



Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2015

WELCOME BACK

After a very cold winter, the Board is confident that everyone is hoping for a sunny warm summer at the lake! Those cottagers who were able to open up early this year were blessed with bug free sunshine. However one can expect to deal with the spring influx of "black flies" over the next few weeks! This of course will be followed by visiting mosquitoes! The joys of the north!

WATER WISE

Lake levels are back up. Despite beaver trapping that was conducted over the winter, a large water mass is accumulating where the creek exits our lake to the north of North Shore Rd behind the landfill. The Board will be looking into that situation.

CLCA has always encouraged residents and others using our lake to take proactive steps to protect water quality. In addition, every year, volunteers submit water to the Ontario Lake Partner Program. It seems to be working. Check out the results at <http://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

AREA ROADWAYS

A quick trip around the area would indicate that the deep frost played havoc with our roads. Fortunately the West Nipissing grader is making the rounds. Your Board was pleased to learn that council has plans to upgrade some local roads including Northshore this year. The Board will keep an eye on this and report.

DENMAR QUARRY

We have previously reported that Denmar Construction has won the bid to operate a quarry at the Clear Lake Rd. pit. Board inquiries have not indicated the contractor will

be starting operation anytime in the near future, but we will keep you posted.

SPRUCE BUDWORMS

Forests around our lake are unfortunately not immune to the spruce budworm infestation affecting Ontario. Quite a few trees have fallen prey. The MNR has a very informative website on these phenomena for those that are interested. Check it out at: <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/insects-diseases/13383>

SPRING CLEANUP

Carole Friedrich led another successful spring cleanup this year. Volunteers reported there was generally less litter along area roads, but two illegal dumping sites were located and reported to police. The Board has not received any final report on the action taken by WNPS.

CLCA WEBSITE

Residents should all be aware that CLCA implemented a website in 2014 to keep everyone informed. All area residents will now be aware that the site may be accessed at: <http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca>

The site has been extremely helpful in disseminating information. Howie Longfellow developed the site and voluntarily maintains updates and helpful links to keep readers aware of activity related to Clear Lake. One very helpful site is maintained by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers at: www.foca.on.ca

Thanks to this new technology, mailing costs and activity can be reduced. Information can be provided to residents in quicker fashion via internet than through regular mail, so please if you have computer access...take the time to register on-line

LOON STUDY

The Board is pleased that Mary Laird has agreed to take on the Loon Monitoring Program through Bird Studies Canada. This program is designed to protect and preserve loon populations. Clear Lake would not be the same without the sounds and sights of these very welcomed annual visitors. For this reason, all persons using the lake are reminded to slow down and respect the presence of any waterfowl. Speeding and resultant wakes from watercraft can be very destructive.

JOIN US ON THE BOARD!

We have room for two additional members. Anyone interested in standing for Board membership is asked to contact any existing Board member.

COMMUNITY WATCH

The Board regrets to report that thieves broke into two seasonal cottages on Northshore Rd during the winter. The incidents were reported to West Nipissing Police but no arrests have been made. Residents who keep an eye on vacant cottagers are very much appreciated. West Nipissing Police has confirmed they would be receptive to any report of suspicious activity.

MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL DUES

Just a reminder to ensure your dues are paid up! The \$10.00 annual dues may be paid directly to the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting or by submitting payment by cheque payable to Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field, P.O. Box 98, Field, ON, P0H1M0.

2014-2015 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Derek Stewart
Past President	Lois Dobson
Treasurer/ Membership	Yvette Morrison
Secretary	Bob Jolley
Members at large	Howie Longfellow, Serge Giroux, Len Tighe and Claude McGrath

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Members are reminded to mark their calendars for **Sunday 2 August, 2015** to attend the AGM at 1:00p.m... We hope to hold the meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Notre Dame Victoires Field. Two \$25.00 Canadian Tire gift cards will be offered as door prizes. A formal meeting notice will be delivered to you closer to the meeting date.



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