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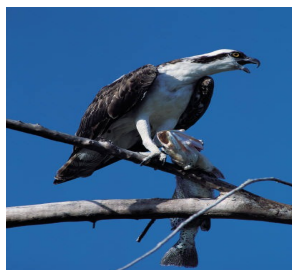
Newsletter

Louise Mantha

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honored to have been elected President of the Association last summer. I will serve the needs of the lake and our members to the best of my abilities, cognizant that we are a diversified group of people with different opinions about how to use and preserve the lake.

Somewhat of a wildlife geek, I spent part of last summer monitoring the 3 active osprey



nests on our lake. One was on our eagle platform by Blue Heron Point, another across the lake from Horse Island, and the third at the far end of the lake by Lost Bay. All three had babies – 1 chick in 2 of them and 2 chicks in the nest across from Horse Island. Having 3 osprey nests producing chicks

is a positive sign for our ecology. Other good news is that we had many eagle sightings on the lake last summer. One spring we will find that bald eagles have moved in to overtake the osprey nests. Maybe this year?

Be aware that the Township will continue to inspect septic systems this year. Research shows that unmaintained septic systems can have a detrimental impact on the quality of lakes. We can all benefit by helping each other out with this issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an LBLA Board member. Note that we are not part of the Township leadership and will not report people to the Township.

My other passion is our LBLA website which I urge you to check out. In the spring, I link up to **webcams** that monitor eagle, osprey, loon and other wildlife nests. Watching these sites seemingly helps prolong my time at the lake. This

winter, I scanned old newsletters and minutes to add them to the website. We can now accept **membership payments by PayPal** – just go to the business section on the website. We also have a **Facebook** page so check it out and 'like' us. There is a new **cottage rental tab** on our website enabling you to advertise rental property on the lake. For a fee of \$60 for the 2013 season, LBLA members can post a small listing and contact information.

LBLA activities are driven by our members. If you have something you want to see done – speak up. Or better yet...get involved. We have a lot of fun together and I have really enjoyed getting to know people around the lake. I have been coming to the lake since 1980: some things have changed and some have not, but the future is up to us..... Enjoy your time at the lake!

Lynne Jeffries

NEW TIME FOR 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At last year's AGM, members suggested moving the LBLA AGM from a week night to a Saturday at the Delta Fairgrounds Hall. Coffee & muffins will be served before the AGM starts at 10am..

9:30am
Saturday July 6

Let us know if you need a babysitter during the meeting. See you there!

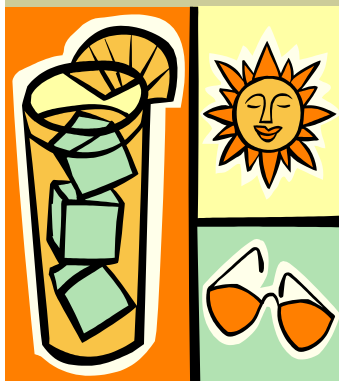
BASS FISHING IN 2013



This year the bass fishing season opens on the **3rd Saturday in June**. So get your fishing gear ready for the June 15 start. Check the Ministry site for more information: www.mnr.gov.on.ca

*Deep summer is
when laziness finds
respectability.*

Sam Keen



Road Champions needed

Road Champions keep track of changes in cottage ownership, get new owners' mailing info so we can send them the newsletter, hand out the LBLA welcome gift bags & encourage new owners to join the association. Tell your road champion about any changes in ownership or become a Road Champion yourself. Current Road Champions are:

LB2: Pat Greenhom (252D)
LB5: Laura & Rich White (520)
LB6: Don & Bev Wallis (605)
LB7: Sheila Riskie (92)
LB9: Mary VanVoorhis (LB9-1140)
LB10 & LB11 Barb Kirby (LB1148)
LB12: Lynne Jeffries (1267)
LB13: Keith Hubbard (1318)
Railroad Betty Penstone (29)/Barb Kirkham (22)
Cedar Sands: Don Palmer (310) & Dave Johnson (280)
Kendrick Lane: Sandy & Frank Ellis (940)
Lake Shore Road: Al Brown (2)
Coon's Road: Dann Michols (305B)

Some roads still need a champion.

Volunteer for your road!

THIS AND THAT....

Parade Float The LBLA won third prize in last year's Delta Fair parade! Congratulations to those volunteers who developed the loony tunes float! Any volunteers to help out this year?!

