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

Buck Lake News – 2013 January

President's Message

I trust the New Year has started well for all of you. While the temperature is frigid as I pen this, we have been very lucky so far in January with very little snow on the ground and even a prolonged period of warm temperatures. The good news is there should be plenty of ice for the annual Buck Lake Mid-Winter Fest set for the first weekend in February. The bad news is that, should this cold snap continue, the weather will be as cold as last year's event! But hey, we are Canadians, eh.

Our year has started well health wise...skip this paragraph if you don't need or want to hear about Dawe things. However, we did have a challenge when we travelled to Cuba recently to get some sun and sand and a place to walk my new knee. I managed to get a great price despite the "taxes" that virtually doubled the quoted price. We received our itinerary and were set to go. However, we got to the airport in good time for the stated flight to Varadero. Unfortunately, that flight number was actually for a flight to Santiago de Cuba. We missed our flight that left minutes before we got to the airport. Apparently the flight number had been changed but no one bothered to tell us! Worse, Reine called the travel agency two days before departure and was not told of the change!! So, a day later and a lot of additional cost we arrived in Varadero and had to fight our way back on to the original all-inclusive plan. The good news is we got to walk on a beautiful beach and to visit wonderful Havana. The bad news is the hassle regarding the travel and the absolutely terrible food and wine. Perhaps I am getting too old to do the all-inclusive thing on the cheap. Our hot tub is making staying at home most attractive I can tell you.

I would ask that you mark your calendars and plan to attend some of the events we have planned for you this summer. The riveting AGM will be held Saturday 6 July at a location to be announced. Goodies will be available to entice folks who don't believe the riveting part. One of the items of business is introducing the new slate of board directors for the coming year. On that subject, we are always looking for folks to help us work on issues that affect all of us. So, please contact me or another board member about serving. It isn't difficult and consists of about nine meetings a year, usually on Saturday mornings. The remuneration is commensurate with the degree of difficulty! As well save the previous weekend for the annual Boatilla to be held 30 June – proceeds go to continuing the superb effort to raise money to help disabled children. Buck Lake is a leader among communities that support this cause and we should be rightly proud. The annual picnic is slated for 17 August and there will be an education session sponsored by the Friends of the Lake to do with a subject that affects all of us, hopefully the dreaded Zebra mussel that has reportedly been sighted in our waters recently.

One last item. Roscoe Trudel will probably be harassing you soon about predicting when the ice will leave the lake. Your guess, will only cost you \$5 unless he changes things for this year.

Reine won last year and her scientific method is available at a reasonable price....we won't agree to only selling that information once!

So, until next time, I wish you luck in surviving the rest of the winter but remember that the days are getting longer and January is almost over.

Best wishes,
Peter Dawe

Lake Links Workshop:

“Climate Change – How to Build Resiliency in Our Lakes”

In October five residents of Buck Lake attended the 11th annual Link Links workshop in Perth: board members Terry Demers and Donna Neumann, Friends of the Lake committee member Margaret Fisher, and Moe Demers and Dave Pruner. The title of this year's thought-provoking workshop was “Climate Change – How to Build Resiliency in Our Lakes.” About 125 people from lakes in eastern Ontario participated as several speakers led us through various issues, concerns and practical suggestions. Here are brief summaries of two of the speakers.

Gary Nielsen, Climate Change Project Coordinator from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), kicked off the day by speaking about impacts of climate change on lakes in the area and strategies we can take to deal with the changes. He stated that scientists no longer debate whether there is climate change happening: it is here now and all can observe at least some of the impacts. Of the 10 warmest years on record, four have occurred within the last decade (stats up to 2010, and the last two years have again broken records). In some parts of the world climate change is in your face, people can see it everywhere; in other regions the changes are less noticeable at the moment. His distinction between adaptation and mitigation was helpful. Adaptation is managing what we can in order to reduce our carbon footprint; it takes place through adjustments to reduce our vulnerability or to enhance resilience. Mitigation is avoiding and reducing the severity of what we cannot manage.

		
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MNR has put out a Practitioner's Guide to help organizations such as Buck Lake Association. It is filled with tools and strategies outlining a framework for action. It takes an organization through 6 steps for understanding, assessing current regional vulnerability, making informed

estimates for future risks to various species in our region, and developing adaptation options. It has a collection of tools available to help us look at species such as trout, hemlock, loons, and turtles. There are interactive maps and charts wherein a group would insert their region's data to help interpret and contextualize. This resource could be extremely valuable to our lake association. It would make a fine study/action guide for a group of interested residents to explore together.

The second speaker that was especially relevant to our lake was John Casselman from Queen's University who spoke about how climate change is already affecting water resources and fish. For every 1 degree change in temperature, there is 6% change in evaporation. Cold water fish such as lake trout are showing signs of "premature hatch." Changes are happening so rapidly that fish can't adapt and some species are being displaced. He urged local organizations and communities to help with monitoring aspects of their lake. One action he strongly recommended was purchasing a "hobo" or thermistor to put in the lake under the ice to give data on a regular basis through the year. He also strongly supported reducing our carbon footprint by making local fish an important part of our menu rather than buying fish from far-away markets; we can also more easily determine the safety of local rather than imported fish.

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It was a day full of interesting and pertinent information. The workshop energized us to keep working at protecting the quality of the lake and watershed. It reminded us of lifestyle changes we need to make in order to conserve and protect natural resources. It recommended strategies and projects for monitoring and improving the lake habitat. There are free or inexpensive tools available to help us move forward. We were inspired by communities that are taking actions to enhance their lakes for ongoing health.

