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The GLCA is a volunteer organization committed to representing the interests of the residents of Gull Lake.

Picture by Doug Thompson, Gull Lake

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What a winter! It's been a long time coming, however I believe spring is finally making its mark! The ice has melted, the flooding has been minimal, the birds are singing, leaves are growing on the barren trees and the next GLCA newsletter is coming your way!

We have a lot of excitement planned for the summer:

- AGM on June 1st starting at 1:00, Kilcoo Camp
- Sailing Race on Saturday, July 26
- Regatta on Saturday, August 2
- Summer Social - date TBD
- Fishing Derby on Saturday, August 9, Miner's Bay Lodge

Your Special Events Director, Carolyn Treadgold, is working towards a social activity for teenagers in an effort to create long term friendships that have a common interest in maintaining our lake for future generations.

The significant effort required to develop a lake plan document has paid off and this document is almost complete. So many volunteer hours and hands have made this possible. The lake plan group should be congratulated in compiling so much information about our lake, its inhabitants and its surroundings. I look forward to seeing the presentation at the AGM and the full document later this year! Awesome job everyone!

On behalf of the board and our membership, I would like to take this time to thank our Communications Director, James Allison, for all of his time and effort in the creation of our new website. Although it is currently in the early stages, it will only get better. Check out our new website! It can be found at www.glca.ca.

News and updates relating to all of our events will be sent through email and Facebook as well as posted on our website. The membership directory is being created later this spring. If you want to be included in the directory, renew your membership by June 1st. Please include any changes to your contact information so that the directory is as current as possible.

It is with a sad heart I make note of the vandalism that occurred this winter on our lake, especially the damage and loss on Sugar Island. We all suffer when individuals take away something that is near and dear to our hearts, whether it's the lost sense of security or the horror of losing a family cottage. Hopefully, the police investigation will assist with some of the closure that everyone needs to move forward.

This newsletter is jam-packed with information from your board and all the scheduled activities. Contact details are provided for those requesting assistance to make your membership a whole family affair.

So start the summer off at the AGM on June 1st with lots of cottage related information, food and that great GLCA member camaraderie!

Best wishes for the summer of 2014,

Kim Sharpe

Treasurer's Report

by Nick Evans

The association continues to be in a healthy financial situation. Specifically we have reduced some of our costs, we are able to cover all of our annual expenses, and make a focused investment each year on behalf of our members. In 2013 the key focus was on the Lake Plan. As previously reported, the Lake Plan committee is tracking to deliver the project under budget. As a result, this has enabled us to remove the \$10 Lake Plan fee for all Associate Members this year and we are on track to remove it for Primary Members in 2015.

In 2014 the focus will be a new GLCA Website, printing up a new Lake Directory, and paying for any remaining Lake Plan expenses and initial items from the Lake Plan Action Plan. Looking forward, long term financial health will be based on adding back another 20-25 primary members, continuing to manage all costs, and ideally building a slightly larger contingency fund in order to deal with unusual events that threaten the health of the lake.

An overview of the financials will be presented at the **AGM on June 1st**; if anybody has specific questions or ideas please feel free to contact me directly.

We would like to thank Chris Birkett who once again completed the annual Association tax return.

We wish to thank the following folks for their 2013 donations to the GLCA.

Paul & Rose Allison
Bob & Marilyn Beamish
Glen & Mickey Bonham
Carol Brewer & Ian MacDonell
Cresswell Family
Rosemary Hendra
Ted & Marie Kennedy
Ross & Helene Pinnock

Douglas & Yvonne Short
Charles & Evelyn Simon
Adam & Audrey Telfer
David & Tammy Wellstood
James Wilson

Miners Bay Lodge
Shepherd Septic



2014 is a Municipal Election year, and for the first time we will be offering internet and telephone voting in conjunction with a paper ballot.

[Internet/Telephone/Paper Ballot – cast your vote](#)
[Election Day is October 27, 2014](#)
[Go to our website for up to date info.](#)

A key component of our communications strategy is to reach our many seasonal residents through lake and ratepayer associations.

