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

## **Buck Lake News – 2011 April**

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### President's Message

It's Spring! This one is shaping up to be very different than last year. The combination of rain and fast melting snow is creating flooding situations around the lake. My favourite pond has overflowed its banks creating a very large puddle on Billy Green Road. Not much can be done about it until the ice melts so the water can run into the



lake. Nothing seems to be disrupted by the flooding so, no worries.

Personally, I am feeling less than 100% - the chest cold that is doing the rounds this year finally caught up with me last week. It is a nasty one but I am doing all the right things – lots of rest and plenty of liquids. By the time you read this message, I'm sure I will be on the mend.

The nights are cold and the days are warm - perfect weather for the sap to run. Here's hoping for a good season for the local syrup producers. My shelf is bare. I am looking forward to the new crop.

At our next executive meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> we will be planning for the 2011 Buck Lake season. See you then!

Tricia Waldron

### Board of Director's Report

The Board last met on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Due to seasonal unavailability and unplanned absence, a quorum was not present. President Tricia Waldron suggested that we proceed with an unofficial agenda and that we would convene on April 16<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting.

The members present worked on preparation of the 2011 budget and will present the draft for discussion and approval at the April meeting.



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The balance of the meeting involved a wide- ranging discussion of projects and issues for 2011. The Nominations Committee is already at work determining possible candidates for Board vacancies for next year. Plans for our Annual General Meeting will hopefully be finalized at our April meeting and a calendar of summer events shared with members. One on-going project that needs attention is our plan to initiate a “History Project”. We have made frequent note of our interest in involving community members, both seasonal and permanent, in sharing memories, photos and events of the Buck Lake community. Our hope is that in 2011, we will see this project progress with the co-operation and participation of our members and friends.

The Board will recommend a by-law amendment at the 2011 AGM to make the Friends of the Lake Committee a Standing Committee of the Board. As members are aware, this committee was established as an ad hoc committee of the BLA as a vehicle for planning and implementation of a lake plan. We are now beginning the third year of the planning process and a number of projects are scheduled. A full report of 2011 projects will appear in the May Newsletter.

The Government Relations Committee of the Board is mandated to inform and educate our members on municipal and provincial issues that have impact on our Association and its members. South Frontenac is currently implementing a “Waste Management Assessment” to get feedback on recent enhancements to service. If members have comments or concerns, please contact a Board member or send a message to [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca). Interim tax bills are out and a detailed newsletter enclosed gives all the contact information you need for South Frontenac Township. Speaking of taxes, please remember that January 2012 is the next reset date for your property assessment. In the next eight months everyone should be receiving a revised assessment notice from MPAC. Hydro One is beginning to implement the “Smart Meter” in our area this spring. Everyone will receive information with their regular billing our can access the Hydro One website at [www.hydroone.com](http://www.hydroone.com).