Picnic Champs Clare Angerman won the baked beans contest at the LBLA 2012 annual picnic! And the gold medal winners of our mock Olympics were none other than Dave Champagne, Lily and Bob Faust and Sharon Olivo. Well done! It was loads of fun, and the corn on the cob from Wendy's Country Market was sweet & delicious!

Fireworks

We have heard nothing but praise for the fabulous fireworks display put on during the 2012 Labour Day weekend, thanks to a grant from the Township of Leeds and the 1,000 Islands. It was a moveable event: first scheduled for July 1, then for the August long weekend, both times the display had to be cancelled due to drought conditions. But when the event finally happened, it did so in a blaze of glory. Mother Nature even added a full moon to the memorable evening making the cavalcade of boats under a moonlight

sky absolutely magical! We thank you for your patience and understanding and hope that you enjoyed the glorious spectacle.

Calendar Girls

Check out the 2013 calendar published by the Township of Rideau Lakes. Photos by Nancy Penstone-Bull were selected for the months of February and December, and for July they chose one by Jan Williamson. Congrats to our very own calendar girls!

LEARN ABOUT SPECIES AT RISK

When: July 20th, from 10am until noon

Where: the Bradford Pavilion in Lower Beverley Lake Township Park

Who: children and adults invited

What: Tim Wood, species at risk specialist, will explain everything you need to know about local species at risk. His talk will address the factors affecting these species

and what is being done to protect them. Tim will dispel some myths, deepen your appreciation for such species at risk as the Gray Rat Snake, and educate you about the value and role of these species in the ecosystem. Tim might even bring some live specimens for you to get up close and personal...! The presentation is sponsored by the

LBLA and attendance is free of charge.

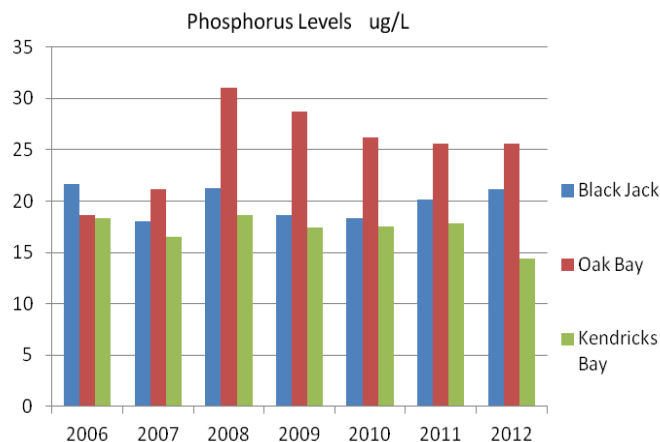


Photo: Bancroft This Week, 07/2012

Water Quality

Phosphorus levels are an important indicator of the health of our lake. Levels have improved for Kendricks Bay, stayed the same in Oak Bay, and gotten a bit worse at Blackjack. Did the drought we had last summer play into these readings?

We are all responsible for our lake's water quality. Please be a steward so that our children's children can enjoy the lake, too!



CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE LAKE

LBLA reps attended the 2012 Lake Links workshop focused on climate change impacts on our environment. Studies show that our winters are becoming



less snowy and milder by almost 5 degrees in the period 1882 to 2006. Maple syrup runs earlier in the year, and hot dry summers are more frequent. Cottagers and tourists may enjoy the warmer summers, but we are seeing increased fire risks and wind damage to property as well as treacherous small craft boating conditions due to wind. Warmer temperatures have led to increases in mosquito and tick-borne diseases like West Nile or Lyme disease. There are some positives to warmer winters: contractors & real estate agents can work almost year-round, there is less snow to clear and heating bills are reduced. However, lake ice has become dangerous, snowmobiling & winter sports conditions are poor,

the forestry season is shorter and road maintenance is challenging.

We can anticipate that temperatures will rise from 3 to 8 degrees over the next century. Already the Insurance Bureau of Canada says they have paid out \$1B a year for the last three years in property insurance claims from catastrophic or extreme weather events. Climate change may cause flooding in the spring & fall, inundating crops and sending fertilizers into our lake from stream run-offs. Changing groundwater levels might affect your well, your dock and your boating safety as shoals appear where they were covered before. Climate-driven increases in water temperatures could make some rivers and lakes unsuitable for the fish that now live there and invite fish diseases and invading species, like zebra mussels and the round goby. Warming waters may send fish species such as bass or perch closer to the bottom of our lakes where the

water will be cooler. Frogs may leave dried-up ponds & wetlands & become road-kill, trees will drop their leaves earlier and hemlock will decline but white pine will flourish.