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Membership Report

by Nick Evans, Acting Membership Director

Over the next couple of summers we want to increase the percentage of cottagers on the lake that are members of the Association. The focus this summer will be to reach out to cottagers who have not joined in the last few years. This is where we can use your help. At the AGM, we will have a list of members who have not joined since 2011, which was the last year we did a big membership initiative. We will be asking you to scan the list and provide any relevant information (for example if they sold their cottage). Then, if you are willing, simply pick up an extra printed newsletter at the AGM and hand deliver it to a neighbor on the list. It is that easy. The goal for this summer is to add 20 more cottages as primary members which would bring the total to 235 primary members. When you add in 50 Associate Members, this gets us closer to the kind of membership levels we have reached at some points in our history.

“Welcome to Gull Lake packages”. We are looking for a few volunteers to brainstorm and design a simple package of goodies and information that the association could provide to new families when they first move on to the lake. We all know when a cottage is up for sale. The idea would be that newcomers would receive the package at the AGM or a neighbor would drop it off.

Each summer we will be adding a few new ideas. If you are interested in helping out by offering up creative ideas, a few hours of your time, or you are interested in becoming the Membership Director, please contact me.

Join us for the: Annual General Meeting *Sunday, June 1st, 2014* **@ Kilcoo Camp**

Registration: 12:15 pm
Meeting: begins at 1:00 pm
Light Lunch provided

Please join us for the GLCA Annual General Meeting on Sunday, June 1st at Kilcoo Camp. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Members who are unable to attend on **June 1st at 1:00pm** are welcome to submit questions, comments or motions which they wish to have raised at the AGM by submitting them via e-mail: info@gulllakecottagers.com to the Association. As part of the AGM, we hope to gather ideas from our younger cottagers about social ideas for the summer that appeal to them. We are interested in providing a young teen activity as well as a young adult event. We will also be planning at least one adult social event this summer. If you are unable to attend the AGM on June 1st, your suggestions are still welcome.

Please email your ideas to our Social Director,
Carolyn Treadgold at treadgoldcarolyn@gmail.com.

We are also taking this opportunity to launch our NEW website at www.glca.ca. You will be redirected to this site if you go to our old address www.gulllakecottagers.com as our members get familiar with our new address. On this site you will find all the relevant information.

James Allison - Communications

OPP Billing Reform, Charcoal and Cottage Watch

One week you're speaking with your older brother David who lives on Redstone Lake and hearing about the difference between OPP base costs vs. calls for service ratios, getting an earful on the importance of writing letters about the issue, and why we need to keep folks focused on the OPP billing fiasco. Then at the crack of a match you're dealing with a "nothing's left but charcoal, family cottage crime scene" on Sugar Island, and calling your brother back with the most terrible surreal news you could imagine.



If a Tree Falls in the Forest...

If that isn't bewildering enough, you realize no one noticed the cottage burn down. It was found and reported because our island neighbour discovered another vandalized cottage with broken windows, and thankfully checked other cottages, including ours. But by then it had been many days and our family cottage was nothing but cold ashes. Then you ask yourself; is it reasonable to assume anyone would have seen the cottage burn down,

after all it was likely during March Break, and you've always assumed that was a busy time? Although in fairness the family cottage was on an island, in a less visible area on Gull Lake and the fire probably started and ended in darkness. So no, likely not reasonable is it?

Looking to Mainland - And No One Is Around To Hear It...

Looking around Gull Lake you then have the very chilling realization that properties on mainland are not unlike an island, and the same senseless act of vandalism could happen anywhere on our lake. Simply having road access, higher visibility, or even year round neighbours isn't necessarily a guarantee of greater protection. Then you hear about other break ins.

Cottage Watch Program - Does It Make A Sound?

Taking heart though, you also realize we all manage to keep an eye out for each other, and that each of us try and be the keeper of each other's property. Even if it was after the fact, the crime was reported. And that's what good neighbours do, and how Cottage Watch programs came to be. It's about being vigilant and no matter how small reporting any and all crimes. Further it supports the frontline boots on the ground at the OPP, and all the good work and professionalism they bring us, day and night.

Speaking for the entire Douglas family, (and our neighbours who were also vandalized) our hope is the catastrophe on Sugar Island will remind folks to be even more vigilant. I had a very positive meeting with my brother David and with the OPP who is helping spearhead the status of the Cottage Watch program, and available resources. Out of that meeting you can expect to find more information on the GLCA website in the near future.

Susan Montgomery GLCA Newsletter

Reprinted from RLCA. David Douglas Director Strategic Development who is spear heading a county wide Cottage Watch initiative with the OPP.

Gull Lake Plan

by Richard Newman, Vice President

It has been a long road with a journey that first began at the AGM in the spring of 2011.

