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Buck Lake News – October 2017

Great Weather – Great Food – Great Picnic

The weather certainly smiled on us this year for the Annual Buck Lake Picnic held on August 27th at the Hidden Valley Campground. Donna Neumann and Jo Anne Hopkins did a fantastic job organizing this year's event.

The afternoon was best summarized by Rob Sinclair's post on Facebook. "I would like to give a big shout out to all those who created and ran the picnic this past Sunday. As well to all who brought the wonderful food that was absolutely delicious! We had a fabulous time and the kids did as well. What a great opportunity to get out and see old friends and neighbours, and to meet new ones to boot! Thanks to Randy Ruttan and family for hosting it at the Hidden Valley campground, a great venue for a picnic on the lake."



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THE BUCK LAKE RIDER CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

A sunny and warm September 10th at Rideau Lakes Golf Club was the setting for the 18th annual Buck Lake Rider Cup Golf Tournament. Fifty-six Buck Lakers enjoyed a wonderful day of camaraderie/golf /good food and great fun.

Three teams tied for the lowest score. A draw for the highest card in the deck decided the winning team.

And the winners are Boyd and Janet Barr /Laurie Preston/ Miriam Adams.

Women' closest to the pin	Barb Anderson
Men's closest to the pin	Boyd Barr
Women's longest drive	Barb Anderson
Men's longest drive	Hal Stephens

Many thanks to all who donated items for the draw table. Over \$800 was raised which will be donated to the annual Buck Lake Boatilla Send A Kid To Camp Merrywood and South Frontenac's Community Services Christmas Hampers.

Looking forward to 2018!

Golf Committee: Marilyn, Wess, Gord & Sandra



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Battle of the Branches

The South Branch is singing the blues. The North did it again by the narrowest of margins, 37.0 over 37.2 strokes. The tournament is played as a scramble, and the winner is determined by calculating the average score for all the teams for each branch. Nine players came out and played for the North, while the South had 20 team members.



Congratulations to all of the players on the North Branch team. From left to right: Ross Beardall, Duncan Sinclair, Bruce McDonald, Maxine Lemieux, John Postma, Moe Demers, Michelle Rivet and Gil Lemieux. (missing Jay Black)

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Murder Mystery



Did you miss getting your ticket for the murder mystery? There are still a few available at the Westport Legion. You can still get yours at the bar when it opens daily at 4:00. \$30 per person.

Don't miss the fun evening. Proceeds to the Buck Lake Boatilla/Camp Merrywood.

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But if we have 25 more orders we will re-order!

Sign up at the Perth Road Store or email Donna at dneumann@kingston.net

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Meet Gillian and another Cheryl from our Board

This month, we highlight 2 more members of the board, Gillian Lash and Cheryl Savery. Gillian is new to the board this year with a long history with the lake through her grandparents and is keen to get involved. Cheryl, together with Grayden, has been very active in virtually every Buck Lake activity since coming here. She has been a stalwart in all of them including the mid-winter festival and, for some years, was the “spark-plug” in the Monday morning golfers. Cheryl has also actively improved our communications through the newsletter, website, Facebook group and our new Directory. Here are their stories...

Gillian Lash

After having lived outside of Canada for the last 27 years working in the high technology industry, Gillian has happily returned home to live full-time at the lake house that her grandparents (John and Evelyn Briscoe) built in 1958.

Gillian loves being active in the outdoors – hiking, swimming, running, canoeing and basically exploring! An avid amateur wildlife photographer, you will find her either early in the morning or as the sun is setting, out in the canoe trying to capture the beauty of Buck Lake with her camera.

Our ability to enjoy this incredible environment that balances the needs of wildlife with those of humans, is something that Gillian is passionate to maintain!



Cheryl Savery



Cheryl and her partner, Grayden McClurg, bought their home on Narrows Lane in 2007 and moved to Buck Lake full time in 2009. Cheryl then spent the next 5 years attending Queen's University and completed her PhD in Computing in 2013. Since then, she has been working part-time as an independent consultant.

Cheryl and Grayden have both been actively involved in the Buck Lake Association each having served a term as treasurer and working on the newsletter.

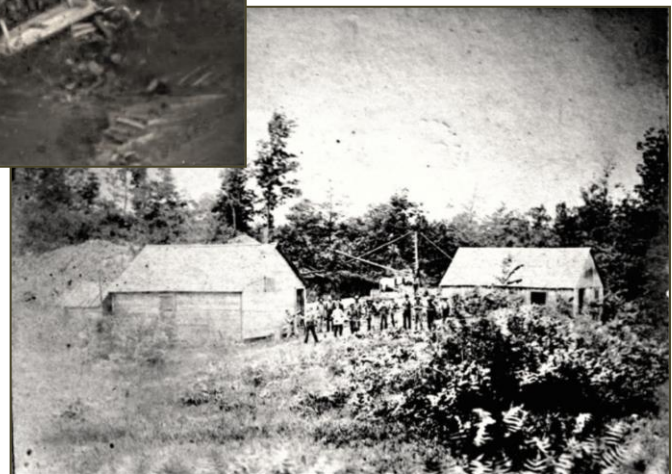
Between them, they have 4 daughters and 7 grandchildren who all enjoy coming to Buck Lake in the summer, for swimming and boating and tubing on the lake.

