

Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council



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To: LACC Members

Welcome to 2009!! I guess we all couldn't wait to get 2008 over with. It was a disturbing year for our economy and we still face significant challenges as the New Year begins. Thankfully, LACC can look back and see bright spots in 2008. We were successful in building our first suction harvester to fight milfoil in Lake Arrowhead!! That is truly an accomplishment we should all be proud of. Our membership grew to slightly over 100 homes. We can look back and be thankful for the support both the towns of Waterboro and Limerick provided to us. Additionally, LACC truly appreciates the support of LAC as well the Maine DEP in 2008.

With LACC's accomplishments of 2008 comes the responsibility and reality of 2009. The reality is we are now going to be operating a suction harvester from late spring until hopefully the fall. That is our goal, but we cannot do it without your continued support as members. This is the time of year for membership renewal. Normally, we would have hoped to have the renewal notices out to you in December and due back in by January 31st as our membership articles indicate. We are working on installing a small AR/invoicing system for next year. For now we need to have our membership dues in so we can finalize our budget and project how long we can run the milfoil removal operation. We all know how badly we want to remove milfoil from the lake so now is the time to help out by sending in your membership contribution. We are requesting you return your renewal by February 15th so we can schedule the number of days we can operate the milfoil harvester in 2009. So please see the attached general invoice.

Remember your membership dues go directly back into removing milfoil from the lake and promoting membership growth. Our expenses include insurance, diver and boat staff salary, boat fuel and maintenance and signage. Our newsletter will be coming out soon as well. Some additional fund raising activities will be announced so please be on the look out for it.

Finally, it wouldn't be a note from me without asking you to help out by bringing additional members into LACC. Please speak to your neighbors and ask them to join!

Mike Fitzpatrick
LACC-President