

"Preserve and Enhance  
the Quality  
of Lake Life."

**LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**  
DELTA, ONTARIO K0E 1G0

May, 1998.

NEWSLETTER

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:**

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Secretary: Janet Sheridan Home (613) 273-4472

**GREETINGS** to all and Special Greetings to those who may be first-time receivers of the LBLPA Newsletter!

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — Please make Calendar Note:**

Date: **Saturday 18 July 1998.**

Time: **2:00 p.m.** for Say Hello and Last-Minute Memberships;

**2:30 p.m.** for Meeting, followed by Picnic/Social for those who wish.

Place: **Pavilion in Beverley Lake Township Park, Delta.**

If we decide to change the location (weather) we'll try to notify by signs and the meeting will be held in the Anglican Church Hall which is within Delta, on the Delta-Lyndhurst Road.

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 BBQ, bring your own meat. The Association will provide BBQ facility;

Bring your own Beverage, Outlery, Serving spoon and a Dish to pass:

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

The Association will provide Condiments, Cups, Plates.

Care For Children during the meeting will be available.

Door Prizes! — for which Paid-Up Members (!!) are eligible.

**Please Come. JOIN WITH OTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT THE LAKE AND ITS ENVIRONS.**

These **First Bits Of Information\*\*** are provided primarily for those who are recently added to our mailing list.

**"PROTECTIVE"** This word has been part of the name of the Association for at least 50 years. It refers to protecting The Lake and its surroundings. We are NOT in the business of providing such as off-season patrols of property, although we can provide names and telephone numbers of persons whom the property owner might hire for this purpose.

**OUR MISSION:** To preserve and enhance the quality of lake life.

**OUR OBJECTIVES:**

- Foster preservation of the pristine character of The Lake environment.  
Egs: Water quality                      Natural shoreline/land protection  
Fish habitat/supply                      protection  
Wildlife protection                      Personal responsibility
- Communicate concerning issues related to the cottage/lake community.  
Egs: Invasive species                      Provincial/Federal legislation/regulations  
Zoning/buildign regs                      regulations  
Property taxes                              Cottage security  
Boating safety                              Cottage security
- Serve as a focal point for lake stewardship and improvement projects.
- Provide a vehicle for social interchange and development of personal relationships.

**WHAT DO WE DO / WHAT HAVE WE DONE?**

Liaison with the following and others to obtain advice and assistance which, as relevant, we pass to the membership:

- Ministry of Natural Resources, **MNR**
- Ministry of Environment and Energy, **MOEE**
- Ontario Provincial Police, **OPP**
- Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority **CRCA**, in whose region our water-system lies
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, **RVCA**
- Township of Rideau Lakes, which now includes the Wards of Bastard & South Burgess and South Crosby
- Township of Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne
- District Health Unit

Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, **FOCA**.

**Water Quality Monitoring.** For many years, in co-operation with MOEE, our volunteers have done this. Don Santos is our current "Chief" measurer and sampler. He and his wife, Mary, produced the enclosed graphs and explanations.

**WHAT DO WE DO / WHAT HAVE WE DONE? (cont)**

**"Please Preserve The Quality Of Lake Life".** Information covering Boating, Fishing, Private property, Water quality, Invasive species has been made available by —

**"Flyers"**, through annual mailings and through businesses around the lake;

**Signs** posted at each of the four boat-ramps around the lake.

**Boat Speed Limit Signs** are placed, starting with the areas of greatest concern, Delta Creek and the entrance to Lyndhurst Creek.

**Newsletters** are published annually. In 1998, they will be mailed to 430 users of The Lake and Creeks, and to 20 agencies.

**Meetings —**

- Annual General Meeting is held on the third Saturday of July. At it, we handle "the usual" business and try to have presentations from reps of such as the Townships, OPP, MNR, others, as issues arise.
- Executive Meetings, usually three per year. Because the principal residence of some members of Executive is remote from The Lake, meetings are usually held in May, July and August.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE** is \$15 per immediate family. This compares favourably with the Provincial average which, a few years ago, was \$33, and with such as Charleston Lake which, in 1998, is \$25. Our fees pay for such as Signs at the boat ramps, \$245 ea; Boat speed limit signs, \$55 ea; Postage for Newsletter, \$235; and other costs. Much time and labour and out-of-pocket expenses are donated.

