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President's Letter

Terry Beettam

2010 WAS A VERY BUSY YEAR. To some degree it was a year of information-gathering, information necessary for better decision-making in the future.

In the spring we conducted the first community residents' survey in many years. Your participation (and it was extensive) provided this Board and future Boards with great insight into your thoughts about issues on the lakes, and confirmed many of our own. It also provided us with direction going forward. At last year's AGM we shared much of what was contained in the survey; as well, we have published the full results on the website (www.weslemkoon.com). Based on your comments, we have already begun to improve our membership communications with changes to the website and the implementation of an e-newsletter. If you haven't yet subscribed, it is the best way to get breaking news around the lakes.

In the context of water quality improvement, we conducted another "Get Pumped" program under the guidance of Glen Hogg. Several more residents had their septic systems pumped.

In the survey, over 80% of you supported an initiative to bring cellular phone service to the lakes. I am pleased to tell you that I have been in contact with Bell Mobility, and they are analyzing our area this year. They expect to offer cell service as well as wireless



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high speed internet to the area in the 2011-2012 timeframe. At this time there are no details available but I will keep everyone posted via the website.

2010 was a municipal elections year. Our objective in the run-up to the election was to provide you with as much relevant information as possible about the platforms of each candidate, in the hope that this would assist you in your voting choices. Possibly as a result of this, 3 new councillors were elected. More importantly, I believe these efforts have raised our profile with council and we are viewed as a more active organization within the township. Already, although it is still early, I sense a growing

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW THERE WAS A SURPRISE CHANGE TO THE ADDINGTON HIGHLANDS' RECYCLING POLICY ANNOUNCED LAST SEPTEMBER.

spirit of cooperation within council toward our concerns. We will continue to foster this spirit by remaining in contact with individual councillors as needed.

As most of you know there was a surprise change to the Addington Highlands' recycling policy announced last September. The change would have made recycling an onerous process for all of us. To counter this we made a presentation to the AH waste management committee in October, highlighting the unique problems it created for water access lakes. The result was a return to the status quo for a trial period of six months

ending June 30, 2011. It is incumbent on all of us to see that this continues after the trial period (see the article on recycling later in *The Loon Call*).

To wrap up 2010, I'd like everyone to welcome Karen Magee to our Board. Karen has volunteered to re-vitalize the Junior Loons program, as well as other activities for our lakes' children. This brings the Board up to 14 members.

2011 will bring further changes to the Board. After many years of service Dan Derumaux will be retiring. This will be my last year as President. The last 18 months have been incredibly rewarding. I have met many new people on and off

the lakes and have gained a much better understanding of all the forces that make this such a great place to spend the summer. At the 2011 AGM Sean Boyle will become your new President. I am confident that his many years on the lake, and his experience on the Board, have given him

the tools to be a fine leader.

This year we will continue to bring our energies to bear on many of the suggestions made in the survey including water quality monitoring and continuous improvements in our membership communications, as well as those with outside agencies such as the MNR, MOE and Addington Highlands township.

See you all in the spring.

*Terry Beettam,
LWCA President*

Editor's Letter

Sean Boyle

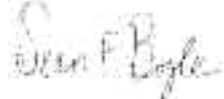
Please accept *The Loon Call* for 2011. As editor for over 10 years it has been a pleasure presenting events, news updates, director reports and interesting articles to all of the LWCA members and those who enjoy beautiful Lake Weslemkoon.

As I will become President of the Association this summer Pam Lawton will become the new editor of *The Loon Call* for 2012. Pam is a gifted photographer and artist who has two cottages on the Lake. It is a pleasure to hand the responsibilities of the news letter to Pam. Pam may be reached at pamlaw@rogers.com.

Second, I wish to thank all those on the board of directors over the years for the assistance in making the *Loon Call* one of the finest publications in all the associations. We have made it an interesting and informative read.

Have a wonderful summer this year and hope to see you on the Lake.

Sincerely,



Sean Boyle, *The Loon Call* Editor 2011



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The Loon Call would like contributions such as stories, photos of activities with your family on the lake, interesting articles concerning Lake Weslemkoon and Otter Lake. Please send your submissions to:

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For other updates please review the website at www.weslemkoon.com.

Association Members and Friends of the Lake receive *The Loon Call* by mail in the spring as part of membership. Single copies are available in limited quantities at marinas after July 1st for \$5.

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IN MEMORIAM

Paul David Lee

Dec. 28, 1940 - Oct. 16 2010

Paul was born and bred in Goderich, Ont. with two brothers and a sister (Sharon Wisnowski), moving to Toronto to make enough money to build a week-end cottage on Lake Weslemkoon in 1967. By 1975, he and Mary "retired" and moved up permanently. They fished, hunted (maintained an active trap line), contracted much business, and were friends to many customers. Paul was quiet, private, fun-loving, respected and respectful. He was fiercely proud of our lake and was passionate about keeping it pristine. He was LWCA president from '81-'83 and was the Cock-Eyed Loon in '82 (Mary was in '87).

After 40 years on the lake, in 2006, Paul and Mary – and Buster, one of the last hounds – moved to Coe Hill due to Paul's cancer and need for emergency care. He was brave to the end, with Mary and Buster constantly at his bedside, while friends and family visited often. At his memorial service in November, there were well over 100 friends recalling good times and saying farewell. Now, when the loon calls, think of Paul's spirit flying free, protecting our pristine lake and woods.

Charles (Chuck) Bailes Davidson

DAVIDSON, Charles (Chuck) Bailes came to rest at his home on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at the age of 73 years. Beloved husband of Shirley Davidson of Campbellford. Son of the late Bud and Margaret Davidson of Campbellford. Loving father of Susan Locke (Dave), Kim Davidson (Phil) and Charlie Davidson (Autumn) all of Campbellford. Dear grandfather of Cody, Jake, Kate and Maggie. Brother of the late John Davidson.

Friends visited the Weaver Family Funeral Home, 77 Second St., Campbellford on Friday November 5, 2011. Funeral Service was held in the E.W. Al Weaver Chapel on Saturday November 6, 2010. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations can be made to the Campbellford Memorial Hospital or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Online guest book & condolences at www.weaverfuneralhomes.com

Eleanor (Elly) Weaver

Eleanor (Elly) Weaver passed away suddenly January 11, 2011. Lake Wes, as she called it, was her "happy place," and inspired the following poem in the early 1970s. She cherished every living creature, rock formation and living thing, and called everyone her friend. We will always miss her loving generosity, and her potato salad. – **Cindy Weaver Coles**

INVITATION

*I could spend my numbered years
filled with joy and bliss
by drinking in with tired eyes
the silent forest's kiss.*

*The tender pines beside me now
promise me warmth, and tell of how
the blue-green carpet beneath my feet
sprinkled with graceful violets, sweet,
will be my path to follow.*

*Is it the fate that looms in me?
Or maybe the hope that blooms in me,
calling, indulging me on?*

*I hear the call throughout the night.
The owl, the brook, and the wind,
echo past the wall of the wild
and play upon my mind.*

*See, the sparkling waterfalls beckon to me
with fragile, silken fingers and,
though they shatter on the rocks,
the invitation lingers.*

*And look! A fragrant lily here
points towards the trail,
that guides me to the meadow,
beyond the forest's veil.*

*Don't go! Don't leave! Come follow!
cry the blue jays in the skies.
I am helpless to refuse their offer.
There's no need to ask them why.*

*I suppose that I am only human,
so I'll bring my fishing pole.
There is such a view, that a camera too,
would please my surrendered soul.*

I'm coming.....

