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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

Buck Lake News – 2011 February

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President's Message

Winter greetings! Let it snow! This year, Mother Nature seems determined to remind us that we live in the great white north.

Classic Theatre Festival
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I went back in my files to remind myself what I had said in this message last winter. Last year at this time there was a skate-able surface on the lake. This year, we have the white stuff everywhere and a sloppy surface in places on the lake.

I try to keep the steps from my house to the lake clear of snow so I have access to it for show-shoeing. So far this January I have shoveled them three times and they are covered with 3-4 inches again today. It is a bit of a project – 103 of them in total!

Walking on the Cataraqui Trail is another favourite winter activity. The snowmobilers set the track so it is easy walking and they don't seem to mind

a few pedestrians along the way. Of course, if I had cross-country skis it would be even better. My neighbour, Barb, tells me that I need both cross-country skis and a bicycle to really enjoy the trail. One day I will have both. For now, foot power, supplemented by snow-shoes or skates works for me.

I am headed to Ottawa for a wedding next weekend and I plan to get out for a skate on the canal while I am there. The remaining weekends in February, I will be at home enjoying the beauty of a Buck Lake winter. Not much compares with it!

Tricia Waldron

Board of Director's Report

The Board met on January 15th for the first meeting of 2011. Numbers were reduced due to snowbirds and travelers and the agenda was compressed due to the need for some early departures. Crawford MacIntyre reported that the Nominations Committee had a short list of two potential Director candidates to fill a

vacant seat until the AGM in July and hoped to have a decision for the next meeting of the Board.

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Crawford also requested that the Board support a constitutional/by-law amendment to be presented to members at the AGM to establish the Lake Plan Committee, otherwise known as the "Friends of the Lake", as a standing committee of the BLA.

Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl Savery presented the 2010 Statement of Income and Expenses and a Balance Sheet of assets of the Association. Both are presented below and will be brought to the membership for approval at the AGM. The Board worked on a draft budget for 2011 to be finalized at the next meeting of the Board when a better assessment of the needs of various projects for 2011 is available.

Ralph Wirsig reported that year- end membership stood at 148 families...a small decline from last year and he recommended a focus on membership development and retention as one of our priorities for this year. A tentative calendar of events for 2011 was

presented by the Community Outreach Committee and is included in this newsletter. The Communications Committee presented some possible amendments to the placement and cost of paid advertisements in the Newsletter. After discussion, it was recommended that no changes be formalized at this time but that we would return to the issue at future meetings.

Wayne Myles reported on behalf of the Friends of the Lake that meetings were under way for 2011 planning and that more details would be available for the next Board meeting. A report on the Lake Partner Program results for our lake is included in this Newsletter.



Photo by Ralph Wirsig

**Buck Lake Association
Statement of Income & Expenses
For the period ending 31-Dec-2010**

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income			
Membership Revenue	\$4,000.00	\$3,570.70	\$429.30
Deferred Revenue from 2009		\$75.00	-\$75.00
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$1,175.00	-\$175.00
Lake Planning	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Map Sales	\$1,000.00	\$962.00	\$38.00
Social & Outreach	\$1,000.00	\$485.00	\$515.00
Courses / Events	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Other	\$100.00	\$110.61	-\$10.61
Total	\$10,100.00	\$6,378.31	\$3,721.69
Expenses			
Insurance	\$1,100.00	\$1,128.60	-\$28.60
Affiliate Memberships	\$800.00	\$540.75	\$259.25
Publications	\$400.00	\$219.02	\$180.98
Administration Fees	\$500.00	\$146.90	\$353.10
Conference & Seminars	\$250.00	\$345.39	-\$95.39
Courses / Events	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Social & Outreach	\$1,000.00	\$1,061.95	-\$61.95
Buck Lake Heritage Project	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Community Project	\$1,500.00	\$1,011.03	\$488.97
Lake Plan Activities	\$3,000.00	\$857.87	\$2,142.13
Total	\$9,850.00	\$5,311.51	\$4,538.49
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$250.00	\$1,066.80	-\$816.80

Membership Revenue: includes \$1500 for 2010 memberships paid in 2009
Lake Plan Activities: \$3500 was shown as an expense in 2009

**Buck Lake Association
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2009**

Assets	
General Bank Account	\$8,689.41
Total Assets	\$8,689.41
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue 2011	\$925.00
Deferred Revenue 2012	\$50.00
Deferred Revenue 2013	\$25.00
Deferred Revenue 2014	\$25.00
Outstanding Cheques	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,025.00
Members' Equity	\$7,664.41

Friends of the Lake Report

MNR 2010 Trap Netting Survey Summary – Buck Lake

During August and September, the Ministry of Natural Resources did some trap netting to log some information on the fish in Buck Lake. Although the full report of the results will not be available until late next summer, we thought Buck Lakers would be interested in an explanation of the process and some preliminary results.

