



Message from the President

Lily Faust, President

I am honoured to have been elected President of the Association last summer, and will endeavour to serve your needs to the best of my abilities.

It is great to report that we had successful 75th Anniversary celebrations in 2007. The book "Ripples Through Time, Memories of Lower Beverley Lake" is on its second printing, the Self-guided tour for boaters was well received and the commemorative stone monument near English Island will be completed in 2008.

Our next big challenge is to make headway on a lake management study. We want to get a handle on lake pollutants, shoreline development and all aspects for maintaining a healthy lake environment. We will be seeking your support as we undertake this vital work.

I wish to thank all those who volunteer their time and efforts to serve the association so that we may all continue to enjoy living by Lower Beverley Lake!

Fire Department Donations

Thanks to you, the LBLA forwarded the following amounts in '07 to fire departments:

- Leeds & Thousand Islands -\$1,545
- South Crosby - \$210
- Bastard & South Burgess -\$300

2008 LOON CALL

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

In 2007, membership in the Lower Beverley Lake Association increased by 25% over previous years! We now have 165 paid-up household members, 4 corporate sponsors, and the numbers are growing! Join in!

to the RESCUE of LOON NESTS



Above: Earl Patric with new plastic pipe loon nest platform

Below: Loon nest platform missing only the covering vegetation.



For several years, the Association has managed 4 cedar wood loon nesting platforms that have been phenomenally successful in attracting nesting females and reducing egg loss from predation or flooding. These wooden nests were getting water-logged, heavy and slowly breaking up.

Glenn Snider, a professional plumber from Delta and a new Corporate member, suggested building lighter and more resistant platforms made with 4 inch black plastic pipe. Mrs. Jane Van Noy, the owner of the Lyndhurst TimBr Mart and a loyal LBLA Corporate sponsor, kindly donated the materials. Glenn helped Earl and Jeanne Patric put the platforms together and they will be deployed in the Spring of 2008 in time for nest selection by loons. Please admire them from afar, as the female loon will often abandon her nest if excessively disturbed.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Van Noy, to Glenn Snider, and to Earl and Jeanne Patric for their help with this important project.



DELTA FAIR PARADE



In 2007, the LBLA won first prize for the Mardi Gras theme float put together by Claire Angermann, Barbara Kirby, Lily Faust and a whole team of LBLA members.

2008

The theme for the 2008 Delta Fair is 'World of Sports'. Fred and Sharon Olivo have volunteered to build the LBLA float, and intend to depict 'Have a Ball on Lower Beverley Lake'. They welcome volunteers with ideas, props, and time to donate.

INVASIVE

SPECIES

We all continue to be concerned about invasive species in our lake: zebra mussels, algae, etc.

This summer, the Association will organize a talk and walking tour with one of Canada's foremost experts on invasive species. Stay tuned...

MEMBERS' SURVEY: WHAT YOU SAID....

Following is a summary of your responses to the LBLA 2007 survey:

- 1- The most important things about our lake are: tranquility, peace & serenity with specific mention of friends, wildlife (especially loons), fishing, and water sports.
- 2- The major issues facing our lake: water quality and invasive species; safe and responsible boating behaviour; declining fish species; development
- 3- Your thoughts on lake development: 90% want development held at the present level, with some improvements in docking, marina facilities, etc.
- 4- Regarding water levels in our lake, 70% want OMNR to improve its handling of the situation.
- 5- Your top issues in order of the importance at which you rated them: water quality, water levels, septic tank control, fishing, navigational aids, boating safety, noise control.
- 6- 80% said that the Lower Beverley Lake Association takes good care of the interests of lake residents.
- 7- Asked why they haven't joined the LBLA, non-members cited finances, too busy or don't get out much anymore.
- 8- Over 80% stated that they are in favour of the development of a lake management plan.
- 9- The non-negotiable factor in developing a lake management plan was deemed to be water quality.
- 10- Your list of 'other issues' included: zebra mussels, weeds, algae, septic systems, global warming, municipal services such as road maintenance and taxes, boating safety.

Thank you for taking the time to answer with care and forethought! Your responses will help guide our leadership!

