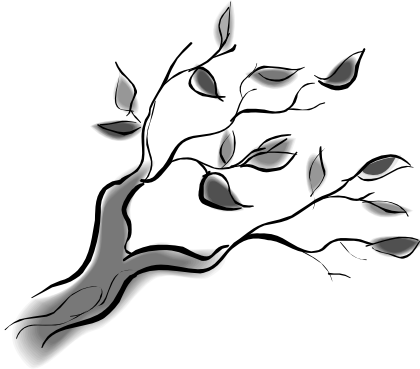


# Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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## Fall 2009



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### BAY LAKE CALENDAR

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The response was so great last year that we are putting a Bay Lake Calendar together for 2010. It will feature nature and animal photos from around the lake. Most of the photos were taken by Janice Paterson, our local photographer extraordinaire, with a few submissions from some local residents.

This **11x14 full-colour, cerlox-bound** calendar will make a great Christmas gift, and is sure to be a cottage favourite. It costs **only \$22.50!** This great price includes the cost of shipping by mail.

Here are some ways that you can **order your calendar**:

- Complete the attached form and mail it back to us with your cheque; or...
- Go to the [Online Shopping, Payments and Donations](#) link and click the Calendar **Buy Now** button on the website and pay with your credit card; or...
- Contact Janice Paterson at 636-0568, 501 North Bay Lake Road, and place your order.

We need all orders to be submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup> so we can get them mailed in the first couple of weeks of December.

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### BAY LAKE SWEATSHIRTS

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Our new-look sweatshirts and t-shirts can be ordered in a **variety of colours** with your choice of **embroidered design** - a **loon** or a **dragon fly**. Because of the sizing and colour options, it's easiest if you call Sherry Vey to place your order (705-788-3784). These items make great Christmas gifts!

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### ...AND BAY LAKE HATS, TOO!

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Don't forget to talk to Sherry about Bay Lake hats as well - **bucket or baseball style** - also **embroidered** with either a loon or a dragon fly. These would make great stocking stuffers!

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## STAR GAZING EVENING

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Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with us. The clouds came in and rain began about a half hour before our scheduled start and continued for a couple of hours. We'll try again next year!

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## CORN ROAST

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Holding the Corn Roast at the Hall turned out to be a great idea. Over 90 people came out to enjoy corn on the cob, homemade chilli and hot dogs. The Lion's Club was on hand to serve bar beverages and, as an added bonus, Brenda Webber made a plate of delicious chocolate chip cookies that were a welcome addition. Thank you, Brenda!

Thanks not only to those who came out, but to the volunteers who worked hard to organize and run the event. A special thank you goes out to Joan and Dave Housser who took over most of the kitchen duties - including serving chilli and cleaning up!

Many people took advantage of the opportunity to pay their membership fees, buy a sweatshirt or hat, or buy 50/50 draw tickets. Congratulations to Judy Dunn, the winner of \$102.50 from the 50/50 pot.

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## EVENTS UPDATE

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There are no events scheduled for the winter (unless you consider doing your Bay Lake Christmas shopping an event!), but we will be busy again in the spring, starting in April with our annual Pitch-In Day to clean up the garbage around the lake.

If you have any suggestions for new events...or how we can improve our regular events...please email them to Sherry Vey ([glensher.vey@sympatico.ca](mailto:glensher.vey@sympatico.ca)). She'd love to hear from you.

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## ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES

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We are thrilled that Dave Vyse has agreed to chair the Environment Committee, heading up a team including Judy Dunn and Don MacRae plus Executive members Lee Davidson, Bill Paterson, and Glen Vey.

The committee has reviewed the testing results for the past year and indications are that our lake is currently in good shape. While there are now eight testing sites, plans are to add sites in the new year. It is hoped that those who participated the "adopt a site" program will do so again and that more people will join them in paying for the testing at specific sites.

The committee is also checking into a number of environmentally friendly products to recommend to members and is looking at samples to hand out to new owners and possibly an environmental hand-out to all residents on the lake.

Suggestions on things we can look at to improve things environmentally around our lake are welcome and can be directed to Bill Paterson ([willyp@xplornet.com](mailto:willyp@xplornet.com), 636-0568).

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## LAKE STEWARD REPORT

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The MNR has confirmed that 500 lake trout were stocked in Bay Lake in the spring of 2009 and that the plan is to continue stocking the lake every second year. While this is half the number that was stocked in 2005 and earlier, the MNR's research indicates that this reduction should not affect the number of fish that grow to a catchable size.

We can help the MNR in its research by keeping notes on our fishing activity and any observed spawning activity. This information could then be submitted to the MNR.

Discussions with the MNR continue and more information will be provided in subsequent newsletters.

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## BAY LAKE LIMERICK

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*There once was a lake name of Bay,  
Whose residents were more than OK.  
They had fun at all the events,  
Even when huddled under rain tents.  
Three cheers for new president Glen Vey!*

OK...that was silly! But fun! If you have a limerick, poem or prose that you'd like to see published in the Newsletter, give it to any member of the Executive or email it to [newsletter@baylakeontario.com](mailto:newsletter@baylakeontario.com).

