

# Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

AGM 2024

Saturday June 8, 2024 10:00 am



# Agenda

- ▶ Land Acknowledgement
- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Life at the Lake
- ▶ Protecting Our Lake
- ▶ Guest Speakers
- ▶ Closing Remarks

Loon Call Lake  
Cottagers' Association

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024  
10AM

NORTH KAWARTHA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
340 McFADDEN RD. APSLEY

All Loon Call Cottagers  
Welcome!

# Land Acknowledgement

- ❖ Henry Decock
- The Loon Call Cottagers Association acknowledges that we are situated on Mississauga lands and the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples covered by Treaty 20.
- We honour the ancestral guardians of this land, and the many Indigenous peoples who continue to call this land home and act as its stewards.
- We are committed to being better treaty partners, and to sharing with neighbouring First Nations the responsibility that extends to all who live on Turtle Island, to care for this land for generations to come.

# Welcome

Margi Colquhoun

President, Loon Call Lake

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# Business

# LCLCA - Executive

- ❖ Margi Colquhoun - President
- ❖ Henry Decock – Vice President
- ❖ Vickie Hartog – Secretary / Communications
- ❖ Jim Hartog – Lake Steward
- ❖ Jacquie Cane – Treasurer
- ❖ Breanne Hunt-Wells – Member at Large

# LCLCA Area Directors

Lots	Fire Route	Name
1 to 7 & XO's 1 to 4	55 & 56	Rocky Dundas
8 to 27	55	JP Pawliw
28 to 39	58F	Margaret Adkins
40 to 52	58F	Sue and Ross Murray
53 to 64	58G & 58D	Leslie or Neil Guyatt
65 to 68 & Island	57 & Island	Heather Thornton
69 to 77	57A	Reiner Stimming

- ▶ Please refer to cottager list for contact details

**Thank you for your support of the Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association**

# Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

❖ Margi Colquhoun

- ▶ The Looncall Lake Cottagers Association was formed in the 1960's to represent the interests of property owners and to help protect the lake for current and future generations of cottagers.
- ▶ Every year new development and environmental threats put additional stresses on this valuable resource.
- ▶ We need your support and as a member you can help ensure the vitality of this beautiful lake.
- ▶ How do we make a difference?
  - ▶ We monitor water quality in the lake by taking samples and by performing underwater vegetation studies
  - ▶ We organize and support social events and presentations for members and residents of the lake
  - ▶ We play an active role in local politics and voice your developmental and environmental concerns
  - ▶ We participate in the larger provincial network of lake associations
  - ▶ We purchase equipment to enhance safety on Looncall Lake as funding allows



# LCLCA – Executive Elections

- ▶ Two positions are open for nomination and election:
  - ▶ LCLCA President
  - ▶ Lake Steward

# Presidential Election

- This Election is to replace Margi Colquhoun who will become the LCLCA Past President for one year
- Nominations/Volunteers, Vote
  
- The President is the “leader” of the Executive Committee.
- The role of the President is to:
  - Serve as chairperson in meetings of the Executive and in all meetings of the membership
  - Seek consensus in making decisions of the Executive
  - Avoid the interference of personal agendas
  - Lead the Executive in the selection of contractors and professionals that will serve the needs of the Association
  - Seek the input and communication of the member
  - Exercise fiduciary duty (duty of care) in the management of the Association’s business
  - Promote a sense of community by supporting open communication through whatever means available, encouraging member participation and making him/herself available to the membership.

