



Newsletter

Lake Sawyer Community Club

January, 2011

2010 In Review

Between Annual Meetings the Club put on **eleven events** for your fun and enjoyment. Ok, the **Work Party** in April may not fall under "fun" but those who attended and got their hands dirty were amazed at what was accomplished.

Attendance is growing at The **Easter Egg Hunt** and with over 80 children searching for eggs, more of the community is getting involved.

We had **two Wine Tastings** and **three Dock Parties** this year. Each event was well attended and presented a great opportunity to connect with old friends and make new ones.

The **17th Annual Fun Run, Walk, Bike** in June gave contestants a choice of how to cover the 5.2 miles, and over 50 participants did.

Our **Fourth of July Extravaganza** counting as one of the eleven events actually *contained six events itself*: Wake Board/Water-Ski Event, the Paddle-Boat, Canoe/Kayak Race, the Volleyball Tournament, the Boat Parade, House and Yard Decoration Award, and of course the fireworks show itself, which many have said was one of the best ever.

The last two events of the year focused on the Holidays: **The Giving Tree** extends the holiday spirit to those less fortunate amongst us and the **Santa Boat** gives LSCC Members a special dock-side visit from Santa Clause.

A Look Ahead

2011 promises to be another year filled with activities, parties, events, and plenty of opportunities to lend a hand and/or participate. Your ideas for events are always welcome as is your enthusiasm for helping make events successful.

The LSCC will be trying to break the 200 member mark this year. The clubhouse subfloor is in need of repair and there will be a detailed presentation of what needs to be done at the annual meeting.

Look for a 2011 membership application in this newsletter.

Annual Meeting

**February 09, 2011
7PM, at the Clubhouse**

**Treasurer's Report
Clubhouse Update
Election of Officers**

Membership required to vote.

Black Diamond Food Bank

Our local food bank can always use donations of foodstuffs and cash in providing assistance to those in need.

To that end, the Community Club currently makes a quarterly donation of \$250 to the food bank.

The Giving Tree 2010

Ted at Lake Sawyer Grocery hosts our Giving Tree through the Holiday Season. This year, Trevi Eichelberger reports that "The community was very generous. There were so many items from, clothes, blankets, watches, sporting goods, bikes, cash, and many gift cards and toys." Around 125 gifts were collected with the average at about \$25—\$50. "I know some people spent much more." Thanks to all who participated.

On the Hunt for Noxious Weeds

Twice a year, late Spring and late summer, a group of members go around the lake checking out the weed population. You might have seen them in boats, kayaks, or canoes, tossing out rakes and pulling up weeds. Each member has gone through at least one weed identifying course put on in the spring of each year by King County. The increasing population of milfoil is a concern but is carefully watched.

Team members this year were: Christy and Bart Selz, Allen Hermann, John Branca & Shannon O'Connor, Joe May, George McPherson, Mark Davidson, Bob and Daniel Rothschilds, Steve and Lisa Garvich, Jack Franich and Glenn Ross.



Shoreline Management Plan Update

To manage shoreline development and uses, the State Legislature passed the Shoreline Management Act in 1971. The law intended a cooperative relationship between local governments and the State Dept. of Ecology in the management of most streams, lakes larger than 20 acres, marine waters, and associated shorelines, wetlands, and flood plains.



Lake shoreline from Sunrise Resort

The City of Black Diamond's Shoreline Master Program is currently being updated and is now in its draft development stage. A Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) has had several meetings with Aaron Nix, Director of Natural Resources and Parks, and a marked up draft should be produced near the end of January. The CAC will then meet with Aaron Nix and Gabe Snedecker, the consultant, to go over, in depth, the draft agreement. Following that, the public portion of the process will commence.

The finalized Shoreline Management Program will set rules and regulations governing all aspects of development within 200 feet of the ordinary high water mark on the shoreline.

