



# Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council LACC [www.laccme.org](http://www.laccme.org)

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## Letter from the President

The winter is finally over, and boy did we see some snow compared to last year! So it's time for me to get off the snowmobile and get back to LACC work as we prepare for our upcoming season of milfoil removal.

The lingering economy and the newly elected Congress have managed to take a bite out of the MMI three year project that LACC is part of. The House of Representatives was successful in excluding the earmarks that funded MMI in the federal budget. It's not all bad news just yet on that front. Saint Joseph's College has been visiting with the funding agency, The Department of the Interior in Washington. The feedback we received was the agency was impressed with the work in Year One and even though the earmark was eliminated, they will try to find funds to support the program within their regular budget for 2011 once Congress passes a new budget. With this uncertainty, the Board has tabled the idea of building a third harvester until additional funding is identified and I've suggested we implement some cost savings in our LACC budget to make sure we adequately fund our programs.

Another bit of upsetting news to share was the shelter we purchased and put up in October didn't make it completely through the winter snow. Unfortunately, the center roof collapsed and came crashing down. The

good news is neither harvester suffered any serious damage since they were both off to the side. The steel trailer took the majority of the hit but didn't appear to suffer any real damage. We will be dealing with the company to see if there is any type of support they are willing to give us in trying to put the shelter back together. We'll supply more information as it becomes available.

The news from Washington has caused us to re-examine our efforts within when it comes to generating more memberships in LACC. We will have a more concerted effort at a membership drive. I'll start it by saying this... ***I can't say it any clearer when I address this to the lake front owners on Lake Arrowhead. If you don't belong, you should.*** Don't stand on the sideline and let your neighbors be the ones fighting for you by supporting the harvesting efforts on our lake. The value of your home is at stake. Please fill out the membership form and send in your dues. We donate many hours yearly coordinating, interfacing with the state, fundraising, and working to remove milfoil from Lake Arrowhead. Please make our efforts a little less stressful, do your share and join.

So the good news is LACC is still going to run two harvesters five days a week, run the Courtesy Boat Inspection program seven

days a week and reuse the hundreds of Benthic Barriers we have for the lake. We'll still participate in the MMI best practices program and hopefully we will be able to implement a standard GPS mapping program if funding is available.

See you on the lake.

*Mike Fitzpatrick  
President*

### Limerick Residents Vote to support LACC

At the March 5th annual town meeting residents voted to support another three thousand dollar support grant to LACC. Former selectwoman, Martha Hamilton addressed the residents and spoke very strongly on behalf of our efforts in fighting milfoil. Hopefully you can catch a re-broadcast of the town meeting on your local cable channel.

The town of Waterboro's annual meeting will be coming up in June. LACC has requested a warrant article on the town agenda as well. LACC uses the grants from both towns to support the milfoil harvesting operation.





# Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council

## Treasurer's report

While our fourth membership drive has been underway since early February, we have only received 64% of our member renewals. With the MMI earmark being cut from the Federal budget, our membership dues and fundraising income will be a very important component of our budget process this year.

In 2010, we saw the launch of our second DASH boat. We had a strong harvesting season. Although we had a few growing pains, we had two vessels and crews working 6 days a week for nearly the entire season. Unless we can bring in other revenue to replace the lost grant funding, this year our budget will, unfortunately, be based on a five day harvesting week.

Tracie has a very aggressive fundraising schedule, but the success of each event is dependent on member and community support. We are reaching out not only to the LACC members for renewal, but to all homeowners in the Lake Arrowhead community to join. Andrea is one of three family members who all support LACC. She recently told me "no, we don't own property in the Arrowhead Community, but my sister lives on the lake, so that's my reason for involvement. My mother is deceased. However, she had a great concern for the Maine Lakes and the milfoil problem. I am supporting her membership in her memory".

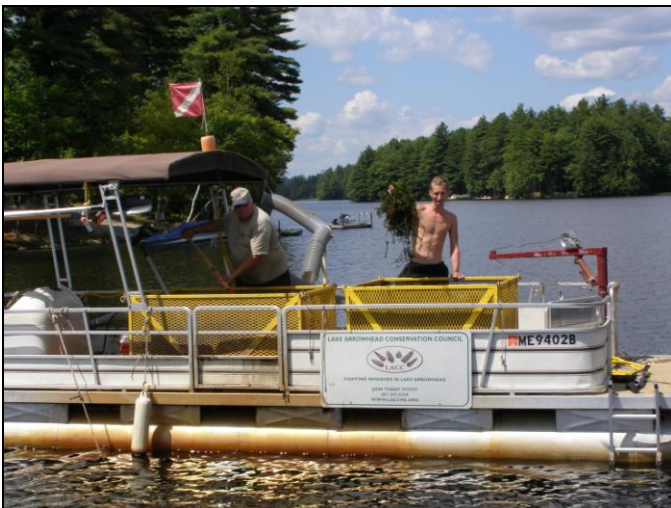
The member dues, LAC matching funds, fundraising proceeds, town and

state grants and donations from generous supporters are the blocks on which the operational schedule and budget for the coming season will be based.

Our volunteers and staff have worked very hard to get the program to this point and I'm hopeful that we can generate the revenue needed to utilize the tools we have in place to maximize our results.

Thank you for your support.