Recycling in 2011 & Get Pumped

Terry Beetham

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AS YOU ALL KNOW, we narrowly escaped having to abide by new recycling rules proposed last October by the Township. These changes were to correct a problem where recyclables were being contaminated with non-recyclables at the dumpsites which in turn led to increased sorting costs.

It is critical that each of us do our part to ensure that the 6 month trial period is not rescinded after June 30. Recycling is second nature to most of us – we've been recycling in our home communities for a generation. Although individual items may be different from community to community, the concept is the same everywhere.

As the spring approaches we will be developing tools to help clarify any

questions you may have. A simple way to start is to log onto the AH website and print a list of what's allowed. The following link will get you there: <http://www.addingtonhighlands.ca/recycleguide09.pdf>

For even more detail check out: <http://www.addingtonhighlands.ca/recyclefacts.pdf>


One theme you will see running through the above is that recyclables need to be clean.

Let's all pitch in and put this bump in the road behind us. And let's not be afraid to offer advice to folks if they seem uncertain at the marinas.

GET PUMPED 2010

In 2010, a Get Pumped plan similar to one that ran 5 years ago was carried out. A

group of cottagers collectively engaged Kawartha Utility Services (KUS), who agreed to pump out water access septic tanks, based on our having a worthwhile critical mass to support their presence on our lake. KUS provided us with Workman's Compensation and Insurance certificates. In total, the Get Pumped 2010 program had septic tanks at 11 water access cottages pumped out. This occurred the second week in August. If you were up on the lake at that time you would have seen the barge with the tank on it running down the lake. The operation went without any problems.

Many thanks to Dan at Weslemkoon Marina and Ralph at Tanglewood Marina for helping to ensure the operation was a success. 

Lake Map

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THE 8TH EDITION OF THE lake map officially sold out last summer. The few remaining copies have been put into the LWCA archive.


As the first full-colour map of the Lake it sold well. We collected over \$4,200 in revenue which gave our Association a respectable profit of \$1,850.

The map was published in 2004 and was a hybrid based on a satellite photograph of the Lake and on the now classic map by Don MacKenzie which was first drawn in the early 1960s.

We have replaced the 8th edition map with a smaller 2-colour map. Since it is a scaled-down version of the 8th

edition the content of the new map hasn't changed but is now a convenient 10.5" x 17" size. The idea is to offer cottagers a small map that they can use when boating. Glen Hogg has christened this map the "glove box" map. To make it even more boater friendly, that is, semi water-proof, we are offering a limited amount of them that are laminated.

Members of the LWCA can receive the regular map for free at the next AGM. The maps will be available for sale in the marinas for \$6 and the laminated version for \$10. Ask for the "glove box" map.

A new full-colour version of the Lake map is planned to come out in a few years. 

Stuart Inglis



2010 Fish Survey



MINISTRY OF NATURAL Resources technicians were back on Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes in

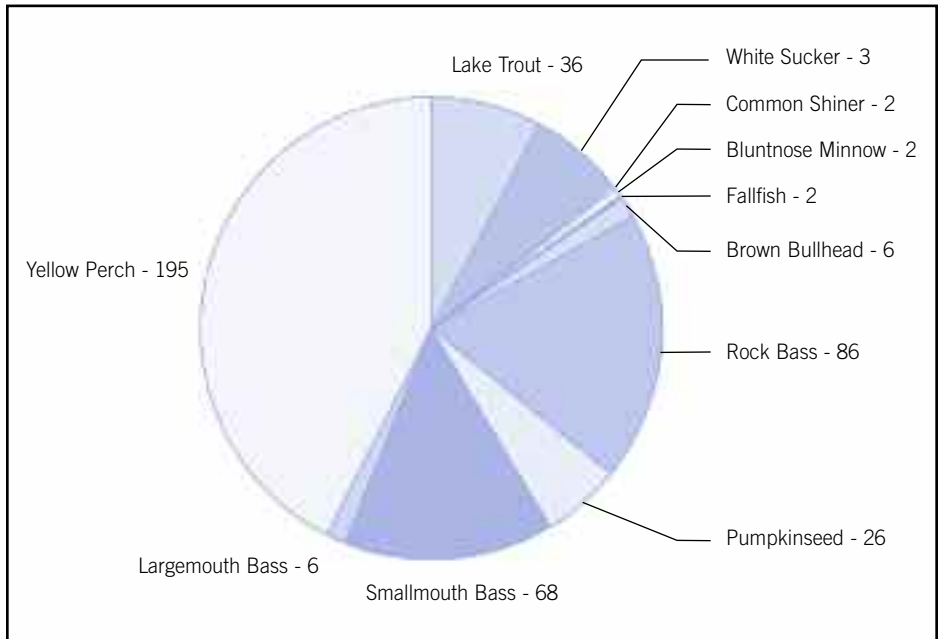
August of 2010 conducting further fish population studies. Some of you will remember the 2009 study reported in the last *Loon Call* was a Broadscale study capturing and counting all the fish species in the lakes. A quick summary of that study is in the pie chart labeled “2009 Broadscale Monitoring Draft Results Weslemkoon Lake”.

The most recent 2010 study was focused on Lake Trout population as was a similar study in 2006.

The population estimate is based on two kinds of data. First is the SPIN studies of 2010 and 2006. SPIN stands for Summer Profundal Index Netting. Profundal is the depth below where day-light penetrates and where trout live in the summer.

In 2010, the crew from the Algonquin Fisheries Assessment Unit were capturing trout from deep water. 66 strapped net sets (double nets) were placed in the water

2009 BROADSCALE MONITORING DRAFT RESULTS WELSLEMKOON LAKE



for short, precisely timed periods. The total fish capture count was 142 lake trout, 1 white sucker, 1 smallmouth bass and 15 yellow perch. Of the 142 lake trout 122 were live released. The mortality of 20 lake trout provided detailed age and sex data.

In 2006, they caught 45 trout in 39

netting sites. The 2006 study was part of a province wide program and that data was used when the decision came to source trout eggs for the North Hastings hatchery.

