

Greetings and Welcome to another season on Beautiful Lower Beverley Lake! .... I hope the late Spring was a harbinger of a pleasant Summer and a prolonged Autumn. .... Again — APOLOGIES for my tardiness with the Newsletter. I won't tell you my excuses lest you judge their validity!

THE EXECUTIVE, should you have a question, wish to make comment or offer a suggestion:

President: **Doug Kilpatrick**, South shore, 2nd cottage west of entrance to Cellular: 1-613-284-6374,  
Lyndhurst Creek. By road: To Kendrick's Princ. Res.: 1-613-283-9731  
Park; follow Kendrick Lane to 951 A.

1st V-P: **Don Santos**, Horse Island, north side, Vedonna Lodge. Summer: 928-3111

2nd V-P: **John Truyens**, ("Trooyens") LB 9 Road, off Short Point Road, Year-round: 928-3199  
west of Kendrick's Park. Big log house.

Treasurer: **Betty Penstone**, Cedar Knoll Camps. From Delta, out William Year-round: 928-2088  
St (behind fairgrounds) to Railroad St.  
Out Railroad St to Civic Address 29 (1st on left).

Secretary: **Janet Sheridan**, Cottage is in Area 2 of Lake Association Summer: No Phone.  
map, north of Henderson Haven, on the point Princ. Res.: 1-613-273-4472  
north of Spring Bay, east of Mott (Aird) Is.

We are most pleased that Janet has accepted this responsibility for at least a year. AND we hope that we can draw on her experience as a fisheries technician. Janet has already completed the VERY large task of printing the out-going envelopes for this letter.

And we sincerely thank **Steve Gannacy** for the almost two years he served as Secretary. Steve found that the unpredictable demands of his business would not allow him to meet his commitment to the Association to the standard he desired.

ANNUAL MEETING and PICNIC / SOCIAL.

Please ... NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR and RETAIN THIS SHEET.

The **Reminder Flyer** has been **DISCONTINUED** by Motion of the 1996 Annual General Meeting. (NOT cost-effective in relation to financial and person-power costs.)

DATE: Saturday, July 19, 1997.

TIME: 2:00 p.m. for Say Hello and additional Membership Registrations;  
2:30 p.m. for Meeting, followed by Picnic/Social for those who wish.

PLACE: Beverley Lake Township Park. The sign to the park is near the bridge where Delta Creek flows under the main street of Delta on its way to The Old Mill.  
The meeting will be held in the **PAVILION**, which is visible as one drives into the park. We'll try to have the Lake Association Banner on display.  
If inclement weather, near the Beverley Lake Township Park sign, we'll post a sign directing to the alternate location.

CARE FOR CHILDREN during the meeting will be available.

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

BRING: For the meeting, you may wish to bring a chair and a beverage.

If you wish to remain for the Picnic Social —

If you wish to barbeque, bring your own meat; (Assoc'n will arrange barbequing facility.)  
Bring your own beverage, cutlery, serving spoon and a dish to pass:

A-H: Dessert; I-P: Casserole; Q-Z: Salad.

Association will provide condiments, cups, plates.

BUSINESS of the Meeting: The Usual Formalities, Up-dates on topics in this letter, Reports on activities of members on behalf of the Association, Perhaps reps from the Municipalities to report on such as improvements in Delta, amalgamation, New concerns of members, .... HOPE TO SEE YOU!

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**"PROTECTIVE".** From time to time, members of our Executive receive inquiries from people on our mailing list which indicate that some people have the mistaken idea that our Association provides protection and/or security for real and personal property. NOT SO. Our Association can provide the names of a few people from whom security services may be purchased, but our Association does NOT provide the service. .... What our Association tries to "protect" is the natural environment of The Lake and its surroundings.

**SECURITY:** Sadly — a few Break-Enter-Thefts around The Lake during the off-season. Obviously this is impossible to prevent. It's no longer possible for the OPP to make checks to the same extent as in the past.

**RECOMMENDATIONS,** as endorsed by the OPP. Use what you can:

Off-season patroller: Hire one and post notice(s) that the property is patrolled.

"Fencible" Items: Don't leave them in the cottage over the off-season.

Inventory the contents by written, and/or photographic/videotape record. (Also for insurance claim.)

Mark items with an electric engraving 'pen' — preferably in a conspicuous place and a non-conspicuous place. Use owner's VEHICLE PLATE NUMBER. e.g. ON SZA 467. (Do NOT use Social Insurance Number because Police do NOT have access to SIN data banks.) Post notice(s) that items have been marked.

