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

Buck Lake News – 2010 September

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President's Message

'Anyone can have a good time when the sun shines. It takes a Buck Laker to have fun when it's raining'. So said long time Buck Laker Rick Smith as we stood under an awning chatting at last weekend's annual summer BBQ. It hasn't always been sunny for this event but this was the first year that it really rained. Nevertheless, over 60 hearty souls enjoyed an evening of good food, good music and good friends. By all accounts, a good time was had by all. I certainly enjoyed myself.

My summer has been full of opportunities to share my Buck Lake home with family and friends. I have had visitors from rural Kansas, Houston Texas, Columbus Ohio, Guelph, Markham, Peterborough, Ottawa, Toronto, Burlington, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The weather has been consistently good and we have been able to enjoy warm water for swimming, paddling and water skiing.

The days are still warm but fall is in the night air as we head into September. I am looking forward to the change of seasons, always a special time at Buck Lake.

I would like to take the opportunity to give a big shout out to Richard Linley, one of the unsung heroes of our association. Richard serves as our webmaster doing

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Tricia

Board of Director's Report

The new Board held its inaugural meeting for the 2010-2011 year on August 7th. Past President Crawford MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed new and returning Directors. An election of officers for the new Board is reported as follows:

- President – Tricia Waldron
- Vice-President – Peter Dawe
- Secretary-Treasurer – Cheryl Savery
- Recording Secretary – Nancy Daugulis

Chairs of Standing Committees

- Nominating Committee – Crawford MacIntyre
- Communications Committee – Roy Mills
- Membership Committee – Ralph Wirsig
- Community Outreach Committee – Sandra Rider

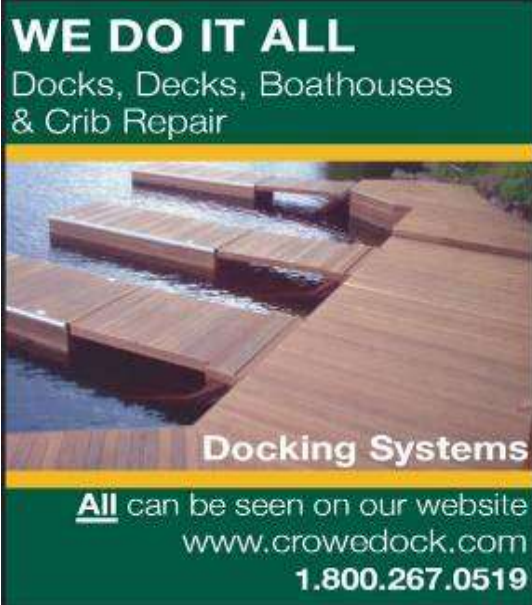
Chairs of Ad Hoc Committees

- Planning/Friends of the Lake – Wayne Myles
- History Committee – Nancy Daugulis
- Government Relations – Crawford MacIntyre
- Constitution Committee – Crawford MacIntyre

Webmaster – Richard Linley

President Tricia Waldron assumed the chair and the agenda proceeded as follows:

- The attendance at the AGM was discussed as an issue to be addressed for next year. We will consider the date, time, program and the possibility of combining the AGM with a social event of some type.
- Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl Savery presented a July financial report showing income of \$835.00 and Expenses of \$826.17. The balance in the BLA current account was \$4,739.20.



