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

Buck Lake News – 2012 August

President's Message

Apparently, some of you don't have enough to do and have taken to reading my comments to help pass the time...and perhaps avoid having to pick up geese droppings from your shoreline. I am avoiding that unpleasant task myself by writing this piece for the BLA newsletter. But on a more positive note....

Reine and I had a good trip to France. We stayed in the Normandy region and enjoyed many of the sights such as Mont St Michel, the medieval town of Dinan, and the chalk cliffs of Etretat. The latter destination boasts a golf course on the top of the cliffs and to say it is windy would be an absurd understatement. On the other hand, playing it would be interesting. The D-Day celebration on Juno Beach was particularly moving as one realizes that the number of returning veterans of the 6 June 1944 landing is declining rapidly. The whole of the landing area was rife with re-enactment people and WWII era vehicles. All in all it was a fabulous tribute to those who sacrificed everything for our freedom. If you ever have a chance I recommend visiting Juno Beach by heading toward Courseulles-sur-mer and following the Canadian flag to the Juno Beach Centre where you will be warmly received.




For those following my efforts to live in peace with nature while discouraging unwanted poop buildup along my shoreline I must report that the vaunted alligator solution that I mentioned in my last message failed miserably. In fact, my son James took a picture of the geese cuddling up to the ferocious meter long inflatable alligators and there is even evidence they made a deposit or two on them, no doubt as down payment for a Christmas present.

Our AGM went ahead as scheduled 7 July last. It was fairly well attended. We heard from Mayor Gary Davison who spoke to us about several issues that might pertain to us. The Algonquin land claim is one topic that will become more prominent in the future because Buck Lake is included in the extensive region that will be examined in detail in the coming months and years apparently. He went on to say that internet service should continue to improve in the next year or two but he is disappointed that cell phone coverage might not improve to the same degree; certainly he has no knowledge of any plans for better coverage. He was presented with a copy of the very recently printed Buck Lake plan for distribution to South Frontenac Township council.

After the essential business of the AGM was completed, Dr. Brian Osborne gave a most interesting talk to do with the development of the area from the 18th century. It is unfortunate that such a lecture could not be given the time and attention it deserves given the scope of the material and the depth of Dr. Osborne's research. His talk addressed the many changes that have transpired over time with development of the area, climate change and population shifts. He did have time to field a question or two however. To my profound and well thought out

question about what to do about the geese that have invaded our lake at the expense of loons and possibly other fauna, he responded they should be “discouraged”. I liked his answer immensely. In closing, please plan to join us for the annual picnic 18 August. Most of you will by now be aware that the Boatilla raised a further \$20,000+ for Easter Seals. The organizers of this event insist on keeping a low profile but we know who they are. I think we are a better community because of actions like these and I would not be remiss in naming a few of the people I know were behind this initiative. Ron Matthey was one the originators along with Boyd Barr, Steve Ball, Rick Smith and Ross Trudel. While Ron has moved to the Petawawa area he did attend this latest event. Other names that come to mind are the omnipresent Duncan Sinclair, Crawford MacIntyre and an old Army acquaintance Bruce Archibald. I am certain to have missed some names but you know who you are. Thank you on behalf of us all.

Best wishes,
Peter Dawe

		
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Coming Events

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August 17, 2012 Friday Perth Road United Church is hosting a Fish Fry, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Adults \$14.00; children 6 to 12 = \$6.00; under 6 free. Info at: 613-353-1690

August 18, 2012 Saturday Buck Lake Annual Barbeque and Picnic at Harris Park in Perth Road Village at 4pm. Adults \$5.00 children FREE. Good food, great music and children's activities included. ALL Buck Lakers are Welcome.

