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President's Message

Hello everyone, welcome to summer. We've had some wonderful weather so far, perfect for life outdoors.

The winter was a good one up here, not too much snow but enough to enjoy the pleasures of winter.

We held our first ice bocce tournament on a beautiful winters' day over the Family Day weekend. The Oliveiri family were the winners with Sebastian scoring the winning shot. For those of you who have only experienced bocce on the grass you must try out the ice version, lots of fun. Next year on the Saturday of the Family Day weekend, weather permitting, we will hold our second tournament and anyone who is interested is welcome to join us.

Due to very high interest, the CLCA is holding our second 50/50 draw. The last draw, held over the summer of 2011 raised \$2400.00 with \$1200.00 going to the lucky winner. Let's hope we can better that this year. I want to extend our thanks to Dave Tilley who has resigned from the posi-

Tickets are 3 for \$10.00 and can be purchased at Sam's Place General Store in Cordova Mines or from Melanie MacLeod at #201FR 59, Maureen Carlson at #573 FR 59, Carolyn Callum at #122 FR 57 or me at #9 FR 58.



tion of Lake Steward that he has held for the last three years. Every spring before most of you arrive, Dave braves the sometimes not so nice weather to get all of our markers in the water, and again, in quite possibly not so nice weather, to take them out again in the fall.

Now we need someone to follow in his footsteps and take on this very much needed volunteer position. Dave will be more than happy to help out with the fall removal showing how it's done.

Best wishes to everyone for a sunny, warm, safe and fun filled summer!

Joanne Butkevics



SAFE AT THE COTTAGE: Be FireSmart and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safe



A lack of winter snow and spring rain plus vivid memories of Ontario's record wild fire losses in 2011, has a number of cottage and fire safety organizations working together to make fire prevention a top priority for anyone who owns or rents a woodland property this season.

In its sixth successful year, the 'Peace of Mind for Your Piece of Heaven' cottage fire and carbon monoxide (CO) safety awareness campaign is bigger than ever, highlighted in 2012 by a new contest on Facebook.

A record amount of Ontario forests burned last year, and there is an ever-present risk of fire in cottage country. Please join the 'Peace of Mind for your Piece of Heaven' safety campaign today, and enter the "Safe at the Cottage" contest for your chance to win great prizes, including:



HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST:

- 1) Get an edge for your contest entry with tips about being CO safe and FireSmart at: [Peace of Mind for your Piece of Heaven](#).
- 2) Visit Facebook and "like" Safe at the Cottage.
- 3) Share a photo or description on Facebook, showing how you made your rural property CO Safe and FireSmart, to be entered for a chance to win.

Contest closes at 5pm on August 31, 2012.

The FIRESmart Cottage



FOCA encourages landowners to be aware of and protect their homes from forest fires and follow safe burning guidelines for brush and campfires.

This summer FireSmart your home by:

Cleaning gutters and removing any flammable debris from roof.

Keeping grass cut around propane tanks and buildings. This provides a green barrier that fire will not burn.

Keeping area in 10m diameter of buildings relatively clear of combustible materials.

Enclosing soffits and areas under decks. Replace flammable roofing, siding, and foundation enclosures with fire resistant materials.

Posting road signs or house numbers in reflective materials so they can be clearly seen in the dark.

Use a fire pit for campfires. Dig a hole, ensure the area around the pit is free of combustible materials, surround your fire pit with rocks or stone slabs, and keep a bucket of water nearby.

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Michael Joseph O'Neill
September 29, 1945-May 14, 2012



Joe was born and raised in Marmora. He attended the Sacred Heart of Jesus Separate School and Marmora High School. Joe had a successful career at General Motors of Canada in Oshawa from 1963 to 2002, when he retired.

Joe married the love of his life, Jan (nee Crawford) on February 8, 1969. They were married for 43 inseparable years! Joe and Jan built a house in Bowmanville and started a family, with Casey being born in 1975. Over 30 years ago, Joe and Jan purchased their lot on Cordova Lake and built a cottage which later became their home. After Joe and Jan retired they enjoyed travelling many places including Europe, South America and Africa. They also toured all over North America with a fifth wheel rig. Joe and Jan loved spending their winter months in the sunny south with friends.

Joe was still researching the Indian Head Carving at the south end of Cordova Lake, near the dam. Anyone with information on this artifact, please contact Melanie, as requested in the newsletter written in January of 2012.

