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Buck Lake News – July 2016

Coming Soon!!! The Buck Lake Annual Picnic

There are exciting changes coming to the annual picnic this year.

First, a new location: With special thanks to host Randy Ruttan and his campers for sharing their space with us, the picnic will be held at the Hidden Valley Campground. So, you can come by boat (be prepared to anchor out – we will provide a shuttle) or by car.

Second, a new menu: We will be roasting pork hips and will have hot dogs, fresh buns (and hopefully corn). We are asking that you bring either a salad or a dessert to share. The cost remains the same at \$5.00 for adults, and children under 12 are free.

Third, fun activities for ALL ages: We will of course be having loads of fun activities for the kids, but in addition, there will be slooshing races and egg and spoon races for kids and adults.



So mark your calendar for:

Saturday August 6th at 4:00 pm

and come on out and have a great time with Buck Lake friends and neighbours!

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Buck Lake Boatilla Report

Submitted by Jo Anne Hopkins

Once again the community of Buck Lake have shown their support for Easter Seals families. This year, donations have totaled over \$28,400 sending approximately 12 children to Camp Merrywood for 10 days.

The Boatilla day on the lake was also a tremendous success. We were able to provide 11 children and their families with a boat tour of the lake, a delicious BBQ, live music and an afternoon of fun.

The finale to the day was a cheque presentation to Easter Seals Camp Merrywood. This does not happen by chance or good luck. There are some very dedicated people who make sure this happens.

This year due to their generosity and their symphony connection with Crawford MacIntyre – Dan Kasaboski and his daughters, Paige and Michele sang and played beautiful music for the afternoon.

They even teamed up with Provincial Easter Seals Ambassador, Keirra to play and sing two songs she requested. Listening to them sing Justin Beiber’s “Go and Love Yourself” was absolutely enchanting.

We would like to express our gratitude to every boat and every contributor who joined us for Boatilla. Your contributions and participation in this event gives us the courage to plan again for next year. We are very grateful.

The following is a list and description of all the people who donate time and energy to this event it truly is a Labour of Love.

- The driving forces: Liz and Ross Trudel.
- Easter Seals Ontario’s Senior Development Officer Krista LeClair, whose guidance is invaluable.
- The Canvassers Extraordinaire: Jan Larose, Brien Caird, Whip Hahn, Cheryl Savery, Mike Flanigan and Anna Fummerton, Jana Johnson, Duncan Sinclair, Kim and George Turner, Orrie Michea, Silvia Olvet, Donna Neumann, Paul Beamish, Carole Sutryn.
- The Financial Experts: Liz Trudel and Moira O’Neill.
- The valet boat parking: Gerry O’Neill and Moe Demers.
- The Pontoon Boats which were honoured with the Easter Seals families – Marilyn O’Connor and family, Dale and Sandra Payne, Grayden McClurg, and Gerry O’Neill driving the Merrywood Express.



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- Our incredible cooks: Carol and Steve Sutryn along with Deb and Perry Henley who have come from Pennsylvania expressly for this event (for at least seven years). Cathy Boddy and Ellie Buck dedicate their day as well.
- The Next Generation of fundraisers: Buck Lake Bakers and Book Sale, Christine, Daley, Riley and Aubrey Clark, Cindy, Ruby and Skye Sinclair, Silka Olvet, Leslie Kirby, Stella and Brin Sack and Harris Ruttan
- The band: Dan Kasaboski with daughters Paige and Michele accompanied by Keirra MacLeod.
- Our host: Randy Ruttan and family.
- The BLA committee led by Donna Neumann and the Murder Mystery.
- Township of South Frontenac Rec department – organized by Nicole Hochguertel – giving the children beach balls and Frisbees.
- CKWS and Bill Welychka along with Chad Lees promoting our community
- Hidden Valley residents who give us their parking spaces and their support
- On site photography by Angie Blair
- Rob, Faye, Lucas and Montana from the Perth road Store
- Groceries provided by Trousdale Foodland, Garrett’s Meats, Glenburnie Grocery, Sun Harvest Gardens and enjoyed by all.

