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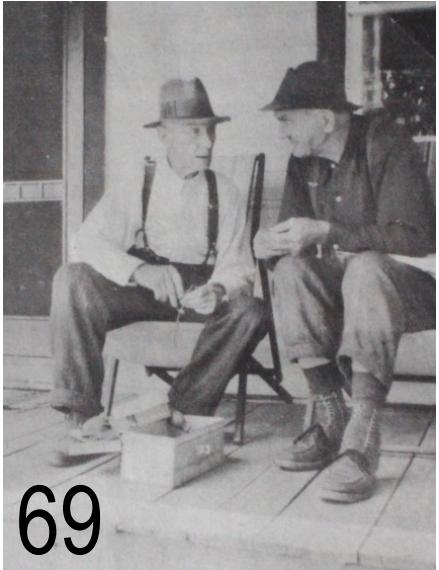
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President's Message

We hope you enjoy this version of our magazine and keep it on the coffee table for a quick reference.

First, as always, we need to mention the production of this magazine would not be possible without our advertising sponsors. The sponsorship this year was better than last year and last year was amazing - so please buy locally. Our website, WWW.HALIBURTONLAKE.COM. has links to the sponsors' websites under "Support Our Advertisers". Again, this year, Sue Harrison, our dual Indianapolis Haliburton resident, was a great help.

This year's magazine is larger than last year. We have focused on our history given this is Canada's 150th birthday. Some of us can remember 1967 and singing "CANADA" like it was yesterday. We hope 2017 will bring new memories to a new generation of Lake residents! We have historical articles published with help from the Haliburton Highlands Museum and longtime cottager / resident Tom Hodgson whose family is a big part of the lake's history.

2016 was again healthy financially for the HLCA. The Association continued to grow to about 340 members – up about 10%. Some year-over-year metrics along with the financial overview are included in the back of the Magazine.

Last year, we strengthened our partnership with the Fort Irwin Residents' Association (FIRA). We started offering discounts for HLCA members that were also FIRA members and FIRA offered the same. Our relationship with FIRA and Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association (PLRA) really paid off. A united message regarding the lake roads during a meeting with Reeve, Murray Fearrey, and Councilor, Walt McKechnie, lead to \$160,000 spent on road work in 2016 and more roadwork for 2017.

The Board approved a 2-year program to refresh the Hall. To date, the kitchen has a "new look" and my favourite, the mechanical room, also has a makeover. The washrooms are next.

Regular HLCA e-mail updates continued to 430 subscribers. All your feedback is appreciated! An effort is made to ensure the information is timely and interesting.

Last summer, we continued the HLCA legacy programs; the Regatta, Fireworks, Kids Bingo, Rock Bass Fishing, Lake Navigation and Swimming Lessons. A big shout out to all our volunteers! In 2017, we are concentrating on lake health. The "Love Your Lake Program" has already started. We look forward to having the results in next year's Magazine. A huge thank you to our Project Manager, Lindsay Bevan, our billets and boat drivers. The program would not be possible without their support, plus a special thanks to FIRA for their financial support.

Don't forget about our Septic Tank Pump Out Contest – The winner gets a free pump out! We also have a photo contest to decorate the Hall. Take our magazine in your travels for the opportunity to have your photo published in an upcoming e-mail or next year's magazine. Read more about these in the magazine.

I would like to thank the other Board members: Candice Bradbuy, Nick Mezzapelli, Pat Berne, Owen Blackwell and Conner Blackwell. Their support and work is appreciated!

To all our members – thank you for supporting the HLCA – all of you help enhance our lake community.

We are always looking for ideas and feedback and, of course, volunteers! Please don't hesitate to volunteer for any event or provide ideas for new programs – it is your association and we want to meet your needs.

Have a wonderful summer. Be safe. See you at the lake.



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Fort Irwin Marina

The Fort Irwin marina has been operating under the watchful eye of Brad and Maria Willing since March 31, 2003. Prior to taking over the business, they ran a successful auto/electric shop in Minden. A friend suggested the marina would be a good business opportunity for them to pursue so they went for a ride to check it out. It took about a year for the suggestion to become reality and the rest is history.

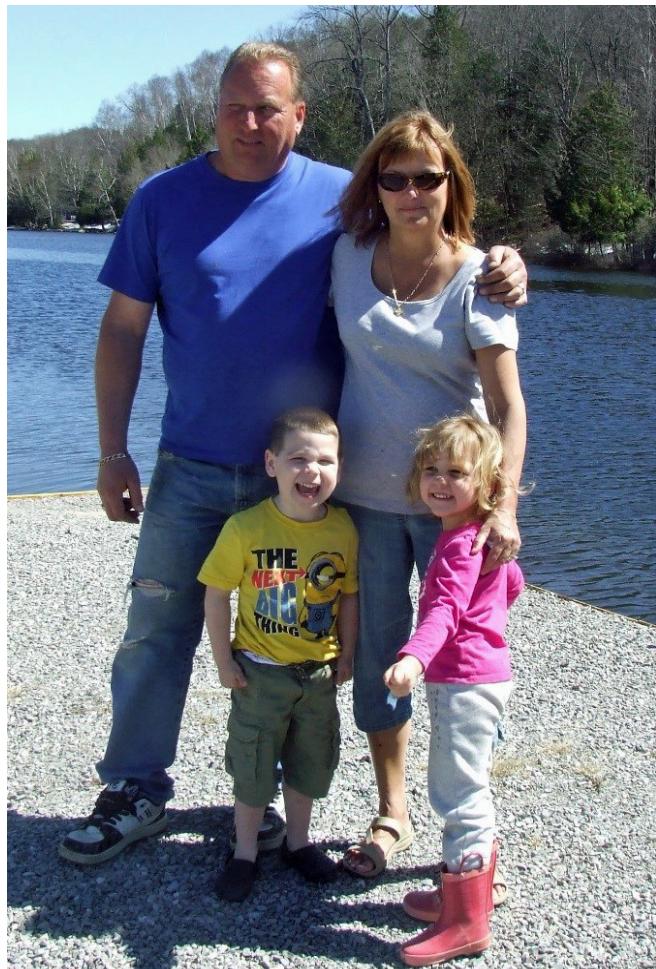
Maria remembers how warmly they were received by the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association (HLCA) when they first purchased the marina. She said they have always had a very positive relationship with the HLCA, the Fort Irwin Resident's Association and their customers. Brad and Maria continue to invest in their community supporting the activities of the association and placing a high value on customer service.

From the beginning, Brad and Maria had a vision for the marina. Each year they have invested time and money to make that vision a reality and what you see today reflects their efforts. Their first projects focused on creating a visually appealing new brand for the marina. With the help of friends and family, they painted all the buildings to give them a fresh look. This year they added an indoor storage facility which is 65 feet by 125 feet because Brad realized that some owners prefer to store their boats when their cottages are rented out. Brad and Maria will continue to adapt their services to meet the changing needs of those on the lake.

Their hard work and dedication has transformed the marina into a hub of essential services. They offer a full-service marina that includes boat repair, storage and rentals. The marina store is well stocked with propane, ice, pantry essentials, newspapers and snacks. Perhaps the most popular product is the infamous Kawartha Dairy ice cream, a cottage essential for all ages! They sell gasoline at

the lake and roadside. Brad has a collection of hardware essentials such as screws and fasteners, as well as, a variety of boating items. You may contact the marina at 705-754-4176 or via their website at www.facebook.com/pg/fortirwinhaliburton/posts/.

Brad and Maria's youngest helpers, Jaxon and Ava who are seen in the picture shown below, are two of their four grandchildren. Their family first focus is definitely an important part of who they are and how they approach their lives in business, the community and personally.



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Each year Maria selects a local charity to support. Donations are accepted at the store and she applauds the creative support that has raised funds for these charities in the past. Most recently, a group of innovative folks cashed in the beer bottles they collected at the regatta and donated the funds to the charity drive. At the end of the drive, the donations collected at the store are tallied and the Marina matches the donation amount. The photo on the right shows donations which were collected at the marina for one of the annual charity drives.

This summer the Marina has chosen a local not-for-profit charity to support called “Point in Time.” The goal of the charitable organization is to support the wellbeing of families in Haliburton County. They offer professional care and programs, many of which are offered at no charge with the help of provincial support and generous donations. To learn more about this wonderful resource check out their website <http://www.pointintime.ca/>.

The summer is the busiest time of year at the mar-

na. For 8 short weeks, Brad and Maria and their staff run the hub of the lake at full speed. The next time you are at the marina, be sure to say hello. We are fortunate to have this marina on our lake.



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Fort Irwin Residents (FIRA)

By Dianne Kelly

FIRA as it is known, is a group of people who love to be in the Haliburton Highlands either all year round or for extended lengths of time. The hall across from the boat launch at the north end of Haliburton Lake, is a hub of activity all year round. Come and check us out at 5821 Haliburton Lake Rd..

WHAT happens at FIRA?

Weekly Activities include:

- Fitness – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Jane Jaycock is back leading the group Tues., Fri.)
- Cards – Monday evening
- Quilting / crafts – Wednesday morning
- Summer Happy Hour - Thursdays

Monthly - Pot Luck dinners

Christmas dinner

Many more Special events

2017 Calendar of events:

First Pie and Cookie Fest– Saturday July 1 10 ‘till noon

The 1st annual Summer Fest will feature: picking up pre-ordered pies; buying homemade cookies, getting local made Maple Syrup

Our quilt, wall hanging and placemats will also be on display and tickets will be available to purchase.

McGregor Meat sale orders: Graham Newton arranges orders for a variety of BBQ meats, picks them up and delivers them to FIRA hall for us.

Pancake Breakfast – Saturday August 19th from 9:00 ‘till noon

Bring your family and guests for a sumptuous breakfast of pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee or tea. Yes we also serve gluten free food.

Quilt Draw

This year’s quilt is a cozy warm lap quilt, just perfect for those cold winter evenings in front of the fire. It has been in the making since last September when the ladies started sewing the fabric blocks. By January the ladies started the long process of hand quilting the design which keeps the quilt together.

For more information contact

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HLCA updates will remind everyone of the events





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Abbey Gardens

By Cara Steele, Program Coordinator and Ecological Specialist, Abbey Gardens

Abbey Gardens is a charity with a big dream to transform a spent gravel pit (380 acres) into a green space that provides economic and recreational opportunities to our community. Everything we do on site helps further our mission to create opportunities for the public to learn about living more sustainably. If you want to learn about local food, gardening, renewable energy, sustainable construction techniques, heritage agricultural animals, land restoration or cooking techniques, this is the place to visit!

It all began when John Patterson came up with the idea of bringing a local gravel pit back to life. He'd been to see Butchart Gardens, a national historic site near Victoria, B.C., and the Eden Project in Cornwall, U.K., the largest indoor rainforest in the world, both of which are rehabilitated open-air mines and world-class gardens. He was inspired by the idea of creating a greenspace where the community can gather, learn and enjoy from an area no longer useful or beautiful. From this inspiration, his search for a gravel pit in Haliburton County began in 2006.

