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

Buck Lake News – 2010 June

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President's Message

Greetings from Fortress Toronto.

Many of you know that I am spending a fair amount of time in Toronto these days working on an exciting program to reduce costs in our hospitals. I have been enjoying the privilege of traveling back and forth between my home at Buck Lake and a small apartment in downtown Toronto. While in Toronto, I have access to the best of city living. At home, I have Buck Lake and Buck Lakers.

This has all changed recently as Toronto prepares to host the G20 Summit. I know you have all heard the stories of how much money is being spent to prepare, of the fake lake and other apparent excesses in the plans so I will not repeat these here. Instead, I thought you would be interested to hear what it is like to be working in downtown Toronto as this event unfolds.

I work out of One Dundas, a building that is part of the Eaton Centre. Right across Yonge St. is Dundas Square. Organizers anticipate that this will be the site where protestors gather before heading down Yonge St to approach the security fence. In preparation, Yonge St has been stripped of anything that a protestor might be able to pick up and throw. Garbage cans have been replaced by plastic bags tied to hydro poles. Mailboxes have vanished. Restaurateurs and other shopkeepers have been advised that they cannot have anything on the sidewalk in front of their premises. The street looks naked.

Our landlord has told us that the building will be under special security for the week. We are advised to carry Government Issue identification with us at all times in order to avoid the risk of arrest. We are also advised to dress casual and not carry our laptop computers with us so we can blend into the crowd.



Mother with chicks taken from a safe distance by Carolyn Giles. Papa Loon was nearby on guard duty.

Many downtown businesses are giving their employees the week off and shutting down. We have plans that will allow us to continue to serve our member hospitals, many of whom are on high alert, while also closing our offices at least on Friday.

All this is meant to protect the city from the protestors and, perhaps the protestors from themselves. The delegates to the summit will be safe and sound inside the fence.

It certainly reminds one that we are blessed to have access to the peacefulness of life at Buck Lake.

I wish you all a healthy, happy summer 2010. See you at the AGM on July 10th.

Tricia

Annual General Meeting

Saturday July 10th 2010 at Perth Road Public School ...The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. but the doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. for registration, displays, socializing and refreshments.

Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Greetings from members of South Frontenac Township Council
3. Approval of Minutes of 2009 AGM and Business Arising
4. President's Remarks
5. Report of Secretary-Treasurer/Acceptance of 2009 Financial Report
6. Membership Report
7. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Directors for 2010-2011
8. Report of Friends of the Lake and Introduction of Guest Speaker
9. Presentation by Reg Genge
10. Other Business and Open Question Session
11. Adjournment
 - Some hard copies of the 2009 AGM minutes and Financial Report will be available but please go to www.bucklake.ca and click Association Documents to see the AGM minutes and the Newsletters/February 2009 to see the 2009 Financial Report. Help save a tree!
 - New and renewed memberships will be available at the AGM as usual. Fees remain at \$25/year for one and two year memberships.
 - Friends of the Lake, our advertisers and other groups will have displays available.
 - We look forward to an excellent meeting and great interest from our members again this year.

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Nominating Committee Report to the July 10, 2010 Annual General Meeting of 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 9, and not more than 12 members. The 2009-2010 board had 12 members.

Clause 8 a ii of By-law 1 indicates that a board member may not serve more than 6 consecutive years. The same sub clause indicates the members are to be elected to serve for 2 year terms of office, to a maximum of 3 terms.

At the 2009 AGM directors Peter Dawe and Cheryl Savery were elected to their first two year term; directors Nancy Daugulis, Anna Fummerton, Wayne Myles, Saundra Rider and Ralph Wirsig were elected to their second two year term; and President Tricia Waldron was elected to her third two year term.

Maxine Lemieux and Stephen Roughton have declined re-nomination for a third two year term thereby making it possible to nominate two new Buck Lake Association members to serve their initial two year term on the BLA board.

The Nominating Committee nominates Maureen McLellan and Ross Trudel for election to their initial 2 year term at the 2010 AGM. Each nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

The Nominating Committee nominates Crawford McIntyre and Roy Mills for election to third 2 year term at the 2010 AGM. Each nominee has agrees to serve if elected.

The above four nominees, plus the eight continuing directors elected at the 2009 AGM will result in the 2010-2011 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 four.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Nominating Committee.