The second component of the population estimate is counting tagged lake trout. Almost none of the 2010 capture had such markers. Tagging trout began as part of the first SPIN study in 2006 and then as part of the annual harvest of trout eggs beginning in 2007. They’ve been counting tags and adding new ones at every egg harvesting in September. They also count the tags returned by anglers. The MNR says that by October, 2009 there were 854 tagged lake trout at large in our lakes. The unusual combination of the frequent tagging and the four year gap in SPIN studies is also allowing the MNR scientists and fishery researchers to improve their population estimating systems.

Lake Trout Population results

For 2010 the new estimate for Weslemkoon only is calculated to be 8,129 lake trout or 14.54 lake trout per hectare of



Crew Lead: Shamus Snell (driver). Technicians: Amanda Vincent and Lucas Tyukodi.

Jon Keeble

suitable habitat. In 2006, the estimate was 8700 lake trout or 15.6 trout per hectare. The apparent decrease is well within the statistical error allowed for in the calculation so the MNR is not concluding there is a decreasing population. Indeed, Colin Higgin, Assistant Senior Fish and Wildlife Technical Specialist in the Bancroft office, says it is a very healthy count and is one of the best in the district.

Otter Lake was separately tested. 12 nets were set and 8 trout caught and released in this shallower body.

The MNR has been conducting studies of this sort on specific game fish for more than a decade across the province. Previous studies elsewhere have shown a number of factors affect the fish population, notably acidification, over-exploitation, the impact of introduced species, water level manipulation, and nutrient loading. Thus far, our water studies show us holding our own on acid rain partially due to the limestone composition of our surroundings. But we are showing increased nutrients, some due to seasonal rain patterns and additional human habitation. No fish species have been introduced for more than 30 years and our deep waters are not especially affected by water level variations. That leaves over-exploitation.

One of the reasons Lake Weslemkoon has become the sole source for trout eggs for the North Hastings Fish Hatchery is that other nearby lakes are more readily reached by road – the major factor affecting how many fishers come to a lake. Ashby, which was harvested for eggs in the first years of the hatchery program, is not any longer as the trout population is already under threat. The Bancroft MNR is continuing to study local lakes to identify other potential donor lakes for the hatchery. **L**



2011-2021 FOREST MANAGEMENT AROUND WESLEMKOON AND OTTER LAKES

The forest management of the area around Lake Weslemkoon and Otter Lake falls into two forest management planning groups. The Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Management area covers most of Lake Weslemkoon and all of Otter Lake. The Bancroft-Minden Forest Management area covers a small portion of the bottom end of West Bay.

The two forest management groups are just finishing up their long term plans for the period 2011-2021 which should receive approval by March 2011. The plans do not have many areas of logging activity in the next 10 year plan around our lakes. In addition, the preliminary areas of logging activity are generally not located close to cottages and are set back from the lakes.

There are four areas of harvesting around Weslemkoon and Otter lakes in the Mazinaw-Lanark forest management plan for 2011 to 2021:

- Between Lake Weslemkoon and Effingham Lake – (continuation from 2010 plan)
- North of High Dam – (continuation from 2010 plan)
- Northwest of Mackie Bay – (set back about ½ a kilometre)
- West side of main channel at south end of lake – (with additional setback)

For the most part, these areas have substantial set-backs and are not near any cottages. However the LWCA wanted clarification on the shoreline setback buffer for the area on the west side of main channel at south end in the logging block, called block 162.

The LWCA submitted a letter to the MNR asking for clarification as to the logging plans in block 162, to ensure the setback from the water is being maintained and the viewscape will not be affected. We included photos of the area with the letter submitted, to point out applicable cottages within the area. The MNR reviewed our submission and a provided a timely reply at the end of November 2010. They agreed that an additional setback would be a benefit; this additional setback was drawn on the maps and written into the plan. The set back is not a uniform distance but starts at 30 meters and goes back from that point depending on the terrain and other silviculture conditions. For example the MNR noted that there were bird nesting sites and expanded the buffer zone to include these locations.

The Bancroft-Minden Forest Management Forest Plan which covers a small portion of the bottom end of West Bay has one area of operation that is set back on the north side of Green Lake, and goes away from Weslemkoon.

These harvest areas for the 2011-2021 Forest Management Plans could have revisions over time and therefore the LWCA needs to stay in touch with the planning groups and be ready to voice any concerns or requests for changes.

To view the maps in colour go to the www.weslemkoon.com and follow the links to logging.

Bancroft Minden 2011-2021 Forest Management Preferred and Optional

Preferred Harvest Areas

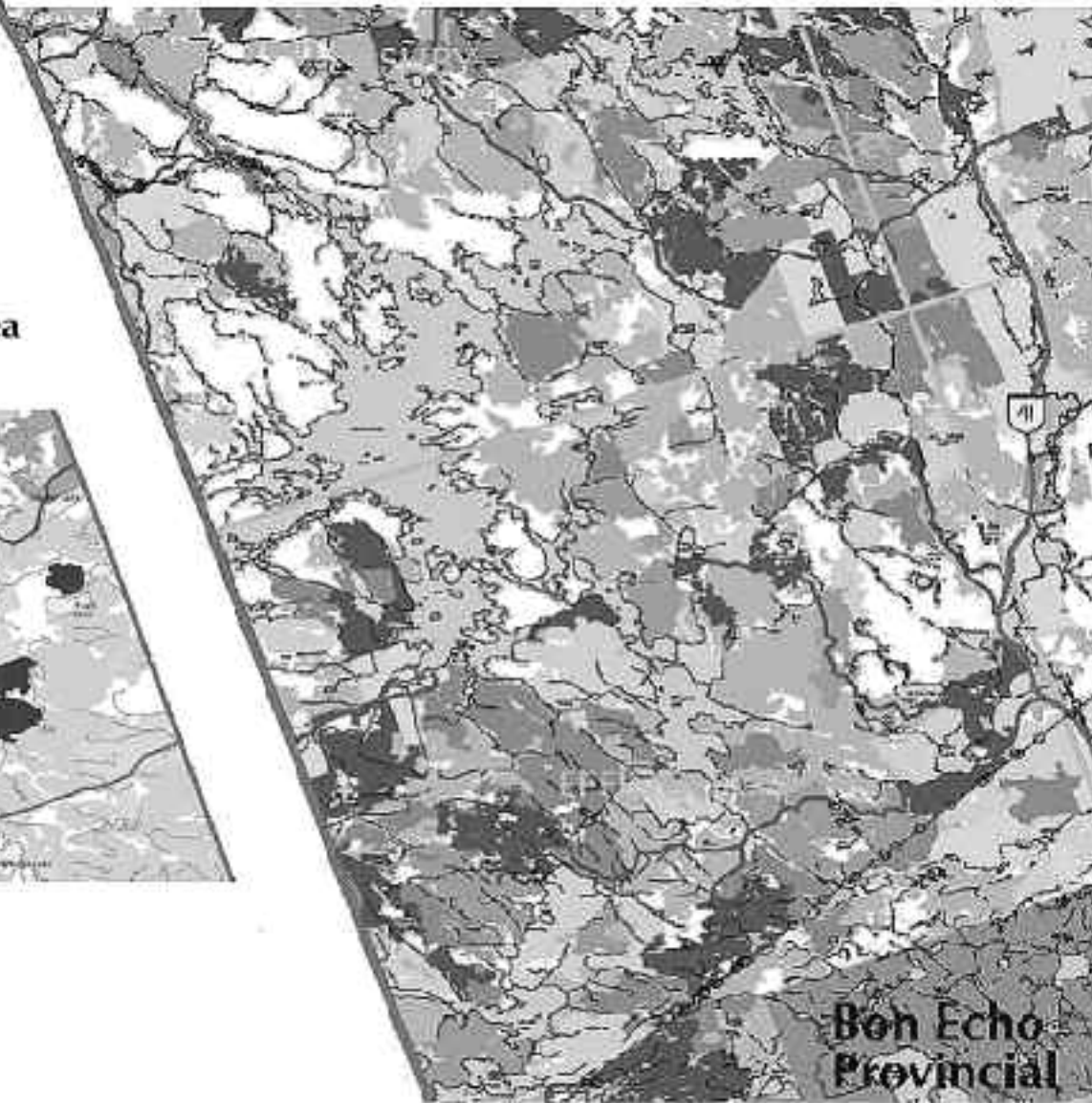
- Phase 1 Allocation (2011-2016)
- Phase 2 Allocation (2016-2021)
- Optional Harvest Area
- Park / Recreational Reserves
- Private / Federal Land
- Enhanced Management Areas
- Lakes & Rivers
- Permanent Streams
- Primary Roads
- Branch Roads
- Other Roads
- Transmission Lines
- Towns

