

Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter



Summer, 2004



BAY LAKE EVENTS – ORGANIZED FOR YOU!

In order to have an active and successful Association, it is essential that everyone participate in the organized events. One of the most important things you can do is **attend the Annual General Meeting**. Here, you will have the opportunity to:

- *hear what is going on at Bay Lake and the surrounding community,*
- *voice your opinions,*
- *vote on matters that determine where your Association's efforts will be expended, or*
- *just see what goes on and who is who.*

This may seem like “work” to some, but it is only for one morning a year – and coffee and donuts are provided! – so plan to be there.

We also like to **have fun at Bay Lake**. Events are organized throughout the year where you can – and should – come out and meet your neighbours, have a nosh and play some games (prizes are provided!). Guests and renters are welcome, too – the more the merrier!

So, please mark the event dates in your calendars and **plan to participate** this year. Get out there and enjoy the activities, attend the meeting – even consider sitting on the Executive. Encourage your neighbours to come out. We can always use new faces and fresh ideas.

Keep an eye out for postings of upcoming events on the Notice Board at the corner of Bay Lake Road and North Bay Lake Road.

Fun Day

When: Saturday, July 3rd, 11:00-2:00
Rain Date: Sunday, July 4th

Where: The public loading dock at the west end of the lake

Poker Run

When: Saturday, July 31st, 1:00-4:00

Where: All over the lake – designated docks will be clearly marked

Annual General Meeting

When: Sunday, August 1st, 9:00-12:00

Where: Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall

Corn Roast:

When: TBA – one weekend evening in September

Where: The public loading dock at the west end of the lake

Pancake Breakfast

When: The Sunday of each May Long Weekend

Where: Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall

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THE KEY TO SUMMER FUN

Everyone at Bay Lake is undoubtedly looking forward to another fun-filled season. In the interest of ensuring that everyone's experience at the lake is a positive one, the Quality of Life Committee would like to suggest that we all follow two simple "guidelines" this summer. (Don't worry...you won't find a team of executive members patrolling the lake under cover of darkness to enforce them.) You'll likely find these guidelines so easy to follow that it won't seem like work at all! Here goes:

**Guideline #1:
Everyone has the right to have fun.**

We are sure you'll agree that fun is one of the main reasons we own property on Bay Lake. You're here because it brings you enjoyment.

Remember, though, that fun takes different forms for each of us. Some like to water ski while others prefer canoeing. Some enjoy inviting friends for the weekend while others prefer their solitude.

No matter what form fun takes for you, you have every right to it.

**Guideline #2:
Nobody should reduce someone else's fun by having fun themselves.**

The important concept here is that your particular version of fun can result in one of your fellow Bay Lakers having less fun. Let's look at the major sticking points:

Noise

While everyone enjoys a party now and then, it's important to remember that not everyone appreciates loud music and/or voices late at night. Unfortunately ... sound travels very, very well over water. So the party you have on the weekend may not only disturb the neighbours to the left and right of you but also the 10 "neighbours" across the lake!

The good news is that a little consideration can ensure your good times don't become someone else's nightmares. Keep music volume as low as possible and try to keep the music indoors. If speakers are placed outdoors, face them away from the lake. Ask louder guests to enjoy themselves more quietly.

Light

Most of us agree that it's an amazing experience to sit on the dock at night and stare at the stars, the moon or even into the darkness. However, this is difficult to do when a floodlight from across the lake is casting midday shadows on your dock!

Don't hesitate to use path and/or driveway lights when people are arriving or leaving, but remember to turn them off when not in use. Also, set up lights so they point toward your cottage ... not toward the lake. Consider using low wattage bulbs and/or motion detectors.

Boating

Boating safety should always be on our minds. Motorized watercraft should reduce speed when close to shore, near non-motorized watercraft or in wildlife breeding areas. By the same token, kayakers, canoeists and swimmers should give motorized craft a safe berth, shouldn't attempt to cross busy boating channels during peak hours and, most importantly, should do their best to make sure they're visible at all times.

There you have it ... Bay Lake's Fun Guidelines! If we show our neighbours the same consideration we want them to show us, we'll all have a safe and enjoyable summer. And remember ... if you do encounter "fun conflict", be reasonable when approaching (or if approached by) a neighbour. Look to these guidelines to see where compromises can be reached. Let's all have a terrific summer!