Hawk River Construction, operates a gravel pit near the end of its life on Highway #118 between Carnarvon and West Guilford. This became the home for Abbey Gardens in 2009.

The early years

Staff and volunteers united to create Abbey Gardens' first vegetable and flower garden. Vegetables were grown using sustainable, organic practices and sold at the local Farmers Market and through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for the first few years.

In 2012, Abbey Gardens partnered with the Sustainable Design and Construction program at Fleming College to build our social enterprise re-

tail store, the Food Hub. The purpose of the Food Hub is to create demand for, and provide easy access to local food. All of the vegetables from our garden are either sold fresh on the shelves or are brought into the kitchen for processing into salads, spreads, pies, preserves, pickles etc.

Programs

We began offering programs at Abbey Gardens as soon as our first garden was created. Our 5 acres of natural program area, developing trail systems, gardens, Food Hub and kitchen create the perfect canvas for experiential learning! We are passionate about sharing experiences about gardening, ecology and cooking through workshops, volunteer opportunities, tours, field trips and day programs for children and adults.

In addition to our property and facilities, we also have rare, heritage chickens and ponies to complement our educational programs. Their genetics have evolved over centuries of farming to be well adapted to our environment, and resilient to pests and disease.

The Chantecler is a breed of chicken originating in Quebec in the early 20th century. With plumage that lies tight against the body and an exceptionally small cushion comb and wattles (to protect against frostbite), the Chantecler is one of the most cold-hardy of chickens and is suitable for both egg and meat production. All of our children's programs start with a visit to the chicken coop to feed and collect eggs!

Lac La Croix Indian ponies are a critically endangered Canadian breed. By the 1970's, the breed was virtually extinct, with only 4 ponies left living near a small village in northern Ontario. Through the rescue and rehabilitation efforts of a dedicated group of individuals, there are now approximately 200 ponies worldwide- and we have two of them!

Our Lac La Croix Indian pony brothers, Maple and Sammy, along with their pasture pal, Flapjack

(who's not a rare breed, but is certainly rare in personality) will be part of a new program launching this year. Abbey Gardens Pony Powered Learning Experience (APPLE) is a project focussed on personal growth and experiential learning programs - with a twist. Our ponies are the teachers. As prey animals, horses and ponies rely on their keen senses, quick reactions and ability to 'read' situations. Learning to listen to one's intuition and instincts as well as improving our 'emotional intelligence' and non-verbal communication skills can be a key component of success in any endeavor or relationship. These ponies are strong ambassadors for rare breeds and will now become an even more integral part of the Abbey Gardens programming.

Attractions on site

In 2014, Abbey Gardens began welcoming like-minded, start-up and established organizations to

locate on our site. These businesses help make the site more of a destination for the community by clustering attractions together. Currently, we share the site with Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Into the Blue Bakery, County Coffee and Haliburton Solar + Wind.

Visit us today

Stop by Abbey Gardens for a unique outdoor experience this summer! Hike the trails, explore the garden rows while learning about vegetable gardening, savour a craft beer at Haliburton Highlands Brewing, learn about renewable energy at the Haliburton Solar + Wind Off-Grid Demonstration Centre and enjoy a homemade lunch and local food shopping experience at our Food Hub. Kids will love our self-guided garden or eco quest as well as our heritage breeds ponies & chickens. A full-day of exploration, learning, food and fun awaits you!



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Tragically Hip at the Beach

By John and Seam Rowsome

The evening magical night on the Public Beach , August 21, 2016, was made possible by Gray and Lori Powell who organized the event with the technical support of Tech-U-Trust which involved live satellite feed of CBC coverage of the Tragically Hip final concert in Kingston Ontario. This involved a large screen with heavy audio support, even an impromptu warm- up band.

This story has two parts the first part from John Rowsome describing his son's Sean love for the Tragically Hip. The second part is Sean Rowsome's explanation of the events of August 21 on the lake. Enjoy!

Part 1 – John Rowsome The article was penned the night of the final televised Hip concert. Sean, 38 years old, has been a diehard Hip fan since his youth. In June, 2016 he returned to Canada from close to 10-years working in Dubai and the Middle East. To illustrate Sean's attachment to The Tragically Hip, the family moved to Washington on business back in the early '90's for a few years and Sean never wavered as a "Hip" fan even as an ex-Pat living in the DC area, where Hip audiences could be 125, not 125,000. In point of fact, as a senior, he purposely became a morning DJ at Kennedy High School in Maryland to introduce the student body to Hip Canadiana. Sean also wrote an article published by the Toronto Sun (in their youth section) while in Maryland about his experience of watching the Hip in a very small DC venue in the early '90's after being in Markham the summer previous with 20,000 fans enjoying the iconic music of Canada's favourite band. Back to the present, upon Sean's return from Dubai we purchased a couple of tickets so he could attend one of the final tour concerts at the ACC in Toronto as a much belated Christmas gift. The night of the final, CBC televised Hip performance in Kingston, Sean had driven to our family cot-

tage on Haliburton Lake in the Highlands ironically not too far from the old Bobcaygeon Road...Sean had just arrived by himself on the Saturday for a little peaceful R & R...later that night, Sean sent us the following email...a perfect tribute to the world's greatest band unfolded...unfolded I might add, in such an incredibly Canadian, HLCA fashion...Sean's email follows.....

Part 2 – Seam Rowsome So...I was wondering how I was going to honor the final show. I was of two minds whether I was even going to watch it. I figured I could just crack a few beers and shuffle my favorite Hip playlist as the sun turned the golden island into a dark shadow. I sat on the deck of the cottage contemplating this quandary when I could hear the faint echos of Gord floating across the water. A misty phantom culmination of every concert cheer echoed through the Highlands and it took a moment to register reality vs. fond memory. I took to the water with a paddle and beer to investigate. There was movement on the lake indicative of a long weekend fireworks gala. As I exited our little bay onto the main lake, boats were moving toward the public beach...too many to be going home after a day on the water. The music got louder and the emotional cheers intensified. The public beach had put up a massive screen and the speakers were so magnificent that Gord Downie and the Hip could be heard across the whole lake. Boats lined the shores and anchored throughout the area. Somehow....fittingly...I stumbled into the best possible send-off...the most appropriate goodbye. I was on my lake., floating on the water, drinking a beer and watching the sky turn from dusk to stars...Gord's voice bouncing along the water and off the trees. The only thing missing was all of you, and more beers. I should have brought more beers.

Note - The email from Sean to us was actually read by Gord Downie as it was sent by a friend of his/ours who visits our cottage on the lake each year.

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Haliburton's Night Sky

By Kersti Meema

Look up! At night! After a long day on the water, look up!

Haliburton is an ideal place to look up at night. Our dark, clear skies allow us to see planets, stars and the Milky Way. We are so lucky! Most of the school age children in Toronto have never seen the Milky Way. It is magical to lay on the dock on a still and moonless night and stare at the heavens above.

But do you know what you are seeing, and what it is possible to see? This July and August, the planets Jupiter and Saturn will be easily visible in the southwest and south, respectively, from dusk for a few hours. Jupiter will be very bright with a bright star (called Spica) to its left. Saturn won't be as bright as Jupiter, but will be brighter than the stars around it. Don't think you can find them? Try using a mobile phone app such as Sky Safari to check out what is up in the sky on any particular night.

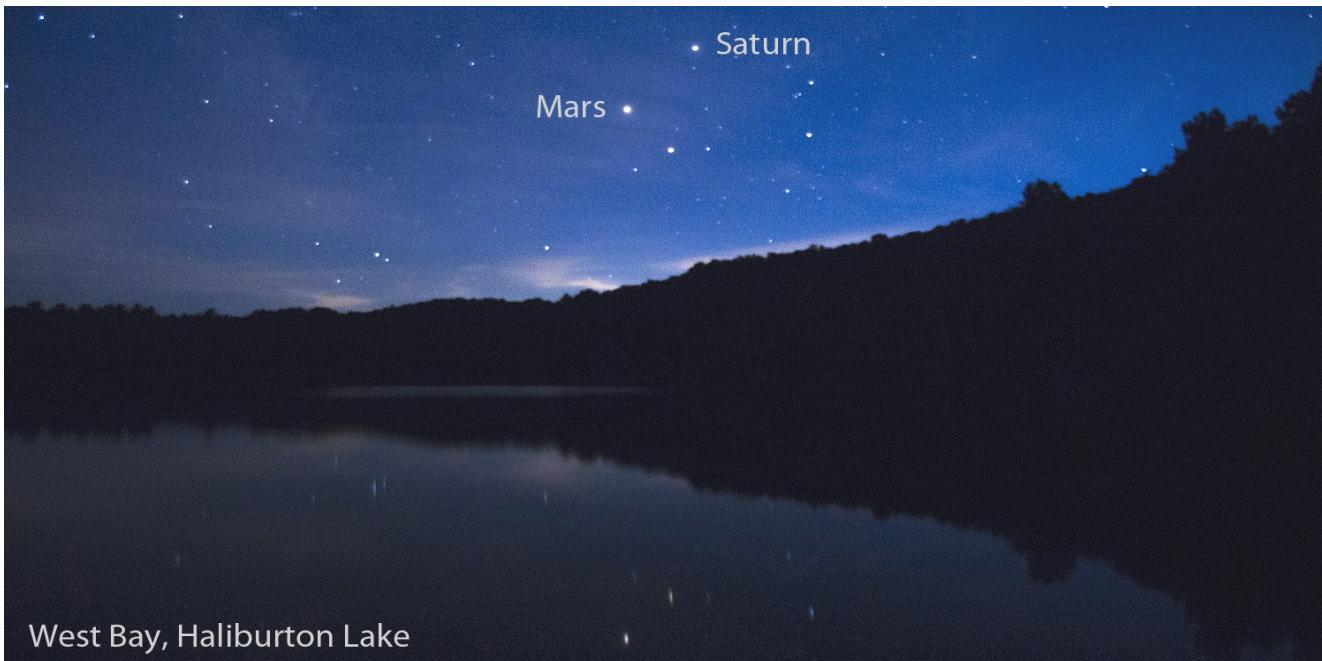
Look up! That bright wide ribbon of stars across the sky is the Milky Way. It's the galaxy in which

we live. If you look into the bright part of the Milky Way to the south, you can gaze right into the centre of our galaxy!