The CAC is made up of Bob Rothschilds, Jack Sperry, Cindy Wheeler, Sheila Hoefig, Joe May, and Leah Grant. More information is available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/>

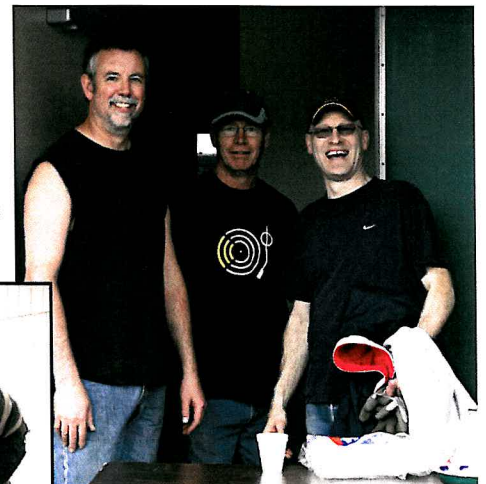
At the 2011 Annual Meeting Feb. 09, there will be a picture presentation of events throughout the year, recognizing the volunteers that helped make the year successful. Here's just a sample:



Thanks to **Dave Kaszycki** for bringing his wood chipper and climbing skills to the party. With Alan Gangl and Jeff Merrill's help, needed tree trimming was finished.

April 2010 Work Party

The kids below are building a cover for the club road sign. Gary Mitts got them started with some basic framing and roofing skills and they completed the project in about 2 hours.



Gary, Jeff, and Mark

By the way, thanks Gary for your years of participation keeping things in repair in and around the clubhouse.

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Lake Sawyer Community Club

Benefits of Membership

- Monitor water quality of lake and inlets
- July 4th Events: Fun Run / Paddle Boat, Canoe, & Kayak Races / Volleyball / Boat Parade / Uncle Sam Boat / FIREWORKS!
- Rental of Lake Sawyer Community Club Facilities (members only)
- Input on Lake Regulatory Issues
- Santa Boat / Holiday Giving Tree / Community Donations / Easter Egg Hunt
- Dock Parties – Get to know your neighbors
- Road Cleanup
- Newsletter
- Community Club Activities: Annual Meeting / Board Meetings / Parties / Rentals / Receptions
- Dues are voluntary (\$50 per household) from January 1 to December 31. You are also encouraged to contribute funds for designated activities or functions (clubhouse maintenance and/or repairs, July 4th activities, Santa Boat, etc.).
- If you have special skills or contributions you would like to offer our organization, please feel free to contact any board member and/or visit our web site at www.lakesawyer.org

Lake Sawyer Community Club (LSCC) Membership Application

Name _____ Email _____

Lake Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Volunteer? Yes ___ No ___

Mailing address (if different) _____

Dock Number _____ Do you need a dock plate? _____

Dues (\$50) _____ 4 th of July Donation _____ Total _____
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Mail payment to LSCC, P O Box 191, Black Diamond, WA 98010

Lake Sawyer Community Club

On December 18th at 11:00 am, the following LSCC Board Members met to tally the votes received on the proposed donations to the Diamond Coalition: Alan Gangl, Alf Ladderud and Sue Sherer; observing the counting was Joe May.

We opened the envelopes and sorted the ballots received. The tally was as follows:

Approve	60
Reject	28
Unclear	<u>1</u>
Total Ballots Received:	89
Total Valid Ballots:	88

The proposition passed.

Over 25 LSCC members included donation checks payable to the Diamond Coalition totaling \$5,795.00. We received two checks for \$50 each that were made out to the LSCC which appeared to be intended as donations. Alf has sent these back to the members for replacement checks to be made out to the Diamond Coalition. LSCC issued a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the Diamond Coalition (\$5000 donation and \$5000 matching funds).

Along with the ballots, we received many notes and comments in support of and against the proposal, some obviously very heartfelt. The board would like to extend a hearty thanks to all of the LSCC members who gave their opinions on this topic. We concurred that, as your board, it is imperative to understand all sides of an issue so we can make informed decisions on behalf of all LSCC members.

