



# Lost Island Protective Association Newsletter

Spring 2010

President: Gary Small  
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L.I.P.A. Mission Statement: *To encourage high environmental quality of the lake area and agree to support steps necessary for continuing and proper usage.*

## *Upcoming Dates to Remember!*

**Ditch Clean Up**.....**May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Meet at the Corner Store at 7:30 for coffee and rolls. Start time at 8:00.

**Nature Center Wings and Wetland Program**.....**May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Annual Wings and Wetlands Weekend. Activities will include a swan release, bird hike, canoeing, Greenwings and Ringnecks Youth Program. Guest speaker, Chris Anderson will present "Bushcraft Survival". Go to [www.paccb.org](http://www.paccb.org) for more details.

**L.I.P.A. Pancake Breakfast**.....**June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
A free will offering breakfast will be held at the Ruthven American Legion from 7:30 to 12:30. All donations will be given to the Lake Restoration Project.

**Junk Day**.....**June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Meet at the Corner Store at 7:30 for coffee and rolls. Start time at 8:00.

**Association Picnic**.....**June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Meet at the Shelter House in Houston Park at 5:30 for a short informative meeting with a free membership supper served afterwards with door prizes.

**Garage Sale**.....**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Saturday from 8-1:00. If interested in participating let Nancy Drum (837-4430) know so she can add your sale in the local advertisements.

**Hog Roast**.....**July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
A free will offering supper will be held at Bully's in Ruthven starting at 5:00 with the "Christmas at the Lake" quilt raffle. All donations will be given to the Lake Restoration Project.

The Lost Island Protective Association is making its mark on the successful future of Lost Island Lake by currently being involved in two major projects. Jim Neighbors, the LIPA representative for the lake restoration has been diligent in sharing information about the progress being made. He will get all of you up to speed in his portion of the news letter. As you are reading this, the Lost Island Trail project is moving forward as well. The engineer, along with Steve Pitts from the Palo Alto County conservation, has been conscientiously laying out the actual placement of the trail, beginning in the area of Huston Park. That portion of the course has been plotted and is visible in the vicinity of the pink flags. The first signs of trail project work will be in the form of brush removal. Because we were successful in receiving a second grant from PACGDC we will plan to be pouring concrete in the 2010 construction season.

Of course, the first phase of the trail project is just the beginning. We are looking ahead to future grants and with that will be additional means of meeting our “matching funds” obligation. Several fund raisers are in the works and we encourage you to support as many of them as you can. One fund raiser in particular is the beautiful quilt made for the trail project by the area quilt group, the Classic Quilters. Jill Williamson from Ruthven donated the machine quilting. Tickets may be purchased from any of the LIPA board members.

Corporate sponsors are in integral part of the success of our money raising potential. Many thanks to those of you who have participated in this project thus far. Your expression of faith in this project is greatly appreciated.



*Gary Small, President*

*Lost Island Protective Association*

# Water Quality Project

Early in March, another big step in the Lost Island Lake restoration project was taken. The first of a series of seining took place. In spite of very foggy and rainy conditions, Greg Mohr's fishing crew hit the ice. In a process you have to see to believe, the crew was able to remove 73,000 pounds of carp, 105,000 pounds of buffalo, and 100 pounds of sheephead in just three days. That comes to 178,100 pounds of the project's 400,000 pound goal of rough fish that need to be removed this year. Mohr stated that in 25 years, this is one of the top ten fish pulls he has ever seen. He and his crew plan to return to Lost Island the last week of April or the first week in May to seine again.

We plan to have a slide show of this process available at the Protective Association's annual picnic. You may enjoy seeing photos of this process which was quite amazing.

In addition to the seining process, other steps in the project are also underway:

- Fish barriers in Blue Wing Marsh are in place to stop rough fish from moving into areas for reproduction.
- The draw-down of Barringer Slough has begun. This will restore vegetation and reduce spawning areas for the rough fish.
- Funding is still in place for this project. Please encourage your state representatives to continue supporting this restoration project and thank them for helping us restore clean water at Lost Island Lake and Barringer Slough.
- The rock reef has been completed on the north shore to provide additional fish habitat.

We need to also thank the DNR, state and local conservation personnel for their work on this important pilot project in the State of Iowa. A big thank you to our members of the Protective Association for their support, too. A project of this size gets accomplished only when all of us work together.

If you have questions pertaining to the Water Quality Project, feel free to contact Jim Neighbors at 712-260-6897 or 712-837-4806.

Activate your membership at the L.I.P.A. picnic on  
June 19th or mail your \$15.00 membership to:  
L.I.P.A., P.O. Box 383, Ruthven, IA 51358

Some things your paid membership of \$15.00 goes towards...

Buoy's  
Sanitary/Sewer District  
Ruthven Fire Department  
Newspaper Ad  
Weather Warning System

Mailings and Postage  
Annual Picnic  
Garage Sale  
Environmental Quality

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- I am a new member.  
 I am an existing

## L.I.P.A. Membership 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake 911 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Same as lake address

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional:

Any additional money I give will be donated to the following project(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bike Trails Project      and/or      \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Restoration Project