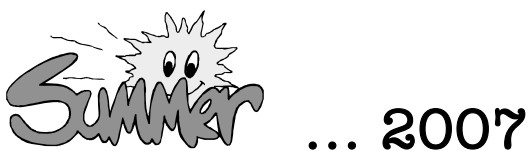


Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, August 5th
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall

We need all Association members to attend the AGM. There will be reports on the activities of the Executive during this past year, including a Treasurer's, Membership and Lake Steward report. We will also be electing a new Executive (see Executive Committee News on page 2 for more information).

Our guest speaker this year is Judi Brouse from the Muskoka Watershed Council. In addition to having encyclopaedic knowledge about our watershed, Judi is an excellent and engaging speaker.

The Muskoka Watershed Council is a volunteer organization that was founded in 2001 to preserve and enhance the air, water and terrestrial ecosystems of the watersheds in Muskoka.

We were quite surprised to learn this year that Bay Lake is actually part of the Muskoka Watershed even though we are not in the Muskoka district. That means that the water from our area flows down into Muskoka and affects the water systems there. We were also surprised to learn that Clear Lake is part of a completely different watershed!

So come on out and see what surprising new things you can learn.

Also at the AGM you can:

- Pay your \$20.00 BLPOA membership fees and pick up your copy of *On the Living Edge* (you must be paid up for 2006/2007 to vote at the meeting);
- Win one of 3 door prizes (the grand prize is a gift basket full of Nature Clean products);
- Purchase a Bay Lake t-shirt or sweatshirt;
- Join the Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall Association (\$10.00) or make a donation;
- Get free samples of Nature Clean products.

BREAKING NEWS...

The **Poker Run** did not happen on Fun Day. It has been rescheduled for **Saturday, August 4th**. Head on over to the **Webber dock** from **1:00 to 4:00** with your boat (decorated or not) full of family and friends...and your poker money! Visit our website (www.baylakeontario.com) for more details on the Poker Run.

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RECIPE EXCHANGE

Thanks to Lee Davidson for providing this recipe...and for making these delicious treats for sale at the Silent Auction.

Yum Yum Bars

Base:

1 ¼ cup (300 ml) flour
¼ cup (50 ml) packed brown sugar
½ cup (125 ml) unsalted butter at room temperature

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Lightly butter an 8" (2 litre) square pan.
3. In a bowl, stir flour with sugar using a fork.
4. Work in butter until coarse crumbs form.
5. Press over bottom of pan.
6. Bake in centre of oven 15 to 20 minutes until light golden.

Topping:

2 tbsp (30 ml) flour
½ tsp (2 ml) salt
¼ tsp (1 ml) baking powder
2 eggs
1 ½ cup (375 ml) packed brown sugar
1 ½ tsp (7 ml) vanilla
½ cup (125 ml) each chopped walnuts, chopped maraschino cherries, and unsweetened coconut

1. Stir flour with salt and baking powder.
2. In another bowl, whisk eggs and stir in vanilla and brown sugar.
3. Mix together the flour and egg mixture.
4. Fold in the nuts, cherries and coconut.
5. Pour onto baked base and bake for 20 to 30 minutes until topping is golden and slightly jiggly.
6. Cool on a rack for at least 1 hour.

You can refrigerate these goodies for up to 1 week, or freeze them for up to 1 month.

Please send us your recipes by email to:
recipes@baylakeontario.com.

FOND FAREWELLS

It was with sadness that we heard the news from Len Collins of the death of his beloved wife Maureen earlier this year. We send our condolences to Len and the family.

It is our policy to mention people in our Fond Farewells column only on request. If you would like us to include information on someone, please contact a member of the Executive with the details.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

- Two of our current members have indicated that they will not be returning to the Executive next year, and another member has moved off the lake. That means that we will need to replace these 3 people when the new Executive is elected at the AGM on Sunday, August 5th.

If you are interested in joining this fun group of people who do such good deeds, please volunteer when the question is put to the AGM. If you cannot make the AGM, then contact any member of the Executive to put your name forward. We'd love to have some new victims...I mean volunteers...come on board!

- Also - just a reminder that Janice Paterson is still collecting digital **photos** to be included in next year's **Bay Lake calendar** and to be entered in our **photo contest**. Send your digital photos to willyp@explornet.ca, or drop off printed photos at 501 North Bay Lake Road.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast

Well, this was another busy and successful event. We served over 200 breakfasts – all to rave reviews. We also lost count of the number of times people said how great it was to have melons and pineapples and berries to go with their pancakes and sausages. Many thanks to Susan Friedman for supplying the fresh fruit.

