



Fall 2015

A Message From Brian

Hello Everyone. For those of you who didn't attend the past Annual General Meeting, or didn't read the Minutes, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Brian Harper and as you might guess, I'm also the newly elected President of the CLCA. That's a picture of me up at the top!



As a brief introduction, I've been on the lake as a resident and then as a guest of my sister and brother-in-law from as far back as when it was named Deer Lake, at least unofficially, and I still have many friends and family here. We just bought our cabin last Fall and reside at 633 FR59. If you see my wife Catherine and I on the lake, give us a wave hello. And if you're near our place, feel free to drop by for a coffee or a cold beverage.

I've come to realize that the fishing isn't quite what it used to be, but there is a possibility that it's the fisherman. One thing that hasn't changed are the residents on the lake. What a fabulous community we have! So outgoing, inclusive and helpful.

I hope everyone had a blast throughout the August long weekend. We were at the Annual Regatta and apart from a brief warm summer rain, it was a perfect day and very well attended, particularly by the kids. Thanks are in order to Steve and Orla Boland and the many other volunteers and organizers who helped make the Regatta such a success. Then there was an evening beyond compare. That was an amazing fireworks show that the Milan Kratochvil and Brian Addie staged and the music was so well synchronized. Looking behind me at all the boats and their running lights was awe inspiring. It made me feel like I was at a rock show. We certainly want a repeat next year. And thanks to all of the residents that made a monetary contribution to the cause.

Further thanks are in order to Daphne Kalliomaki who once again sponsored the "Clean Up Cordova Lake Day." Daphne and her volunteers are to be commended for their civic spirit and the record volume of trash they were able to clean up. It's unfortunate that the cleanup is necessary as I'm certain it's not due to the actions of our fellow residents.

On a final note, Joanne and I attended the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Lakes Association meeting this past September 19th. Of note were our discussions regarding the County/Township Septic Inspection Program. While this program does not appear to be imminent due to further consultations regarding how it will be administered, it was agreed that it was necessary in order to ensure that our watershed is kept clean. As this should be of concern to all of us, the minutes of the last meeting have been posted on the CLCA website.

Last of all, but more importantly, on behalf of the CLCA and all of the residents of Cordova Lake I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our past president, Joanne Butkevics, and to our past vice president, Carolyn Callam, for their many years of service to us all. Little does Joanne know that I've read through our Constitution, and as past president, she is required to remain as a member of the Executive in an advisory role. Welcome back. Thank you, Brian

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- *Turtles under attack*
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- *Aerial views of our lake.*
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Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns. - George Eliot

Remembering Esko

Our family said good-bye to husband, father & grandfather, Esko Jaatinen on Friday, September 4th, 2015 at the age of 78. Esko and Eeva shared 50+ years on Cordova Lake as avid cottagers. My father built their first cottage on the west side and years later sold and moved across the lake to then build his second dwelling. This was achieved by his many close and skilled Finnish friends who also owned cottages. He loved to fish, and upon arrival Friday nights, was immediately out on the lake catching dinner for mom to cook. He was a family man, loved the cottage life and loved helping his fellow cottagers. We miss you much. So think of Esko when you fish. He's the Finn who knew the ideal "spots" on Cordova.

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Cell Phone Service at Cordova Lake?

Ian Sturdee tells me that the Rogers tower is somewhere in the future. It has been approved (Dec 2014) by the municipality and is now before Industry Canada for final approval. As we know from past experience, it is a mystery when it will actually be erected. It could be very soon or well into the future.

HBM has enquired on our behalf and has received no reply from Rogers. It seems, therefore, that things are in limbo.



Heroes in our Midst

Recently two of our members achieved the status of Cordova Lake heroes when they rescued two men who were foundering in the lake without life vests. I believe that two gentlemen renters, here for their last day, had taken out a boat in spite of incoming bad weather. Their fishing boat capsized throwing them into the cold water and they were unable to swim. Fortunately our members saw them and got them safely to shore where they were seen by paramedics who took them to Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

Many thanks to Toni Trevisan who told me of this brave exploit of her husband and their friend.



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Electricity Pricing for Seasonal Users

As directed by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) earlier this year, Hydro One responded in early August with their plan to realign their customer classes, and provided their proposal about how to lessen the year-over-year impacts to their customers.

