



LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Dear LBLA member:

This is Lower Beverley Lake Association's (LBLA) second Fall newsletter! We were given a number of favourable comments on our first electronic newsletter last year, we hope you will find this year's letter just as informative.

We are delighted to report that our membership keeps growing: we now have 166 members who support the Association's endeavours! For those of you who have not yet renewed your 2008 membership and would like to, a membership form is in the Document section of this Website for you to complete and send in.

Besides the Annual General Meeting and the Clean up the lake day, this summer the LBLA was actively involved in:

- A Species at risk study with assistance from many partner organizations, and a grant from OMNR. You probably saw the students who boated around Lower Beverley Lake in July and August conducting seine netting and shoreline analyses. The full report is due out next spring, so watch for a summary of the findings in our spring '09 newsletter.**
- Thanks to the tireless and creative efforts of Sharon and Fred Olivo, the LBLA once again won a prize for our float entry in the Delta Fair Parade! Congratulations, Fred and Sharon and helpers!**
- Completion of the 75th LBLA anniversary monument: On a shoal between the main land and English Island, with the help of Ed Van Voorhis and others the LBLA has erected a stone canoe on a rock base. The inscription on the canoe says "*Honour the Path*", *Lower Beverley Lake Association*. This is an invitation for all of us to honour the 3,000 year old paddle route that natives took through our lake and to also acknowledge the work conducted by previous lake association members who strived for 75 years to protect our cherished lake. We must respect this legacy and ensure the conservation of our lake for future generations.**

- **Golf and picnic:** On August 16, the LBLA held its first golf tournament and picnic at the Maples golf course. Congratulations to Gino Giannandrea who won the first ever LBLA golf trophy! Over 50 people played games, chatted and dined on hot dogs and pot-luck goodies. Positive comments on this event means that we plan to redo it next summer!
- **Water levels:** In late August, the LBLA met with OMNR officials to discuss water levels and agree on future maintenance. We are however concerned about how early the Ministry brought the water to winter levels this fall, as many of you complained about difficulties bringing in your boats and docks. Rest assured that we have conveyed these concerns to OMNR in a strongly worded official letter and we will do our best to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

Remember, you can still purchase copies of *RIPPLES THROUGH TIME: MEMORIES OF LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE*. Since its publication we have sold close to 500 copies! They make wonderful Christmas presents for a mere \$20! Just complete the form in the Document section of this Website, identify the number of books you wish to order, send it in and we will even cover the cost of mailing the books to you!

Checked out the LBLA web site lately? Why not send me photos of your summer activities so that we can post them on our Website? Or express your comments or concerns about life at the lake? We would love to hear from you....

Look forward to reading your 2009 LOON CALL next spring!

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