



The Buck Lake Association Inc.

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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

Buck Lake Newsletter - 2006 August 17

President's Message

A good midsummer day to all. A couple of years ago, when I first expressed an interest in compiling a history of Buck Lake, Ralph Boston raised the question, "How did Buck Lake get its name?" I didn't know the answer and it does seem that such a fundamental thing should be common knowledge, but it isn't. More recently, when I was having a haircut in Westport, my barber, knowing I was from Buck Lake, jokingly suggested that our local nudist camp may have had some influence on the name of the lake... Who knows?

The BLA Board is very interested in establishing a committee of lake folk with an interest and knowledge of the lake's history to begin the process of gathering and recording the history of our lake. I will be contacting those who have already indicated an interest but we are issuing a call to all who have a contribution to make to this project (pictures, anecdotes, memories etc.). Make your interest known by phoning me at (613) 273-8056 or through the BLA email address at info@bucklake.ca

I wish to acknowledge the new members of the Association who joined for the first time this summer. Many are new residents of the lake and we extend a warm welcome and wish you many years of enjoyment. Later in the newsletter you will find a report of the election of officers for 2006-2007 as well as the appointment of committee chairs. We look forward to seeing many of you at our August 26th BBQ and Dance at Perth Road /Harris Park.

Executive Members for 2006-2007

The Board of Directors met on July 29, 2006 and the first order of business was the election of officers for the new year:

- President – Crawford MacIntyre (613) 273-8056
- Vice-President – Roy Mills (613) 273-7724
- Secretary-Treasurer – Jan Theoret (613) 353-4453
- Recording Secretary – Amy Rossworm (613) 353-4445

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Standing Committee Chairs:

- Nominating/Constitution - Stephen Roughton (613) 546-7602 (613) 353-2190
- Membership Services - Nancy Daugulis (613) 549-7439
- Community Outreach - Marilyn O'Connor (613) 353-1708
- Communications - Roy Mills (613) 273-772

All committees are in need of additional members from beyond the Board of Directors. Please contact chairs if you would like to participate this year.

Docktalk 2006

Our summer project is proceeding well with a number of visits completed and many more scheduled for August. If you haven't signed up for a visit from our staff, please consider booking a visit before season end. The program will run through until Thanksgiving so there is still time to participate and support the BLA and the environment we all enjoy at the lake. Contact Jana Johnson, Docktalk Coordinator at (613) 353-1111 to schedule a visit today. Its worth your time!

Summer BBQ and Dance

Once upon a time, Bucklakers would gather during the summer for a Picnic/BBQ, have some fun and hold an annual meeting of the Association. Over the last number of years, the Association really only met yearly for a formal AGM and the party tradition was forgotten. Last year, we revived the tradition with a BBQ at the Harris Park in Perth Road Village. Over 60 people attended a really enjoyable evening of food and fellowship.

This year, we hope to take the process one step further with a **BBQ and Dance on Saturday August 26, 2006.** The menu will be hot dogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob. Soft drinks, coffee and dessert treats will be available at cost price. Through the extensive social connections of President Crawford we have obtained the exclusive services of the **United Stations Blues Band** – “Where Blues meets Rock and Roll”. All Bucklakers and friends are welcome to enjoy food, fun and music. The cost is \$5.00/person, with children under 12 free. Bring your lawn chairs and your boogie shoes. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. at Harris Park in the Village. To facilitate the planning this event deserves, we need an accurate count of the numbers of people who plan to attend. Please call **Amy at (613)353-4445 or Marilyn at (613) 353-1708 by Friday August 25th.**



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The “Rider Cup” Buck Lake Golf Tournament

Sunday September 17th is the date for the annual tournament held at Rideau Lake Golf Club in Westport. Tee off is at 1:15 p.m. and the format is “best ball” nine hole scramble. The cost is \$42.00/person for the nine holes and great dinner at the clubhouse. Team registrations are welcome with mixed teams preferred. Registration is limited to 60 golfers so please sign up early as last year was a sellout. Contact Barry O’Connor at (613) 353-1708 or occonnorb5@sympatico.ca for more information and to register.

Membership Reminder

Although we know your intentions are good, a number of our loyal members have not renewed membership for 2006-2007. As previously reported, the membership of the BLA approved a proposal to move to a calendar/membership year at the July AGM. A membership fee of \$37.50 will validate your membership until December 31st 2007. In other words, we will not have to bug you for almost 18 months. Please go to the website at www.bucklake.ca for membership information or mail your cheque to Jan Theoret c/o of our mailing address on the masthead of our newsletter. We will have a membership information table at the BBQ so it will be hard to escape!

Heritage Sign Project

As reported in our July newsletter, a group of local residents have organized a fundraising effort to obtain and install heritage signage for Perth Road Village and the surrounding hamlets and communities such as Buck Lake. The Committee is composed of Kim Peterson, Linda Caird, Ron Matthey and Belinda Betz and the focus of fundraising is a raffle with some great prizes such as a Queen-sized Heritage Quilt, one-of-a-kind-tote bags, lap quilts and maple syrup. Draw tickets are available at Perth Road Convenience, Wilton Fabrics in Harrowsmith, Memory Lane Tea Room in Sydenham, Royal Bank in Sydenham and from Perth Road Crafters Members. We will also welcome the Committee to sell tickets at the BBQ/Dance on August 26th. There is a website you can visit for more information on this project which hopes to raise \$2000 in phase one. The draw will take place September 30th at the Annual Turkey Dinner held at Perth Road United Church Hall. Visit www.perthroadvillageandhamlets.piczo.com Donations are welcome.

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Around the Lake

- You have no doubt noticed that someone pulled the plug on the Massassuaga Dam in the last ten days and that rocks and shoals you haven't seen all summer are visible again. There is a .35m (17 in.) min/max range in lake levels maintained by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and we are still within that range. The median lake level is 133.5m above sea level. The gauge is on the south side of the culvert if you are interested in having a look. Be careful on the lake!
- You may have noticed a "bait harvester" on the lake this summer. These individuals are licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources to harvest specific minnow species in specific lake regions. They are required to file detailed reports with the Ministry regarding the quantity of bait removed and the general condition of fish stocks they observe in the lakes. The bait stock they are removing is not the game fish we protect such as trout and bass.
- On Saturday August 19th, the BLA will sponsor the Pleasure Craft Operator Card certification program at the Perth Road United Church Hall. We have twelve registrations for the course. Thanks to those who spread the word on the lake.