

# Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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## Fall, 2004



### REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**T**his year's AGM had a good turnout, with over 95 attendees hearing reports on last year's activities and providing input into the direction for 2004/2005.

The main topics included an update on the continued efforts to maintain the lake water levels, with a desire expressed by all to see higher levels next summer, and a report on the cost of insurance, which has continued to increase dramatically (rising from \$400 to \$1700 in 3 years). In addition, there was a proposal to review and possibly amend the Constitution, and a discussion of problems arising from the feeding of wild animals.

In response to member concerns over bear sightings, Tom Rodduck made a presentation on how to avoid attracting bears and what to do if you encounter one (see article on page 3).

The winners of the member's draw were:

- **Free Membership:** Patricia Adams
- **Free Membership:** Santella Family
- **Stained Glass Work:** Cheryl Stamper

Thank you to the anonymous donor of the stained glass, and to the membership winners for donating their prizes to the Fish Fund.

The meeting was followed by an information session with Tom Roduck, Deputy Mayor of

Perry Township, which gave people a chance to discuss personal and township issues.

We very much appreciate the participation of all those who attended to conduct the business of the Bay Lake Property Owner's Association and to direct the Executive in their efforts for the coming year. This is the most important event of each year. Be sure to make plans now to attend the next AGM on the Sunday morning of the 2005 August long weekend.

Also, please be sure to pay your membership fees for this year if you have not already done so. Simply contact a member of the Executive (see page 4) to renew. As a minimum, we have to collect enough money to cover the cost of insurance for the events organized each year.

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## FUN DAY

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Thanks to more than 75 people who turned out at the boat ramp to make this day another big success. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the games – water balloon tosses, horseshoes, snakes & ladders – and all the prizes.

No one went home empty-handed – or with an empty stomach. We served over 100 hot dogs, along with cold soft drinks and juice.

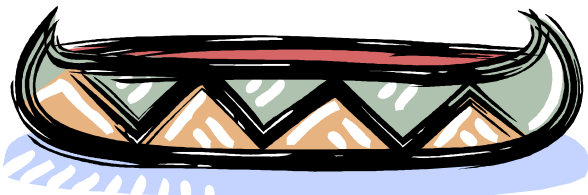
We extend many thanks to Trish and Dick Lambert for once again organizing and running the crab races. These are always a big hit with children and adults alike.

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## SUMMER POKER RUN

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This year's summer poker run was organized with a bit of a twist: decorate your boat and compete for top prize!



People came out in motor boats, canoes and paddle boats! We had a great turnout of over 50 boating families, and there were 6 creative entries trying to impress the decoration judges.

And the winner was... the Pirate Ship, an entry from the Shack Haven cottage. They went home with \$30.00, while the winning poker hand won \$50.00. In all, over \$190.00 was given away in prizes and \$98.00 was added to the Association treasury.

Visit the website at [www.baylakeontario.com](http://www.baylakeontario.com) to see photos.

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## CORN ROAST

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It was decided to hold this popular event later in the season in order to avoid a conflict with the annual fundraising evening being held at the Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall. This turned out to be a wise decision, judging by the large turnout – around 100 people – and the many positive comments.

This year's festivities featured live music by some budding young musicians who were joined by local talent from around the lake.

Many thanks to the MacDonald family who arranged for the donation of hot dogs, veggie dogs, sausages and BBQ supplies from Schneider's. We also send a huge thank you to Debbie Monchamp for making her now-famous chilli. And we would also like to thank Mother Nature for growing the sweetest corn anyone had tasted this year!

The weather also cooperated, allowing people to sit around and enjoy the bonfire until after midnight.



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## PHOTO CONTEST

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And the winners are... Cheryl Cassin and Debbie Monchamp! Congratulations to both.

A photo contest will be run throughout each year, so if you have a photo you think might win, please submit it to Patti Tilley. The photo must be printed (this includes paper prints of digital photographs).

If yours is chosen as a winner, we will arrange to have your photo plaqued for you.

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## 911 NUMBER AT BOAT RAMP

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Please make note that the Boat Ramp now has a 911 number – it's 15 North Bay Lake Road.

If you need to have police or emergency services meet you there, please give them that number.

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## NEW SIGN BOARD

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The old sign has been removed and replaced with a very attractive and welcoming new one. It looks great – even though it's not quite complete! More work will be done on filling and levelling the ground in the spring, and the support braces will be removed.