Don't Advertise: During the season, items such as small outboard motors should NOT be left in view. Leaving them in view can invite The Bad Guys to return when the owner is away.

**ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASED** to \$15.00 per Immediate Family. This was approved at the 1996 Annual General Meeting. In view of the cuts by the Ontario government to such as the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE), the Ministry of Health/County Health Units, Environmental Youth Corps (EYC) grants, **the responsibility for looking after natural resources such as Lower Beverley Lake is shifting more and more to their users.** .... It's highly unlikely that our Association, from within itself, can provide the expertise, testing facilities and person-hours required to properly protect "our" Lake so that we have something of undiminished value to pass to our heirs or put on the market. Therefore, it's necessary that our Association must build capital so that we can buy the necessary services. A \$15 Membership Fee is very little when compared with the 1994 provincial average of \$33. .... It's my opinion that if we're really serious in our desire to protect Lower Beverley Lake, future major increases in our Membership Fee will be necessary.

**WATER QUALITY.** Don Santos again provided very valuable service in the 1996 season. .... Secchi Disc measurements for Water Clarity showed slight improvement, although the Lake remains in the category of "enriched". .... Chlorophyll 'A' analysis: In 1996, MOEE changed from analyzing for Chlor 'A' to what we think is Phosphorus. Don received the info just before "press time" for this letter. He intends to obtain more info and report to the 1997 Annual Meeting.

Chemical and Biological Contaminants. At the 1996 Annual General Meeting, conditional approval was given to starting a programme of testing. However, on 13 Aug 1996, V-P Don Santos, Member Al Ferras and Pres D. Kilpatrick met with officials of MOEE and Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, who advised that chemical contaminants are so unlikely in The Lake that a programme of testing is not necessary. .... For biological contaminants, the opinion was to let the Health Unit testing of the beaches at Kendrick's and Beverley Lakes Parks be our alarm bells.

Sewage Systems Survey. On 13 Aug 1996, our advisers considered this to be a valuable tool for determining more information about how well we're caring for "our" Lake. .... On 29 May 1997, at our Executive Meeting, we obtained more information from a former MNR officer and the Director of Environmental Health for the Leeds-Grenville & Lanark Health Unit. .... In general, a Sewage Systems Survey is a step toward our goal of ensuring the best possible care of The Lake. .... IF it's to be done, it would be with the approval of an Annual General Meeting and agreement of the individual property owner. .... The initial on-site survey would be done by trained persons, employed at least in part by the Association. .... As necessary, the Health Unit would provide further corrective advice to the property owner. .... A big job; could take several years; would cost money. .... Has been done by many Associations in the Cataraqui and Rideau Regions. .... Personally, because we know so little about what might be hidden beneath the surface of Beautiful Lower Beverley Lake and Its Surroundings, I think we should be making a determined effort toward carrying out a Sewage Systems Survey. .... We hope to have more at the Annual General Meeting.

Care of Sewage Systems: Advice in very broad terms, based on MOEE publications: (See following Page 3.)

**WATER QUALITY (cont.)**

Care of Sewage Systems: Advice in broad terms, based on MOEE publications:

**Construction / Installation:** Ensure in accordance with Provincial Regulations. (Suggest advice from a Licensed Contractor.)

**Pump-Out:** Depending on load, every 3 to 5 years to prevent plugging of leaching bed.

- Area Over Leaching Bed:**
- open to sun and wind;
  - Allow small vegetation such as grasses.
  - Keep clear of vegetation such as bushes and trees whose roots will occlude the leaching bed tiles / piping;
  - Protect from compaction by vehicles, including snowmobiles.

**Avoid Over-Loading with** Large volumes of water, } Automatic Dishwashers and Washing Machines  
 Detergent with high phosphate. } should be used as seldom as possible,  
 ONLY with full load.

