



The Buck Lake Association Inc.

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

Buck Lake News – 2009 June

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President's Message

One of the relatively few occasions when we Buck Lakers get together as a group is coming up. The Annual General Meeting of the Buck Lake Association will be held on Saturday morning, 4 July, 2009, at the Perth Road Public School, beginning at 9 am. We will finish by noon so that everybody will have lots of time to get back to the lake, have lunch, and set out in our decorated boats for the Send a Kid to Camp Merriwood Boatilla, organized by the Buck Lake Community Watch. We will assemble on the South Branch by the culvert and parade to Hidden Valley for a barbeque, where we will tally up the donations, and present a cheque to Easter Seals to give some disabled children a great vacation at Camp Merriwood. Please be generous! It's a great cause and a lot of fun to boot.



My term is over this summer. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President. It has been a real pleasure, particularly working with your hard-working Directors who have done all the work, made my life easy, and contributed so much to making Buck Lake the great place and community we all want it to be.

See you at the AGM.

Duncan G. Sinclair
President

Annual General Meeting

Saturday July 4th 2009 @9:00 a.m.
Perth Road Public School
Agenda:

Doors will open at
8:30a.m. for coffee, registration
and socializing

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Greetings from members of South Frontenac Council
3. Approval of Minutes of 2008 AGM and Business Arising
4. President's Remarks
5. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
6. Membership Report
7. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors for 2009/10
8. Report of the Friends of the Lake and introduction of Guest Speaker
9. Guest Speaker-Reg Genge
10. Power Craft Operator Course information
11. Other Business and Open Question Period
12. Adjournment



- Memberships may be purchased and renewed at the AGM
- Friends of the Lake will have an information table
- Advertisers in the Newsletter will be invited to present information
- Lots of printed material available for members on stewardship issues
- Registration for the PCOC Course on July 20th

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An advertisement for Crowedock Docking Systems. The top part has a green background with white text: "WE DO IT ALL" in large letters, followed by "Docks, Decks, Boathouses & Crib Repair" in smaller letters. Below this is a photograph of a wooden dock system with several floating docks connected by a walkway. At the bottom of the ad, there is a green bar with white text: "All can be seen on our website www.crowedock.com 1.800.267.0519".

Nominating Committee Report to the July 4, 2009 Annual General Meeting Buck Lake Association Inc

Clause 8 a i of the Association's By-law 1 indicates that the Board of Directors will consist of not fewer than and not more than 12 members. The 2008-2009 Board had 12 members.

Clause 8 a ii of By-law 1 indicates that board member may not serve more than 6 consecutive years. The same

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sub clause indicates the members are to be elected to serve for 2 year terms of office, to a maximum of 3 terms.

Directors Maxine Lemieux, Crawford MacIntyre, Roy Mills, Stephen Roughton and Duncan Sinclair were elected to their second 2 year term at the 2008 AGM. Duncan, our current president, has served on BLA boards over the years. His current presidency is not his first. Duncan, a strong believer in attracting new members to serve on the board, has determined that he will not serve the second year to which he was elected in 2008. This will enable the membership to elect one new board member at the 2009 AGM.

Lisa McAvoy completes her second year of service at this AGM. Her professional and family life is full at this time and, for this reason, she

has declined re-nomination at the 2009 AGM. Her withdrawal makes possible the nomination of a second new board member.

The Nominating Committee nominates Peter Dawe and Cheryl Savery be elected to their initial 2 year term at the 2009 AGM. Each nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

The Nominating Committee recommends that Nancy Daugulis, Anna Fummerton, Wayne Myles, Sandra Rider, and Ralph Wirsig be elected to their second 2 year term on the board. It further recommends that Tricia Waldron be elected for her third 2 year term. Each nominee has agreed to serve if elected at the 2009 AGM

The above eight nominees, plus the four continuing directors elected at the 2008 AGM will result in the 2009-2010 Board of Directors having the maximum allowable total of twelve directors.

If there are nominations from the floor at this AGM a ballot election will be held if the total number of nominees standing for office exceeds eight.

Respectfully submitted,

Crawford MacIntyre, Stephen Roughton (chair), Duncan Sinclair, Tricia Waldron
Nominating Committee.

