



# BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

A monthly e-newsletter from the BC Lake Stewardship Society

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## Winners of the January Newsletter Quiz

Congratulations to Cheryl Toop – winner of the January Newsletter Quiz! Cheryl has won a prize pack consisting of an umbrella and backpack!!!

## World Water Day

Celebrate World Water Day on March 22!! World Water Day is a chance to celebrate and appreciate water. The theme of World Water Day 2005 is Water for Life 2005-2015. For more information, visit [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org)

Please take a moment to reflect on your own water usage in your everyday life and evaluate your practices.

Here are some ideas for conserving water at home:

- ⌘ Xeriscape: plant water efficient, native plants in your garden. Once established, they require less frequent watering.
- ⌘ Install low-flow showerheads and toilets.
- ⌘ Inspect your home for leaks
- ⌘ Insulate hot water pipes
- ⌘ Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full
- ⌘ Scrape dishes instead of rinsing before putting them in the dishwasher

## Invitation for Submissions to the Upcoming Newsletter

BCLSS welcomes submissions of articles to our quarterly newsletters. If you have a story, please contact Kristi at the BCLSS office.

The next newsletter will be sent out in April.

## Safety

In light of a recent, and potentially serious, incident in which a BCLSS member was in a capsized boat in winter conditions, we would like to remind all our volunteers to review all safety procedures.

BCLSS provides insurance, free-of-charge, to members who are active volunteers. Insurance will cover the following activities:

- ⌘ Water sampling under the BC Lake Stewardship and Monitoring Program, or monitoring water quality under another program
- ⌘ Lakeshore or stream bank litter clean up
- ⌘ Shoreline restoration projects

Please remember to read and sign the safety waiver provided by BCLSS. Only current BCLSS members who have signed the waiver can be insured.

Volunteer insurance covers general liability for each individual insured, as well as accident coverage (for accidents occurring during the volunteering project, but not during travel to and from the project location). However, additional insurance must be obtained for special events and property. Additional insurance can be purchased through Speirs and Company; contact BCLSS for details. Volunteer insurance is effective for one year, commencing each April 15<sup>th</sup>. You must notify BCLSS each April if you plan on volunteering that year and wish to have insurance purchased on your behalf.

A more detailed article on water safety while volunteering will be included in the next quarterly newsletter, due out in April.

## Membership Renewal

Is your BCLSS membership up for renewal? Visit [www.bclss.org/membershipform.html](http://www.bclss.org/membershipform.html) for a membership renewal form.

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