

Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling all Volunteers! The following efforts require your help. Please contact a member of the Executive to volunteer for one or all of these important events

National Pitch-In Day
The Executive has decided to participate in the National Pitch-In Day program. We have been involved in this in the past, but not in the last few years.

This program is carried on throughout the country to get volunteers out to clean up garbage that is lying around.

The Bay Lake Pitch-In Day will be held on **Saturday, April 21st** (rain date of Sunday, April 22nd) from **9:00 a.m.** until all the garbage is bagged (no later than 12:00 noon).

We are looking for volunteers to pitch in and collect the yukkie stuff that is littering our roads. Make it a family affair. Kids will receive a *Yukkie Hunting Licence* that they can display to show their community involvement.

Volunteers will be rewarded with coffee and donuts, as well as a Free Pancake Breakfast ticket.

So, please contact Bill Paterson at 636-0568 to sign up and join us **at the Boat Ramp** on April 21st and pitch in to clean up Bay Lake.

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, May 20th.
The success of this event is largely due to the volunteers who come out. Please let us know if you are able to help out this year. And be sure to attend this annual event at the Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall.

In addition to the bargains that can be bought at the Silent Auction table, this year we are launching a new **Fish Fund Fundraiser**. Recent changes to the Ontario Gaming and Lottery regulations have severely restricted the types of fundraising activities non-profit organizations can conduct. So we have come up with a **Donation Reward System** where a portion of your donation will go to the Fish Fund and the remainder will offset the cost of a premium-quality, royal blue **t-shirt** or **sweat shirt** imprinted with the **Bay Lake name** and **loons logo** which is yours to keep. The donation levels and reward items are shown in the following table:

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Donation Level	Reward
\$15.00	One youth t-shirt
\$20.00	One adult t-shirt
\$30.00	One adult sweat shirt
\$40.00	One adult hooded sweat shirt, zippered or pullover

So make a donation and proudly display your support for your lake!

Stocking our lake with fish is an important but expensive undertaking, with the fish costing us at least \$1.00 for every inch of length. Having a properly-stocked lake adds both to the health of the lake and to the enjoyment of the BLPOA members...and we need your donations to make this possible.

NEW! - RECIPE EXCHANGE

We have been asked to consider including a recipe exchange in this newsletter - so here it is! We hope you enjoy this recipe, and encourage you to submit your recipes by email to: recipes@baylakeontario.com.

MUSHROOM AND CHEESE EGG PUFFS

8 oz. (227g) pkg. sliced button mushrooms
1 small red pepper, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 ½ cups (375ml) frozen hash browns
2 tsp. (10 ml) paprika, preferably smoked
Generous pinches salt and pepper
8 eggs
1/3 cup (75 ml) milk
1 tbsp. (15ml) Dijon mustard
2 green onions, sliced
1 cup (250 ml) crumbled cheese (feta or cheddar)

Recipe (cont'd)

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. Coat a large frying pan with oil and set over medium heat. When hot, add mushrooms. Stir often until browned around the edges (about 5-7 minutes).
3. Add pepper, garlic, hash browns, paprika, salt and pepper. Stir often until potato has heated through (about 2 minutes). Turn into a bowl and refrigerate until cool.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk eggs with milk, Dijon, salt and pepper.
5. Coat a 12 cup muffin tin with oil or PAM. Divide mushroom mixture between cups. Sprinkle with green onions and cheese (they will be very full, but that's okay). Pour some of the egg mixture ovetop and let it soak through, then top with remaining egg mixture.
6. Bake in center of oven until set in center (about 25 to 30 minutes). Let stand for 5 minutes, then run a knife around inside edge of cups. Carefully turn puffs onto a plate.

To Make Ahead

- a. Prepare mushroom mixture (steps 2. & 3.). Stir in green onion and cheese and refrigerate covered overnight.
- b. Prepare egg mixture (step 4.) and refrigerate covered overnight.
- c. When ready to bake, spoon mushroom mixture into oiled muffin cups. Pour egg mixture ovetop and bake (step 6.).

Makes 12 puffs.

Nutrients per puff - 119 calories; 7.3 g. protein; 6.9 g. fat; 7.5 g. carbohydrates; 1.1 g. fibre; 1.1 mg. iron; 96 mg. calcium; 206 mg. sodium.

Thanks to Gaynor Moore for submitting this recipe.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

After a number of years on the Executive Committee, Linda Szeli has decided to step down. However, she is looking forward to volunteering at our various functions. Many thanks to Linda for her efforts.

The Executive welcomes Barb Huibers. Having served on the Executive in the past, it's great to have Barb on board again.

WINTER UPDATE

December was incredibly mild. What little ice there was actually left the lake the week before Christmas. Since then, there has been steady snowfall, but not the accumulations we are used to. Colder temperatures have resulted in the lake freezing over, and the first snowmobiles went across it in mid-January. Be cautious if venturing out on the ice. Stay off if the ice at the shoreline is cracked or soft, and be careful of dark snow on the ice which may be a sign of a weak spot.



