

News for Clear Lakers 2021

President's Message

I hope this finds everyone enjoying spring, as we made it through another winter season. I believe winter at Clear Lake was enjoyed by many as there were many fish huts and lots of winter activity on the lake. It was awesome to see. Many thanks to the people who cleared off the ice around the lake for skating and walking purposes. It was well used. Now that we are in spring, the lake has been quite busy at times, which is great to see. I do have a beef with you young guys playing that RAP music so loudly. You guys better be careful because when I head around the lake on my pontoon I may have to crank my tunes and you may have to listen to my Buck Owens and Johnny Cash o.

I would like to ask that we practice safe and responsible boating as we move through the summer. I would like to wish everyone a great summer as we enjoy our little GEM of a lake. I believe we are very fortunate to be able to enjoy Clear Lake.

Cheers,

Rene Rajotte

Clear Lake Watershed Association - working together to keep Clear Lake Clear



Our 2nd Ice off contest was another cliff hanger – the ice melted fast until the last few days when it stubbornly held on, finally disappearing on April 26th.

Cheryl Faas, Shelley Leskow, Linda Bazley, and Melanie Sunquist all chose the correct day – Congrats!!

Thanks to the Sand Dunes in Edgerton and the Wainwright Co-Op for donating prizes. (\$70.00 and \$50.00 Gift Certificates, respectively)

Clear Lake W.A. t-shirts were awarded to the 3rd

and 4th names drawn.

Thanks to our ever vigilante and midnight photographing judges, Rene, Doug, and Diane.

Clear Lake Spirit Coming events:

North/South Membership Drive Challenge
July Long Weekend Cabin Light Up Contest

2nd Annual CLWA Barbeque
(this is Covid 19 dependent - Date TBA)
Cows and Fish Riparian Plants Walk
Springs and Lake Clean Up

Updates on Alberta Environment Protocols

- 1) Mooring Disturbance Standards (Rules for Docks/Piers): As of April 2021, all Docks/Piers on Alberta lakes must comply with these standards. Any structures not in compliance must submit a TFSA permit to Alberta Environment. Please visit www.alberta.ca/aep for these standards and/or a permit application. Or contact any CLWA board member for more info or with questions/concerns.
- 2) Shoreline Modifications: Any shoreline modification requires a permit from the MD, and AEP. Contact the MD Development officer Kim Christensen for a development permit and further info re: communications with Alberta Environment and Parks. development@mdwainwright.ca

Protecting our Lake

Clean, Drain, Dry; Protect Clear Lake from invasive species. Drain, Clean and Dry your watercraft AND equipment before transporting to a new waterbody. This will prevent harmful hitchhikers such as Zebra Mussels and aquatic weeds from invading us.

Responsible Boating Practises; Show your respect for our beautiful lake and fellow boaters by following Alberta Environment Guidelines; protect our shoreline by slowing to less than 10 km within 30 m of shore; share our lake and watch carefully for swimmers and small watercraft; contact us for a depth map – avoiding the shallow areas keeps our fish safe and prevents disturbing the sediment.

Clear Lake Fish Watch

Have you seen the really exciting number of Perch in our shallows? Have you caught (and released of course!!), some Walleye or Norther Pike? We want to hear from you – anecdotal reports are used by F&W to "check in" on our fish population. Email us or text pictures and your "fish story" to Laurie (Secretary) @ (403)409-9166

New to Clear Lake?

Contact us for a "Welcome Clear Laker" Information Package. It contains information about our Association and lake, as well as many other resources. We also have a large lending library full of informative books/pamphlets to answer many questions about living by a lake.

CLEAR LAKE SPIRIT

2020 CLWA Memberships reached a record high 103 cabins!!! Let's keep the momentum going into 2021, and see if we can hit 100% membership... "We're Stronger Together". Next up is the North/South Challenge, but you are welcome to sign up anytime. Contact any board member or email us: clwatershed@gmail.com

Cabin# 67 Shawn Leskow won the 2020 CLWA Membership Draw; a hat and gift certificate for a free septic pump out donated by Wainwright Septic Services.

Thanks to Shawn for joining and to Tim for his support of the CLWA



Online Learning

Due to covid restrictions, many activities and conferences have now moved online. Here are a few w/ interesting info;

- Battle River Watershed Alliance
- Alberta Lake Management
- Respect our Lakes
- Cows and Fish
- Alberta Plant Watch
- Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

Cabin Lights Contest

Clear Lake Spirit was in beautiful display last summer, with so many gorgeous light shows.

1st place winners; Cabin # 32, The Sawyers.

Thanks to all cabins that participated, it was gorgeous in every direction of the lake.

2nd place was a 3 way tie; the Massey's #122,

R. Rajotte's #9, and G/M Rajotte #48.

Special mention to the NE corner for 11 cabins





CLEAR LAKE Watershed Association

2021 MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

Name:	Cabin #:
Phone #/Cell:	Date:
Mailing Address or Email:	

Scan/email/e-transfer, or clip, drop off, or mail to: CLWA c/o Rajotte, Box 3213, Wainwright, AB. T9W 1T2. (List of board members on our website)



2021 CLWA Membership Draw

Thanks to Tim @ Wainwright Septic Systems for again donating one free septic system pump out for our 2021 Membership Drive. The draw will be made at the AGM.



SUNRISE, SUNSET. CLEAR LAKE



The 2021 AGM will be Sunday, August 8, 2:00 pm, at the Arm Lake Recreation Center back deck (if Covid protocols allow)

All cabin owners are welcome. Members of the CLWA have voting privileges.

Minutes from the 2020 AGM are available on our website, or by contacting us.

Items can be added to the 2021 AGM Agenda in advance by email or phone, or in person at the start of the meeting. We hope to see you there ©

CLEAR LAKE

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