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## *Buck Lake News – 2015 October*

### Board of Directors

Our Board of 11 Directors has been reduced to 9 due to the recent resignations of Ross Beardall and Terry Demers. Both made significant contributions to the BLA and we thank them for their commitment to our lake.

We would also like to announce the appointment of Cheryl Savery to the Board of Directors. Her place on the board will be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting in the summer of 2016.

We will have a number of Board vacancies to fill at our July AGM, so we are starting early to encourage all BLA members to consider a two-year term on the Board. The Nominations Committee would be most pleased to answer questions about the role and our goal in attempting to represent all ages, interests and areas of the lake. For more information, please contact [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca).



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## Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey

Submitted by Cheryl Savery

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Terry Demers and I conducted a survey of the North Branch of Buck Lake looking for invasive aquatic plants. We were specifically looking for any of 8 aquatic plants that have been found in or near other Ontario lakes. (More details about these plants can be found in the [May 2015 newsletter](#).) Whenever we saw anything that we thought might be an invasive plant, we took pictures and noted the GPS coordinates. All the data was then submitted into [EDDMapS](#) (Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System). We found several plants that looked to us like it might possibly be water hyacinth. Before any information was stored in the system, experts reviewed the images to verify that we had made a correct assessment. As it turns out, the plants were all pickerel weed. This was very good news, as it is growing in many locations on both branches.



Water Hyacinth (Invasive)



Pickerel Weed (Native Plant)

In August, Martha Sheinman and I repeated the process for the South Branch. We noted some of the areas where Eurasian water-milfoil was growing, but that was the only invasive aquatic plant we found. There were some plants that we thought could have been yellow iris, but there were no flowers so we could not tell what the plants were.

We are fortunate that Buck Lake is relatively free of invasive plants, however it will take constant vigilance by all users of the lake to keep it that way. Remember, if you move your boat between lakes, simple steps like pumping out the bilge water and drying and inspecting your boat before putting it back in the water can help keep invasive plants from entering the lake.

Although a survey like this was good for getting an initial picture of the state of the entire lake, it is much more effective if everyone is keeping an eye on their little corner of the lake. If you notice any unfamiliar plants anywhere on the lake, please contact [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca) and we will happily investigate it further. If invasive species are detected early, there are resources available in the province that can assist in removing the plants, before they take over the lake.

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## Coming Events

**Murder Mystery** to support the Boatilla will be held at the Westport Legion Friday October 23, doors open at 5 pm. \$25 per person. 9 tickets left, email Donna Neumann at [dneumann@kingston.net](mailto:dneumann@kingston.net) or call 613-273-8047.

At the Murder Mystery, we would like to have a silent auction. Please let Donna know if you have any items, services, gift certificates, baking etc. that you could donate. Again, our portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Boatilla.

## **Calendars 2016**

The calendars are available at the Perth Road Store for \$15. Just let them know if you had previously reserved so they can mark your name off. There are also calendars available that have not been reserved.

Thank you to all who contributed photos to the calendar project. Pictures in the 2016 calendar are from the following people: John Crothers, Leslie Kirby-Olivet, Jo Anne Hopkins, Kyle Rayburn, John Lerette, John and Margie Valberg, David Pruner, Gary Berezney, Jeff Bumstead, Henry Schaumburg, David Frid, and Ed Shea.



Every year, a portion of your Buck Lake Association membership fee goes to support FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association. Thus, as a member of the BLA, you are automatically also a member of FOCA.

FOCA is supported by 50,000 families in 500 Cottage/Lake/Road Associations across Ontario and is the only province-wide voice for Ontario cottagers and waterfront property owners.

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Some of FOCA's roles include:

- Advocacy to decision-makers, including holding a seat on dozens of government and environmental committees and coalitions.
- Constant vigilance and timely communications about federal, provincial and municipal policy and practice related to Ontario's waterways.
- Galvanizing the large waterfront community with timely calls-to-action that drive regional groups, Associations and individual property owners to speak up on key issues.
- Facilitating ongoing citizen science, especially community-based water monitoring through the Lake Partner Program and new Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Program. It is through the FOCA Lake Partner program, that several volunteers from Buck Lake have been measuring water clarity and collecting water samples for phosphorous analysis.
- Community building: providing tools, workshops and programs to foster engagement and support the growth of lake associations (Association Toolkit) and individual owners (Cottage Succession Seminar Series; Insurance discounts)
- Spreading awareness about sustainable waterfront living and best-practices to all!

Some more specific actions include pushing off property tax reassessments for three years; a move FOCA calculates saved waterfront property taxpayers in Ontario \$100-million. In 2012, FOCA pushed for Hydro rate reductions of \$2-million. Also, FOCA's insurance program has saved waterfront associations at least a half million dollars in premiums while offering excellent liability coverage that is second to none.

FOCA membership also gives you access to the following discounts:

- **FOCA Insurance Programs** - CottageFirst: The first group insurance program that is dedicated to cottagers! Available exclusively to FOCA members, CottageFirst gives you access to a cost-effective insurance package and great coverage for all your personal insurance needs: cottage, home, car and more. Contact 1-844-CADE-1ST or visit [www.cottagefirst.com](http://www.cottagefirst.com) for a no-obligation quote.
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- **Superior Propane** – FOCA members who are new Superior home heat customers can receive 50% off SMART Tank monitoring for the first year, plus new online portal benefits, fixed price and auto delivery (some restrictions may apply). Click [here](#) for more details.
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You can visit the FOCA website at [foca.on.ca](http://foca.on.ca) to access cottager-specific answers to your questions. Use the search feature to find information about particular topics. You can also apply for a Login to access member-only materials.