Preferred Harvest Areas

- Phase 1 Allocation (2011-2016)
- Phase 2 Allocation (2016-2021)
- Optional Harvest Area
- Approved Areas of Harvest (2006-2010)
- Past Areas of Harvest (1996-2005)

Mazinaw-Lanark Forest (MU# 140) 2011-2021 Forest Management Plan Preferred and Optional Harvest Area

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| Private Land | Other Roads | Township Boundary |
| Parks & Conservation Reserves | Primary/Branch Roads | Management Unit Boundary |
| Lakes & Rivers | Railways | Confirmed Primary Road Corridor |
| Streams | Transmission Lines | |
| | Towns | |
| | Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc. | |

Please note that this map is available in colour at www.weslemkoon.com.

2010 Logging Hikes

Glen Hogg



THE PURPOSE OF THE hikes was to visit areas where logging has occurred, or is planned for the future, to get a close up view of the operations and better understand the process before the logging takes place. There were two hikes held in the summer of 2010.


1. GREEN LAKE HIKE TO EXPLORE LOGGING BLOCK 840 SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010

This hike was a return to the area we hiked last year to view any changes that may have occurred. This area was that logged in winter 2009. We were surprised to see how quickly some small trees had already started to grow and some of these

trees were 3 to 4 feet high. The downed woody debris was already starting to be covered over with young saplings. The log piles we saw the year before had now been taken away. One interesting addition was the proliferation of wild raspberries along the sides of the road that made a tasty treat, and was a delight as we picked and ate while moving along the spur road. It was a good hike on a beautiful summer day with the reward of seeing Green Lake from the west end.

2. PADDLE HIKE AT THE SOUTH END OF THE LAKE TO THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN CHANNEL SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010

This hike was more of a paddle to view the area in the upcoming 2011-2021 logging

plan. This is a block about ½ km north of Weslemkoon Marina on the west shore. We paddled in canoes/kayaks close to the shore and into small bays and nooks for a close-up look at the terrain and silviculture, which really helps to better understand what you are viewing when referring to the logging maps. The information gathered on this hike and pictures that were taken were used in our letter to the MNR asking for clarification as to the logging plans in block 162 (west side of main channel at south end of lake). It would appear that the hike was a success as the MNR increased the setback to preserve the area. The participants voted the hike was a success based on good company, fine weather and enjoyable scenery. 

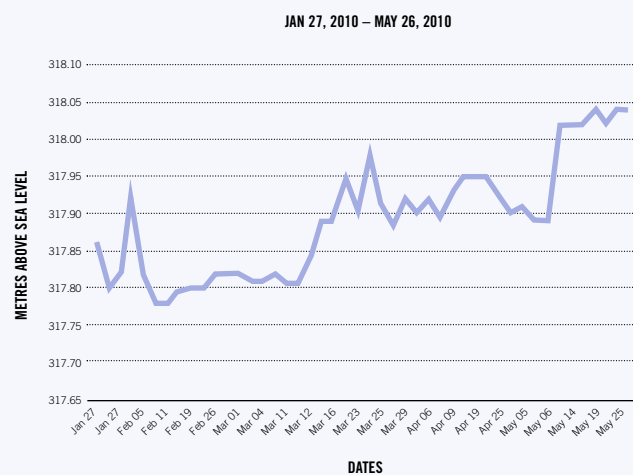


Logging near the Green Lake area, July 2009.

LAKE LEVELS

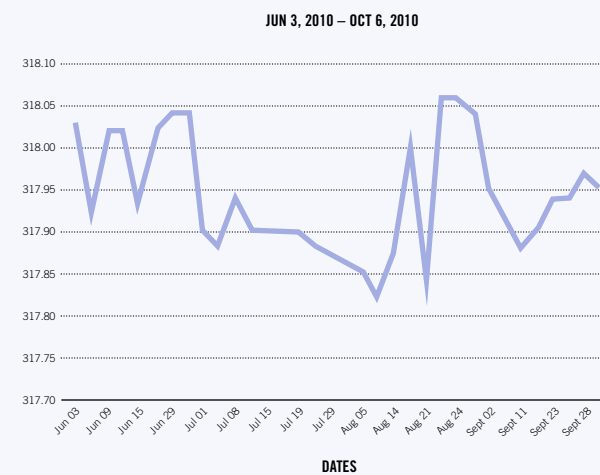
LWCA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Natural Resources to oversee the operation of the dam and provide input. Presently Ralph Seamons under the direction of the MNR controls the water level on the lake. He or MNR personnel remove or add logs using a gantry crane installed on the dam. Ralph records the water level frequently and records the corrective action. Using this data, graphs of the water levels from September 2009 until September 2010 have been posted on our website.

LAKE LEVELS



Summer operating level is 317.95 metres above sea level with a maximum of 318.05 metres and a minimum of 317.80 metres.

LWCA now has a copy of the MNR Operating Plan which in engineering jargon explains the technical aspects of operating this particular dam and the watershed it controls. In our present watershed there is a 3:1 ratio of the amount of precipitation versus the rise in lake level, so weather anticipation plays a major part in its operation. For example 25mm of rain approximates 75mm rise. – *Ken Senter*



Custodial & Markers

Ken Senter



OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS been treated generously to a fault by having Reg Smith make the custodial

visits for many years with very little remuneration and recognition. Now, like many of us, Reg is winding down!