In the face of TRIPLE DIGIT increases coming for some low-use Hydro One customers, FOCA has recently contacted the OEB to voice our concerns.

Learn more on FOCA's Electricity Pricing pages:

<http://foca.on.ca/decision-on-hydro-ones-2015-2019-distribution-rates-application/>



50-50 Draw

The 2015 50/50 Draw tickets were either sold in sets of 3 for \$10.00 or 6 for \$20.00. They were available from either Cottage Association executive members, or Sam's Place. We only sold 342 tickets (114 sets of 3 tickets) for a total cash value of \$1,140.00 in this year's 50/50 Draw. The draw which was held at Sam's Place on September 5th was officiated by both Brain Harper (President) and Elaine Epp (Vice President). The lucky winner Dan Beale, who is a good friend of Darrell & Elaine Epp (504 FR 54) received \$570.00.

The money collected will go towards repairing the boat launch at the south end of the lake.

Elaine Epp



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Regatta 2015

The morning dawned with a cloudy sky with the weatherman forecasting a day filled with rain. Undaunted, many volunteers pressed onwards and set everything up including our new canopies in hopes that the forecast was wrong. A few hours later we were so glad they had when the heavens opened and we all clustered together under the shelters. Cordova Lake folk though are a hardy lot and a few heavy rains were not enough to dispel the joy of the day. Lots of families came out to enjoy the children's games and races and those delicious burgers and hotdogs. Adults clustered around the 50-50 table and the silent auction sheets and enjoyed a healthy rivalry playing horseshoes against annual adversaries.

Tickets on the draw for a new kayak were a popular item. The eventual winner was Tom Alexander. Our second prize was a pair of tickets for the Stirling Theatre. These were won by Tim and Susie Donofrio.

Our financial summary is as follows:

Income Received: \$3715.25
Expenses: \$1665.08
Profit: \$2050.17



All in all, everyone had a great day. Sincere thanks to everyone who took part, to all volunteers, to those who set up the regatta and cleaned it all up at the end of the day and, most especially, to Steve and Orla Boland who organized the event.

We look forward to next years' event and hope to see you there!



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Ontario turtles under attack by poachers and illegal wildlife trade



Blanding's turtles have a very domed, smooth black carapace (upper shell) with small, irregular tan or yellow flecking. The most distinctive characteristic of this species is the bright yellow chin and throat.

The Blanding's turtle is currently listed as Threatened under the Ontario endangered Species Act, 2007 and is considered **globally endangered**.

There are eight turtle species in Ontario including the Blanding's, Midland and western painted, Northern map, Snapping, Spiny Softshell, Spotted, Stinkpot, and Wood turtle. Of these eight species, seven are considered Species at Risk.

Ontario turtles are at risk for many reasons. Over the last few centuries, more than seventy-five per cent of turtle wetland habitats have been drained for various reasons. Historically, early European settlers and First Nations people did not share the same understanding of wetlands. Europeans did not realize that wetlands purified water in the watersheds and served as a home for important wildlife. Today, human development continues and turtle habitats are depleted or polluted, making it difficult for survival.

Turtles have the responsibility of keeping wetlands healthy and clean. They do this by making sure that any insects or small animals that die are eaten and the water is not contaminated. Although turtles are important, long-lived wetland inhabitants, they require protection from human interference.

Poachers are putting turtle populations at risk across southern Ontario, say conservationists, by selling them on the black market as novelties or food. Exact numbers are scarce, but according to researcher Ron Brooks, who for 40 years studied turtles at Algonquin National Park, poachers appear to be collecting turtles and selling them as delicacies to ethnic markets, for food such as turtle soup.

Please do your part to protect turtles and their habitats for future generations.

The spotted turtle is classified as an endangered species in Canada.



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Hello Cordova Lake Cottagers!

We are Stephen, Paolina, Adam and Eric Flicke (from FR 59A), actively involved in the Havelock & District Snowmobile Club (HDSC) wanting to reintroduce the club to you! HDSC has been making trails and friends since 1969! It is in District 2 of the OFSC Snowmobile Trail System boasting approximately 160 kilometres of trails and 5 bridges as well as many scenic sites. It takes our volunteer groomers a total of 40 man hours to make one pass through our trail system! Each trail is groomed twice a week! Our 2 groomers and numerous operators endeavour to make your snowmobiling experience the best it can be!