We are now on the final leg and there are just a few more steps to make. I am very proud about the Gull Lake Plan document and the Steering Committee. Each member of the Lake Plan Steering Group brought a different strength to the table and together we have created a very comprehensive document that reflects the values of the Gull Lake Community.

The creation of the Gull Lake Plan was a strategic process which engaged all property owners, government and business operators to develop and implement actions to maintain or improve the natural and social qualities of our lake community. A Steering Committee of 5 property owners from the lake has been guiding the process based on well established procedures originally developed for the Federation of Cottagers Associations of Ontario (FOCA) while also using completed lake plans from other lake in the Haliburton region as further guides.

The process of creating the Gull Lake Plan has been consultative. In June, 2012, the first lake planning workshop was held with 52 people in attendance, facilitated by Randy French of French Planning, a leading consultant in the field of lake planning. The purpose of this workshop was to initially identify the issues and concerns foremost in the minds of property owners. The workshop also assisted in the development of a survey questionnaire which subsequently went to all property owners on Gull Lake and Gull River.

The Survey questionnaire was distributed to approximately 600 property owners in September, 2012. Responses were received from 218. Analysis of these responses led to the identification of 10 key priorities.

Commencing in late 2012 and continuing to present, members of the Gull Lake Steering Committee along with a group of volunteers researched these key priority issues and developed additional information and explored actions which might be taken to address these concerns.

In August, 2013, a second workshop was held to discuss the issues and explore potential actions.

Through the winter of 2013/14, the Steering Committee has been busy compiling this information and developing both a draft Action Plan along with an initial draft of a Gull Lake Plan report. Many aspects of implementation have already begun resulting in a better understanding of the lake itself.

The next steps in the process are to receive input from property owners on the final Action Plan and to continue the implementation process. In the next annual general meeting you will be asked to vote on a number of details that support the Gull lake Plan. Details of the content will be sent via email and also published at www.GullLakePlan.com web site prior to the Gull Lake Annual General Meeting. Please make an effort to read this information prior to the AGM and prepare any questions that you might have a head of time.

There will be further discussion at the AGM regarding how we are going to implement the Lake Plan and many will be asked to support this by volunteering for special projects. The Lake Plan is not something that is to be done all at once but rather over a protracted period of time. The Lake plan will be revised as our needs change.

The most important of these projects will be focused on preserving the water quality through improved testing and study so that we can all continue to enjoy this beautiful lake that we all have access to.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gull Lake Water Report

by Lake Steward, Don Drouillard

I have heard reports of incidents of some fisherman not respecting the MNR regulations on limits, slot sizes and catching fish out of season on Gull Lake. I believe that the majority of residents on the Lake are law abiding and would not approve of such activity.

Maintaining and restoring our fish populations was one of the major interests of respondents in the Lake Plan Survey. We will soon be undertaking measures to assess the numbers and species of fish in our Lake. The general impression is that the population of Lake Trout is reduced and over-fishing may be an important factor leading to that decline.

If you are aware or suspicious of poaching or serious disrespect of fishing regulations, and wish to report an incident for investigation. You may anonymously report such incidents to the MNR. See the article from the MNR on page 2.

Rock Bass Derby

by Richard Newman, Vice President

The Rock Bass Derby will be held once again at Miners' Bay Lodge on Sat Aug 09, 2014 on the beach near the picnic tables. Weigh in will begin at 12:30pm and you must fish the morning of the derby only and all rock bass must be taken from Gull Lake.

Russ and Dottie Wunker were very generous on letting us hold the Gull Lake Rock Bass Derby at their beautiful facility last year and are once again sponsoring this event. The premier event had a fantastic number of kids participating with buckets and buckets of rock bass all caught and accurately weighed. This great event was even covered by the Minden Times where all the sponsors had their name in print.

Rock bass are an invasive species that consume the fry of more attractive game fish in Gull Lake - catching them improves the overall quality and diversity of fish in the lake allowing more attractive species a greater chance of survival.

If you want to get involved there are two ways that you can contribute. As a sponsor that donates a prize -- In 2013 every kid walked away with a prize and we want to make sure that this happens again this year. We expect a lot more fish and a lot more kids fishing this year. Miners' Bay, Canadian Tire, The Gull Lake Cottage Association, the Minden Bait & Tackle and others all contributed in 2013 and we are always looking for more. So if you have access to organizations that want to get involved -- and are looking to get your business name out there; help sponsor this great event. Your small small donation will definitely be appreciated by the many kids.

