



# NEWSLETTER

"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."

*For  
Santa Claus  
Is Coming*

T'was  
days  
before  
Christmas  
Upon sleepy  
old Lake  
Sawyer  
A fresh north breeze  
was blowing but no  
waves were rolling

We had just laid down for a long  
winter's nap  
When we heard across  
the lake a sudden 'crack'  
I jumped into my boots and  
grabbed my boat hook,  
Roused the children with "St. Nick is  
near, let us go look!"

We rushed to the door and down to the dock!  
Full moon hung in that misty night like a rock  
Across the lake we heard the jingle of sleigh bells ring....  
The children were all laughing, giggling  
and running

## FOR SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

As Santa came near, his sleigh was afloat  
His reindeer were flying through that misty cloak ~ so many  
gifts on that tiny sleigh  
If you didn't before, you believed on this day!

And there he appeared, Dear Santa himself!  
Eyes blue as the sky, Cheeks rosy red  
Tossed candy canes to the kids, did that jolly old Elf  
my boat hook in hand to the dock I pulled his sled  
Santa leapt from his sleigh, landing on my dock with nary a sway  
Carrying presents under each arm, greeted each child and asked

"Has goodness filled your heart?" and presented a gift.  
Then a wink to my wife that wonderful Elf leapt back  
to his sleigh

Singing MERRY CHRISTMAS Lake Sawyer and Goodnight!

*Adaptation by the Kulesza family*

## ***Santa Boat Sails Again!***

Lake Sawyer Community Club members, Santa Claus will take his annual cruise around the lake to spread cheer and deliver gifts to all the good little girls and boys on Sunday, December 16th.

Since our beloved acting Santa in Charge, Kurt Eby, will be performing the lead role in "Scrooge, The Musical" we will have a stand-in Santa.

Bill Wheeler will be stepping into the red suit this year! Thank you Bill!

The Christmas voyage of Mr. & Mrs. Claus & an Elf or two, will begin their chilly journey at 3:00 from dock #268 (Eby's) traveling clockwise.

If you would like to surprise a child with a visit from the Santa Boat, please contact Sheila Hoefig (360) 886-5011 to arrange drop off to 23204 SE 312th St by Saturday, December 15th. **Please place the gift in a water proof plastic bag clearly marked with the child's name and dock number in bold, legible print.** If you need help figuring out a dock number, call Monica Stewart at 253-653-5408. Santa will stop

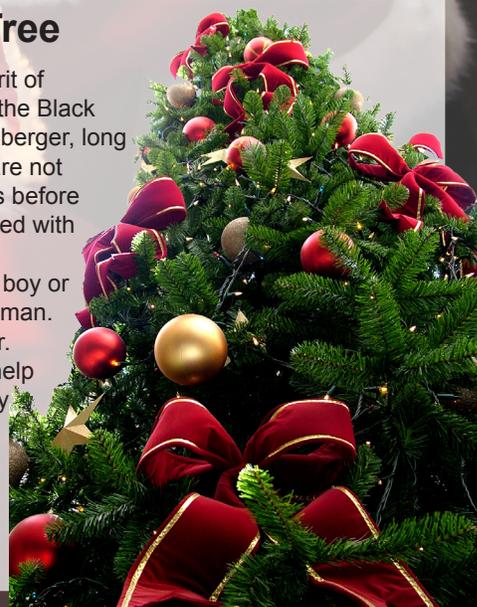
with candy canes for well wishers along the way. Gifts will be accepted from and delivered to current LSCC members. Please, one gift per child and gifts must be smaller than a bread box. Since Rudolph is saving his red nose wattage for the night sky, it would really help Santa if you put a light on your dock

to guide him in. If inclement weather prevents delivery by boat, expect Santa to appear at your front door! In the spirit of the Season, Santa will be accepting non-perishable food items, and/or checks made out to the Black Diamond Community Center for the Black Diamond Food Bank.



## **Black Diamond Community Center Giving Tree**

Every year, residents of Black Diamond are lucky to have the tradition and spirit of cooperation between two beloved institutions; The Lake Sawyer Grocery and the Black Diamond Community Center. The facilitator of this relationship is Trevi Eichelberger, long time Lake Sawyer resident and community volunteer. For those of you who are not familiar with the giving tree, it is set up at the Lake Sawyer Grocery a few days before Thanksgiving, and stays there until the day after Christmas. The tree is adorned with tags received directly from the Black Diamond Community Center. The BDCC accepts applications from families in need, the tags note if the gift will be for a boy or a girl along with their age; in the case of seniors who have applied, man or woman. Tags will have a special request for a gift to help make their Christmas brighter. There are many options for us to help others during the holiday season, let's help celebrate a positive tradition. Stop in and see Ted at the Lake Sawyer Grocery and pick a tag off of the tree. Thanks to all of the people who work at the Black Diamond Community Center to help make this possible. Trevi's holiday wish is that we don't wait until the last minute to turn in the gifts. Please bring them to the Lake Sawyer Grocery at least a week before Christmas. Seems easy enough! Thank you Ted & Trevi!