For your safety and snowmobiling pleasure, last year for the first time in many years, we marked the trail crossing Cordova Lake at the north end. There has also been an extensive effort put into widening and brushing our local trails. As a result we have some of the best trails in the district.

We encourage you to come out and enjoy Cordova Lake during one of the most beautiful seasons, winter! Visit www.hdsc.ca for a complete list of permit vendors in the area or buy online at www.ofsc.on.ca but please remember to choose the Havelock & District Snowmobile Club as your home club so that your proceeds can help us continue to maintain and improve our trails.

Plan or join rides, share stories and photos on our facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/831753500228344/> and join us on Twitter @HavelockDSC.

We are always looking for more involvement from the community. Even as a cottager you can make a difference. Come to a meeting, volunteer to brush trails, help with bridge repair, help at an event...there are lots of ways you can get involved! It's fun! Contact Andy Sharpe, President at 2andysharpe@gmail.com for more information.



Great Christmas Gift for the Children



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Are you Septic System Savvy? An excerpt from a release by FOCA and Green Communities Canada

Over a million Ontario households rely on septic systems to treat their wastewater. An estimated 25% of **septic systems across the province are beyond their 30-year design life** and are failing to protect ground and surface water, the source of our drinking water.

As noted by Terry Rees of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, "Septics are certainly a key piece of infrastructure for Ontario's 250,000 waterfront property owners." Working with provincial partners, Green Communities Canada is trying to identify the types of systems in use, how they are used, maintained, repaired, and replaced, and how people make decisions about their systems.

Here are some things each of us can each do to make sure our systems are in good order:

- have a licensed technician inspect the system, pump out the tank, and install an effluent filter
- remind your household to avoid putting anything down the drain that may interfere with the system (e.g., coffee grounds, food scraps, and, tampons, applicators, flushable wipes, condoms, antibacterials, and solvents)
- remind everyone to conserve water – large volumes can overload the system and cause failure

Septic system construction is regulated under the Building Code, but maintenance, including pumping and inspection, is a homeowner responsibility. Some regions have mandatory septic inspections every five years by the municipality or conservation authority, and some have grants to help property owners conduct necessary repairs and upgrades, but these are variable across the province.



Bats in Your Belfry?

The Neighbourhood Bat Watch is looking for bat colonies. If you have bats living in your cabin, house, bat box, garage or anywhere else, we want to hear from you!

Bats are currently threatened by White-nose Syndrome. This disease has killed between 5 and 10 million bats since its discovery in 2006 and it is quickly spreading west across Ontario. Bats play a crucial ecological role by eating night-flying insects.

Members of the public are essential contributors to bat conservation because even common species of bats are difficult to find and, therefore, difficult to protect. Please visit the Neighbourhood Batwatch website (www.batwatch.ca) to report a colony.

White-nose Syndrome (WNS) is a fungal disease that has killed millions of bats in North America. The disease is caused by a **fungus** from Eurasia, which was accidentally transported here by humans.



For more information, please visit www.batwatch.ca or email batwatch@outlook.com.

Thank you for your time!

Kaleigh Norquay,
Research Coordinator, Willis Bat Lab (<http://www.willisbatlab.org>)
University of Winnipeg

A company has contacted me to say that they have filmed vacation shorelines and cottages from Parry Sound to Kingston, Ontario. They suggest that our members may enjoy a virtual boat tour of their favourite lake. 100% free, 100% enjoyable! These tours can be seen at ecottagefilms.com.

Pumpkins may get all the glories of the season but be sure to reap all the health benefits of cranberries too. They are a rich source of anti-oxidants, fibre and phytochemicals. They are also YUMMY!



"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." *William Cullen Bryant*

Havelock Belmont Methuen News



HBM will offer FREE Public Skating starting October 14th on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00p.m. & Sundays from 3:15-4:20p.m. at the arena located at 39 George St E in Havelock. For further information, please call Doug Hart at 705-778-2891.

A Special Meeting of Council was held on July 6, 2015 at 1:08 p.m. to meet with representatives from the Peterborough County-Health Unit and the HBMLA regarding a septic inspection program. Many aspects of the septic inspection issues were examined and, if you wish to read the transcript of the meeting, it can be found on the HBM website under "meetings".



