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## *Buck Lake News – August 2020*

### BLA Annual General Meeting

Earlier this summer, we postponed the AGM due to Covid-19 restrictions. After more consideration, we have decided to hold the meeting virtually to enable all Buck Lakers to participate.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom. We will send out the link by email closer to the date. (If you have not been receiving emails from our association, please contact us to get on our distribution list).

### Openings on the Board This Year

If you would like to put your name forward or know of someone who is interested, please contact us. It's a great way to get to know the entire Buck Lake community.



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## Proceeds from Buck Lake Murder Mystery Donated to Camp Merrywood

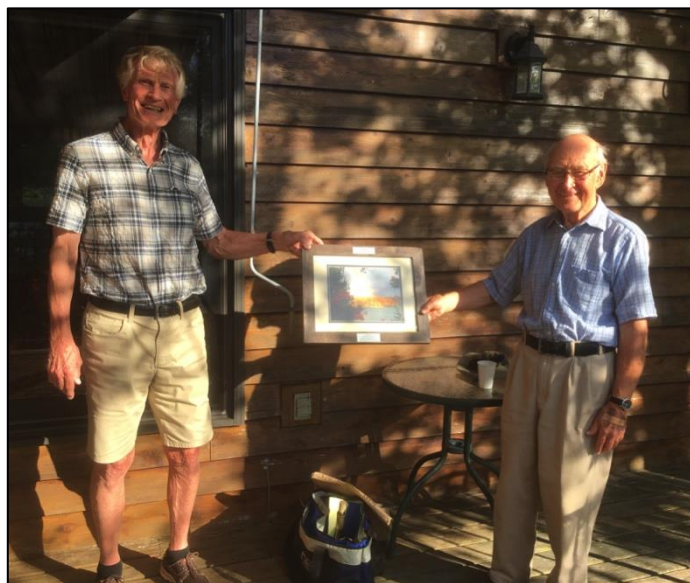
Last October, the Buck Lake Association hosted a Murder Mystery dinner at the Westport Legion. In addition to the dinner and the show, there was a silent auction to raise money for Easter Seals and Camp Merrywood. Traditionally, the proceeds have been presented during the Boatilla. However, due to Covid-19, this was not possible. We are pleased to announce that proceeds from the auction, which totaled \$1800, have now been donated to Easter Seals in support of Camp Merrywood.

We would like to thank all the business and individuals that supported us and encourage everyone to support the businesses that so kindly donated their services and products to make our silent auction so successful. For a complete list of businesses, see our [November 2019 Newsletter](#).

Donations to Easter Seals can be made online at the [Buck Lake Easter Seals Donation Page](#).

## The Jim Manuel Volunteer Award

On behalf of the Buck Lake Community, the Buck Lake Association is pleased to honour Duncan Sinclair with this year's Jim Manuel Volunteer Award.



Dr. Sinclair has led a high profile and successful career as an educator and reformer of our health care system and continues to be involved in these endeavours, yet he devotes much of his private life to serving his community, particularly his Buck Lake Community. Over many years Duncan has served as a director on a number of BLA boards and on our highly successful Boatilla Committee which raises funds for Camp Merrywood. His touch has been evident throughout, ranging from representations to South Frontenac Council and appearing on CKWS on our behalf, to annual secchi disc readings, constructing and monitoring the loon

nest on Richardson Bay, building the dock at the culvert and the countless lending of his hands at social and more formal events. Duncan's neighbours and friends can always rely on his generosity of time and sage advice.

The late Jim Manuel, also a model for contributing to his community both in his beliefs and his actions, would be proud to have his name associated with Duncan Sinclair.

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## Buck Lake Kids Triathlon

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the Kids Triathlon. So far the response has been great, with 16 participants registered to date. They are taking a few more participants so there is still time to sign up and get training. Below are all the details. Please contact Daley Clarke for more info, to sign up, to volunteer or to donate.

