

BCLSS 2007 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The BCLSS proudly announced the recipients of the annual Volunteer Recognition Awards at the 10th Annual BCLSS Conference on June 23rd, 2007 held at Wasa in the East Kootenays. Carolyn Johns presented Irene Talarico with the award for the Rosen Lake Ratepayer's Association and Kristi Carter presented the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District to Susanne Ashmore & Judy McPhee. Congratulations to this year's recipients!!

Rosen Lake Ratepayer's Association

The Association acts as a concerted voice for its membership on matters impacting quality of life at Rosen Lake and its immediate environs. Issues and concerns of members channeled through the association can be effectively and efficiently communicated to the appropriate authority for clarification and resolution. The Association's projects include rebuilding and maintaining an outlet dam necessary for regulating lake level; construction of a fence to keep animals from polluting the lake's main water source; purchasing and displaying signs with information for protection of loons and painted turtles; annual water testing and publishing an annual newsletter, the Rosen Lake Echo. The Rosen Lake group has been collecting water quality data for the BCLSS since 2004 and has been a BCLSS member since 2002.



Carolyn Johns (right) presenting Irene Talarico with the Rosen Lake Ratepayer's Association award.

Wasa Lake Land Improvement District

In 2003 the WLLID held a workshop entitled Wasa Lake Water in co-operation with the Living by Water Project. Presently, WLLID volunteers conduct lake and well testing and review permit applications for foreshore alterations. The WLLID members also educate the community of Wasa on various water issues. The WLLID was very helpful in the organization of this year's conference. They have been BCLSS members and have been collecting lake data for the BCLSS since 2004. They publish a newsletter to keep both year-round and seasonal residents informed of any issues or announcements concerning Wasa Lake.



Susanne Ashmore (left) and Judy McPhee (right) accepting the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District award from Kristi Carter (centre).