting its second annual fishing tournament on Lake Arrowhead this summer and all of the proceeds will be donated to LACC. The tournament is **tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 21st from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm**. Please check the APB or LACC websites for further information on the date. All boats will leave from the boat ramp at the Ledgemere Dam. Anyone interested in participating should check the APB or LACC website in the coming months for further details

regarding prizes, entry fee, registration and other activities that will take place at the tournament. LACC would like to thank APB for hosting another event to help raise funds to fight milfoil on Lake Arrowhead.

New this year will be a **golf tournament** which will be run by Phil Oreto. Phil is still working on the final details for the event, so be sure to check our website for further information. If you are interested in participating in or volunteering for the golf tournament, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can determine how many individuals are interested in the event. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for any new fundraising events. We welcome any new ideas, and we always welcome new volunteers.

*Tracie Doyle,
LACC Secretary
Chairperson, Fundraising*

Limerick Support for LACC Milfoil Effort

At the Limerick Town Meeting on March 6, 2010, the citizens, by a large majority, voted 'Yes' to \$3000 for Lake Arrowhead milfoil control. The warrant article was requested by LACC, and Limerick Selectmen graciously placed it near the beginning of the session. Our President gave a detailed summary of our many control activities and reasons for our approach. He placed them in the context of DEP support, and the acceptance of our suction harvester design as the new standard for Maine milfoil control. The clinching argument came from a

lakefront owner. He pointed out that lakefront owners' property tax assessments were reduced by 10 - 20% because of the possible impact of milfoil on sale prices. As a result, the Town lost revenue, which had to be made up in setting the final property tax rate.

Waterboro's recent re-assessment process also took milfoil in Lake Arrowhead into account. LACC will be making an identical request for \$3000 from Waterboro voters, which we hope will receive a favorable response at their Town meeting. These revenues from the communities help LACC

remove milfoil as well as counting toward the required forty thousand dollar match required by the Maine Milfoil Initiative and the federal grant.

*Victor Wakefield,
LACC Trustee*



Attention LACC Members!
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I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you in greater detail. Please contact me to take advantage of this wonderful \$avings opportunity!

Jason M. Tremblay
1-800-258-6833 (x52316)

Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) Program Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program Milfoil Removal Program (MR)

This season promises to be our most robust ever in fighting the Variable Leaf Milfoil in Lake Arrowhead. LACC will be running three programs simultaneously for the entire season, which begins Monday after Father's Day, June 21st and culminates on Labor Day, September 6th. The three programs are the DASH, the CBI, and the MR programs (see title). Your LACC Board has been busy this winter working hard to secure grant money and donations to help fund these most ambitious programs. We are desperate, however, to get all members to "re-up" this year. All of our grants require some kind of matching dollars. Without your membership money we are literally and figuratively "sunk."

Big news! We've got a second boat. It's a 28-foot pontoon boat with a 85 HP Suzuki outboard. We're planning to pick it up with our new scissors-type pontoon boat trailer within the next few days. We hope to have our second DASH retrofitted, up and running to join her sister vessel the SS Arrowhead by June 21st. To man our new suction harvester fleet we have recruited the following

personnel: Coordinator (Commodore) Dave Sanfason; Captains John Sanfason, Scott Davis, John Hart and Bill Juffree; Certified Milfoil Harvesting Divers Gino and Delian Valeriani, Jim Robichaud, Mark Berube and Doug Ball. Our DASH objective this season is to work one vessel exclusively on the feeder streams, Little Ossipee River, Brown Brook, and Little Ossipee Lake Flowage. The other vessel will work the numerous coves, inlets, frontages and boat ramps. We plan to work both vessels five days per week (Mon-Friday).

Our CBI program will begin its eighth year of operation this year. Our inspectors have stopped the exit of more milfoil fragments leaving Lake Arrowhead than all the other CBI programs in the state combined. Our Inspectors are, Casey Davis, Lucille and Bob Gilchrest, Paul and Carol Carey, Michelle, John and Sheila Sanfason and Ted and Rita Baltas. These inspectors deserve a

vote of thanks from us and from the entire state of Maine for the job they do in protecting Maine's waters from invasive plant infestation and protecting our lake from new unwanted invaders.

Our Milfoil Removal Program (MR) will once again concentrate on emplacing and moving benthic barriers, and hand removal efforts. This year we have in storage fifty 10'x10'x10' benthic triangles which we will make available to shorefront members at our cost and assist them with emplacement. Once purchased, these can be easily moved every 8 weeks to eliminate any VLM growing on or near your shorefront. Watch our website for payment details. If you are reading this and live on or use Lake Arrowhead, you need to join our LACC Team. Bring in new members with you. We're all in this fight together to save the lake we love.

Dave Sanfason
 VP, LACC

To become a member, drop off your membership dues at the Lake Arrowhead office or mail your check payable to:

Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council - 206 Old Portland Road, N Waterboro, Maine 04061

2010 LACC Membership Application	
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