Due to Covid-19 we, the Clarke sisters in the narrows, will be unable to host our annual Buck Lake Lemonade stand. In place of, we have organized and will be hosting the first annual charitable, Buck Lake kids triathlon, ages 8-15.

The Triathlon will consist of Swimming, Kayaking and Running.

This event will be held on August 23. The time slots for each age group will be announced two weeks prior to the event.

Participants will arrive at the top of the Clarkes house (1003 Wren Lane, Perth Road) thirty minutes prior to their start time. Participants will sign in, receive a name tag and be directed to their start point.

Upon completion of the race participants can be picked up at the Clarkes house and are invited for food and drinks.

We ask participants **not** to come by boat, as we will have participants swimming and kayaking. Participants are asked to drop off their kayak/stand-up paddle board/canoe and personal life jacket the day before the event.

All participants are required to pay a \$20 entree fee. All participants are encouraged to seek private sponsors/donations as all proceeds will be donated to CHEO (Children's Hospital of Ottawa).

Parents and lake residents are encouraged to volunteer to help our participants stay safe and have fun! Please come out and cheer on our participants. If you are interested please contact me!

Please contact me, Daley Clarke, to register your participant, intend to volunteer or donate or have any questions/concerns. Due to Covid-19, participant numbers will be capped. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the first Buck Lake Kids Triathlon! We hope the donations exceed that of our past Lemonade Stands. Come support the great cause!

Sincerely, Daley Clarke 613-813-3854 [daleyclarke8@gmail.com](mailto:daleyclarke8@gmail.com)

| Age          | Swim  | Kayak | Run    |
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| <b>8-9</b>   | 150 m | 2 km  | 2 km   |
| <b>10-12</b> | 300 m | 4 km  | 3.5 km |
| <b>13+</b>   | 500 m | 6 km  | 5 km   |

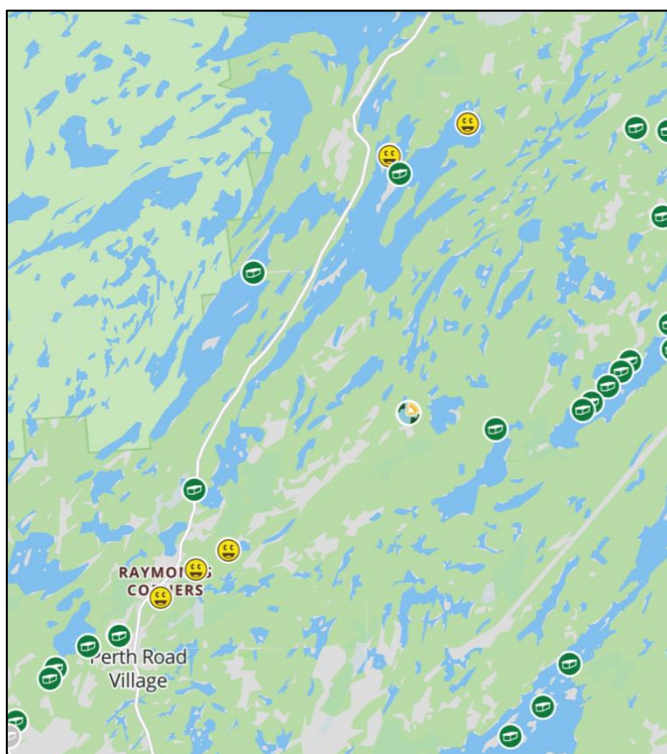
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## Geocaching on Buck Lake

Submitted by Cheryl Savery

Looking for something new and interesting that can be done around the lake and allows you to maintain social distancing? Why not try geocaching. Geocaching involves searching for a hidden cache using the GPS coordinates. There are several caches hidden on some of the islands on Buck Lake, plus many more only a short drive away. The map to the right shows some of nearby caches (the smiley faces are the ones we have found)

When you click on a cache, it will give you more details so that you know what you are looking for. Here is the description for the cache on Pulpit Island.