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Many thanks to Ashley Duke who was kind enough to forward these pictures which she took whilst flying over Cordova

Hmmmm!!!!

From the lakeside it is often hard to find a particular address. Perhaps members might consider posting their 911 number at the lakefront.



New Rules for ATVs

Starting on July 1st, 2015, the province of Ontario put new rules in effect regarding travelling by all-terrain vehicles. They have highlighted two specific areas that will allow easier access to public roads via ATVs while at the same time promoting effective safety procedures when operating these vehicles.

Many more models of all-terrain vehicles will be allowed to be driven on the shoulders public roads and highways. This includes two-ups, side-by-side, and utility terrain vehicles

Absolutely everyone who rides on an ATV of any kind, including drivers and passengers of all ages, will be required to wear a helmet as well as use any safety device on the vehicle when applicable (seatbelts, footrests, etc.)

To drive an off-road vehicle (ORV) in the province of Ontario one must be at least 16 years of age and possess a minimum G2 or an M2 (motorcycle) class drivers licence.

It is required by law that all vehicles, including ORVs, have insurance and proof of registration in order to legally drive in the province of Ontario.

News from Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association

Federal Gov't All But Abandons the Protections of Canada's Lakes and Rivers

In 2012, FOCA spoke out about the revisions to the Federal **Fisheries Act**. FOCA's concern was that the changes were less about legislative reform, and more about weakening oversight of our valuable waters. Sadly, a new report confirms that this was exactly the result.

Read more about FOCA's perspectives, and the recently-released research by University of Calgary law professor, Martin Olszynski, on the FOCA website:



<http://foca.on.ca/fisheries-act-revisions-overview/>

Permits for Work on Crown Lands-above lake beds

Important Update:



As one outcome of the recent Superior Court ruling related to **Municipal Oversight over Boathouses** (see: <http://foca.on.ca/municipal-authority-over-boathouses-decision/>), revisions to the Public Lands Act and/or Ontario's Free Use Policy may be in the works.

This may mean new permit requirements for work done on or abutting Crown Lands, including for docks and boathouses.

FOCA has posted some brief updates here: <http://foca.on.ca/permits-for-shoreline-work-crown-land/>. Stay tuned!

Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update

Over two dozen FOCA Member Associations have been out in the field over the past few months, monitoring their water bodies for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) as part of FOCA's AIS Prevention and Monitoring Program: <http://foca.on.ca/ais-monitoring-program/>.

Keep up the good work! And remember to report any sightings of invasive species to the **Invading Species Hotline** at [1-800-563-7711](tel:1-800-563-7711), or visit [Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program online](#)

At a recent lake association meeting, it came to FOCA's attention that Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) boats - which may move from one lake to another - are not inspected for aquatic invasive species, or washed at the end of each day or between individual lake patrols. **OCA wrote with concerns and received a prompt response from the OPP.** Click here for details:

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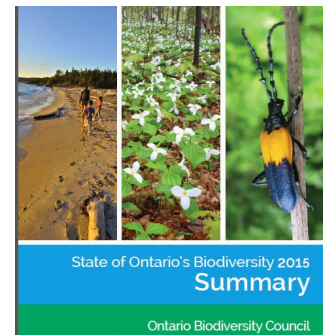
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The Ontario Biodiversity Council

has released their 2015 "State of Ontario's Biodiversity" Report.

Find out how Ontario has been progressing toward its biodiversity targets since the 2010 Report, for 45 indicators.

Get a link to the 12 page summary here: <http://foca.on.ca/ontario-biodiversity/>



Chris Hadfield, you've done it again.....

The retired astronaut created a music video about our country that's sweeter than a double-double from Timmie's. Entitled, "In Canada," the song was a collaborative effort between Hadfield and his brother Dave in a mission to create "the most Canadian music video ever." And you know what? They succeeded.

Hadfield recently uploaded the "polite song" to YouTube saying it came from "two brothers who are just hoping your day is going okay." And thanks to this song, it'll be a lot better than just "okay." The rapid montage of Canadian culture reminds us of everything we love about this great country. Because at the end of the day, we're just a bunch of exceedingly polite, Timbit-eating winter-lovers. And we wouldn't have it any other way. Check out this link to the video.