# Lake Steward Election

- ▶ This Election is to replace Jim Hartog who will mentor the new Lake Steward in their new role
- ▶ Nominations/Volunteers, Vote
  
- ▶ The Lake Steward leads association in guardianship of the lake.
- ▶ The Lake Steward is responsible for:
  - ▶ Conducting the Lake Partner Program (LPP) water sampling in May
  - ▶ Conducting regular Secchi disc readings throughout the season (every 2-3weeks), and mail to Dorset (LPP) in November
  - ▶ Attending annual NORKLA Lake Stewards meetings hosted by Doug Wellman and report back to LCLCA
  - ▶ Reporting to LCLCA AGM on Water Quality based on LPP and Trent University test results
  - ▶ Maintaining the water quality data (past and present) and update to show trends for web site
  - ▶ Familiarizing yourself with Aquatic Invasive Species (plant and animal) and facilitate their identification
  - ▶ Familiarizing yourself with cottager practices that will impact water quality (e.g. Shorelines, septic systems) and sharing best practices with the community

# Members at Large

- ▶ LCLCA can have as many members at large as deemed necessary
- ▶ Fulfills responsibilities upon request
  
- ▶ An additional member at large has been identified
  - ▶ Danielle Cane – Lot 70

# LCLCA Treasurer's Report

❖ Jacquie Cane

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
<b>01-May-23</b>	<b>Balance</b>			<b>4732.42</b>
2023/2024	\$20 Cottage Dues		880.00	
06-Aug-23	Corn Roast \$5 Fee		1,185.00	
06-Aug-23	Raffle Donations		715.00	
Jul-23	Loon Call Lake Logo Wear Revenue		5,440.19	
2023	Interest		0.40	
22-Aug-23	FOCA Fee	471.21		
23-Feb-23	FOCA AGM Attendance Fee	45.20		
07-Aug-23	NORKLA	200.00		
10-Jun-23	NKCC Rental - AGM	339.00		
09-Sep-23	Donation NKFB	715.00		
06-Aug-23	Corn Roast Food	656.56		
19-Jul-23	Fire Pump Deck Box - Radden	485.88		
Sep-23	Loon Call Lake Logo Wear Cost	5,440.19		
<b>01-May-24</b>	<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>8353.04</b>	<b>8220.59</b>	<b>4599.97</b>

**ATTENTION** **Loon Call Lake Cottagers** **ATTENTION**

**Please pay your 2024**

**Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association DUES**

E-transfer **\$40** to  
Treasurer Jacquie Cane:

**[jacquiecane@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiecane@gmail.com)**



- Dues 2024: \$40.00
- eTransfer  
[jacquie.cane@gmail.com](mailto:jacquie.cane@gmail.com)

- This enables us to fund:
  - Emergency needs
  - Projects
  - FOCA dues
  - Community support
  - Web Site



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# Life at the Lake



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# 2024 Events

# Paddle Palooza and Food Drive

❖ Breanne Hunt-Wells



- Paddle Palooza will be held on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Drop off non-perishable food donations at docks: **2, 32, 36, 60**
- Donations will go to Apsley Community Care
- Send photos to [info@looncalllake.ca](mailto:info@looncalllake.ca) for publication on the web site



**PADDLE-PALOOZA** 2024

Greet your Loon Call neighbours on your kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and paddleboats!

• **SATURDAY JUNE 29** •  
• **10:30AM** •

Please drop off canned food donations for the Apsley Food Bank at lots 2, 32, 36, and 60



# Regatta and Corn Roast

❖ Margi Colquhoun and Jacquie Cane

- ❖ Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ❖ Volunteers needed (qualifies for high school volunteer hours)
- ❖ Corn Roast: Jacquie Cane  
[jacquiecane@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiecane@gmail.com)
  - ❖ Need a committee
  - ❖ Coolers needed
  - ❖ BBQs needed
- ❖ Regatta:
  - ❖ Erin Billinghamurst  
[erinbillinghamurst@gmail.com](mailto:erinbillinghamurst@gmail.com)
  - ❖ Suggestions? Changes? Let Erin know!
- ❖ Raffle:
  - ❖ Do you have items to donate?  
Contact [m.colquhoun@sympatico.ca](mailto:m.colquhoun@sympatico.ca)
- ❖ Logowear