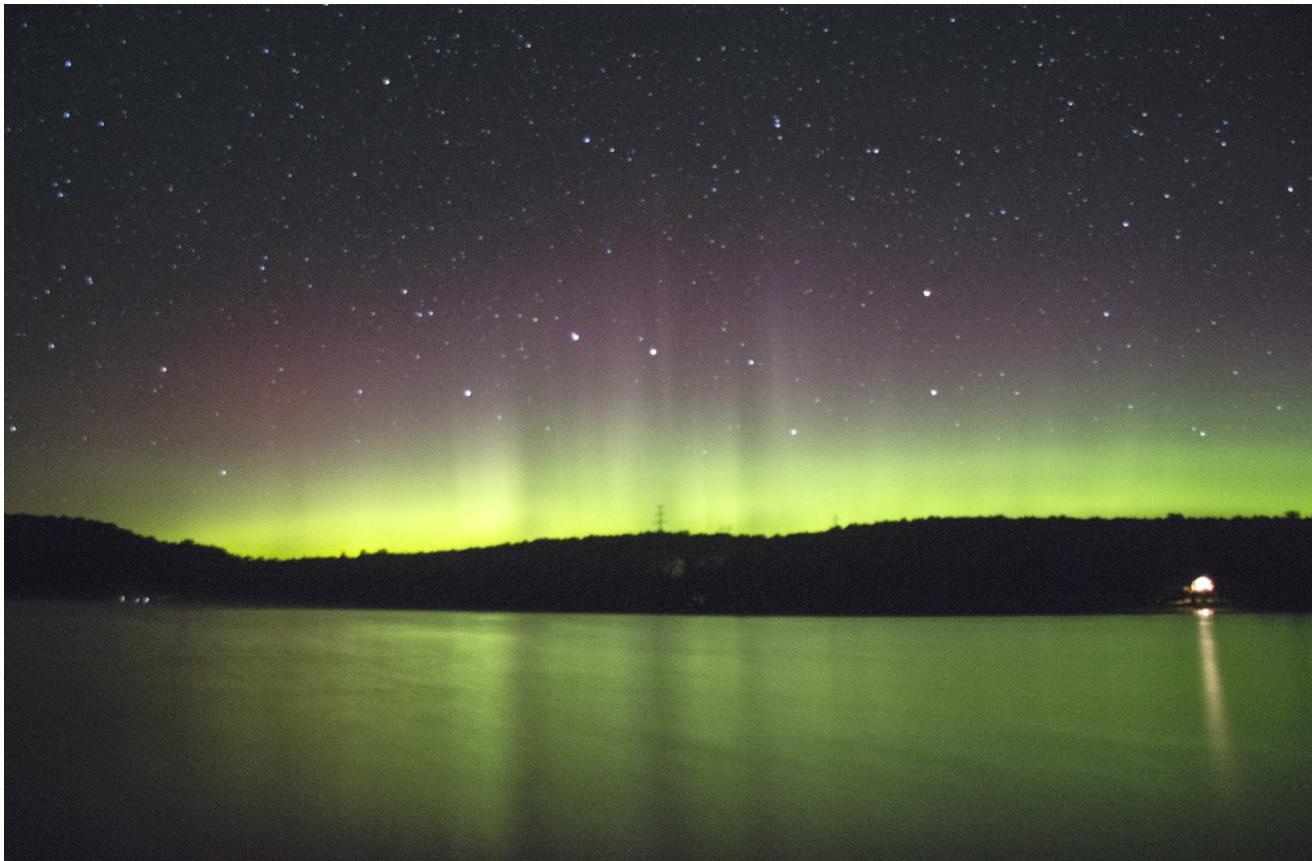
Not only can you see stars, planets and the Milky Way, you can also sometimes see satellites, and even the International Space Station. For up to about 5 minutes you can watch this bright object silently travel across the sky. Use the website heavens-above.com to figure out when it is best to see it. Don't forget to input your location since when and where you can see it in the sky changes from location to location.

For late night viewing, look to the horizon if you have a north-facing cottage on the water. Do you see that glow just above the trees where you think there shouldn't be any light? It could be the Northern Lights, also called the aurora borealis. Watch and wait to see if it gets stronger, or if it starts to flicker. The Northern Lights are generated by activity on the Sun which causes charged particles to reach the Earth and interact with our atmosphere. The best viewing time is late at night, between 2-5am – so pour yourself a glass of wine, and stay up late – it's well worthwhile if the aurora is strong.

So look up.



West Bay, Haliburton Lake



Northern Lights and the Big Dipper. Ross Lake, August 2016. Photo by Kersti Meema

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Percy Lake Ratepayers' Assoc

By Anna Tilman, President PLRA

Percy Lake, as many of you may know, is your very close neighbour. We treasure what the lake has to offer, and care about protecting the health and environment of the lake and the natural habitat that abounds.

The PLRA, formed in 1981, is an active member of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA); the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA); and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF). As well, we work with the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association (HLCA) and the Fort Irwin Residents' Association (FIRA) on issues affecting our common areas.

Currently, there are over 70 residents on Percy Lake, of which approximately 50 are members of PLRA. The Board of the PLRA plays an important role in communicating to its members and all residents on the lake on various issues pertaining to Percy Lake and its environs, and as a recipient of concerns as well, and organizing activities on the lake. We are attentive to and involved in municipal issues, including roads, landfill, septic systems, etc., and provincial matters, such changes in regulations that may affect us, and in other issues.

Last year was particularly active for Percy Lake.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM), held Saturday July 23 at the FIRA Hall, was filled to capacity! James Rogers, Forest Conservation Officer for the County of Haliburton, our featured guest speaker, spoke on long term forest health, specifically invasive forest insect pests, and strategies to reduce further spread. Dysart Township's Reeve, Murray Fearrey, Walt McKechnie, Councillor Ward 5, and OPP community representatives were also on hand. A wide range of topics were discussed, from roads, landfills, docks, to safety, break-ins ... hu-

mans and bears!

"Love your Lake" Program: Percy Lake participated in the Love Your Lake Program in August

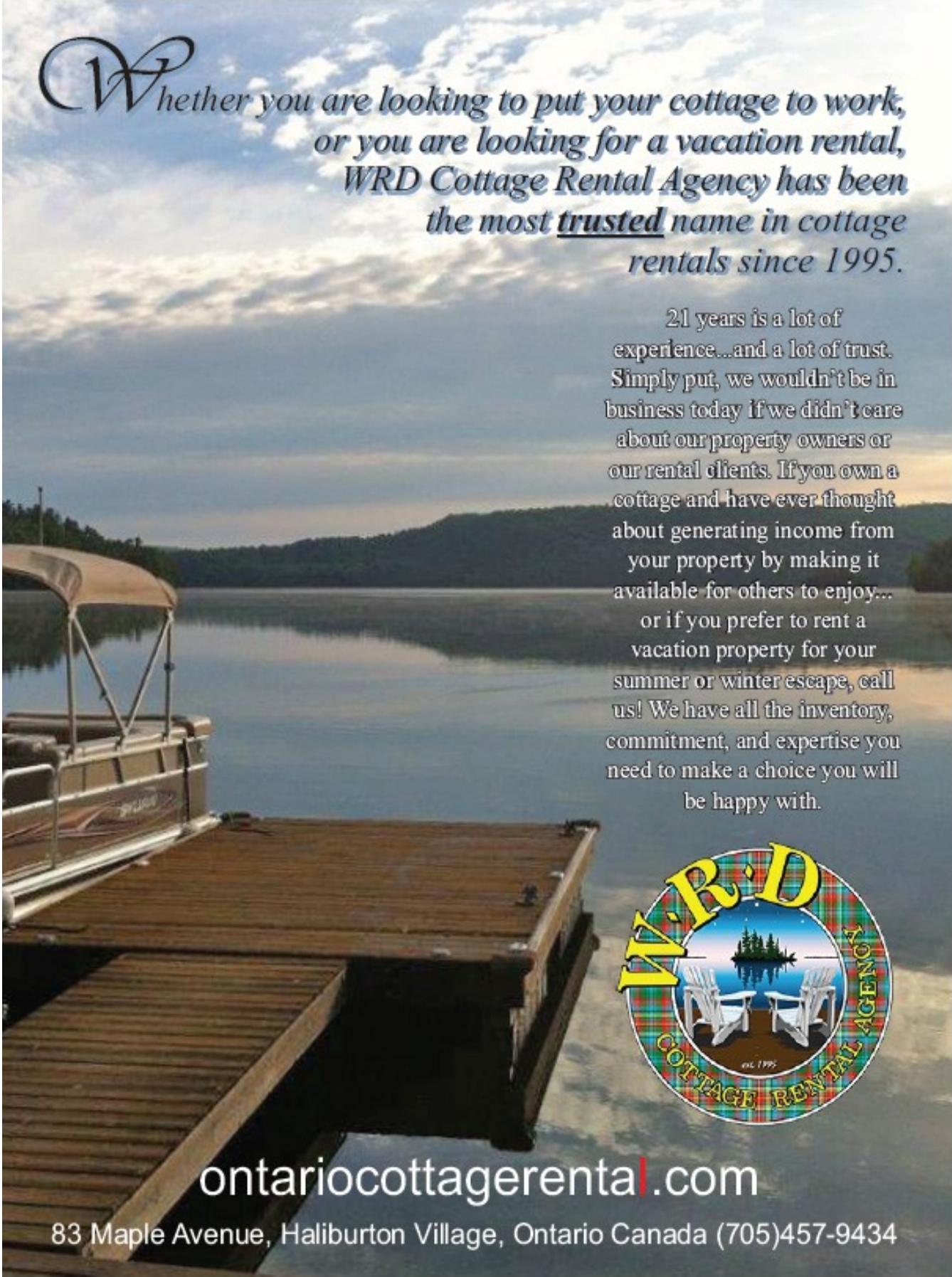


2016. This program, run in conjunction with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners (CHA), carried out a shoreline evaluation of the Lake. Property owners who agreed to be part of this program will be provided with confidential and private feedback with respect to the health of their shoreline. We expect to receive this information in the next few months. I gather that HLCA will be engaged in this activity this summer.

Social Activities: For the past few years, we have held a Corn Roast and BBQ, which enjoys a really great turnout. As well, we hold an annual Fishing Tournament and Angling Contest – rain or shine, a long-time tradition at Percy Lake.

We will be planning our activities for this year shortly, and will keep in touch with Glenn on our plans.

Wishing you a great spring and summer of 2017.



