

Lower Beverley Lake Association

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2019 LOON CALL

LBLA, PO Box 92, Delta Ontario K0E 1G0

Letter from the President

One of the most enjoyable responsibilities of LBLA president is the preparation of this yearly welcome note. In fulfilling this "obligation", I am "required" to focus on the wonderful times we enjoyed this past summer and to look ahead (with great anticipation) to new and exciting experiences in the coming season! This is not a task, but an opportunity and I am already eager to return to our home on Kendrick Lane in the early spring. Both Linda and I hope that you will feel welcome to drop by when you find yourself at the Short Point Road end of the lake. We would love to visit with you and share the great views we are blessed to see each and every day. Please join us by road or water when you are in the area. Until then we'll need to wait until winter runs its course and finally yields to the "cottage season" (who would ever believe I would miss a "swarm" of shad flies? - notice I did not say mosquitos)!

Our goals for this coming season will be to continue to earnestly welcome new members and encourage those members who may have drifted away to be reinvigorated in their involvement in the activities of our association. If I was asked to express my most major concern for life at our beautiful lake, it would be to champion our water quality! Geologically, Lower Beverley is in a unique position in the Frontenac Arch biosphere. We are fortunate to have maintained a series of policies that promote good stewardship through many years of leadership and dedication to our mission to "foster preservation of the pristine character of the lake environment" and "serve as a focal point for lake stewardship and improvement projects." I am happy to report that former presidents and board members have been entirely dedicated to those two segments of our mission statement and our current administration will continue those efforts. To that end, other articles in this newsletter deal with the need to increase our efforts to maintain and monitor the water, shoreline, and watershed land surrounding our greatest blessing - Lower Beverley Lake!

Next...I am still (and will always be) an avid fisherman and I have been "going to school" about introducing and maintaining a walleye population on a body of water like ours. The specific water conditions which must be present for a successful breeding population are considered by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF) when they are deciding to enter into a partnership with any local association and begin a stocking program on a proposed lake. We have good, sustainable water conditions which are continuing to change with the warming climate, yet still support environments that encourage the successful spawning of the species we are all

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday July 10, 6:30 pm Annual General Meeting

Delta Town Hall

Refreshments served at 6:30 pm; the meeting starts at 7pm. Our speaker will be the recently elected Mayor of the Township of Rideau Lakes, the Honorable Arie Hoogenboom offering his ideas for Delta rejuvenation as well as his formation of a township standing committee comprised of lake associations' representatives who will deal with issues and programs dedicated specifically to communities which are situated around the many lakes in our geopolitical area.

If you have any specific issues or questions, please contact me or any other LBLA Board member and we will forward those the Mayor. Please join us for this informative event and make sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Saturday July 13, 10-11 am Youth/Family/Everyone Event

This event will be at the Bradford Pavilion in the Delta Township Park. Staff members from the Aquaterium in Brockville will tell us about **Bugs!** Last year's event about otters was a hit, and we know that this year's event will be entertaining and educational as well. All ages are welcome.

Letter from the President, cont.

accustomed to catching, such as large and smallmouth bass, northern pike, perch, crappie, sunfish, catfish, rock bass, and dogfish. It's not entirely clear that those same conditions would support such an environment for walleye. I will meet with Joff Cote (MNRF) this spring and will continue to ask local anglers to report walleye catches as we did last year. The "Upcoming Events" section lists two BLAMS! during this summer season. We are hoping to have a repeat meeting at my Kendrick Lane home in the last week of July and a get together just before the bass opening in June. I will be in contact, via email, with those of you who attended last year's BLAM! and I would encourage you to invite other friends and neighbors who enjoy "wetting a line" to come and share their angling experiences. I will also ask Lynne Jeffries to post details on the LBLA website and Facebook pages.

I hope the remainder of the winter is kind to all of you and I look forward to greeting you in town or on the water. Until then...have a peaceful and happy 2019 and many midwinter dreams of coming summer days at the lake!

- Tom Heinze, 922 Kendrick Lane P: 613-928-2430
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Persistent, Perceptive, Paddlers!!

We all love the special times and beautiful scenery we associate with our great fortune to live and visit this natural wonder, but we must remember that the environment is changing...not necessarily on a local, but on a global basis. Rainfall patterns and water levels will continue to change and we can anticipate weed growth to become more robust in some of our shallower and quieter bays, supporting invasive species of animals and plants. I think each and every one of us must be aware of how the changes in clarity and chemistry will affect the life which is everywhere in and around our water. This past September, we experienced an algae bloom which developed into a brief blue-green algae event. The Leeds, Grenville, & Lanark District Health Unit tested the reported bloom (off of LB12) and determined that its toxicity was minimal (11.0ug/L) and no wildlife or pets were in danger (though it was recommended that pets be discouraged from drinking the water during such a bloom). There are lakes in our area where blooms of this nature occur on a regular basis. High levels of this type of algae can make the water unusable for recreation, swimming, consumption of any kind, and a minimization of the harvesting of any fish caught during the time period when it occurs. We were not near any such levels of toxicity and the health unit was prompt and thorough in their testing of the reported area.

The true heroes in the event I just described were the folks who noticed the potential trouble spot and made the report to officials. Without the local input, that system of testing and reporting would never have been initiated and conditions would not be shared with the residents or guests who use the lake for so many good times. My hope is that we can all become lakeside "vigilantes" who will be "persistent, perceptive, paddlers" and make periodic kayak or canoe trips into the quiet, peaceful bays and inlets where the power boaters and personal water craft drivers don't venture. Those quiet areas have less surface

Thursday August 8, 10 am

Lake clean-up

Meet at Delta Township Park boat ramp for instructions. Return at noon for pizza lunch (provided.) (Raindate Aug. 9)

Saturday August 10, 3 pm

Annual picnic

Kendrick's Park. Join us for good food and games! Bring a dish to share.

BLAM!! Beverley Lake Anglers Meeting – not one but two!

Wed., June 12 (location to be announced – watch our Facebook page as well as our website for the location announcement) and Wed., July 31, at 7:00 p.m. at my home, **922 Kendrick Lane** (off of Short Point Road), all anglers are welcome to talk over catches, water conditions and levels, aquatic weed growth, and any other information which can help us to prepare a lake profile. It will also help us to keep an eye on aids to navigation, wildlife on and in the water, and a general fellowship with other anglers on **both of the Beverley Lakes**. Please plan to attend! Good fishing!

- Tom Heinze LBLA President

On the website

Go to lbla.net for lots of good waterfront property info and LBL specific info. Our water testing data was not ready in time for the newsletter, it will be available on the website when available

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water movement and are generally in more shallow areas where weed growth and nutrients will support periodic natural green algae blooms during the season. This is a normal occurring condition that clouds the water (often associated with temperature ranges) and clears itself in a period of days depending on wind and sunlight conditions, as well as the temperature of the surface water. We can expect a future of more frequent higher temperatures; water quality and weed growth will reflect those conditions supporting the blooming of more algae. I would guess that some of those conditions will favor blue-green algae and it will be to everyone's advantage to be aware of conditions that could result in such an event. Those of you who enjoy a tranquil kayak or canoe outing, observing wildlife and the special flora that surround the lake could be our "scouts," keeping watch for changes in local water conditions...especially in those back bays and quiet reflective spots. Those are the areas where we need local observations and we hope you will share your experiences with your neighbors and members of the LBLA Board of Directors. I am happy to pass any reports to Dave Johnson and Dave Champagne who are our local experts on water quality and levels. They will be able to assess the observations they receive, check them for accuracy, and if necessary, pass them along to agencies that can assist us with any interventions or notices to the public.

Safety on the Water – Q&A with an OPP Officer

Last fall the Lake Association Networking Group met with OPP Officer Sgt. Newell to learn about safety on the water. Here is some of what was learned.

Question: Do the commercially available safety kits meet legal requirements for boaters?

Answer: It is the boaters' responsibility to ensure that they always have good, working safety equipment. Specific kits are not "approved", although they may contain the required equipment. Many flashlights will not last too long in a wet environment, so the boater needs to check the batteries regularly and may want to consider a more water-proof light than the one supplied in some kits. "Collapsible bailers" are being sold in some places, but the regulations require that bailers be rigid, and not collapsible.