# Boating and PFD Awareness

❖ Breanne Hunt-Wells

- More marine fatalities occur on small, non-motorized watercraft than you may expect. A marine fatality is considered any event caused by entering the water involuntarily – primarily falling overboard, and capsizing; far fewer were due to collisions.
- Some stats:
  - The largest proportion (**92%**) of fatalities are male.
  - **31%** of fatalities involved alcohol but only **3%** are impaired... it doesn't take much alcohol to impact you on the water!
  - **86%** of fatalities are not wearing PFDs.
- For an eye-opening message we encourage you to watch this video
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=up-fResUwRI>

**This is 35 minutes well spent for you and your family**

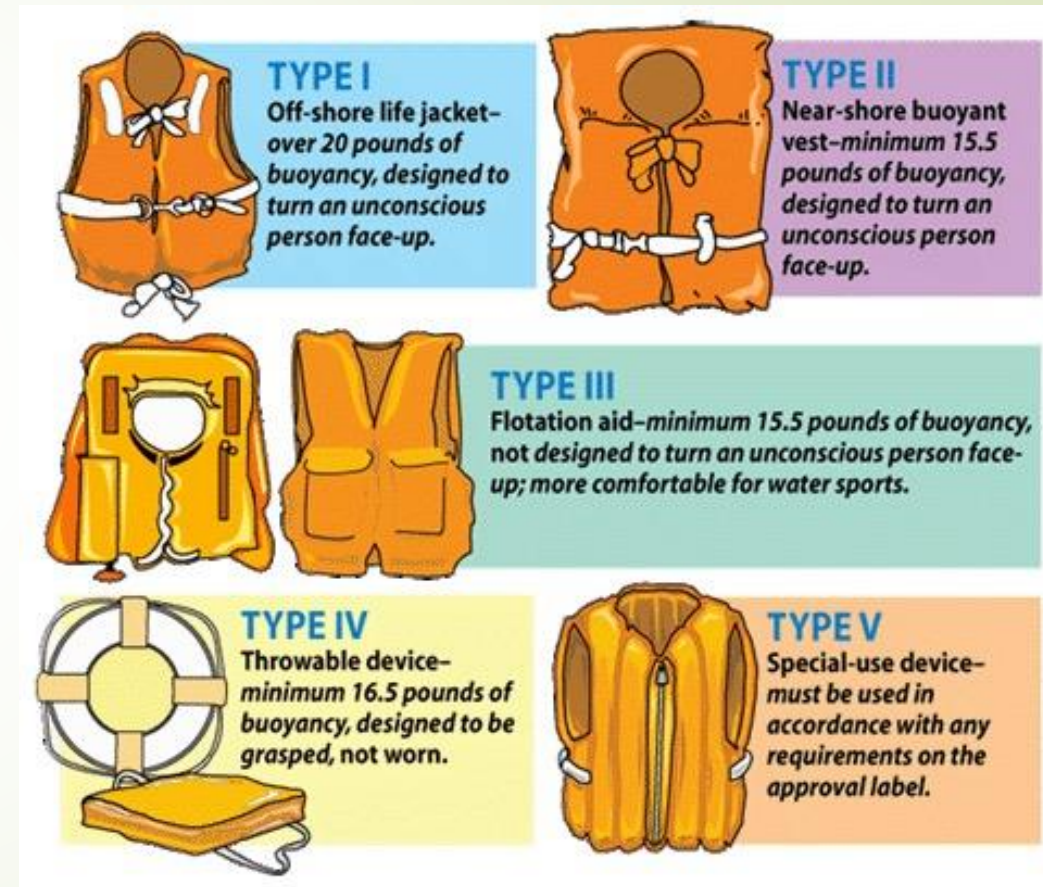



Image credit US Coast Guard

# From LifeSavingSociety.com

❖ [lifesavingsociety.com/media/327287/lifesaving\\_drowning-2020\\_on\\_en\\_2020-06-13.pdf](https://lifesavingsociety.com/media/327287/lifesaving_drowning-2020_on_en_2020-06-13.pdf)

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## DROWNING Report

Prepared for the Lifesaving Society by the Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada

This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2013-2017.

