

The April 1999 LBLA Newsletter

*** note that this is a transcript of parts of the mailed newsletter ***

*** references to "enclosed" items should be ignored ***

GREETINGS!: We hope you had a pleasant winter and that you're looking forward to another season on Beautiful Lower Beverley Lake.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1999:

Date: Sat July 17, 1999

Time: Registration 2:00 p.m. Meeting 2:30 p.m.

Place: Delta, Beverley Lake Township Park, Pavilion. Inclement Weather: We'll try to post a sign to alternate location.

Duration: Target maximum 1 1/2 hours.

Attendance: If it's not in the order of 40 members, it's Pres Doug's opinion that we should be seeking a more effective method and/or model of organize-

Picnic/Social to follow meeting is optional: A-M, First Course, to share, N-Z, Dessert, to share.

Cutlery, bring own. Beverage, bring own.

Plates, cups, condiments, BBQ Fire will be supplied by the Association. Calendar.

Mark your calendar. Door-to-door notices are no longer distributed.

DELTA CREEK (MILL CREEK) & DELTA TOWN DOCK:

In his letter of 29 Mar 1999 to Pres Doug, Councillor William Morris advised that after many phone-calls to and site visits with reps of Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA):

Creek: Mill Pond area, major bank stabilization; Lower Section, extensive dredging.

Dock: "Reinstatement" below the village parking lot. "... work will not commence until after July of 1999." Cost: \$25,000 to each of CRCA and Twnsp Rideau Lakes.

Thanks! to Councillor Morris for his effort and info.

WATER LEVEL MONITORING AND CONTROL: To date, it has not been possible to match the availability of an appropriate person from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) with a meeting of the Cataraqui Region Lakes Stewards Network (CRLSN). Pres Doug will raise the matter at the CRLSN meeting on 04 May 1999 and re-report at the LBLPA General Meeting 17 Jul 1999.

BOATING SAFETY REGULATIONS NEW IN 1999;

"Safe Boating Guide" Booklet, 1999: As of 15 Apr 99, Coast Guard has not been able to provide copies to Pres Doug. When (and if) they arrive, Pres Doug will try to place a supply in Delta and Lyndhurst at Fishing Licerice Issuers, Post Offices and Liquor

Store. Basic Information: From sources such as Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA), Coast Guard web site, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Friends of the Rideau, Pres Doug has assembled the enclosed information.

Proof of Competency: As of 15 Apt 99, Pres Doug has not been able to determine locations in the LBL area where there will be instruction, testing and issuing of the card. On 04 May 99, at the meeting of CRLSN, 2nd V-P John and Pres Doug will try to obtain the info and report to the LBLPA General Meeting, 17 Jul 1999. See YELLOW sheet enclosed, both sides

GIPSY MOTH: At the CRLSN meeting of 13 Oct 1999, 'the rep from the Leeds County Stewardship council ad-vised that a cyclic high in the Gipsy Moth population is expected in the summer of 1999. Watch for and de-destroy the egg masses, "shammy"-coloured, fuzzy, about the size of a Loonie. Before leaf-out, they maybe found at person height and below in bark crevices and branch litter on the ground. After leaf-out, destroy the larvae, dark grey with a double row of blue and red dots. They are trapable. More info: Leeds Cnty Stewardship Council, Brockville ON Ph 1-613-342-8526. Fax: 1-613-342-7544.

ZEBRA MUSSEL: 1998 was the first year of sam-pling/testing. 1st V-P Don took the samples in a pro-gramme sponsored by FOCA, MNR and the Ontario Federa-tion of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). The early forms, veligers ("velligrrrs") were found in LBL. They were probably imported from another waterhoriZon equipment which had not been properly decontaminated; Veligers are too small to see with the naked eye. The visible adult form probably will appear within two years at most: brownish striped "clams" of finger-nail size, clinging to underwater surfaces such as dock parts, boat hulls, domestic water intakes, rocks, etc. At present, there is no method to stop the infestation.

Possible consequences:

- Domestic Water Sys tems: Clogged/plugged foot-valves and intake pipes; damage to pumps, filters, moving parts in plumbing.
- Boat Engines: Reduced flow of water through coo-ling systems resulting in overheating, damage; damage to water-pump.
- Boat Hulls may be damaged in the process of scra-ping off the tightly attached adult mussels.

Ecology:

- Reduce/destroy other species, with reduction of desirable species, including game fish and others unknown.

- Consume plankton, resulting in clearer water, deeper light penetration, more growth of aquatic plants, more oxygen consumption, less fish survival.

Reducing Damage:

- Domestic Water Systems: Install filter at intake.
- Boat Engines -and Hulls: When not in use, drain and out of the water.

Info and Help:

- Domestic Water Systems: Your Local Plumber; "Cottage Life" Mar 99, p 102 advert; MyCo Industries Inc, Bishops Rd, St Catharines L2M1T8.
- Marine Engines: Your Local dealer/service provider; Brennan Marine, Gananoque, 1-613-382-3137.
- General: OFAH Invading Species Hotline 1-800-563-7711,
- MNR 1-613-258-8204.

WATER QUALITY -- PHOSPHORUS.

(LBLPA does NOT test for bacteria as of 1999;) 1st V-P Don continued his work in making Secchi Disc measure-ments, taking water samples, submitting the measure-ments and sables to the Ministry Of the Environment (MOE) and producing the graphs of the data. (If Mary Santos helped with the graphing, THAnKS to her too'.) See the enclosed BLUE sheet. both sides.

CHIARELLI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, NORTH SHORE AREA OF LBL.