# Note from the President

Thanks to you, our members, volunteers and the board of trustees for making 2012 a very good year for the Lake Sawyer Community Club. Our membership stands at 183 strong. The LSCC raised over \$16,000 for our fabulous Fourth of July Celebration. We had many successful activities throughout the year which provides a sense of community and opportunities to meet neighbors and keeps us current on issues of mutual interest.

We also have challenges that need to be addressed.

As your board, we oversee the financial health of the club. Over time, the past and present boards have had to spend a large portion of our budget for upgrades and repairs to the over 40 year old clubhouse. The roof, windows, subfloor, kitchen, and water backflow device have been done in the last decade. We are now faced with a need to remodel the heating system (heating duct repair, insulation and new gas furnace). The cost will be approximately \$ 6,000.

To continue heating the clubhouse with oil is prohibitive. The club also has to deal with our best renter, our bread and butter, The Maple Valley School of Ballet reducing their usage of the clubhouse resulting in our annual rental income falling by \$9,000 per year, down by more than half from 2 years ago. The LSCC board welcomed an exercise class, "Rizzmic" taught by Corey Crawford on Thursday nights from 7 – 8 (\$5 drop in fee) to fill time no longer used by the MVSB. While that does not begin to close the gap, be assured we will continue to focus on increasing revenue and lowering costs. The LSCC Board has already canceled the garbage service and we have all agreed to take a pay cut!

The 2012 Board is currently looking at all of our options and we will keep you informed as to our recommended path forward. The holidays are fast approaching and I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!!

Steve Frank  
LSCC 2012  
President



# OKTOBERFEST 2012



What a wunderbar time we all had at the LSCC Oktoberfest at the clubhouse on the 20th of October! The scent of beer boiled Brats and sound of Polka music filled the clubhouse for this “Dock Party on land”. The food was excellent and plentiful – a variety of sausages, Bratwurst, Polish Sausage & Kielbasa served with sauerkraut and mustard & some mouth watering brisket thrown in for good measure. Thanks to Dick Stewart for browning the sausages up on the BBQ and keeping the buffet line stocked. We enjoyed delicious potato

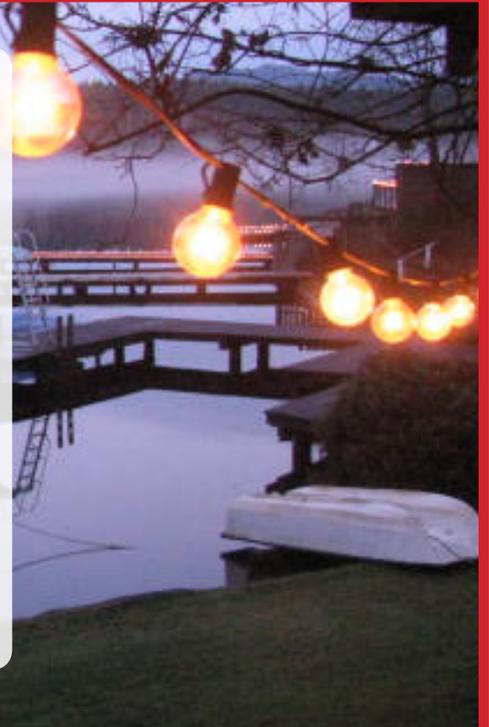


salad provided by the Cedar Grill catering in Maple Valley & Apple Strudel provided by C.J.'s Bakery in Black Diamond. Oh Yeah, and BEER! Thank You to Gary and Sharon Henrich for donating the meat for Oktoberfest and the dock parties. The LSCC board members really put on a great event, and it was enjoyed by over 50 members during the course of the day. Be sure to participate in the events sponsored by the LSCC – these are for all members, and are a great way to visit with your friends and neighbors.



## *Best Kept Summer Secret on the Lake*

Do you want to know what the best kept summer secret is? All the fantastic food that was served at the two summer dock parties for our community club members. Our first party, held at Sheila and Brian Hoefig's was in August and featured an all you can eat taco bar with several different seasoned meats, side dishes, and of course, plenty to drink on that hot, hot summer day. The second party, at Sue and Scott Sherer's, had a fantastic array of barbecue. From beef ribs and several different types of seasoned chicken wings, to corn on the cob and salads fresh from the Sherer's garden, this was truly an incredible bounty of food. The dock parties are a chance for neighbors and lake residents to meet one another, and take some time out from the weekend chores to relax. If you'd like to volunteer to host a dock party in 2013, please contact a board member. We hope to see you at one of our parties next year!





# Maple Valley School of Ballet

presents:

## *Nutcracker Highlights*

Saturday, December 1st at 7:00 pm

Kentlake High School

\$10 Adults/\$5 Students

Featuring ballet dancers in highlights of the classical ballet, *The Nutcracker*.

