



Our Purpose:

The purpose of the Lake Samish Association is to promote, encourage, protect, and enhance the social, public safety and environmental qualities of life in the greater Lake Samish basin and adjacent interdependent areas.

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LSA Fall Meeting

**Thursday, Oct. 22nd
7:00pm
at
Camp Lutherwood**

**Litter Pickup
Saturday,
Oct. 10th
9:00 am
Meet at
"The Rock"**

**The Lake Samish Swim-a-thon
29 Years of Success and Thanks!**

Gisela Gruenheit's Samish Swim-a-thon has been another huge success this year, going 29 years strong thanks to all the support and generosity from the Bellingham community. People have donated their money, time, equipment and so much more for swimmers of all ages and levels to enjoy the swim-a-thon. I would like to extend an extra special thank you to all the swimmers and volunteers who have made this all happen for so many years. First, I'd like to recognize the swimmers and their race times.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Swimmer/Team(*)</u>	<u>Oarsman</u>
1.	1:25.24	# 11 - Tim Settem	Gary Nelson
2.	1:27.52	# 1 - Alicia Baddorf	Valery Baddorf
3.	1:29.08	# 10 - Vicki Hasse	Annie Peterson
4.	1:39.34	# 8 - Chris Stacey	Tony La Londe
5.	1:43.28	# 3 - Lise Ellner	Linda Sullivan
6.	1:48.35	# 4 - Marc Geisler	Steve Ellsworth
7.	1:48.35	# 6 - Mike & Eric Chomka*	Garrett Chomka
8.	1:48.49	# 5 - Marcu Fairbanks/ Fred Berman*	Fairbanks/Berman
9.	1:51.38	# 2 - Mike Sullivan	Michael Waite
10.	1:56.29	# 9 - Gisela Gruenheit* Dave & Grady Hewlett/ Matthew Bobbink	Miranda Hewlett
11.	2:09.37	# 7 - Sharon Belk-Krebs	Steve Gruenheit

Thank you to the following individuals for their generous donations. Gordon & Eilene Harang, Michael Sullivan, Steve Brinn, Jim Swift, Deke & Joan Lussier, Mike Chomka, Clarice Wilsey, Mona Readon, Steve & Joan Ellsworth, Joe & Linda Pooley, Dick & Linda Nelson, Chuck & Bertha Rogers, Jane Relin, Bob & Madeline Smith, Pat & Barb Curry, Jeff & Janet Monks, Brian & Mary Clark, Mark Fairbanks, Ed & Terry Hanson, Curt McIvor, Lise Ellner, Elizabeth Schlemmer, Gordon & Pam Nolan, Dan & Faith Bult, Christopher Stacey, Timothy Settem, John & Mary Hickman, Dennis & Stephanie Morgan, Pat Russell, Roy & Carol Ericsson, Tom & Zora McMaster, Hewlett Family, Marian Harang, Boblink Family, Alice Sandin, Dee Zimmerman, Robert & Gillian Wilson, Mark & Julie Barr, Jim Moore, Wilma & Dale French, Bill & Phoebe Vanderboom, Hazel Simpson, CC & W Coen, Mary Ann Taormina, JoAnn Evanger, David Lezete, W.C Courtney, Paul & Becca Joostens, Wendy Wefer-Clinton, Bill & Dawn Wefer, Patricia Perry, Winton Wefer, Lorita Wefer, Lynne Glenovich, Dora Grazer, Carolyn & Gary Nordtvelt, John & Cheryl Mac Pherson, Dwayne & Macy Carolee, Jan Seymour, Steve Lindberg, Bryan Jameson, Michele Yoteh, Heidi Alford, George Muldrow, Bob Bragg, David Augusto, Marc & Joyce Geisler, John Cofrin, Won Ja Kim, Michael Gaston, Don & Joanie Whitesner, Dawn Dietrick, Jessica Flanic, Paul Grant, Selig Family, Vicki Hassi, Mimi Poehlman, Kristy Mibrocki, Dave Klingensmith, Patty McQueary, the Baddorf family, Sharon Belk-Krebs, Virginia & L.E. Paradis, Kathleen English.

A special thank you to the two local business donors, Northwest Recycling and Mills Electric!

This year contributions totaled **\$4,700**, which will be donated directly to the **Lake Samish Fire Department**.

An additional thank you goes to the following people for their time, equipment and property:
 Steve & Joan Ellsworth, Bill Wefer, Julie & Mark Barr for the use of their boats
 Fred Wefer and the Lake Samish Fire Department/Paramedics for the start siren, finish first aid and support!
 Eric Huntoon for Boat Patrol Safety
 Rita Wefer for accounting and many years of race day support!
 Hank Scherring and Gordon Harris also for several years of race day support and time keeping.
 Pam Nolan for transportation to and from Lutherwood
 Lutherwood Camp for allowing us to finish our swim at their dock

Another heartfelt thank you from to all the people who have made this happen for 29 years strong, and who are already planning and getting ready for the 30th annual Swim-a-thon next year. There is no way I could have done this without everybody's help and support!