Question: Can you clarify the law around inflatable islands and alcohol. Is it ok to have alcohol while lounging on the island if it is tied to the dock, but not if it is free-floating?

Answer: OPP try to be reasonable under the circumstances they encounter. People floating around on an island or similar floating device in the immediate area of the dock and cottage front, and there are no issues and no one is drunk - should be no problem. However, if a person is floating/travelling from point A to point B, they clearly fall under the navigation regulations for watercraft and alcohol laws.

Water Safety

In 2019 life jackets are going to be a focus issue for OPP enforcement. Life jackets must be quickly and readily accessible if they are not being worn by boaters. Being buried under a seat /under other gear etc does not qualify.

Volunteers - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered!

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Tom will be moving to the Past-President position this coming July and Joe will be moving up to President. We are looking for someone to step into the Vice-President position. If you are thinking about it and need more information – please speak to any board member. LBLA works best with new ideas and new people flowing through – please consider volunteering.

Events/Activities:

Annual Picnic – Dave & Marsha Johnson
Annual Meeting – LBLA Board
Lake clean-up – Sandy Ellis
Website & Facebook – Lynne Jeffries
Newsletter – Anne (Goodsell) Van Der Karr

Shoal Markers: Chris Beahen, Steve Brouse, Al Brown, Sheehan Carter, Millard Goodsell, Lynne & Brian Jeffries, Dave Johnson, Terry Kean, Joe Kelly, Michael Kilpatrick, Stewart Nicol

Safety on the Water: cont.

Question: Please clarify the safety equipment requirements for Stand Up Paddle boards as they are becoming very popular.

Answer: A whistle and a life jacket is required: if life jacket is present but not being worn, then a throw line is also required. No throw line is required if the life jacket is being worn. A flashlight is required at night or times of poor visibility. The published Boating safety guide is not currently up to date with regard to SUP.

Towing water skiers/tubers: There must be an adult spotter on the boat in addition to the driver. There must be available seating for all skiers/tubers on the tow boat, and there must be sufficient life jackets on the tow boat for all (those on the boat plus the persons being towed). For Seadoos, there must be a seat on the Seadoo for the driver, the spotter and the person being towed.

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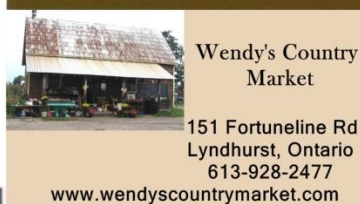


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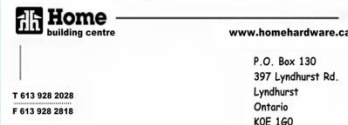


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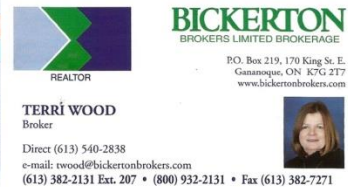


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Youth/Family event



Lake cleanup



Picnic



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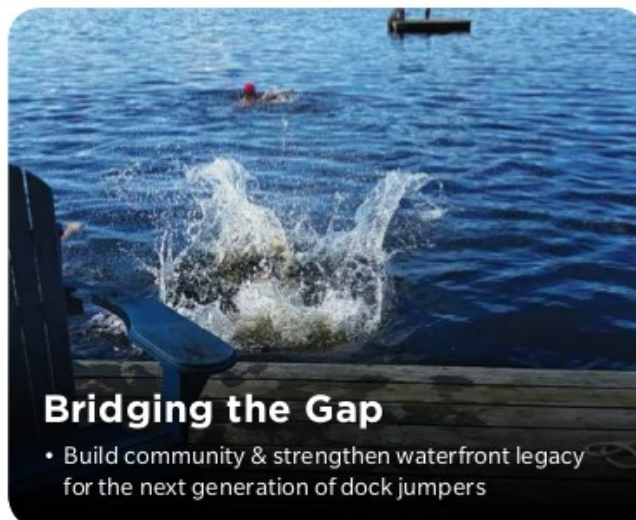
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