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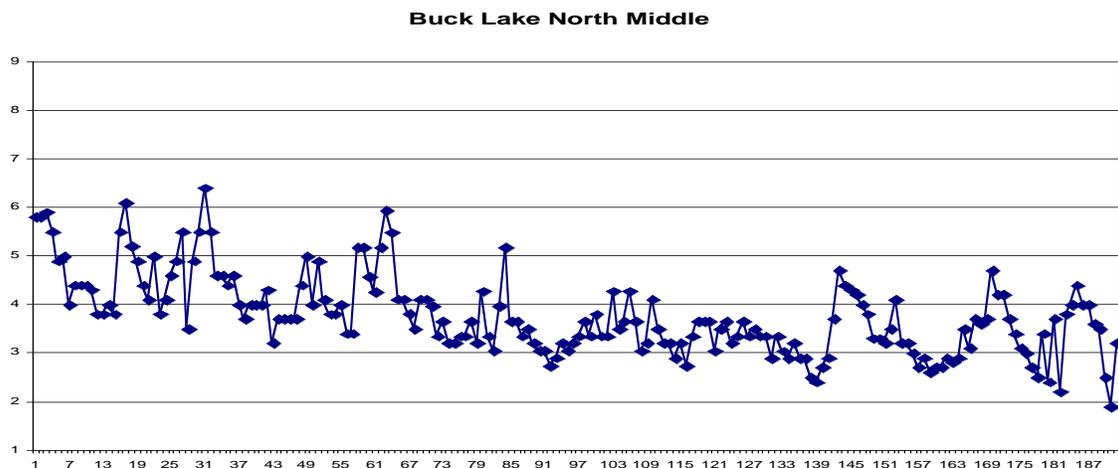
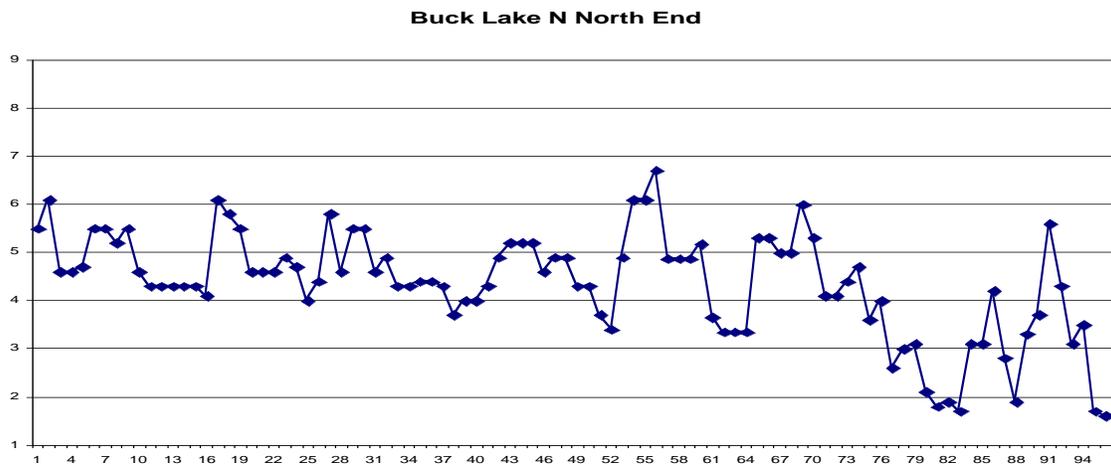
## Friends of the Lake Report

Water clarity is one of the characteristics of good quality water in Buck Lake. Volunteers have for many years been doing water clarity information gathering using a tool called a secchi disk. The disk is 20 centimeters in diameter and has alternating white and black quadrants. The disk is lowered into the water attached to a marked rope until it is no longer visible then raised until it is visible again. This depth is then recorded as the reading for that location. A record of these findings is located in the FOCA data for Buck Lake and a number of other lakes in this and other areas of Ontario.

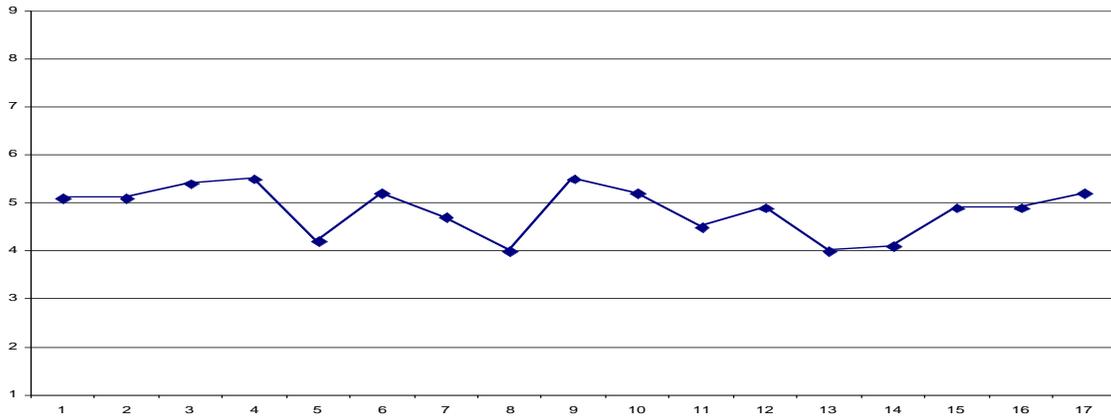
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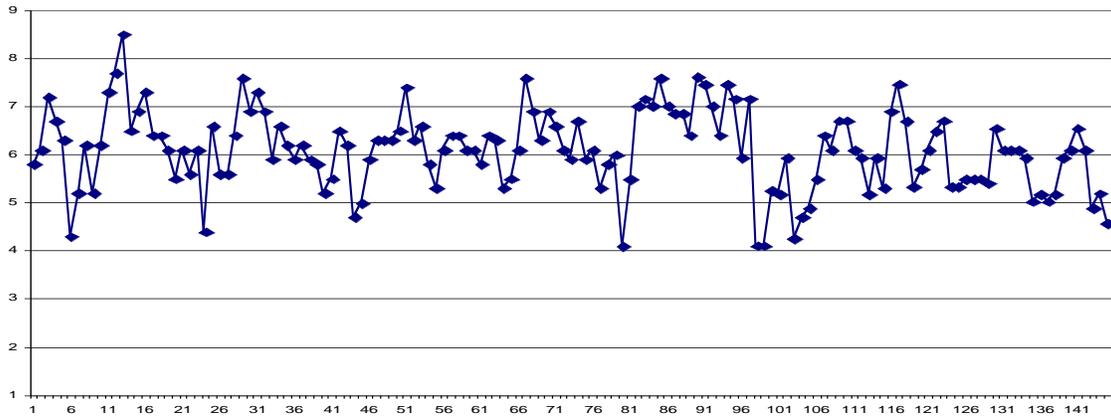
Here are some of the results for Buck Lake:



**Buck Lake South Osprey Nest**



**Buck Lake Porcupine Island**



A drop in clarity can be influenced by wind, boat traffic and current velocity when the level is being changed at the Massassauga Creek dam. It is also an indication of the eco system within the lake itself.

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Clarity is one of the indicators of good lake water quality. If the water becomes exceptionally clear it may be an indication of the dreaded zebra mussels which we all need to be cautious about if we are using our boats in different lakes and rivers.

Perhaps this summer you may see one of the volunteers out with the secchi disk checking the clarity of our water and recording the depth and temperatures.

I hope summer will be back soon.

Grayden McClurg

## South Frontenac Natural Environment Committee

### Tree Sale **Saturday May 7, 2011**

Native species available this year:

<b>Species</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Planting</b>
Balsam Fir	Shade tolerant “Christmas Tree”. Most important conifer of boreal forest. Needles make a nice tea. Food for red squirrels, chickadees and crossbills.	Cool moist rich soil
Eastern Red Cedar	Pyramidal juniper. Good windbreak. Needles are purplish in the fall. Grows in open areas.	All soils
Silver Maple	Fast growing shade tree. Can grow to 35 meters with 100 cm trunk diameter.	Wetter areas
Paper Birch	Chalk white smooth bark. Warning: a favourite beaver food!	Well-drained soils.
Shagbark Hickory	Large tree, leaves turn rich yellow in the fall. Bi-annual crop of sweet edible seeds popular with wildlife. Dense hardwood useful for tools, smoking meat. Deep tap root. Can live 200 years. Distinctive.	All soils
White Ash	Timber tree and for landscaping. Leaves turn purple or yellow in the fall.	Drier soils
Butternut	Large tree, “rifle stock” lumber. Delicious nuts are oily, spicy – useful in baking and candy.	Moist soils
Tulip Tree	Needs space. Fast growing. Beautiful fragrant tulip-like flowers. Leaves are golden yellow in the fall. Up to 30 meters tall. Attractive to wildlife. Useful in landscaping. Seeds in fall.	Moist well-drained loam
Black Cherry	Small tree, valuable lumber. Birds love the cherries. Prefers full sun. Most important native tree. Tart fruit used in pies, jams, liqueurs (can replace sweet cherries).	Well drained sandy to rocky soil
Red Oak	Needs sunny space. Large, beautiful, ornamental. Fast growing. Excellent timber. Deer, squirrels, wild turkeys attracted to the acorns. Up to 25 meters high.	Rich soils
Black Locust	Fast growing. Transplants easily. Honey industry favourite. Thorny.	All soils
Pussy willow	Shrub. “Catskins” are an early sign of spring.	Wet areas

- These bare-root saplings are 1-3 years old and 30-45 cm (12-18”) high, except cedar which is about 1/2 that height.
- Cost is \$2 each, HST included.
- Pre-order (10 or more trees) by calling **Deb Wright** at **613-374-2742** or e-mailing [delstowe@yahoo.com](mailto:delstowe@yahoo.com).
- Volunteers are needed Friday May 6 from 9-11 am to sort trees at the Township garage on Keeley Road. Call Deb.

**Pick-up** (and sale of left-overs) at the following locations on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** from **0900 and 1300:**

- Trousdale’s Foodland, George Street, Sydenham
- Lion’s Centre, Verona Sand Road, Verona
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## News and Notes

- Members are reminded that it's time to renew membership for 2011. Please visit the website at [www.bucklake.ca](http://www.bucklake.ca) and forward your cheque to our postal address above. The membership fee remains at \$25/year and multiple year renewals are welcome. If you have changed your postal or email address

recently, please send us a note at our email address at [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca) so we can stay in touch.

