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Buck Lake News – August 2017

President's Message – Crawford MacIntyre

It has been a remarkable period of weather this spring and summer. Our region is as lush and bountiful as I have seen in many years. Of course, this rainforest-like weather also brings with it sunken boats and uprooted docks around the lake. Our BLA Facebook page has been active with announcements of finding or losing items as they floated out and about the lake.

A Karen Landman and Ashlee Cunsole have co-edited a collection of essays in a book entitled *Mourning Nature: Hope at the Heart of Ecological Loss and Grief*. The Whig-Standard describes this as the essayists "...acknowledging our collective grief at the disappearance of nature as we once knew it." As yet, I haven't read this book, but it doesn't sound like a particularly happy or optimistic epistle. To a significant degree, I think we at Buck Lake do continue to enjoy the many benefits of traditional nature--fresh and clean air, clear and clean water, and a variety of wildlife seen and heard every day. We are a part of the marvellous and unique Frontenac Arch Biosphere where so much of nature as we know it is still available to us. We can easily be deluded into thinking that all is well based on our little corner of the world, yet we know that threat exists in a number of areas, and vigilance is required.

On the bright side, we have seen the return of Bald Eagles to our lake area, and after not hearing any for a few years, for the past two months a couple of Whip-poor-will have been exchanging their unique calls outside my home.

Through our Friends of the Lake Committee, the BLA strives to keep you up to date with lake health and plant and animal life issues that relate to us. I add with pleasure and gratitude that most of you appreciate what we have here and are diligent in taking steps to preserve it.

With our past president's guidance, we undertook a fairly comprehensive review of the BLA's purpose and goals. This will now provide us with the platform for our continuing role as your lake representative. We have a strong Board of Directors this year, reinforced by extra energy from new arrivals on the lake. I am looking forward to serving as your president.

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Frontenac Provincial Park

– Year-round access to over 5,300 hectares of protected wilderness –

Submitted by Gillian Lash

This year's family education night hosted by BLA's Friends of the Lake committee took place on July 25th. We were pleased to have Ben Chabot, Superintendent of Frontenac Provincial Park provide us with an overview of the Park, a few insights into their newly approved Management Plan and clarify some questions on Park Entrance Fees, along with other useful information.

At a high level, the purpose of Frontenac Provincial Park is to protect an outstanding natural environment within the provincial parks system and to provide high quality, dispersed, low intensity recreation. In order to attain this purpose, a management plan is created.



View of Salmon Lake by Ted Goldring

The Management Plan provides a comprehensive guideline on how the park is to be managed over the course of the next 20 years. These guidelines are created with input from various important constituents such as the general public and First Nations communities. For further information, please consult <https://www.ontario.ca/page/frontenac-provincial-park-management-plan>

Frontenac Provincial Park provides visitors with the opportunity to experience backcountry travel rich in varied animal and plant species along with cultural history. It is centrally located between three large population centres of Ottawa, Toronto and Montréal and is within a three-hour drive for almost nine million people!

The central concept of the Park is called "Threshold to Wilderness." As such, its main objective is to teach wilderness skills in a semi-wilderness settings. For example, for those of you who have never camped before, the Park offers many resources to help make your first camping experience an enjoyable one. But Frontenac Park is much more than that: it is a wonderful place to backpack, hike, canoe, camp and observe nature – all year round! It includes 22 lakes, 48 interior campsites, and 160 km's of hiking and backpacking trails!

The entrance fee structure for the Park is incredibly appealing:

- 1) Per Day - Entrance day fees which allow day use activities and is based on bringing either a vehicle or canoe/kayak (and their occupants) into the park. If you do not arrive by vehicle or vessel, then you are allowed to enter the park for free – for day use only! Also, if you enter by kayak, then two kayaks (and their paddlers) can enter for the price of one!

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- 2) Seasonal Permits – the various permits not only allows the vehicle and its occupants to enter Frontenac Provincial Park, but to enter any other Provincial Park in Ontario (that are open during said season).

If interested in exploring this magnificent resource in our very own “backyard”, there are a couple of resources available to you:

- 1) Ben Chabot mentioned that the most comprehensive website on Frontenac Provincial Park comes from the not-for-profit organization “The Friends of Frontenac Provincial Park”. Their website is located at: <http://www.frontenacpark.ca/pages/friends.html>
- 2) Official website of the Frontenac Provincial Park:
<https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/frontenac>

Buck Lake Picnic Shelters



Did you know that the Buck Lake Association owns several 10ft x 20ft picnic shelters? We use them for the Boatilla and for the annual picnic, but other than that they are available for current members to borrow – free of charge.

