



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

A monthly newsletter from the BC Lake Stewardship Society

BCLSS 1st Annual Raffle

1st Prize...Tripper S 16'6" Canoe from Western Canoeing and Kayaking Won by Keith Andestad

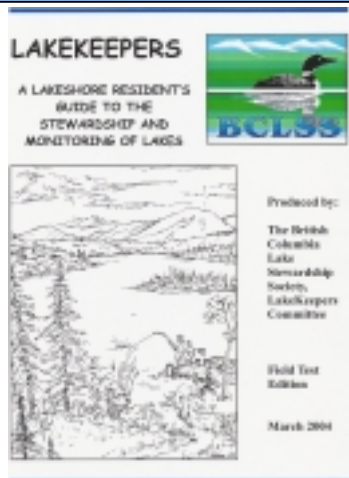
2nd Prize.....Half day salmon or halibut fishing charter with Island Outfitters in Victoria Won by Lindsay Holmes

3rd Prize Book—"Morris and Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes" & Box of General Lake Trout Flies Won by Ross Cameron

4th Prize Book—"West Coast Fly Fisher" Won by Andrew Taylor

Congratulations to all of our winners!

LAKEKEEPERS MANUAL – COMING SOON!



The Lakekeepers test manual has now been completed and printing of the final version will take place in the coming months.

If you are interested in purchasing a Lakekeepers Manual, contact Dawn or Kristi at the BCLSS office.

RENEW YOUR BCLSS MEMBERSHIP!

BCLSS relies on the support of members and sponsors to help us meet our goal of furthering lake stewardship through communication and education.

Support BCLSS and let's work together to further lake stewardship!

BCLSS MEMBERSHIP

Group Membership: \$40.00
Individual Membership: \$20.00
Student Membership: \$10.00

SPONSORSHIP

Gold: +\$250.00
Silver: \$250.00
Bronze: \$50.00

Thanks to all those existing supporters...

BCLSS Services – Just a few !

- ◆ Insurance Coverage for Active Volunteers (**Please ensure you are covered if you are a volunteer lake monitor!**)
- ◆ Quarterly Newsletters
- ◆ Annual Conference & Workshops
- ◆ Lake Specific Water Quality Monitoring Documents
- ◆ Training & Support
- ◆ Regional Directors in each area of BC

The Great North American Secchi Disk Dip-In

It's that time again! The 11th Annual Great North American Secchi Dip-In runs June 26 – July 18. In the past nine years, over 2500 volunteers have participated in this event annually.

A Secchi Disk is a plastic weighted disk, with an alternating black and white pattern, that is attached to a line. Secchi disk readings provide "snapshots" of lake water quality as it relates to clarity. Water transparency can be altered by water colour, algae, zooplankton, or particles of silt or clay, and may indicate some forms of pollution.

Participating is fun and simple! Lower the Secchi disk into the water until it can no longer be seen. The depth is then determined using the measured increments marked on the line. Next, raise the disk until the pattern is just visible and record this depth. The average of the two depths is your reading.

The data collected by BCLSS from volunteers will be forwarded to the Dip-In headquarters at Kent State University, Ohio.

Don't miss the chance to put your lake on the map! To participate, contact us and we will send you information, instructions, and a Secchi disk. Disks are free to members and \$10 for non-members. More information can also be found at <http://dipin.kent.edu/>.

SPECIAL REQUEST...

1. **Lake Level Gauges:** We would appreciate any information pertaining to lake level gauges, such as: which lakes are equipped with them, who is responsible for the monitoring, and where the data is sent. Our contact information is listed at the bottom of this newsletter.
2. **Ice on/Ice off Data:** In order to better understand climate change, BCLSS will be collecting information on freezing and thawing of BC lakes (also known as ice phenology). Please watch for further information on our website or in our upcoming quarterly newsletter.
3. **Photos of volunteer monitoring:** BCLSS needs your fun and interesting photos of sampling to put on display at the upcoming NALMS conference. Please send your photos to us by mail or email before August 31, 2004. Thank you!

UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

1. Upcoming Events, Conferences & Workshops throughout BC

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Parks Day and Count-a-thon For more information visit <http://www.cpawsbc.org/> July 17, 2004.

Restoration on the Edge: International Conference on Ecological Restoration. Victoria. <http://www.serbc.info/> Aug 23-27, 2004

BCLSS Co-hosts the next NALMS Conference in Victoria BC. For more info visit <http://www.nalms.org/> Nov 3-5, 2004

2. Recent Events

BCLSS Conference and 7th Annual AGM was located at 108 Mile Resort & Conference Centre. Held June 11 – 13. The **BCLSS Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented at the conference to Ms. Ann Swann, a member of the 108 Mile Ranch Community Association.

The Mayor's Environmental Achievement Award was presented to BCLSS in May 2004, in the category of **Most Dedicated Group**.

Bertram Creek Park Re-opening: On June 2, 2004 Bertram Creek Park was officially re-opened, following its closure as a result of the Okanagan Mountain Park Fire. This event provided an opportunity to display the restoration work done by BCLSS, in co-operation with the Central Okanagan Regional District, with funding supplied by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. The restoration work included the construction of a viewing platform, planting riparian vegetation, and the installation of interpretive signage.

Family Environment Day: BCLSS once again attended this year's Family Environment Day, held on April 14, 2004, at Mission Creek Regional Park in Kelowna.

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