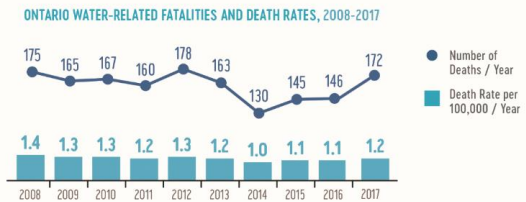
### WHO IS DROWNING?

77% male  
23% female

Age: 20-34: 22% (1.2)  
Age: 50-64: 25% (1.3)  
Age: 65+: 27% (1.9)

\* Death Rate per 100,000 / Year

### ONTARIO WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2008-2017



Year	Number of Deaths / Year	Death Rate per 100,000 / Year
2008	175	1.4
2009	165	1.3
2010	167	1.3
2011	160	1.2
2012	178	1.3
2013	163	1.2
2014	130	1.0
2015	145	1.1
2016	146	1.1
2017	172	1.2

### WHERE?

LAKE/POND: 43%  
RIVER: 21%  
POOL: 12%  
BATHTUB: 16%  
OTHER: 8%  
DROWNING IN A LIFEGUARD SUPERVISED SETTING: 1%

### WHEN?

64% OF DROWNINGS OCCURRED FROM MAY to SEP

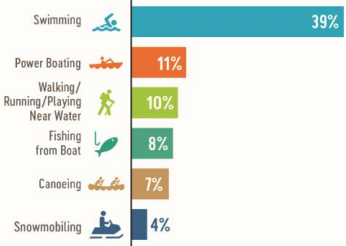
## ? WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

AQUATIC\* 28%

BOATING 21%

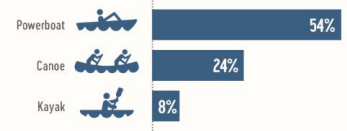
NON-AQUATIC\*\* 18%

### WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY



Activity	Percentage
Swimming	39%
Power Boating	11%
Walking/Running/Playing Near Water	10%
Fishing from Boat	8%
Canoeing	7%
Snowmobiling	4%

### Powerboat



Activity	Percentage
Powerboat	54%
Canoe	24%
Kayak	8%

\*The person intended to be in the water (e.g. swimming/wading)  
\*\*Unintentional fall into water (e.g. walking/biking/working near water and fell in)

## ! WHY? RISK FACTORS

### CHILDREN <5 YEARS

92% Supervision Absent or Distracted

### YOUNG ADULTS 15-34 YEARS

93% Alcohol Consumption  
41% Alone  
35% Weak or Non-Swimmer

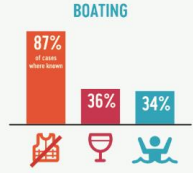
### MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS 35-44 YEARS

88% Alcohol Consumption  
41% Alone  
61% Weak or Non-Swimmer

### OLDER ADULTS 65+ YEARS


81% Alcohol Consumption  
13% Alone  
75% Weak or Non-Swimmer

### BOATING



Risk Factor	Percentage
Not Wearing a PFD	87%
Alcohol Consumption	36%
Alone	34%
Weak or Non-Swimmer	34%

### SWIMMING



Risk Factor	Percentage
Not Wearing a PFD	34%
Alcohol Consumption	23%
Alone	31%
Weak or Non-Swimmer	31%

### METHODS:

Water-related death data is extracted from the office of the Chief Coroner or Medical Examiner for each province and territory. Data is collected for all deaths resulting from incidents "in, on or near" water. "Near water" incidents were included if the intent was closely related to water-based recreational, vocational or daily living activity. The data includes only unintentional deaths, not deaths due to natural causes, suicide, or homicide.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We gratefully acknowledge the support, co-operation and efforts of:  
- The Chief Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Offices in each province/territory, who permitted and facilitated confidential access to coroner's reports on unintentional water-related deaths.  
- The volunteers who contributed their time and energy to extract data from the files.