BE SURE to ATTEND the LBLA 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!
6:30 pm Thursday, July 10 at the Delta Fair building, refreshments served

2008 SUMMER EVENTS

- **Clean up the Lake Day: July 31, 10 am meet at Delta Creek boat ramp**
- **First ever LBLA Golf Tournament: August 16, 1 pm at Maples Golf Club**
- **Summer Picnic: August 16, 3pm at Maples Golf Club, 305 Coon's Road**

Hot dogs supplied, bring a dish to share...



Safe Boating Regulations: Have you got your Operator's Card yet?

Q. Why do boaters now need to have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card?

The Pleasure Craft Operator Card regulations are an attempt to reduce the number of boating related accidents & fatalities. The goal of the program is to encourage boaters to evaluate their capabilities and limits, to prepare themselves adequately before heading out, and to be responsible on the water.

Q. Who needs the Pleasure Craft Operator Card and when?

All operators of powered watercraft used for recreational purposes within Canada will eventually require the card. The following three groups of boaters require the card IMMEDIATELY:

- All operators of any powered watercraft under 4m in length (13.1ft)
- All operators of PWC's (i.e.: sea-doo's and jet skis)
- All operators of any powered watercraft born after April 1, 1983

As of September 15, 2009 all boaters will be required to have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card in order to operate a powered watercraft. There is no grandfather clause or age exemption – this law applies to all boaters. Powered watercraft includes watercraft fitted with any size motor – even a trolling motor.

Q. What is the difference between a Pleasure Craft Operator Card and a Pleasure Craft License?

The Pleasure Craft Operator Card applies to the boat driver while a Pleasure Craft License applies to the boat itself.

A Pleasure Craft License is the number placed on the side of each recreational vessel as required under the Small Vessel Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act. The number is used to assist law enforcement and search and rescue organizations in identifying each individual pleasure craft. You can apply for a Pleasure Craft License at any Service Canada Centre across the country. For the location nearest you, visit www.servicecanada.gc.ca or call 1.800.O-CANADA.

Q. What are the penalties and/or fines if you do not have your card?

Fines for common boating offences according to Transport Canada:

- Operating a vessel in a careless manner - \$250
- Speeding - \$100
- Underage operation of a personal watercraft - \$100
- Operating a power-driven pleasure craft without the required Pleasure Craft Operator Card - \$250
- Insufficient number of approved, appropriately sized flotation devices - \$200 for each absent device

Q. I have a sailboat. Do I need an Operator Card?

If you have an auxiliary engine fitted to your sailboat, then you need the Card. This applies even while you are under sail.

Q. What if I don't live in Canada, but boat there?

Non-residents need to obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card if they are operating a powered boat in Canadian waters for more than 45 consecutive days (this includes rented boats) or if the boat they are operating is registered or licensed in Canada. Boater Education Cards or equivalent certifications are recognized in Canada. Proper identification should be kept on board at all times to provide proof of residency.

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

As part of developing a lake management plan, the Lower Beverley Lake Association is working with other organizations in our watershed to conduct a study that will include Water Quality Analysis, Species Inventory, Habitat and Shoreline Inventory, Stewardship Planning and Public Education. As we write this, we are submitting a request for a grant to fund the study. If successful, you may see students boating around our lake this summer taking samples and inspecting our shoreline. Please support their endeavours. We need volunteers to help with this study: you can lend a boat, organize a lunch for the students where they can talk to you & with your neighbours about the project. Contact Lily Faust at 613 928-2197 if you are willing to help.

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE WATER LEVELS

Below are charts on precipitation & water level fluctuations, collected by Earl Patric from April to October '07.

Executive Committee 2007-08:

Lily Faust—President

Louise Mantha—Past President

Dave Champagne—Vice President

Laura White—Vice President

Betty Penstone—Treasurer

Barb Kirkham—Secretary

Earl Patric—Director at Large

We would like to thank Sandy Ellis and Ed Vanvoorhis, former committee members, for their dedication and hard work over the past years.

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The LBLA is a proud member of the:

- Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve
- Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA)
- Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxes (WRAFT)
- Frontenac Arch Paddling Association
- Algonquin to Adirondack Conservation Association