



# THE LOON CALL

**SPRING  
1993**

Official Newsletter of the Lake Weslemkoon Conservation Association  
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## The President's Message

**T**he ice is just about out. The black flies are getting ready and the 93' summer season is ready to go. Let's hope that the 93' season has better weather.

As everyone knows, this year is the year for water sampling. At the annual meeting we had many volunteers come forward to assist with the sampling and ... I'm sure Mike Benson will be in touch with you in the very near future.

Another project we hope will get completed this year is the telephones ... everything was going as scheduled and the installation of the cable was to start May 1. However, a small snag has developed and that's cutbacks by Bell Telephone. As of this date we are not sure that this will include Lake Weslemkoon and let's hope that it doesn't.

Enclosed, you will find the membership dues of 58.85 for 1993.

To those who do not belong, please check the benefits. It's getting more important every year to have 100% participation in our cottage association. This is our last year for a custodian visit to non-members. If you are not a member, please give it careful consideration. We need your support.

The Lake Weslemkoon cottage map is being revised and updated this year and will be available at our annual meeting at the Four Loons Marina, August 7. Hope everyone is planning to attend.

### A NEW SERVICE FOR THE LAKE.

Frank Smith has invested in a system for pumping septic tanks. This service is certainly welcome and I hope everyone supports it and has their septic tank emptied.

The Junior Loons seem to have a busy season planned and I think we all owe a big thanks to the people that make it happen.

That's all for now. If you have any concerns or constructive criticisms; either contact your local director or myself and we'll try our best to solve them.

See you at the lake.

GLENN

## Summer 1992

### Junior Loons Report

Despite the weather, Weslemkoon's Junior Loons enjoyed an active summer in the canoes and on the baseball diamond. Saturday morning baseball, new this summer, gave all our Junior Loons, especially the younger members, a chance to get together and - PLAY BALL! Many thanks to our terrific coaches Peter Chiddy and Al Whyte and to Four Loons Marina who kindly sponsored our games and hosted the end of season barbecue.

The junior canoe races were blessed with perfect weather for paddling and 28 enthusiastic participants turned out for the two exciting and closely fought races. The winning teams were:

Age 11 and Under	
First Place	Mark Carnaghan
	Greg Carr
Second Place	Katie Foley
	Jennifer Foley
Third Place	Sarah Chiddy
	Kristi Mehist
Age 12 and Over	
First Place	Sarah Peddie
	Geoff Stoker-Lavelle
Second Place	Luke Carnaghan
	Matt Bannan
Third Place	Billy Smith
	Lee Caudle

The senior race two weeks later brought out a small but keen group of paddlers after a one-day weather postponement. More bad weather on race day added to the challenge, and everyone showed good spirit and sportsmanship, especially the wet spectators! We congratulate all contestants, including the following prizewinners:

First Place	Ellie Cawker
	Derek McGilvray
Second Place	Brett Palfreyman
	Michael Richards
Third Place	Amy Richards
	Cameron Steer

My heartfelt thanks to Francis & Peter Chiddy, Judy and Glenn Hogg, and Heather & Chris Cromien who helped with the canoe races again this year. We are all grateful for the generous contribution of treats and prizes from Four Loons Marina and prizes from Tanglewood Marina. The Junior Loons appreciate the support for our summer activities.

We invite all Junior Loons and their guests to join us again this summer for Saturday morning baseball and the traditional canoe races. Details will be posted at the marinas. See you soon.

Gillian Stoker-Lavelle, Rockwell Island



# LAKE WESLEMKOON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

### RECEIPTS

Bank a/c #109000 @ 31 Dec 91	\$ 2091.70	
Bank a/c #641768 @ 31 Dec 91	426.38	
G.I.C. T/D Bank Madoc (Contingency Fund)	<u>5,000.00</u>	
		\$ 7,518.08
Dues		8,131.94
Contingency Fund		3,480.00
Friends of the Lake		100.00
Goods & Services Tax		822.01
Bank Interest a/c #109000		111.93
G.I.C. Interest		276.63
Maps		536.25
Grant - Twp of Denbigh		200.00
Miscellaneous		
Regina Bay Cottagers	\$ 180.00	
Anonymous Donor	99.50	
Dues Overpayment	6.50	
Bank Error	<u>.20</u>	
		<u>286.20</u>
		21,463.04