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- Director Ralph Wirsig reported that current paid membership is 133 and that renewal reminders were being sent out in August. Our goal is to exceed the 2010 membership of 161 by year-end. The newsletter advertising revenue for the year to date is \$900.
- Director Sandra Rider reported on plans for the Annual BBQ to be held August 21st in Harris Park. Food, entertainment and children's activities are all planned and jobs were assigned for Directors. Rick Smith has kindly donated \$200 toward the cost of entertainment in memory of his mother Jean.
- The next newsletter is planned for late August and Directors were asked to forward items by the 25th of August.
- The Near-shore Fish Inventory project being planned by the MNR will begin on August 16th and may have a fall and winter component. The BLA is providing material support by volunteering a boat and driver.
- Director Wayne Myles reported for the Friends of the Lake Committee. The second printing of the Buck Lake Map has approximately 60 copies remaining and all cost have been covered. Members still wishing to buy a copy can do so at Perth Road Store or contact the BLA at info@bucklake.ca. The BLA will consider having a number of the maps mounted and used as appreciation gifts in the future. The first draft of the Lake Plan has begun and Directors will be kept informed of progress. 2010 activities will include watershed mapping, a near-shore fish inventory, the loon study and the ongoing lake trout study. Next year the plan is to study frogs, turtles and snake populations as well as other species and vegetation.
- Director Crawford MacIntyre reported that the July public meeting with the Township Engineer, Mark Segsworth was poorly attended. The topic was the consultant's report on the Perth Road. Mr. Segsworth reported that the Perth Road has the second highest traffic load in South Frontenac and accounts for a significant portion of the Roads Department budget. The re-construction of the Loughborough Lake Bridge is the only major project along the road this year however there will be a section between the Clear Lake Road and Devil Lake re-paved in early August 2010. No major re-construction of the road is planned in the next five years.
- A candidate for the upcoming municipal elections contacted the Communications Committee regarding the purchase of an advertisement

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in the Newsletter. After discussion, it was decided that the BLA would decline such requests and circulate a survey to all candidates in early October for publication in the October Newsletter prior to the elections in early November.

- The History Committee reported that they were proceeding with their efforts to contact and interview their list of “Old Timers” with the hope of assembling the beginnings of a “Buck Lake Lore” document.
- Crawford reported that plans were being finalized for a CPR Course on Saturday October 2nd.
- Director Roy Mills reported that 18 new Shoal Markers were in place and that there was a supply of 6 remaining for fall placement as needed.
- The next meeting of the Board is planned for September 18th, 2010.



The original Loughborough Bridge – courtesy of David Smith

[The CPR Course Returns](#)

In the late spring, the BLA under the leadership of Crawford MacIntyre, offered a CPR Course opportunity to members. Over 20 members participated in two evening programs. Due to conflicts in dates for some members, we have arranged to offer the course again on **Saturday October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until noon at Perth Road United Church Hall in Perth Road Village.**

The cost of the course is \$35 and those who wish to register are asked to contact Crawford at (613) 273-8056 or email him at cmac@rideau.net. Those who took the earlier courses were very pleased with the content of the course and the quality of instruction by Mark Halliday. Please consider participating...you or someone you know will be glad you did!

Friends of the Lake

Birds of Prey on Buck Lake
An evening with
Kristen Keyes
Of the Kingston Field Naturalists

On July 15th the Buck Lake Association Friends of the Lake presented an exciting talk by Kristen about the birds of prey in the Buck Lake area. There were more than 80 enthusiastic people in attendance for this informative presentation. There were the very young to great grandparents in attendance and all enjoyed the presentation very much.



Kristen covered birds of prey from Bard Owls to Osprey and even turkey vultures. Comments ranged from “great presentation” to “awesome” and “really really good”. The recordings of the bird’s calls and sounds were especially good for those of us who have often heard the birds of prey but could not identify them by the sounds they make.

Some great refreshments were served by the social committee and we thank you for your great service.

Grayden McClurg

[Near-shore Fishery Inventory](#)

In January 2010, the BLA applied to the Frontenac Stewardship Council and the Ministry of Natural Resources for grants to assist with the Friends of the Lake 2010 projects. We were successful in receiving \$1500 to support the MNR in undertaking a fishery inventory on Buck Lake. Between August 16th and 19th MNR staff and volunteers from the BLA began a near-shore fish inventory by setting a trap net in shallow shoreline locations in both the North and South Basins of the lake. Six nettings took place over the four days and over 1000 fish were inventoried and released. Each fish was identified by species, measured, weighed and surrendered a small scale sample to be aged. By far the most common species found was the Sun Fish ...blue gills and pumpkin seed varieties. There was a very healthy sample of large mouth bass as well as black crappie and smaller numbers of other species...rock bass, yellow perch, small mouth bass, pike and mudcats. A number of turtles also visited the nets and all but two were released alive. Two large snappers probably over fifty years old, a number of map turtles and two rare stinkpot turtles were recorded in the survey...by accident. Cam McCauley, Steve McNevin and Lesley Rudy from the MNR were a pleasure to work with and will be returning to the lake in mid-September to do a second round of netting. There is also a possibility that some winter netting could take place.