<http://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/zuVsHt3rBnc?rel=0>

Thanks to Al Carlson for letting me know about this.

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Saying Farewell to the Cottage for Another Year?

If you will be winterizing or closing up your cottage I would encourage you to check out the excellent checklist to be found online at

<http://www.cabinlivingmag.com/div-advice/maintenance-div-advice/winterizing-closing-up-the-cabin/>



Time for your SPRING Shoreline Cleanup



This is a favorite time of the year for many cottagers. The lake is quiet. The birds are migrating and the leaves are starting to change color. Some of those early maples are already dropping their leaves.

It's fall and there is no better time to start your spring shoreline clean-up than now. Let's take advantage of these beautiful fall days. Tune in your favorite football game and clean up that shoreline. Whatever is present now will be there in

spring after months underneath dampness and snow. At the end of the swimming and boating season we tend to not think about our prized shoreline. There is nothing better than enjoying these final autumn days knowing you will have a clean, beautiful shoreline when you return in the spring.

Based on an article by Charles Kaufman

Shopping Online at the Cottage

As you know, Canadians have been embracing online shopping in a big way. In fact, these days 3 out of 4 Canadians are shopping online. We recently introduced a new free service designed to help anyone who shops online to receive their packages at a location that is most convenient for them. For cottagers, this means you can shop online for the things you need while you're up at the cottage, and pick them up at a near-by post office without having to drive back home.

We call this new service Flex Delivery because it gives you the choice to have an item you buy online delivered to the post office of your choice. It's easy to use. Just go to canadapost.ca to sign up. You'll get an identification code and a Flex Delivery address. When you shop online, just use the Flex delivery address instead of your home address. When your package arrives, we'll even send you an email. As Canadians' shopping habits change, Canada Post is adapting to make receiving your packages more convenient.

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The Right Way to Stack and Store Firewood

When it comes to preparing firewood, stacking may be the most pleasant part of the job. The hard and sometimes dangerous work of disassembling a tree with a chain saw is done. The tedious splitting is over. Now comes the time to convert a loose, messy pile of wood into an orderly stack—a satisfying transformation that appeals to many of us.

Whether bought or grown at home, wood should be stacked so it will continue drying. Firewood just dumped in a heap won't dry and it won't burn well. Rain will run down and soak into cut ends while ground moisture will migrate up and soak into spongy inner bark.

Give the wood as much sun as you do your garden. Wood stacked in the moist shade will never dry. To encourage air to move through channels in the stack, orient sticks so that the cut ends face the direction of prevailing wind or air movement. Local winds are variable, but in most of North America, weather systems move from west to east, changing all of the continent's air every three days. Lacking a steady prevailing wind, orient wood so that cut ends face west — into moving air.

Firewood is typically sold by the cord. A cord of firewood, when stacked, will measure around 128 cubic feet (8' long x 4' high x 4' deep). This includes wood, bark and the space between wood pieces. Depending on the type of wood and how it is stacked, the actual cubic feet of wood found in a cord can vary significantly. If that is more wood than you need, you can buy a "face cord" or "rick" of wood instead. A face cord is approximately a third of a cord, measuring 8' long x 4' high and is as deep as the individual logs.

Henry Thoreau wrote,
 "Wood warms you
 twice ...once when you cut
 it and again when you burn
 it."

Helpful Hints:

Make straight, stable, efficient rows
 Create a solid base OFF the ground
 Take advantage of standing timbers to provide support for the pile.
 Stack wood bark side UP creating a crosshatch pattern.
 Do NOT stack wood against your cottage as this can trap moisture rotting your siding and it can create a fire hazard.



From the U.K.

Not your average wood-piles.

From New Zealand



Stovetop Pot Pourri

- 1/2 cup fresh cranberries
- 1 orange (sliced)
- 4 cinnamon sticks (broken in half)
- 1 TB cloves
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- 2-3 cups water



Combine ingredients in a small pot and simmer over low heat for as long as desired. Add more water if it gets low. Enjoy the Autumn scent!

Did you know?



"In Ontario, ice huts have to be registered with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) with the registration number posted on the outside of the hut. ...Garbage, debris, and huts left on the ice can become obstacles to navigation and/or a source of fish habitat degradation once the ice melts."