If you want to come out and support this event by acting as a derby marshal -- we are looking for photographers and marshals to help weigh and check the fish. Contact Larry Murphy on how you can get involved and contribute. Larry can be contacted at Larry.Murphy@sympatico.ca Running a Rock Bass Derby on an annual basis is one of the best things that we all can do to improve the bio-diversity of fish on Gull Lake -- get involved! It is a lot of fun!

CEWF Priorities 2014



Seeking an **Integrated Approach to Water Management at the Watershed Level** remains the Coalition's top priority in 2014. The Coalition believes that by seeking common cause with other stakeholders in the Trent watershed we can advance a broad range of issues in a more effective and equitable manner than by individually promoting our own 'special' interests. Such an approach applies to the governance, maintenance of infrastructure, public safety, and water management operations of the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW). It also requires a clear distinction between the two principal activities of the TSW: (1) Waterway (canal) operations and (2) Water Management for the watershed.

This priority would be advanced if Parks Canada would accept and implement the key recommendations in the 2011 Water Management Study completed for the TSW by AECOM. **These specifically include the need for a hydrologic model for runoff forecasting and a hydraulic model to improve system operations.** Together these would provide the TSW with a constraint-based water management planning and operations tool able to incorporate data relating to a range of water management variables including safe navigation, downstream wastage, protection of fish habitat and wetlands etc. These water management variables relate to ensuring public safety as well as sound water management and environmental stewardship.

If adopted, we believe the results would include:

- Better conservation of the water resource;
- Improved navigation on the reservoir and flow-through lakes;
- Stewardship of natural resources (including wetlands and shorelines);
- Increased sophistication in spring flood forecasting and management;
- Confidence in the safety of the dams and related infrastructure;
- Optimization of the winter-set levels on the reservoir lakes.

In addition to these planning and operational aspects of water management the Coalition will emphasize the need for improved communication of water management issues and education of our stakeholder community with regard to the challenges and opportunities facing the TSW.

In 2014 the Coalition will therefore:

- Stress the value of the AECOM report recommendations especially regarding modeling;
- Highlight areas for data collection and study relating to system constraints such as: trout spawning bed locations; winter-set levels and adjustments; local flood plain mapping;
- Continue to meet and work with Member lake associations to raise the level of understanding of water management issues and to develop 'preferred water levels' on the reservoir lakes during navigation season for transmission to the TSW;
- Urge release of the dam safety reviews by Parks Canada;
- Provide material to Coalition Members to engage candidates in the upcoming local and provincial elections to encourage them to adopt sound water management policies.

Coalition of Haliburton (CHA)

by Richard Newman, Vice President

Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) is a member-driven group of over 45 property owners' associations, representing more than 77 water bodies and 12,500 waterfront properties from across the geographical limits of Haliburton County.

The GLCA uses a portion of your membership fees to actively support this organization. The value that we receive in-turn as members is invaluable on issues relating to the role of Lake Stewards.

Rapid climate change is taking its toll on lakes – we saw evidence of that last year with the very high water levels that caused a lot of damage. It is now estimated that more than 50% of lakes in the Haliburton region are stressed. Once a lake becomes over stressed it is difficult to bring it back to health. Much like the cod fishery on the east coast, once the tipping point is reached it takes a long time to come back.

The CHA is an association that educates our Lake Steward on topics ranging from water testing to government directives ensuring that our lakes do not become over stressed. The CHA is a strong voice that communicates the collective needs of all Haliburton Lakes to both municipality and government organizations.

Each year the CHA conducts meeting for Lake Stewards – to identify issues and to communicate overall strategy. I have attended a number of these meetings and every time I walk away impressed with the content that is delivered and amazed that so many other lakes share our common values.

This year was no exception. The May 10 meeting featured a number of key speakers:

Norman Yan – from York University and Dorset Environmental Science Centre has been studying lakes for most of his life. He identified the following pressures on lakes in Haliburton:

Eutrophication. Acid rain, lead, ozone depletion, lawn pesticides, development, mercury, climate change, calcium decline, road salt, invaders (Such as the Spiny Water Flea), and novel chemicals (cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, flame retardants, plasticizers, micro plastics, and nano materials).