If you are looking to introduce live theater and dance to your children, this is a great opportunity for a shorter and affordable experience!

Tickets are available at both school locations.

For more information, please email the school at [MVSInfo@comcast.net](mailto:MVSInfo@comcast.net) or call 206-618-6229

## **SCROOGE!** THE MUSICAL

A bitter old miser is given a chance for redemption when he is visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve. The timeless classic based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

**Dates: Friday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 15, 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 22, 3:00 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$10 Call 253-833-9111 ext 2400**

*Performing Arts Building 12401 SE 320th St Auburn, WA 98092*

***Break a leg, Kurt!***



# City of Black Diamond Eurasian Milfoil Infestation Survey of Lake Sawyer

September 2012

In 2011 an effort was made to obtain grant funds for a weed survey of Lake Sawyer. The grant request was approved and together with local matching monies from the Black Diamond Surface Water utility, an agreement was made with King County to provide the observation and research services desired.

For the survey, the Lake was broken down into sections identified by the King County Weed Watchers Program and is attached for reference to the physical findings.



## **Physical Findings:**

- Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 were surveyed and Eurasian Milfoil was positively found and identified in all sections, although not in great abundance and would not be considered dense with other Milfoil infested Lakes in King County.
- Japanese knotweed was found along a property on the point near dock #104 and at the western edge of the Lake Sawyer Regional Park. It is advisable that these plants are dealt with early as they become harder to control as they continue to spread.
- One very little tape grass plant was found at the inlet channel from Rock Creek into the lake. It can be invasive as it has spread in other King County Lakes and should be monitored.
- On August 28th, the survey started in section 5 through section 8. Sections 5 and 6 were areas where most of the Eurasian Milfoil was found in bands along several docks.
- The islands in section 7 and 11 contained dense populations of Eurasian Milfoil, possibly due to the islands providing a buffer from wind that allows the Milfoil to settle and take root.
- Very few Eurasian Milfoil plants were found in section 12 and section 1, finishing where the survey started at the Lake Sawyer Boat Launch.

## **The Results:**

1. Native pondweeds were very healthy and robust throughout the lake. In these areas Milfoil was found less. Where native pondweeds were less abundant, Milfoil was found in greater numbers.
2. Fragrant water lily was found throughout the lake.
3. Eurasian Milfoil in Lake Sawyer is light compared to other King County Lakes. This is counter to the finding of the surveys done in 2001, 1998 and the 1970's where it was suggested the Lake was heavily infested.

### **Why is there a decrease in Eurasian Milfoil? Some theories are:**

- Milfoil weevil is present in the lake that has decreased the population.
- Colder and wetter springs/summers has stunted growth
- Earlier studies misidentified the plant
- Some type of control has been done that has not been documented

## **Next steps:**

- Retain weevil expert from the Department of Ecology to do a weevil survey – determine if the weevil is impacting the Eurasian Milfoil population.
- The City web site has a copy of the August 2012 Field Survey which can be found at: <http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/spotlight.html>
- This subject will be covered at the Lake Sawyer Community Club annual meeting next February, Friday the 22nd. Please put it on your calendar.

*This study would not have been possible without the generous financial support of these contributing resources:*

*City of Black Diamond & The Department of Ecology*

## DON'T LET YOUR FOOD GO TO WASTE

The average family in King County throws away nine pounds of food every week, adding up to 470 pounds every year. As a result, more than one-third of the County's garbage is made up of food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard debris—the largest percentage of the waste stream. Residents who subscribe to yard waste service can now recycle all their food scraps and food-soiled paper in their yard waste carts. When you recycle food scraps rather than throwing them in the garbage, they are turned into nutrient-rich compost for local gardens and parks. Here are tips to get started:



### Find the best kitchen container for you

Food scrap collection can be as simple as using a plastic container or a paper bag which can be recycled along with the food. Containers designed specifically for food scrap recycling now come in a variety of styles from stainless steel to ceramic and bamboo and are locally available in many stores.

### Gather it all up

Food scraps that can be recycled include meat, fish, bones, vegetable and fruit trimmings, bread, pasta and beans, egg shells and coffee grounds. You can also put in food-soiled paper such as used paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, even pizza delivery boxes.

### Avoid the “ick”

If you're concerned about odors or fruit flies, place your food scraps in compostable bags, a closed paper bag or store in the refrigerator or freezer until collection day. Empty your collection container every few days into the yard waste cart.

***Tip: You can recycle all your food scraps and food soiled paper in your hauler-supplied, curbside yard waste cart. There are several sizes available. Contact Republic Services, formerly Allied Waste, to order service.***

For more information, visit [www.recyclefood.com](http://www.recyclefood.com), or contact Republic Services at 206-682-9735 or [http://www.rabanco.com/collection/black\\_diamond/default.aspx](http://www.rabanco.com/collection/black_diamond/default.aspx).



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# Save The Date!

**LSCC ANNUAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND 2013.**

