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Buck Lake News – Aug 2019

Board of Directors

The Buck Lake Association Board of Directors met on Sunday July 28th. The first order of business was the election of officers. The current list of officers is:

President:	Crawford MacIntyre
Vice-President:	Gillian Lash
Treasurer:	Greg Fisher
Recording Secretary:	Cheryl Dawson
Archivist:	Kathy McDonald
Directors at Large:	Ria Berry
	Cathy Ottenhof
	Mel Robinson
	Randy Ruttan
	Cheryl Savery
	Martha Scheinman

In addition, members of the board were elected to the various committees:

Communications	Cheryl Savery (lead) Kathy McDonald Martha Scheinman
Community Outreach & Social	Mel Robinson (lead) Cathy Ottenhof Ria Berry
Friends of the Lake	Martha Scheinman (co-lead) Gillian Lash (co-lead) Barbra Rose Perry Michael Gemmell Ron Dickey David Frid Kim Thomas

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Government Relations	Greg Fisher (lead) Randy Ruttan
Member Services	Greg Fisher (lead) Cheryl Savery
Nominating	Crawford MacIntyre (lead) Gillian Lash

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The 2 main topics for discussion at the meeting were the upcoming Buck Lake picnic and updates to the South Frontenac Township Strategic Plan and the South Frontenac Township Official Plan.

The Buck Lake Picnic was planned for Saturday August 10th starting at 4pm. As it has been for the past few years, the picnic was planned as a potluck with the Buck Lake Association providing smoked pulled pork, buns and corn as well as Turkey dogs or something similar. As in previous years, games and crafts for the kids were planned as well as some games for the adults.

The township is holding several meetings and open houses to kick off the updating of the Strategic Plan and the Official Plan. Check out the [South Frontenac website](#) for more details.

Also, please take a few minutes to complete the township's [online survey about the Strategic Plan](#)

The next directors' meeting will be held on Sunday September 15th. Note: All Buck Lake Association members are always welcome to attend any board meeting. If you are interested, please email bucklakeassoc@gmail.com for more details on the time and location.

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Buck Lake Association and Friends of the Lake Education Night 2019

This year, we had two presentations about our local wildlife residents. Janet Fenton, who does outreach for the Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre in Napanee and Taras Wylenko, our local turtle expert who is a cottager on Buck Lake informed and entertained both the kids and the adults who attended.

Janet shared her interesting tales of wildlife that has been rescued over the years and reminded us of how to protect the animals we may encounter around the lake.



Last year 4272 animals were rescued and received care at the Sandy Pines.



This osprey was found in the water unable to get out because it was entangled in fishing line. Don't forget to clean up after yourself. At the wildlife centre they have seen mergansers, swans, gulls, raccoons, foxes, turtles and hawks all wrapped up with fishing line or have ingested the hooks and have had to have the hook surgically removed.

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It is so very important to leave our wildlife animals in the wild. It is also illegal to keep wildlife as pets. Every year at Sandy Pines they see animals come in sick from not being given the proper care. Also with so many animals disappearing from the wild we need them to stay in the wild.

Janet provided tips on what to do if encountering a bird or animal that may require assistance. People think driving over a turtle would be ok but many times snapping turtles get startled and scared and snap at the vehicles and break their jaws or the car still hits the top of the shell.

“To preserve and enhance the health of Buck Lake and its watershed for generations to come”
(Buck Lake Plan, 2012)

Taking his inspiration from the Buck Lake Plan, Taras, an avid Buck Laker and recent high school graduate heading to Queen’s in the fall, gave us a presentation on the turtles found around Buck Lake. He has been documenting and researching turtles at the lake for the past several years and provided new insight into their needs and habits. Plus, his videos of the turtles were fascinating.

Quick Facts about the turtles...

- Ontario has 8 native species of turtles. All 8 are considered at risk by Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as of May 2018
- Canada has ~20% of the world’s freshwater, and turtles are integral parts of freshwater ecosystems
- Southern Ontario has the highest density and species variety in all of Canada
- Snapping turtles can live over 100 years, but it takes an average of 59 years for it to replace itself in the population



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Buck Lake Boatilla 2019 Edition

This year marked the 15th year for the Boatilla, and as always it was a fun-filled event and an amazingly successful fundraiser. Below is the final report as received from Ross Trudel.

"Greetings everyone. We apologise for the delay but were waiting on a final donation that was confirmed this morning. The amount raised by the Buck Lake community and friends comes to an amazing \$30,643.68. Congratulations Buck Lakers. You are an unbelievable group of generous caring people. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

In the past 15 years Buck Lake has raised a total of \$279,643.68 enabling 113 children and their families to experience Camp Merrywood. Bravo!

On behalf of the Boatilla Committee we wish to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. As for Sandra, Liz and myself, this was our last Boatilla so what a great way to finish.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!"

The following letter of appreciation was sent from Krista LeClair, Senior Development Officer for Easter Seals Ontario:

"I continue to be truly inspired by this community, wonderful work yet again! So many kids with physical disabilities have and will have the opportunity to JUST BE KIDS at fully accessible Camp Merrywood because of YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!!"

Great work to ALL who contribute in the ways they are able, and thanks again to those members of the committee (and several volunteers) who are retiring after 15 years of service! Outstanding accomplishment!!!!

Thank you to all of you who have sat on the committee in past, volunteered to help, and those who continue to sit on the committee. We are in a rebuild for next year (the 16th annual and year 2020), so... here's my plea... if you are interested and able to serve on the Buck Lake Boatilla committee with me for next year, please email me directly and let me know, or call 613.547.4126 ext 221. I'd love to have some new faces on board.

Thanks again everyone for your continued love, support, and tireless effort over the last 15 years!!! You've made miracles happen!"