Thank you, Gisela Gruenheit

It is important to start out by telling everyone in the Lake Samish area that the new Fire Authority is going great. We have made positive strides toward better Fire and EMS services for our area than we ever could have on our own. That being said, there are some rumors going around that the donations made to the Fire Department are not staying in our area. We still have our Fireman's Association, as we have for 25 years, which is totally separate from the Fire Authority. This means all the funds collected from the Swim-a-thon, and other events stay here for your local Fire Department to buy the Fire Fighting and EMS equipment we other wise would have to go with out. The better equipped we are, the better job we can do, and everyone is a winner.

Many thanks to all the swimmers and rowers for a fantastic job again this year, we hope you will join us again next year for the 30th Swim-a-thon. This event has been such a huge part of our community. Special recognition has to go to Gisela Gruenheit, who has been instrumental in keeping it going for so many years.

I also want to thank all the people who live on Roy Road for another very successful event this year; the Triathlon brought in \$6,500.00 and we hope to do even better next year. Our friends at Camp Lutherwood were a huge help, without them this event would not be possible, so thanks to Bob and his crew.

You might ask why we are doing the Triathlon. For those of you who may be newer to the area, in the past we always offered a salmon BBQ along with the swim-a-thon, and it was a great time for all. The last five years have not been very successful for Fire Department. The salmon BBQ was never a real money maker but more of a Lake social, where once a year all the Lake folks would gather for some great food and see the neighbors they had not seen since the year before, catching up on all the good things like kids, grandkids etc. Unfortunately in the last five years the amount of people attending the event went from 300 to 54. Although the Salmon BBQ had sentimental value and it was a way for us to say thanks for the support, we realized it was time to figure out how to raise money more efficiently but still have the community involved in a fun event. We started the Lake Samish Triathlon as a fund raiser, which has been a great success.

In closing, I would again like to thank the people on Roy Road and ask all of the Lake community to please be supportive next year when we are doing our fund raiser, it is only 3 hours and a very big help for your Fire Fighters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

WECU Balance Jan 1, 2009	\$5345.91
Income Jan – Aug 2009	\$3646.72
Expenses Jan – Aug 2009	\$2824.27
(2009 Dues Reminder Postcard, March & June Newsletters, Children's Easter Expenses, General Corporate Insurance and Director and Officer Insurance)	
WECU Balance Sept 1, 2009	\$6168.36
Total Paid LSA Members for 2009	148

Calendar of Events



October 10th, Litter Pickup
Meet at "The Rock" at **9:00am**
Join your neighbors & help clean up your neighborhood
Contact : Joan Ellsworth - 756-7577

October 22nd, Fall LSA Meeting
7:00pm @ Camp Lutherwood
New Lake Samish Stormwater Plan; Kirk Christensen
Proposed County Library Levy; Joan Airoidi
Boat Launch Update, Dan Bult
Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided

Water Quality

Just recently the Lake Samish Watershed Management Advisory Committee (LSWMAC) voted to "temporarily suspend" all activities. Established in 2003 by the Board of Commissioners for the Samish Water District, its purpose was to give residents a forum for staying informed regarding issues relative to water quality within the area. Whatcom County has now taken the lead role in regards to issues and actions relative to water quality and watershed management in the Samish water basin and therefore it considers the Samish Water District's advisory committee redundant.

The Whatcom County Stormwater Division has received \$110,000 worth of funding for the preparation of a Lake Samish Stormwater Plan. The LSA has invited Kirk Christensen to the General Meeting on **October 22nd** to explain this development in further detail.
Try to attend this meeting!

Whatcom County Council

The Council, in it's July 7, 2009 meeting, unanimously adopted an interim ordinance modifying the dates for seasonal restrictions on clearing activities in the Lake Whatcom, Lake Samish, Lake Padden, Drayton Harbor and Birch Bay watersheds. This interim ordinance changes the dates for restrictions on clearing activities from September 1 through April 30 to October 1 through May 31, and a deadline is imposed on the issuance of development permits to two weeks prior to the seasonal closure date. The changes reflect observations that the risk to Lake Whatcom due to construction activities is less during the revised period. Interim ordinances must be renewed every six month. A public hearing is required before the renewal. Ordinance 2009-56. Adopted 7-0.

July 4 Boat Parade



“Best Decorated Boat.”

This years 2009 honorary Commodore, Ryan Stiles, awarded Greg & June Jones of 767 W. Lake Samish winner of the July 4 Parade “Best Decorated Boat.”

They received a gift certificate to Starbucks.



Summer Vehicle Traffic

Vehicle traffic is becoming a greater and greater concern around the lake. As many of you have known for quite some time, and new residents are just finding out, there has been an increasing number of “visitors” to our small lake community. While these visitors are not normally a problem, sometimes on very hot and sunny weekends, they can overwhelm our public park and public boat launch areas. Some of them are becoming an increasing nuisance by parking in designated no-parking areas, crowding the streets (N. Lake Samish & E. Lake Samish) with their vehicle and/or boat, by parking over the white fire line, speeding, littering, etc. We all want to welcome visitors to our beautiful lake but we also want them to abide by the same rules and regulations we abide by and to respect our people and property.