The results of the inventory will be a critical component of the Lake Plan and soon as some data is available, we will publish it in the Newsletter.

[Annual BLA BBQ/Picnic](#)

Ok, so it rained and rained but over 60 people had a great time on August 21st at our annual summer gathering. Most of us kept dry inside the Harris Hall and even those who got a little wet still had a smile to share. Thanks to Suandra Rider, Anna Fummerton, Maureen McLellan, Marilyn O'Connor and many others who organized good food, great music and fun for all. Thanks to all the stout hearts who attended and Suandra is already consulting the Almanac to choose the perfect date for next year.

[Book Club With Attitude](#)

Consider this an invitation to join us for the **Book Club with Attitude**. We are looking forward to another season of delving into some new books and areas of discussion. We meet one evening every four to six weeks. For those who live at the lake only for the season, we are glad to have you join us when you are available. Last year we began with books related to environmental issues and hopeful directions for the planet. We then moved to books describing practices for more sustainable living. We enjoyed thoughtful and informative conversations that left us with much to ponder and in some cases decisions to change behaviours. The choice of books each time is up to those gathered. We are considering some fiction, non-fiction and also some DVD's for this year. Our first gathering of the year will be **Thursday October 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at my home at 1018 Kingfisher Lane (near the 7000 block of the Perth Road). We'd be delighted to welcome new folks this year for discussion, sharing and dessert. Some have indicated that it's challenging to read a whole book before the next session. Come along anyway even if you have only read part.

By the time you have read this newsletter, we will have chosen the book to kick off the new season. This will also be a time to discuss expectations and processes for our shared time. If you are interested in trying out the group, contact me for September's book title and directions to my home at (613) 353-7901 or mfisher@kingston.net.

Margaret Fisher

[Missing Canoe](#)

We received the following message from Art Graves:

“Just wanted to let everyone know that we seem to have had some unwanted visitors on the lake sometime between August 15th and August 26th. Our cottage is on Roost Lane, on the point just North of Sandra Rider's place. The only item taken worth mentioning was our canoe; it wasn't new by any means, but she never let me down! “

If anyone has any information about the canoe, Art would love to hear from you and so would his lab, Sabrina! Contact us at the email on the masthead and we'll get in touch with Art.

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Short Notes

- If you haven't visited the FOCA website lately, check it out. It is full of items of interest to lake residents and cottagers. Visit www.foca.on.ca and Bookmark the site...you will want to go back again.
- As mentioned in the Board Report, we have placed 18 new markers around the lake to replace a variety of old markers or to mark areas not marked in the past. We have a few left to replace an existing marker or mark a spot we missed. As the water level is adjusted in the fall, there will be some additional hazards exposed. Let us know if you can help identify a shoal we missed or if you will adopt a marker or two for the winter and replace them in the spring. Also, to those faithful folks who have maintained and placed the old markers over the years, many thanks. Perhaps if they need a paint job for next year, you could ask us to provide some red paint! Please contact me at millsras@kingston.net or at the info@bucklake email address.
- We will plan to publish our next Newsletter in late September and again in October. The October issue will include our Municipal Election Survey. We are always looking for items of interest to our members so please consider sending us news, content and comment.
- Since Fall is in the air this week, please be reminded that a traditional part of the Fall calendar is the **Annual Turkey Supper at Perth Road United Church Hall on Saturday September 25th**. Sittings are at 4:30 – 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.
- The week of September 20th marks the extension of garbage and recycling collection to Bedford District. All residents are to be contacted during August and provided with detailed information about the program. Visit the township website at www.township.southfrontenac.on.ca for information as well. Service for private lane and island properties is an issue we will continue to follow.



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