### Geocache Description:

A boat-in cache sharing the island with The Devil's Pulpit...

This is on an island in Buck Lake, so yes you will need a boat (or swim, seaplane, skydive or cross the ice in winter). There are cool rock formations (the "Devil's Pulpit" as I grew up knowing it) on the West side of the island, but best access is from a nice picnic spot on the East side near "Old Razorback" (you'll see). Best to avoid climbing up the steep unstable west side. Placed with my daughter-in-law Tisha and grand-daughter Shea (who calls this "Puppit Island"). Fairly easy open woods on the island and decent paddling around it.

The cache is a camouflaged locking plastic sandwich container, hopefully well hidden enough to avoid muggles.

#### Additional Hints (Decrypt)

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Years ago, you needed a handheld GPS to go geocaching. Now, all you need is a smart phone and the Geocaching app. When you find a cache there is usually a box containing a logbook and several small items to exchange. You can log your visit in the logbook and also record it online. And don't forget to bring some items to exchange. My grandchildren always called geocaching "*Going on a treasure hunt*" and the small prizes they got were the best part.

For more info, check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or download the geocaching app. And as always, beware of ticks.



## BOB – Battle Of the Branches



Each year the North and South branches of the lake compete in a friendly golf challenge to win the much coveted BOB trophy. This year the game will be held at Evergreen Golf Course on the morning of August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Bruce at [BuckLakeGolf@gmail.com](mailto:BuckLakeGolf@gmail.com) to arrange a tee time.

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## John Curran Writes About Buck Lake for the Frontenac News

We are excited to learn that local resident John Curran is now working as a freelance columnist for the [Frontenac News](#).

John's family, the Graves, have been on the lake since about 1930 when Steve and Wilma Graves bought a chunk of land that now comprises several properties at and near the top of Roost Lane. The Graves family now holds title to 11 waterfront lots in locations all around Buck Lake. John's family includes his wife Jugjit More-Curran and their seven-month old Chow, Lily.

Check out some of John's latest stories.

[Buck Lakers Prepare to Run, Swim, Paddle for CHEO](#)

[The Reason Why We Call Buck Lake Home](#)

[In Praise of Snakes, like Tito](#)

[Rediscovering the Canoe](#)

If you have any interesting story ideas or suggestions, contact John at [john@curranandassociates.com](mailto:john@curranandassociates.com). We look forward to reading more great stories.



## Rod & Reel Comes to Film at the Buck

By John Curran

This September marks the 30-year anniversary since the public broadcasting show Rod & Reel came to Buck Lake for some bass fishing and a shore lunch courtesy of the Original Friddle Company and the family behind it. For those not familiar with the program it was produced in Northern New York State and featured the adventures of the very affable host Bill Saiff and his loyal camera man Wink Whitney. A Friddle, you may also be wondering, is an oversized frying pan/griddle that was invented by long-time and late Buck Laker Arthur H. Graves. The



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company making them is now owned by Art's eldest daughter Susan Curran and her husband David and they operate it with assistance from their youngest daughter Christine Youngman. "Back in the spring of 1990 we went to Watertown, NY, to market the Friddle in a cottage show that used to occur there," recalls Susan. "We took our girls and went with my sister and her husband, Debbie and Orrie Michea who were our partners in the company at the time and who also have a cottage on the lake today."

A big event back in the day, the Watertown show featured a who's who of the sport fishing industry. "I remember meeting Cotton Cordell, the actual guy named that designed and manufactured all the tackle under that brand name, and we got two lures autographed for my brother that he still has all these years later," adds Christine.

Bill Saiff and the entire Rod & Reel team were also there, and he took an immediate shine to the Friddle and the nice Canadian family flogging it. He promised to come do a show on Buck Lake and help promote the business – for no charge. He just needed a place for he and ol' Wink to stay. That was obviously no problem, so in early September they arrived with a big shiny bass boat in tow and enough rods to outfit half the lake.