### CONTACT US:

The Drowning Prevention Research Centre is the lead agency for drowning and water-incident research in Canada.  
Tel: 416-490-8844, Email: [experts@drowningresearch.ca](mailto:experts@drowningresearch.ca)

Lifesaving Society Ontario  
Tel: 416-490-8844, Email: [experts@lifeguarding.com](mailto:experts@lifeguarding.com)  
[www.lifesavingsociety.com](http://www.lifesavingsociety.com)



# Fire Safety Committee

- ❖ Henry Decock
  
- Committee established after 2023 AGM
- Six volunteer members
  - Paul Radden - Island
  - Michael Cane – Lot 70
  - Phil Dunkley – Lot 25
  - Roy Bernard – Lot 21
  - Jake Russell – Lot 37
  - Henry Decock (Executive representative) – Lot 2
- Met several times on-line and in person



# Purpose

- ▶ Increased community support in the case of a fire emergency
- ▶ Volunteers are NOT the fire department. They are neighbours supporting neighbours
- ▶ Intent to contain the fire as best as possible,
  - ▶ GOAL: Reduce damage but also reduce spread
- ▶ Fire Safety Committee established for yearly review and recommendations to the Executive



# Initial discussions

- ▶ Tested viability – dry run, fire call, pick up pump, and make operational – showed the timing and ease of use beneficial
- ▶ Checked with Fire Chief of North Kawartha: “In the past it has been beneficial to us when these pumps are deployed before our arrival on a volunteered basis.” Jack’s Lake has a number of fire pumps
- ▶ Executive issued an electronic vote on the purchase of a pump, extra hose and protective box – 78% of those who voted were in favour of purchasing



# Developing plans

- ▶ Fire Committee to establish protocols for an ongoing committee
  - ▶ Responsibilities, maintenance checks, training sessions, timing
- ▶ Develop a one-page handout for each cottage with fire Safety tips, map with location of pumps, numbers to call in an emergency
- ▶ Work with Vickie Hartog to include all the information on the LCLA web page



# Still to be finalized

- ▶ Purchase the same pump as used by Paul Radden
  - ▶ Estimated budget: \$1 500 for pump, \$500 for hose and storage
  - ▶ Allowing use for the benefit of the lake
  - ▶ Enables training on one pump
  - ▶ Will have two pumps for lake
- ▶ Produce Fire Safety sheet to be distributed to every cottage
  - ▶ Cottage numbers to call in case of emergency – volunteers?
  - ▶ Website go live with all the information





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# Protecting Our Lake

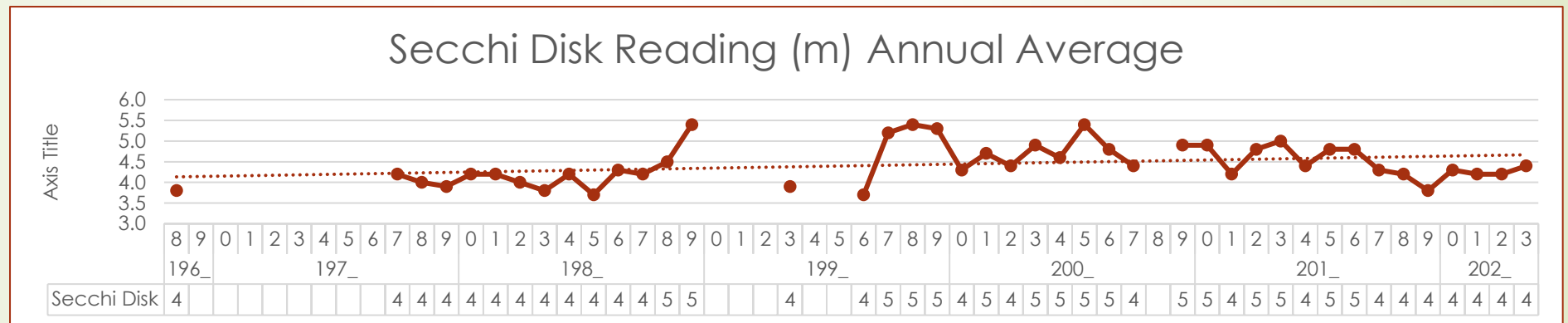
# Lake Steward Report

For a complete list of Do's and Don'ts download and print:  
[being-a-good-cottager](#)