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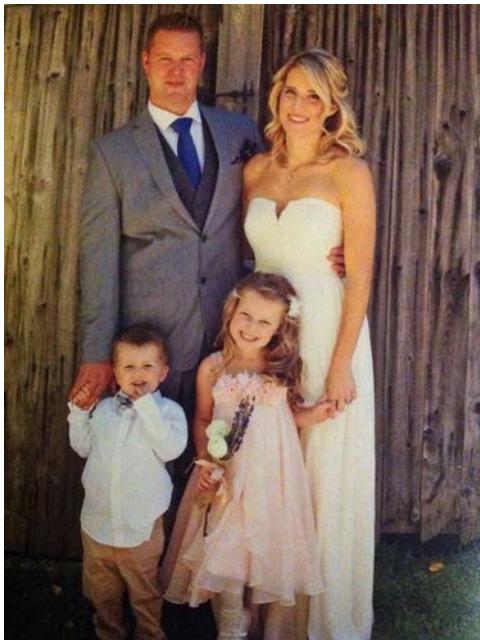
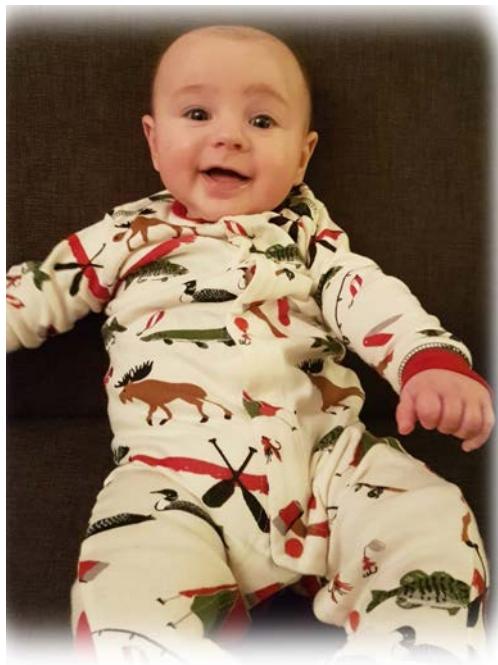
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Life Announcements

Jeremy Douglas Giroux

The Candy family is thrilled to welcome Jeremy Douglas Giroux to Candy Lane. Born September 23, 2016 to Emily Candy and Patrick Giroux, Jeremy is already one happy little camper with all the love and attention that is bestowed on him from excited grandparents Bill and Joan Candy and Auntie Pam, Uncle John and Uncle Glenn. Jeremy can't wait to spend his summers on Haliburton Lake and meet more cottage friends!



Lauren Bright and Matthew Collins

Another Haliburton lake couple ties the knot! Lauren Bright and Matthew Collins. Sept 24th 2016.



Sean Woods and Genevieve Doiron

Got engaged overlooking Haliburton Lake in October, 2015, and were married June 9, 2016, overlooking Lake of Two Rivers in Jasper National Park.



Hunter Taylor

Photo taken at 7 months March 19, 2017

Hunter Craig Mick Taylor born August 14, 2016 at 7 lbs 12oz to Kathleen Mickelborough. Hunter will be the 4th generation Haliburton Lake cottager. Hunter's Great Grandparents, Lorne and Ruth Mickelborough purchased property in 1967. His Grandfather Chester Mickelborough, was an HLCA Director and was responsible for an annual Corn Roast for a number of years. Hunter's uncle Ian also spends time there in the summer. Hunter took his first trip to the cottage when 3 weeks old and anticipates taking swimming lessons at the beach this summer 2017.

Barry Wayne Cook

A Friend Gone Too Soon It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Barry Wayne Cook on August 31, 2016.

Barry was the son of the late Shirley McCarthy and Harold Cook.

Barry was a long time resident of Haliburton Lake. He originally lived on South Bay then moved to the big lake at the South Bay bridge. He left the lake for a short time moving to Western Canada, however, returned to the lake that he loved. He resided on the lake until shortly after his mother Shirley's passing, then moved to Lindsay for his last remaining years.

Barry was a man of many talents. Throughout his life, he worked in construction, real estate and sales. At one time Barry owned the general store at Fort Irwin, and worked at The Duke in town. In his spare time, he was an extremely talented artist, a master carpenter, and could fix just about anything. Barry also loved nature and enjoyed early mornings with his coffee and a good book, or staring at the stars at night. He especially loved his



animals, Tigger and Thaddeus, and was an avid supporter to animal shelters.

Barry was a kind and caring man always willing to help anyone in need. He made friends easily wherever he went, and his fantastic sense of humor could always make you laugh at one of his jokes.

Gone too soon from us, Barry will forever be remembered and sadly missed by many friends in the County and on Haliburton Lake.

Local Activities

The hills, trails and roadways of Haliburton beckon us to get off the couch and get outside! The scenery and the fresh air invite us all to hike, cycle, ski, snowmobile or go geocaching. Whatever activity you chose, there are a lot of resources close by. There is something for everyone whether you are training for an Ironman or enjoying down time with the family, the possibilities are endless! Here is an overview of some of the resources which are at our fingertips.

Hiking

I have never been quite sure when walking becomes hiking but I do know that fresh air and time on a trail or in the woods is always a good investment. The simplicity of wandering along a trail allows us to unplug and relax. The Haliburton Highlands offer scenic trails at every level of difficulty so you can use them to achieve your fitness goals, share the beauty of the area with family and friends or simply spend quality time with your favorite dog.

Haliburton Lake Road

A lot of people take a stroll along Haliburton Lake Road. It is close by and clear all year round. It provides a scenic setting with lots of curves and rolling and sometimes challenging terrain. It is also well travelled by vehicles which requires a shared awareness to ensure pedestrians, cyclists and cars co-exist in harmony.

Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve has over 300 km of forest roads of trails making it a great location for hikers and mountain bikers of varying skill levels. The following link provides detailed descriptions of many of the trails complete with an estimate of the level of difficulty and mileage. Maps of each trail show their location and interactive trail maps are also available. These may be downloaded to your smartphone. Check out the

trails at <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/activities/trails>

Fees apply to those using the trails in the spring, summer or fall. A day use permit fee of \$16/per adult applies but there is no charge for children under 17 years of age. In the winter, trail use is limited to snowmobilers and a charge of \$49/ driver is charged and an additional fee of \$10/ passenger will be owed.

The trails vary so it is best to review the options before setting out. For example, the North Shore trail is 4.2 km and is ranked as difficult trail for hikers and an extremely difficult ride for mountain bikers. It is noted to be a great hike involving some steep hill sides.

The Sunday trail is 11.7 km which is described as a moderate trail with a few steep sections that may be muddy after heavy rain. The best time of the year to hike or bike the trail is August through October. If you are looking for a more relaxing trail, the Forestry Walk is an easy route close to the Base Camp meant for walkers only. It winds through a maple and beech stand and offers some information about the types of trees you are passing by. There are many more trails to explore which are outlined in detail on the website.

The facility also offers Astronomy Programs every Friday night in July and August. It is recommended that you book ahead as enrollment is limited. The Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve is located at 1095 Redkenn Road in Haliburton approximately 45 minutes from Fort Irwin. Additional information is available at 1-800-631-2198.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest Trail

The [Haliburton Sculpture Forest](#) located at Glebe Park in Haliburton is an interactive trail which is available to pedestrians from April – November. During the winter months the sculptures can be accessed via cross country skis.

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Sir Sam's Inn

Overlooking picturesque Eagle Lake, Sir Sam's Inn offers over 23 km of cross-country and down-hill trails traversing open meadow, hardwood forest and rock outcroppings. The trails vary from beginner to advanced. The Provincial Mountain Bike Championship will be hosted at this location in September, 2017. Mountain bikes may be rented on site. Trail use is \$16/day and includes a ski lift ride to the top of the hill to enjoy the view without the climb! There are 6 km of interpretive hiking and running trails available on site. Visit www.sirsams.com for more info.

Dorset Scenic Tower Hike



The Tower hike starts at the Dorset Heritage Museum located at 1040 Main Street, Dorset.

This challenging 1.5 km hike offers a panoramic view of the surrounding forests and lakes.

Information is available at 705-766-0323.

Crest of Kennisis Hike

The Crest of Kennisis hike is ranked as moderate to difficult which begins at 1584 Big Hawk Rd, Halls Lake at the Log Chute Trail and ends at the Circuit of Five Viewpoints Trail. This 6 km hike traverses along towering ridges and leads to a stun-

ning cliff-top view of the Haliburton Highlands. This hike has some of the most varied terrain in the area and offers those who travel it a true wilderness experience. Be sure to watch the trail signs carefully and carry a trail map to ensure you stay on the correct trail. Please be aware this is a linear trail, so you must have a car or shuttle to complete the trail in one direction or opt to double your mileage and hike back to the starting point.

<https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/deptdocs/AlgonquinTrails.pdf>

The Haliburton County Rail Trail

The Haliburton County Rail Trail starts in Haliburton and ends in Kinmount totaling 35 km. You can travel the entire trail or select a slice of the trail to focus on a specific segment of the trail. It is ranked easy to moderate so a choice for a group with varied fitness levels. The scenery throughout consists of winding rivers, waterfalls, heritage bridges, and more.

It is a multi-use trail open to pedestrians, cyclists, horseback riders, ATVers and snowmobilers. The Rail Trail is opened exclusively to non-motorized use April 2 to May 1. Non-motorized users such as walkers, joggers, mountain bikers, horseback riders and hikers share the trail with motorized users from May 1 to November 30 between 10:00 am to dusk. ATV users who hold a permit with Haliburton or Kawartha ATV Associations are invited to use the Rail Trail from May 1 to November 30. . The trail is ranked as a beginner trail and users are required to obey the speed limit of 30 km/hr. During the winter months explore the winter wonderland via snowmobile. The trail is reserved exclusively for snowmobile travel between December 1 to April 1, snowmobiles are required to have a OFSC permit to ride the Rail Trail.

For additional information is available at 705-286-1762.

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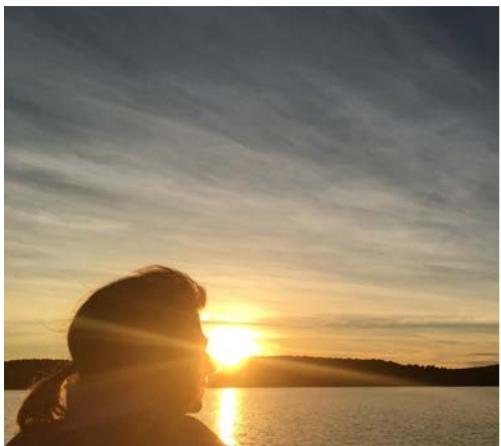
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Cycling

The Haliburton Highlands feature some of the best cycling in Canada. [Ontario by Bike](http://www.ontariobybike.ca/great-places-to-cycle/ontario-highlands/haliburton-highlands) showcases the vast array of cycling adventures to be had from mountain biking to on-road routes and trail loops.

Cycle Haliburton

Cycle Haliburton advocates and promotes cycling in the Haliburton Highlands. Their website provides maps for 17 cycling routes in Haliburton which vary in length and intensity. Route K loops from Haliburton to Fort Irwin to Eagle Lake and back to Haliburton covering a distance of 50 km. It is ranked as moderate to most difficult so the trek is not for the lighthearted. Their website is <http://cyclehaliburton.ca/maps>.

Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition

The [Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition](http://www.myhaliburtonhighlands.com/outdoor-adventure-1) mapped and published 14 popular road routes across the County, ranging from 6 to 100 km. The Bike Haliburton County map features difficulty ratings, information on traffic levels, road surfaces and facilities en route, with options for all levels of cyclists. Paved shoulders are intermittent. Cyclists should expect to share the road with motor vehicles on all routes, and follow the rules of the road accordingly. For more information on routes consult the [Cycle The Haliburton Highlands](http://www.ontariobybike.ca/great-places-to-cycle/ontario-highlands/haliburton-highlands) cycling map. <http://www.ontariobybike.ca/great-places-to-cycle/ontario-highlands/haliburton-highlands>.

Mountain Biking

As stated previously, Sir Sam's Inn and the County Rail Trail offer cycling opportunities too. Enjoy!

Geocaching

Geocaching is a relatively new phenomena with its origins rooted in 2000. The term combines the words "earth" meaning the geographic location and "cache" meaning a hidden treasure. Geocaching is defined to be a recreational activity of hunt-

ing and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website. Recently it has become a popular hobby for many.

Who knew geocaching royalty was so close at hand? Highlands East is ranked as the number one geocaching location in Canada. Additional details can be found at <http://www.geocachingcapitalofcanada.com>.

Active opportunities abound within Haliburton. In many cases, they can be accessed year round and in some cases, users for the same trails vary as the seasons change. While enjoying the trails always remember the basic unwritten code - respect private property, carry all garbage out, take maps to ensure you know your location at all times and be well informed on the rules of use.

A wealth of information on all forms of active adventures in the Haliburton Highlands is available at the following website. <http://www.myhaliburtonhighlands.com/outdoor-adventure-1>. Whatever you choose to do, the scenery and natural beauty and outspoken scenery of the highlands will take your breath away.



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Quick Information

Roads Update

As mentioned earlier our relationship with Fort Irwin Resident's Association (FIRA) and Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association (PLRA) really paid off. A united message regarding the lake roads during a meeting with Reeve Murray Fearrey, and Councillor Walt McKechnie, in the fall of last year lead to \$160,000 spent on road work in 2016 and more roadwork for 2017.

A summary of what was completed is below,

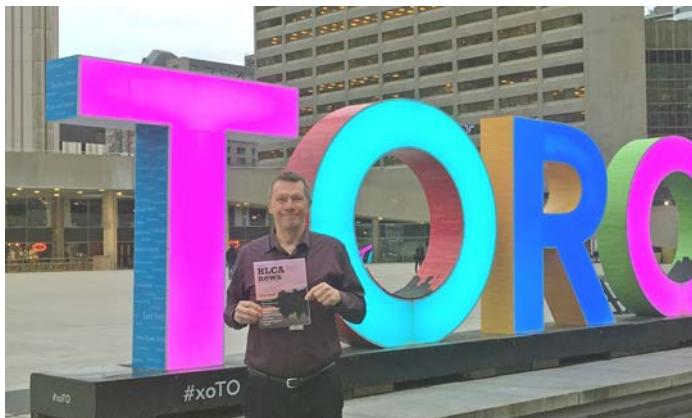
- Haliburton Lake Rd - East Lake to Percy Lake Rd - Pulverized and resurfaced
- Dunn Rd - Reverted to gravel
- Sullivan Rd - Reverted back to gravel
- Hodgson Rd - Resurfaced Harburn Road to South Bay bridge
- Hodgson Rd, Dignan Dr, Sullivan Rd and parts of Haliburton Lake Road - Mechanical brush clearing

For 2017, the plan is to pulverize, add gravel, grade and stabilize Johnson Bay Rd.

A big thank you to Murray and Walt!

Annual Photo Contest Decorate the Hall

Starting this year, we have instituted an annual photo contest. The winning pictures will be put on plaques and will decorate the renovated hall. At



next year's AGM, we will unveil the 3 winners. Broadly, the pictures are to represent life on Haliburton Lake. There are no categories so anything goes; people, wildlife, scenery, action shots etc. Please submit your pictures by April 1, 2018. Some of the photos will also be included in the 2018 HLCA Magazine.

Take Us with You

Let's see the interesting places we travel to with our HLCA Magazine, close to home or farther afield. Send us your photo to win a chance to have it published in the e-mail updates or in the HLCA Magazine. To start us off, here is Glenn in front of the "Toronto" sign and Glenn's daughter, Julie on her recent trip to Cambodia outside a Buddhist temple called Bayon, part of the Angkor wat temple complex.





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Protecting our Cottage

Cottage and Seasonal home break-ins are “crimes of opportunity” and thieves will look for easy targets.

Cottages and seasonal homes are most vulnerable to thieves from the week following Thanksgiving to the weeks prior to Victoria Day, especially if the owners are not using them for fall, winter or spring getaways.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment would like to assist cottage owners in Haliburton County with some crime prevention tips to keep in mind to help protect your property.

- Watch for suspicious people or activity in your neighbourhood. Have a trusted neighbour keep an eye out while you plan to be away. Do not announce your absence over social media.
- Deter potential criminals. Ensure outside lights work and consider motion sensor lighting.
- Lock doors and windows, even if you’re going out for a short time. Install quality locks and a deadbolt on each outside door.
- Prevent break and enters. Keep garage doors and entry doors secured.
- Avoid access by intruders. Lock your vehicles at all times. Remove or secure valuables out of sight, even when in the garage.
- Store bicycles, tools and personal items in gar-

ages and sheds.

- Keep all valuables in the home in secure locations. Consider recording serial numbers and taking photos of personal property for documentation purposes.
- Trees, shrubs and fences create hiding spots for criminals. Keep your landscaping groomed and limit privacy fencing.
- If you’re going to be away, keep the grass cut or driveway shovelled. Do not let newspapers or mail accumulate.
- Check around your property for objects that could be used to break into your property and eliminate them as options for would be thieves.
- When closing up the cottage, winterize any vehicles such as boats and all-terrain vehicles (ATV’s). Ensure they are covered, locked and the keys are hidden. For motorized snow machines, you can remove the track and hide the keys.

In the unfortunate event that your cottage has been broken into you should call the police as soon as possible and avoid touching anything as the police may be able to find evidence at your property that links to possible suspects.

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Microbreweries Are Booming

In the past decade, microbreweries are popping up all over Ontario. Cottage country is no exception. Hot summer evenings at the lake with friends and family seem the perfect place to enjoy the fruits of these enterprising entrepreneurs. Here is an overview of two microbreweries in the area and what they offer in terms of products and touring opportunities.

Haliburton Highland Brewery

The Haliburton Highland Brewery (HHB) is located at 1067 Garden Gate Drive just behind the Abbey Gardens building on Highway 118 by Grass Lake. They welcome all to visit on site to experience their beer fresh from the brewery. Knowledgeable staff is available to answer any questions you may have. Bottled beer, growlers, beer swag and tours are available at the brewery.

They are opening a new patio on the May long weekend this year. Beer flights will be available as well beer by the glass or bottle. Tours run about 40 minutes in length. They include a full tour of the production floor and guided tastings. A fee of \$10/pp applies and calling ahead to make sure there is the appropriate staff on hand is recommended.

Jewelle of the HHB Brew Crew said they will be selecting 6 beers to feature this summer and these will be posted on the website in May. They are also producing a limited edition German style blonde ale in honour of Dysart et al's 150th anniversary. Watch for that release this summer.

One of the things unique to HHB, is the Hop Scale which they developed to inform and guide consumers purchases. Apparently International Bittering Units (IBUs) are the official measure of bitterness in beer. Yet looking at IBU's in isolation does not tell the whole story. The folks at Haliburton Highland Brewery claim two beers with similar IBU's can have very different levels of 'perceived

hoppiness.' By referencing the Hop Scale rating they assign to each Haliburton Highland beer consumers can better understand what each type of beer has to offer. The details are on the website. The scale ranges from one to five. One on the scale translates to no or low perceived hoppiness while a five is called the Hop Bomb with hops being the dominant flavor and aroma. The funniest thing is every time I type in "hoppiness" the computer self corrects it to "happiness." I wonder what that means?

Haliburton Highlands Brewery products are served on a seasonal or rotating basis at the following restaurants in the area:

- The Cookhouse, Haliburton Forest
- McKecks the Blueline, Haliburton
- Rhubarb, Carnarvon
- Millpond, Carnarvon
- SummerKiss, Moore Falls
- Sir Sam's Inn, Eagle Lake

Check out the website for hours and additional information at <http://haliburtonhighlandsbrewing.ca/our-beer/>. Or give them a call at 705-754- 2739.



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Boshkung Brewing Co.

Boshkung Brewing Co. will be celebrating their 4th anniversary on Canada Day this year. They are located at 9201 Highway 118 just past the Highway 35 junction. The brewery and retail store are located on the bottom floor of the building that houses Rhubarb restaurant. They describe themselves as a small batch brewery with a focus on quality.

Their beer is available for purchase by the bottle or in growlers. They also sell t-shirts and hoodies and other beer swag. Their best seller is the 35 & 118 Cream Ale which they hope to make more broadly available by the fall of 2017 at the Beer Store locations in Haliburton and Minden. It is currently available at the LCBO at those locations and at Eagle Lake Fresh Market.

Boshkung Brewing Co. recommends their White Cap Wheat Ale, as a good summer beer. They will also be producing Irish Red Ale to commemorate Canada's 150th birthday. The label will promote the sesquicentennial, as will a clothing line produced in honour of Canada's 150th.

Beer flights of their products are available upstairs in the Rhubarb or they may be enjoyed on the patio over the summer. Spontaneous tastings or tours may be available when you drop by depending on stage of production at the time.

Boshkung Brewing Co. will be opening a new taproom in Minden on Victoria Day weekend (if all goes as planned) which will offer locally produced beers from Boshkung Brewing Co., Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Sawdust City Brewing Co. and Muskoka Brewery. They will also offer a house red and white wine and a couple of cocktails. Limited bar snacks will be available. The long term plan is to open a second microbrewery at that location. It would be best to check the website to verify when it will open and check out

more information on the many products they offer.

Make your next cookout a showcase with some of these locally produced products. They are great conversation starters and you can impress everyone by being a leading-edge Haliburton beer aficionado.



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Not enough natural shoreline

By Chad Ingram, Staff Reporter, Haliburton Echo, February 28, 2017

There is not sufficient natural shoreline within Haliburton County, not by a long shot, according to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA).

“This is a very preliminary report,” CHA Chairman Paul MacInnes told Haliburton County councillors as he presented findings from the coalition’s shoreline improvement project during a February 22, 2017 meeting.

Also called the Love Your Lake program, during the past three summers, the CHA has hired evaluators – typically university students in the environmental sciences – to travel lakes by boat, assessing properties based on numerous factors including development setbacks, docks, slope, invasive species, retaining walls, etc.

The results of those evaluations are then sent confidentially to property owners, with suggestions on how to better naturalize their shorelines.

An ecological report card of sorts.