If you snowmobile on Bay Lake and use the boat ramp for access, be sure to **go around the ramp on the north side**. Winter traffic over the

concrete causes heaving in the spring and we would like to avoid the resulting damage and repairs.

Some people have been using the snow mound at the south of the ramp as a jump. Please do not do this!

Snowmobilers may want to check trail conditions before planning a trip. The following websites provide details for surrounding areas:

Parry Sound www.pssd.ca
Muskoka www.msrsnowtrails.com
Near North www.nnta.net

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Membership Drive. We will be conducting various activities this year to try to reach people and ask them to join the BLPOA. Be on the lookout for us - and have your \$20.00 membership fee handy! Better yet - be proactive and contact Roger Monchamp (889 Bay Lake Road, 636-1507) to pay this year's dues.

Annual General Meeting - Sunday, August 5th. This is our most important event and your participation is crucial.

Social Activities. Fun Day, the Poker Run and the Corn Roast are all put on for the enjoyment of our membership. Keep your eyes peeled for information about the dates and be sure to attend. Don't forget that guests and renters are welcome, too!

Information Package. The Executive Committee has been hard at work compiling materials to go in an Information Package that will be distributed to every property on the lake this year. This package will contain valuable information on how to live on, share and protect Bay Lake.

We are quite excited about this package but are in need of a volunteer to help us compile the materials. If you have the time to help, please contact any member of the Executive. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

Buy and Sell on eBayLake
If you have items you would like to sell, or if you are looking for items to buy, click the **eBayLake** link on our website to see what's listed or to send an email to place an ad. Include your name, email address and Bay Lake address; if the item is WANTED or FOR SALE; the name of the item; a brief description; and the cost (if selling).

DRIVING ON THIN ICE

You may have heard the rumour that a vehicle went through the ice on Bay Lake and sank. Unfortunately, it is not a rumour – it is true. Here is what we know at this time...

Someone drove their Jeep onto the lake on February 5th, towing a trailer and an ice fishing hut. The ice was not thick enough to support the vehicle and it sank. The police, fire department and ambulance all attended and, luckily, the people involved were not hurt. Un-luckily, we now have a Jeep sitting at the bottom of the lake between two of the islands.

The Chair of your Environment Subcommittee has been in touch with the OPP, the Ministries of Natural Resources and the Environment, Mayor Bill Core and Councillor John Dunn.

Our MP, Tony Clement, agreed to contact Environment Canada/Department of Fisheries and Oceans for their take on this matter. Our MPP, Norm Miller, has also been contacted.

Below is the text of an email that John Dunn received from Norm Miller's office in response to his inquiry on our behalf:

*Good day Mr. Dunn,
I just spoke with Paul van Schyndel, Enforcement Supervisor with the MNR.*

He indicates that they will continue to monitor the situation at Bay Lake.

He also indicated that Jim Mills, Case Manager with the MOE in North Bay, is going to ensure that the jeep, trailer and ice shack are removed once the ice has gone. The jeep is fairly new and they feel that oil/gas will remain contained. There is a propane tank in the ice hut which should remain intact as well.

The MOE is responsible for handling the situation. The MNR will become involved if there is a chance that a motorized vessel could hit the jeep or ice hut. Paul (van Schyndel) indicated that the jeep is down about 40 feet. Hopefully this situation will be remedied within the next couple of months.

*Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention.
Sincerely,*

*Peggy De Forge
Constituency Assistant
Norm Miller, MPP
Parry Sound - Muskoka*

Removal of the Jeep is not proceeding at present because of the unsafe ice conditions for such an activity.

We feel it is essential that the Jeep be removed from the lake as soon as possible and are pursuing all avenues to ensure that this happens. If the removal of the Jeep does not proceed as promised, we will be asking for your help. If that time comes, we will provide contact names and numbers and ask that you add your voice to this issue by calling or writing to someone on the list.

As this situation is constantly changing, please check our website for updated information.

In the meantime, don't drive full-sized vehicles onto the lake, and ensure the ice is thick enough to support a snowmobile or ice fishing hut before you set out. The area where the Jeep went down apparently had only 3 inches of ice, and reports are that even the thicker ice is of a very poor quality.

BAY LAKE PHOTOS

Many thanks to Janice Paterson for collecting a number of local photos and turning them into a calendar that is available on our website. The response has been so positive that Janice wants to do this again for next year. So, if you have digital photos from around Bay Lake, please email them to willyp@xplorenet.ca. Janice will select the ones for next year's calendar, and she will pick the best of the submissions as the winner of our annual photo contest.

NEW BASS FISHING REGULATIONS

The bass season is being extended by an extra week in 2007, so you can start catching bass on Saturday, June 23rd. Please do not start fishing earlier than the official start of the season. Even "catch and release" can disrupt nesting and negatively impact future fish stocks.