- ❖ Jacquie Cane (for Jim Hartog)
- The Lake Partner Program results for 2022 have finally been released. They appear to be working a year behind schedule
- All data - Secchi disk, total phosphorus, calcium and chloride ion - are within historical values.
- Although the Lake Partner Program data is behind schedule and redundant to the Trent University data, it is free and the Lake Partner Program covers many more lakes than Trent does. It is beneficial to be part of the larger set of data
- The water samples for May 2024 have been collected and mailed to Dorset, the home of the Lake Partner Program
- Trent University sampled our lake on August 10, 2023. The data for chlorophyll a, Secchi disk depth, calcium, total phosphorus, dissolved organic carbon and dissolved oxygen at lake bottom are all close to our historical average, except for one, which is too good, Secchi disk depth. Trent got a Secchi disk reading of 6 metres on Loon Call Lake. 5 metres would be believable in August, but 6 metres, not so much. Apparently, the entire region showed good water quality in 2023.
- In conclusion, all is well on Loon Call Lake.
- 2022 data is on the web site at <https://looncalllake.ca/the-lake>

# Secchi

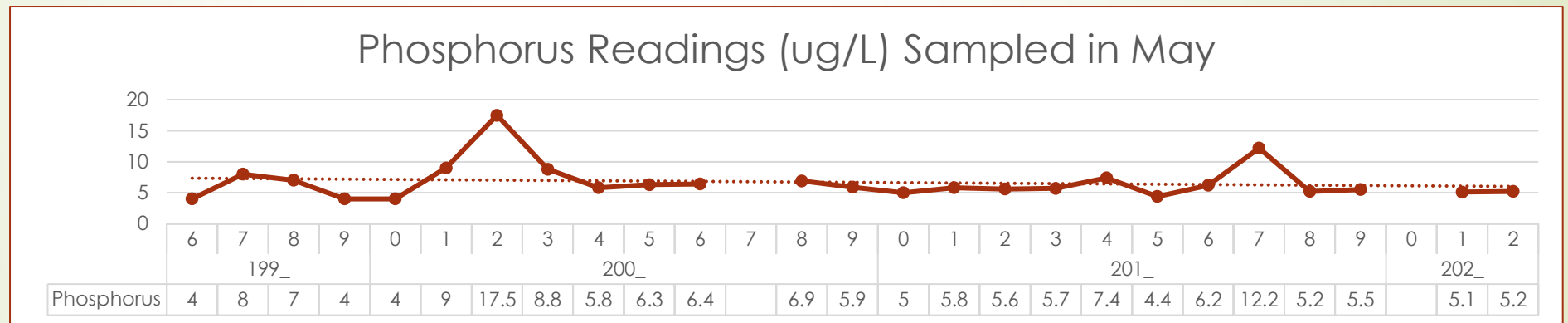
- Data as of May 2023 – Lake Partnership Program
- Secchi 4.4 m



- A Secchi disk reading is a measure in metres of the point at which a black and white disk disappears/reappears from view when lowered into the water.
- This measure is an indicator of water clarity. Loon Call Lake historically averages readings in the mid 4 metre range which is quite acceptable.

