



Lacombe Fish and Game Association

The Lacombe Fish and Game Association Annual Newsletter – January 2025

To our Amazing Sponsors and Members...

On behalf of the Executive Board, we want to thank each of our Sponsors, Members and Volunteers of the LFGA. We had another exciting year!

To our corporate sponsors, our three year sponsorship agreement ends as of April 2025. Thank you VERY much for your contribution. Together, we have been able to accomplish many signature projects for conservation and for our community. All existing sponsors will have the right of first refusal before we approach any other organizations for the 2025 – 2028 sponsorship package. One of our Board members will reach out in the coming months to humbly ask for your continue support. There are several additional benefits we are looking forward to share at that time.

We are also eager to host many of you, once again, at our Second Annual LFGA Awards Night and Banquet. This event will be taking place at the LMC on Saturday, March 29th. Tables will go on sale January 15th. People and organizations that purchased a table last year will have the first opportunity to confirm their spot this year. Expect an evening of good food, good drinks, good company and lots of amazing auction items.

Finally, I personally want to extend my extra appreciation to the many core volunteers and members of the Board. We have been able to accomplish a great many things over the last several years. That could not be accomplished without your dedication.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns at president@lfga.ca.

Sincerely,

Brad Pallister
President



Kids Can Catch

Once again, our flagship event took place on a beautiful day on June 1, 2024. We had an estimated 400 participants on hand to utilize our 'one year old' fully accessible dock. Another 500 trout were stocked by the kids, including two dozen 2lb+ rainbows. This year, the fishing conditions seemed to be more favorable as many kids were seen catching during the day.

We were pleased to be joined by Alberta Hunters Education Instructors Association (AHEIA) with their archery trailer and wildlife trailer. The kids loved this new addition to the day!

As always, fishing equipment is available to all to borrow for the day, LFGA volunteers help teach first time anglers, many prizes are given away and every participant is fed a free hot lunch.

A special THANK YOU to the Alberta Conservation Association's Education Grant and Heidelberg Materials for paying for AND cooking lunch for everyone this year!

To see more photos from the event visit the LFGA Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19fqFTzFn6/>



Alberta Wildlife Federation Conference

The LFGA was humbled to be recognized at the 2024 AWF AGM and Conference with not one, but two prestigious awards. The Neville Lindsay Memorial Award is awarded to the Association or individual for completing the best fisheries project. The George E. Watt Award is awarded to the Association or member who makes the highest financial contribution or raises the most funds towards a fish and wildlife project. Both awards were received in recognition for the Len Thompson Trout Pond Accessible Dock project. These awards were appreciated, and also help to spread the word of the good work that the LFGA is accomplishing in our community.



LFGA First Annual Awards and Fundraising Banquet

For many decades, the LFGA has recognized and awarded LFGA member anglers and hunters for the largest harvest or catch in a variety of categories. The event was traditionally a more modest affair that took place at Burbank Hall and was attended by between 50-100 people. The 2024 event took it up a notch. The Board wanted to make this event into a larger celebration that brought in additional, like-minded people from around the community. Further, the LFGA wanted to combine the Awards night with a fundraising banquet dedicated to a particular project or LFGA cause that year. We are extremely excited to share that we had over 320 people in attendance and were able to raise \$23,679.00. This amount will be leveraged with publicly available grant money to construct a new playground at the Len Thompson Trout Pond. The LFGA is planning to have construction of the playground completed in late summer / early fall 2025.



The LFGA hosted the Zone 3 interclub winners for 2024 awards as well. Between LFGA member winners and interclub winners, nearly 30 wildlife awards were given away. In addition, there was an extra special ceremony to recognize the lifetime contributions of LFGA member, Dave Powell. Effective immediately, the East Stormwater Trout Pond is to be renamed Powell Pond.

Thank you to each and every sponsor, attendee and volunteer that helped to make this an amazing evening!



Public Fish Stockings

The LFGA, along with significant contributions from our partners the City of Lacombe, the Alberta Conservation Association and the Government of Alberta, stocked nearly 4000 rainbow and tiger trout into the Len Thompson Trout Pond and 1100 rainbow trout and brown trout into Powell Pond (formerly East Stormwater Pond) over the 2024 season. For more information, visit <https://www.lfga.ca/fishing.html>.

World's Largest Lure

The LFGA is pleased to help maintain the Len Thompson Trout Pond park. As part of that maintenance, the LFGA refurbished the hook portion of the lure that had a flaw in the coating. It's removal for several weeks was definitely noticed by the public as several concerned citizens and visitors called assuming it was stolen! Around the same time the hook was installed, the LFGA was notified by Google Maps that the World's Largest Lure had been searched 500,000 times by visitors seeking it out. That's a lot of visitors.





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The Lacombe Fish and Game Association would like to recognize the following corporate sponsors who have generously contributed to our local fisheries projects.



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Monthly Meetings

The LFGA holds meetings at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception of July and August. Meetings generally last an average of 1 hour, and allow all members to participate with the organization. A social event occurs at the conclusion of each meeting, and a \$50 attendance draw is won by a member at the end of each meeting (usually Dave James). We would love to meet you at these meetings.