Andrew Paterson from the Ministry of the Environment gave a talk on lake sediments and how these can be used to track algae over decades. Sampling lake bottom core samples indicates trends and changes in water and lake health. Rapid climate change since 1990 reflected in sea ice loss, warmer temperatures, and more ice free days is challenging the health of many lakes.

<http://cohpoa.org>



High C's in Highlands

Opera: Not a word you would normally associate with Cottage Country. But in the Haliburton Highlands, professional Opera Performances are a regular part of each summer.

Each August, those escaping the city to their cottage and the lucky ones who make the Highlands their permanent home, have access to some of the most outstanding Opera talent in Canada right here in Haliburton by attending any presentation of the Highlands Opera Studio.

The options are many and varied for those who wish to discover, perhaps for the first time, the power of the unamplified human voice. For instance, there are public master classes in which world renowned vocal coaches demonstrate how a wonderful performance can be made even better. It is fascinating to watch the singers respond to the coach and to experience how vocal music is taught at this advanced level. These sessions would be valuable for anyone considering a singing career or even choir directors and members.

Each season offers two Operatic Highlights Concerts and an Alumni Concert in which young professionals reprise some of the world's favourite operatic compositions. Each concert features a different program.

A fund-raising concert featuring Richard Margison and international stars from a variety of musical genres is a highlight of the summer. Opera of course is featured, but quality Jazz and folk music weaves its way through the evening as well. The concert, Richard Margison and Friends, is the fund raiser of the Operatic season in Cottage Country and includes performances from the professional consultants providing instruction for the program.

The highlight of the 2013 season was a presentation of Giuseppe Verdi's opera *La Traviata* (*The Woman Gone Astray*). Audiences experienced the mesmerizing music of this classic Opera, the costumes and sets, and amazing performances in an intimate theatre setting.

The main stage is the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton with additional selected venues elsewhere in the village. As each performance concludes, patrons will have a chance to meet the singers and talk to them about the music and the production.

For more information about the Highlands Opera Studio please visit our website at www.highlandsoperastudio.com or the Facebook page or email us directly at info@highlandsoperastudio.com. The Highlands Opera Studio can only continue with the generous donations of our corporate sponsors and individual donors. Tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to Highlands Opera Studio, PO Box 1440, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. Tickets for any of this season's performances can be purchased at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca



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Natural Resources TIPS Reporting Line

Each year the Ministry of Natural Resources lays between 8,000 and 10,000 charges for natural resource violations. Abuse of our natural resources reduces opportunities for everyone and threatens the future sustainability of these resources.

The toll-free TIPS-MNR reporting line provides a direct line for the public to **report** resource violations to the ministry 24 hours a day, seven days a week from anywhere in Ontario.

Natural resource violations include any illegal activity involving Ontario's fish and wildlife, forests, parks, aggregate resources, and public lands, such as:



- The sale of species at risk or wildlife or animal parts
- Fishing or hunting when the season is closed
- Taking more **game** or fish than allowed
- Night hunting or shooting from a roadway
- Unauthorized shoreline alteration or dumping waste on Crown land
- Illegally removing sand, gravel or Crown timber from public lands
- Having fires in restricted fire zones or without a permit
- Illegal activities in provincial parks and protected areas.

A member of the public who sees or suspects resource abuse should safely take note of as much information as possible and call **1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)**. Conservation officers will use the information to investigate.

NOTE: The TIPS-MNR line is not an emergency response line.

Helpful information includes:

- **Vehicle** licence plate number, make and model
- Date and time of day
- Approximate location (road, lake, street address, landmarks)
- Details about the suspected activity
- Description of any **people** involved in the incident.

By working together we can help protect our natural resources from abuse and illegal activity.



1-877-TIPS-MNR

To report a natural resources violation please call the toll free **1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)** reporting line at any time. For anonymous calls please contact **Crime Stoppers** at **1-800-222-TIPS**.

THIS COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR COTTAGE!

Gull Lake Residents and the OPP are seeking your help in solving the following crimes.

Some time prior to March 18th, 2014 (March Break) on Sugar Island, seven cottages were broken into and vandalized and property stolen. Plus an additional cottage was burned to the ground and is considered suspicious. Anyone on Gull Lake or who rented/loaned a cottage out or were visiting during that time period, please contact the OPP. The investigation team is seeking any and all information (no matter how insignificant).