As you can see we have an incredibly supportive community. It is year 12 for the Boatilla and we have raised a total of \$ 190,000 in that time. On August 5, 2016 Camp Merrywood is hosting the Boatilla Community for a day with the children. Please come and join us there.

We apologize in advance for any person we have not included in our list of thanks.





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Highlights from the AGM

The Buck Lake Association annual general meeting was held at Perth Road Sunday School Hall on Saturday June 25th. The meeting was well attended including mayor Ron Vandewal and several of the town councilors. Changes to the by-laws related to grandfathered structures within the 30-metre setback generated a large amount of discussion, as well as the topic of septic systems.

Barbara King from Watersheds Canada also gave us a brief presentation on the Natural Edge Program. It is a planting program for natural plants. The idea is to keep our shorelines natural – 25% for you, the rest for nature. They currently have grants to cover 75% of the cost, plus they will do all the work. If you have any interested in helping reduce nutrient loading on the lake by naturalizing your property, this is a great opportunity to do so at a fraction of the cost. For more information, check out their website at <http://watersheds.ca> or you can contact them using this web form <http://watersheds.ca/contact/>

The complete minutes from the AGM can be found at <http://www.bucklake.ca/docs/AGM2016-06-26minutes.pdf>

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Resignations and Appointments and a Desperate Plea

The annual general meeting saw several changes to the board of directors.

Maureen McLellan stepped down after serving on the board for 6 years. For several years, Maureen was head of the Social and Outreach committee and worked tirelessly to ensure all our events such as the annual picnic and winterfest ran smoothly. Grayden McClurg also stepped down after serving for 5 years. Grayden served several years as Secretary Treasure and looked after memberships. Grayden was also the driving force behind the wonderful newsletters and looked after advertising and answering queries emailed to the association. For personal reasons, Mary Kratzer-Bumstead had to resign after 2 years on the board. Mary was very involved in the survey that was conducted last year and was part of the Social Outreach committee. Vickie Gervais also resigned after serving 1 year on the board. Vickie was a member of the Social and

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Outreach Committee. We wish to thank you all for your service to the board, and hope you will consider returning again at some point in the future.

Crawford MacIntyre and Duncan Sinclair were both elected to the board for 2-year terms. Crawford and Duncan are both very active in the community having both served on the board for several years in the past. In addition, they are both on the Boatilla committee. Cheryl Savery, who was appointed to the board in October 2015, was also re-elected for a 2-year term.

The new board consists of 8 directors: Greg Fisher, Jo Anne Hopkins, Crawford MacIntyre, Donna Neumann, Mark Nicol, Cheryl Savery, Duncan Sinclair and Cherrie Summers. At a recent meeting of the board, Mark was re-elected President, Jo Anne Vice-President, and Greg Treasurer; filling the position of secretary was postponed to the next meeting.

Our by-laws stipulate that the Board will consist of a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 12 directors. Thus, we are desperately in need of new members. You do not need to wait to be asked in order to join the board. Joining the board is a great way to meet new people and it is not necessarily a large time commitment. If you appreciate the many things the board does for you (picnic, shoal markers, newsletter, community updates), please consider joining us. For more information, contact any board member, or email bucklakeassoc@gmail.com

Pickle Ball

Submitted by Kathy Wirsig

Anyone interested in playing Pickle Ball? The Rideau Lake Pickle Ball group plays at Shillington Park North Crosby Township hall (turn at sand domes off Perth road near Westport) on Tuesday & Thursdays. Two new courts are in Newboro see attached Flyer, they are shaded and accommodate 8 players at once. The gang there is keen to show you the game and help you to enjoy playing.

Rank beginners wanted, BUT beware, you may get hooked!