**OPTIONAL DONATIONS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.** Starting in 1994, through the LBLPA, members have been making donations. The money is used for special equipment and training. The 1997 total donation was \$745, for which the Fire Chiefs have expressed deep appreciation. Please see the MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION form.

**\*\* Here endeth the First Bits Of Information\*\*.**

**SEWAGE SYSTEMS SURVEY.** At the 1997 Annual General Meeting, it was decided that all members would have the opportunity of deciding whether this project would proceed. It was the intention of the Executive to include information and a ballot with the Newsletter in March, 1998. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, President Doug was not able to meet the timeline. Because the lateness of this mailing could re-

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**SEWAGE SYSTEMS SURVEY. (cont)**

sult in a vote which is not properly representative, Doug decided, for a year, to delay sending out the information and the ballot.

**GOLF COURSE "The Maples" and HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.** This is on the north shore of Lower Beverley Lake, north-east of the east end of Horse Island. The developer is Mr. Peter Chiarelli, who spoke at our Annual General Meeting in 1996. The golf course has 9 holes operating now. A further 9 holes is planned. On 26 March, 1998, a duly advertised Public Meeting was held in Delta, as the Township of Rideau Lakes is required to do. Doug Kilpatrick and John Truyens attended as "official" reps of the LBLPA. About 25 other members of The Public attended, along with 14 Township Councillors and officials, and Mr. Chiarelli and his son who acts in a legal capacity for him. The purpose of the meeting was to "discuss and hear comments regarding a proposed Plan of Subdivision of 17 lots." A further 37 lots is contemplated in a later phase. At this initial meeting, information was given and concerns expressed. In view of the fact that on 26 March, 1998, a great percentage of the people who are waterfront property owners who, in 1997, provided 72% of the tax revenue for Bastard and South Burgess were not in the area, Doug Kilpatrick recommended that the next Public Meeting be held in July, 1998. This would provide a better opportunity for those taxpayers to be informed and express opinions. Although he made no firm commitment, Reeve Howard French responded positively to the recommendation. .... Personally, I'm VERY concerned about the additional stress which 54 residences can have on the "preservation of the pristine character of the lake environment." .... **Watch for announcements in the public press and plan to attend a second Public Meeting which might be held in July, 1998.**

**SAFE BOATING — NEW REGULATIONS.** As we were informed by our OPP speaker at our General Meeting in 1997, new regulations are "expected to be in place by the 1998 boating season". .... In early May, 1998, I obtained a status report from the Canadian Coast Guard: They hope that new regulations will be published in July, 1998. The effective date was not known. .... I ordered 50 copies for our General Meeting in July, 1998. If they don't arrive in time, I'll leave a few copies at Wing's Bait Store in Lyndhurst, and I'll try to leave some at the Post Office in Delta. .... Families with young operators of "personal watercraft" and anyone who owns/operates a "jet-ski" might be two groups who would have special interest in the new regulations.

**Boating Safety Hotline: 1 800 267 6687.**

**PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR TAXATION PURPOSES.** Some people are concerned about the dollar amount which appeared on the Notice of Property Assessment, effective 01 Jan 1998, under the heading "Estimated Current Value, June 30, 1996". (Personally, for our property, the number is in line with what we obtained for the 1994 Valuation in connection with Capital

**ICE STORM DAMAGE.** I hope the following reaches you in time to be of value. It's based on information from several sources.

**In General,** don't be too quick in the complete removal of damaged vegetation, such as a complete tree or a complete bush. Prune as necessary and give the vegetation at least a year to "come back".