PLEASE!
Call the OPP



Contact Detective
Constable Krista Potter
1-888-310-1122
(705-286-1431)

CRIME STOPPERS
OF KAWARTHA-HALIBURTON
1-800-222-TIPS

This is the family cottage as it was last seen alive on March 3, 2014, alive and well.



Private Reward
\$1,500.00 * ⁽¹⁾

Leading to the identification and arrest of an individual (or individuals) responsible for the Gull Lake, Sugar Island Vandalism and Theft of Property (March Break 2014).

**Sometimes Making a Difference,
Means Being that Difference.**

Your contributions will help reduce crime and bring those responsible to justice. *Funds are continually being raised. Interested in contributing?

Please email: sugarislandvandalism@gmail.com

Some Point in Time Everyone Needs Support!

C.H.A. Charity of The Year

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents is a nationally accredited, charitable, not-for-profit children's mental health agency. Point in Time offers a wide range of supports and services to children, youth and families in Haliburton County. These services are provided primarily through three service clusters: Family Support, Mental Health Services and Youth Justice. Many services receive provincial funding and some programs and events are made possible by the generous donations of individuals, businesses and community organizations. In particular, community financial support is essential to the ongoing success of the following programs.

After School Recreation Programs are provided to for Cardiff, Wilberforce and Minden communities. These programs are provided at no cost and focus on healthy, fun, safe activities, social skills and include a healthy snack.

Respite Programs provide support to qualifying children, youth and families. Respite can take the form of attending a summer camp (with support if required for day camps), weekend respite with a host family, in-home respite, or attending a customized community-based program. Respite provides a break for parents and a social experience for the child or youth with exceptional needs.

Summer Adventure Day Camps provide week-long day camps for children ages 6 to 11. The camps take place throughout Haliburton County with the location of the camps varying from week to week. Well-qualified staff provide excellent programs that are both active and educational. The nominal fee for this camp can be waived accordingly to individual family circumstances.

The *Summer Camp Fund* is for children who would like to go to camp and would benefit from the opportunity but whose families are not able to afford to send them. Usually the children attend one week of overnight camp.

Family Fun Night Hub at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and the *Jump Start Hub* at Archie Stouffer Elementary School bring together children and parents with educators, community partners, agencies and expert consultants. The Hub takes place one night each week and is free to all participants who are provided a healthy meal and well-planned parent and child engagement activities.

According to the most recent census, Haliburton County is the poorest county in Ontario with the highest rate of child poverty. You can make a difference in lives of the children who live here. Point in Time needs your support. Will you make a donation? Will you hold a fundraiser for Point in Time or be our partner in a fundraising endeavour? For more information please call Dan at 705-457-5345. For a detailed description of all our programs and services, please visit our website at www.pointintime.ca

Point in Time is the C.H.A. Charity of The Year for 2014



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Play in the Park: New Recreation Opportunities

Are you looking to get more active and try something new this year? Why not borrow some sports equipment from the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library. You could give Disc Golf a try or find some friends for a game of beach Volleyball. Take advantage of the free municipal recreation programs offered by the Municipality of Dysart et al.

The recreation programs are made possible by grant money the Municipality of Dysart et al received from the provincial government. Some programs already in place are: an intergenerational walking club, after school programs, disc golf course and a library equipment loan program. The programs are designed to be free/low cost and accessible to all. More programs will be established such as a summer recreation program for children. Public input is encouraged. **To help make the programs sustainable and to provide a variety of opportunities the municipality is encouraging people to donate used sports/recreation equipment.**

If you have equipment at your home/cottage that you no longer have use for, it can be dropped off to Andrea Mueller at the Municipality of Dysart et al offices (235 Maple Ave.). The equipment will be used for the after school programs and the library loan program. If equipment is received that cannot be used for programming, it will be sold at a Gear Swap in May. The funds generated will be used to purchase new equipment for the programs. Types of equipment that we are looking for include: snowshoes, basketballs, tennis racquets, cross country skis, utility balls, broom ball equipment etc. The municipality will not accept helmets. For further information please contact Andrea at amueller@dysartetal.ca or (705) 457-1740. We hope to see you out at one of our programs! Keep checking the municipality's website www.dysartetal.ca for updates on upcoming programs and special events.



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Cottage Associations Marine Safety & Offences

Our primary concern on the water is PFD's and alcohol. We have a zero tolerance policy for these offences as they generally lead to higher instances of collisions/injuries/fatalities.

Many people often neglect to take a PFD with them in a paddle boat or canoe.

