

BURDEN LAKE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

January | On the Lake

WATER QUALITY

All is looking good... 2019 was a year that produced major progress in the fight for improved water quality.

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EVENTS

Wendy is currently working on the 2020 event calendar. Many of last years events will be returning so dates are filling up fast. Any members who have new ideas please contact Wendy at: wwwill27@yahoo.com 518.522.8535

MAINTENANCE

Nothing new to report this winter beyond the stone delievery which will be spread this Spring. Note Saturday, May 16 for opening clean-up at the club.



Update From the President Rich Amadon:

Dear Burden Lakers:

*The lake season will be here quickly after the winter months and we are looking towards another exciting year. I want to let you know that all water quality donations are now tax deductible under the BLCA 501c3 status. Please take the time to read the complete water quality report attached. It's also the time to renew your **Burden Lake Conservation Association** membership and make an annual water quality donation. The financial support of members and friends is appreciated and important for our continued efforts to preserve the lake. May this year bring you and your family joy as we gear up for the warmer months of 2020.*

With gratitude, Rich



****We are also continuing to sell Burden Lake T-shirts and Drink Tumblers. They make great gifts for friends and family. Please contact WENDY WILL 518.522.8535 to place an order.****



Ice Thickness Table (for new, clear ice only)

Ice Thickness	Permissible Load
2 inches or less	Stay Off
4 inches	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5 inches	Snowmobile or ATV
8-12 inches	Car or small pickup
12-15 inches	Medium truck

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

For more information on ice fishing in Region 9, call 716-372-0645.

2020 Board of Directors:

- Rich Amadon, President
- Steve Scarlata, Vice President
- Steve Quillinan, Treasurer
- Chelsea Zantay, Secretary
- Wendy Will, Events
- Paul Ashline Paul Yonkers
- Adam Cioffi Craig Cioffi

More News

Finance Committee

The future is financially secure with members support!

Last year the finance committee and treasurer presented all the planned new formations with anticipated 501c3 BLCA status. In February 2019 the BLCA Board of Directors received the IRS Resolution letter approving the 501c3 status for Burden Lake Conservation Association. We are happy to report that the changes have been done, documented, and in place.

The tax state and federal returns were filed for the fiscal year end of 6/30/2019. All the financial reports (Current BLCA Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement) have been reviewed and accepted by the BLCA board of directors.

The Financial plan for 2020/2021 will be presented at the annual meeting in July 2020.

All donations to the water quality fund of the BLCA 501c3 are now tax deductible.

Reported by Stephen J Quillinan
Treasurer BLCA

By-Laws Committee

A group of members worked hard on revising the by-laws and will be sharing the proposed revisions once the board of directors have time to review and approve the revisions. The changes will be published prior to the annual meeting so keep an eye out for email on this. Thank you to Cindy Nadel and her team for the hours put into the revisions.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Steve Scarlata and Dennis Ryan

2019 was a year that produced major progress in the fight for improved water quality. The Eco Harvester weed harvester, purchased by BLCA at the end of 2018, was delivered and put into service in May of 2019.

- The committee worked with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to obtain the required permit to operate the harvester within the Third Burden Lake. The permit will be in effect for the entire 2020 season.
- Twelve BLCA members were trained as Eco Harvester operators. Five teams of operators were established. Each team is responsible for a designated zone of the lake.
- Significant time was invested by the trained operators as each team worked to harvest their territory. As they progressed from novices to skilled operators, the effectiveness of the harvesting improved.

Based on our 2019 experience, we have concluded that the Eco Harvester has proven to be very effective in the removal of nuisance weeds of all types when it is employed by experienced and devoted operators. A substantial mass of weeds was removed from the lake. We expect harvesting in 2020 to be even more effective as our skills have improved.

We learned in 2019 that the most difficult weed to harvest is Eurasian Water Milfoil, especially in water deeper than about 7 feet, because of the fragile and tender nature of the plants. We observed several areas of the lake where milfoil has established a significant presence and threatens to proliferate in 2020 and beyond.

The Water Quality Committee has been meeting with and sharing information with our counterparts in neighboring lakes, including the First and Second Burden Lakes, Crooked Lake, Glass Lake and Crystal Lake. Discussions have included the methods each lake is employing to control invasive plant species.

Crooked Lake has been very progressive in implementing herbicidal spot treatments to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. They have employed an experienced licensed applicator. At the invitation of Crooked Lake, we observed the applicator performing the spot treatment, and then returned a few weeks later to observe the successful results. The same firm has toured the Third Burden Lake and provided us with both a recommendation and a quotation for performing limited spot treatment of the Third Burden Lake.

We are developing a 2020 plan which will employ aggressive use of the Eco Harvester, as the primary weapon in fighting nuisance weeds. As a supplement, we will employ limited spot treatment of the most heavily milfoil infested areas in the third lake.

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2020 Membership Application

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- \$35/Year – Individual Membership Includes individuals who are over the age of 18.
- \$50/Year – Family Membership Includes all adult members of the same household, and any children under 18.
- \$200/Year – Water Quality Fund We request all property owners and users of the lake contribute to this very important fund, to ensure the continued health of the Lake.
- We Will be Paying Online** Plus Extra \$25, \$50 or \$_____

*Please verify your name-address-phone-email information. **Emails** will be for last minute lake information and association newsletters. If you are a new member, please check the box and include this information in the space provided.

NEW MEMBER

Name _____
Address _____ _____
Phone _____
Email _____

NOTE: Friends and community members who utilize the Third Lake are also encouraged to become BLCA members so they may be informed of the happenings here. **Please invite all.** *(Personal data provided above will be used ONLY for communications related to BLCA information, notices and activities. It will NOT be shared with any other organization or group.)*

** In addition to receiving payments by check, this season we will again be accepting payments for Membership Dues, Water Quality Donations and all Events electronically through PayPal. Should you choose the electronic payment method, please see the direct links that have been established on the BLCA website (www.theblca.org) and on Facebook.

If you choose to pay by mail, please return this form and your payment in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. Thank you.

Send to: Burden Lake Conservation Association, Box 656, Averill Park, NY 12018