
Lower Beverley Lake Association

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2015 LOON CALL

LBLA, PO Box 204, Delta, Ontario K0E1G0

Letter from the President

I write from New Hampshire, (USA) where we had a white Thanksgiving (in late November) and a rainy warm Christmas. I am sure the snow and cold are coming but not quite yet. I plan to be at the lake in late February. I always enjoy my winter time there. It is quiet and peaceful and my dog and I walk the roads and if the ice is secure enough, we walk the lake. It has only been the last few years that I have been fortunate enough to spend time at my cottage neighbour's home and see the lake during the winter.

I would like to thank everyone who stepped up last summer. We had a minor emergency when Fred Olivo was unable to continue putting out the shoal markers. We finally got them out and more importantly; this huge job was divided up among several volunteers. No one has more than 6 shoals markers that they are responsible for putting in place in the spring and taking back out at the end of the summer. We also had several people volunteer to be in charge of winterizing the markers, storing and then getting them ready to go back out in the spring. Without people being willing to volunteer their time, this service would not continue. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer – please consider what you can do to help.

Next, we have an open position on the board for Director at Large. This is a position you can make of it what you want to. If you are interested or have questions – please email me.

I began my second term as President this summer. This term will be completed in July of 2016. At that time we will need a new President. I will remain on the board as Past President, Betty Penstone, our Treasurer has been on the board for over 25 years and Barb Kirkham, our Secretary, has been on the board for more than 5 years so you will have lots of experienced support. We only meet 4 times per season (May – September.) PLEASE consider joining us. If you have any questions, email me. We will also most likely need a new Vice-President in 2016. In the past, it was the expectation that the Vice-President would have a 2 year term as Vice-President and then

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Upcoming Events

July 8, 6:30 pm

Annual General Meeting
Delta Fairgrounds Hall

July 18, 11 am

Youth/Family Event
Delta Township Park, Bradford Pavilion

July 25, 2 pm

Delta Fair Parade

August 6, 10 am

Lake clean up
Meet at Delta Township Park boat ramp (raindate Aug. 7)

August 8, 3 pm

Annual picnic
Kendricks Park

Ice out contest

Guess when the ice will melt on our lake! Look for the contest on our LBLA Facebook page & choose a date between March 20 & April 18 when you think ice out will occur in 2015. The closest person to guess the date wins a prize!

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Letter from the President, cont.

move into the President position for 2 years followed by the Past-President position for 2 years. However, I have not been able to find a Vice-President who was willing to become President. It would be great to not only get a person willing to become President in 2016, but also a person willing to start as Vice-President and then move to President.

Finally, there are between 420 and 450 cottages/homes on Lower Beverley Lake. Some have lots of land but many are really close to each other. What makes a good neighbour? Are you a good neighbour? I recently read a blog on the Cottage Life website about being a good cottage neighbour and thought it was a good topic to explore. Are you considerate to your neighbours? Are they to you? What one family thinks is a good time may not be appreciated by their neighbours. We all pay our taxes and deserve to have an enjoyable time at the lake. Are you friends with your neighbours? Not everyone has to be best friends but if you are friendly with your neighbours, the communication channel is open. One crazy weekend can be overlooked by friends. Music, pets, property borders, noise and boat/jet ski use close to shore are just a few issues that can cause problems between neighbours. Keeping an eye on your neighbour's property when they are away, helping to tow a boat, put in or pull out a dock, or cut up a tree are all great ways to be a good neighbour. Being a good neighbor makes it more likely that your neighbour will be good in return. Getting along with your neighbours helps everyone enjoy their cottage just that much more. The lake association is not about policing neighbourly behaviours but encouraging everyone to mutually respect their neighbours. Check out the blog post I drew inspiration from: <http://cottagelife.com/95553/blogs/the-10-commandments-of-cottaging>

Don't forget to check our website www.lbla.net, and our Facebook page (we have over 150 likes!!): <https://www.facebook.com/LowerBeverleyLakeAssociation>

Looking forward to summer 2015,
Lynne Jeffries

Email addresses

We have email addresses for less than half our members. Please add your email when you join so we can communicate with you that way. We promise not to flood you with emails!

If you received this newsletter but no longer reside on the lake, please email ljeffries@lbla.net to be removed from the list. Mailing this annual newsletter is the association's greatest expense. The Board will remove from its list those no longer residing on the lake or those who have not joined the LBLA in the last 15 years. If the newsletter is important to you please join LBLA!!



Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered (I apologize if I have forgotten anyone)

BOARD of DIRECTORS:

President-Lynne Jeffries

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Vice-President- Sherry McParlan

Treasurer- Betty Penstone

Secretary – Barb Kirkham

Past-President – Dave

Champagne

Director at Large – Dave

Johnson

Events/activities:

Newsletter – Anne Goodsell
Love

Delta Fair Float (too many
volunteers to mention)

Annual Picnic – Dave & Marsha
Johnson

Annual Meeting – Board
members

Lake clean-up – Sandy Ellis

Website & Facebook page –
Lynne Jeffries

Shoal Markers:

Chris Beahen, Steve Brouse, Al
Brown, Sheehan Carter, Millard
Goodsell, Lynne Jeffries, Terry
Kean, Michael Kilpatrick, Dann
Michols, Stewart Nicol

Lake Links report, by Dave Champagne

Lake Links is a one day workshop held every year in late October, where representatives from Lake Associations and others can mingle and hear expert speakers discuss topics of interest for lake property owners and stewards. This year the topics included both planning information and updates on the latest scientific research. Participants were reminded that after doing a Lake Plan, efforts should follow to assure continuing interest and action, and that a five year update may be a good idea. Some associations prefer to issue a "State of the Lake Report," rather than producing a Lake Management Plan.

On the science side, there are ongoing studies addressing concerns about nutrient loads, climate change, and other impacts on the water quality that can affect the enjoyment of waterfront properties. While phosphorus levels remain a major factor, climate change and increasing average temperatures are definitely a topic of significant interest and concern regarding negative water quality changes. For more information about the Lake Links workshop go to: <http://watersheds.ca/lake-links-2014/>

[A note from the President: The LBLA Lake Management Plan was developed in 2010 and reviewed in 2012. This summer the Board will consider the date of the next review.]

2014 Delta Fair Float

The LBLA again won first prize for its float in the 2014 Delta Fair Parade. Our theme was "Lower Beverley in the 1920's." With our Halliday built skiff, fisherman, strings of fish, our bathing beauties and our roaring 20's music, it was a hit!!



Bank costs

Starting in 2013, our bank charged a \$5 fee for each U.S. cheque. We do not want to stop accepting U.S. cheques but with over 75 U.S. lake neighbours, we felt it was important to keep you informed. Many of you also have Canadian bank accounts or use Canadian cash when at the lake. Please consider paying your membership fee with one of these options if possible.

Electronic newsletter

This year, we have sent an electronic newsletter to everyone we have an email address for. Printing and mailing the newsletter is our largest expense at around \$1000 annually. The biggest concern about sending it this way is whether people will remember to join without a paper membership form & return envelope. We will leave this decision up to you. Our membership was up to 180 family memberships and 11 corporate memberships. That is the highest membership on record. **Thank you to everyone who joined!!** We will be sending out the paper newsletter to everyone except those who have requested an electronic one. **On the membership form this year is a box you can check if you wish to receive an electronic newsletter in the future.**

U.S. Emergency Plan

When there is an emergency at the cottage or on the lake, Canadian residents call 911 and an ambulance is on the way. U.S. citizens can use 911 and Canadian hospitals/doctors, but payment will be required before leaving the hospital. There is, however, another option. First, let's be clear – if you are having a heart attack or other serious medical issue that needs immediate attention – CALL 911!!

The U.S. border is about 20 to 30 minutes away (depending on traffic) and there is a way to get emergency transportation if you can get to the border. I recommend you copy and print this and keep it close to the phone so when you need it, you can find it. If you are a U.S. Citizen and can get to the border you can use the following plan:

U.S. EMERGENCY PLAN

1. Dial one of the following numbers and ask for the supervisor.
315-482-5004
315-482-2681
315-482-2261
2. Give them your name, tell them you have a medical emergency, and about how long it will take you to reach the border. Let them know if you need an ambulance. It also might be a good idea to tell them the make and model of the car and its license plate number, if you know it.
3. If no lane is free when you arrive at the border, use the bus lane and they will be waiting for you. You will be offered an escort if needed

Road Champions

Road Champions keep track of changes in cottage ownership, get new owners' mailing information so we can communicate with them, hand out LBLA welcome gift bags & encourage new owners to join the association. Please let your road champion know about any changes in ownership.

LB2: Pat Greenhorn (252D), LB5: Laura & Rich White (520), LB6: Don & Bev Wallis (605), LB7A: Sheila Riskie (92), LB9: Mary VanVoorhis (1140), LB10 & LB11: Barb Kirby (LB1148), LB12: Lynne Jeffries (1267), LB13: Keith Hubbard (1318)
Cedar Sands: Don Palmer (310) & Dave Johnson (280), Coon's Road & LB1: Dann Michols (305B), Lake Shore Drive: Al Brown (2), Kendrick Lane: Sandy & Frank Ellis(940), Pilgrim, LaForty & Black Jack Lanes : Leslie Climie (162 Pilgim), Railroad St. Betty Penstone (29) & Barb Kirkham (22), White Birch Lane: Betty Woodside(910), William Street: Fred & Sharon Olivo.