If you are having a family reunion, wedding or other event and would like to borrow them, just email us at bucklakeassoc@gmail.com.



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Buck Lake Boatilla Committee Report 2017

Submitted by Jo Anne Hopkins

Once again the community of Buck Lake along with all its friends, relatives and neighbours has shown its support for Easter Seals' families. This year the donations have totalled over \$28,000 and funds almost twelve children to attend Camp Merrywood for ten days.



BLA Donation from the Murder Mystery Night: One of many large donations

This does not happen by chance or good luck. There are some very dedicated people who make sure this happens.

This year, again due to their generosity and their Kingston Symphony connection with Crawford MacIntyre, Dan Kasaboski and his daughters Paige and Michele sang and played beautiful music for the afternoon.

We would like to express

our gratitude to every boat and every participant who

joined us for Boatilla day, and of course, every single individual and business for their donations. Your contributions and participation in this event gives us the courage to plan again for next year. We are very grateful.

The following is a list and description of all the people who donate time and energy to this event—it truly is a Labour of Love:

- Easter Seals – Senior Development Officer for Ontario – Krista LeClair whose guidance is invaluable
- The Canvassers Extraordinaire – Jan Larose, Brien Caird, the Hahn Family, Cheryl Savery, Mike Flanagan and Anna Fummerton, Duncan Sinclair, Kim and George Turner, Orrie Michea, Donna Neumann, Paul Beamish, Carole Sutryn, Angie Blair, Niki Scott (The Crazy Crafters of Alexandria), Rob Sinclair and Cyndy Gibson and the Little Big Heart Bakers
- The Financial Experts – Liz Graham and Moira O'Neill
- The Valet Boat Parking and Camp Set Up – Gerry O'Neill

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- The Pontoon Boats which were honoured with the Easter Seals families – Marilyn O'Connor and family, Kevin Buck and Gerry O'Neill driving the Merrywood Express
- Our Incredible Cooks – Carol and Steve Sutryn along with Brien Caird and Ellie Buck dedicating their day as well. Duncan Sinclair provided a wonderful pot of beans and Danielle some scrumptious twisted donuts.
- The Next Generation Fund Raisers, Hidden Valley Lane Bakers (See the article elsewhere in this news letter for more details about this amazing group of kids)
- The Band – Dan Kasaboski with daughters Paige and Michele
- Our Hosts – Randy Ruttan and family and the Hidden Valley campers
- The BLA committee led by Donna Neumann for the Murder Mystery night raising funds for the Kids to go to Camp.
- Toque and Sweatshirt Merchandise – Cyndy Gibson and Rob Sinclair
- CKWS and Bill Welychka with Donna Neumann and Sandra Rider promoting our community
- Hidden Valley Residents who give us their parking spaces and their support.
- On Site Photography – Angie Blair and Genevieve Leeworthy
- Rob Wilson and Faye Schneider from the Perth road Store
- Groceries– provided by Trousdale Foodland, Glenburnie Grocery, Sun Harvest Gardens and the BLA – enjoyed by all.
- Driving forces – Liz Graham and Ross Trudel and the entire Boatilla Committee – Crawford MacIntyre and Duncan Sinclair, co-chairs; Ross Trudel, secretary; Liz Graham, treasurer; Sandra Rider; Jo Anne and Don Hopkins, MC; Grayden McClurg; Donna Neumann and Krista LeClair

As you can see we have a remarkable supportive community. It is year 13 for the Boatilla and we have raised a total of \$ 219,000.00 in that time.

We apologize in advance for any person we have not included in our list of thanks.

Calendar

Looking for Buck Lake Photographers!

It is that time of the year when we are looking for high resolution pictures for the 2018 Buck Lake Calendar.

Please send your pictures of all seasons to Donna Neumann at dneumann@kingston.net.

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The Little Big Heart Gang

Submitted by Duncan Sinclair

The 13th annual Buck Lake Boatilla was held on Sunday, 2 July, 2017, winding up as usual with a community barbecue at the Hidden Valley Campground attended by a good crowd and marked by sunny skies, a rarity this year. Once again supporters of the Boatilla and Easter Seals rose magnificently to the occasion, donating over \$28,000, enough to send over ten physically disabled children to Camp Merrywood on the Big Rideau.