**Shoreline/Shorelands.** Property owners have a responsibility and will want to remove fallen tree debris from "their" part of the shoreline/shoreland. But try to do this with the minimum disturbance of at least the 15 metres on either side of the water's edge. This is the littoral/riparian zone which is the "Ribbon Of Life" for the waterbody.

**Advice / Information:**

LandOwner Resource Centre, Box 599

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Phone 1 800 387 5304

Fax 1 613 692 2806.

Cataraqui Region Cons'n Auth Phone 1 613 546 4228

Kevin Lamacraft. Has made presentations for MNR at our General Meetings. (His MNR position was "down-sized" in the great MNR "rationalization" a couple of years ago.) He's a member of the LBLPA and a Registered Professional Forester, in the BUSINESS of Woodlot Management. Ph 1 613 924 9545.

**Financial Assistance With Repair/Clean-Up.**

The best brief information I can glean:

First determine what your insurance company can do for you.

Disaster Relief Money from County, Province: Seasonal residences are not excluded from assistance which might cover what your insurance company does not cover. However, it is understandable that assistance to seasonal residents will be on a MXXH lower priority than that to such as farms, principal residences and businesses.

Full Printed Information and Claim Forms may be obtained from the Township offices: (Please — You pick up, don't ask them to send them to you.)