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If you want to keep up to date on changes in legislation and other timely news, sign up [here](#) to receive **FOCA Elerts** (e-news) for monthly updates on topics that matter.

## 2016 Rider Cup Golf Tournament

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Rider Cup golf tournament was held on September 13<sup>th</sup> with over 50 golfers participating. The rain threatened all afternoon, but held off until most golfers were on their final hole. This years winners were the team of Crawford MacIntyre, Dave Donovan and Wayne Myles with as score of 33. In addition to the golf, a raffle was held and raised \$600. \$300 will be donated to the Boatilla fund and \$300 will be donated to South Frontenac Community Services. Many thanks to all who generously donated prizes for the raffle.

And finally thanks to the organizing committee of Sandra Rider, Marilyn O'Connor, Wess Garrod and Gord McLellan for running the event.



Golfers eagerly wait for the tournament to start



Winners of the 2015 Rider Cup



Raffle Prizes

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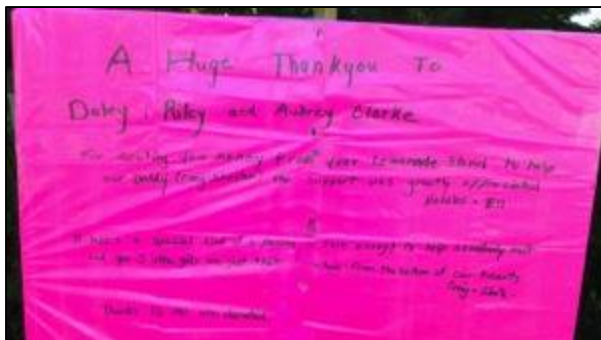
## Lemonade Stand Raises Money for Local Family

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Clarke girls, Daley, Riley and Aubrey along with a little help from Mom, Chris, and neighbour, Cyndy MacIntyre, held a lemonade stand on their dock in the South Branch Narrows. This is the fourth year for the lemonade stand – each year raising money for charity. This year, the donations went to a local neighbour who is undergoing cancer surgery and needs a little help to support his family and two small children.

All Saturday afternoon, it was amazing to see so many the boats arriving in the Narrows and the generosity of our fellow Buck Lakers.



After a wonderful day of giving, the girls were happy to be able share a donation of \$860 to a local neighbour in our community. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and stop by while enjoying our beautiful lake. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for our wonderful community and for all of those who stopped by to make a difference for this family!!



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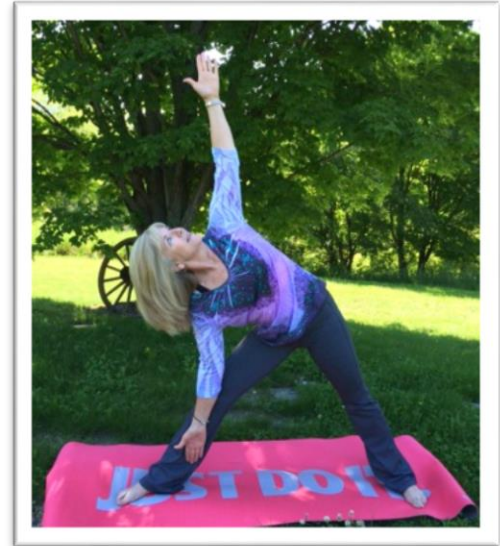
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## Lakeside Yoga Has Arrived on Buck Lake

Submitted by Janet Barr

Hi, my name is Janet Barr and I am happy to announce that I have opened a yoga studio in my home on Buck Lake, at 1004 Wren Lane.

My husband Boyd and I spent three years working in the Orlando area. While we were there, I studied and received my Yoga teachers training certificate at the Yogamatrix Studio under Yoga Master Edley Wallace. This Hatha-yoga training consisted of 200 hours of study and the theory underlying its practice: Raja-Yoga and Jnana-Yoga.



Janet Barr - Instructor at Lakeside Yoga

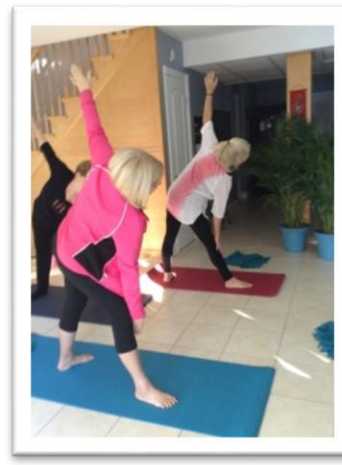
I am excited to offer yoga to you for \$10 per drop in class, or a package of 10 classes for \$90. These classes do not need to be used consecutively. In addition to my home studio, I am also teaching classes in Kingston, at Life Yoga and the Seniors Centre on Francis Street.

My gentle Hatha yoga style classes are suitable for all levels. Currently I am running classes on Monday evenings and Friday mornings from 9:00-10:00. Please call ahead to reserve a spot, as space is limited. I will continue to add more classes as required.

For more information, please contact me at [lakesideyoga1004@gmail.com](mailto:lakesideyoga1004@gmail.com) or (613) 541-7998. I look forward to practicing with friends from around Buck Lake and surrounding area, hope to meet many more.



Janet and Boyd have converted their basement into a yoga studio able to accommodate up to 12 students.



Friday morning class

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## **Buck Lake Association Member Survey**

We have had a great response so far to our member survey. If you have not had a chance to fill it out, please take a few moments to do so.

The survey will be available online until November 6<sup>th</sup> and takes under 5 minutes to complete. Click [here](#) to access it.

In order to promote the spirit of Buck Lake People, we invite your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements. Mail to: [info@bucklake.ca](mailto:info@bucklake.ca)

Lake Plan link: [Lake Plan Web Version](#)

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