# Phosphorous

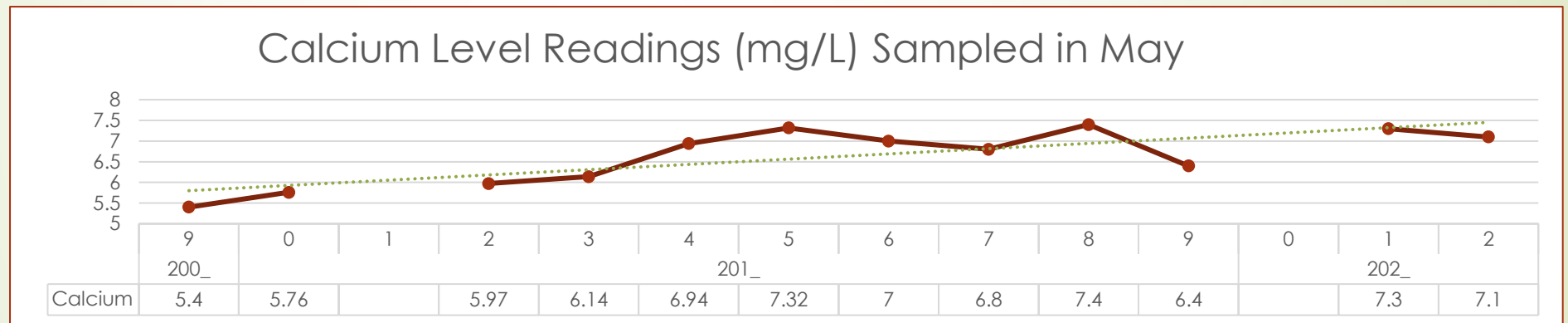
- Data as of 2022 – Lake Partnership Program
- Phosphorus: 5.2 ug/L



- The phosphorus levels are an indicator of the nutrient level of the water. Too much nutrient (phosphorus is a limiting factor) causes the water to be able to support too much plant and algal growth.
- Loon Call Lake averages 6-7 ug/L for total phosphorus which classifies our lake as oligotrophic, meaning we should not be prone to excessive plant growth nor algal blooms.

# Calcium

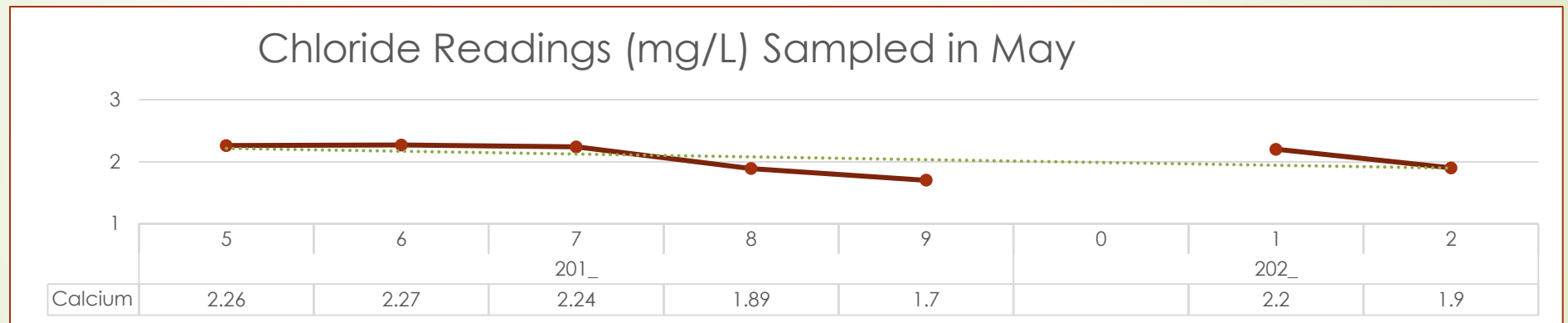
- Data as of May 2022 – Lake Partnership Program
- Calcium: 7.1 mg / L



- Calcium is an element required for the structural growth of many organisms.
- At levels of less than 2 mg/L, many organisms at the bottom of the food chain struggle to survive. At levels approaching 20 mg/L, unwanted species such as zebra mussels will be prolific.
- Loon Call Lake averages in the 6-7 mg/L range which is sufficient for the necessary organisms at the bottom of the food chain but not high enough for some high calcium demanding invasive species. We are classified as a soft water lake.