Joe will be truly missed for his high regard of family, friends, hard work, humour and positive attitude.

In memory of Joe the family would appreciate any donations made to the A.L.S. Society of Ontario for research.

Tribute written by Anne and Gord Bertrand

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Council meetings are held on the first, second and third Monday of each month other than holiday Mondays. Meeting times were changed a year or two ago at the request of our lake president to better suit the schedule of cottagers. For meeting times please check with the website at www.hbmtwp.ca.

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Advance Notice:

Havelock Santa Claus Parade: November 17 at 7:00p.m.

Cordova Mines Santa Claus Parade: November 24 at 11:00a.m.



FOCA's Government Relations Group



The Federation of the Ontario Cottager's Association is very concerned about proposed changes to legislation affecting a wide range of environmental acts that have been introduced in "omnibus bills" at both the federal and provincial levels.

This "streamlining" tactic circumvents the normal public and parliamentary review processes, and may undermine the rules and processes we rely upon to protect our local waterfronts and to manage development.

Affected Acts include the **Federal** Fisheries Act and the **Provincial** Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, Lakes and River Improvements Act and the Public Lands Act.

FOCA is remaining vigilant at the government level, and also urges you to contact your local officials to express concerns about these changes.

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HOT TOPIC: MINING

FOCA encourages all interested property owners to get involved to express your opinions, on the proposed regulations regarding Exploration Plans and Permits.

Much of Ontario's Mining Act is over 100 years old. It was written to facilitate access to Ontario's considerable mineral resources. Today's busy rural landscape needs a modern approach to recognize the interests of all land uses.

Through their membership on the Ministers Mining Act Advisory Committee, and the Plans and Permits subcommittee, FOCA has been encouraged that the new Act provides a more transparent process and ensures attention to aboriginal issues, the interests of Surface Rights Owners (SROs), and the environment generally. Although many reforms to the new Act focus most specifically on Aboriginal issues, we recognized the new Plans and Permits process governing early exploration work is a key opportunity to represent our members, and allows for their input.

FOCA goals and expectations from a renewed Act and regulations have been fairly simple.

1. They wanted to see some relief for surface rights owners (SROs) who did not own their mining rights and this was addressed in phase one of this process. If your land was not already staked – the mineral rights to staking have been withdrawn.(S. Ont).In N. Ont, you can now apply to have them withdrawn.
2. They wanted to see the interests of cottagers and other landowners, who live adjacent to crown land that is used regularly for recreation and that might be staked and subject to exploration activities, recognized in addition to and separate from the interests of SROs.
3. They wanted to see a process that was trans-

parent, that included full public information and opportunities for input at early stages in the process when the Ministry could intervene to mitigate potential impacts on landowners and nearby cottagers, or the environment when the community raised legitimate concerns.

An overview of Mining Act changes can be found on the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines website.



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Power Outage Information at Your Fingertips

Hydro One has released a mobile APP for smartphones and tablet devices to provide users with information about where power outages are occurring in Hydro One's service area. You can also search by a specific address.

The interactive outage map is updated every 15 minutes, in the palm of your hands, and displays both planned and unplanned outages.



To download the APP, just search "Hydro One" on your smartphone or tablet's application store.

CLCA DUES

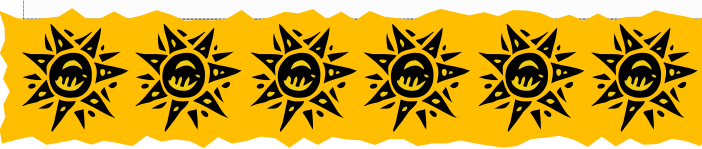
Association Dues are \$20 annually. Please send your cheque made payable to the 'Cordova Lake Cottage Association' by August 1, 2012.

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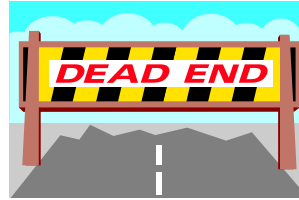
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NO THROUGH TRAFFIC!

The residents of Fire Route 58 would like to remind everyone that their lane is NOT A THROUGH ROAD. It is a private, dead end lane only used to access residents' private property. The traffic, particularly ATVs, currently hurtling along this lane puts children and pets at great risk.

It would be appreciated if you would communicate this information to your visitors so that they too will not trespass.



Fall Cottage Life Show: October 26-28, 2012

International Centre, Toronto.