As Pres Doug understands the situation after conversa-tions with officials of The Township of Rideau Lakes: After the Public Meeting held in Delta in August, 1999: Two Shoreline Lots: CRCA has recommended these be in-corporated into one lot.

Total "Inland" Lots: No change from August, 1998: Phase I, 17 lots; Phases II and Iii, additional 37 lots; Total: 54 lots.

Draft Plan has been approved by Township of Rideau Lakes which forwarded it to United Counties of Leeds & Grenville, where it is at press time for this News-letter. County officials could recommend (?require?) changes and/or approve it and return it to the Township. The Township and the Developer would enter into a Subdivision Agreement and after Registration of the Plan of Subdivision, the Developer may sell lots. (Lots may be offered earlier in the process but not sold until after Registration.)

Information, Expressing Opinion, Lodging Appeal of a Decision: Consult --Township of Rideau Lakes, Planner, Ms Julie Stewart, 1-800-928-2250; County of Leeds and Grenville, Planner, Mr. Sandy Hay, 1-613-342-3840 Ext 336.

Note that Notices of Decisions are sent to only persons who request them. If a person wishes to receive a Notice of Decision out of which she or he might lodge an Appeal, the person should consult with one of the above officials to ascertain whether the request for Notices of Decision must be in writing.

ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE OF THE LBLPA:

-- Will be held at the Annual Meeting, July 17, 1999; -- For all offices;
-- if you wish to stand for an office, please indicate on the enclosed WHITE REGISTRATION FORM.

SEWAGE SYSTEM / SHORELINE SURVEY:

History:

-- Outside the LBLPA, over the past decade at least, MANY associations have done these surveys and report benefits not only in improved water quality, but also in education about good use and maintenance.
-- Within the LBLPA: 1990-91, a committee investigated with the objective of pinpointing systems which were/are polluting. This objective was found to be not feasible and the project was shelved In 1997, at the Annual Meeting of the LBLPA, approval in principle was given to a project as described below.
-- What we are now attempting to determine is the extent of participation from ALL on our mailing list, not just members of LBLPA. What It Is:
-- With the property owner's permission, trained summer employees of the LBLPA would
-- Evaluate the efficiency of the sewage treatment system,
-- Evaluate the state of naturalness of the shore-line,
-- To the property owner, as necessary, make recommendations for improvement, maintenance and care. (If a serious problem were found, with advise-merit to the property owner, the surveyors could report to the appropriate municipal authority.)

Why The Survey Is Considered To Be Valuable:

-- Protect and improve Water Quality of LBL system; -- Protect Value of Property in LBL system;
-- Minimize Local Problems. (When our own house is in order, we are in an enhanced position to ask neighbours to do the same.)

SHOW YOU CARE FOR THE LAKE

Cost Per System: Pres Doug's 1997 estimate, including possible grants, -p to \$50 per system. Q: "In Rideau Lakes Township, our taxes are already paying for a Sewage

System Inspector. Why can't that person do the checking?" A: 'This person is responsible for the whole of the township,
-- new installations and additions to buildings,
-- investigation of referred problems,
so couldn't possibly focus on only the LBL system.

Q: "My sewage system' is OK. Why should I pay?" A: To protect yourself against the systems which might not be OK.

Duration Of The Project. Pres Doug's estimate: The summers of 2000 and 2001.

Number Required To Make It "A Go": Advice from such as Health Unit, Alliance of Rideau Lakes Associations is that unless 85% of property owners participate, it's not worth doing. ie Approx 340 of the approx 400 on the mailing list of the LBLPA.

Survey Fee would be separate from LBLPA Membership Fee.

Please indicate your willingness to participate in a Sewage System / Shoreline Survey on the enclosed WHITE REGISTRATION FORM

"COTTAGE WATCH"

Similar to "Neighbourhood Watch", is intended to reduce the incidence of break-enter, theft, vandalism and increase the incidence of arrest of perpetrators. It is sponsored by FOCA, the OPP, two insurance companies, Bell Canada and Ontario Hydro. In late Aug 98, Pres Doug attended an information meeting sponsored by the OPP and considers the programme to be highly valuable "Getting Started" information is available from FOCA and OPP. OPP will lend initial hand and provide on-going liaison Pres Doug considers that what is needed now is eight or 10 people to get the ball rolling in the LBL area. If you wish to assist, please so indicate on the enclosed WHITE REGISTRATION FORM.

"JET-SKIS" / PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWCs):

The possibility of banning/curtailing operation was discussed at the Annual Meeting of 1998. Through the office of Provincial Legislature member Robert Runciman, from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), Pres Doug obtained "Restricting Powered Watercraft -- The Procedure" . In the Application For Boating Restriction Regulations, the only reference PWCs is "prohibition of personal watercraft". ... In a section of "The Procedure", the statement occurs, "Petitions should be submitted here." ... Pres Doug' opinions: It can be a long procedure, so the earlier the start, the better. Early start could be through determining Property Owners' opinion through a petition. Please see enclosed WHITE REGISTRATION FORM.

VOLUNTARY PERSONAL DONATIONS TO FIRE DEPTS:

Annually, letters of thanks are received from the VFDs.

Donations in 1998 to South Crosby \$ 25.

Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne 55.

Bastard and South Burgess 690.

Total 1998 \$770. Greatest EVER!

Total for 1996-98: \$2,090. !!!

To make your voluntary donation, see the enclosed **WHITE REGISTRATION FORM.**

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SEASON!

Take care of yourself and take care of The Lake.

"Keep your shoreline natural, maintain the wetlands and Pick a Peck o' Purple Loosestrife!"