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Mica Mining at Buck Lake

More than a century ago, Eastern Ontario was one of the mica mining capitals of the world. Mica is heat-resistant and does not conduct electricity. Thin transparent sheets of mica were used for peepholes in boilers, lanterns, stoves, and kerosene heaters because they were less likely to shatter than glass when exposed to extreme temperature gradients. Of the mica mined in Ontario, 90-95% of it was used in the electric industry

Below are some pictures that Duncan Sinclair had been given, years ago, from John MacComish that provide a glimpse of the mica mining industry once thriving in this area.



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Is Your Septic System Up to Scratch? Who's Asking?

Submitted by Duncan Sinclair

In the absence of farms with cow pastures and cultivated fields abutting Buck Lake, it is fair to say that one of, if not the greatest threat to the quality of our water is us – we who live here full time or seasonally. We threaten the lake with many of our activities, fertilizing lawns or flower beds, cutting back the waterside bushes and other foliage, bathing and washing our hair in the lake, and so on. One of the greater controllable threats we pose is represented by the septic systems that treat the effluent from our toilets, showers, washing machines, dishwashers, and kitchen sinks. Inadequate treatment of this effluent releases nutrients, especially phosphorus, that accelerates the growth of algae and weeds in the lake and also release faecal bacteria that are a danger to our health and that of our children.

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There has been some discussion in the South Frontenac Township Council of a policy requiring inspection of septic systems. That discussion seemed quite positive for a while but recently was put into abeyance following on a decision by the Provincial government not to proceed further with its study of requiring mandatory septic inspections province-wide. Despite the Province's not proceeding, our courageous neighbouring Central Frontenac Township Council has proceeded to develop a policy to require septic system inspections, the primary impetus being its concern to safeguard the water quality in Sharbot Lake which, like many lakes in both our Townships, is increasingly popular and, therefore, is threatened

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by increasing population pressure and larger homes and cottages no longer of their once characteristic rustic character. The septic systems of yester-year are just not up to dealing effectively with the vastly increased effluent from multiple bathrooms as well as the grey water from our “mod cons” – showers, dishwashers, and washing machines. South Frontenac Council has taken note of our neighbour’s decision and it may be that the question will come back on the table in the not too distant future.

The issue, of course, is cost, the cost of inspections to the Township and cost to those property owners whose septic systems are not up to scratch; the cost of their replacement with effective septic tanks and leaching beds can be quite high, especially given that we are on the Laurentian Shield with its thin overburden over granite rock.

Inspections could be done by personnel hired by the Township but a better idea would be to provide an educational program and have inspections done by licensed operators of septic tank pumping services. That is how it has been done for many years in at least one township in Quebec north of Montreal where it is mandatory for property owners to have their septic tanks pumped out every two years and to present a certificate of inspection when they pay their taxes. This system seems to work very well there and protects their lakes and rivers effectively.

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South Frontenac Council is concerned, however, not only with lakefront properties but with protecting the environment and especially the supply of potable well water in the Township’s built-up villages and hamlets. It is particularly concerned about the financial implications for long-time residents, many with very limited resources, having to replace septic systems built for a different low-use time, much like those in rustic lakefront cottages. Careful consideration would have to be given not only to the allowable

time-line for the replacement of inadequate septic systems but also to ways and means of assisting residents to pay for having it done. Could the Township establish a fund, or designate part of its reserve fund, from which residents could borrow the up-front cost and repay the loan through a supplement to their taxes over an extended period of time? The Council in Central Frontenac is considering just this sort of question before implementing its policy decision.

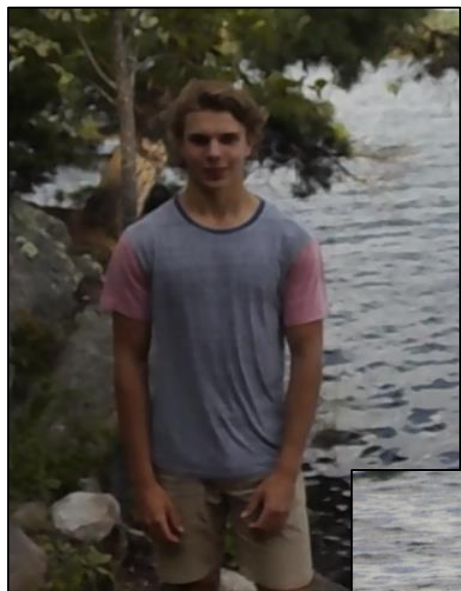
The whole issue of cost really comes down to the classic ‘short-term pain for long-term gain’ or, alternatively, paying nothing now but a lot more later (long-term pain). That “later” is what we leave to our children and grandchildren. We all need to think about that.

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Taras Wylyko and the Turtles

Taras Wylyko is a grade 11 student whose family has rented a cottage on the North Branch of Buck Lake for the past few years. This summer, Taras became fascinated with the turtles that regularly bask in the sun on the rocks in front of the cottage. Taras was keen to get other young people interested in turtles and in particular restoring and maintaining their habitat. He has spent the summer photographing and videoing the turtles, as well as researching them. He is hoping to develop a website about his work and to get other students at his school interested in the project.

We look forward to seeing more of Taras' photos and videos and will provide a link on the Buck Lake website when it is ready.



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Upcoming Events

Saturday October 21st – **Murder Mystery at the Westport Legion – Save the date!**

Our portion of the proceeds will again go to Camp Merrywood. There are still a few tickets available at the Westport Legion. You can still get yours at the bar when it opens daily at 4:00. \$30 per person.

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