### DISBURSEMENTS

Buoys & Lights	208.12	
Bank Charges	44.91	
Custodians	900.00	
Garbage Collection & Disposal	5,050.00	
Garbage Crib Land Rental	150.00	
Junior Loons	134.42	
Goods & Services Tax	578.47	
GST to Revenue Canada 1991	189.00	
Postage & Printing	936.66	
Miscellaneous		
Garbage Stickers (4 yrs)	319.44	
Balance Re: Bulletin Boards	95.44	
Relocation of 4 Loons Garbage Crib	400.00	
Telephone, Xeroxing, Off. Supplies	<u>153.81</u>	
		\$ 9,160.27

### FUNDS ON HAND

Bank a/c #109000 @ 31 Dec 92	\$ 3,103.63	
Bank a/c #641768 @ 31 Dec 92	422.51	
T/D Bank Madoc - Contingency Fund		
C.I.C.8013861-01	\$ 5,276.63	
C.I.C.8013861-02	3,500.00	
		8,776.63
		<u>\$ 12,302.77</u>
		\$ 21,463.04

## USE OF PRESSURE TREATED WOOD IN AND NEAR WATER

The Association has conducted some research into the position of the Ministry of the Environment regarding the use of pressure treated wood in or near the water.

The Ministry's present policies and guidelines refer to a study which concluded "it is evident, however, that metals can leach from CAA - treated wood and as such the use of treated wood in or near water should be carefully evaluated. There is no evidence to suggest that the use of CAA - treated wood for the construction of docks or retaining walls in contact with water causes significant harm to lakes or rivers."

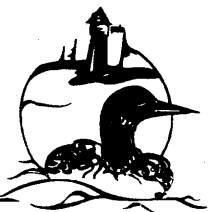
However, the Ministry policy goes on to indicate that in the interest of reducing the environmental impact of metals such as copper, chromium and arsenic in small water bodies that support potentially sensitive aquatic organisms, it is suggested that alternative materials (eg.. untreated wood, plastic, aluminum,, concrete, rock cribs) be given consideration as construction material that will be in continuous contact with permanent surface water with these characteristics.

It also appears that amendments to the present Ministry policies and guidelines regarding this issue may be forthcoming which will significantly regulate the use of pressure treated wood in water contact applications.

Cottagers who have questions or require guidance. regarding this issue should contact:

Ontario Ministry of the Environment  
Public Information Centre  
135 St. Clair Avenue West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4V 1P5  
Telephone: (416) 323-4321

D. Alan Whyte





**T**o update those who use their cottage from May to October, the poor weather experienced this past summer continued on through the fall and early winter.

On Nov. 13th (a Friday) extremely high winds caused heavy tree loss, bringing down hydro lines throughout the entire region from Madoc to Tweed. Some people, close to towns like Denbigh were without power for up to 7 days. We considered ourselves fortunate, as we experienced a 64 hour loss of hydro, thanks to the quick response and effort by Frank Smith assisting the hydro linemen.

We were really concerned as we had a freezer full of food to see us through the period of time between getting to Tanglewood (and town) by boat, then by snowmobile, after freeze-up. We piled blankets on top of and around the freezer, kept the room cold, and were indeed fortunate that we did not lose any food.

Just before freeze-up, 6 Bell Telephone engineers dropped in with Frank to give us the most welcome news that by June or July we would have our telephone service!

One morning, in late November, while enjoying our morning coffee, watching the jays, grosbeaks, nuthatches and chickadees at our feeders, we were astounded to see a flock of 70-80 birds land on the lake between ourselves and Black Duck Island. At first, we thought they were loons, migrating, but on closer inspection we found them to be male mergansers. It was an incredible sight to see, and they stayed for 3-4 hours.

Through January, we thoroughly enjoyed some excellent snowmobile trail riding with Ted, Bob and Beulah on the groomed trails. We've travelled to Denbigh, Cloyne, Bancroft, and Griffith for lunch, which is certainly an entirely new experience for us. We've travelled across lakes Trout, White Ashby, Effingham, Green, Mayo, Limerick, Mephisto, Skuotamata, Sheldrake, Madawaska on our travels. We've had the privilege of seeing most areas that are, to say the least, most difficult to see during the summer.

At this point in our lives, we're glad to say we're alive, well (touch wood) and convinced, more than ever, that our decision to retire on "the lake" was an excellent one.

Norm & Jo Walker

**"What's Been Happening"**

Many of the Lakers have enjoyed another good season of snowmobiling. The lake was staked again this year so trail systems could be connected and to keep everyone safe. Thank you Beulah Held, Norm and Jo Walker, Pat Armstrong, Mike Armstrong and Gail Pettifer for helping Ted and I in this venture.

