



## LOON CALL LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

*We had a mild winter which left our roads in good shape. Let's hope for a good warm summer. Here's an update on some of the things that the Association will be dealing with in 2012.*

**The Annual General Meeting** will be held on Saturday June 30 from 10:00 AM to noon at the Legion Hall. Doors will open at 9:30. In addition to the usual reports including the Lake Steward's report, the agenda will include speakers from;

North Kawartha (Reeve Whelan and/or Deputy Reeve Barry Rand);

1. The Park, Paul Smith and Travis Cameron who will make a presentation on endangered species in the park; and,
2. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation who will give us an idea of what will be happening to our assessments this fall.

Jim Hartog (our Lake Steward) will make a presentation on the lake drainage system and the role that beaver dams and lodges play in the system.

**The Regatta and Corn Roast** will take place on Saturday August 4. We will also have another raffle in aid of the Kawartha Food Bank. Last year's raffle netted \$265 for the Food Bank.

**Our New Website:** Thanks to Erin Billingham, we have a new Facebook based website. This website builds on the pioneering work that Mike Lieberman did years ago when website technology was just developing. It is designed to be more user friendly and to permit uploading of information. We have asked Erin to give us a brief introduction to the website at the AGM. In the meantime, if you have any comments you should contact our secretary, Sid Bowcott at [syddee@yahoo.com](mailto:syddee@yahoo.com).

**Water Quality:** The Lake Steward will present his findings on water quality at the AGM. Here are some early findings:

1. So far there has been no repeat of the algae outbreak that we had last year.

2. We still have no zebra mussels or spiny water fleas.
3. In May 2012, as a measure of clarity, Secchi discs could be seen at a depth of 4.8 metres. The average since 1977 is 4.5 metres. Last year averaged 4.2 metres.
4. Phosphate levels should be less than 10 parts per billion. Tests in 2011 indicated levels of between 5.6 and 6 ppb.

**Tips for Cottaging Lightly:** Plastic laminated copies of the latest edition will be distributed by your directors. It is recommended that your guests or renters be made aware of these tips and that they be posted in your cottage.

**The Lake History Project** We are in the process of developing a pictorial and written history of Loon Call Lake. So far, the committee consists of Helen Yielding, Malcolm Martini, Carolyn Smith-Green and David Pressley. If you would like to serve on this committee and/or have photos or stories to share, please contact a committee member.

**Loons:** A number of loons have been seen on the lake and we're hoping that one or more pair may nest. That would be a first in a number of years. As we noted last year we are not sure why loons have not nested. It may be because some of our marshes are growing over and becoming more woody and therefore more difficult for Loons to find nesting areas. Or, it may be because wakes from fast or overloaded boats have washed the eggs or nests away. We do know that Loons are very awkward on land and need to be close to the water and not more than a foot or so above it.

Several people on the lake have got together to build a loon platform which may overcome the habitat loss problem. More are being considered. ...and their

locations will be kept secret to prevent disturbing the loons. If you are a boater, you can help by keeping your wake to a minimum around marshes and other potential loon nesting areas especially during the nesting period from mid May to late July.

**ATVs:** Several people have asked us about ATVs. Here's what we understand the rules to be.

1. ATVs can only be used on existing roads and trails
2. People who don't have land or a cottage in the park can only use them if they have a valid hunting license. This effectively excludes ATV users between May 24<sup>th</sup> and Labour Day as no hunting is allowed in the park during that period.
3. Third, cottagers can only use their ATVs if the driver is accessing the cottage. No recreational use of ATV's is allowed.

Questions on the use of ATVs should be directed to the KHSS office in Bancroft... 1-613-332-3940.

**Garbage Pick-up:** The Township has a weekly roadside pickup. Garbage and recyclables are picked up from May 24 to Thanksgiving if left out by 7:00 a.m. Mondays. We would be interested to know how many are actually using this service and whether it should continue after the contract ends in 2013.

**Roadwork:** The mild winter has meant that a number of road associations have already completed their annual maintenance program. Associations who have not carried out their programs should be aware that while road construction permits are not required for normal maintenance, (culverts and re-alignments excluded) KHSS is concerned about turtles. The park has asked that those road associations carrying out work after the Victoria Day weekend, contact the Park Biologist Travis Cameron to review the area. The Biologist will visit the area and determine if there are any turtle nests. Should any nests be found, the road association and the park will work out an approach to accommodate both the turtles and the need for the road maintenance. The approach may include moving eggs elsewhere.

**Boathouse Cottages:** A recent Toronto Star article noted that a new form of cottage – the floating boathouse cottage has appeared on several local lakes. We contacted the Reeve who advised that he couldn't comment because the matter is now in the courts. We also contacted the Park who indicated that they had jurisdiction over such buildings via construction permits and would not be permitting any such structures in the Park.

*We'll be sending out a formal AGM notice along with various reports in mid June. See you around the lake and at the AGM.*

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