And from the entire Buck Lake Community, "Thank you Ross, Liz and the rest of the committee." We look forward to future events under the guidance of Krista LeClair and Easter Seals Ontario.



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Another Great Buck Lake Picnic

This year the Buck Lake Picnic was held on August 10th at the Hidden Valley Campground. A great time was had by all. Thanks to our social committee: Mel Robinson, Cathy Ottenhof and Ria Berry for all of their work organizing this, and a thanks to Heather and Larry Keeling and Martha Scheinman for helping with all the kids' activities this year.



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Concert on the Water



From everyone around the lake who enjoyed the free concert by R-Banned on Sunday July 28th, "Thank you". The music was awesome. I can't believe how well the sound carried across the lake.

Here are a few more pictures...



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Annual Golf Battle of the Branches Mon Aug 26 9am - Evergreen Golf Course

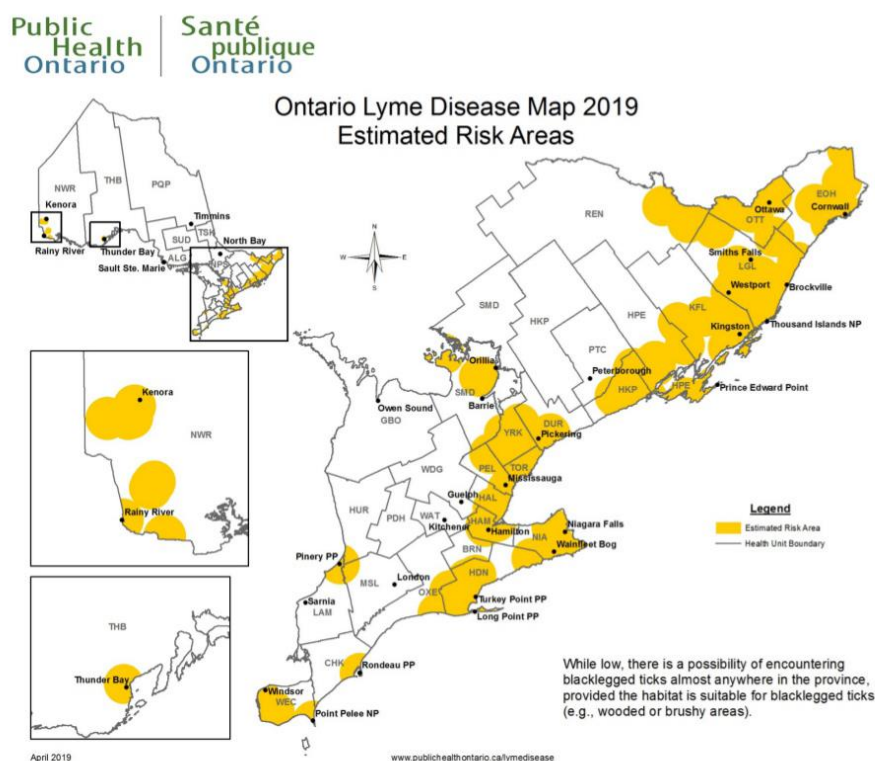
It is time for all Buck Lake golfers to come out to compete for the coveted North South Battle of the Branches golf trophy.

Interested golfers should email bucklakegolf@gmail.com

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease has become a serious risk in the Buck Lake area. We would like to remind everyone about the importance of checking for ticks whenever you have been outdoors.

The following link sent to us by Wess Garrod provides some useful information on ticks and lyme disease [Lyme disease: What it is and why some are calling it the next pandemic](#)



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Boating Tips

Pleasure Craft Operator Card

Every operator of a motorized recreational vessel must have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), or other approved proof of competency aboard along with proof of identity.

A course to earn a PCOC can be obtained from a variety of providers across Canada. The list of providers can be found at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety>.

Operational restrictions on youth under 16 years of age.

AGE	HORSEPOWER RESTRICTIONS
Under 12 <i>No direct supervision</i>	Up to 7.5 kW (10 hp)
12 to under 16 <i>No direct supervision</i>	Up to 30kW (40 hp)
Under 16 <i>Regardless of supervision</i>	May not operate a PWC

Reminders:

Annual Golf Battle of the Branches - Monday Aug. 26 - 9AM

Buck Lake Calendar NEEDS YOU!

Any time of the year is a great time to send in your pictures for the annual Buck Lake Calendar. If you have a great picture, you don't need to wait until fall to send it in. Please send your amazing Buck Lake pictures in full resolution to Cheryl Dawson at dawson.cheryl13@gmail.com. Please: no people in the photos.

The Buck Lake Community Directory

To be added to and receive the Buck Lake Community Directory, please email your contact information (name, lake address and up to 2 email addresses and phone numbers) to bucklakeassoc@gmail.com

Facebook Group

We have a very active group on Facebook. Please feel free to join.

The Facebook feed to our Buck Lake Website <http://bucklake.ca> should now be working again, even for people who do not have a Facebook account.

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Coming Events:

Monday Golf

- Every Monday 9am
- Evergreen or Rideau Lakes Golf Course
- Contact bucklakegolf@gmail.com for more info

South Frontenac Strategic Plan Open Houses

- Council Chambers - August 20th - 7pm

Golf Battle of the Branches

- Monday, August 26th - Evergreen Golf Course
- Part of the regular Monday Golf

20th Annual Rider Cup Golf Tournament

- Sunday, September 8th
- Location: Rideau Lakes Golf Course
- \$60.00 for 9 holes and full course meal, tax and tip included
- Donations the ticket draw/prize table accepted any time prior to the weekend and also the day of
- For more information, contact Marilyn O'Connor at oconnormarilyn75@gmail.com

Annual Murder Mystery

- Saturday, October 26th - more info to follow

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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