

# Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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## SUMMER



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### OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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- DATE:** Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall  
**NEW:** Bring your own Mug - let's be friendly to the environment!

This year we are proposing an increase to membership fees which will be presented in the form of the following motion:

- THAT the annual membership fee be increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 starting in the 2009/2010 year.

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 3 for more information) and discussing what direction the new Executive will take for the 2008/2009 year.

We have invited Paul Wiancko, President of the Six Mile Lake Association, to be our guest speaker this year. He will talk about some innovative things their Association has done in regards to a boating card, water testing and goose population control.

Also at the AGM you can:

- Pay your \$20.00 BLPOA membership fees (you must be paid up for 2007/2008 to vote at the meeting);
- Win one of 3 door prizes (2 maple syrup prizes and a Webber portable BBQ);
- Purchase a t-shirt, sweatshirt, hat or nature book
- Join the Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall Association (\$10.00) or make a donation.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## GOT GEESE?

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The answer seems to be Yes! There are a number of geese back and breeding at Bay Lake this year. This is not good. A goose can produce up to **3 pounds of excrement a day** and there is a **high e-coli count** in the water where geese are. Here are the **top 10** things you can do to **discourage the geese**:

1. **Let any grass you have grow long.** Short grass is the preferred dining locale for geese. You could always remove your lawn altogether, but if that's not possible then consider letting it grow tall - if not everywhere then at least along the shoreline. Geese are reluctant to venture into long grass because it might be hiding predators.
2. **Do not feed the geese.** The friendlier you are to them, the more welcome they feel around people. And since we have yet to see a toilet trained goose, they will inevitably use your property as a dumping ground...and the excrement will eventually wind up in the lake.
- 3.-10. Repeat steps 1 and 2!



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## WHAT ABOUT DUCKS?

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The problem with ducks is that, like geese, they poop. And duck poop contains a parasite that causes swimmer's itch. This parasite burrows under the skin and produces an allergic reaction and itchy rash that can last up to a week or more.

So, the more you feed the ducks the more they poop and the greater the risk of swimmer's itch. Also, feeding the ducks encourages them to stick around and breed, resulting in even more ducks and even more duck poop. It's a vicious circle!

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## BEWARE OF BEARS!

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-  At least one bear has been spotted a number of times on Bay Lake Road.
-  If you're out walking, bring along a noise maker of some sort to warn the bear of your presence. If you encounter a bear don't run from it. Instead, talk softly to it and slowly back up. If the bear makes clicking sounds with its mouth or comes at you, make yourself as big and loud as possible - raise your arms in the air and yell!

Also, do not leave any garbage outside as this will attract the bear(s) for sure. It is also known that bird feeders attract the bears, so you may want to put those away until the winter.

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## CLEAR LAKE / BAY LAKE HALL

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The Hall is going to be busy this year -- putting on three **Spaghetti Dinners** and a **Pancake Breakfast**. Come on out for some great food and some great company! You will also be helping the Hall raise money for its operating expenses.

### Spaghetti Dinners

Time: 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Cost: Adults - \$8.00

12 and Under - \$5.00

4 and Under - Free

Dates: **Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

### Pancake Breakfast

Date: Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00 am until 11:30 am

Cost: Adults - \$6.00

12 and Under - \$4.00

4 and Under - Free

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## RECIPE EXCHANGE

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### GOOSE LIVER PATE BALL

1 lb. liverwurst  
Garlic powder  
1/2 tsp. basil  
1/4 c. minced onion  
8 oz. soft cream cheese  
1/8 tsp. Tabasco  
1 tsp. mayonnaise  
Olives (optional)

One day ahead, mash liver with ricer. Mix in some garlic powder, the basil and minced onion. Cover and chill.

Shape into ball. Combine cream cheese, Tabasco, mayonnaise and some garlic powder and mix with fork. Put some of this mixture on the bottom of a serving plate. Place ball on top and frost with remainder of mixture. Garnish with sliced olives.

### ROAST WILD GOOSE

Clean one goose and stuff with quartered apples. Rub salt on outside skin of goose and lay in the pan. Also put some quartered apples around the goose in the pan. Pour about 1/2 cup white wine over the goose. Roast in 350 degree oven until tender. The apples absorb the grease and a delicious gravy may be made from the pan drippings.