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Board of Director's Report

The Board last met on Saturday June 13, 2009 and dealt with a number of issues relating to the up-coming AGM and planning for summer activities. The Friends of the Lake are progressing well with a lake planning survey, a Buck Lake Map project and an educational workshop in July. Final decisions were made for the Annual General Meeting and an agenda was prepared. The 2008 Financial Report was circulated to the membership in the February Newsletter and will be presented for approval at the AGM. A June 30th Financial Report as well as the 2009 Budget will be presented for information. The Nominating Committee presented their report to the Board and it will be printed in the June Newsletter prior to the AGM.

Membership renewals have been steady and a table will be set-up at the AGM for those who wish to renew on July 4th. The Board decided to sponsor at least one Pleasure Craft Operator's Certification in July 2009. Details will be available and presented in the June Newsletter and at the AGM. Planning for the Summer BBQ/Picnic is proceeding and detailed information will be available in the July Newsletter. The date is set for Saturday August 22nd at Harris Park in Perth Road Village. President Duncan reminded Directors that the Buck Lake Boatilla is being held on the afternoon of the AGM commencing at 2:00 p.m. so we have to be aware of timelines at the meeting.

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Membership Report

As of 09 June 13 paid up BLA members stood at 100 or about 2/3rds of the final tally we expect to see for 2009 which is likely a record for renewals before the AGM. This leaves fewer renewals and less time doing it at the AGM and leaves members more time for socializing.

Friends of the Lake

As promised in our May newsletter, members of the Friends committee along with Board members and other volunteers, will be out in full force the weekend of June 27/28 delivering the lake planning survey to every household on the lake. We'll attach the survey in a plastic baggie to all the docks or property numbers we can find – or to a nearby tree. You can drop the completed survey into one of the drop boxes listed at the bottom of the survey or mail it in to Barbra Rose Perry or reply online at www.bucklake.ca/lakeplansurvey. Please complete just one survey per household.

Many thanks to Richard Linley for converting our print survey to its online version.

As also noted in the May newsletter, Reg Genge of Ontario Lake Assessments, will be our speaker at the AGM on July 4th at Perth Road Public School. Reg has been working on an analysis of water data for Buck Lake and has some preliminary findings


to report. Come and hear how the lake has changed over the years and bring questions for our water expert. Reg has worked for a number of cottage associations and is therefore familiar with both residents' and cottagers' concerns about lake quality.

On July 16th, Matt Ellerbeck of creatures101 will give a presentation on the turtles and snakes and scorpions that inhabit the Buck Lake neighbourhood. Matt is an animal conservationist who comes highly recommended by a number of Buck Lakers who have heard his presentations. He has presented regularly at the Cataraqui Conservation Area. Join us on the 16th from 7 to 9 pm for a lively (and live!) evening at the United Church Hall in Perth Road Village. Members of the Friends committee will be present to chat about the ongoing lake planning project. This event is free and refreshments will be provided.

**BUCK LAKE ASSOCIATION
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"turtles, snakes and scorpions"
an evening with conservation educator

**Matt Ellerbeck
& his "friends"**



Thursday, July 16, 2009
7:00 to 9:00 pm
United Church Hall, Perth Road Village

Refreshments will be served.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Our beautiful 18" x 24" map of Buck Lake is nearing completion and on its way to the printer. This is a colour map, based on MNR and municipal data with points of interest and photos contributed by Buck Lakers. It will be available for sale for \$15 at the AGM on July 4th or the educational event on July 16th. You can email Barbra Rose Perry at barbperry@sympatico.ca to reserve a copy.

One final note: if you would like to help with the survey delivery on Saturday, June 27, come to the culvert at 9 am with your boat. It will be a great way to see a part of the lake you perhaps aren't familiar with and to meet some new neighbours.