Natural shorelines – those which are largely untouched, include native plant species and are free of man-made hazards such as lawns, retaining walls and docks – have a direct bearing on lake health.

They prevent erosion, provide habitat for wildlife such as fish, frogs, butterflies and benthos, and filter pollutants such as phosphorous.

Phosphorous is public enemy No. 1 when it comes to lake health in Haliburton County and is the culprit behind algae blooms. When large enough, algae blooms not only make lakes unsafe for swimming, but, in severe cases, render them effectively dead.

“Too much phosphorous in your lake and you’re likely to get an algae bloom,” MacInnes said, add-

ing that 95 percent of phosphorous in county lakes comes from septic tanks, which is why proper care of septic tanks is one of the major concerns of the CHA.

While algae blooms have, up to this point, not been a major problem in Haliburton County, MacInnes told councillors there are lakes in Manitoba that are un-swimmable in the summer time and some in Muskoka that cannot be swam in during the month of August.

In areas affected by algae blooms, “property values have fallen 40 to 50 percent,” he said. “We don’t want that to happen here.”

Sometimes called “the ribbon of life,” the scientific community seems to agree that a minimum setback band of at least 30 metres of naturalized shoreline around lakes is key to their health.

At least 75 percent of a lake’s shoreline should have this naturalized, 30-metre buffer, in order to prevent lake health from declining.

And the Haliburton County lakes evaluated through the Love Your Lake program are not meeting that target.

During the past three summers, 47 lakes in the county have been assessed through the program, which is ongoing and will resume this summer.

Many of those 47 lakes are the larger ones in the county such as Kawagama, Kennisis and Kashagawigamog. Combined, their studied shorelines represent about 20 percent of the total shoreline in Haliburton County, which is home to some 600 lakes. Of the lakes assessed so far, 92 percent of them are not meeting the 75 percent naturalized shoreline mark. MacInnes said the average overall is 48 percent.

“Far, far too low,” he said.

Not only is there a lack of understanding among many waterfront property owners about the im-

portance of natural shorelines, MacInnes said there is also a lack of knowledge in the supply community – that is, nurseries and landscaping companies that understand the importance of using native species.

MacInnes said that among companies doing naturalized shorelines, there is now a local waiting list.

The CHA also has some demonstration sites, which residents who may have questions can go and visit.

“The demonstration sites answer those questions and soothe those concerns,” MacInnes said.

“How could the county help? We don’t know. But we’re asking you look at it with your staff. When my property looked like it did, I had no idea there was anything wrong with that.”

As part of his presentations on shoreline health – MacInnes estimates he’s given 100 of them to lake associations in recent years – he uses a picture of his own property from a number of years ago, with a manicured, green lawn extending to the lake’s shore.

Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin wondered if people had actually been modifying their behaviour as the result of receiving shoreline evaluations during the past few years.

“It’s very dependent on the individual lake associations,” MacInnes replied, adding that some are more organized than others.

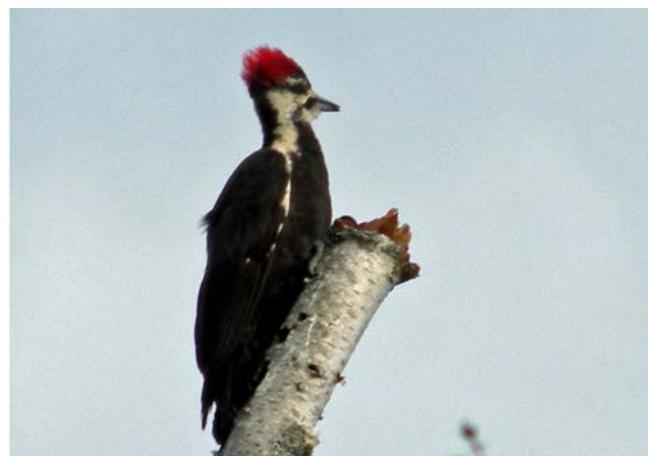
Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the county’s lower-tier townships send out an information pamphlet with this year’s tax bills, an idea that other members of council seemed to agree with.

Fearrey also suggested the townships should be looking at some kind of program that would offer a financial incentive for waterfront property owners who complete re-naturalization of their shoreline.

County council is scheduled to review its tree-clearing bylaw – that prohibits the cutting of trees within 30 metres of the shoreline – and Devolin suggested that perhaps additional measures could be built into it.

The CHA also has a program known as Lake Protector Realtors, where local real estate agents take pledges they will encourage new waterfront property owners to re-naturalize their shorelines, among other environmentally friendly activities.

For more information about the CHA and its work, visit www.cohpoa.org.



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Flyers in your Tax Notice

Below are the information pamphlets that will circulated with the Tax Notice as mentioned in the Haliburton Echo article on Page 36.

Renting Your Cottage?

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2. Post the C.H.A. Rental Posters in the kitchen , wash-room, laundry room and garbage areas

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<http://www.cohpoa.org/resources/renting-your-cottage/>

3. Let your renters know that you are part of a lake community

Many people come to the lake for the peace and tranquility – ask them, kindly, that they respect this fact – particularly after dark.

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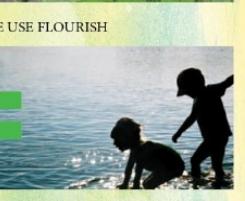
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For more useful information please visit www.cohpoa.org and view the short video – Ribbon Of Life

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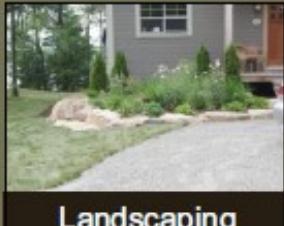
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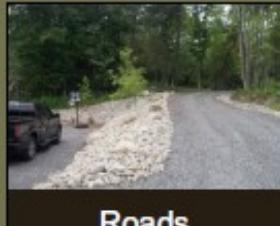
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Love Your Lake Program

The Love Your Lake (LYL) program comes to Haliburton Lake this May. It is coordinated by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) with support from the Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association (HLCA). Many lakes in Haliburton County have already participated in this ambitious program which is all about sustaining and enhancing lake water quality. As a result there is a rich pool of resources available for those who are curious to learn more about how water quality, aquatic habitats and native plantings are impacted by development.

The goal is to slow water runoff from your property so Mother Nature can filter out impurities before that water enters the lake. Paul MacInnes, Chair of the CHA, stated that in order to maintain existing water quality, a minimum of 75% of the shoreline of any lake from the lake back 30 meters needs to be protected in its natural state. The water quality of lakes that do not meet this minimum standard are at risk. To date, 92% of the 47 lakes studied by the LYL program did not meet this minimum standard for lake health so this is an urgent issue for Haliburton's lake network to address.

The health of our lake is essential to preserving property values, sustaining a healthy aquatic habitat, protecting quality drinking water and enhancing recreational enjoyment. Glenn Scott, President of the HLCA noted that, "this program is a

valuable opportunity for all shoreline property owners to better understand the impacts their decisions have on the health of the lake and what we can do to minimize our development footprint." Plantings like those shown here make a profound difference and are a very real way we can each make a direct impact.

Lindsay Bevan has volunteered to be the project coordinator for Haliburton Lake so she will be busy working on our behalf to make sure the project runs smoothly.

Trained LYL evaluators will conduct shoreline property studies in late May and early June. They will be billeted and ferried around the lake by volunteers from within the HLCA membership. The evaluators will study shorelines and offer suggestions to optimize the positive impacts of each property on the health of our lake. Informative reports will be sent to each individual property owner with their findings. The overview of the process can be seen below.



Haliburton Lake Love Your Lake (LYL) Timeline

LYL provides suggestions which foster sustainable stewardship to enhance lake water quality for future generations.



Sue Yallop, project coordinator for the LYL project on Boshkung Lake, said they learned a lot about how to take care of their lake throughout the project. A lifelong resident at Boshkung she said, “this heightened awareness has enabled those with shoreline properties to work towards more naturalized shorelines. More and more property owners are acting to denaturalize now.”

This photo shows a group of volunteers adding native plantings to the shore of Boshkung Lake. This type of vegetation will slow the water runoff and help ensure that the lake water quality is optimized. The LYL report each property owner on Haliburton Lake will get in the spring of 2018 will make specific suggestions for plantings on your property that can help maintain and enhance water quality.

Watch for regular updates in the HLCA emails. The following links provide valuable resources for those wanting to know more.

Canadian Federation of Wildlife provides detailed information on which native plantings work well in the context of Haliburton County. <http://cwf-fcf.org/love-your-lake/en/resources/info/native-plants.html> <http://cwf-fcf.org/love-your-lake/en/resources/info/native-plants.html>

Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations has extensive resource material on keeping lakes and shorelines healthy. <http://www.cohpoa.org/resources/healthy-shorelines/>



Septic Pump Out Contest

All you have to do is provide us a copy of your receipt for the septic pump out at your cottage that has occurred in the last three years. So any pump out from August 1, 2014 to August 1, 2017 will be eligible to have the HLCA cover the costs of the pump out to a maximum of \$200. Email to Treas-

urer@HaliburtonLake.com or mail to 5041 Haliburton Lake Road, Haliburton, K0M 1S0 or drop off at Marina. Winner to be drawn at Regatta. If you have already submitted your receipt last year it automatically is included this year. Last year's winner **Roberta Barker** was awarded a cheque for \$200.

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The Regatta

It was just another beautiful day on the lake, the July 31 Regatta was amazing. Again the HLCA was very fortunate to have Karley Salsbury lead the charge, unfortunately this was her last year. All the usual regular events volleyball, horse shoes, 5 km Run, sand castles, canoe races, marathon swim, kids swimming races, face painting, kids fish pond, egg toss, 50/50 draw plus adult and children basket draws. Karley's family and friends made the date a success. The event was a financial success which assists the HCLA in other programs.

The event winners are shown on the next page but not enough can be said about volunteer support with a special thanks to everyone.

- Life Guards – Sarah McLean, Lindsay McLean & Brookelyn Millesse
- Volleyball – Owen Blackwell
- Horseshoes – Lori Powell & Sue Mason
- Marathon Swim – Brookelyn Millesse
- Regatta 5KM Run Down – Steve Salsbury, Debbie Salsbury, Matt Salsbury, Kent Guest, Brian Dixon, Chris Smyth
- Canoe Races – Sarah McLean and Lindsay McLean
- Sand Castle Judges – Miranda Allan
- Kids Activities – Mackenzie Guest (and crew) and Marie Scott
- DJ – Connor Blackwell
- Head Cooks – Carolyn Smyth & Dale Taylor
- Food Crew – Kathy Siersma, Heather Walker, Brian Walker, Kent Guest, Steve Salsbury, Scott Siersma Chris Smyth, Kelly and Dave Neaven & Brenda Guest
- Registration – Debbie Salsbury & Miranda Allan
- Raffles and 50/50 Draw – Debbie Salsbury,

Matt Salsbury, Miranda Allan, Julie Churchill

- Merchandise Table – Mel Smyth
- Adult Egg Toss – Julie Churchill
- Clean Up Crew – Cody Hodgson, Clayton Hodgson, Caroline Hodgson, Charlotte Hodgson, Bradyen Siersma, Mark Taylor and Brian Taylor

The Septic Pump Out Contest was won by **Roberta Barker** \$200 towards a septic pump out. The 50/50 draw was won by **Ann Dube** \$360 paid out.

