

Greetings! — at (close to) the beginning of another Cottage Season on Beautiful Lower Beverley Lake — after an Autumn, Winter and Spring which held many meteorological surprises. ... Back about 01 April, I started assembling, reviewing, extracting and précis-ing with the intention of mailing by the desired 15 April, but

THE EXECUTIVE, should you wish to make contact:

SECRETARY: Vacant. (After her much-appreciated service, Kathie Neiley ended her term in August, 1994.)

TREASURER: **Betty Penstone**. Cedar Knoll Camp, out of Delta. Year round: (613) 928-2088.

2nd V-P: **Michèle LaRose**. North shore; North of Horse Island. Year round: (613) 359-5993.

1st V-P: **Don Santos**. Horse Island. Summer (613) 928-3111.

PRESIDENT: **Doug Kilpatrick**. South shore, 2nd cottage West of entrance to Lyndhurst Creek. By road: To Kendrick's Park; follow Kendrick Lane to 951A. Principal Res (613) 283-9731
Summer Cellular (613) 284-6374.

ANNUAL MEETING and PICNIC/SOCIAL. Please **NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR**:

DATE / TIME: Saturday, July 22, Registration/Say Hello, 2:30 p.m., Meeting 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lower Beverley Lake Township Park, out of Delta; Pavilion near the Gate House.

CARE FOR CHILDREN at the meeting will be available.

DELIGHTFUL DOOR PRIZES ... for which PAID-UP Members are eligible. (HINT!)

MORE DETAILS in the Flyer, 1st week of July.

WATER QUALITY. In 1994, water clarity measurements were made and water samples taken to indicate phosphorus levels. Don Santos did the measuring/collecting during most of the ice-free season, with Millard Goodsell completing through mid-October. This was a great addition to the work being done by a person whom Don has been unable to contact. (Our benefactor is requested to contact Don.) I don't have the latest analysis from the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE). Don should be able to report at our Annual Meeting.

ZEBRA MUSSEL. In Oct 94, the Ottawa Citizen reported on the HIGHLY increased population in the Rideau System from miths Falls to Ottawa. We know that there is an established population in the Southern Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence and waterways of New York State. In addition to ensuring that anything which has been in another body of water is THOROUGHLY cleaned before entering "our" lake, we also must be seeking ways to keep the pin-head size youngest forms out of boat motors and residence water systems. I've seen some adverts in Cottage Life for latter.

DEER MICE and HANTAVIRUS PULMONARY SYNDROME (HPS). In early May 95, because of recent media coverage, the Health Unit issued an advisory. Deer Mice are common in our area, but the closest known incidence of mice carrying the virus was 2 of 43 in Algonquin Park, Summer 1994. Although human infection can be serious, it is RARE that human beings exposed to the virus are infected. No case in Ontario and only 110 in the USA and Canada. ... Take the usual precautions to try to keep mice out of buildings. ... For clean-up after ANY mice, wear a dust-mask and rubber or plastic gloves. Do NOT dry-sweep or vacuum. Before collecting droppings, to avoid raising dust, dampen the area. Wash with hot soapy water and disinfectant or diluted bleach. Dead mice, mouse nests are to be doused with disinfectant or diluted bleach before moving them; place them in a plastic bag, seal it and into a tight-lid garbage container. Traps to be similarly cleaned. ... Clothing and bedding soiled with mouse urine or droppings to be washed and dried in the sun or a hot dryer. ... Before removing rubber/plastic gloves, rinse in disinfectant/diluted bleach; wash hands in clean hot soapy water. Before eating drinking, smoking, thoroughly wash hands and face. (Health Unit, Brockville: Ph (613) 345-5685. Fax (613) 345-2879.)

TOWNSHIP HELPFUL INFORMATION. With the Tax Notices from each of Bastard & South Burgess (B&SB) and Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne (RoLL) comes MUCH helpful information. As Good Citizens (Year-round and 'Paying Guests') each of us should do what we can to help care for the Townships. Anyone who does not have an information sheet should contact the Township Office for assistance:

B&SB: Ph: 1-800-928-2250,
Ph: (613) 928-2251;
Fax: (613) 928-3097.

RoLL: Ph:
Ph: (613) 928-2423;
Fax: (613) 928-3116.

(My tax increase 1995 over 1994 in B&SB was 0.0%; In RoLL, 1.8%. I think that's worthy of commendation.)

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FIRE SERVICES.

Donations. The Volunteer Fire Departments of BOTH Bastard & South Burgess (B&SB) and Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne (RoLL) were MOST grateful for the donations from individual members of the LBLPA in the Summer of 1994!