Buck Lake "Send a Kid to Camp" Boatilla

Every year since 2005, the Buck Lake community has united to raise money for the sponsorship of local children to attend the Camp Merrywood program on the Big Rideau Lake operated by the Easter Seals Society. To date, over \$25,000 has been raised. On Saturday July 4th, the 5th Annual Buck Lake Boatilla will take place. Everyone is welcome in your boat, canoe or kayak. Assemble in the South Basin near the Culvert/Causeway by 2:00 p.m. and join the tour around the scenic South Branch culminating with a BBQ and presentation to the Easter Seals Society. If you are

contacted by a Community Watch representative, please be generous and of course try to join in the fun. If you have not been contacted directly, just come out and enjoy. All monies collected go directly to Easter Seals and all expenses of the Boatilla are covered by the Community Watch Committee. See you there.

Pleasure Craft Operator's Certification

By September 2009, everyone operating a pleasure watercraft in Ontario (including kayaks and canoes), will be required to obtain and carry a **Pleasure Craft Operator Card**. The BLA has sponsored certification courses in past years and has decided to plan at least one course for members this summer. Mr. Owen Bird, will instruct the course on the recommendation of our friends at the Bob's and Crow Lake Association.

The Course will be offered on **Monday July 20th between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Perth Road United Church Hall**. Registration will be \$50/person and is open first to members and their family members as young as 8 years of age. Special testing formats are used for younger participants. A portion of the registration fee will be rebated to the BLA for rental costs and refreshments. A pre-registration for the Course will be held at the AGM on July 4th. We will open participation to non-members after July 4th if room is available. We have room for 20 participants. We have booked a tentative date with Owen for an August 17th if there is enough interest for a second session. We will update members in the July and August Newsletter. Preferred payment for the course would be by cheque to the BLA on the evening of July 20th.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, please contact Roy Mills at millsras@kingston.net or at (613) 273-7724 after July 4th if you are interested in registering.

New Business in Buck Lake Area

As per the adjacent ad Didier Grimaud "The Cook in the Woods" is starting a new business in our neighbourhood.

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We wish him good success. Didier was born in Tunisia in 1955, grew up in Germany on a French military base, went to hotel school in Strasbourg, France from 1974 to 1976 and came to Canada in 1978. He started as a waiter at LA BASTILLE restaurant. Within 4 ½ years in the country he started his 1st business.

During his time in Toronto he has owned and operated 5 different food businesses in the last 27 years, 3 of them restaurants, a deli and a bakery. He has worked all aspects of the industry. Over his many years he

accumulated a broad knowledge in cooking, baking, waitering and management. He is an avid supporter of the Ontario wine industry.

In 2007 he sold LA PETITE FRANCE, the restaurant he operated in Toronto for 22 years. His extensive knowledge of food and wine is now a local asset available for Buck Lakers including any event planning large or small.

Didier has been a visitor to Buck Lake since 1990. He and his wife Edie have enjoyed it so much that they spent 6 years building a house on the North branch. Since 2007 they have made Buck Lake their home for 6 months of the year.

Notices and Reminders

- Saturday June 27th – The Loon Workshop in Sharbot Lake at the Oso Community Hall - 8:30-4:00
- Saturday July 4th – BLA Annual General Meeting and 5th Annual Boatilla for Easter Seals
- Sunday July 5th – Open House at the Queen's University Biological Station - 12:00 –3:00 p.m.
- Thursday July 16th – Friends of the Lake Workshop at Perth Road United Church Hall – 7:00-9:00
- Saturday July 18th – Giant Pie Sale at Perth Road United Church Hall- 9:00 a.m. until sold out!
- Saturday August 22nd – BLA Summer BBQ/Picnic at Harris Park in Perth Road Village

And Finally...

On behalf of the Board of Directors we send our special thanks to Margaret Fisher for hosting our Spring Pot Luck Picnic on June 11th. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a good chat and a great meal. If you left a navy blue cloth bag behind, give Margaret a call at 613-353-7901 to arrange a recovery.

Garrett Burn's grandparents sold their cottage on Porcupine Island five years ago and he and his family are looking for a fall rental on the lake. You can contact him at greenmonster19_1@hotmail.com if you have any leads.

This final Newsletter before the AGM, and the new elections, is light on content and heavy on information. We will publish again in the last week of July and as always are looking for interesting stories and news about the Buck Lake community. Please contact us through our email box or forward directly to miilsras@kingston.net. We hope to see you at the AGM on July 4th.

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