Indian Summer

Along the line of smoky hills
The crimson forest stands,
And all the day the blue-jay calls
Throughout the autumn lands.

Now by the brook the maple leans
With all his glory spread,
And all the sumachs on the hills
Have turned their green to red.

Now by great marshes wrapt in mist,
Or past some river's mouth,
Throughout the long, still autumn day
Wild birds are flying south.



Written by William Wilfred Campbell (1858-1918) who was schooled in Owen Sound, and studied at the University College, where he wrote for the student newspaper.

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Tips from Lowe's to Help You Recover From a Winter Storm

1. When clearing tree limbs and other debris from your property, always wear proper safety equipment, such as heavy boots, gloves, long sleeves, long pants and safety goggles. Stay away from downed or dangling lines, especially when clearing fallen trees.
2. To avoid falls, spread a rock salt or calcium chloride de-icer after clearing the areas of snow, and apply after the threat of more snow or freezing rain is gone.
3. Place all portable heaters and wood stoves at least 36 inches away from anything that can burn, including drapes, bedding, clothing and people.
4. After any snow or extreme cold, check to ensure no physical damage has occurred around the house and that water pipes have not frozen. If your pipes are already frozen, turn off the water's main shut-off valve immediately to prevent the water pipe from bursting and flooding your home.

There are several ways to thaw pipes:

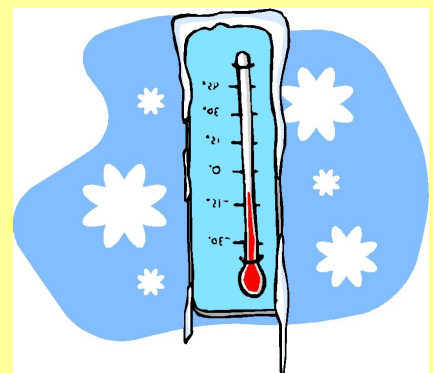
Wrap rags around the pipe and pour hot water on the rags.

Wrap a heat strip around the frozen pipe.

Use a hairdryer focussed on the frozen area.

Use a space heater and point it toward the frozen areas.

5. If using an outdoor generator, use a carbon monoxide detector to ensure the fumes do not get indoors.



Join Project Feeder Watch

The 29th season of Project FeederWatch begins on November 14! You might like to join thousands of volunteers across North America, and turn your bird feeding hobby into research for bird conservation. Your counts will help scientists monitor changes in winter feeder-bird populations.

You choose how much time you want to spend counting. New participants receive a kit with a handbook, a bird identification poster, a calendar, and an instruction booklet. Results are published in *BirdWatch Canada* and *Winter Bird Highlights* – the FeederWatch magazine. You can also explore maps and charts online to see what others are reporting. Your \$35 donation defrays the cost of the materials.

To learn more or to sign up, visit their website at <http://birdscanada.org> or call 1-888-448-2473.



Space Saving Idea for Your Cottage?

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"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
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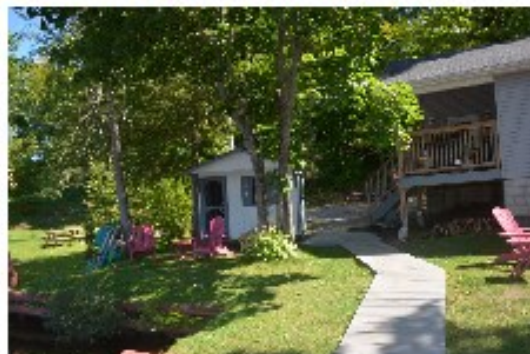
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In Loving Memory

Cordova Lake has lost another original lot & cottage owner from McMillan Drive (now Fire Road 59). Mrs. Leona Kimberley unexpectedly passed in the spring of 2015, in her 86th year; after a week's long battle with internal bleeding & fluid on the lungs.

Leona & her husband Cliff (passed in '98) purchased their 'lot' (piece of bush) on McMillan Drive in the mid '60's from Emerald McMillan. At that time McMillan Drive was just a one car wide dirt road with two dirt tracks for each wheel with grass/weeds growing knee high between the two wheel tracks. It took Leona & Cliff the whole weekend just to clear enough trees & bush to get their car off of the road ! Times sure have changed a lot since then !

They pitched a tent weekend upon weekend over the next few years while they built their cottage themselves & with the ongoing help of many family members & friends !