Keep your eye on the Facebook page this June and July for Regatta updates and announcements, this year the Regatta is **August 5!** -we hope!

Regatta 5km Rundown will be back so start your training this spring!





Horse Shoes	Marathon Swim	Egg Toss
1st Place –Derek Hillaby and John Shaw 2nd Place – Sam Elliott and Dave Millson	1st Place – Max Hughes 2nd Place – Greg Taylor 3rd Place – Zoe Astill 4th Place – Allison Burns	1st Place – Gord Imrie and Laura Moore 2nd Place – Dallas Faulkner and Dillon Pierce 3rd Place – Shawn Lizotte and Ryan Scott

Volleyball

1st Place – Net Flanders

Team Members: Julie Dunham, Dani Starr, Jeff Preager, Lindsay Lawrie, Craig Dunham, Mike Christensen, and Brian Dunham

2nd Place – Meet the Blockers

Team Members: Lauren Meschino, Kevin Feagan, Owen Blackwell, Andy Orr, Jocelyn Orr, Kaan Yilmaz, and John Blackwell

Canoe Races	Run Down 5km Race
Men's Doubles 1st Place – Mark Taylor and Brian Taylor 2nd Place – Bob Bevan and John Anderson 3rd Place – Don Barker and Mitch Raithby Women's Doubles 1st Place – Molly Marrek and Andrea Bevan 2nd Place – Andrea Dimarco and partner 3rd Place – Karli Ziegler and Lesley Barker	Fastest Female – Heather Dixon (22.24) Fastest Male – Bayley Winkel (18:48) Closest to predicted time – Ash Goublen (3 seconds off)





Swimming

	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
4 & Under Years			5 Years	
1 st	Eagon Gardner	Kya Burton	Edward Burrows	Noelle Collins
2 nd	Beckett Gardner	Rylee Woodrow	Ryan Anderson	Ruby Powell
3 rd	Zach Lounds	Bryce Kelly	Ronan Scott	
6 Years			7 Years	
1 st	Cowen Elson	Bailey Dehears	James Bradbury	Payton Tebo
2 nd	Nate Knell	Sophia Bright	Tash Lowes	Ava Taylor
3 rd	Layton Smith	Reed Aidayah	Kaeden Stockland	Alison Kea
8 Years			9 Years	
1 st	Gabriel Sassviel	Shelby Newton	Maddoy Macodrum	Julia Kea
2 nd	Keegan Elson	Hannah McLennan	Thys Radersma	Amelia Sheilds
3 rd	Nicholas Foyer	Julianna Simones	Cowhen Bright	Lauren Wiseman
10 Years			11 Years	
1 st	Matthew Simpson	Bailey Fresco	Noah Astle	Anna Wright
2 nd	Owen Slater	Bronwyn Smith	Aiden Macodrum	Cailey Kettlewell
3 rd	Jacob Clark	Shannon Hicks	Taylor Newton	Natalie Whright
12 & 13 Years			14 Years and Over	
1 st	Myles Radersma	Cara Hicks	Josh Simpson	Zoe Astill
2 nd		Jayda Mattcht	Reilly Barker	Ali Burns
3 rd			Matthew Simpson	Eden Luchetta

Sand Castle Contest

1 st	Hot Haliburton, Team Members: Avery, Lauren, Dec, and Ben
2 nd	Dolphin, Team Members: Bailey, Erin, Shannon, Erin, and Alli
3 rd	Volcano Island, Team Members: Rory

Swimming Lessons

Each year the HLCA operates a swimming program under the guidance the Canadian Life Saving Society. This supports one of the association's strategic objectives of Safety and has been operating for many years. The program offers parent and tot, preschool and swimmer programs. The program is operated as breakeven but many years runs with a short fall which is covered off by HLCA membership fees. Last year there were

about 129 participants. The program oversight is provided by Erin Scott and Kristin Hyslop.

Sessions run every week starting **July 3** and the last week of lessons starts **August 14**.

If you aware of anyone wishing to take swimming lessons they can register on line at

<http://haliburtonlake.com/swimming-lessons/>

or show up Monday mornings at 9:00 am and register, all lessons are at the Public Beach. Any questions email President@haliburtonlake.com





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Canada Day Fireworks

Every year, the HLCA puts on a Canada Days Fireworks demonstration. The HLCA matches the amount raised from Fireworks donations made at the event and during the annual membership drive.

Last year, \$5,0000 of fireworks lit up the Haliburton sky. Unfortunately, 2 hours before the planned date, July 2, half the lake lost power following a storm and the show had to be postponed to the July 30th, the rain date and the date of the Regatta. About 100 boats watched from the lake and there was a good turnout on the beach.

Thanks to Paul Metcalfe for storage and Steve Salisbury for helping put out the markers and Brian

Walker for his thoughtful leadership. Some of the helpers are shown in the picture from left to right Brad Scott, Alan Smart, Greg Taylor, Duncan Smart, Brian Walker, Chris Smyth.

The 2017 fireworks are planned for Saturday July 1, with a rain date for Saturday August 5, which coincides with the Regatta. This year, in honour of Canada's 150th, the HLCA will put in additional funds to make the event even bigger!

Donations for the Fireworks event can be made with your membership payment or cash donations at the Marina or Public Beach the evening of the event. 100% of Firework donations go to this event.





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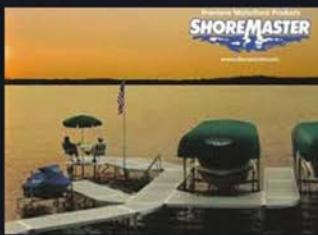
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Kids Bingo

By Olivia Feder

Kid's bingo has been a weekly event at the HLCA for over 20 years. For the summer of 2017, kid's bingo is every Tuesday at 7pm to 8pm starting from July 11th to August 15th. Kid's bingo is free and newcomers are always welcome to join the fun. The HLCA provides the prizes.

Last summer, we had great participation every week and sometimes it became so popular, it was like a party for all the families around the lake with attendance reaching up to 80! Parents socialize and meet new cottagers around the lake while kids enjoy their time playing bingo with their friends; it's a fun time for the entire family! The Last Man Standing is our favourite game. We always hear lots of laughs and see bright smiles from all the kids. On July 25th we will hold our annual Pizza Bingo. Buy pop and pizza at 6:30pm and play bingo at 7pm. Last year the turnout for pizza bingo was so large we ran out of bingo chips and some kids improvised and used rocks from outside!

Drop by Kids Bingo – as a spectator or player – and experience the fun and infectious laughter of the kids and meet your neighbours'.



The Bingo callers are Yazi Yilmaz and Olivia Feder



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Rock Bass Fishing Derby

By Candice Bradbury

Last summer, a total of 83.1 lbs in Rock Bass and Sunfish was caught and removed from the lake.

A big thank you to all who participated, namely, Matthew Simpson, Sophie Lamb, Nate Lamb, Sophia Skinner, Calder Skinner, Julia Kea, Alison Kea, MacOdrum brothers, Brock Mondia, Hannah Sedgwick, Molly Sedgwick and Melissa Sedgwick! (our apologies if we missed anyone)

Honourable mention to our top fishing kids, Julia and Alison Kea who had a total of 21.26 pounds combined over the duration of the Derby!

Congratulations to all of you! I look forward to seeing everyone again this year and hope to see some new faces too!!

For those that aren't sure what the Derby is:

What is it?

A little tournament for fishing enthusiasts of all ages.

When is it?

The derby runs 4 weeks out of the summer, with weigh-in's being Sundays at the Public Beach. Please check our events calendar for the exact weeks.

How it works

You catch as much Rock Bass (Sunfish also accepted) as you can throughout the week or while you're visiting the lake and bring your fish (fresh or frozen – we accept both) to the public beach on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the weigh-in. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 catchers with the most weight in fish.

The Why

Rock Bass eat aquatic bugs, crayfish and small fish/minnows. Because they like to eat small fish and minnows we don't like a lot of them in our lake. Females can lay an average of 5,000 eggs depending on the size of the female. That is a lot of Rock Bass! We want to keep the Rock Bass population down and our other fish populations from decreasing. The fewer Rock Bass we have in the lake, the better!

Where to find them

They are generally found in rocky areas or around submerged logs.

How to catch them

Rock Bass rarely refuse bait. They can be caught using an artificial lure or live bait. If you don't have any fishing equipment, a stick, some string and a hook with a worm works well too!

Happy Fishing!





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Canadian Trivia

2017 is Canada's 150th anniversary. Canadians are known to be friendly, polite and kind which is a wonderful legacy! We originally came from many, many different countries which creates a rich tapestry of diversity and tolerance which makes Canada distinctly unique! In order to celebrate the 150th year of our country, this list of trivia about Canada has been compiled for your entertainment. See how much your family and friends know about this great country!

Questions

1. In honour of Canada's 150th birthday a new rose was created. Name it.
2. What is the term used to described a 150th anniversary?
3. In 1964, a Canadian horse won the Kentucky Derby for the first time. What was his name?
4. What is the only Canadian City to host the Summer Olympic Games?
5. In 1884, Standard Time came into effect. What does the system achieve and who proposed it?
6. How many birch trees does it take to make a canoe?
7. When did women gain the right to vote in the federal election?
8. What national hero ran from St. John's, Newfoundland to Thunder Bay to raise money for cancer research?
9. How many national parks does Canada have?
10. A stick, a ball and some ice are the essential ingredients for what national sport?
11. The CN tower is Canada's tallest free standing structure. If you stacked loonies one on top of another, how many would it take to equal the height of the tower?
12. How far can a polar bear swim without resting?
13. How many moose live in Canada?
14. Canada has only one poisonous snake - name it.
15. What is a Molson muscle?
16. What does the term "ticky-boo" mean?
17. Where is the geocaching capital of Canada?
18. The youngest hockey player to score 400 goals was known as "the flower," who was he?
19. What was Wayne Gretzky's jersey number?
20. When did the Canada last win the women's curling championship?
21. How long is Canada's coastline?
22. What is the Aurora Borealis?
23. Why do Canadians say "eh?"
24. Which Canadian school is closest to the North Pole?
25. Why does Canada's flag have a maple leaf and why is it red?
26. What date did the Canadian flag start being used?
27. Why is Canada called "Canada?"
28. What is the farthest north you can drive in Canada?
29. What's the deepest mine in Canada?
30. Why is PEI's soil so red?
31. How much of Canada is covered by ice?
32. What are icebergs made of?
33. Where does lightning strike the most in Canada?
34. In terms of land area , how many times would the country of Mexico fit into Canada?
35. Which province has the highest ski slope?
36. How big do icebergs get?
37. Can forest fires burn all year even under the snow?
38. Where is Canada's tallest tree?
39. Why is the \$2 Canadian coin called a toonie?
40. What famous Canadian clothing store uses well known Canadian symbols on their clothes?