Regatta: August 4, 2012

Raindate: August 5, 2012

Games

Horseshoe Contest

Craft and Bake Tables

Food Concession

Silent Auction(s)

If you have items to donate or can run an activity please contact Melanie at :

melaniejmacleod@gmail.com

BEAR WISE - DON'T INVITE BEARS TO THE COTTAGE

Since 2004, Ontario's Bear Wise program has been educating people about bears and how to avoid attracting them.

Bears are highly intelligent. They learn where to find food using their keen sense of smell.

Bears will travel more than 100 kilometres to a known food source, and will return year after year.

Bears lose their natural fear of humans through repeated exposure to people in areas where food is intentionally or unintentionally provided. It takes all cottagers working together to eliminate these attractants and stop bear problems.

Here's what you can do to keep bears away from your cottage:

1. Fill bird feeders only through the winter months.
2. Never purposely feed bears (or other wildlife) or try to approach them.
3. Store garbage in a bear-resistant container, secure shed or garage. Do not store garbage in plywood boxes, old freezers or vehicles.
4. Do not stockpile garbage. Take it to the dump frequently.
5. Never leave garbage behind. Take it with you when you go either to the dump or to your home.
6. Keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day.
7. Remove grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease cup underneath, after each use.
8. Do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your composter.
9. Pick all ripe fruit off trees, and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground.
10. Encourage your neighbours to practice good Bear Wise habits.
11. If you rent your cottage, tell your tenants the importance of being Bear Wise.



Visit ontario.ca/bearwise to learn more.

FOCA encourages landowners to learn the following SEPTIC SLOGANS that will keep you on the right track to a healthy lake.



What goes in must come out

To allow waste water the time it needs to be treated in the tank, conserve water. Ensure the size of your system can handle the quantity of waste water you create. Many older septic systems may be grossly undersized.

Don't poison your poop processor

The importance of using biodegradable, non-toxic shampoos, detergents, soaps, and cleaners can't be stressed enough. Many products in your cottage are loaded weapons. Make septic-friendly products the popular choice!

Nutrients not needed

Keep the input of phosphorus to a minimum. Use low-phosphate or phosphate-free cleaners.

Have an inspector visit every 3 to 5 years

Regular maintenance is one of the most important steps. Get an inspection and your tank pumped every three to five years. Replacing or repairing a septic system (and its impacts) is expensive; maintenance keeps thousands of dollars in your pocket and emergencies at bay.

It's not a garbage can

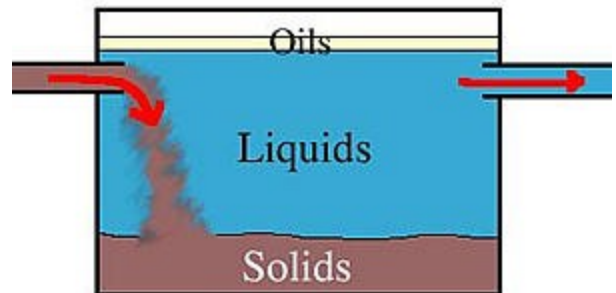
Don't put garbage (i.e. non-biodegradable items) down your drain. That includes grease, fats, oil, and paper products.

Location, location, location

Soils play a big role in how water travels from the leaching bed, what contaminants get absorbed/broken down, and how far they travel. Your septic system must be designed for the type of soil around your cottage. Make sure your system meets the rules (Ontario Building Code) that control how far a septic tank and leaching bed can be built away from buildings, wells, and waterbodies.

Plants not trees

Plant with caution in the nutrient-rich area above the leaching bed. Do not plant trees or shrubs within three metres of the tank or bed. Roots will seek out and crack your pipes. Shallow-rooted ground covers are ideal.



Waste Site Information: 6thLine Transfer Station – 900 6th Line Belmont Township

Summer Hours (May 15 – September 15)

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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INVASIVE SPECIES

Landowners are encouraged to prevent the degradation of lakeside environments by limiting the spread of invasive species. This can happen in the following ways:

Hostile takeover: loss of habitat

On land or in water, invasive species can move in and take over. Invasive plants monopolize land and nutrients, choking out native vegetation. Invasive animals compete with native species for food and space. Add fast reproduction to the equation and it's easy to see that invasive species can overwhelm an ecosystem in no time.