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## THE END OF THE EMPIRE

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Many of you may not have heard the news that the Empire Hotel in Huntsville was destroyed by fire. It is a tragedy for many - the owner, Dave Keay, who spent the last 10 years lovingly restoring it; the residents, many who had lived there for years and have now lost not only most of their possessions but also their home; the store owners (Saturday Afternoon, Shine, Strutter, Yesterday's Books, the Baker's Barber Shop, the Scrapbooking store and Liberty Tax Service); and the Muskoka Jazz Jam hosted by our own Doug Banwell.

The Jazz Jam was in full swing the night of the fire. Doug and his band were playing, Cheryl Stamper was serving drinks, and the guests, including Bill and Janice Paterson, were enjoying the evening. Luckily, everyone got out of the building safely. Even though there were lots of fire trucks and fire fighters, it looked at first as though it was only a minor incident. In fact, Bill was sure he would be back in the pub finishing his beer before it got too warm. As the smoke got heavier and then flames shot out of the roof, it soon became evident that this was a major event. The fire fighters almost emptied the Huntsville water reservoir in the hours it took to get the fire under control. No decision has been made as yet on whether the building can be saved, or whether it will have to be torn down.

If you would like more information on the fire, including video footage from that night, go to [www.empirefire.ca](http://www.empirefire.ca). If you would like to make a donation to help the Empire Fire victims, you can do so from the website or by visiting a branch of the CIBC and making a deposit to account #08942/78-45693.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership dues for the 2009/2010 year. We currently have 85 paid members and hope to meet or exceed last year's total of 100 members by the end of this membership year. If you would like to pay your membership, go to <http://www.baylakeontario.com> and click the link under the Contribute section, or send a cheque in the amount of \$40.00 to BLPOA, Site 4D, Box 0, RR1, Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0.

The Membership Committee has plans to update its records so that all properties around the lake are in the database. Whether an owner joins the Association or not, we would like to have their contact information in case they need to be reached.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE

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- We're not sure exactly what happened, but Trish & Dick Lambert were quite upset to discover a hunting arrow lodged in a tree on their property. Judging by the angle, it had passed over the path that they use when walking to their door. They were shaken to think what might have happened had they been outside and asked that a special caution be sent out to all hunters to never shoot toward a habituated area.
- The Patersons believe they once again have the honour of being the last boat out of the lake, having waited until October 26<sup>th</sup> to take that final ride of the year to the boat ramp.

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## OUR AGM

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Those who attended the AGM this year had a very productive meeting and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation on the Toronto Zoo's Adopt-A-Pond program. Unfortunately, moving the date to the weekend following the August long weekend did not result in a great turnout - there were only about 40 people in attendance.

The Treasurer recapped the finances, and then reports on membership, environment and lake plan activities were presented. Jack Powinski spoke about things that are happening in and around the lake.

A new Executive was elected, with positions and duties being worked out at their first meeting.

Congratulations to the prize winners:

- Maria Santella- Air Mattress
- Ron Maisonville - Sports Bag
- Renata Rosteck - Floating Drinks Chiller
- Dave Houser - Cord of Wood

Bill Core was on hand to answer questions and provide information on Perry Township activities.

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## SIGNBOARD DIRECTORY LISTING

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The directory listing that is posted on the Bay Lake Signboard was updated in September and contains the names of only those properties that have paid the 2009/2010 membership dues. If you have paid and your name is not on the list, please contact Cheryl Stamper. If you have not paid but would like your name on the list, please send us a cheque or go online to pay.

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## YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

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<b>President</b> 58 Frank Lane	<b>Glen Vey</b> 636-1414
<b>1st Vice President</b> 773 Bay Lake Road	<b>Cheryl Stamper</b> 636-0222
<b>2nd Vice President</b> 605 North Bay Lake Rd	<b>Lee Davidson</b> 636-9771
<b>Treasurer</b> 54 Hillcrest Lane	<b>Curtiss MacDonald</b> 636-5930
<b>Secretary</b> 501 N. Bay Lake Road	<b>Janice Paterson</b> 636-0568
<b>Communications:</b>	
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Cheryl Stamper</b>
<b>Website</b>	<b>Doug Banwell</b>
<b>Coordinators:</b>	
<b>Banking</b>	<b>David Adams</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>Bill Paterson</b>
<b>Events</b>	<b>Sherry Vey</b>
<b>Lake Plan</b>	<b>Doug Banwell</b>
<b>Lake Steward</b>	<b>Brent Reuter</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Sarah Adams</b>
The Coordinators will work with other people on the Executive and in the Association to accomplish their tasks.	

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## AGM MINUTES

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You can read a copy of the 2009 AGM Minutes by going to our website and clicking the link on the main page.

If you would like a paper copy of the Minutes, please contact Janice Paterson.