Our new custodian for semi-annual visits is Guy Boudreau, who lives at the south end of the lake on Granny's Lane. Guy visited over 210 cottages during his late October and early March tours of LWCA member's property. He is looking for any weather damage, open doors, windows or anything that could be amiss. If anything is damaged, he will perform

an emergency repair and he will contact the owner directly at the owner's home phone listed with LWCA. If your phone number changes please contact the Membership Secretary through the website www.weslemkoon.com

Reg Smith is still our Marker Light custodian and is responsible for the installation, maintenance, removal and storage of the lake's twenty marker lights that warn boaters of the major shoals and hazards. Reg re-installs our markers every early spring and removes them in the late fall. In addition he tours the lake before every summer holiday weekend and maintains any defective markers that are reported to him.

LWCA is presently engaged in a program of replacing three marker lights a year to ensure continuity of service as the life expectancy of the batteries is approximately 3-5 years.


Requests for new locations for marker lights can be considered by downloading the requisition form from the website or contacting the director. Once completed, your request will be estimated by the custodian for feasibility and reviewed extensively by the board and a decision made. Keep in mind the cost of the marker, maintenance and the approval of every cottage in the line of sight of the requested new marker light. 🛠️

2010 Financial Report

Diane Morden

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- The association's membership revenue is down 5%.
- We continue to earn marginal interest income on our Term Deposits and that income is shared between the general fund and the Environmental fund on a reasonable basis.
- Our cash balances were very high at the end of the fiscal period as we cashed in the term deposit associated with the Lake Book Fund in order to pay the publishing costs.
- Overall our expenses have been consistent with prior years.
- *The Loon Call* editors continue to keep our publishing costs in check with the sale of advertising revenue.
- The single largest increase in expenditures has been in our custodial visits which have increased in excess of 80%. This is the combined result of both a new service provider as well as the HST.
- The Environmental Fund has grown by additional contributions of \$820 and a further \$60 of allocated investment income. Access to the fund balance of \$11,216 requires a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- The Lake book will be published this summer and the fund balance will be used to pay the publishers.
- The unrestricted net assets balance of \$24,734 represents the surplus available for the general purposes of the Association.

While the Association continues to maintain a healthy financial position, your board has determined that we need to raise our fees by \$5 per year. Our fees have not increased in more than a decade and this increase will cover most of the increase in our custodial costs. 

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Statement of Revenues & Expenditures

For the 12 months ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

	2010	2009
REVENUES		
Annual Fees	\$ 10,691	\$ 11,204
Loon Call Advertising	612	873
Interest income	141	73
Maps & Miscellaneous sales	36	675
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 11,480	\$ 12,825
EXPENDITURES		
Annual Meeting	\$ 835	\$ 341
Bank Charges	178	78
Administrative costs	507	573
Environmental protection	-	170
Custodial Visits	3,859	2,060
FOCA – Membership & Education	706	735
Insurance	1,463	1,436
Loon Call	2,057	2,558
New Shoal Markers	714	690
Shoal Marker Maintenance	815	775
Water Level Monitoring	900	900
Junior Loons & other events	487	-
Lake Survey	412	-
Bad debts	-	360
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,933	\$ 10,676
EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES)		
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (1,453)	\$ 2,149
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 26,187	\$ 24,038
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 24,734	\$ 26,187

LAKE WESLEMKOON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Statement of Reserves

As At December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

	2010	2009
ENVIRONMENTAL FUND		
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 10,336	\$ 9,324
Restricted contributions during the year	820	988
Money Mkt Interest allocated	60	24
BALANCE, END OF THE YEAR	\$ 11,216	\$ 10,336
BOOK PROJECT FUND		
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 31,378	\$ 22,198
Restricted contributions during the year	1,210	9,120
Interest	35	61
BALANCE, END OF THE YEAR	\$ 32,623	\$ 31,378

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Statement of Financial Position

As At December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 45,461	\$ 24,313
Accounts Receivables	96	-
T.D. Money Market & TBill Fund	25,188	45,840
Map Inventory	565	-
	\$ 71,310	\$ 70,153
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 71,310	\$ 70,153
LIABILITIES & RESTRICTED FUNDS & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,737	\$ 2,252
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Environmental Fund	\$ 11,216	\$ 10,336
Book Project Fund	32,623	31,378
	\$ 43,839	\$ 41,714
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 24,734	\$ 26,187
TOTAL LIABILITIES & RESERVES & NET ASSETS	\$ 71,310	\$ 70,153

YOUR LWCA MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS AND FOCUSES RESOURCES ON INITIATIVES WHICH...

1. Are directed to benefit water quality through communication and awareness initiatives;
2. Continue actions supporting the shoreline and natural environment;
3. Influence waste management programs, new Township initiatives (e.g. road improvements), and the Township's Official Plan, and liaise with provincial ministries that deal with the environment;
4. Foster effective lake water level maintenance through coordinated efforts with the MNR for the dam (north end);
5. Install and care for the current marker lights, as best efforts allow;
6. Conduct two "off season" custodial cottage visits, as snow and water conditions permit, and communicate evidence of visible issues to the LWCA member/owner;
7. Promote sound logging practices which protect the lake and shoreline/natural environment;
8. Design and publish a lake map and update communications approaches;
9. Organize activities for skills development and member enjoyment whenever practicable (e.g. the Junior Loons);
10. Continue sound financial management, legal compliance and Environment Fund growth.

— Jim Reynolds, Past President

Membership

Jean Greig

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EMBERSHIP FEES have risen this year to \$60 (\$55 early bird).

This is the first increase in several years and reflects our commitment to provide better remuneration for the completion of off-season custodial visits, a job currently being done by Guy Boudreau. In addition to the two cottage checks, your membership fees support publication and distribution of this *Loon Call* newsletter and the annual Lake Directory, liaison with municipal and

provincial agencies on issues affecting our lakes, maintenance of marker buoys, monitoring of water levels, water quality testing and more. Still a bargain at \$60 – or just \$55 if you renew before May 1!

In 2010, the LWCA had 202 members and 14 friends of the lake. Membership renewals for 2011 were sent out by email and regular mail in early March. If you have not yet renewed, please send a cheque for \$60 (\$55 if before May 1) to: LWCA Membership, c/o Jean Greig, 762 Armour Rd.,

Peterborough, ON, K9H 2A1. (Cheque payable to the LWCA.) Also, if your contact information has changed, please let us know.

The LWCA continues to seek new members (and to reengage members we've lost) by distributing our brochure through marinas, real estate agents, and person-to-person contact. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, or if you would be willing to drop off brochures at a few neighbouring cottages, please contact me at jgreig@sympatico.ca. 

Municipal Affairs

Paul Bottos



WOULD LIKE TO TAKE this opportunity to provide a brief review of the municipal issues which were dealt with by the LWCA, during the past year and which may be of importance in the upcoming year.

