

# Early Summer 2009 Newsletter

## Lake Lemon Conservancy District

June 2009

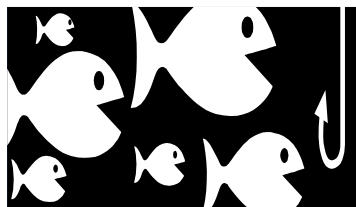
### Special point of interest:

- The LLCD Board of Directors will host two (2) monthly Board meetings this summer at the Riddle Point Park Shelter. The dates are Saturday July 18th and Saturday August 15th. Both meetings start at 11 a.m.
- Please subscribe to the LLCD list serve to receive lake bulletins by emailing the office at: [llcdoffice@aol.com](mailto:llcdoffice@aol.com)

### Board of Directors   Term   District

Bruce Cassal	2013	I
Barb Ritter	2010	II
Marty Mann Chairman	2012	III
John Schell	2013	IV
Dennis Friesel Treasurer	2012	V
Rex Taylor	2010	VI
Dave Hobson Vice Chairman	2011	VII
Rachel Atz Ex-Officio (CBU)		
Bob Madden Manager		
Adam Casey Biologist		

- Indiana Conservation Officers will be patrolling Lake Lemon on a regular basis during this boating season. A copy of the Indiana Boating Laws may be obtained at the Riddle Point Park Gatehouse or Lake Lemon Marina.



### Passing of The Torch

Lake Biologist Scott McWhorter's last day with the Lake Lemon Conservancy District was Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Scott successfully graduated from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA). At his last board meeting Scott was presented with a framed photograph of our resident pair of Lake Lemon eagles. Scott moved to Chicago, IL where he is currently working as a hydrologist for the Environmental Protection Agency. The photograph was taken by Founding Board Member and locally renowned photographer Gene McIarney. Taking over the position of Lake Biologist is Adam Casey. Adam is also a graduate student at Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.



### Nuisance Wildlife Eradication

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Lake Lemon Conservancy District was granted permission by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to treat unhatched eggs of Canadian geese. There was no permit necessary for the population control, however, the LLCD had to register with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The target population for eradication was located on Cemetery Island. As any resident who boats near the island knows, the density of geese on the island is incredible. Not only do the Canadian geese pose a problem with eating decorative grasses while residing on personal property, but the excrement from geese is a



major source of phosphorus which promotes aquatic weed growth. The two most often used methods of eradication include covering the eggs in vegetable oil, effectively suffocating the egg, or by shaking the eggs rendering them unviable. The preferred choice of Lake Biologist Casey is that of shaking. Though very tiring on the arms this method has been proven to be effective. A total of 17 nests on the island were treated. This accounts for a total of 116 eggs. The timing of the treatment is crucial for maximum effectiveness and was conducted on April 23<sup>rd</sup> which was during the

2nd month of egg gestation.

### Opening of Riddle Point Park & Fourth of July Fireworks

Riddle Point Park is now open for the season. The LLCD began charging admissions to the park on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The assessed fee is \$4.00/vehicle during the weekdays and \$5.00/vehicle on weekends and holidays. Annual passes are available for \$50.00. Fees will continue to be in place until Labor Day weekend (September 7<sup>th</sup>). These fees allow the park to maintain a self-sustaining operation. During the March 09' Board Meeting the contract was approved for Smart Displays LLC to host the annual fireworks display at Riddle Point Park. The 2009 Fireworks Display has been scheduled for Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Donation letters have been sent out and we would like to extend a great deal of gratitude to individuals donating funds for the event. The fireworks display is an amazing way for the lake residents to get out and socialize while strengthening community relations.

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- If you would prefer to receive newsletters via E-mail please send your name, lake address and e-mail address to llcdoffice@aol.com
- If you have recently purchased or sold property at Lake Lemon, please contact the LLCD Office so we can update our database.
- Please observe buoy placement. These areas are marked for shallow waters, designated swim areas, and areas less than 200 feet from shore. Use idle speed when in these areas for safety.
- To access the current Indiana Handbook on Boating Laws and Responsibilities go to [www.boat-ed.com/in/handbook](http://www.boat-ed.com/in/handbook).

## Winter Lake Draw Down

During the lake drawdown we had an extended period of freezing temperatures. This exposure of near shoreline benthic zones resulted in the freezing of the substrate up to several inches in areas of the lake. Scientific studies have shown this to greatly decrease the abundance of aquatic vegetation, especially for rooted species that generally grow back from existent root structures. During preliminary visual inspections of Lake Lemon, as of June 09', there appears to be a great reduction of species such as Eurasian watermilfoil and Spatterdock. Aquatic Control, Inc has an approved contract for weed control during the 09' season. An initial survey of weed growth will be conducted in late June.

## Help Preserve your Lake; Become a Clean Lakes Volunteer

The Indiana Clean Lakes Program is a volunteer lake monitoring program associated with both Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The Indiana Clean Lakes Program is a public program dedicated to providing the public with information and education about lake management, implementing monitoring and assistance plans for lake administrations; and finally training volunteer members for lake data collection. Typical volunteer work includes taking Secchi Disk readings (shown in the picture) which is a measurement of water transparency. The Clean Lakes Program supplies volunteers with the secchi disk and measurements can be entered online. Expanded volunteers also collect water samples for Chlorophyll-a and phosphorous readings. Again equipment, collection bottles and training is provided by the program. To find out more information and to become a volunteer visit the Clean Lakes Program website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~clp> or contact Bill Jones via email at [joneswi@indiana.edu](mailto:joneswi@indiana.edu)



## 2009 Boating Permits

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LLCD Boat Permits went on sale March 17th. Daily and annual permits may be purchased at the LLCD Office; Riddle Point Park Gatehouse; and at Lake Lemon Marina on North Shore Drive. All boats on Lake Lemon are required to have a valid LLCD permit. Please remember to purchase your permit before you launch your boat or personal watercraft for the 2009 season.

	<u>Annual Permits: Resident</u>	<u>Non-Res.</u>
< 10 hp.	\$38.00	\$63.00
> 10 hp.	\$63.00	\$89.00
PWC	\$115.00	\$140.00
Launch Ramp*	\$31.00	\$31.00
<b>Daily Permits:</b>		
< 10 hp.	\$7.00	\$7.00
> 10 hp.	\$10.00	\$10.00
PWC	\$16.00	\$16.00
Launch Ramp*	\$5.00	\$5.00
* Riddle Point only		