### GOOSE CASSEROLE

4 Goose breasts, cubed  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
Pinch of each of celery salt, mustard seed, black pepper, red pepper, cinnamon, ginger  
1 bay leaf  
2 boxes long grain wild rice

In a large skillet, melt butter and cook onion until tender. Remove onion from pan, add goose to pan and cook until almost done.

Meanwhile, cook rice according to package directions - less 15 minutes (rice will still have alot of water). Add goose and onion to rice pan. Pour into casserole dish and bake at 350°F for 30-45 minutes, or until water is absorbed.

Please send us your recipes by email to:  
[recipes@baylakeontario.com](mailto:recipes@baylakeontario.com).

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## LAKE UPDATE

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- A number of docks have floated away from their moorings this year. We'd like to suggest that you put your 911 number, or your telephone number, on your dock so that you can be contacted if it turns up at someone else's place.
- **FOUND:** One boat cover floating in the lake. If you think this is yours, call 636-5452.
- The level of water in the lake remains high due to the spring runoff from the winter snow and the incredible amount of rain we have had. One climate expert told us we can expect this high water trend to continue as global warming causes high winter snowfall in the Muskoka/Parry Sound area.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

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- We are looking for people to join (or re-join) the Executive. We need fresh faces and ideas, and we need to replace the 2 people who are unable to return. If you're interested, you can step forward at the AGM on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, or you can contact Cheryl Stamper at 636-0222.
- 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@xplornet.ca](mailto:willyp@xplornet.ca), or drop off printed photos at 501 North Bay Lake Road.

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## NEW - PAY MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

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You can now pay your BLPOA membership online. Just grab your credit card, go to [www.baylakeontario.com](http://www.baylakeontario.com) and click the *Pay Now* button.

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## ASSOCIATION EVENTS

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### Pancake Breakfast

We served over 220 breakfasts this year and the feedback has been very positive. Many thanks to Susan Friedman for supplying the fresh fruit, to the Wilkins for supplying the maple syrup door prize, and to Trish Lambert for supplying the lovely flowers for the tables.

Our Silent Auction table was once again a huge success, and we thank the individuals and businesses that donated items to it. People were able to get some great bargains and help us raise almost \$1,200.00 in the process! Please visit our website and click the Supporters link to see a list of the businesses that donated.

This event could not be a success without the many volunteers who help out. We say a big *Thank You* to everyone who helped –the cooks and servers, the table setters and cleaners, the beverage and condiment servers, and everyone else who was involved.

Congratulations to Lori Kane on winning the door prize, and to Kevin Kane (yes, they are related...and yes, it was a fluke!) on winning \$232.00 in the 50/50/draw. Thank you, Kevin, for your generous donation to the fish fund from your winnings!

### Pitch-In Day

This was another great success. All the garbage around the roads was cleaned up and everyone was on their way home before the rain came at noon. We collected about 2 bags of actual garbage and 8 bags of recyclables, plus assorted other items, including a pair of long johns and underwear from the bushes at the boat ramp...hmmm!

Many thanks to the volunteers who participated: David & Sarah Adams, Bruce Best, John Dunn, John Froese, Dave & Joan Houser, Harold Keeton,

Maurice & Audrey Kingshott, Ron Maisonville, Fred Stamper, Rob Tilley and Tyler Wade. Thanks also to those people who did a cleanup on their own.

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## BREAKING NEWS...

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- The **Poker Run** has been **cancelled** because, unfortunately, our usual volunteers are not able to put the event on this year. If anyone would like to volunteer to organize and run it next year, please contact a member of the Executive. Many, many thanks to the Webbers and Bedards for all the effort they have put into previous Poker Runs.
- The proposed **Community Garage Sale** will not be held. We received feedback from only one member and so feel that there is not enough interest or support for such an event.

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## FUN DAY

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**Date:** Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 12:00 noon until 2:30  
**Place:** The Boat Ramp

Come on out to the boat ramp on June 28<sup>th</sup> (rain date of June 29<sup>th</sup>) for another fun event. There will be lots of games and prizes for kids and adults – including (but definitely not limited to) a water balloon toss, watermelon eating contest and crayfish races. Yes, it's true! Our beloved **crayfish races are back** and they'll be racing on a new plexiglass track!

There will also be lots of **hot dogs** and **soft drinks** for everyone to enjoy.

This event is **free for members and their guests** so come on out and enjoy the fun. If you are not currently a member you will be able to pay your membership there – and buy a Bay Lake shirt or hat too!