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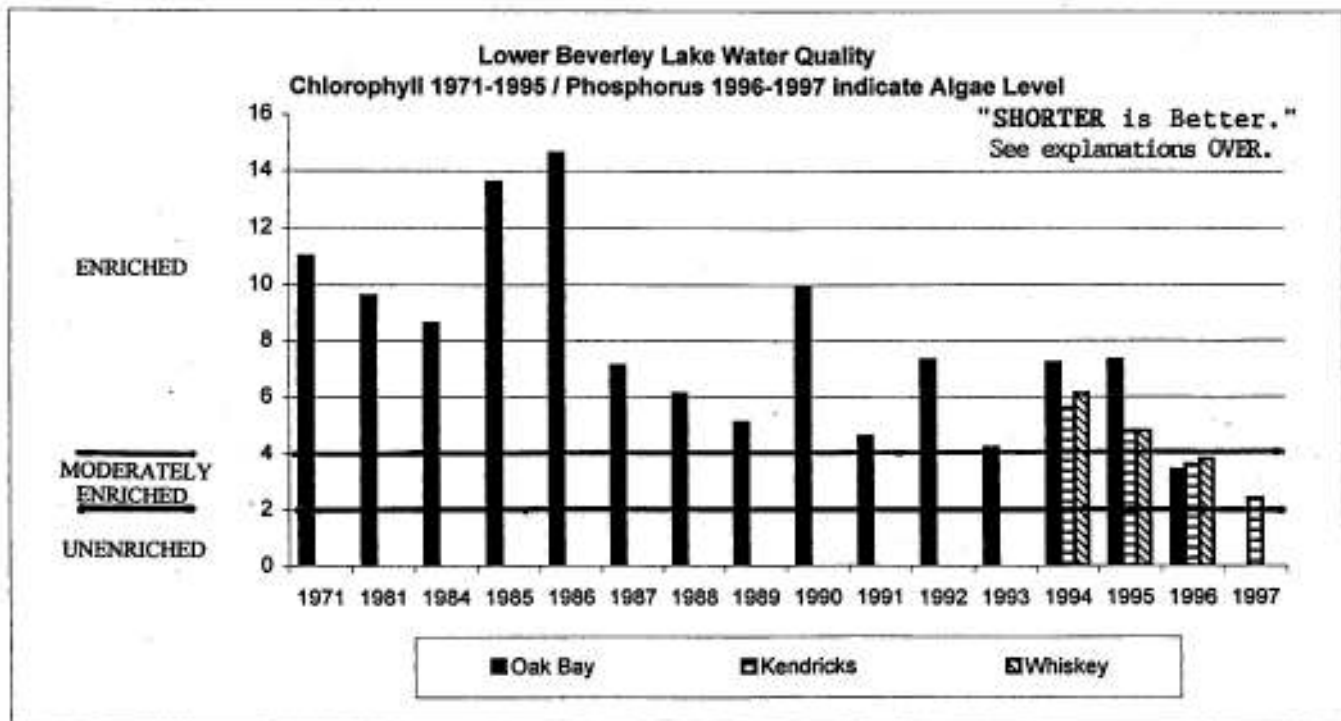
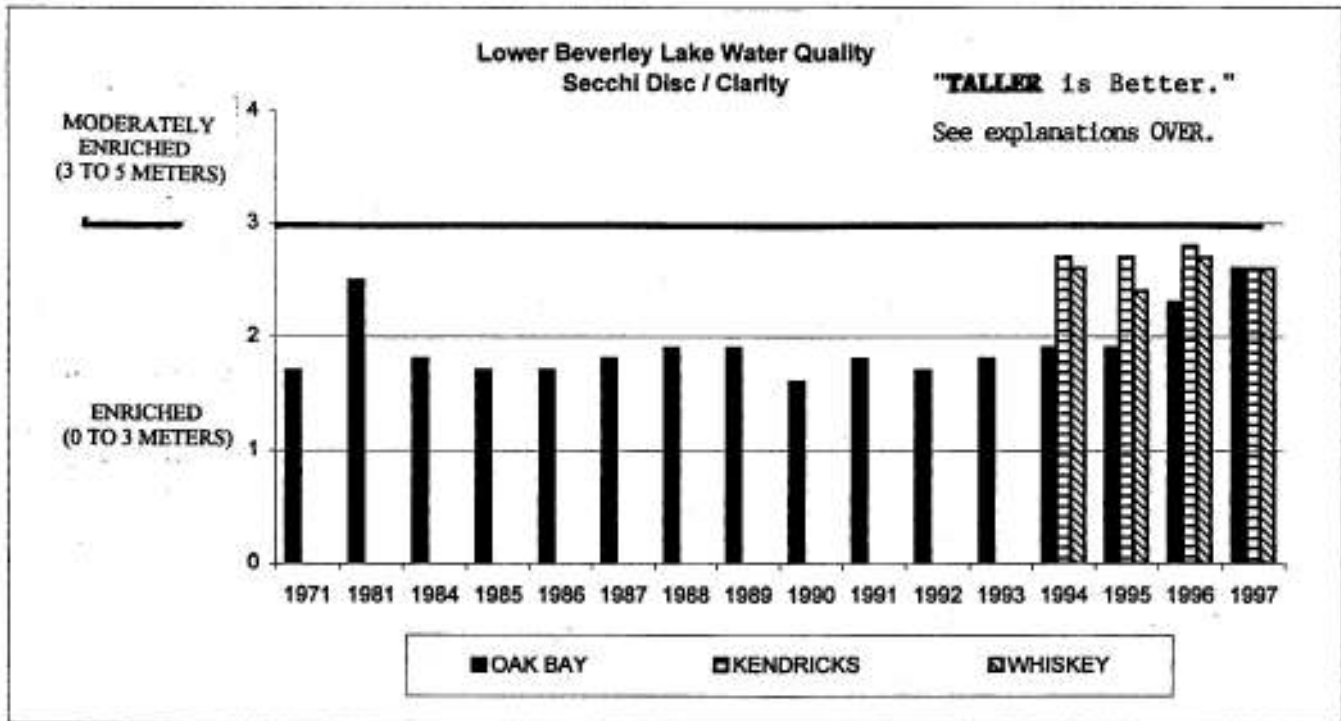
- Remain informal for the time being;
- Meet twice a year to exchange information and pick one another's brains.

Next Meeting: 14 May 1998. Doug plans to attend.

**AND IN CONCLUSION,** may you —

- Keep your littoral zone natural,
- Pick a peck o' purple loosestrife, and
- Have a happy and safe summer on, in and around Beautiful Lower Beverley Lake! Take care of it and you!!

*Doug*. Kilpatrick.