1. GARBAGE

Considerable time was spent dealing with both garbage and recycling issues with the Township by the LWCA. We made a number of submissions dealing with the hours of operation and the manner and nature in which both the Hartsmere and the Weslemkoon sites were operated. The Township attempted to introduce fewer hours and introduced a different bag system for all garbage and recycling. Late last year, the Township indicated that they may be introducing a blue box system to deal with recycling materials. The LWCA strenuously objected to the introduction of such a system due to the difficulty that it would pose for Lake residents. The Township did reconsider the imposition of this system prior to the municipal election and decided to defer the imposition of this system. The

2. DEVELOPMENT ON THE LAKE

The LWCA continues to receive copies of development applications in and surrounding the Lake from the Township. The LWCA looks forward to continuing to receive same.

3. OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The Official Plan is slated for its review during the upcoming year and the LWCA wishes to advise that we will continue to monitor same and provide input as to same. Again, please feel free to contact the Township in order to obtain information in regards to this matter and to provide your comments. The designation of Otter Lake as a highly sensitive lake trout lake is one matter that should be attended to during this review process.

4. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

This year was an election year and we hope and trust that the LWCA was of assistance in providing you with information with respect to the candidates and with respect to the election process. We hope that many of you availed yourself of the opportunity to vote via either telephone or internet. As

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010: ADDINGTON HIGHLAND RESULTS

REEVE

Henry Hogg – acclaimed

COUNCILORS

Ward 1

- Adam Snider – 404
- Tony Fritch – 343
- Janice Kerr – 270 (incumbent)
- Eythel Grant – 180 (incumbent)
- Yvonne Rosien – 102

Ward 2

- Bill Cox – 465
- Helen Yanch – 360 (incumbent)
- Mary Anne Tryon – 328
- Larry Pealow – 213

The Clerk for the Township is Mr. Jack Pauhl.

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Flinton, Ontario K0H 1P0
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Fax: (613) 336-2847

THE TOWNSHIP DID ADVISE THAT THERE WILL BE AN INCREASED ONUS ON ALL PERSONS TO ENSURE THAT RECYCLING IS SEPARATED FROM GARBAGE MATERIALS.

Township will be reviewing the system later this year. Please feel free to call the Township office in order to advise the Township of your opinion with respect to such a system and with respect to whether or not you wish to have increased hours at the sites. The Township did advise that there will be an increased onus on all persons to ensure that recycling is separated from garbage materials. The current recycling information is posted on the Township website.

you can well appreciate, your vote matters particularly when the interests of lake residents are required to be heard. I wish to advise that the current elected members of Council are as follows:

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|--------------------|--------------|
| REEVE: | Henry Hogg |
| DEPUTY REEVE: | |
| Councillor Ward 2: | Bill Cox |
| Councillor Ward 1: | Tony Fritsch |
| Councillor Ward 1: | Adam Snider |
| Councillor Ward 2: | Helen Yanch |

I trust that this keeps you informed as to the developments which have transpired in regards to municipal issues during the past year. Should any person express any interest in the above noted issues or have any other issues which may be of interest, please do not hesitate to contact the LWCA in order that same may be raised and discussed.

Lake Events

2010 Lake Weslemkoon Regatta Results

The 2010 Weslemkoon Sailing Regatta was held on Sunday, August 1st at the north end of the main lake. Light winds delayed the start but racing commenced at 2:20 PM. After two races there was a 3-way tie for first place. A dubious start by Albacore 6119 in the 3rd race combined with a couple of favourable wind shifts for Laser 37643 allowed Al Whyte to claim the trophy this year. Thanks to the Sandiford family for hosting the post-race get-together.

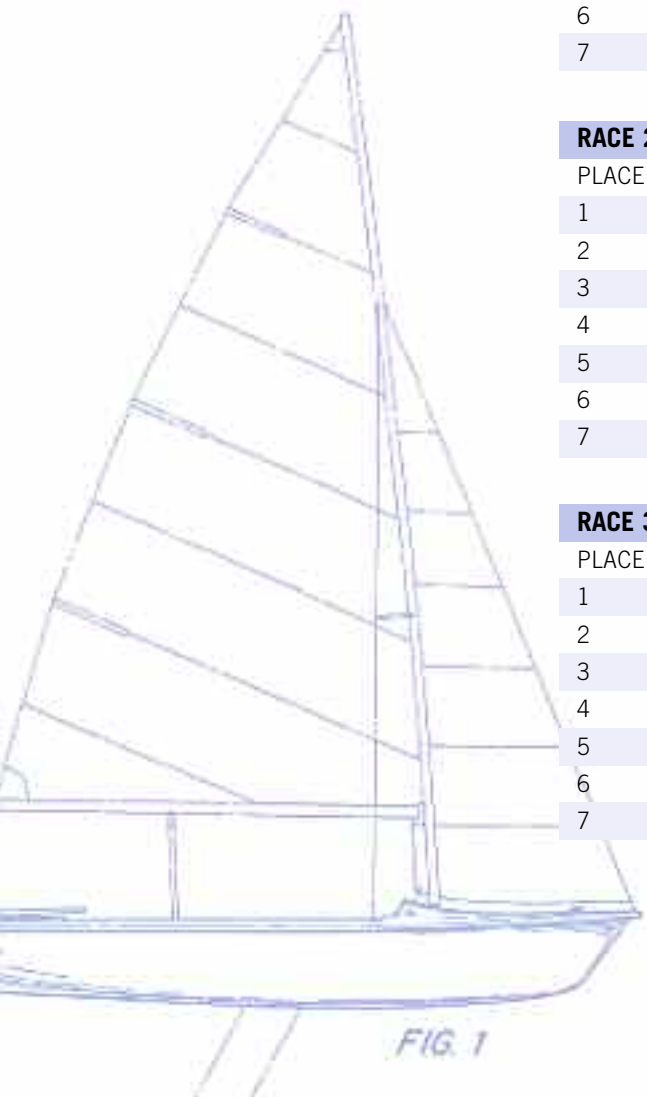


FIG. 1

2010 REGATTA FINAL RESULTS

PLACE	BOAT NUMBER/TYPE	SKIPPER/CREW
1	37643 Laser	Al Whyte
2	6610 Albacore	Owen Bird, Bill Bird
3	6119 Albacore	Perry Myles, Peter Chiddy

RACE 1 START: 2:20 WIND: 3kph COURSE: Triangle

PLACE	BOAT NUMBER/TYPE	SKIPPER/CREW
1	37643 Laser	Al Whyte
2	6610 Albacore	Owen Bird, Bill Bird
3	6119 Albacore	Perry Myles, Peter Chiddy
4	7471 Albacore	Peter Sandiford, Christopher Alderson
5	8016 Albacore	Sarah Stoate, Jimmy English
6	4672 Hobie Cat	Chris Patterson & Crew
7	2574 CL16	Paul Lavelle, Bill McPherson