- Winter is hanging on at the lake this year. Most nights still see sub zero temperatures and the days are cool at best. The ice is still 90% in place and the water is higher than normal even though the Massasauga Dam has been open all winter. Most of the snow cover has melted and we have not had much rain or snow in the last month so the roads and lanes should be in good condition but there is still frost in the ground. Spring weather should come with the flowers of April...we hope.
- Some members are reporting increased beaver activity around the lake in late fall and even this spring. Many shoreline trees and shrubs have paid the price for the support of our "National Rodent". We have contacted the MNR and the Conservation Authority and asked for advice but have not received any positive reply as to their concern or action. Please contact us if you observe any increase in beaver activity. Shoreline rehabilitation and stabilization is the number one guarantee of water quality and lake health.
- We have received much positive feedback from year one of our "Shoal Marker Program". We must thank once again all our members who assisted in adopting a marker or two and removed and will replace them in 2011. If members need assistance with equipment repair or replacement, please contact us. The marker system used in 2010 was somewhat experimental. We will fine-tune the plan this year and plan to upgrade the markers to a more standardized maker recommended by FOCA as the existing markers require replacement. We had almost thirty new and existing markers in place last year and

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will reassess their placement and necessity this year. Give us your thoughts from the perspective of your location on the lake and your experiences with safe navigation. Have we gone too far or are there more hazards we should mark?

**Community Outreach/Coming Events**

- We attempted to determine interest in a *Buck Lake Dock Sale* idea (no we are not selling docks) in a recent newsletter. The idea was that on a selected weekend in the summer, we would organize an opportunity for members to pull out all those cottage treasures that are past their best before date or are just not used anymore and see if our neighbours could get them in their boats and take them home. We would advertise the sale in the newsletter and website and devise a marker/flag system so those participating locations could be noticed from the water. We will discuss this idea at the next Board meeting so please give us some feedback by April 16<sup>th</sup> if you could. Maybe the real plus will

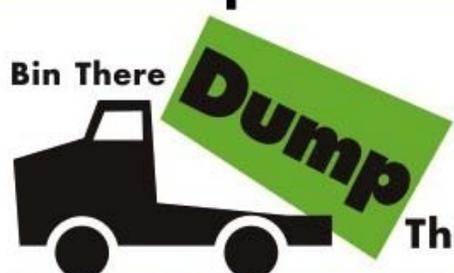
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- be just a chance to meet new friends on the lake. Not a bad idea!
- Although the temperature has not been the best for maple syrup making, *The Perth Road Maple Syrup Festival* is planned for *Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m.* Lots of maple syrup products, baked goods and crafts for sale as well as many activities for children between 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. (Games, face painting, pony rides and a tour of Votary's farm and sugar house...all free of charge). Come and enjoy the fun and the food...*Pancakes, sausage and lots of local maple syrup – Adults only \$6 and Children \$4.* What a deal! We will see you at *Perth Road*

*United Church on April 9<sup>th</sup>.* Please dress for the weather if you are planning to go on the tour of the sugar bush.

- A **Wetlands Workshop**, sponsored by Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council, Hastings Stewardship Council, Friends of the Salmon River and Ducks

Unlimited, will be held on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** from **0930 – 1230** at the **Roblin Community Hall**, 3264 County Road 41. Chris Delage of Ducks Unlimited will speak about species at risk, how to preserve and restore wetlands and funding programs. Nesting boxes will be available in limited numbers. For more information, call Steve Pitt at 613-531-5723.

## **Boatilla News**

The **Easter Seals Telethon** will be broadcast on CKWS Television this coming **Sunday, April 10**, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Sometime between 11:00 and 11:30 am, you will have the pleasure of seeing the **Buck Lake Boatilla** on video. You will also see yours truly and Duncan Sinclair, issuing a challenge to other Lake communities to emulate our example, and presenting a cheque for \$13,630. This is the total amount that you good people donated at our last Boatilla. Tune in, see the show, and feel good about yourselves. So far as we know, there is no other community that has done as much as you all have for disabled children. Over \$50,000 has been donated over the past six years! So on Sunday, when you hear the applause, stand up and take a bow, you've earned everyone's respect. Especially ours, your Boatilla Committee.

Take care everyone,  
Ron Matthey