Several members raised concerns about the LSCC becoming a political organization. Please rest assured that is not our intent. We thoughtfully reviewed the LSCC by-laws, in particular, Article II – Purpose: “The purpose of the LSCC is to bring together all Members in good standing to inform and discuss mutual problems, concerns and interests affecting our community, the Lake, and our surrounding environment.” We determined that it falls within the LSCC charter to take this action to support the Diamond Coalition in their efforts to help preserve the water quality of Lake Sawyer. We will receive a copy of the Water Quality Report produced by the expert witness hired by Diamond Coalition for the Environmental Impact Study appeal of the Villages and Lawson Hills Master Plan Developments. Though it is lengthy and technical, the report will be posted to the LSCC website and retained for reference in the future.

Thank you all for your input and for caring enough to be involved in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Sherer
LSCC Secretary

The Diamond Coalition

January 15, 2011

Lake Sawyer Community Club
P. O. Box
Black Diamond, WA 98010

Attn: Board Members

The Diamond Coalition would like to thank you and your members for their recent fundraising efforts. The support of the Lake Sawyer Community Club board and many of the lake residents was important to us on several levels. First, the generous financial support is both needed and appreciated. Even more important it is most gratifying to see a community unite in understanding of the value and importance of their shared natural resources and take action to preserve and protect those resources too.

We think it is worthwhile to re-cap some of the achievements accomplished in this effort in the past year. What started as a few citizens very concerned about the impacts to this lake due to lack of real data on water quality issues in the Final Environmental Impact Statement resulted in the formation of The Diamond Coalition.

The Diamond Coalition has focused its effort on having impartial and educated experts examine the existing data, perform additional research when necessary and evaluate the environmental impact to our lake in specific, and more generally our watershed, from these enormous projects. We then had them outline the necessary mitigations to protect this state proclaimed "phosphorous sensitive lake".

It is **critical** to understand that these efforts have been the sole reason that #1) The Developer is now being required to calculate the total amount of phosphorous run off their project will send to Lake Sawyer **prior** to The Development Agreement even being considered, #2) Modifications to the Developer's proposed Stormwater Systems **will be** required if this calculation **exceeds** the amount allowed for our lake per the Department of Ecology and #3) the Stormwater systems put in place by the Developer will be monitored not only during the construction phase, but for years after to assure that the systems are working as designed to **protect Lake Sawyer** and associated water systems.

It is our understanding there will be time provided on the agenda to discuss these and other issues at the LSCC Annual Meeting.

We applaud all of you who have exerted your time, effort and energy to be actively involved and informed in this process. It is, after all, your own backyard and the legacy of our families in the future.

We also heartily thank all of you who have supported this effort with the essential funding to allow these achievements.

We encourage you all to stay informed and involved. Unfortunately this is a long way from over and protection of our natural environment is not always paramount to those looking to make money and their mark on the world.

With gratitude -

Bill Wheeler - President
The Diamond Coalition





Easter Egg Hunt

Fourth of July Fireworks Raft



Susan G. Komen—Zumba Fundraiser

Charlie Wilson and a 10 inch shell



Kurt Eby, Dance Lessons and Santa Boat

Lake Sawyer July 4th Celebration!



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**Clubhouse
29006 216th St.
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**Mailing Address:
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2011 LSCC Board of Trustees

will be elected at the Annual Meeting, February 09, 2011. Until the results are known, there is a list of the 2010 board members on our website. After the meeting, the website will be updated with those newly elected officers and the list will once again appear in this space with the next newsletter

As in every year, the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions are open for nominations from the floor. Since this year is an odd numbered year, Trustee Positions 1, 3, and 5 are also open. Position 5 can be filled by a retiring president. At the January 12th, 2011 executive board meeting, Position 4 Trustee Glenn Ross announced that he would be retiring so there is one year remaining of his term that can also be filled.

As in every volunteer organization, there exists a variety of opportunities. Fresh talent and fresh ideas are always welcome. If you are interested but have questions, don't hesitate to drop the president an email at

president@lakesawyer.org

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