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Board of Director's Report

The Board met on June 12th 2009 and considered a wide range of topics:

- Director Stephen Roughton reported that the Nominating Committee was searching for two new Directors for the next Board and that a report would be ready for the next Newsletter.
- Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl Savery presented a brief financial report and stated that the 2009 Financial Statement would be presented for approval at the AGM as well as a mid-year financial update for members.
- Director Ralph Wirsig amended our 2009 membership year-end number to 161, an all time high. 2010 renewals stand at 115 with many more expected in the next few weeks and at the AGM.
- Members were asked to notify the BLA at info@bucklake.ca if they should change their email addresses so we can reduce the bounce backs on the Newsletter electronic distribution.
- The logistics of AGM planning was a major discussion and a tentative agenda will be published in the June Newsletter.
- The Friends of the Lake Committee reported that they had been informed that a grant of \$1500 from the MNR has been received for wildlife habitat studies this summer.
- Director Crawford MacIntyre reported on the BLA presentation to the South Frontenac Council on June 1st. The main focus was safety at the Causeway...speed limits, parking and signage. Cell phone and broadband services were also addressed. He also reported that Mark Segsworth, Township Engineer/Works Department Manager was planning a public meeting to discuss planned upgrades to the Perth Road in the near future and that we would keep members informed of details.
- Director Sandra Rider reported for the Community Outreach/Social Committee and reported that approximately 40 members attended the Pot Luck Social at Margaret Fisher's home on June 10th. Plans are well underway for the Annual BBQ/Picnic on August 22nd and more detail will be printed in up-coming Newsletters.
- The Government Relations Committee was asked to prepare a recommendation regarding possible involvement of the BLA in municipal elections in the fall of 2010. This item will be discussed by the new Board in August.
- Director Nancy Daugulis presented a proposal to involve all members in the collection of reflections and memories of life on Buck Lake for the History Project. She will prepare an item for the next Newsletter.
- Director Roy Mills reported that due to a back order of markers only 4 shoal markers were in place. More would be in place in the next week and another



The poster for the Classic Theatre Festival features a yellow background with a red border. At the top, the logo 'CTF' is displayed above the text 'Classic Theatre Festival' in a large, bold, serif font. Below this, 'Ottawa Valley's Professional Summer Theatre' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. The poster is divided into two columns. The left column features a black and white illustration of a crystal ball on a stand, with two hands reaching out from behind it. Above the illustration is the title 'Blithe Spirit' and below it is 'by Noel Coward'. The right column features a black and white illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress embracing. Above the illustration is the title 'The Voice of the Turtle' and below it is 'by John van Druten'. Below the two columns, the text 'Studio Theatre, Perth, ON' is centered, followed by 'Tickets: 1-877-283-1283' and 'www.classictheatre.ca'.

Blithe Spirit
July 9-Aug. 1

The Voice of the Turtle
Aug. 6-29

Studio Theatre, Perth, ON
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dozen were on order. The challenge now was to ask lake residents to “adopt” a marker and have the BLA support the program with supplies and assistance as required.

- The Board will next meet following the AGM to set a date for the August meeting.

The Buck Lake History Project needs YOU!

Stories about the history of our beautiful lake, such as the explanation of how Pulpit Island became Crown Land (Crawford MacIntyre, April 2009) or the account of a murder on what is now Neva Lane and Buck Lake’s connection to the last man hanged in Frontenac County (Duncan Sinclair, December 2008), get an enthusiastic response from readers of this Newsletter. We’d like to publish many more of them, but the BLA’s History Committee needs your help!

What kind of help are we looking for? Well ...

Tell us Your Stories:

Keeping in mind that every family on Buck Lake, whether you’ve been here for a few years or many decades, has its own history and lore, we’d like to publish your stories about everything from wildlife and fishing to what brought you to Buck Lake and why you love it. If you like to write, simply send us a piece for the Newsletter. If you’d rather tell your story and let someone else do the writing, give us a call or send us an e-mail.

Volunteer to Collect other people’s Stories:

Let us know if you’re interested in interviewing long-time area residents to record their recollections. We’ve recently purchased a few hand-held tape recorders and will get together soon to discuss how to proceed with this part of the project. Please consider joining us.

Tell us Who has great Stories:

If you don’t have the time or the inclination to be a writer or an interviewer, but you know a Buck Laker whose stories need to be heard, let us know.

Please e-mail nancy.daugulis@gmail.com, or call 613-273-4869 (no call answer) or 613-549-7439 (call answer).

The History Committee looks forward to hearing from you!



Friends of the Lake Report

The Friends of the Lake Committee met on 27 May. Most of the meeting was devoted to discussion of how best to proceed to the development of a draft lake plan for consideration first by the BLA Board and then by the membership. The Committee is using guidelines prepared by FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations). Currently work is underway on the drafting of a vision statement, putting together information on Buck Lake and its watershed, preparing an introduction to the history of Buck Lake and its community, completion of Reg Genge's water quality report, expansion of a loon study, and follow up with the Ministry of Natural Resources on their studies of lake trout and shore fish. There's a lot to do!

Volunteers are needed for two projects:

LOON STUDY - Kathy Wirsig is coordinating a survey of the nesting, hatching and successful rearing of loons in the several parts of Buck Lake. We need two volunteers to survey this summer the loon population in the north end of the south branch and the south end of the north branch; three observations are to be made - of pairs of loons nesting, their success in hatching young ones, and again later in the season of the success of those chicks to the stage where they can fish and fly on their own. If you would be willing to take on this responsibility for 2010, please contact Kathy (k.wirsig@gmail.com) by return e-mail and I will put you in touch with Kathy.

FISH STUDY BY THE MNR - we have been advised that Cam McCauley (MNR) has been funded for studies of the temperature and oxygen concentration in the deep lake trout "holes" and for netting and tagging spawning trout in the fall. Two volunteers with good-sized boats (a pontoon boat or large open boat larger than 14 ft in length) are needed to transport Cam and an assistant plus their gear to two or three sites on the south branch and one site on the north branch sometime in July or August (probably the latter). Please contact me and I will provide more detail just as soon as I have it.

WILDLIFE SURVEY - Cam has also been funded to train volunteers to conduct a standardized wildlife survey – loons (see Loon Study note above), marsh inhabitants, song birds, turtles, and owls. If you would be willing to participate in this survey, again please contact me and I will let you know when the training session will be as soon as I have that information.

Finally, the Committee confirmed that Reg Genge will be the speaker once again at the Buck Lake AGM to be held Saturday morning, 10 July. More details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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"Birds of Prey on Buck Lake"

an evening with

Kristen Keyes

Of the Kingston Field Naturalists



Thursday, July 15, 2010

7:00 to 9:00 pm

United Church Hall, Perth Road Village

Refreshments will be served.

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

Also, the Friends of the Lake Committee will hold an information session on Thursday evening, 15 July. The topic will be Birds of Prey; the speaker will be Kristen Keyes of the Kingston Field Naturalists.

Please help us out. Having fun is virtually guaranteed and you'll learn something too!

Osprey on south branch bringing home lunch (fish not visible). Photo by Carolyn Giles



A Matter of Interest for Fishermen

Oxygen concentrations are of course critical to the survival of lake trout. Optimal conditions for lake trout are waters with a temperature < 10 °C with oxygen concentrations > 6.0 mg/L. Lake trout can exist in less than optimal conditions at temperatures below 15.4 °C and at oxygen concentrations > 4.0 mg/L. Lake trout populations become confined to a narrow layer in the late summer due to warming of the surface waters and due to oxygen depletion in the bottom waters.

The following chart is a summary of the “numbers” from Reg Genge’s report and only 2 parameters do not meet current standards; the volume weighted hypolimnion oxygen concentration and total phosphorous.

Parameter	North Average	South Average	Acceptable
Alkalinity	35.83 mg/L	71.69 mg/L	>25 mg/L
Aluminum	0.23 mg/L	0.021 mg/L	<0.075 mg/L
Calcium	12.55 mg/L	25.24 mg/L	No Limit
Chloride	2.61 mg/L	6.53 mg/L	No Limit
Chlorophyll <u>a</u>	3.20 ug/L	2.55 ug/L	<10 ug/L
Clarity	4.06 m	5.64 m	3 – 5 m
Colour	8.75 HCU *1	7.25 HCU	No Limit
Conductivity	<220 umhos/cm *2	<220 umhos/cm	No Limit
Hardness	46.4 mg/L	832. mg/L	No Limit
Iron	0.142 mg/L	0.136	<0.300 mg/L
Magnesium	3.46 mg/L	4.85 mg/L	No Limit
Surface TN *3	0.3556	0.3676	No Limit
Bottom TN	0.4398	0.4885	No Limit
TN:TP Ratio	26.4	31.8	> 20.1 *4
VWHOC *5	<7.0	<7.0	>7.0mg/L
pH Surface	7.864	8.255	6.5 – 8.5
pH Bottom	7.039	7.364	6.5 – 8.5
Total Phosphorous	13.47	11.55	<10 ug/L
Residue	68.1	118.1	No Limit
Sodium	2.17	3.63	No Limit

