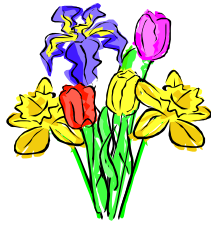
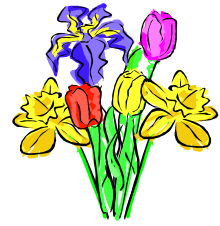


Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter



Spring 2003



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

It's finally spring! After a cold, snowy and seemingly endless winter, everyone is ready for the first event of the spring. The Bay Lake Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday May 18, 2003, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM** at the **Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall**. The prices are just \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 5yr. to 12 yr. Children under 4 yr. are free.

As well as the best pancakes and sausages, smothered with delicious, locally made maple syrup, this year we will be having a Silent Auction for some wonderful items. Also, **raffle tickets** will be sold for a kayak, donated by a generous member. The cost of the tickets is \$2 or 3 for \$5. The draw will be held at our Annual Bay Lake Fun Day, June 28/29.

Volunteers are needed to assist us with set up, serving, clean up, etc. If you wish to help out please contact **Roger Monchamp at 636-1507** or **Judy Dunn at 636-5727**.

LAKE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

After a couple of false starts it appears as though spring has finally arrived. Our Lake Steward will be placing the sandbags at the outlet once the ice is out. Some debris has collected at the outlet as well so a clean up is required. Anyone wishing to help out please contact Jack Podwinski.



Through a grant program we have a variety of trees and shrubs available to Bay Lake Property Association Members. These are seedlings of Green Ash, Red Oak, Black Oak, Black Walnut, Siberian Peashrub and Silky Dogwood. Members will be able to pick up 2 shrubs and 2 trees per property at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 18th.



We have been informed by the MNR that we will be receiving some Lake Trout fingerlings this year. Further details are not available at this time. (cont'd. on page 2)

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For residents considering shoreline work this season please be aware that all shoreline changes must be approved by the MNR. They suggest you supply a diagram or photo of the area.

A work permit is only required for docks supported by cribs that occupy more than 160 square feet of the lakebed, i.e. 2 - 10' X 10' cribs. If the proposed cribs are less than 160 square feet, i.e. 3 - 4' X 4', MNR approval is not required, however Department of Fisheries & Oceans review would be necessary.



Aluminium cans that are taken to the Transfer Station on Hwy 592 can be designated as Bay Lake contributions. Our Lake Steward will turn the crushed cans in and the proceeds will benefit our Fish Fund.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

The Bay Lake Quality of Life Committee would like to hear from you!

Let us know your concerns regarding water quality, noise congestion, light pollution or anything that affects your enjoyment of the lake. Please send your comments to:

baylakequalityoflife@yahoo.com

or mail to:

Bay Lake Property Owners Assoc
P.O. Box 0, Station Site 4D, R.R.#1
Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0
Attn: Quality of Life Committee

BAY LAKE WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out the **Official Bay Lake Website** at www.baylakeontario.com. Cheryl Stamper is the creator of the site and would appreciate some feedback after you have checked it out. Use the link to let her know what you think. If you have any photos of Bay Lake events they would be most welcome.

PITCH-IN DAY

It is up to all of us to keep our community beautiful. Please join in on **Saturday, May 3, 2003** for Pitch-In Day. Gather litter from the side of the road in your area and leave the bag at the boat ramp. Volunteers will transport them to the dump.

BOATING LICENCE

Have you obtained your *Operator's Card* yet?

For all operators of pleasure craft with a motor, born after April 1, 1983 and all operators of craft under 4m in length including PWC's, the rules are in effect now and you must have proof of competency on board your vessel. All other operators of watercraft must have their Operator's Card by September 15, 2009.

The test for obtaining your Operator's Card can be taken at Bay Lake/Clear Lake Hall at the Pancake Breakfast on May 18th, 2003. Tom Roduck will be administering the test between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The fee is \$20.00.

A copy of the Safe Boating Guide is available at Canadian Tire stores.

BOATING SAFETY

Before long, Bay Lake residents will be launching their vessels on the water for the summer season. Whether your vessel is a powerboat, PWC, paddle boat or canoe it is important to remember that safety rules apply to all.