Lake dwellers need to monitor these changes and adapt to climate change by protecting the integrity of the ecosystem. Some individual actions we can take include: shoreline naturalization; installing floating docks to deal with fluctuating water levels; planting native species on our properties; having tic removal kits handy; maintaining clean septic systems to minimize nutrient loading; and understanding that wildlife and fish are also impacted by climate change and respecting their habitat or their spawning seasons. Mother Earth needs our care...



SHOPPING!

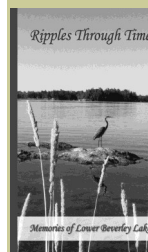
Purchase these great items from your lake association:

1- Our fascinating **history book**: Ripples Through Time, Memories of Lower Beverley Lake. \$20

2- **Decals** with the LBLA logo to put on your boat, cottage, car, etc. Small ones cost \$2, larger ones \$5. Strut your lake spirit!

3- **Tic kits** with tic retriever and important information about dealing with tics. \$8.

OUR LAKE HISTORY



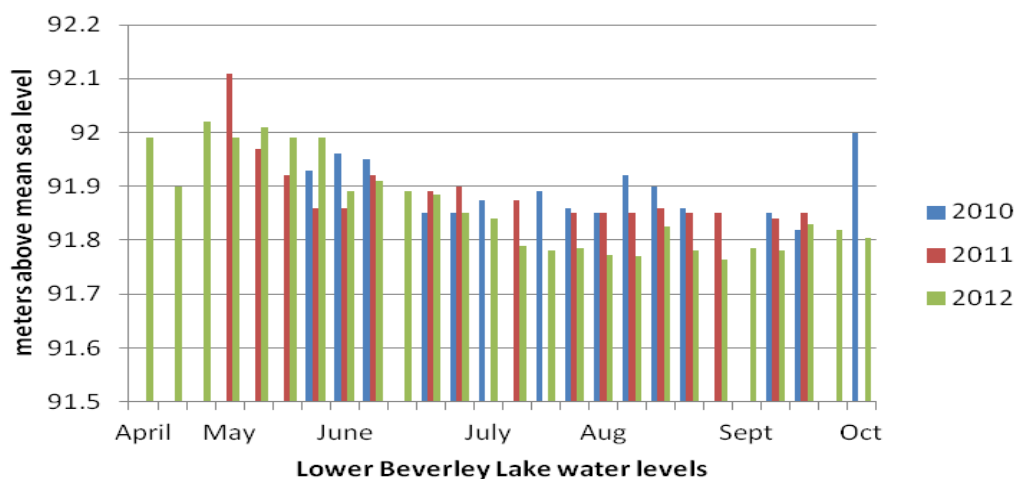
Many have asked whether we intend to publish a sequel to "Ripples Through Time, Memories of Lower Beverley Lake".

Such an undertaking would require a lot of research & effort. If you have photos, tales, information that was not included in the first book, then please send it to us. Over time, we will publish some of them for all to see.



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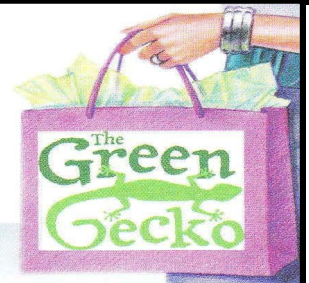
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Your 2013 LBLA calendar — Lots of fun activities for you and your family and friends!

- **Saturday, July 13 9:30 am** Annual General Meeting at Delta Fairgrounds Hall Coffee & muffins served
- **Saturday, July 20 10 am** Species at Risk presentation, Bradford Pavilion at Lower Beverley Lake Township Park
- **Saturday, July 27 2pm** Delta Fair parade
- **Thursday, August 1 10 am** Clean up the Lake
Meet at Delta Park and go out in boats to find trash. Pizza and refreshments afterwards.
- **Saturday, August 10, 10 am** "Beverley (Lake) Hillbillies" boat Flotilla
Decorate your boat like Jed Clampett & his family would, and meet at the canoesluk. Prizes awarded at the annual picnic that afternoon.
- **Saturday, August 10, 3pm**, annual picnic at Kendricks Park
Hot dogs & lemonade served.
Bring a dish to share.
Join in the "Beverley Hillbilly" games! possum tossing, cow chip flinging, hog calling.... Soooooe!!!!