A printed directory listing people's names and 911 lot numbers will be displayed to make it easy for guests to locate owners. This directory will be organized by road, then alphabetically by owner's last name. If you do not want your name listed, please contact a member of the Executive (see page 4 for names and contact information).

Also, please do not post any signs on the new sign board. Please continue to use the Notice Board for general community information and other personal notices.

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## FISH SPAWNING BEDS

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It was time once again for our fish spawning beds to get a good cleaning. With the help of a \$500 grant from the MNR and the labour of some dedicated volunteers, this was done this fall.

To all those involved – we thank you and the fish thank you!

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## BEAR SIGHTINGS

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A number of people have reported bear sightings around Bay Lake again this year. Many of these encounters have been quite up close and personal – and scary!

Here are some tips on how to make your property less bear-friendly:

- Don't leave any garbage out. Keep it locked away until you are ready to take it away for disposal.
- Don't put out pet food dishes or bird feeders. Bears are attracted pet food, and to seeds and suet, as well as to the sugar water in hummingbird feeders.

When out walking, you may want to carry a noise maker of some sort to ward off any bears that may be in the vicinity.

If you do encounter a bear, raise your hands and back up while speaking in a normal voice. If it comes at you, raise your hands higher and yell loud! Try to avoid the understandable urge to turn and run!!

We extend our thanks to Tom Roduck for sharing this important information with us at the AGM.

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## SAD PARTINGS

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We are sad to report that long-time Bay Laker Bud Moore passed away. He will be sadly missed by many, including his wife Pauline.

We also extend our condolences to Janet McKay and Rick Smith on the passing of Janet's Mother, Elizabeth McKay.

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## YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

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Please welcome the following people into their positions on the BLPOA Executive 2004/2005:

<b>President</b> 889 Bay Lake Road	Roger Monchamp 636-1507
<b>1st Vice President</b> 773 Bay Lake Road	Cheryl Stamper 636-0222
<b>2nd Vice President</b> 419 North Bay Lake Road	Barb Huibers 636-9775
<b>Treasurer</b> 1445 Bay Lake Road	Judy Dunn 636-5727
<b>Secretaries</b> 799 Bay Lake Road	Randy Webber 636-5401
34 Raspberry Lane	Linda Szeli 416-456-7418 (cell)
<b>Lake Steward</b> 1451 Bay Lake Road	Jack Podwinski 636-7365
<b>Membership</b> 1481B Bay Lake Road	Harold Aylesworth 635-1759
<b>Newsletter &amp; Website</b>	Cheryl Stamper (see above)
<b>Quality of Life</b> 1427 Bay Lake Road	Patti Tilley 636-7340
<b>Members at Large</b> 1481B Bay Lake Road	Betty Aylesworth 635-1759
1445 Bay Lake Road	John Dunn 636-5727
337 North Bay Lake Road	Victor Jankus 905-515-5363 (cell)
61 Maple Drive	David Power 636-9559
58 Frank Lane	Glen Vey 636-1414

We extend our thanks to the members of the previous Executive for all their hard work.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Members of the Executive of the Bay Lake Property Owner's Association make every effort to ensure that they solicit and listen to the concerns of all the members and property owners alike. We are careful in how we respond to the issues that come to our attention so as not to dictate to every person the lifestyles and beliefs of any one individual.

We try to weigh the information received and attempt to make statements and decisions consistent with the common good. Providing information about the laws and trying to instil rules of common courtesy so that neighbours can enjoy their time at their homes and cottages is the main objective. We encourage dialogue and try to present a forum for this through our newsletter, website and organized events.

For example, at our Annual General meeting, we acknowledged the fact that some anonymous person was posting green paper signs in various locations expressing their beliefs and concerns regarding water quality. We also acknowledged the contents of an anonymous letter sent in response to our article on the Quality of Life on the lake.

While we encourage freedom of expression and opinion, it has now taken a step across the line. Self-adhesive signs are being posted on municipal signs and the property of others. These signs ask that people reduce boating on Bay Lake and are signed "Bay Lake Property Owner's Association". Please note that these signs are not sanctioned by the Executive or the members of the Bay Lake Property Owner's Association.

Therefore, we are asking the person or persons responsible to cease using the Association's name when communicating their personal stance on issues.