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Included in that total was the afternoon's earnings by a little gang of kids with big hearts - the Hidden Valley Bakers. Members of this charitably-minded entrepreneurial troupe set up their bake table at the BBQ. At the end of the day they emptied their plastic cash register of its total of \$441.45 onto the desk of the Boatilla Committee's treasurer with the direction that every penny go to Easter Seals to send kids to Camp Merrywood. This year six members were front and centre at the bake table but several others have been involved behind the scenes in making the baked goods they have sold for three years running at the Boatilla.



The Hidden Valley Bakers appeared on CKWS on August 1st.

See the video here: <http://globalnews.ca/video>

The Hidden Valley bakers are Ruby and Skye Sinclair, Will and Stella Sakell, and Silka and Rein Olvet, Harris Ruttan, Aubry, Riley, and Daley Clarke, and Ronan and Declan Hingley; this year the gang was aided and abetted by Ben, Emma, and Kaia Richards from the North Branch.

The bakers range from 5 to 13 years of age. When they are not in their family kitchens, they are, in various combinations, out and about throughout the summer months, swimming in the lake and roaming through the woods and lanes of Hidden Valley. All good friends, some are permanent residents and others summer vacationers. There is no telling whose idea it was originally to create a bake table but it began with the children themselves. At the outset they had a fair amount of instruction and assistance from their parents with all aspects of the preparation of their delectable products. But this year, apart from some supervision and encouragement, they were pretty well on their own, producing their goodies in their homes with supplies from their families' larders.

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Included in their wares were a variety of cookies with and without nuts (bearing allergies in mind), watermelon-shaped rice-crispy squares, Nanaimo bars, cupcakes, muffins, and tarts, all unmarked as to price, available to their customers for a donation of any size, large or small. It is fair to say that some part of their reward could well have been some product sampling but by far the greater part was the satisfaction this Big Heart Gang has from helping other kids with disabilities enjoy for ten days at Camp Merrywood the pleasures they enjoy all summer long.




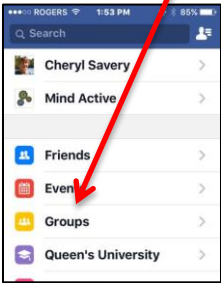
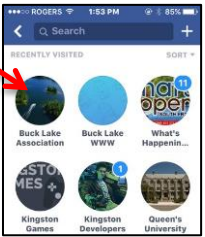
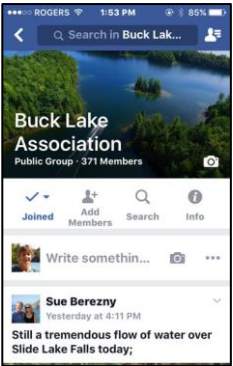

With these kids around, we old folks need not worry; the future of the Buck Lake Boatilla is in good hands.

Buck Lake Facebook Group – A Quick Tutorial

Submitted by Cheryl Savery

The [Buck Lake Facebook Group](#) continues to grow with many new members added over that past few months and lots of lively discussion especially with the recent high water levels.

I have heard comments, however, from some people who although they know how to post things in Facebook in general, do not know how to post something specifically to the Buck Lake Association Group. The following is a short step-by-step procedure.

<p>1) Open Facebook on your phone or tablet and tap in the 3 little lines at the bottom right</p> 	<p>2) Click on Groups</p> 	<p>3) Click on Buck Lake Association</p> 
<p>4) You should now see all the posts for the Buck Lake Association grouped together.</p> <p>Begin typing where it says “Write something” or tap on the camera to upload a picture</p> 	<p>5) Type in whatever it is you want to say and click “Post”</p> 	

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Buck Lake Rider Cup Golf Tournament

Seventeen years ago three Buck Lakers - Steve Ball, Barry O'Connor and Bob Rider, organized the first Buck Lake Golf Tournament which was held at Inverary Golf Club. We had such a great day that it was decided to have the tournament the next year, and thus a Buck Lake tradition began.

