

Lake Sutherland Newsletter

Lake Sutherland Management District 2 Steering Committee

Winter 2013

Lake Sutherland milfoil control: eat, play, dive



Jan Snyder gets his boat, Patches, a familiar sight on the lake, ready for a workday. Weed sites are now numbered.

The Lake Sutherland Management District isn't all work and no play when volunteers gather in the summer for "weed-pull days."

Last August, this sunny day brought a strong turnout, good food, and a first-ever mapping program to add numbered tags to all the site markers posted at trouble spots around the lake.

For a report on the results, see the other side of this newsletter.



One of our many volunteer divers takes a break at Wares' in Heron Cove.



Weed-pull Saturdays are great times for community visiting over potluck meals at Maple Grove.

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Lake Calendar

Schedule for 2013:

Steering Committee meets, May 21
(tentatively).

Steering Committee meets, Aug. 20.

Community weed pull, Aug. 24.

Steering Committee meets, Sept. 17.

Community weed pull, Sept. 21.

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Some tools of the trade.

Evil weeds 'move'

One of the most striking findings from 2012 weed-control work in Lake Sutherland is that the Eurasian milfoil is not very predictable, especially when animal activity is prevalent.

The work of a few busy beavers in the lake last year appears to have been the chief cause of plant blooms in unexpected places, says Lake Management District Administrator Cathy Lucero.

Her data shows, however, that overall there were 15 percent fewer such plants pulled out of the lake than in 2011.

Nevertheless, she said, the "hotspots" on the lake are Thompson Point and Heron Cove, where beavers were most active. More plants were pulled at those sites (176 in Heron Cove and 120 around Thompson Point) than in the entirety of the rest of the lake.

She also reported to the steering committee at its January meeting that the budget is in good shape, with a safe balance of \$3,477 in 2012's accounting.