BLPOA EXECUTIVE NEWS

Roger Monchamp found it necessary to resign as President earlier this year and we are scrambling to fill the gap he left behind. Luckily for us, he is still able to sit as a member on the committee. The Executive of the BLPOA would like to extend a warm and heart-felt thanks to Roger for his efforts as President of the Executive for the last 3 years.

The current members of the BLPOA Executive are: Harold Aylesworth, Linda Czeli, Judy Dunn, John Dunn, Laszlo Kedvessy, Roger Monchamp, Allan Poole, David Power, Cheryl Stamper, Patti Tilley, Glen Vey, and Randy Webber.

CANADA GEESE – FRIEND OR FOE?

Canada Geese are beautiful birds, but living side-by-side with them can bear a heavy price. They multiply quickly and leave behind a large amount of droppings (just picture any park or golf course where they live). They are also aggressive in protecting their nests.

Many people may not be aware of the protected status of Canada Geese – even harassing them with noise is unlawful! Once established in an area, they are almost impossible to get rid of.

In recent years, the number of Canada Geese has increased dramatically in lakeside areas and they are now found in areas they did not previously inhabit. They like all the same stuff people do: water next to flat grassy areas, protection from the elements, a dock to sun on.

This year, a pair of Canada Geese has been spotted at Bay Lake. Please think twice before feeding them and encouraging them to set up permanent residence here. We know they can become a messy nuisance.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Once again, the annual Pancake Breakfast was a big success. Over 200 breakfasts were served to rave reviews for the pancakes, sausage and maple syrup.

Bruce Wilkins donated a bottle of his maple syrup for the door prize – won by Joanne Adams.

Kara Dunn ran the 50/50 draw, ending up with \$214.00 for the Association and the same for the lucky winner – Annie Lathangué.

Many others were winners in the silent auction, which raised \$676.00.

So now we say *thank you* to:

- Those who came out and supported the event and enjoyed the breakfast;
- Those who donated prizes;
- The hard workers who volunteered their time to cook, serve, clean up, sell tickets and do whatever else needed doing;
- To Judy Dunn for orchestrating the event, with the able assistance of her family and other members of the Executive.

REMEMBRANCES

It is with great sadness that we report the death of a long-time Bay Lake resident, Mr. Stan Healey, who passed away this spring in his 93rd year.

Mr. Healey was a very generous man – sharing his electricity for events held at the boat ramp, and never complaining about the noise we made! He will be missed.

A donation to the Salvation Army in his honour will be made by the BLPOA.

SIGN BOARD

Big changes are in the works to try to make our sign board more attractive and to make it easier to locate property owners. We may even have something to show at Fun Day.

However, we understand that not everyone wants to be listed. If you do not want your name to appear on the signboard, please indicate so on the form below.

Do not include my name on the signboard

Name _____

Lake 911 Address _____

Lake Phone _____

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to collect the email addresses of as many property owners as possible in order to assist us in communicating more quickly and effectively. If we have your email address we can:

- deliver this newsletter to you electronically via our website (www.baylakeontario.com) and save the cost of postage;
- notify you of any updates to the website as soon as the information is posted.

If you have an email address that we can use, please fill out the form below.

Name _____

Lake 911 Address _____

Email Address _____

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you have not already paid your 2003-2004 membership dues, please use this form to do so now. Out of 215 properties, we have just 106 paid members to date, so please get your dues in – and encourage your neighbours to join up and join in!

Your membership includes 4 issues of this newsletter per year, invitations to all events organized by the Executive, and the benefits of activities such as cleaning/creating spawning beds, stocking fish, and clean up day.

It is also important that we have the most current information on our members, so please be sure to let us know of any changes in your address and/or phone number(s).

Use this form to notify us of **change of address information**, to **pay your membership fees**, and/or to **make a donation** to the Association.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Lake 911 Address _____

Lake Phone _____

I am enclosing a cheque for my 2003-2004 dues:

\$15.00 (1 vote at AGM)

\$20.00 (2 votes at AGM)

I am enclosing a donation to the BLPOA:

Amount: \$ _____

Please make any cheques payable to the Bay Lake Property Owners Association.
Either give your completed form(s) to a member of the Executive or send to:

**P.O. Box 0, Station Site 4D, R.R. #1
Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0**