Jean Burke, Treasurer



## It's Fundraising Time .....

We are not far into the New Year, and we are already in full fundraising mode. For the first time, we will be holding a giant **50/50 Cash Raffle**, and tickets are available now. Only 500 numbered tickets will be sold at \$20 per ticket. The drawing will take place at the end of the yard sale on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm (rain date June 5<sup>th</sup>). The prizes are as follows: First Prize - \$3,000 or 30% of total ticket sales, Second Prize - \$1,500 or 15% of total ticket sales and Third Prize - \$500 or 5% of total ticket sales. We must sell 500 tickets for the winner to receive the full prize amount, and 50% of the total ticket sales will go to LACC. So, if we sell all 500 tickets, LACC will receive \$5,000. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact me at [tracieldoyle@comcast.net](mailto:tracieldoyle@comcast.net).

The **Third Annual Yard Sale** will be held **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm** at the vacant lot next to The Maine Real Estate Network (f/k/a Agency 1 Realty) on Route 5 in Waterboro near the Lakeside Market. The rain date will be Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the same time. Anyone who arrives before 8:00 am ("Early Birds") will be charged a \$5 entrance fee. We will be accepting donations right up until the day of the yard sale. So, please spread the word to your family and friends. Please note that

we will not accept text books, encyclopedias, stuffed animals, computer equipment/monitors or televisions. 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. Last year, we managed to raise appx. \$4,000 and we hope to raise even more this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Phil Oreto will be scheduling a date for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** soon. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Phil at [phil.oreto@comcast.net](mailto:phil.oreto@comcast.net).

The Arrowhead Prop Busters ("APB") will be hosting its **Third Annual Fishing Tournament** on Lake Arrowhead this summer and all of the proceeds will be donated to LACC. Please check the APB or LACC websites for further information on the date. All boats will leave from the boat ramp at the Ledge Mere 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. Don't forget the **LACC Gear!!** You can't participate in all of these activities without the appropriate 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 at [www.laccme.org](http://www.laccme.org) and we will make arrangements to get these items to you.

We look forward to seeing all of our members at the fundraising events. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for any new fundraisers. We welcome any new ideas and volunteers. Tracie Doyle, Fundraising Chairperson

### **Acknowledgement...**

LACC would like to acknowledge our patron (anonymous) printer who has provided this and all past newsletters free of charge to LACC. All savings associated with this allow us to spend all of our contributions on milfoil removal efforts.

*Tracie Dovle.*

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

This season we will be operating our two DASH's, the Arrowhead and the LimWater, five days per week, eight hours per day. We may operate one boat on Friday and one on Saturday. We will keep the operation to 10 shifts per week, however, to conserve dollars in light of the possibility of curtailed federal grant monies. Our Certified Boat Captains are Mark Harris, Bill Juffre, Steve Dawson, John Sanfason, Gino Valeriani, Scott Davis, Mark Whitaker and Dave Sanfason. Our Certified Milfoil Harvesting Divers are: Senior Diver/Instructors Gino Valeriani, Jim Robichaud, Delian Valeriani and Steve Church. Our Journeyman divers are Doug Ball and Mark Berube. All our Captains and Divers go through a rigorous screening program, first at DEP and then at Lake Arrowhead.

Our DASH Personnel have trained operators and divers from Sebago, Balch, Little Sebago and Cobboosee Lakes. Additionally our DASH has worked the water of Messalonskee Lake in the Belgrade Lake System harvesting Variable Leaf and Hybrid Milfoil on a contract basis. Like our CBI program, the LACC DASH program will run from the Monday after Father's Day (June 20<sup>th</sup>) to

Labor Day Weekend (September 2<sup>nd</sup>).

This season we will be once again running our courtesy boat inspection program from June 20<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. We will inspect boats Monday to Sunday, eight hours during the week and ten hours on the weekend. Our inspectors are Ted and Rita Baltas, Bob and Lucille Gilcrest, Paul and Carol Carey, Michelle Sanfason and Kelcey Moreau.

These inspectors protect our lake by preventing new invasive species from entering our waters and they protect the rest of Maine's waters by preventing our Variable Leaf Milfoil from leaving Lake Arrowhead in exiting watercraft. Our inspectors have more documented "catches" (as DEP calls finding and removing invasive species from boats) than all other CBI programs in the state of Maine, combined.

For the last several years we have been installing, moving and removing benthic barriers in Lake Arrowhead to help control the spread

of milfoil. The theory is that the barrier, laid on the lake bottom over a bloom of milfoil will kill the light, stop photosynthesis and destroy the plant within 8-10 weeks. Benthic barriers are particularly effective in areas of the lake too shallow to employ our suction harvesters. We have produced over 250 benthic triangles to date. All are in the lake as we speak. About 50 have been purchased by our members and 200 are in the Lake now. Most are employed in the shallow end near the Brown Brook Inlet in Limerick. Our divers will be moving those early in the season and then every 8 weeks thereafter, finally leaving them in September to winter under the ice.

The Benthic Triangles, a Lake Arrowhead invention, were developed by Delian Valeriani, one of our senior milfoil harvesting divers and the supervisor of our Benthic Barrier program. Because of uncertainty over federal grant funding, as of this writing, we are not planning any new benthic barrier construction this year. We will simply manage the 250 that we have for the best possible outcome.  
 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**

**\$100 WATERFRONT**

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