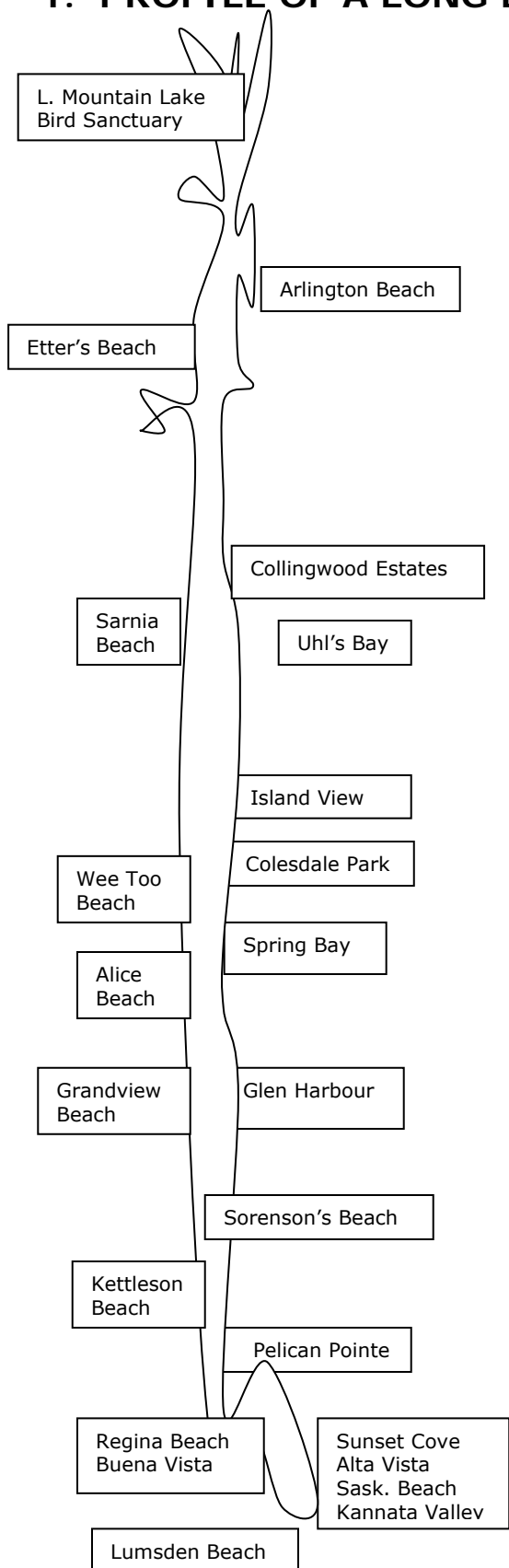


PARCS UPDATE #11 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2010



1. PROFILE OF A LONG LAKE



Last Mountain Lake, also known as Long Lake, is over 90 km long but only 3 km wide at its widest point.

Located approximately 40 km north-west of Regina, the lake is a popular resort area for southern Saskatchewan with several dozen resort communities located along its shores.

Last Mountain Lake is fed by Last Mountain Creek, Lewis creek and the Arm River. The only outflow from the lake is via Last Mountain Creek into the Qu'Appelle River past Craven.

The north end of the lake is very shallow and contains wetlands. Site of the first federal bird sanctuary in North America, the area is home to more than 280 bird species including 9 of Canada's threatened or endangered birds.

The south end of the lake is its most populated area. The Town of Regina Beach and the Village of Buena Vista are home to approximately 1,700 permanent residents, along with their summer populations. The area boasts the Regina Beach Yacht Club, a full scale marina and a large public beach area.

The growth in the number of lake properties along Last Mountain Lake has been exponential. The RM of McKillop, located on the south-east shores of the lake, has seen the establishment of 4 new subdivisions since 2007 as a result of privately owned land being sold to developers.

The lake is the site of many recreational activities such as boating, waterskiing, parasailing, and skidooring. Saskatchewan Beach is home to a large sailing club and has hosted of number of sailing regattas.

One of the most interesting resort communities on the lake is Sarnia Beach (see pictures and sidebar story on page 3).

