

Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

Summer 2003

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bay Lake Property Owners Association Annual General Meeting is being held on **Sunday, August 3rd, at 9:30 a.m.** at the **Bay Lake/Clear Lake Hall**. All members are encouraged to attend, as this is your opportunity to have input in the events of the coming year. Please consider volunteering as a member of the executive. The time commitment is minimal and new ideas are always welcome.

Some items on the agenda are road conditions, the waste transfer station and community policing. As well, Reeve Bill Core will attend to inform us of township news and answer a few questions.

As an added incentive to attend there will be a draw for 3 free memberships at the end of the meeting.

SUMMER SAFETY MESSAGE

Summer is in full swing and it's great to see everyone out enjoying our beautiful lake! Please remember to respect everyone's right to fun in the water.

Boaters should have obtained and carry an Operators License. Please respect the speed limits and be careful of your wake near shore. A second person or "spotter" is required in the boat when pulling skiers or tubers. If you operate a PWC (Personal Watercraft) please be a safe and considerate driver. Remember that when you are towing a skier or tube, there must be space on board for the driver, the spotter and the person being towed.

Be on the lookout for swimmers as they have a right to be there too! It is up to the boater to be aware of anything in the water. Make sure to have all required safety equipment on your vessel.

A final reminder to residents who put out rafts or other floats to mark them with reflectors for safety.

SWIMMER'S ITCH

Each summer we seem to encounter Schistosoma cercarial dermatitis or what we commonly call, Swimmer's Itch. It is caused by the entry of larvae of certain flatworms into the outer layer of the skin. The larvae breed in specific snail species and after about one month, leave the snail and have 24 hours to find a bird host (common duck) to continue its' life cycle. This is the time that swimmers may (continued on page 2)

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come in contact with the parasite, which, after it enters the outer layer of the skin, dies and causes a skin reaction.

Here are a few tips to help you deal with this annual problem.

Prevention of Swimmer's Itch

1. Avoid swimming for long periods of time in shallow water.
2. Towel off immediately after leaving the water.
3. Do not encourage birds to stay in your area by feeding them.

Swimmer's itch is characterized by the appearance of a small red spot at the site. The spot will increase in size for the next 24-30 hours. It will continue to itch for up to a week.

If you are affected by swimmer's itch, a topical anti-itch cream will help to relieve symptoms.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Bay Lake Pancake Breakfast was held on Sunday, May 18th and was once again a great success. Our volunteers cooked up pancakes for 284 hungry patrons. This year the profit earned was over \$1000.00.

There was also a silent auction for 36 great items, which earned \$624.00 and the Kayak Raffle brought in a whopping \$822.00.

Sincere thanks to the volunteers, who organized, cooked, served and cleaned up. Thanks also to the two hustlers who rounded up all those great auction items and to the executive member who donated the beautiful kayak!

RAFFLE WINNER

The lucky winner of the red kayak was drawn at Fun Day on June 28th, 2003. Ernie Rye of Clear Lake happily accepted his prize. Sincere thanks to those who helped sell the 500 tickets and once again to the member who built and donated it.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The executive of the BLPOA has voted to match our previous donations to local organizations. A cheque for \$100 will be sent to both the Emsdale Fire Department and the Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall. A cheque for \$200 will be sent to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation.

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, excessive noise, 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 Association
P.O. Box 0, Station site 4D
R.R. #1, Emsdale, ON
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ANNUAL FUN DAY

Bay Lake Fun Day festivities were held at the boat ramp on Sunday, June 28th. There were water balloon games, egg toss and many prizes

and candy for the kids. Thanks to Richard and Trish Lambert for supplying and overseeing the popular crayfish races.

For the second year in a row we have set a hot dog consumption record. Our team served 252 hot dogs and many beverages to a hungry crowd. The weather co-operated and we are sure the kids had a great time!

CORN ROAST

Mark this date on your calendar! **Saturday, August 31st** is the annual Corn & Hot Dog Roast. Come to the boat ramp for the last bash of the summer season. We are also looking for local talent to entertain and perhaps lead us in song. Please let Roger Monchamp know if you can help us out. Details will be posted on the signboard closer to the event.

REMEMBRANCES

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Angeline Domski, long time Bay Lake resident who passed away in April of this year. Angie and her husband Mike have enjoyed summers on Bay Lake for the past 50 years.

PHOTO CONTEST

Make sure you have those memorable summer photos developed to enter our photo contest. Take a photo of anyone or anything at or on Bay Lake at any time of year. Send a printed copy of your photo to us at:

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The contest will close **May 1, 2004**. Be sure your name, address and telephone number are included with your entry. We plan to post as many of the entries on the website as possible. The top 3 winners will have their photos plaqued and displayed at next year's Pancake Breakfast.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

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

BAY LAKE WEBSITE

Please take a few minutes to check out the Bay Lake website at www.baylakeontario.com. Use the link to send your comments and suggestions. If you have any recent photos of Bay Lake events, they would be most welcome.

MAIL-IN VOTE

All property owners should make sure that Perry Township has your correct name and mailing address. This is to ensure that you receive a ballot for the first mail-in vote in the upcoming November election.

BLPOA MEMBERSHIP

As usual we will begin our membership drive at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, August 3rd. You must have a current membership in order to vote at the AGM. There will be volunteers on hand to register your new or renewed membership.

Membership includes 4 issues of this newsletter per year, invitation to all organized

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 2003-2004 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. Either drop your completed form(s) in the suggestion box or send to:

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