RACE 2 START: 2:45 WIND: 5-7 kph COURSE: Triangle – Windward/Leeward

PLACE	BOAT NUMBER/TYPE	SKIPPER/CREW
1	6119 Albacore	Perry Myles, Peter Chiddy
2	6610 Albacore	Owen Bird, Bill Bird
3	37643 Laser	Al Whyte
4	7471 Albacore	Peter Sandiford, Christopher Alderson
5	8016 Albacore	Sarah Stoate, Jimmy English
6	2574 CL16	Paul Lavelle, Bill McPherson
7	4672 Hobie Cat	Chris Patterson & Crew

RACE 3 START: 3:10 WIND: 5 kph COURSE: Triangle – Windward/Leeward – Triangle

PLACE	BOAT NUMBER/TYPE	SKIPPER/CREW
1	37643 Laser	Al Whyte
2	6610 Albacore	Owen Bird, Bill Bird
3	7471 Albacore	Peter Sandiford, Christopher Alderson
4	6119 Albacore	Perry Myles, Peter Chiddy
5	8016 Albacore	Sarah Stoate, Jimmy English
6	4672 Hobie Cat	Chris Patterson & Crew
7	2574 CL16	Paul Lavelle, Bill McPherson

The Lake Book

The Home Stretch

By Stuart Inglis

A AS OF THIS WRITING WE'RE BUSY proofreading and will bring the book to the finish line as soon as possible.

Needless to say, countless hours have been dedicated by a number of people to help bring this project to light. We've tried our best to make this book something that we all can be proud of. In fact, the way the book is shaping up I believe it will be truly something special. Special in the way that it has successfully captured cottage living in Ontario in the 20th century that is historically significant. And for those of you who have been on the Lake for a long time, it will have a nostalgic value of times past: when boats were wooden, the lighthouse was a lighthouse and the water was clean enough to drink.

I would like to apologize in advance for any errors and omissions. Given that the nature of the book is one of collected stories, recovered archives and scattered documents missing pieces are unavoidable. That is not to say, that what we have collected is not impressive in its breadth and depth. What started out as a small pile of papers 6 years ago is now 4 large boxes.

SOME GOOD NEWS

You might say there was a silver lining in delaying the publishing in that the printer's price came down so that we were able to add another 96 pages. We're still finalizing



Just as we were going to press with this edition of The Loon Call I received from Bill Riffle these wonderful postcards of the Weslemkoon Hotel and a view from Pikes Peak. They are post-marked 1936.

the budget with the printer but if all goes well it looks like the book which was at the beginning of the project planned to be 196 pages will be now 312 pages!

ORDER RECEIPTS

For all of you who provided us with an email address you should have received, or will be receiving shortly a receipt confirming your order. For those you who did not supply an email address a letter via the post is on its way. Please contact me if you have placed an order but did not receive a receipt. (Stuart Inglis: atawolf@speakeasy.org; or 426.536.5197)

DISTRIBUTION LOGISTICS

The books will be available to pick up at the marinas. Please, please, please, respect the protocol: to get your order you must sign for it. The print run of the book is 375 copies which gives us just enough to cover all the orders and the book options. We can't afford to lose any.

An email will be going out and


posters put up in the marinas to notify everybody when the book is out.

RETURNING MATERIALS

We'll be spending the summer returning materials. After the summer the remaining materials will be mailed to the owners.

MANY THANKS

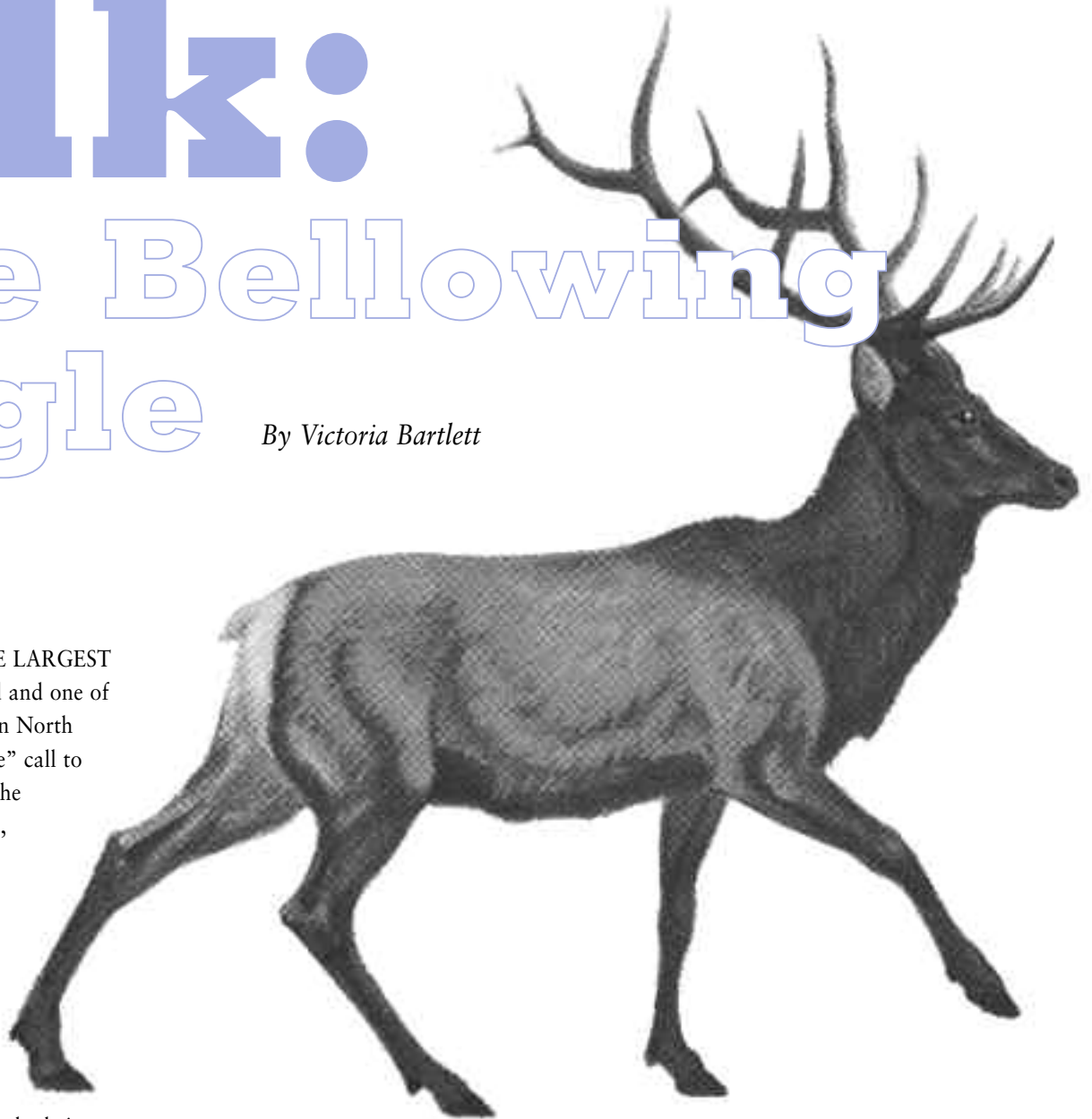
This book would not be possible without the generous support of you, the cottagers of Lake Weslemkoon. I want to particularly thank the team of proofreaders and editors of Jon Keeble, Catherine Rathbun, Lissa Akerstream and Marion Evans. I also want to thank Christopher McDermott who is working on putting the DVD together and Peter Brown for setting up the Order Form database and managing the receipts.

