

LAKE PLACID NEWS

Dam Duck Race: Rotary Club to release 1,500 rubber ducks down the Chubb River



A large rubber duck swims in Mill Pond Wednesday, June 12 to promote the Lake Placid Rotary Club's annual Dam Duck Race on Saturday, June 15. (News photo — Andy Flynn)

LAKE PLACID – The day before Father’s Day will be Duck Day in the Olympic village.

On Saturday, June 15, the Rotary Club of Lake Placid will be sending about 1,500 yellow, rubber ducks over the Mill Pond Dam and down the Chubb River in its biggest and most popular fundraising event of the year – the 16th annual Dam Duck Race.

Downriver at the finish line, volunteers with nets on the end of long poles will capture the ducks. People sponsor the numbered ducks with the hope of winning prize money, with first place worth \$1,500. There will also be cash prizes for the second- and third-place ducks, a \$100 karaoke prize for the crowd favorite, and a raffle to win \$1,000 worth of Stewart’s gas and gift cards.

The Dam Duck Race is headquartered at Lisa G’s restaurant at the corner of Sentinel Road and Station Street. Hosted for 16 years by Lisa Grigoriadis at her establishment, the Dam Duck Race will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Before the race, which begins at 7 p.m., participants are invited to Lisa’s G’s deck and terrace for an all-you-can-eat barbecue, while food lasts. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 10.

There will also be music, a mechanical bull, jousting and a chance to sample local craft brews and a cold glass of lemonade made by the Rotary Club’s youngest member, Holly Erenstone.

Proceeds from this event support Lake Placid community projects such as Adirondack Health, Backpack Program, BOCES New Vision, Ecumenical Food Pantry, Lake Placid Beautification Committee, Lake Placid Community Day, Lake Placid High School Choir, Lake Placid Outing Club, Lake Placid High School After-Prom Party, Lake Placid Volunteer Ambulance Service, Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society, Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, North Elba Christmas Fund and the Thomas Shipman Memorial Youth Center.

Duck tickets and gas card raffle tickets are available for purchase at the UPS Store, Lisa G’s, Gordon W. Pratt Agency and from Rotary Club

members. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. For more information, visit online at www.rotarylakeplacid.com OR www.damduckrace.com.