Paddleboat rules for daytime use require that each passenger have a Canadian approved lifejacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) of appropriate size and a sound signalling device or appliance. (cont'd. on page 3)

Daytime use of a canoe, kayak or rowboat requires the appropriate Cdn. approved lifejacket or PFD for each person; one paddle or oars or an anchor with not less than 15m of rope or chain and a bailer or manual water pump. A buoyant heaving line not less than 15m in length and a sound signalling device are also necessary.

Personal Water Craft use requires the proper sized Cdn. approved lifejacket or PFD, a buoyant heaving line of not less than 15m and a sound signalling device. If you wish to tow a skier or tube with your PWC you must have a model that will transport 3 people on the machine, driver, spotter and the person being towed.

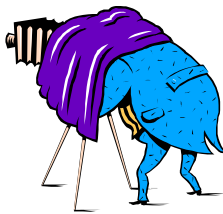
Please remember to be a safe and courteous operator and make everyone's cottage experience an enjoyable one.

PHOTO CONTEST

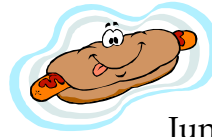
We are reviving the **Bay Lake Photo Contest!** The rules are simple...take a photo of anyone or anything at or on Bay Lake at any time of year. Send a printed copy of your Bay Lake photo to us at:

Bay Lake Property Owners Association
P.O. Box 0, Station Site 4D, R.R. #1
Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0

The contest will close May1, 2004. Be sure your name, address and telephone numbers are included with your entry. We plan to post as many of the entries on the web site as possible so get them in soon! The top 3 winners will have their photos plaqued and displayed at the Pancake Breakfast next year.



FUN DAY



Don't miss it! The **Annual Bay Lake Fun Day** will be held on **June 28th** (Rain date June 29th). There will be great games and prizes and of course hotdogs and cold drinks for all. The winner of the kayak will be drawn as well so do bring money to buy those last minute tickets! (\$2 or 3/\$5) If you wish to be involved in any aspect of Fun Day whether it be supervising children's games, filling water balloons or helping with the food, please contact **Roger Monchamp** at **636-1507**.

HELP FOR PROBLEM WELLS

In the March 2003 issue of Cottage Life there is an informative article about a grant program available for problem wells. The program is administered by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and is called the Rural Well Upgrading and Decommissioning Project. Grants cover 67 per cent of the cost to fix structural problems on existing wells and 64 per cent of the cost to cap old wells. It does not cover pumps, new wells or water treatment and all work must be done by a licensed well contractor. Claims must be submitted by September, 2003.

For more complete information contact: Sara Zippin at OFA head office (416) 485-333. E-mail: info@ofa.on.ca. Website: www.ofa.on.ca.

TALENT CALL

The organizers of the **Annual Corn Roast** are looking for local talent to entertain and perhaps lead us in song at this year's Labour Day event. Please let Roger Monchamp know if you are interested.

SIGNBOARD CONTEST

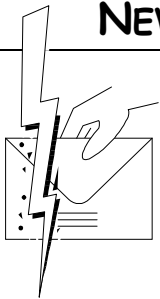
At the AGM it was proposed that a new signboard be created. We are currently working on the design and would like to have some input from Bay Lake residents in the form of a slogan or motto. The chosen entry will have a permanent place of honour on the new signboard. We suggest that shorter is sometimes better and will fit more easily on the sign.



Submit entries by mail to the address at the bottom of the newsletter or use the e-mail link on the Bay Lake website.

www.baylakeontario.com

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL



If you wish to receive your newsletter by e-mail rather than Canada Post please notify us at: rtilley@sprint.ca.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thanks to those who have paid their membership dues. Just a reminder that the **membership dues for 2002-03 are past due**. If you wish to pay for your membership, there will be an opportunity at the upcoming

Pancake Breakfast on May 18th. Membership includes 4 issues of this newsletter per year, invitation to all events and the benefits of all the services and activities performed by the executive.

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 2002-2003 dues:

\$15.00 (1 vote at AGM) ☐

\$20.00 (2 votes at AGM) ☐

I am enclosing a donation to the BLPOA: ☐

Amount: \$_____

Make any cheques payable to the Bay Lake Property Owners Association.

Mail to:

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