

Lake Heather LAKE NEWS

DECEMBER 2009

Since only four members attended last year's annual meeting, this newsletter will have to do until you clamor for a more personal contact.

The Lake Committee continues to strive for balance between weed removal and weed retention as shelter for the fish. In 2009, we arranged for the spraying of over 4,000 feet of shoreline. We concentrated on shallow slews in danger of becoming weed-logged. Licensed operators using slow-acting EPA approved chemicals did this.

We have added two loads of threadfin shad to fatten the fish population and reports from anglers are complimentary. We still have too many bass in the in the fourteen inch and under length — please consult the temporary rules and do not throw back the small ones! Also, monitor our web site, www.lakeheather.org to read the 'fish tales'.

Please abide by the following rules to avoid inconvenience, as we will enforce them in 2010:

- ▶ Permanently attach your parking sticker inside your vehicle's rear view mirror. Starting in 2010, we will issue one written warning before calling the tow truck.
- ▶ No storage of boats of any kind in the boat launch area.
- ▶ Please observe the courtesy rules included in your permit package.

Thank you for putting your refuse into the container near the boat launch. We encourage all permit holders to 'adopt' a part of shoreline by picking up floating trash. (Skip the office buildings—they will pay for their own trash removal). Anyone interested to do trash removal on a larger scale and on a paid basis please contact Karl Strick at heinz4713@yahoo.com.

We have a policy of converting abandoned boats into fish shelters. An abandoned boat is any vessel without a valid decal stored in the boat launch area for several days.

Boat docks or other structures built on Lake Heather land, without our prior approval, will have to be removed by the owner or by others at his expense.

We have made one change that will affect permit holders not living or working in the Inverness PUD area (Planned Urban Development). Firstly, we are limiting the number of permits issued to this group to a maximum of thirty. Secondly, their price will go up to \$175/year.

Payment for all permits should be by personal check — this will allow us to know where you live. A functioning email address containing the name of the applicant and his/her employer will tell us where you work if you do not live in the PUD area: (Example: bubba@southerncompany.com will save you \$25). The signature on the check must match the signature on the indemnity agreement.

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The good news is the 2010 permits are now available and we have already sold several at \$175.

Kudos go to Chris Moore who holds the 2009 bragging rights for having caught a nine-pound-three-ounce Largemouth Bass. Thanks also to Tom Warren and Chris Morrow for cutting back the brush that was narrowing the road between the gate and the boat launch.

Some residents, who live on the banks of Lake Heather, have invested in a fish feeder. They report great success in catching fish in their own back yard.

Our finances for 2009 are:

Income

Income from permit 106 x \$150	\$ 15,900
Other income (Beaumont)	\$ 890
LHE Willow Weed Campaign	\$ 4,600
Total Income	\$ 21,390

Expenses

LHE Willow Weeds	\$ 7,600
Fertilizer/Water Quality Measures	\$ 7,040
Threadfin Shad	\$ 1,200
Property Taxes, Maintenance etc.	\$ 4,250
Total Expenses	\$ 20,090
Cash on hand	\$ 1,300

Thank you for your support!

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Lake Heather Committee

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