September 9, 2012 Sunday the 13th Annual Buck Lake Rider Cup golf tournament will be held at Rideau Lakes Golf Club in Westport. \$50.00 per person for golf and dinner. To register contact: Marilyn O'Connor 613-353-1708 or Sandra Rider 613-353-6051

Found in a Fish on Buck Lake

This is why we don't use fish from Buck Lake in sushi: A live horsehair worm (nematomorpha; also called a Gordian worm) extracted from a fillet of a smallmouth bass yesterday. Spotted, and photographed, by my eagle-eyed daughter. This little critter, a parasite of insects rather than fish, might have found its way into the innards of the bass by way of an infected grasshopper.
Courtesy of Richard Linley



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* Final Count

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May 29, 2012


Carol Lloyd, President & CEO



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We would also like to thank the Ruttan family and campers in the campground who gave up their space and time to make the Boatilla and BBQ a great success.

Boatilla Pictures

Follow this link to pictures of the 2012 Boatilla:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/113068383477993245024/Boatill2012?authkey=Gv1sRgCM2K3vC3vqb31AE>

Protect your 'piece of heaven'

Many seasonal cottagers have opened up their properties for the summer season, according to the Ontario Provincial Police. The isolated cottage roads are now accessible by vehicle, which means thieves may be lurking about looking to hit the jackpot. It is important for property owners to take a few extra minutes to consider the tasks they can complete to keep their properties as secure as possible when they open up their cottages for the year. Here are a few tips that may help:

- Take items of value home. If this is not possible, place them out of view or lock them in a secure room or cabinet. If valuable items are not visible through a window and are locked up, they are less likely to be taken.
- Do not leave food or liquor in your cottage. In many break-in incidents, liquor is one of the common items taken. If you decide to leave it in your cottage — once again, store it out of sight.
- Make sure that all doors and windows are locked and secured when you leave. Do some extra work by installing theft prevention devices on your sliding patio doors and windows. Even a stick in the track to prevent the sliding door or window from opening will work in a pinch
- Close all your curtains and blinds so that thieves cannot see inside your cottage. If you don't have curtains, use a blanket or sheet to cover the windows. If they can't see in, they may not try to get inside, especially if you have made your property secure from the outside.
- Install quality locks on your doors. A dead bolt is always a good idea. You can also strengthen your doors and door strikes by installing longer screws right into the wood frame. This will make it harder for someone to kick in the door. When locking up your outbuildings, once again, quality tamper-resistant locks and hasps are a good idea.
- Do not leave boats, ATVs or other vehicles out in the open and unsecured. If you can, bring them home or lock them up in a garage — and remove the keys. If you must leave them outside, lock them to a tree or some permanent structure. Install transom locks on your outboard motors.

- Lock up your gas cans or take your unused fuel home. Do not leave gas cans at camp unless you plan to use it over the summer. This may be used to steal your ATV, boat or sled. It also reduces the risk of a fire on your property.
- Tell your neighbours when you are not going to be at camp — especially if you have permanent residents living close by. They can be your eyes and ears when you are not there. If your area has Neighbourhood Watch, advise the block captain when you are leaving for the city.
- Use your security system if you have one. You can also purchase battery-operated motion-sensing alarms. It will not prevent entry to your camp, but it may scare them off or alert neighbours to the thieves.
- If you have a gate, lock it up. This will prevent thieves from driving up to your cottage.
- If your cottage has hydro, turn it off unless you must keep your refrigerator running. Turn off your water supply.



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away from your “piece of heaven,” the OPP stated. Break and enters are crimes of opportunity. Securing property as best as you can; may reduce the opportunities for the criminals.

For more information, check the crime prevention section on the OPP website at www.opp.ca


FOR SALE: Sunmar-Centrex 1000E composting unit, still in the box. Retail for about \$2000.00 at Renewable Energy in Kingston. Ideal for Island property or hunting camp. If interested contact Mike @ 1120 Neva Lane or phone 613- 353-1631.

Shoal Markers and Other Maps of Buck Lake

Maps of Buck Lake as well as the shoal marker placement map can be found by following this link: <http://www.bucklake.ca/maps.php>



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