Some roads still need a champion. Volunteer for your road! We are still looking for Champions for Black Jack Island, Short Point Road, Bobiak Road, and Lower Beverley Lake Park Road.

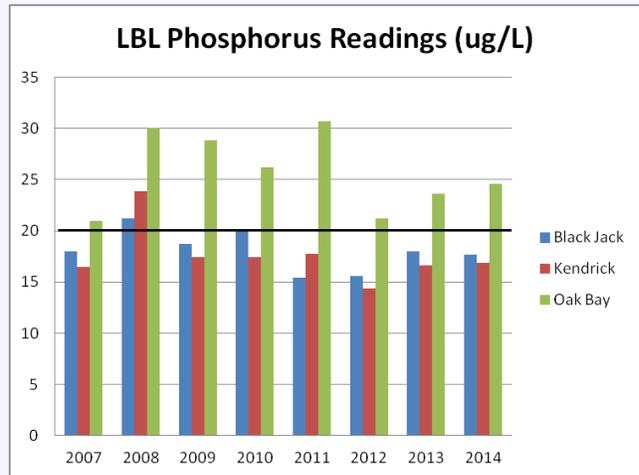
Youth Event

Bud Andress will be doing our youth presentation this year. Some of you may remember the wonderful presentation he gave at our Annual meeting several years ago regarding bald eagles and their recovery in our area. This summer, you can learn all about the osprey and bald eagle recovery by coming to hear Bud speak at the Delta Park Bradford Pavilion on July 18 at 11am.

His presentation will be about the complete recovery of the osprey population and the fact that the bald eagle continues to recover, both stories from the 1000 islands. Those in the Upper and Lower Beverley Lakes area will be able to appreciate the story because the same has been taking place on "the back lakes" as well. These recoveries have been over 30 years in the making, following the DDT contaminant era of the 1940's through the early 1970's. Many organizations and people have been involved in active habitat management and research of these species, assisting in the recovery process.

Water Quality

The Lake Partner Program is a province-wide, volunteer-based, water-quality monitoring program. Volunteers collect total phosphorus samples and make monthly water clarity observations on their lakes. This information will allow the early detection of changes in the nutrient status and/or the water clarity of the lake due to the impacts of shoreline development, climate change and other stresses. Total phosphorus concentration is ideally used to interpret nutrient status in Ontario lakes, since phosphorus is the element that controls the growth of algae in most Ontario lakes. Increases in phosphorus decrease water clarity by stimulating algal growth.



In extreme cases, algal blooms will affect the aesthetics of the lake and/or cause taste and odour problems in the water.

Many limnologists place lakes into three broad categories with respect to nutrient status. Lakes with less than 10 µg/L TP are considered oligotrophic. These are dilute, unproductive lakes that rarely experience nuisance algal blooms. Lakes with TP between 10 and 20 µg/L are termed mesotrophic and are in the middle with respect to trophic status. These lakes show a broad range of characteristics and can be clear and unproductive at the bottom end of the scale or susceptible to moderate algal blooms at concentration near 20 µg/L. Lakes over 20 µg/L are classed as eutrophic and may exhibit persistent, nuisance algal blooms.

Note from the President: Kendrick Bay & by Black Jack Island are testing in the middle of the trophic scale, or mesotrophic. Oak Bay is well into the eutrophic scale. 2012 was a great year in that the levels in Kendrick Bay & Oak Bay went way down from the levels in 2011. 2013 saw an increase in phosphorus levels in all testing areas. 2014 showed very little difference from 2013. My concern is that Oak Bay went further into eutrophic levels. We will continue to watch this. All testing results are available on our web page.

Federation of Ontario Cottage Owners (FOCA)

After several years of not joining, we voted at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to again join FOCA. As I explained at the AGM, just as we would like all cottage owners on the lake to join us for a collective benefit, FOCA works for a collective benefit of all cottagers in Ontario.

These are some of the benefits for the lake association:

- Information on property issues (septic, taxes, land use planning, mining, energy and utilities)
- Access to FOCA's Lake Planning Handbook for community groups
- Environmental stewardship resources and library
- Cottage safety information (insurance, fire, boating)
- Free water quality monitoring - Lake Partner Program
- Tools for working with your Municipality
- Information on Government relations, and Policy updates important to you and your community
- Special offers and benefits for the lake association and all of its members, such as special pricing and discount product offers from Superior Propane, Xplornet, Cottage Life Magazine, Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons' Pleasure Craft Operator Cards, and Boats & Places Magazine.

Visit the FOCA website at www.foca.on.ca to access cottager-specific answers to your questions.

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