~ Margaret Fisher

Outdoors Cards Renewal:

In the November-December 2012 issue of Ontario Out Of Doors it indicates that renewal reminders, previously mailed, will be discontinued for Outdoors Cards. It goes on to say that the transformation plan calls for using magazine ads and social media instead. Check your cards to be sure that they have not expired. This is part of the planned overhaul of the MNR.



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Rural Life:

Here is an interesting article that was posted on the FOCA Facebook page. It contains a number of helpful apps for Ontario. We tried the night sky app and it worked very well. It will work on an iphone, ipad or ipod touch with the camera view.

<http://www.ruralist.ca/get-12-mobile-apps-essential-for-rural-ontario-living/>



Be aware of changes to walleye and bass regulations in 2013 for Fisheries Management Zone 18. Anglers are reminded to check the 2013 Fishing Regulations Summary (available January 1, 2013) to become familiar with the regulation changes before going fishing.

New Regulations for 2013

The Ministry of Natural Resources, with the support of the Fisheries Management Zone 18 Advisory Council, has developed new regulations for walleye and bass in Fisheries Management Zone 18. A number of regulatory options were presented to the public for comment in the spring of 2012. Based on the comments received, recommendations from the Advisory Council and the best available science, the ministry has developed new fishing regulations for Zone 18 which will be put into effect for 2013. These changes are intended to improve fish populations while providing increased angling and associated recreational and economic opportunities in Zone 18.

Fisheries Management Zone 18 is the most easterly fisheries management zone in the province. It includes all or parts of the Crowe, Mississippi, Napanee, Cataraqui, Rideau, Salmon, South Nation and Raisin River watersheds

Changes to Bass Season

Extended spring and fall seasons for bass with the season open from the 3rd Saturday in June until December 15

Earlier bass spawning has been observed, and has been linked to changes in climate. Given that observed patterns in climate are expected to continue, MNR and the fisheries advisory council supported adjusting the bass season opening date to a week earlier. This change is also being implemented in FMZ 17 and 20 (Lake Ontario). Additional bass angling opportunities will provide increased benefits without compromising the quality of existing angling opportunities. Existing bass sanctuary dates have been adjusted to align with the changes to the bass open season.

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2012 Year End Financial Report:

The Buck Lake Association financial year end statements would indicate that the year ended much as it started.

2012 Financial Statements:

Net Worth - As of 11/01/2013
As of 11/01/2013 (in Canadian Dollars)

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Account	11/01/2013 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank	
Accounts Chequing	6,432.02
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	6,432.02
TOTAL ASSETS	6,432.02
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
2013 Memberships	725.00
2014 Memberships	175.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	900.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	900.00
OVERALL TOTAL	5,532.02

2012 Income/Expense vs Budget - Last year
01/01/2012 through 31/12/2012 Using 2012 BLA Budget (in Canadian Dollars)

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31/12/2012
Difference

Category	01/01/2012 Actual	- Budget	Difference
INCOME			
Advertising	850.00	800.00	50.00
Bank Interest	0.65	0.00	0.65
Donations	125.00	0.00	125.00
Grants			
Heritage	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
Lake Plan	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
TOTAL Grants	0.00	3,100.00	-3,100.00
Map Sales	398.00	400.00	-2.00
Membership 2012	3,000.03	3,000.00	0.03
Membership 2013	700.00	0.00	700.00
Membership 2014	175.00	0.00	175.00
Social & Outreach	325.00	500.00	-175.00
TOTAL INCOME	5,573.68	7,800.00	-2,226.32
EXPENSES			
Administration	319.69	200.00	-119.69
Affiliate Memberships	413.25	500.00	86.75
Business			
Insurance	1,155.60	1,155.60	0.00
TOTAL Business	1,155.60	1,155.60	0.00
Community Projects	133.88	1,000.00	866.12
Conference & Seminar	40.00	500.00	460.00
Course & Seminars	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heritage Project	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Lake Plan Expenses	2,077.38	1,500.00	-577.38
Publications	0.00	100.00	100.00
Social and Outreach	703.77	1,250.00	546.23
Winter Festival	49.96	50.00	0.04
TOTAL Social and Outreach	753.73	1,300.00	546.27
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,893.53	7,855.60	2,962.07
OVERALL TOTAL	680.15	-55.60	735.75

Come One! Come All!
to
the Buck Lake Family Mid-Winter-Fest

When? Sunday February 3, 2013
1pm to 5pm

Where? The Ruttan Campground and Boathouse
Access off Perth Road via Hidden Valley Road

Family Skating

Pick-up Hockey Games

Sledding

Broomball

Snow golf

Snow Mobile Rides for the Kids

Hot Dogs – Hot Chocolate – Home Made Chili

Bring Skates, Hockey Sticks, Sleds, Folding Chairs
Warm up around the bonfire and enjoy company

and it's ALL FREE!!

Coming Events:

Feb 16 - Concert by the 'Mill Creek Bluegrass Band' 7pm - 9pm in the Perth Road Village Sunday School Hall ** this is the concert that you should not miss!! Come out & enjoy a mix of Gospel, Bluegrass, and Classic Country music.



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Mar 16 - "Pot Luck" Supper and "Silent Auction". Good Food & Warm Fellowship! Everyone Welcome! In the Perth Road Village Sunday School Hall, Dinner at 6 pm The Silent Auction begins when you "bid" on your first item, and ends at 7pm when the bid sheets are collected. Bring some food to share, and if you wish, an item for the "auction". For more info, please call Muriel @ 613.353.1690



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