Inform Yourself. Because some parts of B&SB are more accessible to the Fire Department of RoLL and vice versa, reciprocal agreements exist. Anyone who is not sure of which Fire Service provides Initial Response to their particular property should contact the Fire Department ADMINISTRATION. Have your Tax Roll Number at hand.

B&SB Fire ADMINISTRATION Phone (613) 928-2263.

RoLL Fire ADMINISTRATION Phone (613) 387-3197; Fax (613) 387-3898.

The Fire Departments will be pleased to assist you to help them with correct Initial Response TELEPHONE NUMBERS for Fire, (? Ambulance, Police?); requirements for PRIVATE LANE NAME signs and CIVIC ADDRESS NUMBERS; information about your BUILDINGS and SPECIAL HAZARDS such as gasoline and propane storage. Call the ADMINISTRATION phones.

SOLAR-ELECTRIC ENERGY. Ontario Hydro Technologies is offering **EN-R-PAK**. Basic Unit: 50 watt solar collector; 100 amp-hours (12 V) storage; compact fluorescent high efficiency light. Could power lights and TV up to 4 hours/day plus small water pump for 3 days. Portable: 35 kg/78 lb. Can add on to provide 200 amp-hours. (Apparently does NOT feed into existing electrical system.) Cost of Basic Unit: \$1499 less Lake Association discount \$150 until 31 July 1995. Ontario Hydro MIGHT demonstrate at our Annual Meeting 22 July 1995, but virtually all our members are served by Hydro power and our Annual Meeting attendance is usually about 30 people. (Ontario Hydro Technologies, Ph 1-800-644-0944; Fax (416) 207-5832.)

PROGRAMMES OF CATARAQUI REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (CRCA). Lower Beverley Lake is in the jurisdiction of the CRCA. In addition to its work in such as water level control, erosion control, protection of wetlands, site-plan evaluation, care of recreational and protected Conservation Areas, the CRCA also conducts a WIDE variety of programmes of varying duration for ALL age groups, YEAR ROUND: Maple syrup making, 'Drug-free' lawn care, Astronomy, Reptiles and amphibians, Bird-watching, Moths and butterflies, Nature walks, Painting and calligraphy, Nature in winter, 'Little Cat' Nature Camps (\$135/week/child) and MUCH more. Minimal charges. Main Area and Offices are at 1641 Perth Road, GLENBURNIE. (See your Ontario road map. From Lower Beverley, it's an interesting drive of less than an hour.) Ph (613) 546-4228, Fax (613) 547-6474.

IMPROVING ATTENDANCE AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING.

Time of Day. We plan to adhere to (1) the Saturday closest to 20 July (because more people are 'at the lake' on this date) and (2) Lower Beverley Lake Township Park (because of ease of accessibility and suitability of accommodation) but we're wondering if AFTER 1995, a change in Time of Day might help. Please see "Time of Annual Meeting" on the Membership Registration form.

Prize For Helping The Lake. In addition to the Door Prizes, there'll be a prize for the person who brings the most PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE! Collect it in such as green garbage bags; at least get the flower spikes before they set seed; try to get the roots with as little earth as possible.

HELP WANTED: WATER SAMPLER. To improve our data base for Lower Beverley, we'd like to sample UPPER Beverley Lake. Volunteer(s) required. Minimum 6 samples per ice-free season, ie 1 per approximately 30 days, mid-April through mid-October. The procedure is simple. The hardest part is taking the time to do it. Please see "Water Sampling In Upper Beverley Lake" on the Membership Registration form.

HELP WANTED: SECRETARY of The Lower Beverley Lake Protective Association. Term: Usually 2 years, 'renewable'. Meetings: Usually 4 per year, earliest end May, latest mid-August. Duties: Mostly minutes of meetings — record (preferably type), duplicate and distribute to Executive. Position open to Women and Men! Please see "Secretary of LBLPA" on the Membership Registration form.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE. At the 1994 Annual Meeting, it was decided to increase the fee to \$9.00 per Immediate Family. Each year the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter is about \$235. The Flyers advertising the Annual Meeting cost about \$60. Last year, we placed "Care For The Lake" signs at two boat ramps at a cost of \$655 for the two. We'd like to place two more at an estimated cost of \$450 for the two. We'd like to start building for major projects such as Sewage System Survey and Shoreline Analysis. Our \$9.00 is small when compared with larger associations with bigger problems. All 280 households/families on our mailing list benefit from the efforts of our Association, but as of 1994, the best year, financial support was from only 33% of households/families. **Let's try to bring that MUCH closer to 100% in the shortest time. IT'S IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST!!**

Have a Happy and Safe Summer and beyond,
Doug. Kilpatrick.