Loss of native species and biodiversity

Without key food sources and habitat, many species' populations plummet. If the takeover is hostile enough, invasives can cause the loss of native species in local areas. Some invaders are predators, diseases, or parasites that directly harm native species.

Extremely difficult to get rid of

Because invasive species are not native to the area, there are usually no natural forms of control such as predators or disease. And because they are fast reproducers, catching up to their spread and cutting it off is extremely difficult. Prevention is worth a ton of cure.

If you find invasive species or think you have invasive species on your property call the invading species hotline at 1-800-563-7711

or

Visit www.invadingspecies.com

Learn to recognize invaders

Your first defence against invasive species is knowing what they look like and knowing the signs of an invasion. Find out what species could be moving into your lakefront uninvited and be ready with their eviction notices. For more information and before taking any steps, contact the invading species hotline.

Spread the word – but don't spread invasive species. Here's how you can help ...

Inspect outdoor articles

Invasive species can move around by hitching rides on outdoor items. Eggs, seeds, and adult animals are most commonly transported. Check all items left outdoors for freeloaders before moving to another location.

Use local firewood

Many insects (eggs, larvae, pupae, adults) and diseases can travel inside cut logs. Do not move firewood between regions. Use local wood only.

Be informed, make smart gardening choices

Before planting a garden, check that your chosen plants are native or non-invasive species.

Drain water from equipment

Drain water from the motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while

on land, immediately after leaving the waterbody.

Inspect and wash equipment

Many invasive species can cling to equipment, surviving the sun and weather on land long enough to make it to the next body of water. To stop freeloaders, inspect your boat, trailer, and boating equipment and remove plants/animals before leaving the waterbody. Wash and dry your boat, trailer, and other equipment at the boat launch.

Empty bait buckets safely

Bait buckets should be emptied on land. Never release live bait caught in one lake to another waterbody.

No pets, please

Do not release or flush aquarium pets or aquarium water into a waterbody, drainage ditch, or sewer.



An invasive species is an exotic, or alien, species that negatively affects the environment (native species or an ecosystem), the economy, or society.

Invasives tend to be hardy, fast at reproducing, and have no natural predators in their adopted homes.

If you are getting this newsletter on paper and would prefer to read it online, please send your email address to Melanie at:

melaniejmacleod@gmail.ca

DOG STRANGLING VINE COMES TO CORDOVA LAKE

Summer 2012

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There is a patch of this nasty invasive weed on the west side of the lake south of the last cottage on FR59. Dog-strangling vine (DSV) grows fast, is hard to get rid of, and takes over the areas where it grows, smothering other vegetation. You don't want it on your cottage property!

We found it last fall and with the property owner's permission we dug out as much as possible. This spring we're at it again to try to get rid of it before it spreads more, or at least to keep it contained.

It spreads through its root system and from seeds that float through the air in the fall.

Could everyone please check their property for DSV and if you find it let me know at iansturdee@rogers.com or by calling 613-472-2646. I can work with you to try to get rid of it. Pesticides can help but the problem is that the patches will be close enough to the water that the purity of the lake is at risk (remember that preserving water quality rated first in the recent cottagers survey).

Ian Sturdee

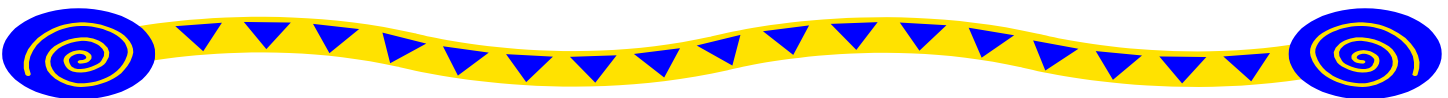
May-June-July





July-August-September



This photo was not taken at Cordova Lake but shows what can happen when growth is left unchecked!



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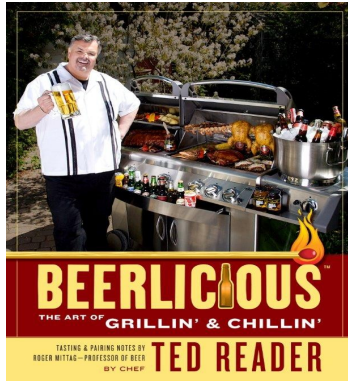
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A Cottage Kind of Cookbook

Hello to all of you...just thought you would be interested to know that this new cook book featuring Chef Ted Reader has Tasting and Pairing Notes by Roger Mittag - The Professor of Beer. Roger has a story that he wrote at the beginning of the book entitled: "The Story of How Beer Met BBQ (and a bunch of other stuff) and every recipe has tasting and pairing notes.