Our thanks also go to all the people and businesses that donated items to the Silent Auction. We had over 100 items – making a very impressive display indeed! People were able to buy some unique things and get some great bargains, and the Association raised over \$1,300.00 in the process! Visit our website and click the Supporters link to see a list of the businesses that donated.

Our thanks also go out to all the volunteers who helped make this event such a success – all the cooks and servers, the table setters and cleaners, the beverage and condiment servers, and whoever else did something to help out.

Congratulations to Janet Cooper for winning the door prize of a bottle of delicious maple syrup donated by the Wilkins, and to Glen Vey for winning \$235.00 in the 50/50/draw. Thank you, Glen, for your generous donation to the fish fund from your winnings!

Fun Day

Yes it was fun – even with the 2 downpours that tried to wash out the event. But we were prepared this year – we had our new BLPOA shelter set up and most of us were able to keep dry. We were amazed at how many people can actually fit under that shelter when they need to!

Not that any of the kids cared about staying dry – they were too busy having fun playing

snakes & ladders, or entering the putting contests, or fishing in the kiddie pools. We also had KinderEgg races and a watermelon-eating contest. The ever-popular water balloon tosses were enjoyed by kids and adults alike.

While the rain didn't dampen our spirits, the absence of the crayfish races certainly did. We learned just days before the event that new government regulations prohibit the sale or purchase of crayfish and so we were unable to get any racers this year. And this after we had built a special plexiglass ramp to make it easier for them to get to the finish line! All is not lost, however. We have since learned that while we cannot purchase crayfish someone can give them to us. So, all we have to do is find someone who is willing to part with 5 or 6 of their personal crayfish stock next year and we'll be back in the races!

And let's not forget the hot dogs. The 75+ people who attended kept our hot dog chefs busy, despite the fact that no one broke Danny Pomanti's Fun Day record of eating 7 hot dogs!

Thanks to everyone who bought 50/50 tickets. The lucky winner of \$60.00 was Phyllis Allen.

Thanks also to the members of the Executive who worked so hard to make Fun Day a success, and to the other volunteers who helped out. A very special thanks to Kara Dunn who bought all the prizes and organized and ran the kids games. We could not have done it without her!

Poker Run

Unfortunately, our plan to move the Poker Run to the same day as Fun Day was spoiled by the weather. Even our rain date on Sunday did not provide good boating weather. But don't despair – the Poker Run has been re-scheduled back to its original date of the Saturday of the August long weekend. So get your boats ready for **Saturday August 4th** and join the flotilla between **1:00 and 4:00!**

CLEAR LAKE / BAY LAKE HALL

The Hall is putting on a **Spaghetti Dinner**, so come on out for a great meal and support the Hall at the same time!

Date: **Saturday, July 14th**

Time: 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Cost: Adults - \$8.00

Under 12 - \$5.00

Under 5 - Free

There will also be a **Cash Bar** for those who enjoy a drink (or two!) with their meal.

As you know, government fundraising restrictions have made it very difficult for the Hall to raise enough money to cover operating expenses. They need the support of people in the community in order to survive. So come on out on July 14th. You can also become a member or make a donation to the Hall at that time. Call 636-1862 or 636-5051 if you would like more information.

LAKE UPDATE

- This may be old news to you - but since publication of the last newsletter the Jeep has been removed from the lake. We got lots of pictures of the rescue mission showing the ice hut and the jeep being floated and towed out. You can see them on the website (www.baylakeontario.com).
- The month of June saw very little rainfall and as a result the lake water level has been going down. It dropped 5" from early June to early July. We will continue to keep an eye on it...and the weather forecast...and make adjustments if necessary.



SUMMER BOATING & DRIVING

- In addition to all the usual safety precautions that should be followed while boating, we have a special two special notes for waterskiers: ➤ be careful out there...there seems to be an unusual number of logs and deadheads floating in the lake this year; ➤ always have a spotter in the boat and always wear a life jacket.
- The **OPP** is planning to set up **radar traps** on Bay Lake Road because of the number of complaints about speeding. To avoid getting a ticket, **follow the posted speed signs - 60 km/h** on Bay Lake Road between Highway 592 and North Bay Lake Road, and **40 km/h** on Bay Lake Road around the lake.

BAY LAKE SHIRTS

These shirts are proving to be very popular. Not only do you get a good quality, stylish shirt, but you also support the Fish Fund.

You can order shirts at our next event -- the AGM on Sunday, August 5th.

Since we are not maintaining a supply of shirts, we need to get the money first, then we'll process the order and deliver your shirt(s) to you in about a week.

The costs are as follows:

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

If you have placed an order for shirts but have not yet received them, please give Janice Paterson a call at 636-0568.