## WATER QUALITY

13 Feb 1998.

- **WATER CLARITY:** Measurements are made with a *Secchi disc* to determine the depth of effective light penetration into the lake. The region from the water surface to the lower depth of effective light penetration (twice the *Secchi disc* reading) is where there is just sufficient light to sustain photosynthesis and allow aquatic plants and algae to grow. The greater this depth, the clearer the water; if the *Secchi disc* reading is less than 3 meters, the lake is considered enriched (too many nutrients). Lower Beverley Lake measurements have consistently been below 3 meters but have demonstrated an improving trend over the last several years. Sampling was expanded in 1994 to include Kendrick's Bay and Whiskey Island in addition to Oak Bay (the area beyond the Narrows by Morton Creek).
- **ALGAE LEVEL:** Water samples were chemically analyzed to determine the level of algae present. The lower the level of algae, the better. Chlorophyll concentration measurements (an indicator of the amount of microscopic algae in the water) were used through 1995; 4 or more micrograms/Litre indicates high algal density and is considered enriched (too many nutrients). Lower Beverley Lake measurements were above this level through 1995. In 1996, the Ministry changed the analysis to the phosphorus concentration (the single most important nutrient governing the level of algae in the water), and limited samples to only one location in each lake in 1997. On phosphorus measurements, we improve and fall in the Moderately Enriched (some nutrients) category.
- **WEEKLY PROFILE:** Annual *Secchi disc* data plotted above represent the arithmetic average of at least six samples each year. It is interesting to see the change in water clarity as the lake progresses through its seasonal cycle. Water clarity peaks in early July before the aquatic plants mature.

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consider ALL parts  
of this sheet.

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION -- 1998**  
Lower Beverley Lake Protective Association

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**DAY OF THE WEEK ON WHICH YOU WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD:**

This applies to after 1998.

To enable in-daylight travel of people whose cottages are on islands, meetings are held in the afternoon. The Annual General Meeting is held in the 3rd week of July.

Please answer this only if you are likely to attend Annual General Meetings.

Preferred day of the week is . . . . . (Wed) (Sat)

**MONEY MATTERS:**

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Please PRINT SURNAME Given Name(s), Initials Lake Phone Number

**MEMBERSHIP FEE.** One fee covers all members of an Immediate Family. \$15 per Family: \$

**OPTIONAL DONATION TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** of your choice:

Include your donation in your ONE cheque and our Treasurer will send a "bulk" cheque to each of the Fire Departments --

Bastard and South Burgess . . . . . \$

Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne . . . . . \$

South Crosby . . . . . \$

**OPTIONAL DONATION TO DEFRAY COSTS OF PRINTING AND MAILING NEWSLETTER:**

This is for persons who choose NOT to be members of the Association.

We think it's important that ALL residents of the Lower Beverley Lake system have an opportunity to read our Newsletter. A donation would be appreciated. . . \$

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

Cheques/Checks -- MUST be drawn on a CANADIAN bank. (It costs us too much to process checks drawn on banks of the USA.)

-- Payable to Betty Penstone (In Trust),

-- Memo: Fee \$ Fire \$ Nwsltr \$ .

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**MAILING LABEL -- Ours to You.** We made a BIG effort to up-date our Mailing List and improve the format of the Label, but ....

**Error in ADDRESS:** If necessary, please correct your address, attach your corrected label to this and return it to us.

**Error in TOWNSHIP/WARD:** On most labels, we've shown the Township/Ward of your "lake" residence, cottage or where you "cottage".

If it's NOT shown or is NOT correct on the Label,

please indicate the correct Township or Ward: (BSB) (RL) (SC)

**Numbers following the Township/Ward:** In most cases, we have shown them.

They are DIFFERENT from the map we have provided in the past.

They correspond to the maps in the Township Offices. We'll check them. Please DON'T bother the Township Offices.

If NO number is shown on your address Label, it's probably because we don't know if you own the "lake" property where you reside or "cottage".

Please indicate . . . . . (Owner) (Non-Owner)  
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Your assistance and support is MUCH appreciated!!