The book was released at Chapters/Indigo on May 15, 2012.

FYI - Years ago Roger was interviewed for an article in The Globe and Mail - Toronto and the journalist referred to him as the Professor of Beer....and it stuck!!!



Ann Mittag

Roger and Ann are cottagers at the south end of Cordova Lake.

You may wish to check our Roger's website at:
thirstforknowledge.ca

We all look forward to escaping to the cottage. The atmosphere can be so relaxing that we often forget to do the things that we always take care of at home. Cottage fires can be extremely serious particularly since it takes a little while for help to reach you. For the sake of your life and that of your loved ones, please take a few minutes to prepare a cottage Fire Escape Plan with your family. This will help to ensure that everyone makes it out of the house in the event of a fire. Practice your fire escape plan at least twice a year. **GET OUT AND STAY OUT!!!**

Please call 705-778-3183 for help in creating your plan.

www.canoemuseum.ca

Looking for a way to extend the canoe season through the winter months? Plan a visit to the [Canadian Canoe Museum](http://www.canoemuseum.ca) in Peterborough. Open year round, the museum is a unique heritage centre which includes a collection of hundreds of canoes, kayaks and paddled watercraft from across Canada.



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Safe Campfires

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Forest Fires are naturally caused by lightning, and also by human carelessness.

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 County Transportation Service

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TRANSPORT CANADA CHANGES

Beginning on April 15, 2011 Transport Canada implemented changes to the Pleasure Craft Operator Card exam. BOATsmart!® supports Transport Canada's move to this new learning focused approach, ensuring that boaters are better prepared to enjoy Canada's waterways safely.



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Online Exam

Starting April 15, 2011 boaters will be required to complete a 3-hour Online Study Guide, successfully passing progress questions for each learning module before proceeding to the final exam.

The final exam has increased from 36 to 50 questions, and boaters will be required to have a more comprehensive knowledge of boating skills. Online exams no longer have to be supervised and can be completed from any internet connection including the candidate's private residence.

In Person Exam

Boaters are able to complete the exam in-person. Beginning April 15, 2011 the in-person exam increased from 36 to 50 questions. Boaters are encouraged to prepare in advance by purchasing a BOATsmart!® Home Study Guide in printed or interactive CD-ROM format at participating Canadian Tire stores. The official in-person exam is available at BOATsmart!® Exam Centres, participating Canadian Tire stores and BOATsmart!® Safe Boating Team events in communities across Canada.

Classroom Courses

With the increase from 36 to 50 questions, boaters can benefit from taking the BOATsmart!® Classroom Course. Combining 3 hours of instruction with the official Pleasure Craft Operator Card exam, courses are available to boat-

ers across Canada.

If you completed your exam prior to April 15, 2011 your BOATsmart!® Card is valid for life. You are NOT required to retake the new 50 question exam.



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SAVE A LIFE THIS SUMMER

Every year in Canada hundreds of Canadians drown while boating. Most of them never intended to be in the water, they were just enjoying their boating activity. Most of them, **over 87%**, are not wearing a lifejacket or a PFD (or did not have it done up properly) when they drown.

When it comes to lifejackets or PFD's, close by isn't close enough. Choose to WEAR your lifejacket or PFD and make every boating outing a return trip.

Lifejackets vs PFD's:

Lifejackets:

A Canadian approved standard **lifejacket**, when worn properly, is designed to turn an unconscious person from face down to face up in the water, allowing them to breathe. The standard lifejacket is keyhole style and comes in two sizes - one for people who weigh over 40 kg (90 lbs), and one for people who weigh less than 40 kg (90 lbs).

Standard lifejackets must be orange, yellow or red, and have a whistle attached.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's):

A Canadian approved **PFD** is designed to keep you afloat in the water.

PFDs were designed for use in recreational boating and are generally smaller, less bulky and more comfortable than lifejackets. They have less flotation than lifejackets, and have limited turning capacity, but are available in a variety of styles and colours

Inflatable PFD's

An inflatable is a type of personal flotation device that either automatically inflates when immersed in water, or is inflated by the wearer using either an oral or manual inflation device. Most inflatable PFDs use a carbon dioxide cartridge to inflate. Approved inflatable PFDs can be worn if you are 16 years or older and weigh more than 36 kilograms.