In 2003 in memory of Bob Rider, we changed the name to The Buck Lake Rider Cup Golf Tournament. For the first years we had the slogan "bring a gift (less than \$20) and go home with a gift". We now request donations for a draw table and needless to say we have received many great draw prizes. Buck Lake is a very giving community!

The money raised from the draw is divided between two charities The Buck Lake Boatilla Send A Kid To Camp and the South Frontenac Community Services, which helps local families less fortunate. Thank you to all who donate.

The 2017 Buck Lake Rider Cup will be held Sunday, September 10th at Rideau Lakes Golf Club in Westport. The tee off time is 1:00 pm with a steak dinner to follow. The cost is just \$55 per person for dinner and golfing. The format is a 9-hole best ball tournament and all Buck Lakers are welcome to participate. For more information contact:

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Saundra Rider saundra.rider@gmail.com

Happy golfing. Golf Committee – Wess, Gord, Marilyn & Saundra

Highlights from the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Buck Lake Association annual general meeting was held at Perth Road Sunday School Hall on Saturday June 24th. The meeting was well-attended including mayor Ron Vandewal and town councilor Ross Sutherland who spoke on a variety of issues important to Buck Lakers.

In his opening remarks, president, Mark Nicol, introduced the board members and described the association's strategic plan that was developed over the past winter. Mark also announced that following the meeting he will be resigning from the board due to increased personal commitments. We all wish to thank Mark for his years of service. There are not many people who would even attempt to hold a position on the board while working full-time and taking courses for a masters degree full-time, plus commuting to the lake on weekends. Best of luck, Mark!

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Presentations were then made from the various committees of the Buck Lake Association including: the Treasure's Report, Membership, Social and Outreach, Friends of the Lake and the Boatilla Committee.

This year was the inaugural year for the Jim Manuel Volunteer. Crawford MacIntyre spoke about Jim and the reasoning behind naming this award after him. This year's very deserving recipient was Grayden McClurg who has tirelessly given his time and energy to various events and needs in our community, serving for many years on the BLA Board of Directors including roles as Treasurer and publication of the newsletter. He has also been a long time member of the Boatilla Committee and co organizer of the winterfest celebrations. Grayden also gives freely of his time to assist Buck Lakers with their computer issues. Ever since he first came to live on Buck Lake, Grayden has exemplified the ideal of an involved member of the community, always there, always ready to participate, and always ready to help. Congratulations and thank you Grayden!



Grayden McClurg accepts Jim Manuel Volunteer Award

The meeting wrapped up with the election of officers. The list of current board members and their positions on the board (as determined at a board meeting held in July) can be found below.

The complete minutes from the AGM can be found at: <http://www.bucklake.ca/docs/AGM2017-06-24minutes.pdf>

The BLA Board

The BLA Board consists of up to 12 volunteers who are dedicated to make Buck Lake a better community.

The current board consists of:

- Crawford MacIntyre – President
- Cheryl Savery – Vice President, Communications Chair
- Greg Fisher – Treasurer, Government Relations Chair
- Cheryl Dawson – Recording Secretary
- Kathy McDonald – Archivist, Communications Committee
- Donna Neumann – Social and Outreach Committee Chair
- Martha Scheinman – Friends of the Lake Committee Chair
- Duncan Sinclair – Communications, Government Relations
- Jo Anne Hopkins – Communications, Social and Outreach Committee
- Gillian Lash – Friends of the Lake Committee
- Cherrie Summers – Communications, Social and Outreach Committee

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Watersheds Canada is thrilled to announce its first fundraising event of 2017, A Sunset Cruise on the Rideau King taking place on August 23rd, 2017 on Upper Rideau Lake in Westport, Ontario.

This event will celebrate Watersheds Canada as we return to our roots on the Rideau after fifteen amazing years as an organization. Enjoy a leisurely two hour cruise of Upper Rideau Lake taking in the beautiful sights and sounds of the lake and sunset, while learning a little bit about the history and heritage of the area. Additionally, staff and members of the Board of Directors will be on hand to discuss and present on current freshwater issues.

The boat is licensed and food and drinks will be available (appetizers) for purchase. We will also have a silent auction with some amazing items donated to raise money for freshwater protection. Space is limited to 45 seats, so get your tickets now!

Despite our close connectivity, we sometimes forget how critically important and fragile our freshwater is. The smallest changes in our ecosystems, or even the tiniest pollutant, can impact the health of a lake or river. Fortunately for us, and for every living thing that depends on them, our waters are incredibly resilient, and that's where you and I come in.

