

Twin Lakes

Improvement

Association

Newsletter

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2010

53rd Year – 1st Ed.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your lake association has been active for over 53 years. Incorporated in October 4, 1956, the association's direction has not changed. The primary goal is still the improvement and preservation of the historic natural values of Twin Lakes for all users. To reach this goal, a set of objectives has been followed by the various boards throughout the years.

1. Maintenance of adjudicated lake levels commensurate with established water rights of all concerned;
2. Reduction of sedimentation and nutrient loading from forest, agricultural and other human activities;
3. Increased coordination and participation with other public and private organizations involved in lake management, water quality and recreational values;
4. Increased public/user knowledge of activities beneficial and detrimental to water quality; and
5. Enhancement of public use and environment of Twin Lakes compatible with the stated goal and objectives.

ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 19, 2010

The annual meeting is on June 19th 2010 at Twinlow Camp on lower Twin Lake at 10:00AM. Sign in and new member sign up starts at 9:30 AM. Twinlow Camp is located at 22759 N. Twin Low Rd. Twin Low Rd is located one block west of Highway 41 between Par Three Rd and Twin lakes Rd.

SPEAKERS

The Kootenai County Sheriffs - Marine Unit will speak on water safety issues. With the heightened concern for safety, this is a good issue to review.

At the time of this printing, additional guest speakers have not formalized their agenda.

FALL WOODS TOUR

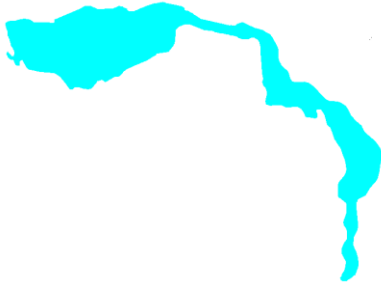
Information will be provided for this year's Woods Tour, presented by the Inland Empire Paper Co. This is an excellent way to see how IEP manages its forests and provides for the community. The tour provides a wealth of information and an appreciation for the company's Forest Management Plan.

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE!!!!

Decorate your boat and join everyone on the southern end of the lower lake, for the 2010 Boat Parade. The parade starts at 11AM. Last year over 60 boats were involved. This is a great way to start your 4th of July celebration. This event is enjoyed by all the participants, and the hundreds of homeowners who celebrate it from the shores.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT YOUR WEB SITE?

We want to take this opportunity to again thank Sue Park, of Twin Lakes Water District, for creating the community website for Twin Lakes. You can access the Twin Lakes Improvement Association thru this website www.twinlakesidaho.org. As the site becomes more developed, we look forward to including photos depicting the lake life and its history.



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YOUR TLIA BOARD HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK

As you may know, TLIA board members work on behalf of the residents we serve in the Twin Lakes area. Committees are formed to address your concerns and requests. We are guided by the “Goals and Objectives” of the association. We welcome new ideas and member help with the committees. Taking and active part benefits everyone.

Chairpersons from your six active committees will be providing updates of their activities.

- Sediment Removal
- Weed & Pollution
- Watershed & Lake*A*Syst
- Community Clean Up
- PR & Promotion
- Twin Lakes Road (new)

Sediment Removal & Channel Project Committee - was formed at the June 2007 Board Meeting upon the recommendation of the TLIA membership. The purpose was to address the removal of the excess sand and sediment from the channel. An incredible amount of work and hours have been dedicated toward this goal, by these board members.

Weed & Pollution Committee

This committee has been ongoing for several years and addresses issues of concern to all lake residents. There will always be a need to maintain vigilant oversight on what is growing in the lake.

Watershed & Lake*A*Syst

What is flowing from the hills and streets into your lake? What can you do to prevent contamination? The concept is simple. Implementing a plan of action is a little more involved. Your board works hard with county, state, & private organizations, to understand the multiple factors that influence the quality of your lake. This is another committee that will be necessary for as long as homeowners care what they are swimming in.

Clean Up Committee

We all want to keep our lake clean, so we can enjoy it today, and pass it along to our children. Over the years, there has been an accumulation of debris and logs around the lakes. We would like to do something about this. Bring your ideas to the annual meeting.

PR & Promotion

The goal is to promote awareness of our association & encourage greater participation. The more homeowners that are involved result in a better living environment. Help get the word out to those that have not been involved.

Twin Lakes Road (new)

A proposal was brought to the board last June to evaluate a community trail along Twin Lakes Road. This would provide safety and enjoyment to the numerous homeowners who; walk, run, & bike along the lake.



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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 27, 2009
Twinlow Church Camp 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Rick Eldenburg. The minutes of the June 30, 2008 meeting were accepted as printed. Lisa Wenig gave the treasurer's report. TLIA has \$3260.51 in checking, \$5489.83 in savings, and \$7312.36 in a CD. \$2395.00 of the above is earmarked for the sediment removal project.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Karen Eldenburg, Marty Frantz, and Marita Little were nominated for re-election. (Delores LaLiberte and Gerry Weller retired from the Board). Belinda Childers and Shelly Matthews were nominated as new board members. The nominees were elected by a unanimous ballot.