Things to consider when choosing a flotation device:

Activities: Consider the water activities that you enjoy. Today there are PFD's specially designed for various activities including pleasure boating, fishing, water skiing, tubing, kayaking, canoeing and rafting. Note that inflatable lifejackets or PFD's are not approved for some uses in Canada. Be sure to choose a PFD that meets your particular needs.

Colour: PFD's are available in many bright colours. The Canadian Coast Guard strongly recommends bright colours for better visibility.



Size: Sizing is based on chest measurements for adults and weight for children -- read the label for details. Try the lifejacket or PFD on. It should fit snugly, with all the buckles, zippers and snaps done up, but still allow room to breathe and move around freely. Try walking and sitting in it too. Your PFD is too big if you can pull it over your ears, and too small if you cannot fasten all buckles and straps.

Children's flotation devices

There are approved PFD's and lifejackets designed especially for children. When you purchase a child's approved flotation device, look for the following:

- Canadian approval labels detailing the appropriate chest size or weight
- A large collar for extra protection and support to the child's head
- A grab strap on the collar
- Bright colors; yellow, orange or red are most easily seen
- Sturdy, rust-proof buckles and zipper
- Waist ties with snug-fitting drawstrings or elastic in front and back
- A safety strap that fastens between the legs to prevent the device from slipping over the child's head

-Reflective tape and a plastic whistle

-Make sure that the approved flotation device is comfortable, yet snug.

-Do not buy a PFD or lifejacket that is too large in the hope that the child will grow into it.

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State of Canada's Birds

Bird Studies Canada and our North American Bird Conservation Initiative partners are pleased to announce the upcoming release of the first-ever *State of Canada's Birds* report.

"Much of the information for the report was collected by volunteers," said Dr. George Finney, BSC President. "Without the citizen science programs offered by Bird Studies Canada and our partners, the report would not have been possible. BSC's valued members and volunteers are critical to the success of bird research and conservation efforts."

The report draws on 40 years of data to create a picture of the current health of Canada's birds. It points to the strong influence of human activity – both positive and negative – on bird populations. Although many species are declining, we have learned that where conservation is applied, it works. For example, some raptor and waterfowl population increases are a result of management and conservation programs.

The report will be available online on June 26. To obtain an electronic copy, please visit the [State of Canada's Birds website](#). Bird Studies Canada members will receive a printed copy of the full report in early July, with their Summer issue of *BirdWatch Canada*.



Fire Department

Burn permits are available from the Fire Department. You may burn without a permit 2 hours prior to sunset and extinguish 2 hours after sunrise provided there is no burn ban in place.

All events involving the setting off of fireworks require an application of approval which can be obtained from the Fire Department.

Fire Chief: Ray Haines
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HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE

Let's say it's 6.15p.m. and you're going home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself..!!

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.



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The Water Column

The mission of this column is to bring about an awareness and understanding of just how grave our world water crisis is and will become. Each column will examine, paraphrase and constructively critique an article written by one of our foremost leaders in water awareness.

Dear Reader,

As we embark upon another summer season at Cordova Lake, I am going to move away slightly from the usual focus of the water column to present an essay, written as feedback, and possibly a tribute, to Canada's own great naturalist, David Suzuki. Suzuki opened ***Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie*** with these chilling words:

A swamp is a magical place. Today - what Was my magical place - is a huge parking lot"

I hope some of the Cordova newsletter readers also saw that documentary. When it was over, I thought, where is *my* magical place?

The response came as fast as a lightning bug darting in mid summer's gloaming. Joycie's swamp and mine. A swamp of thick black mud and alder bushes, a swamp where we had a path leading from the edge of the woodshed through to the old abandoned cabin, and the mystery that lay between.

When we were kids, Joycie and I had no idea how long that land had been a swamp or how difficult it had been for pioneering settlers to carve a village from swampland. We had no idea where the water truly came from or where it was going. If it had been suggested, it just never occurred to us that the glacial water we intrepidly waded in was on its way to the Bay of Fundy. It would have been foreign for us to learn that the entire place, in which we lived, was a watershed.

In the Sunday March 13 CBC broadcast premiere of Sturla Gunnarsson's definitive 2010 documentary *Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie*, Suzuki speaks of a place most of us may be reluctant to attribute as magical - a swamp - perhaps preferring the more accurate fetid, dank, black mud of a stinking collection hole for spring run-off. Bless David for bringing it to our attention.