2. PROFILE OF A CONVENTION

The 24th annual PARCS Convention is set to go at the Saskatoon Inn on October 14, 15 and 16th. Here's some of what you need to know about the event:

- **Convention brochures** were mailed to every community 10 days ago.
- Residents in **Organized Hamlets** may be interested in attending the pre-convention workshop on Thursday, October 14th, at 4:00 p.m. to learn more about the steps for **acquiring resort village status**. Faced with increasing assessments on their resort properties, some organized hamlets have expressed an interest in controlling their own taxation rates through self-government.
- Residents in **Resort Villages** may be interested in attending the pre-convention workshop on Thursday, October 14th at 4:00 p.m. to learn more about the **requirements for hiring qualified administrators**. This session will be led by members of the Urban Municipal Administrators' Board of examiners.
- We have a very special guest as entertainment during our Thursday evening social. Acclaimed photographer and editor of Prairies North magazine, **Lionel Hughes** will take us on a visual tour around the gems of our province, from prairie to pine.
- Back by popular demand – **Leslie Tuchek** will challenge us to think about the choices between **Recreation or Environmental Destruction**.
- A workshop on **Environmental Reserves** will tell us what they are, why we need them and how they are created.
- A workshop on **Who Owns the Beaches** will feature a panel discussion between government agencies and resort communities about the issues dealing with boat launches, docks and preserving our lakeshores.
- A **MEMBERS FAIR** will feature communities sharing their experience in dealing with the day by day challenges in keeping their communities safe and operational. These **mini-sessions** will include such topics as
 - Decommissioning a land fill
 - Enhancing your community centre
 - Setting up a recycling program
 - Trail building
 - Others
- Convention participants who make their room reservations **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20th** will qualify for a draw for a FREE ROOM AT THE SASKATOON INN. Call the Saskatoon Inn at **242-1440** or toll free at **1-800-667-8789** early to qualify to win. Be sure to ask for the PARCS convention rate.
- Member communities are reminded that resolutions must be received by October 1st.
- Guest speaker **Richard Huziak** will enthral us as we ponder the issue of **Dark Skies and Light Pollution** in our resort communities.
 - Many more workshops.
- Convention registration begins on Thursday, Oct. 14th at 3:00 p.m. with and the opening remarks at 7:00 p.m.
 - Convention adjourns at noon on Saturday, Oct. 16th.
- See page 4 for Registration forms.



3. Photos from Long Lake



TOP - VIEW ACROSS LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE – This photo, taken from the front of Chairman George Watson’s cottage, shows the log relatively flat profile of the eastern shoreline of this Long Lake.

LEFT – SARNIA BEACH, Saskatchewan’s Venice-like community – Sarnia Beach is a unique community on the west side of Last Mountain Lake. It was formed in 1960 by the dredging of a large u-shaped canal dug in the shoreline and connected to the lake. Cottage sites are located along both sides of the canal and thus, all sites have waterfront access.

BOTTOM – Entrance to the canal at Sarnia Beach from Last Mountain Lake.



REMINDER - Convention registrations may be sent by mail (see next page), or they may be faxed or emailed with fees to follow.

4. Fax your registration and/or membership to 854-4412

Convention Registration:
(detach and mail)

Name of Community: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact phone no: _____

Number of attending **members (voting delegates)** - Includes all meals, banquet & Pre-Convention seminar):
_____ x \$175 = \$ _____

Number of attending **non-members (non-voting)** - Includes all meals, banquet & Pre-Convention Seminar):
_____ x \$275 = \$ _____

Number of spousal registration packages (Includes all meals and banquet):
_____ x \$150 = \$ _____

Number of extra banquet tickets:
_____ x \$ 40 = \$ _____

WALK-IN REGISTRATION for the following HALF-DAYS (no meals included):

___ Thurs. afternoon (pre-convention seminar)

___ Friday morning

___ Friday afternoon

___ Saturday morning

_____ x \$50 = \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed: = \$ _____

Names of Voting Delegates

Questions? Call or email

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saas@sasktel.net

Watch our Web Site for more convention updates: **Parcs-sk.com**

It's not too late to join PARCS
Detach and mail

Name of organization: _____

Check one:

___ Resort Village

___ Organized Hamlet

___ Cottage Owners' Association

___ Rural Municipality

Please accept this application for an **active membership** in PARCS with the number of voting delegates as shown:

___ \$50 for 1-30 cottages (2 voting delegates)

___ \$125 for 31-49 cottages (3 voting delegates)

___ \$195 for 50-149 cottages (4 voting delegates)

___ \$265 for 150-249 cottages (5 voting delegates)

___ \$385 for 250-499 cottages (6 voting delegates)

___ \$550 for 500+ cottages (7 voting delegates)

___ Please accept this application for an **associate membership** (non-voting) in PARCS at an annual rate of \$100.

Authorization Name / Title:
_____ / _____

Signature:

Contact Address:

Postal code: _____

Contact phone number:

Email (important for newsletters):