SPEAKERS

Ken Knoblock of the Idaho Department of Water Resources spoke on the current water rights adjudication in the state of Idaho. All users need to apply/re-apply to keep their water rights. If anyone has questions, call the Coeur d'Alene office of IDWR (762-2800) or visit the website: www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Kate Wilson of the Ponderay Basin Commission gave a presentation on aquatic invasive species in north Idaho. It is important to prevent the zebra mussels from entering Idaho waterways. (Idaho is currently free of this invasive species). They are extremely invasive and have no known predators. They can only be killed by 140 degree water. We will have 9 boat stations in the state. Boats coming into Idaho from out-of-state must stop at these stations (which will be able to kill these mussels on-site, if an inspection finds them on a boat). The stations in our area will be at Huetter Rd./I-90, Athol/95, Oldtown, and a mobile one at Sandpoint. Possibly another at Wallace.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Buckland of Inland Empire Paper Co. spoke. An annual family pass to use their woods costs \$65. An individual annual pass is \$40. A daily vehicle pass is \$10. The Rathdrum Adventure Race will be held on September 12. More information can be found on www.RathdrumAdventureRace.com

Steve Kolb spoke on Lake-A-Syst, a program we have

adopted, and how it can help maintain and improve the quality of our lakes. Classes may be offered. Steve provided disks on the program, and how it applies to Twin Lakes, for anyone who was interested.

Boat Safety pamphlets were made available.

The community website is www.twinlakesidaho.org
The sediment removal project is currently "stuck" due to lack of adjacent landowner permission/land access.

NEW BUSINESS

The 4th of July flotilla will start at the upper end of the upper lake at 11 am on the 4th.

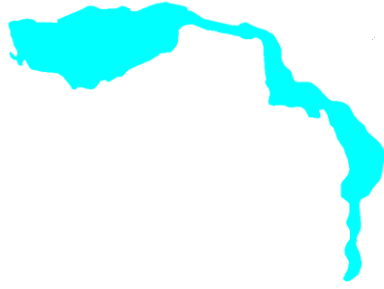
The Annual IEP Woods Tour will be on Friday, September 11, at 9am. Please sign-up on the list if you want to take part in this year's wood tour.

The meeting was adjourned. A board meeting will follow the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Ellis, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DUES

"What still costs only 5 dollars?" You have seen this message for quite a number of years. The hard truth is that we are evaluating raising the annual dues. Your board will have more information at the annual meeting. Keep in mind that we all want to have the quality of life, which Twin Lakes provides. Your board has worked hard to accomplish its goals at minimal costs. Lake clean up, sediment removal, water rights adjudication; are only a few of the issues we address that cost money. Please continue your support your board, by paying your membership fees. Your association continues working for the good and improvement of our valuable asset, clean and usable lakes. The number after your name on the mailing label indicates you are paid through June of that year (i.e., 2010 means that you're paid through June of 2010).



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Elections:

We have five (5) positions up for re-elections this year. If you are interested, please notify us by mail or let us know at the annual meeting. We strive to have representation from all areas of the lake.

THANKS TO OUR PRINTERS

Fellow Lake Association members Steve and Patty Johnston, owners of Johnston Printing, Spokane WA., have graciously assisted in the publication, printing and mailing of our newsletter.

Thank you Johnston Printing! (509-624-4407)

AGENCY CALL LIST 2010

AGENCY	REMARKS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE No.
Kootenai County Sheriff Dept.	Sheriff: R. Watson Recreational Safety Sgt. Street	Marine Unit Supervisor: Deputy Leader	446-1300
Northern Lakes Fire Protection District	Fire Chief; Dean Marcus Resid fire permits	Emergency Rathdrum Sta. Business / Admin	911 687-1815 772-5711
Idaho Dept. of Lands – Mica Forest Prot. Dist.	Boat access only; fire permits / May thru October		769-1577
Flood Control District #17 1 st Thurs month 7pm – TLV	Water level from 6'4" to 10'4" at the dam (high water)	Chairman; John Eixenberger Dam Keeper: Tim Sullivan	
Twin Lakes Water Dist #95c	Water level below 6'4" at the dam. (low water)	Chairman: Don Ellis Water master; Chet Parks	
North Kootenai Water District	Meets 1 st & 3 rd Thursday of each month at 12:30	Pres: Tom Crimmons Dist. Mgr: Mike Galante	772-3619
Dept. of Lands / Navigational Waters	Dock Permits	Carl Washburn	769-1577
Panhandle Health District	Septic system permits / new & revisions	Division Director; Dale Peck 8500 N. Atlas Rd., Hayden	415-5200
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	Environmental Quality issues, ie: cattle in lake, Hazardous Material spills, ect.	Tom Herron 2110 Ironwood Pkwy. Cd'A,	769-1422
Idaho Department of Water Resources	Water Rights	Reg. Manager; Robert Hanes 7600 Mineral Dr. #100 , Cd'A	762-2800
Kootenai County Building and Planning	Building permits, codes, Stormwater runoff	451 Government Way., Cd'A	446-1088
Twin Lakes Improvement Assoc.	Representing homeowners in both the upper & lower Twin Lakes	Pres. Steve Kolb P.O. Box 620 Rathdrum ID 83858	No phone – Please mail
Waterways & Parks of Kootenai County	Boat launch on upper Twin Lake	Nick Snyder	446-1275
Kootenai County Noxious Weeds		Linda Ely Weed Supervisor	446-1290



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DUES FORM – Please Mail responses to:

**TWIN LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 620
RATHDRUM, IDAHO 83858**

Name: _____

Give beach area if owner, or write “associate” : _____

Mailing Address: _____

Dues: \$5.00

2008 _____
2009 _____
2010 _____
Total \$ _____

Cash _____ Check _____

+ Donation (optional) \$ _____