People driving to Weslemkoon on Highway 28 will be glad to know that the construction is finished.

The recycling project was a huge success this past year. We hope everyone will continue taking part this summer. Our only complaint was from Marilyn Nash who wanted to send George to be recycled and we had to say no. You have to draw the line somewhere!

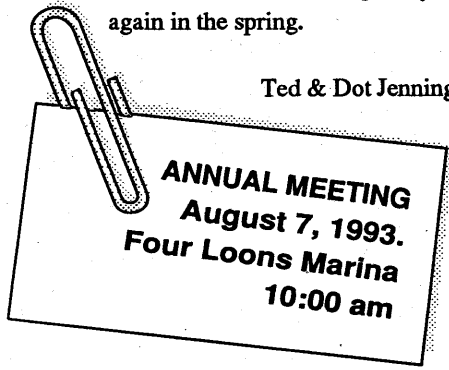
All bird watchers will be interested in knowing we had a White Gross Beak to our feeders this winter.

Our total rainfall for June, July and August and September of last year was 18.6 inches. Most fell in July and August.

The 1992 Treasure Hunt was a big success, thanks to the time and hard work of the Benson Family. Also thank you to the teams who entered, to the live clues and everyone who donated prizes.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the spring.

Ted & Dot Jennings



**Lake Weslemkoon Cottage Association Board of Directors**

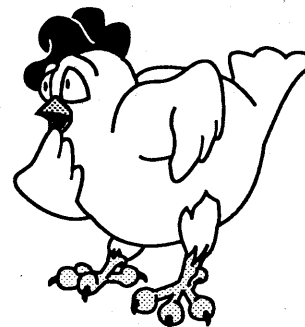
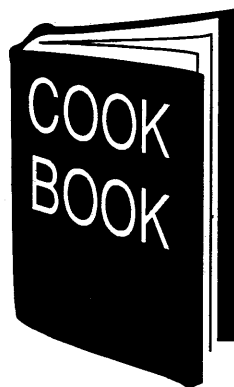
Name	Cottage #	Responsibilities
Mike Benson	27	Environment
Frances Chiddy	928	Garbage
Ron Demmis	189	Fishing
Ron Erikson	288	PR
Gord Greer	28	Members
Howard Heath	360	
Ann Houtby	741	Historian
Barb Jarvis	90	
Paul Lavelle		
Glenn McConkey	607	
Sheridan Smith	235	Liason/MNR
Katie Smith	235	
Bud Sutton	176	Buoys
Carl Walker	701	Loon Call
Norm Walker	244	Fire-Pumps
Alan Whyte		

## Blueberry Recipe

**L**ast Summer produced a bountiful harvest of Weslemkoon blueberries. Here is one popular recipe for this summer's crop.

Blueberry Cinnamon Muffins from the Canadian Living Light & Healthy Cookbook (Makes about one dozen)

These blueberries could also be made with raisins if blueberries are in short supply.



1 cup (250 ml) all purpose flour	1 egg lightly beaten
1/2 cup (125 ml) whole wheat flour	3/4 (175 ml) milk
1/4 tsp (1 ml) baking soda	1/4 cup (50 ml) melted butter or margarine
2 tsp (10 ml) baking powder	1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla
1 Tbsp (15 ml) cinnamon	1 1/2 cups (375 ml) fresh blueberries
3/4 cup (175 ml) brown sugar (packed)	4 top (20 ml) sugar

Mix together dry ingredients, reserving half of the cinnamon. In a separate bowl, add milk to beaten egg, mix in melted butter or margarine and vanilla. Add wet ingredients to dry along with the blueberries. Stir just until moistened. Spoon into greased or paper lined muffin cups. Mix reserved cinnamon with sugar. Sprinkle over tops. Bake at 375 F or 190C for 25 minutes or until firm to the touch.



### Notes:

1. The Association is preparing a list of emergency phone numbers for the assistance of the cottagers, which will be available this season.
2. Anyone interested in developing a Jr. Loon Sailing Program, please contact Alan Whyte.
3. The Association would like to compile a list of the available fire pumps on the lake. These camp numbers will be indicated on the new map. Please contact Norm Walker.
4. Ann Houtby is beginning work on a written history of the lake. If you have any documentation, please contact her.
5. If enough people are interested, Paul Lavallo will try to develop a C.P.R. Class.