**Keep Records of** - Where such as the piping, tank and leaching bed are located;  
 - Dates of servicing and pump-out.

**ZEBRA MUSSEL:** On 10 May 97, I attended a meeting of Friends of the Rideau at Merrickville. The principal presenters were two biologists doing research on Zebra Mussel in the Rideau System between Ottawa and Smiths Falls. I was AMAZED at the extent of the infestation over a few years! Although Zebra Mussel can have a clarifying effect on the water-body by consuming phytoplanktons, they "over-graze" and deprive fish hatchlings and other clams/mollusks of their food. They also cause physical (even fatal) damage to clams/mollusks and also to water intakes for municipal and domestic systems. Of the approximate 20 species of clams/mollusks in Southeastern Ontario, the extinction of some species is attributed to Zebra Mussel. The sad conclusion of the biologists at this time is that Zebra Mussels are "here to stay". .... Just before typing this, I spoke with the MNR Area Biologist: In 1995, Charleston Lake was the only one outside the Rideau system where there was evidence of Zebra Mussel, but no adults reported as yet. In 1995, Lower Beverley Lake showed no evidence. No sampling by MNR since 1995 and none in the foreseeable future because MNR no longer has the funds. .... Advice from Area Biologist: Continue to urge decontamination of any equipment which has been in another water-body, before it enters the Lower Beverley system. Domestic water systems which take their water from the lake or creek should be equipped with a filter made from such as the glass "wool" which is used in aquarium filters. Watch for and Report to our Association if adult Zebra Mussels (brown, striped, size of little finger-nail) are seen on such as dock pilings or boat hulls. (The only value of the report is to spread the word that such as filters are more necessary.) .... The recently reported use of an Ethiopian berry to selectively poison Zebra Mussel is not beyond the lab-test stage and could NOT be used to clear the critters from a lake system.

**DONATIONS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.** The practice of individual members of the LBLPA making "give as you wish" donations to the Volunteer Fire Departments who serve The Lake area began in 1994. The funds are MUCH appreciated by the fire departments for such as helping to finance training and to speed the purchase of equipment. .... Donations in 1996, to R of L & L (Seeley's Bay): \$118, and to B & SB: \$575! Members of LBLPA are to be **COMMENDED!!** .... Please continue to show your "thanks for being there if I need you" by being as generous as you can on the enclosed **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION** sheet.

**HELP AVAILABLE.** I hope you will remember Mr. Kevin Lamacraft, one of the knowledgeable and enthusiastic reps from the MNR who has attended our Annual General Meetings. .... In the recent downsizing/rationalization/QJIS suffered by the MNR, Kevin's position was eliminated and he did not have adequate seniority to move to another position. .... He has "hung out his shingle" as an **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT**. He offers his formal education (B Sc Forestry) and his years of varied experience with the MNR: He can provide such as -

- Bush lot management advice;
  - Planning of Docks, development at/near shorelands;
  - Advice on how to minimize impact of near shore work on the water-body.
- {Bear in mind that although MNR  
 {Work Permits are no longer  
 {necessary, the heavy fines  
 {still exist for violations.

"My fees are reasonable and I will provide timely service to you and your members."