Hopefully in the future we will get enough players from Buck Lake so we can approach the Township to put courts at Harris Park!

Rideau Lakes Pickleball Club

**Invites you to join us for some
fun games**

**Where: Lorne Park, in Newboro
(behind the Medical Centre)**

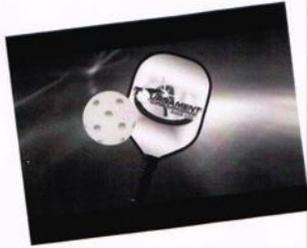
**When: Mon - Wed - Fri
9 AM - 12 PM**

Cost: \$2.00 per day

Beginners welcome
Equipment is available if you don't
have your own.

Questions? Call Jan Clarke @
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Where are the Baby Loons?

Submitted by Duncan G. Sinclair

A few days ago I took some guests from Edmonton for a boat ride around both branches of Buck Lake. Needless to say, they were very impressed with our relatively thinly developed shoreline, especially the long stretches completely free of signs of habitation, the cedars cropped as if by a laser level at deer-browsing height, Pulpit rock and the granite – there's a lot to admire. I am sure we did not see them all but we did count and admire also the many loons we passed by, usually in pairs, in all sections of the lake. But we were struck by the paucity of chicks! We only saw one, a very new and tiny one, sheltering between its parents near the islands just south of the culvert. I have noted on my newly-accessed BLA Facebook page two photos of baby loons taken 17 & 19 July, each of a chick much larger than the one we saw. So there may be three new loons in my admittedly very haphazard sample.

A year ago I anchored a loon platform in the depths of Richardson Bay on the North Branch. It was discovered promptly by a pair of loons who hatched a chick in about 30 days and raised it successfully. This year mother loon settled down on the platform again, sat for a little over three weeks, and then abandoned the nest. A week or so later I presume the same loon established another nest on the little island in the north branch of the north bay and sat there faithfully for about a month – but has produced no chick. Two strikes and you're out! It's now too late for a third try.

Are our loons the aquatic equivalents of canaries in the mines? Hmmmm.



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Do you know when you need a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)?

Some people believe that a PCOC is only required if you are using a boat that has a motor more than 10 hp. This in fact is not correct, you require a PCOC for any boat with a motor no matter what size and even if you are not using the motor. The confusion may come from the 10 hp rule for licensing your boat.

The follow information is reprinted from the [Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide](#)

Proof of Competency

Going out on the water requires basic boating safety knowledge and a good understanding of the “rules of the road” for Canadian waterways. That’s why everyone who operates a motorized pleasure craft must carry proof of competency on board. This includes all types of motorized boats, no matter their size or horsepower of the engine (this includes small boats with electric motors.)

Proof of competency can be any of the following:

- A Pleasure Craft Operator Card;
- Proof of having passed a boating safety course in Canada before April 1, 1999;
- A specified marine certificate; or
- A completed rental boat safety checklist (good only for rental period).

Licensing

A Canadian pleasure craft may be licensed or registered. If you operate or keep your boat mostly in Canada, and it is powered by one or more motors adding up to 7.5 kW (10 hp) or more, you must get it licensed, unless you register it. You must also license dinghies or tenders you carry aboard or tow behind a larger boat.

A pleasure craft licence is a document giving your boat a unique licence number that is valid for 10 years. Application forms are available on the Transport Canada website.

You must display the pleasure craft licence number on your boat:

- On both sides of the bow;
- Above the waterline;
- As far forward as practical; and
- Where it is easy to see.

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Upcoming Events:

Annual Picnic: Saturday August 6th at 4:00 pm

Nature Walk: Cat Trail Aug 10th, 10 am

Township Meeting on Buck Lake Culvert (details yet to be announced)

Township Lake Association Meeting: Sydenham -
Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Rider Cup Golf Tournament: Sunday September 11th

Murder Mystery: Westport Legion – Saturday October 15th

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