Often time's people will have with them appropriate PFD's in a powered vessel but they're stored away and difficult to get to in an emergency. It is a good habit to have them readily available to the occupants of your vessel and although it is not mandatory, we strongly recommend that people wear PFDs at all times.

While under way on our lakes you cannot consume any alcohol whether you are a passenger or operator. This includes paddle boats, kayaks and canoes. Alcohol may be consumed on board the pleasure craft only if it meets all of the following conditions:

- The vessel has permanent sleeping facilities
- The vessel has permanent cooking facilities
- The vessel has a permanent toilet
- The vessel is anchored or secured alongside a dock

If you have a fixed fuel tank in your vessel you must have an approved fire extinguisher on board

Children under 16 years of age are not permitted to operate a PWC – personal watercraft.

OFFENCE	Wording of Offence	FINE
No Lifejacket/PFD	Operating human or non-human powered pleasure craft without personal flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board	\$240+
Safety Equipment	Operating non-human powered pleasure craft without prescribed vessel safety equipment on board	\$240
No Horn/Whistle	Fail to have whistle or efficient sound signal – vessel less than 12 m	\$180
No Boater Card	Operate a pleasure craft without prescribed competency	\$305
No Boater Card on board	Failure to have proof of competency on board a pleasure craft	\$305
No Spotter	Operating vessel to tow a person on water or in air without a person on board other than the operator keeping watch on every person being towed	\$305
Under 16 drive PWC	Operating a personal watercraft – person under 16 years of age	\$125
Allow PWC driver under 16	Allowing a person under 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft	\$305
Speeding	Operating power-driven vessel at a speed over 10km/h within 30 m of shore in specified waters	\$240
Drinking in boat	Consuming Liquor in other than licensed premise	\$125

Transport Canada Marine Safety website <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/menu.htm>

Thank you to OPP Constable Paul Potter for providing a great water safety chart!

PLEASE laminate - POST by the lake, as a reminder to play safe!

SUMMER LIVING IS EASY, CHOOSING JUST ONE ART COURSE IS HARD.

This year's summer program features over 300 courses, including new classes exploring many different media: Silversmithing, Quilted Landscapes, Glassblowing – Drinking Vessels, Printmaking – Japanese Papers and Beautiful Botanicals, just to name a few.

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Canadian Lakes Loon Survey Registration Form

Name: _____ BSC ID # (if known) _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____

E-mail address: _____

Lake Name & Location: _____

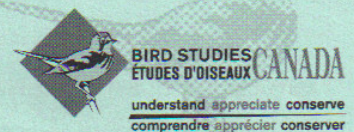
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I have included the following payment for my 2014 Bird Studies Canada membership.

☐ Individual \$35 ☐ Student \$25 ☐ Household \$50 ☐ Contributing \$100 ☐ Sustaining \$175

☐ I would like an online only participant kit (your materials will arrive by email).

☐ I prefer not to receive the BirdWatch Canada newsletter.



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☐ Cheque enclosed ☐ MasterCard

☐ VISA ☐ American Express

Card number _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Project FeederWatch Participants (optional) (Please indicate below if you wish to receive project materials.)

☐ Yes, I plan on participating in Project FeederWatch.
(kits sent in October)

Please send me: ☐ 2014/2015 New Participants Kit

(choose one) ☐ 2014/2015 Paper Renewal Kit

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Please return this form to: Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, Bird Studies Canada, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0

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Members Information
Cottage address:

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Primary Member Name: _____
Spouse's Name: _____
Cottage Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email address: _____

Home Address: _____
Postal Code: _____
Home Phone: _____

Associate Member Name: _____
Spouse's Name: _____
Cottage Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____
Postal Code: _____
Home Phone: _____

Please check:

Primary Members:

Associate Members:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 dues	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 dues
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 hard copy of newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 hard copy for newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> donation	<input type="checkbox"/> donation

Membership Class:

Primary Membership:

Primary Membership holder is able to exercise a voting right on all motions to members, and attending all functions year round. Primary Membership includes spouse and all minor children

Associate Membership:

Associates Membership holders enjoy all the benefits of primary members, but are unable to cast a vote on motions put forward. Associate Membership includes spouse and all minor children.

2014 Membership Dues:

Primary: \$50
Associate: \$10
Additional \$10 for hard copies of Newsletter mailed to you.

All 2013/2014 primary membership dues include the \$10 lake plan assessment (2012 AGM)

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