



# BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

A monthly newsletter from the BC Lake Stewardship Society

## BCLSS 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Raffle

### 1st Prize...Tripper S 16'6" Canoe from Western Canoeing and Kayaking

<http://www.westerncanoeingkayaking.com/>



### 2nd Prize.....Half day salmon or halibut fishing charter with Island Outfitters in Victoria

[http://www.fishingvictoria.com/chart\\_salt.asp](http://www.fishingvictoria.com/chart_salt.asp)

### 3rd Prize

Book—"Morris and Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes" & Box of General Lake Trout Flies

### 4th Prize

Book—"West Coast Fly Fisher"

<http://www.okanaganflyfishingoutfitters.com/>

## Calling Volunteer Lake Monitors.....

### Join the BC Lake Stewardship & Monitoring Program

Are you or your neighbours curious about your lake's appearance, water quality, clarity or the overall health of its shorelines? It is important to monitor your lake to establish baseline conditions for comparison in the future.

The BC Lake Stewardship and Monitoring Program will give you the tools you need to answer these important questions. Your lake stewardship group may be already collecting water quality data. This Spring, BCLSS will be actively training lake monitors in nine geographical regions within BC. Find out how your lake can join the BC LAKE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

**How you can help** - now is the time to get involved with an existing lake group or find out how to form your own lake stewardship group by becoming a member of BCLSS.

- ✓ Contact BCLSS & your local Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection – Regional Biologists
- ✓ To participate & receive training you must join an existing BCLSS group or become a new member

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BCLSS VOLUNTEER LAKE MONITOR GROUPS WHO COMPLETED TRAINING IN 2002-2003!

### BCLSS member lake groups trained in 2002-2003 through the BC Lake Stewardship & Monitoring Program:

Columbia	Cusheon
Charlie	Burns
Green L	Horn
St. Mary's	Maxwell
Weston	Moberly
Tabor	Nukko
Francois	Tyhee
Tchesinkut	Sepa
Jewel	Mahood
Gun	Wasa
108 Mile	Twin
Rosen	Nimpo
Shannon	Swan
Tatla	

Contact BCLSS for Upcoming Training Sessions in Your Area...

## BCLSS SERVICES – Just a Few !

- Insurance Coverage for Active Volunteers
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Training & Support
- Water Quality Monitoring Lake Specific Documents
- Regional Directories in each area of BC
- Assistance Writing Funding Proposals
- Annual Conference & Workshops

## RENEW YOUR BCLSS MEMBERSHIP

**MANY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS OFTEN ASK BCLSS STAFF OR DIRECTORIES, "WHAT DO I GET FOR A BCLSS MEMBERSHIP"?**

I often think of all the hard work performed by BCLSS staff & the countless volunteer hours spent on lake stewardship. I believe a BCLSS membership not only provides you with great services & information, but we also strive to strengthen the vision & importance of promoting, protecting, maintaining & restoring lakes, not only in BC, but globally.

### The world's water source consists of:

- 97 % salt water,
- 2% is ice,
- 1% is from freshwater.

*Not all those drinking sources are clean sources either; ACTUALLY only .01% of our world's water is DRINKABLE...*

*So support BCLSS and lets work together to further lake stewardship!*

### BCLSS MEMBERSHIP

Group Membership: \$40.00  
Individual Membership: \$20.00  
Student Membership: \$10.00

### Sponsorships:

Gold: + \$250.00  
Silver: \$250.00  
Bronze: \$50.00

*Thanks to all those existing supporters...*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. Events, Conferences & Workshops throughout BC

**BCLSS Annual Conference:** Located at 108 Mile Resort & conference Centre. More details will be in our quarterly newsletter.  
June 11 –15, 2004

**Restoration on the Edge:** International Conference on Ecological Restoration. Victoria.  
<http://www.serbc.info/>  
Aug 23-27, 2004

**BCLSS Co-hosts the next NALMS Conference in Victoria BC.** For more info visit <http://www.nalms.org/>  
Nov 3-5, 2004

**Creating Prosperous, Liveable Communities**  
Sponsored by SmartGrowthBC.  
<http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/>  
March 5, 2004

### 2. Funding Opportunities

**Canadian Council for the Human Resources Environment Industry. HIRE AN INTERN THIS SUMMER** - CCHREI offers wage subsidies for recent grads and/or Canadian environmental companies.  
<http://www.cchrei.ca/>

**TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT:** TD offers grants up to \$5,000. This is a great way to access funding for signage, restoration tools & supplies, & educational resources etc. The application is very straightforward. If you need further assistance contact BCLSS before applying.  
<http://www.td.com/fef/project.html>

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