*1 – Hazen Colour Units

*2 – micromhos per centimeter

*3 – Total Nitrogen

*4 – Total nitrogen to Total Phosphorus <12:1 favour blue green algae growth

*5 – Volume weighted hypolimnion oxygen concentration

Grayden McClurg

Buck Lake Boatilla-2010

The Buck Lake Association is a strong supporter of the Annual Boatilla which takes place this year on **Saturday July 3rd**. The Boatilla organizing group involves a number of BLA members who have generated thousands of dollars for the Easter Seals summer camp programs over the years. BLA member Ron Matthey has been a driving force in this effort over the years and in 2009 was recognized by the Township of South Frontenac as Volunteer of the Year for his many involvements in our community. On June 28th, Ron will be recognized once again. He will receive an Ontario Volunteer Service Award for his work with Easter Seals. Good on you Ron and congratulations from us all!

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The 2010 Boatilla leaves the South Basin at the Causeway at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Join the parade and make a donation to the cause...it feels good.

Perth Road...Our Road

As mentioned in the Board Report, Mark Segsworth our Township Engineer is planning a public information meeting to present a recent consultant's report the Township commissioned regarding Perth Road. Due to the fact that the BLA has been a strong advocate of needed improvements and safety concerns in our area, Mark is holding the meeting in Perth Road Village. **The Presentation of the Operational Assessment of Perth Road will take place on Thursday July 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Perth Road United Church Hall.** All are welcome to see what recommendations have been made and perhaps give Mark some feedback.



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Passages

In the recent past we have made note of the passing of members of our lake community. Most resident members are aware of the recent tragic death of Gerry Patterson, who drowned following a boating accident on the North Branch. Gerry and his wife Sue were residents of the Norman Lane community on the North Branch for a number of years. He was a true lake lover who fished and boated almost daily. You may have also known him as a member of the staff at North Country Marine in Inverary.

On behalf of the BLA and our members may we express our heart felt regards to the Patterson family and their many friends and neighbours who are deeply moved by his passing. We ask you all to please wear your life jackets in Gerry's memory...be safe on the lake.

A Few Reminders

- Ontario Family Fishing Week in July 3-11. Canadian residents are welcome to sample the fishing opportunities, licence-free. Throw your line in the water...you can always let the fish go again if you don't want to clean the catch.

- Queen's University Biological Station offers a wide range of summer activities including Nature Walks every Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening seminars at 7:30 p.m. Checkout details at the website www.queensu.ca/biology/gubs.html.
- Giant Pie Sale at Perth Road United Church Hall – Saturday July 17th at 9:00 a.m.
- Buck Lake Assoc. Annual BBQ/Picnic at Harris Park in Perth Road Village on Saturday August 22nd from 4:00 p.m. until dusk. Food, fun, fellowship and live music...come early and invite the neighbours who may not have come before. This is a special event planned to connect the community at least once a year.
- The Annual Rider Cup Tournament is planned for Sunday September 12th in Westport. More details will follow in the August Newsletter but mark the calendar now.
- A dozen new shoal markers are in place to supplement a number of existing markers placed by the "Lake Angels" every year. Please be proactive and adjust a marker that may have drifted or needs attention. We have GPS locations recorded for all the existing markers and when we have completed the marking we will publish a map for members to download. We have more markers on order and need your help to locate danger spots not yet marked. The lake is very high for this time of year due to the rainfall but we all know what happens when the lake is a foot lower in the late summer and fall. If you are prepared to "adopt" one or more markers near your home or cottage, let us know. Contact Directors Cheryl Savery, Peter Dawe or Roy Mills or email us at info@bucklake.ca.



And Finally...

With rain every day for the last week, the G20 and having to pay my taxes before month-end I thought I would end with a few quotes from **Life's Little Instruction Book**:

- Wave at children on school buses.
- Never cut what can be untied
- Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts.

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