

Shore to Shore News



Swartswood Lakes & Watershed Association, Inc., PO Box 44, Swartswood, NJ 07877

May 2009

President's Message:

Spring is off to an active start at Swartswood Lake. The Blair Crew Team has been in training since early April, SYC hosted the SANJL Sunfish Regatta on May 16 and the Paradise Fishing Club has a Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday May 23. Some details about the regatta and the fishing derby are attached. SLWA is kicking off the season with our Spring Meeting. The meeting will be 10 a.m. Saturday June 6, 2009 at Townley Hall, Camp Lou Henry Hoover, Swartswood Lake. Please plan to be there. Trustees meet at 9 a.m.

From the invasive weed control standpoint, current indications are that the winter lake level drawdown was effective. Water clarity is good and I find no milfoil by my dock. Last year at this time the milfoil was evident and growing. Our best gauge of the invasive weed control effectiveness will be July and August.

SLWA met with NJDEP on October 20, 2008 and February 23, 2009. Both meetings were very productive with good exchange of information. The meetings addressed both short term and long term goals for Swartswood Lakes and the NJDEP Lake Management Plan. SLWA and NJDEP are simultaneously developing a master Lake Management Plan, i.e. applicable as a guide for any lake, and the Swartswood Lakes specific Lake Management Plan. Three short term items SLWA is pursuing are:

1. Upgrading the lake monitoring program to assist in long term decision making for lake water quality improvements.
2. More frequent lowering of Swartswood Lake, as this is the least expensive approach to invasive weed control. Our lake consultants have recommended lowering as frequent as every two years.
3. Allowing controlled use of herbicides by homeowners for waterfront weed control. Herbicide usage for 2009 should not be needed because of the lake lowering. The target is to have an herbicide program in place for 2010, and to cooperatively manage the program with the park.

Follow-up to the DEP meetings will be discussed during the June 6 meeting. We will need volunteers who perform lake water sampling to become trained in DEP sampling quality control procedures.

A special thanks to the Boathouse for strong support of the February ice fishing derby and the May 23 Trout and Walleye Fishing Tournament. The Boathouse has provided the command center, a meting place, live bait and good food.

See you on the lake and at the June 4 meeting.

Best Regards,
Randy Sprague

Swartswood Yacht Club:

By Jim Bastinck, Regatta Chairman

Twenty nine Sunfish racers competed in Saturday's SANJL Sunfish Regatta hosted by SYC at Swartswood Lake. Under cloudy skies, winds built from 5 to 12mph with a few higher gusts.

SYC racers included Mike Killen, Lydia & John Bessler, Becky Haszko, Bill Shannon and Jim Bastinck. Steve Manson was the top racer with a point score of six for the four race regatta. Becky Haszko won an award for fifth place in the Challenger Division.

The SYC Committee boat, newly re-decked & carpeted and re-wired Shady Lady, was ably headed up by Kevin Haszko with help on board from Elaine Haszko and Dale Canfield. Steve Bastinck was on board for photography.

Special thanks for Howard Caton coming out with his pontoon boat as Chase Boat and hippity hop mover with assistance on board from Miguel Rivera. Both boats communicated with each other and Adele at the land base with two way radios provided by Steve Bastinck.

Ashore, Adele Bastinck and Nan Canfield worked Registration under a canopy provided by Drew Emmetts. Susan & Bill Shannon provided hot & cold beverages, muffins, snacks, and a variety of fresh sandwiches for all in an elegant manner.

Peter Aguila arrived early to assist with parking and he, Bill and Jim combined to rake a large amount of washed ashore leaves from the recently improved boat launch area. Large slabs of stone have been carefully placed in the Hendershot boat launch area under State Park Superintendent Blanca Chevrestt direction to make for a firm base for trailer launching of boats. Blanca also arranged to have a large Porta Jon moved on site for this event. Thank you Blanca!



SANJL Chairman Derek Jackson thanked SYC for their hospitality and awarded five prizes to both the Challenger and the Champion Division top finalists.

SANJL's final two Regattas will be at Highland Lakes in September and at Green Pond in October. Visit SANJL on the web for details.

Nice to see Department: Four racers were teenagers, one of whom finished seventh overall and first in the Challenger Division. The oldest racer, at 81, finished in the top five of the Challenger Division. A sport for all ages!



Dues reminder

Have you paid your dues yet! If not, why not make out at check today. Just \$35 for family membership made out to SLWA. And remember, it is tax deductible.

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SLWA Web Page

Jim Stark has taken the lead and developed a SWLA web page which can be found at the address listed below. Our thanks to Jim! Expect the web page to continue to evolve with new information

<http://www.geocities.com/slwainc/home.html>

SLWA Spring Public Meeting (Save the date!)

10 AM Saturday June 6, 2009 at Townley Hall, Camp Lou Henry Hoover, Swartswood Lake. Townley Hall is the first right immediately after you enter the camp.