"Dave's brother Paul, he was a professional bass fisherman at the time, came from Toronto with his fishing partner Bob Formosa and brought their Nitro bass boat, too," says Susan. "There were three or four different guys who were all angling to be the one fishing with Bill on camera, but out of the blue he picked me to be the one in his boat; I remember he called me his '*guidesse*' through the entire time on the water. He had a very endearing way about him."

The fishing was steady that day and resulted in plenty of footage for the show including the largest fish of the session, which came out of the South Arm Narrows in front of Kevin Buck's place. Wink also acquired mountains of B-roll footage – generic shots of the lake and spectacular scenery.

"It was a rarity for them to have two bass boats on a shoot so they were able to get a lot of footage that they could edit and use later for other purposes," Susan explains. "Some of the shots even ended up in their revised intro the following season and they stayed there until the show was ultimately cancelled many years later."

Saiff was true to his word and split the episode between actual fishing and promoting the Friddle. "He interviewed my Mom and Dad at their cottage," Susan says as her smile widens and eventually erupts into a giggle. "Part way through Mom slaps Dad and scolds him because he said 'damn' while the camera was filming. It was great that they left that in – they really feel like they are being themselves even though they were so nervous about being on television. We all were, it was so new."



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After the interview on Art and Shirley Graves' deck, Bill and Wink went back across the bay to Susan and David's place where they filmed Orrie cooking them their shore lunch using a Friddle on a gas barbecue.



"The crew and Bill stayed for the weekend after they finished filming and did regular Buck Lake cottage things," Susan says. "We went to the Sand Bar for a swim, showed them the Devil's Pulpit and osprey nest, stuff like that, it was like hanging out with old friends."

Once the show aired, orders poured in from the Northeastern U.S. and around the continent. "There were lots from New York and Pennsylvania, but then also a few from Florida and further away states like that," says David. "It was a great success for us. We also got piles of requests for cottage rentals even though that wasn't something we did – so I imagine if you had a Buck Lake rental in 1991 (when the show originally aired), you likely enjoyed a boost from it, too, based on how many calls and letters we got."

Nowadays Christine has used Shopify to set up a new website for the Original Friddle Company, [thefriddle.com](http://thefriddle.com), and orders can be placed directly online.

"It is amazing how the Friddle has remained the same great invention that my Grandpa dreamt up at the request of my Grandmother in 1968, but marketing has changed so much over the years," says Christine, who has a cottage on Porcupine Island together with her husband Colin and their three daughters: Claire, Emily and Ivy. "It is so much easier for people to find us now that we have a proper web presence and online shop."

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## Reminders:

### The Buck Lake Community Directory

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### Buck Lake CALENDAR needs you ALL YEAR LONG!

Please send your amazing Buck Lake pictures in full resolution to Cheryl Dawson at [dawson.cheryl13@gmail.com](mailto:dawson.cheryl13@gmail.com) all year long... right when they happen. Please: no people in the photos.

### Facebook Group

We have a very active group on Facebook with 670 members. Please feel free to join. Remember to answer the questions when you request membership so that we know who you are!

### Easter Seals – Camp Merrywood Fundraising

Donations are still welcome!

If you are able to lend our support to Camp Merrywood, please make your donation online at: [easterseals.org](http://easterseals.org) > Events > Buck Lake Boatilla > Donate to the Boatilla. Or you can send a cheque to 993 Princess Street, Suite 102, Kingston, ON K7L 1H3 (please indicate “SAKTC”).

## Coming Events:

August 23, 2020 – Buck Lake Kids Triathlon

August 24, 2020 – Battle of the Branches – Golf – [BuckLakeGolf@gmail.com](mailto:BuckLakeGolf@gmail.com) .

September 13, 2020 – Rider Cup – Tentatively scheduled. More info to come.

September 15, 2020 – BLA AGM – by Zoom – Link distributed by email closer to date.

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](mailto:BuckLakeInformation)

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