# Chloride

- Data as of 2022 – Lake Partnership Program
- Chloride 1.9 mg/L



- The chloride ion levels are an indicator of the salinity (saltiness) of the lake.
- Too much salt is not good for a fresh water lake but even freshwater organisms need some salt to survive. Excess salt has become a problem in some lakes that are close to roads that are salted in the winter.
- Loon Call Lake does not have an excess salt problems even though runoff from Anstruther Lake Road enters the lake.

# Natural Shorelines

❖ Margi Colquhoun

**Small** things can make a **big** difference

Consequences last a **lifetime**

A healthy lake is important  
to our **families** and for **generations** to come

# Invasive Species Awareness

❖ Vickie Hartog & Jeff Berthelette





# PLiINK

❖ Vickie Hartog

- PLiINK is a North Kawartha community organization focusing on preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) with two pronged approach:
- 1. Aquatic Invasive Species:
  - Increase community knowledge of AIS and their impact on native species
  - Connect community members with organizations (e.g. Trent, OFAH) to assist in the identification of Invasive Species in their lakes – facilitate a baseline
- 2. Clean-Drain-Dry Practice:
  - Spread the word of the Clean-Drain-Dry practice, in order to encourage its adoption
  - Facilitate OFAH ISAP hands-on training of CDD

# OFAH/ISAP Invasives Species Awareness Program

❖ Jeff Berthelette



Microsoft  
PowerPoint Presentat



# Does this apply to me?

❖ Vickie Hartog

- I don't have a boat, I stay on my lake, do I need to care?
- Do you visit other lakes or have visitors to your lake?
- Any watercraft leaving or entering a body of water:
  - Boaters
  - Day Fishermen
  - Day tripping Kayakers or Canoeists
  - Paddle boarders or pedal boats
  - Fishing Derby participants
  - Service staff (eg. Internet/TV, Hydro, OPP, Septic services)



# How can you help?

- Spread the Word, Not Invasives
- Increase your awareness of Invasive Species
- Practice CDD when using watercraft
- Engage OFAH-ISAP for CDD demonstrations
- Engage Invasive Species experts to help with identification

# Guest Speaker

Paul Smith

Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park - Park Superintendent

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- Topics of interest
- Q&A

# Guest Speaker

Carolyn Amyotte

Mayor, North Kawartha

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- Topics of interest
- Q&A

# REMINDER

## Lake Health Seminar

TODAY

1:00-3:30pm

JOIN US!

# Lake Health Seminar

Saturday, June 8th, 2024 - 1:00-3:30pm

North Kawartha Community Centre  
340 McFadden Rd, Apsley, ON K0L1A0

**Everyone Welcome**

1:00-1:30



### Spreading the Word, Not Invasives

Vickie Hartog, **PLiINK**

Prevent Lake Invasives in North Kawartha ([PLiINK.ca](http://PLiINK.ca))



### Natural Shoreline Conservation

Doug Wellman,

Shoreline Conservation Initiative for Peterborough County

Why a natural shoreline is important &  
what you can do for healthier shorelines



### NORKLA Overview

Doug Wellman, **NORKLA**

North Kawartha Lakes Association) ([NORKLA.ca](http://NORKLA.ca))

1:30-3:30pm



### Water Steward Training

Jeff Berthelette, **Invasive Species Liaison, OFAH-ISAP**

([ofah.org/programs/invasive-species-awareness-program](http://ofah.org/programs/invasive-species-awareness-program))

Main principles of water stewardship

Invasive Species Act amendments, New species profiles.

Demonstration of AIS inspections on trailered boats.

*Coffee, tea, and donuts will be provided, as well as new resources including shammies, updated Clean Drain Dry postcards, stickers, and more!*

# Closing Remarks

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President – Margi Colquhoun