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In hosting this event, we are striving to meet our #Canada150 fundraising goals, while enjoying a beautiful night out on the water, which will go directly towards our work protecting the health of our lakes and rivers.

We hope we can look forward to recognizing you and your support of freshwater health aboard the Sunset Cruise on the Rideau King.

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Meet the Crawford and Greg from your BLA Board

This month, we highlight 2 more members of the board, Crawford MacIntyre and Greg Fisher. Crawford has been a long time cottager and Buck Lake resident. He rejoined the board in 2016, and has volunteered to serve as president for the coming year. Greg is a relative newcomer to the lake, moving from Kingston to Pillar Lane in late 2010. Greg has served as treasurer since he joined the board in 2014. Here are their stories...

Crawford Malcolm MacIntyre Q.C.

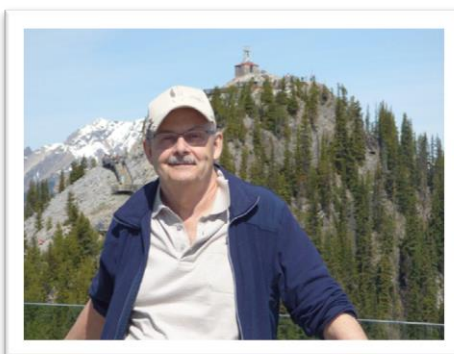


“The Crawford” was born in Rutherglen, Scotland in 1943 and immigrated to Canada with his family in 1952. After being “arrested” on vacation in the American Virgin Islands as a British subject without obtaining a visa, he was persuaded to become a Canadian citizen.

Crawford spent his career as a lawyer in Toronto and had a cottage on the South Branch since 1973. He moved here permanently in December 2003 and now lives at the north end of the North Branch. His Most Notable Athletic Achievement was throwing the first pitch at a Blue Jay’s game while dressed up as Mr. Peanut!

Greg Fisher

After almost 35 years in public accounting Greg retired from his role as an associate partner with KPMG in the summer of 2009. Greg continued to work with KPMG in a consulting capacity on a part time basis until he “fully” retired from KPMG in 2016. While Greg’s main focus was income tax, during his working career Greg was involved with a number of charitable and not-for-profit organizations. After his “partial retirement” in 2009, Greg became more involved in the charitable sector. At that time he took on the treasurer’s role with the Community Foundation of Kingston & Area subsequently serving as Vice-President, President and Past President of that organization. Greg continues to be involved on a number of committees with the Community Foundation.



Greg & his partner Dorothy got together about 15 years ago. Throughout their working career together they rented cottages in the summer throughout Eastern Ontario. In the summer of 2010, while spending time at one of their summer cottage rentals, Greg & Dorothy contemplated the possibility of selling their home in Kingston and moving to a “lake that wasn’t too far out of the city”. Within 2 months of returning from their vacation, Greg & Dorothy had sold their home in Kingston and purchased their “retirement home” on Buck Lake, moving to the lake in December 2010. They both feel it is one of the best moves they ever made.

Between them, Greg & Dorothy have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Since their move to Buck Lake, Greg & Dorothy have enjoyed all the activities associated with the Lake and the incredibly friendly Buck Lake community.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday August 27th – **Buck Lake Picnic/Pork Roast**

This year, **FREE** for all Buck Lake Association Members (and friends and family and guests)

Location: Hidden Valley Campground,
There will be parking along the road and we will have a shuttle boat if you arrive by water

Menu: Roast Pork and Corn on the cob provided
Please bring a salad or dessert to share

For the Kids: Loads of crafts and games for all ages

We are looking for extra **volunteers** to help out with this event – especially for the kids' activities. If you are willing to help out, please email us at bucklakeassoc@gmail.com

Sunday September 10th – **Rider Cup Golf Tournament**

See details on page 8 of this newsletter

Saturday October 1st – **Murder Mystery at the Westport Legion – Save the date!**

Our portion of the proceeds will again go to Camp Merrywood. More information to follow but tickets can be reserved by emailing Donna Neumann at dneumann@kingston.net.

Also, looking for items for the silent auction. If you can help, please contact Donna.

In order to promote the spirit of Buck Lake, we invite your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements. Mail to: [Buck Lake Information](#)

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