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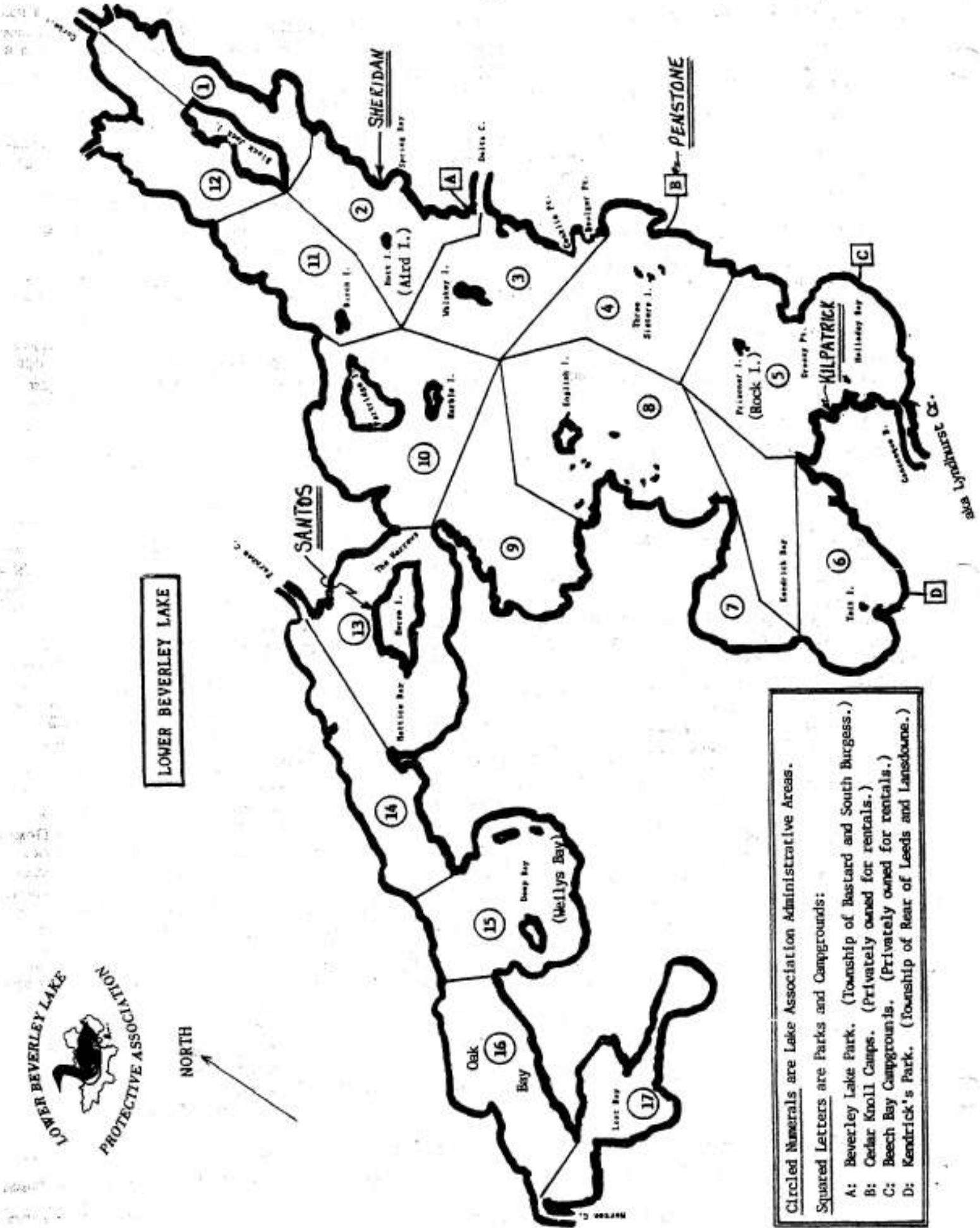
**HAVE A HAPPY and SAFE SEASON ENJOYING and CARING FOR LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE !!**

*Doug.*  
 Douglas M. Kilpatrick.

(I have more, but you must come to the Annual Meeting on 19 July to get it!)

(See OVER for Map of The Lake.)





LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE



NORTH

**Circled Numerals** are Lake Association Administrative Areas.

**Squared Letters** are Parks and Campgrounds:

- A: Beverley Lake Park. (Township of Eastard and South Burgess.)
- B: Cedar Knoll Camps. (Privately owned for rentals.)
- C: Beech Bay Campgrounds. (Privately owned for rentals.)
- D: Kendrick's Park. (Township of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne.)

PLEASE: Complete this form .... return it .... and your cheque .... in the Reply Envelope .... **SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION** MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 1997.

Please FRONT SURNAME GIVEN Name(s), Initials Lake Phone Number

**PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE MAILING ADDRESS:** If our envelope to you is NOT correct, please correct our envelope and return the front of our envelope in the Reply Envelope.

**LAKE AREA NUMBER:** According to the map found elsewhere in this mailing, Lake Residence is in Area Number \_\_\_\_.

If **REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME:**

Please PRINT Principal Residence Mailing Address

City / Town / Village / Post Office Prov / State 2-Ltr Abbr Postal / ZIP Code

Country

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**MEMBERSHIP FEE:** One Fee covers all members of an Immediate Family. \$15.00 per Family. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_.

**Optional DONATION TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** which serves your cottage / residence:

Include your donation in your one cheque and our Treasurer will issue 'bulk' cheques to the Fire Departments.

We're sorry: It's not feasible to issue Charitable Donation Receipts.

Eastard and South Burgess . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_.

Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne (Seeley's Bay Volunteer Fire Department). . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_.

**TOTAL CHEQUE** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_.

- Cheques / Checks - Must be drawn on a **CANADIAN** bank;
- Payable to **Betty Penstone (In Trust)**;
- Marked **LELPA Fee** + \_\_\_\_\_.

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Our Lake Association is trying to help ALL the owners of property on Lower Beverley Lake to **PREPARE THEIR INVESTMENTS** by striving toward an **ENVIRONMENTALLY HEALTHY** and **SAFE** lake.

If you decide **NOT** to become a member or **NOT** to renew your membership, we'd like to know why, so that we can try to do a better job. .... Please use the space below.