In June a letter was written by Dan Bult, LSA President, and mailed to 54 addresses nearest the public park and boat launch to try and address some of these concerns and access public support on how to address them in the future. **Only 4 residents responded!** Evidently, this is not as large a problem as the Association was initially led to believe. Please see our website (LakeSamish.org/Issues/Sheriff_Vehicle.html) for more information.

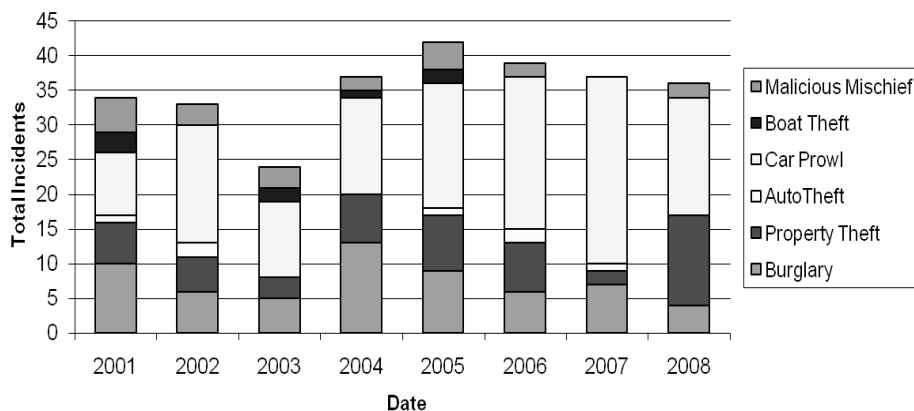
Boat Launch Update

Kye Iris, from the Dept of Fish & Wildlife, recently stated that the funding for a new boat launch, dock, float, bathroom and redesigned parking lot has been “rescinded”, and this money was forwarded to the Washington Parks Dept program. This does not mean, however, that we won’t see this project come back in the near future. Not only does Fish & Wildlife have a responsibility to fix a damaged launch, they are also considering resubmitting the current plan in 2010 to the Washington Recreation Conservation Office for another round of funding. Plan to attend our October 22nd Meeting to see how you can be involved with this project. Please see www.LakeSamish.org/issues/boat_launch.html for additional information

Crime Report

We recently received updated statistics from the Sheriff’s office (see graph below) for 2008. As you can see we’ve had a slow decrease each year in the total number of incidents, from a high in 2005. Please also notice that criminals now seem to be switching their theft targets. A decrease can be seen in “car prowls” (making entry into an automobile & stealing an item) with an increase in “property theft” (an item left around the house such as lawn mower, cell phone, or purse). Please visit our website (LakeSamish.org/Issues/Blockwatch.html) for further information.

Lake Samish Crime Graph



Association Status

At the spring Business Meeting the members voted, unanimously, to approve new Articles of Incorporation for the LSA. For years the LSA has acted without being a state registered designated organization. Since that meeting we have filed and have been approved by the State of Washington as a non-profit corporation. No changes were made to the By-Laws.

Also approved by the Board recently was an insurance policy for its Directors. This protects members of the Board with personal liability insurance against the threat of a future suit. However, this has become not only standard operating procedure with any Board of Directors, but also has become a necessity to attract quality people to volunteer their service to our Board. This insurance will be voted on annually.

WWU Ski Team Set To Make It Rain At Upcoming Regional Tournament

The WWU Water Ski Team began tournament season with a bang this fall. Weekly practices at Borderline, their home lake in Blaine, and access to a boat on Lake Samish all summer created great opportunities for skiers to improve in the slalom, trick, and jump events. WWU placed 8th with only 5 of a possible 8 skiers posting scores at Fall Opener at Sky Lake in Chico, CA. Individual skiers posted impressive scores as well. Senior and team captain Kelly Thees had a personal best of 3.5 buoys at 30 mph in the slalom event and placed 4th overall. Sophomore and team vice president Carl Skerlong jumped 107 feet to tie for 2nd in the event and 7th overall.

Sunny skies and 80 degree weather at WWU's annual Info Fair on September 21st & 22nd brought hundreds of intrigued students to the Ski Team's boat in Red Square. Fourteen new members will now create competition in each event for the upcoming Regional Tournament at Shortline Lake in Elk Grove, CA on October 10th & 11th. Each team can have up to 5 females and 5 males compete in each event. If the team performs well at the tournament they have a very good chance of qualifying for the National Championships for the first time since 1993. The National Championships tournament is scheduled for the weekend of October 22nd in Bakersfield, CA.

Coaches Ron and Terry Goodman, along with professional jumper Mark Lane continue to dedicate their time to driving and coaching the team. The turning weather has not deterred the team from training for the upcoming regional tournament and having high hopes for a trip to Nationals!

Samish Park Improvements

The Whatcom County 2009-2010 Budget has targeted Samish Park to receive upgrades and improvements between now and 2014. These include: replacing [paddle] boat dock, resurface parking areas and roadways, redesign and expand upper parking lot, replace fishing dock, playground upgrades, replace walkways, deck improvements, trail improvements and renovate restrooms/kitchen.

Lake Samish Association - Board of Directors

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