Allow me to present my own magical swamp. However, you'd be hard pressed to find agreement as to any existing magical qualities.

My swamp is located in a depression between two hills in western New Brunswick. My quagmire was chosen as a major stopping point on the rail line in 1858 and, at one time, had a population of 2000 people. Upon my bog, my Irish grandfather moved a house in 1928 and three generations saw the raging rush of spring runoff invade the house itself, positioned as it was in the swamp. My marsh is dead centre of the village.

My swamp is probably just like Suzuki's - with one exception - it still lives. Nothing changes in that village of a century and a half. The Ministry of Natural Resources might apply the definition of freshwater marsh to my swamp, or they could be more specific and call it a shrub wetland, the difference being, the shrub wetland is dominated by a variety of shrubs or alder thickets.

The rail line built in 1858 sliced the hamlet, into four quadrants adjacent to the rail tracks. The rail line experienced a takeover by the C.P. R. and the settlement became a village.

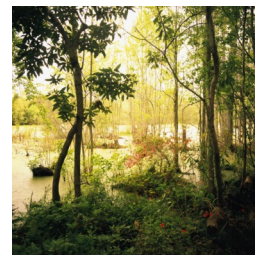
However, two little kids wallowing through the fetid, fertile, ebony swamp mud were unconcerned about the origins of the swamp or, more importantly, its destiny.

Joycie and I both lived in the northwest quadrant sectioned by the rail bed and the main road in which there was a high elevation, locally termed, Scott's Mountain. Joycie's grandfather, an astute and thrifty Scot from Northern Ireland, owned a massive parcel of land, which included the mountain. High on this mountain and deep from within the bowels of the earth existed a pristine spring that fed the entire watershed. The waters lost none of their intensity of coldness as they travelled down the mountain and spread into a brook, a creek and a stream, and flowed as it did, to spill into the Bay of Fundy.

The CPR purchased the property, tapped the spring on Scott's Mountain, and ran a pipe from the mountaintop, down the mountain, built a reservoir and, across the track, a water tower.

Our family was poor but amazingly I didn't seem to realize it. Every spring my mother armed with blankets and burlap bags stuffed the space under the door frame when the swamp started backing up and pouring into our kitchen. There was a terrific stench created by open drain water pouring beneath the house for lack of proper plumbing and drainage. I knew when we must have gotten more money because the summer I was five, we were able to jack up the house.

The following year came work on the swamp - drainage and widening of the brook. My father worked amidst black flies and mosquitoes to drain the swamp. He widened and dug and shoveled to deepen the brook. He removed dead debris, branches, stones and trash.



Somewhere about this same time, my father tapped into the CPR waterline coming from Scott Mountain. Prior to this we had carried water, two pails at a time, from the community Watering Tub.

Joycie and I continued our forays into our magical place but, we were getting older. Other things occupied us – boys, dances, a driver’s license, graduation – and as time passed, the swamp sunk further into the recesses of our memories.

Today the swamp is completely filled in. Alder bushes sway in the lazy summertime air masses. Gnats, insects, and bees move on the air currents, making their daily visits. Patchy asphalt pokes its grayness from beneath grass and weeds, the barest traces of what was once a driveway. The lawn is waist high with swamp grasses and, here and there, a small sapling, if left to grow, will become a strong maple tree. The edges of a rusted culvert peak from beneath a canopy of dead leaves and rotting timbers but, it matters little, as the rushing flowing waters are gone. On a recent return trip, I discovered that nowhere was there any sign above ground level that this piece of property had ever been inhabited. Six decades of human habitation erased, gone.

And I felt lucky. Unlike David Suzuki, our magical place was still intact. Nothing has changed. Not really. I threw my head back, and addressed my grandfather: “It’s just the way you found it! It looks just exactly the same as it did in 1928. It has all gone back to the land.”

And then another thought, an inspiration, “Maybe I’ll bring Joycie by here, the next time I’m down. She might like to see our magical place again.”

Enjoy another idyllic summer at your cottage!

It is your cottage that is teaching you, and your family, values and respect for the land and water that many of us failed to consider before becoming cottage owners.

Anne Marie Beattie, an Oshawa based freelance writer, has been published in Canada, the U. S. and Bermuda. Like you, she enjoys sunsets on Cordova Lake and for most of her life the comfort of not having to worry about water.

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Keeping the 'Family' in the Family Cottage

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Here is the 2012 schedule of FOCA Cottage Succession events:

July 28th Bancroft

July 29th Havelock

Visit www.foca.on.ca/Cottage-Succession for details.



Join Estate Planning Lawyer Peter Lillico, who shares legal experience and anecdotes about plan successes and pitfalls. (One involved a family member who chased another down the cottage road with a canoe paddle...)

We are pleased to welcome back event sponsors Tranter & Associates (www.cottagesuccession.ca) who will join Lillico at the Gravenhurst and Bancroft locations to bring a financial planning perspective to the discussion.

We Can All Make a Difference



If you would like instructions to make bed mats for adults or children, please email Melanie at melaniejmacleod@gmail.com

A group of dedicated young people of Melanie's acquaintance are trying to make the world a better place by donating bed mats to the homeless in Canada and to underprivileged folk in trouble-ridden parts of the world, such as Haiti.

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These outer milk bags (which usually hold three clear bags) frequently get thrown away. Melanie would be more than happy to receive washed and rinsed bags and they can be dropped off at #201 FR59 or, if you aren't able to bring them, she could pick them up from you. Please call 613-472-6166 if you would like her to do so.

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A Long Life Well-Lived

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Hugh Braun**, of #26 Fire Route 57, who passed away on Feb 1, 2012 in his 97th year. Ray Braun tells me that his Dad was a cottage resident since 1955 and a permanent resident since 1979. Hugh lived in Toronto and first came to Deer Lake, now Cordova Lake, in 1953. He rented one of three cabins on the hill at the beach, (the old campground) from Jean Stoll. He then bought the cottage in 1955 from Ethel Wilson. You may be interested to know that the lot where the cottage sits was the site of a saw mill back in 1910 and Ray and Marlene have a picture of it at that time.



Hugh's first wife, Ruth, died in 1958 and he remarried in 1961 to Maude, better known around the lake as Pat. He had three children: Sandy, Lynda & Raymond with his first wife Ruth. His second wife Pat had two before they married: Murray & John (Byrne) so this gave him five children to raise.

This was the family cottage until 1979 when Hugh retired and then he and his wife moved here as permanent residents. Unfortunately Pat died that same year. Hugh remained at Cordova Lake by himself until 2007. He had gone legally blind and required some help so Ray and his wife Marlene bought the place and moved in with him. He remained here until about six days before his death from cancer at which time he was hospitalized in Peterborough.

Hugh was one of the last of the first cottagers on Cordova Lake and will be missed by family and friends around the lake.

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Cordova Lake Cottage Association Inc.

Balance Sheet

31-Mar-12

Assets	
Cash	\$ -
Banks	\$ 12,556.85
- TD Canada Trust Bank Statement Balance	\$12,607.52
- Deposits in Transit	\$0.00
- Cheques to be Cleared	\$50.67
Accounts Receivable	\$ -
Advanced Cash Expenses	\$ -
Total Assets	\$ 12,556.85

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Cash Borrowed	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -

Fund Balance	
Previous Surplus/Deficit	\$ -
Current Surplus /Deficit	\$ 12,556.85
Total Fund Balance	\$ 12,556.85
Total Liabilities and fund Balance	\$ 12,556.85



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	Saturdays	9:00am– 5:00pm
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See details on bottom of next page.

Cordova Lake Cottage Association Inc.

Income and Expense Statement

September 21, 2011 - March 31, 2012

Revenue	\$	16,029.24
Membership Due & Donations	\$	1,122.75
Advertisement	\$	304.50
Regatta Revenue	\$	-
50/50 Draw Receipt	\$	-
Road Dues Receipt	\$	-
Other Revenue-Cookbook	\$	-
Bank Interest	\$	2.13
Other Revenue-Fund Balance Forwarded	\$	14,599.86
Expenses	\$	3,472.39
Regatta Expenses	\$	214.70
50/50 Draw Payout	\$	-
FOCA Dues and Fees	\$	570.00
Newsletter	\$	108.67
Insurance	\$	1,499.04
Office Supplies	\$	-
Legal & Professional	\$	1,029.98
Road Due Exp.	\$	-
AMG Expenses	\$	50.00
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Lake Plan	\$	-
Miscellaneous	\$	-
Surplus / Deficit	\$	12,556.85

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