'Blood, sweat & tears' may not properly describe the process. Again, times sure have changed !

Cliff was known as 'The Duracell Battery Man' (& flashlights), especially at Regatta time!

Leona was known for her warm heart & hospitality, welcoming ongoing friends, neighbours & family who visited.

The Kimberleys also had one of the original wells drilled, so neighbours were happy when the Kimberley well & pump were 'on' to provide fresh, cold well water - imagine bottling Cordova Lake well water nowadays !?

Leona & Cliff are survived by their son, Mark, plus Leona's brothers and Cliff's brother & sisters & both of their families (and pre-deceased by some family members).

Submitted by Mark Kimberley



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Lee Mitz is a Cordova Lake cottager and a very talented artist who often paints around our lake.

Lee's husband Larry sent us this picture.

We thought you might enjoy her rendition of one of our beautiful waterfalls. Lee belongs to a couple of associations of professional artists.

Lee is a long-time Deer Lake resident who camped in a tent on the Big Beach with her parents when she was a year old.



After 20 years of Bookkeeping & Income Tax Preparation, Cherie Semlitch, owner of Your Office and Chad Matthews, owner of Matthews Excavating have opened a new store in Havelock, managed by Ashley Pressick called **The Cottage**.

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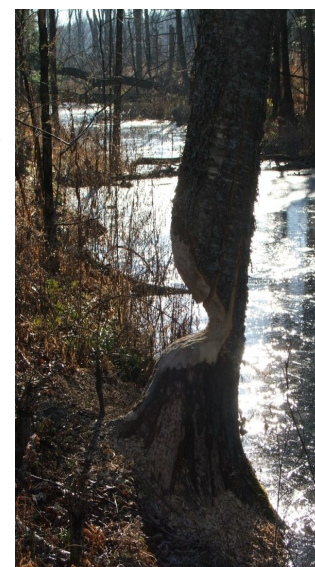
Tree Protection

During the last few months, many of us have woken up to find trees down on the ground thanks to the nocturnal activities of local beavers as they prepare for winter. It is astonishing how quickly they can take down good healthy trees. Beavers do not hibernate, so they plan ahead and build a stockpile of edible sticks in order to survive the cold winter. They stick one end of these sticks in the mud at the bottom of their pond near their lodge so that when the pond freezes over and they can no longer access new trees, they can swim out of their lodge, grab a stick, and bring it back to the comfort of their lodge to eat. Since beavers use trees for food and building materials, fencing their preferred trees cuts beavers off from these needed supplies. This can make the habitat area less inviting for beavers.

Various styles of fencing can be used to protect individual specimen trees or a small grove of trees. Individual trees can be spared from beaver gnawing by placing wire cylinders around the base of their trunks. The purpose of the heavy wire cylinder is simply to keep the beaver from getting to the tree. The technique is 100% effective, it only takes a few minutes per tree, is inexpensive, and it will remain effective for many years with no maintenance!

Many people have successfully used an abrasive paint mixture made of exterior latex paint and Mason sand to deter beaver tree chewing with great success. This is also the most aesthetic tree protection method.

Vegetable or mineral oil infused with cayenne pepper and then painted on the tree trunks has also been reported as an effective means of preventing beaver chewing.



Flag Etiquette...*A few thoughts by Melanie*

The manner in which flags may be displayed in Canada is not governed by any legislation but by established practice.

I believe that the national Flag of Canada, our beloved Maple Leaf, should be displayed only in a manner befitting this important national symbol and it should not be subjected to indignity.



Our flags often take the brunt of strong winds at the lake and are called upon to withstand the rigours of winter. It is not surprising, therefore, that many flags develop rips and tears. When a flag becomes tattered and is no longer in a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way. Let's raise our flags and treat them with respect!

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The Last Word

I'd like to thank you for the privilege of bringing these newsletters to you for much of the past decade. It has been a real honour! I look forward to staying in touch with you through my secretarial duties with the Cordova Lake Cottage Association and can still be reached at melaniejmacleod@gmail.com.

The time has come, however, to pass the newsletter along to Sommer and Gord Gettins who, I know, are very much looking forward to taking it on. Sommer and Gord may be reached at: sommergettins@yahoo.ca or by phone at 905-809-9676.