Finally, many thanks to everyone for all your contributions and financial support, and for your patience. It's been a long journey but the end is now in sight. 

Elk:

The Bellowing Bugle

By Victoria Bartlett



THE ELK IS ONE OF THE LARGEST species of deer in the world and one of the largest land mammals in North America and has the “bugle” call to match. The elk is actually the noisiest of its deer brethren, their loud and proud bugle carrying farther than a kilometer and a half. At least two thirds of the elk in Ontario roam in large herds just north of Belleville, but some of the bolder, lone elk have made their way as far as Peterborough, Parry Sound, and the Ottawa Valley.

The male elk keep themselves in small groups for the summer, eating constantly to bulk up for mating season and the long winter. In autumn, “the rut” (mating season) begins and the males take up the call of the wild. The elk’s call starts out as an intimidating deep roar that turns into a bugle-like wail, ending in coughs and grunts. The loudest and proudest elk buglers attract the most females and scare off the most threatening of rivals. The biggest males can have antler spreads of up to a meter and a

half, making it easy work defending harems as large as 30 females.

The bellowing bugle not only advertises a male’s presence to females and other males, but also announces or accepts a challenge from another male. Attracted by the commotion, small groups of elk can gather to watch the showdown of bulls; their antlers thrashing and gashing and occasionally, delivering fatal blows. With all this bugling, fighting, and loving, male elk don’t get much to eat and become more vulnerable to predators like wolves and other winter

ravages. The male elk that make it through the rough winter shed their antlers by April, and grow anew in spring. **L**



PHOTO: Jim Brown

Ashes to the rescue



CLEANING OUT THE WOODSTOVE?
Put the ash to work at the cottage.

GARDEN SOIL

Some soil can benefit from having a thin layer of ash raked into it. When wood combusts, nitrogen and sulphur are burned away, leaving nutrients that stimulate plant growth. Wood ash increases your soil's pH – good news for tomatoes, bad news for slugs and snails. But test your soil's pH first, if it's already alkaline, adding ash could prevent plants from growing. Also, don't use ash in combination with other fertilizers; it will mess up your soil's chemistry.

COMPOST BIN

A dusting of ash between layers in your

compost will maintain a neutral pH balance that helps break down organic items. Bonus: It deters animals.

OUTHOUSE

The right amount of ash in your privy hole will keep odours at bay, discourage unwanted insects, and even speed up decomposition. However, using too much can slow natural breakdown, which actually increases odour. After a solid deposit, pour just enough ash down the hole to cover the business (about a quarter cup).

SMOKY GLASS

When soot builds up on fireplace doors, wipe them clean with a paste made of ash and a bit of water, instead of

using commercial glass cleaner.

TARNISHED SILVER

While you're cleaning the fireplace doors, brush some of this paste onto those tarnished silver spoons mixed in with your cutlery. Let them sit for half an hour and come back with a toothbrush to gently rub the paste away. Run water over the silver and see the shine.

Don't forget! Use only pure wood ash. When they're burned, plastics and wood coated with preservatives, paint, or varnish will affect the ash's chemistry. **L**

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Emma Tarswell, Winter 2010/11 issue of Cottage Life, page 79

LAKE PHOTO CONTEST

Everyone loves to see your best! – and see you at your best! Of course, it's here on Weslemkoon! To get us started, let's look at Photos in two categories: Activities and Scenery. We could even accept some of your best shots from other years, although in the future, we'd prefer shots from that year.

Here are a few ideas for each category, just to tweak your mind's eye. Activities could include: swimming, boating, fishing, water sports, kids playing, our AGM (! - spare me!), the Treasure Hunt, games, cooking, eating and drinking, hiking, working ... Scenery could include: lake and sky shots, portraits of people and/or animals and bugs, cottages and marinas, boats (let's see it, Ken and Katie!), trees and flowers and rocks, sunsets/sunrises, still life (interiors of cottages, sculptures). There are endless possibilities. Perhaps we should be pushing for the *Loon Call* to be in colour!

And, not only can you submit entries, but you can judge all the entries

(‘cuz what do WE know?!). Each amateur photographer could submit up to four (4) – in total – images. Would it be possible to put a title and location with each shot, as well as the photographer's name? Each cottage may have two votes: one vote for the Activities category and one vote for the Scenery category. The only prize the winners of each category get is being displayed (if you wish) in next year's *Loon Call*. Such fame!

We hope it's not too complex for everyone to put your entries on an e-mail "contact link" that you will find on our website: www.weslemkoon.com. Since we're looking for images for "the year", submit your entries to our website by the end of October, 2011. On Nov. 1, cottagers can start looking over the submissions and vote. We'll have two (2) votes per cottage: one for the Activities category, and one for the Scenery category. Voting will continue until the end of January, 2012.

That's all folks! Get involved!

Weslemkoon Wildlife

Photos by Jim Brown



LWCA



PHOTO: Bill Riffle

53rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, July 30th, 2011
10:00 am
Tanglewood Marina

See you there!



LWCA members are encouraged to visit
www.weslemkoon.com
for news, events, and updates.



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The Loon Call



The Loon Call would like contributions such as stories, photos of activities with your family on the lake, interesting articles concerning Lake Weslemkoon and Otter Lake, legends and information to add greater depth to *The Loon Call*.

Send your information to the editor:
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LAKE PHOTO CONTEST SEE PAGE 18 FOR DETAILS.



Calling all Junior Loons of Otter and Weslemkoon Lakes!



- Special events for our Junior Loons!
- Come and meet new friends, explore the lake and HAVE FUN!!!
- We have organized 2 events this summer, for kids age 6-13

Event 1: Saturday July 9th

- Hike to Pikes Peak, lunch included
- 10:00am – 1:30pm
- (rain date: Sunday July 10th)

Event 2: Saturday July 30th

- Activities for Kids at LWCA - AGM (Tanglewood Marina)
- 10:00am – 12:00 pm
- Parents can attend the meeting while kids have fun at supervised activities



- Watch for details and updates on our website, www.weslemkoon.com
- Map of hike location and details will be posted at Marinas and on website by June 15th
 - **Parents/guardians must sign waiver prior to kids' participation in each event.
 - Junior Loon "Counsellors in-training" ages 13-16 are welcome to come and help out!
 - For more information or to preregister for these events, please email us at juniordoos@weslemkoon.com

A sponsored event by your LWCA