Trap Netting is officially called Near-Shore Community Index Netting (NSCIN). NSCIN is usually used over other forms of fish sampling for several reasons, including:

- It is non-lethal, so few or no fish are removed from the ecosystem.
- It samples a size range of fish that other netting does not capture well – mainly sunfish, perch, crappie and young sport fish. (Larger adult sport fish and minnows are better caught using other methods.)
- It samples more diversity of fish species than other methods.
- It uses a standard methodology so that results can be compared over time and between lakes.

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Some of the drawbacks of NSCIN are that it is awkward to set nets compared to gill-nets, the nets are heavy and cumbersome to transport and all sampling must be done in the boat at the site where the net is picked up.

The area of a lake that is close to shore, the Littoral zone, is the most productive in terms of the life – both plant and animal species – contained there. In Buck Lake, trap nets were set extending 46 meters from shore at 14 different randomly chosen sites around both basins. The nets were left in the water overnight and checked the following day. All fish were sampled and then returned alive to the lake.

Fish species	Total catch No. of fish	% of all species caught	Average catch per net	% of nets containing at least one fish
Bluegill	1206	67.8%	86	100%
Pumpkinseed	215	12.1%	15	100%
Largemouth bass	127	7.1%	9	100%
Brown bullhead	97	5.4%	7	74%
Black crappie	87	4.9%	6	100%
Rock bass	15	0.8%	1	43%
Yellow perch	13	0.7%	1	43%
Northern pike	12	0.7%	1	50%
Yellow bullhead	7	0.4%	0.5	29%
Smallmouth bass	1	0.1%	0.1	7%

Fish species	Average age in years	Average length in centimetres	Average length in inches	Average weight in grams	Average weight in pounds
Largemouth bass	Age-4	27	10	306	0.7
Northern pike	Age-4	65	26	2500	5.5
Black crappie	Age-3	20	8	133	0.3
Bluegill	Age-5	17	7		
Pumpkinseed	Age-7	20	8		
Brown bullhead					
Yellow bullhead	Not aged	31	12	No weights	
	Not aged	26	10	No weights	

Tentative Events for 2011

- Possible early summer Dock Sale Day, with sellers setting up on their docks and buyers shopping by boat. (More details to follow on this great idea suggested by Lib and Ralph Boston.)
- June Pot Luck Supper at Margaret Fisher's
- Boatilla Fundraiser for Easter Seals – Sunday July 3rd.
- AGM and Friends Educational Seminar in July
- BLA Summer Picnic /BBQ August 20th in Harris Park
- September 11th – Buck Lake Rider Cup Golf Tournament at Rideau Lake Golf Club

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Community Spirit

In early December, BLA members Bill Wilman and Vera Asinin lost their home and possessions to a devastating fire. On December 19th, over 80 members of the Buck Lake community participated in a fundraising luncheon at Harris Hall in Perth Road Village. As always in our community, the needs of everyone are of interest to all and many hands reach out when need exists. Ross and Liz Trudel spearheaded the effort and, with the help of many volunteers, made it look easy to organize an event on short notice during a very busy time of year. Community spirit is alive at Buck Lake!



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Food For Thought

As the winter of 2011 marches on, we present some food for thought on a cold evening:

- The Massasauga Dam is still open and the lake ice has dropped on the North Branch since December...parts of the South Branch were still open as late as last week. Skating has been good in spots but a job to keep open due

to a couple of short thaws and a lot of slush under fresh snow. For the benefit of Snowbirds, we have had more snowfall than last year and most is still on the ground. January has been a little colder than average and we got as low as -32°C on January 23rd. Whitetail deer are seldom seen this winter and coyotes are seen too much. Perhaps there's a connection! Even the wild turkeys seem to be lying low.

- More than one member forwarded an article entitled "What to Take to Bed With You"...no joke! **Take your car keys to bed with you.** If you have to leave in an emergency you have the car as shelter and transportation. If you hear an unexplained noise or have a medical emergency and need to attract attention hit that little red button that you always hit by accident! The car alarm could alert the neighbours or scare away an unwanted two or four-footed visitor.
- Have a fire plan and discuss it with your family. If you burn wood, clean and check your chimney on a regular basis. Do you think there would be interest in the BLA organizing a "Fire Awareness" workshop in co-operation with our local Perth Road Fire Department? A number of the volunteers are lake residents. Give us some feedback at info@bucklake.ca.
- Review your insurance coverage on a yearly basis. Make sure you have the coverage you need and think you're paying for!

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And Finally...

If you year-rounders need a little lift or some exercise here are two ideas:

- On Saturday February 5th, Perth Road United Church is presenting an evening of great music featuring Chris Murphy and Jon McLurg. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and the refreshments are always great. A free will offering will be accepted and all are welcome.
- Walk every Tuesday and Thursday at Perth Road Public School between 5 and 6 p.m. until March 28th.
- The Boatilla Committee asks all members who contributed to the Easter Seals Society through the Boatilla last July, to be sure they have received a tax receipt. If not, please contact Liz Trudel at (613) 353-3038 or sentry2010@gmail.com.
- Keep safety in mind when enjoying our frozen lake:

