



**Do you have internet?**

We know that most people have internet access these days but we only have email addresses for 1/3 of the people on Cordova Lake. Please send your email address to Melanie at: melanie.macleod1@sympatico.ca.

Your information will be kept confidential and you will be helping us to communicate more effectively and to save money.

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **New bylaw**
- **What is your executive doing for you?**
- **Free high speed internet is at the Cordova Mines Library!**
- **Some cookbooks are still available.**
- **How to stay safe outdoors in Winter.**

**GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I'd like to introduce myself and say "Hi" to all of you whom I've not met. My family has been on the lake for thirty years as seasonal cottagers and in the last two years we have rebuilt our cottage into our permanent home, live here year-round and love it. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of spending time here in the winter, you don't know what you are missing. There is something very special about snow that stays white and the wonderfully quiet times.



I hope to be able to contribute to the executive in a way that is visible to the residents on the lake. I and representatives from other lakes in the area such as Round, Belmont, Kasshabog and Jack have formed an association to try and better communicate with the Township on matters that directly affect our lakes such as the new set back laws and boat house laws. Before making any decisions on how the people from Cordova Lake feel we will request your input, providing up to date email addresses make this so much easier to accomplish. When we ask for input, please take the time to respond so that we have as much input as possible. On a small lake like Cordova it is crucial that everyone voice their opinion to help us create policy that is in the best interest of everyone on the lake.

In the meantime I hope that 2010 is a fantastic year for all of you!

Joanne



If you plan to move house or sell your cottage this year, please notify Melanie of the changes. In this way, we can ensure that our database is accurate.

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**FIRE ROUTES 59 AND 59A**

During the year, we have dropped sixteen loads of new gravel to the south end of the road and to the end of FR59A. Come Spring, we will finish the rest of the road out to Vansickle. We will be ditching both sides of the road for better drainage. New signage has come in and has been installed. All dues were paid this year and I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation. The sand pits area is now off limits to ATV's so please explain this to your kids and family. Road damage was to a minimum this year and I also thank you for that. An accounting sheet has been made up for anyone who would like a copy. Anyone wanting their driveway ploughed this winter (\$35 per time) should call me ASAP. The next road meeting will be held in July 2010 and road dues will be due by August 1, 2010 from now on. A thank you to Bruce Gubb for his help on the road this year. Please give me a call or email with any suggestions for the road.

Thanks,  
 Rick Racey      613-472-3033  
 delracey@hotmail.com

CLCA is a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association. You are encouraged to visit their website at foca.on.ca. They have increased the functionality of their website and created new resources to better serve their members and to address the needs of waterfront landowners.

### NEW LAKE PLAN

At the last Annual General Meeting a committee was struck to look into the development of a lake plan. You are well represented by the nine volunteers who have banded together to develop and implement plans to maintain or improve the natural and social qualities of life on our lake. We are in the very initial stages of developing our lake plan and will be considering how we can best create one which is tailored for Cordova Lake. The ten-fold purpose of the lake planning process is to:

Identify and protect specific lake values.

Promote community discussion and action.

Educate and communicate with all community members.

Set a future vision for the lake.

Set environmental and social targets.

Recommend stewardship actions.

Recommend land use policy.

Create a current inventory or snapshot of resources.

Identify issues and impacts.

Recognize and address new issues.

The lake planning process gives us the opportunity to bring lake inhabitants together as a community where common concerns and values can be identified and vocalized and where people can be engaged to think about the future. We know that it is vital that we take time to get organized and that the process is as important as the product. We welcome the opportunity to become more involved with all residential, business and recreational users of the lake and with the local council.



### FAREWELL AND WELCOME!

The Irvines—Olivia, Liam, Chris, Shane and Randy— would like to thank everybody on the lake for the past ten years. They had many great times and will miss everyone. They recently sold their cottage to the Reynolds family from Courtice and hope that we make the Reynolds feel as comfortable as we made them.

Our best wishes go with the Irvines!

### WE WANT YOU!

A new website is available that will not cost the association any money. However, we do need a volunteer to act as the webmaster . This will involve keeping the site updated with information and pictures provided by cottagers and residents that are relevant to all of us who use our lake. If you are internet savvy and willing to manage this site, please contact Joanne at 613-472-1819 .

### CORDOVA MINES BRANCH LIBRARY WELCOMES ALL!

Tuesdays: 2-5 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 3-8p.m.  
Saturdays: 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.  
Best sellers, magazines, videos, audio cassettes, children's reading centre, photocoppying.  
Free access to the web with high-speed internet.

### FIRE ROADS 57 A, B, C, D, "BEACH RD."

During 2009, road maintenance consisted of grading the roads and spreading four loads of gravel. Your road trustee is limited in the amount of money available to put gravel on the roads in the Spring if the road maintenance payments are collected from April to September. If we have a wet Spring and early Summer, by mid August the Beach Roads are in bad shape. In order to complete the necessary work in the early Spring when load limits come off local roads, it is necessary to have road dues paid as early as possible in 2010.

For the year 2010, road dues will remain at \$40.00. Your lake association dues will be collected after the annual general meeting in July.

Your cheque for \$40.00 can be mailed to Mike Bailey at RR1, Site 5, Comp. 50, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0.



## ADVERTISING REVENUE

We have been examining myriad ways to increase our CLCA revenue and have decided to sell advertising in our future newsletters. This will enable cottagers to support their neighbours and will allow advertisers the potential to expand their businesses locally.

Our fee structure will be:

1/2 page \$150

1/4 page \$95

business card size \$50

We will require that artwork be provided electronically which will minimize both set up and cost and we must maintain creative control in order to ensure that the newsletter is balanced and of interest to all.

If you are interested in placing advertising into the Spring/Summer newsletter, please contact Melanie MacLeod by the end of February, 2010. An email reminder will be sent out early in the Spring but, as postage costs weigh heavy, there will not be a mailed reminder.



### LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR LAKE HEALTHY

Last year, on a couple of occasions, a fellow cottager noticed a group of young teenage girls washing and rinsing their hair in the lake. They were on a pontoon in the middle of the lake so he didn't know from which cottage they came. He suspects that they were not using biodegradable soap, but even if they were they should not be using it directly in the

lake. He asked them not to do it again but the next weekend saw them doing the same thing elsewhere in the lake. He would like to remind people that this practice is unacceptable and hopes that people who witness this might politely ask the offenders to stop damaging our lake.

**THANKS TO SAM'S PLACE,  
THE CORDOVA LAKE COOKBOOKS ARE  
ALMOST SOLD OUT!!**

Janet Gammon still has about fifteen cookbooks and she has left some at Sam's to be sold over the winter. People living near Sam's who would like a copy may pick one up at the store in Cordova Mines.

Anyone else who wants to reserve a copy can call Janet at 416-287-0403 and she'll make sure to reserve one for them. Cost is just \$5.00.

*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every new year find you a better person."*

*Benjamin Franklin*



### REMEMBERING DON MILLSON

Brenda (nee Ellis) and Don moved to Cordova Lake in 1994, after thirty-three years of service at General Motors in Oshawa. After selling their summer cottage on the river, they built a new home on the lake. During this period of time, Don took on the job of maintenance on Ellis Avenue which he did for twelve years.

Don was always available to help people with odd jobs around the lake. Whenever anyone needed him he would be there, always helpful! Brenda and Don moved in 2007 to a new home in Port Newcastle on Lake Ontario. After a one year battle with cancer, sadly Don passed away on August 9, 2009. He

will be missed by many people especially his family and friends.

Written by Don's sister-in-law,

Pat Shackleton

December 2009



## WINTER SNOWMOBILING

Melanie Searles , Bill Scott and Chris Lamers had a great time snowmobiling on Cordova Lake and surrounding areas last Winter. During the third week of February, they were part of the salvage team which pulled a four-wheeler out of the lake that had gone down right in front of their cottage. Melanie was kind enough to forward some photos of this event to me. Unfortunately, since we continue to be on dial-up, I have not been able to pass the pictures along to you.

Melanie would like to remind people who are enjoying Cordova Lake during the winter that you should, "Know Before You Go". Know the ice conditions before you step out onto that ice, wear proper flotation suits and carry ice picks. Be sure that someone knows where you have gone and when you expect to be back. Melanie says that it was an eerie feeling to see the four-wheeler come up from the icy depths. Thankfully, no one was hurt on this occasion.



## ZEBRA MUSSELS

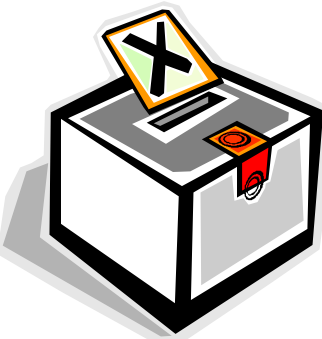
Zebra Mussels are small, fingernail-sized mussels native to the Caspian Sea region of Asia which are believed to have been transported to the Great Lakes via ballast water from a transoceanic vessel. The ballast water, taken on in a freshwater European port, was subsequently discharged into Lake St. Clair, near Detroit, where the mussel was discovered in 1988. Since that time, they have spread rapidly to all of the Great Lakes and waterways in many states, as well as Ontario and Quebec. They can attach to boats or boating equipment that is in the water which is why it is so vital that all boats and trailers be checked **prior** to being placed in our lake.

A couple of cottagers have reported finding some zebra mussels clinging to their docks. At this time, there is no specific way of eradicating them. One must, however, take care to ensure that one's water intake does not become clogged by them. At this time, we do not have a clear picture of their impact on our lake or of how we can best deal with the situation. If you have information to share about this, please contact Melanie. Further updates will be shared in the next newsletter.

## POLITICAL ACTION NEEDED



We have been closely monitoring the changes to the Official Plan which the Township of Havelock Belmont Methuen has recently introduced regarding regulations for boathouses and yard encroachments. Whilst this bylaw may, at first glance, seem to be fairly innocuous, it does contain some far-reaching implications for us all. One of our concerns is regarding building regulations. Now that the by-law has changed, the set back for buildings or renovations is 100 ft. from high water. This makes it virtually impossible for anyone on this lake to get a building permit to renovate their cottage.



Another major issue is that many properties prevent a full 100 ft set back for septic systems and it is very difficult to measure these. Where do they begin and end – with pipes? with field? Is it practical or desirable to put septic systems between shorelines and cottages that are set back the regulation 100 ft? In addition, there is a lack of clarity regarding authority over septic systems. Does it rest with the Health Unit or the Township?

As you know, the next municipal election will take place in 2010. This is the time to determine if our politicians are representing us adequately, to propose any changes we may want and, if anyone is interested in running for a political seat, now is the time to start campaigning.

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE FROM YOUR SECRETARY



The members of our executive committee gathered on October 9, 2009 to meet with the new members of the group and to talk about issues pertaining to our lake association. We were able to share ideas and to ensure that we're all working 'from the same page'.

We are accountable fiscally to all members and have included the annual financial statement in this newsletter for your perusal. Our financial books are audited annually and have been found to be kept in perfect condition by our treasurer, Maureen Carlson. As you can see, our revenue just slightly exceeds our expenses. We rely on association fees and money generated from the regatta in order to operate.

We are well aware that times are not easy and that some people do not have the disposal income that they once did. We are also aware that we can only do so much with the money we have been given. Each member's \$10 fee currently enables us to pay for signage, lake buoys and maintenance, two newsletters annually, lake insurance and lobbying bodies that regulate water maintenance, taxes, garbage disposal and a variety of environmental issues. Please note that road dues are received by each road rep. and that those funds are NOT part of the lake association money.

As a result of increased demands on our purse, your executive feels that it has no choice but to increase membership dues to \$20 per annum for 2010. This will allow us to incorporate (\$800) and to begin measures to implement the lake plan. In addition, if we have to modify or replace buoys to ensure that they accurately meet code we could have bills that run into the thousands of dollars. These items are increasingly important to us all if we are to protect our investments and to avoid litigation.

The fee structure is outlined in our constitution. A change to it will, therefore, necessitate the inclusion of an addendum which will require the approval of the membership. Another addendum will deal with the clarification of the term 'trustee' as it is used in the constitution. We are interpreting it to mean 'road representative'.

We have been informed that some cottagers find that the current date of the Annual General Meeting (Labour Day Sunday) is not suitable as many people have already left for the season by that date. We propose instead that, hereafter, the Annual General Meeting should take place on the second Sunday of July. This too, along with the other two addenda, requires approval of the membership. However, so that we are not hampered unnecessarily and have to wait an additional year, we would appreciate it if we could proceed with the meeting in July 2010. If you are concerned about this or wish to register your disapproval, please contact a member of the executive to do so.

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# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



## CLCA - Income & Expenses Sept 2/08 to Aug 11/09

Date	Description	Ch'q #	Expense	Deposit	Total
Sep 2/08	Forward				7315.82
Sep-03	M Carlson AGM Refreshments	156	33.00	0	7282.82
Sep-03	Mike Bailey. Road dues	157	40.00	0.00	7242.82
Sep-04	CLCA -3/08 + \$40 Road Dues		0.00	70.00	7312.82
Sep-17	cheque 154 returned		0.00	200.00	7512.82
Sep-17	FOCA membership	158	563.85	0.00	6948.97
Oct-23	CLCA -22/08. 1/09		0.00	230.00	7178.97
Oct-28	Paul Duke winter markers	159	316.32	0.00	6862.65
Oct-31	Interest		0.00	0.89	6863.54
Jan 8/09	Melanie MacLeod - Newsletter	160	213.35	0.00	6650.19
Feb-26	Atreens Counsel Insurance	161	1414.80	0.00	5235.39
Apr-28	Ray Beckford	162	125.00	0.00	5110.39
Apr-28	CLCA 1/09		0.00	10.00	5120.39
Apr-30	Interest		0.00	1.30	5121.69
Jun-03	Melanie MacLeod - Newsletter	163	590.72	0.00	4530.97
Jul-18	FOCA Lake Planning Kit	164	5.00	0.00	4525.97
Jul-19	J Hallmark Gravel -mail area + reggata	165	315.00	0.00	4210.97
Jul-15	J Gammon Cookbook Sales		0.00	120.00	4330.97
Jul-28	FR59 65/09		0.00	650.00	4980.97
Jul-28	M Carlson Regatta prizes and float	166	1100.00	0.00	3880.97
Aug-04	CLCA 33/09 1/07 2/08 2/10 1/11		0.00	390.00	4270.97
Aug-04	Regatta Revenue		0.00	3925.00	8195.97
Aug-07	Geoff Martin regatta expenses	167	888.02	0.00	7307.95
Aug-07	Sams Place regatta food	168	552.25	0.00	6755.70
Aug-08	Harris Septic, Potties	169	178.50	0.00	6577.20
Aug-11	CLCA Dues 34/09		0.00	340.00	6917.20
Aug-11	Regatta Revenue		0.00	1013.00	7930.20
Aug-11	Deposit for AGM comm centre	170	299.00	0.00	7631.20
	Totals		6634.81	6950.19	
	End of year difference			315.38	315.38

## ROAD DUES FOR FIRE FOUTE 54

Road dues for 2010 for F.R.54 will be continue to be \$100.00. Gord Bertrand would really appreciate it if you could drop the road dues off at his home which is located at #14 F.R.54 B. If you prefer to mail a cheque, please send it to Gordon Bertrand at RR1, Havelock, ON K0L1Z0.

Gord thinks that his time is better spent working on the road rather than trying to obtain road dues and would really appreciate it if those who owe him for past years would clear their debt with him.