(Answers on Page 64)



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Celebrating 150 Yrs of Dysart

By Kate Butler, Director, Haliburton Highlands Museum

As we all know, 2017 marks an incredibly important year for Canada, as our country marks its sesquicentennial, but for those who live year-round or seasonally in the Municipality of Dysart, the anniversary is two-fold, as we are also celebrating our 150th birthday.

When we think about our community's history though, it's vital that we remember that the story of this land did not simply begin a century and a half ago. First Nations groups have lived in this area for millennia, hunting and fishing from the land.

Artifacts such as the arrowheads shown below are a testament to their talents and creativity in a challenging landscape. Flint, the ideal material for making these sorts of tools is not found naturally in Dysart, which speaks to far-reaching trade net-



works.

The first Europeans to explore this area were land surveyors who sought to find suitable land for agriculture in this area. Much of the fertile land in the south and south-west of the province had been snapped up by the mid-19th century. Early surveys provided mixed opinions about the land here, but settlement was pursued nonetheless. The Canadian Land and Emigration Company was at the forefront of the settlement, offering to help those willing to make that momentous move across the Atlantic. They provided a company store, a saw mill

and a grist mill and ensured that a Church would be established to help provide for settlers' spiritual needs.

Though at a huge advantage compared to those in other areas who weren't provided with these amenities, early settlers still found this to be highly challenging landscape to farm. As anyone who has ever tried to plant a garden here knows, we have exceedingly rocky soil! Settlers also needed to clear their land of the large trees which covered the landscape and then deal with the erosion problems which came from clearing the landscape. That said, some families persevered and indeed thrived as farmers in the community, such as the family of Thomas Moon, whose farmhouse can be seen below.



Within a few years of the first forty families arriving in the area, the community was ready for the establishment of a local Council. They held their first meeting on January 7th, 1867 (nearly six months before Confederation) and on that day passed their very first by-laws. Our first municipal staff were appointed quickly thereafter, including a clerk, an assessor and an inspector of taverns. The first Town Hall wasn't constructed until 1871, but that wouldn't be our current Town Hall. It was constructed in 1897 and, of course, has received

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some modifications and additions over the years. In 1880, the town block, as it was known, was purchased for the creation of the Haliburton fairgrounds, the market grounds and the cricket grounds – all for \$100!

The early residents of Dysart et al quickly learned to diversify with many men seizing on the financial opportunities provided by work in the new lumber camps. As soon as the agricultural season drew to a close, they would head to the woods for months at a time, spending the winter working from dawn to dusk and beyond. The camps had their own culture and the men would make their own entertainment until the spring led to the log drive and another farming season.

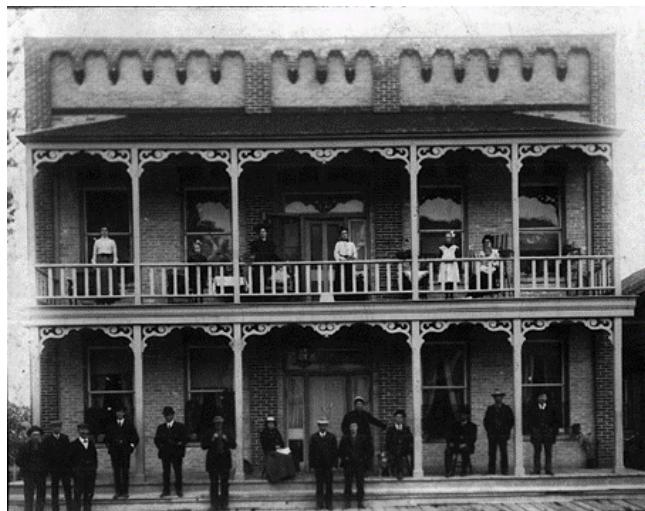


Nearly as soon as settlement began in Dysart, there was talk of the huge advantages a railway could bring. In the early days with roads being few (and rather rustic), waterways served as the highways of the county in both summer and winter. It was thought, however, that a railway would bring more

residents to the area and would also provide opportunities to ship crops from the area to lucrative markets further south fairly quickly. A reluctance on the part of the County of Peterborough, of which this area was then part, led to the establishment of the Provisional County of Haliburton in 1874 and construction of the railway (now linking the County with Lindsay) began soon after. Operation of the line began in 1878. At that point, some families who had struggled with farming here for over a decade decided to head west in search of more fertile land and new opportunities in places like Manitoba.



That said, the Municipality of Dysart et al. continued to be a land that offered new opportunities and services all the time. The downtown of Haliburton Village grew to provide a variety of



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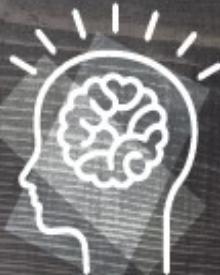


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amenities, from grocers to shoemakers and ladies' clothing to restaurants. For decades, the main street was dominated by the Grand Central Hotel, owned by the Lucas family. Its fancy brickwork and gingerbread trim had such an appeal to photographers that sometimes it can be tricky to find pictures that show the other side of the street! The Grand Central served as a community hub throughout much of the late 19th and early 20th century, hosting travelling salesmen and providing a place for community members to gather.

Tourism has long been a vital part of our community's economy and sense of identity. The first tourists and seasonal residents came here shortly after the arrival of the railway, some seeking opportunities to hunt, trap and fish and others just hoping to escape the hustle and bustle of urban centres like Toronto.

The early to mid-20th century brought the heyday of the lodges and resorts around our lakes. Families would come to lodges for the same two weeks year after year, building friendships with other visi-



tors and with hosts that would last a lifetime. Though many people now prefer the privacy of a cottage of their own, the appeal of the area to visitors has clearly stayed strong, as so many former lodge visitors have become cottagers and indeed year-round residents in our community.

The story of Dysart et al. is that of a close-knit community where neighbours have always pulled together in times of adversity. It is astonishing to see the way the Municipality has grown and

changed since its early days to become the thriving and vibrant community it is today. Throughout 2017, celebrations of our sesquicentennial will be taking place across the Municipality. Make sure to join us in Head Lake Park on the weekend of July 7th-9th for a fantastic line-up of entertainment and activities including concerts, local food and drink, boat tours, games and kids' activities, a trivia night, a campfire singalong and so much more! For more information, please feel free to contact me below or check out the event webpage. We only turn 150 once, so let's make this a wonderful year to remember!



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Canadian Trivia - Answers

(Questions on Page 56)

1. The Canadian Shield rose is truly a made-in-Canada rose. It is a rich red colour, and like Canadians it is hardy enough to survive and thrive in diverse weather conditions.
2. A sesquicentennial.
3. Northern Dancer. He was small for a race-horse but large in spirit.
4. Montreal in 1976.
5. Standard Time divided the world into 24 time zones, with all places within a zone having the same time. Sir Sandford Fleming was the creator.
6. Twelve.
7. It is hard to believe but it was not until 1918, more than 50 years after Confederation!
8. Terry Fox. He was only 21 years of age when he began his run across Canada. He had lost one leg to cancer before he began his long trek.
9. Thirty-nine.
10. Ice hockey although it was originally known as ice “hurley.” It was thought to be named after a Colonel Hockey who was a huge hurley enthusiast.
11. 283,205. Honest.
12. 100 km
13. One million.
14. The rattlesnake. They are shy and prefer to hide. They do however like to come out to sun themselves.
15. A beer belly.
16. It means everything is going smoothly. Everything is copacetic. The dock we are building is going tickety-boo!
17. Highlands East is the geocaching capital of Canada. Who knew it was so close?
18. Guy Lafleur, right winger for the Montreal Canadiens.
19. Ninety-nine.
20. 2017. They defeated Russia 8-3!
21. The total length of Canada’s coastline is 202,080 km, the longest in the world. That is equivalent to wrapping the equator almost 16 times
22. Aurora Borealis, the northern lights, can be seen primarily in the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. They provide a spectacular light show of many vivid colors in the sky. They are best seen in the winter around midnight. A bucket list must for many!
23. We say “eh” to be nice. It is a way to include the other person in your conversation. It means “don’t you think so?”
24. Ummimak School, in Nunavut is the most northerly school. It is in Grise Point on Ellesmere Island, the Arctic Island which is at the top of Canada.
25. The maple leaf has been a Canadian symbol for almost 200 years. Red and white were proclaimed Canada’s official colours in 1921 by the King of England.
26. February 15, 1965.
27. It started as a mistake. When French explorer, Jacques Cartier was exploring in 1535 he asked and the aborigines pointed to their village “Kanata” which actually means ‘settlement.’ He started calling it “Canada” and soon there was Upper Canada and Lower Canada and finally the country itself.

28. Head towards Dawson City in the Yukon. Just before Dawson City head north on the Dempster Highway for 741 km on gravel road. You will cross the Arctic Circle, entering the Northwest Territories, and end up in Inuvik. If you travel when the ice freezes you can go another 137 km north to Tuktoyaktuk, on the Arctic Ocean.



29. The Creighton nickel-copper mine in Sudbury, Ontario. It is 2300 m down, deep enough to bury the CN Tower four times!
30. It is from the iron in the soil. When iron gets wet it rusts and turns red.
31. Two per cent of the country is covered by glaciers and ice fields year-round.
32. Icebergs are made of glacial freshwater, not saltwater. It's so pure and unpolluted that some stores in Newfoundland sell harvested iceberg water.
33. The hotspots are southern Ontario, southern Saskatchewan and the foothills of Alberta. The most struck cities are Windsor, Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener and London.
34. Five.
35. Alberta does. Sunshine Valley in the Rockies is the highest ski slope at 2,700 metres.
36. The biggest iceberg recorded in Canadian waters was 13 km long and 6 km wide, weighing more than 9 billion tonnes. It was found near Baffin Island.
37. Remarkably, yes! A fire may burn into tree roots underground. It can smolder there all



winter under an insulating layer of soil and snow. It burns really slowly as it gets little oxygen. In the spring, when the snow melts and the ground dries up it can burst into flames at the surface.

38. Canada's tallest tree is the Carmanah Giant, a 95 m tall Sitka Spruce located on the west side of Vancouver Island. It is taller than the Peace Tower at Ottawa's Parliament.



39. It is a combination of the words "two" and "loonie."

40. ROOTS.

Scoring

How did you or your group do? Here's what your score likely means.

0-10 correct means you should check your passport to confirm you are really Canadian!

11- 20 correct means you did well so pat yourself on the back, eh!

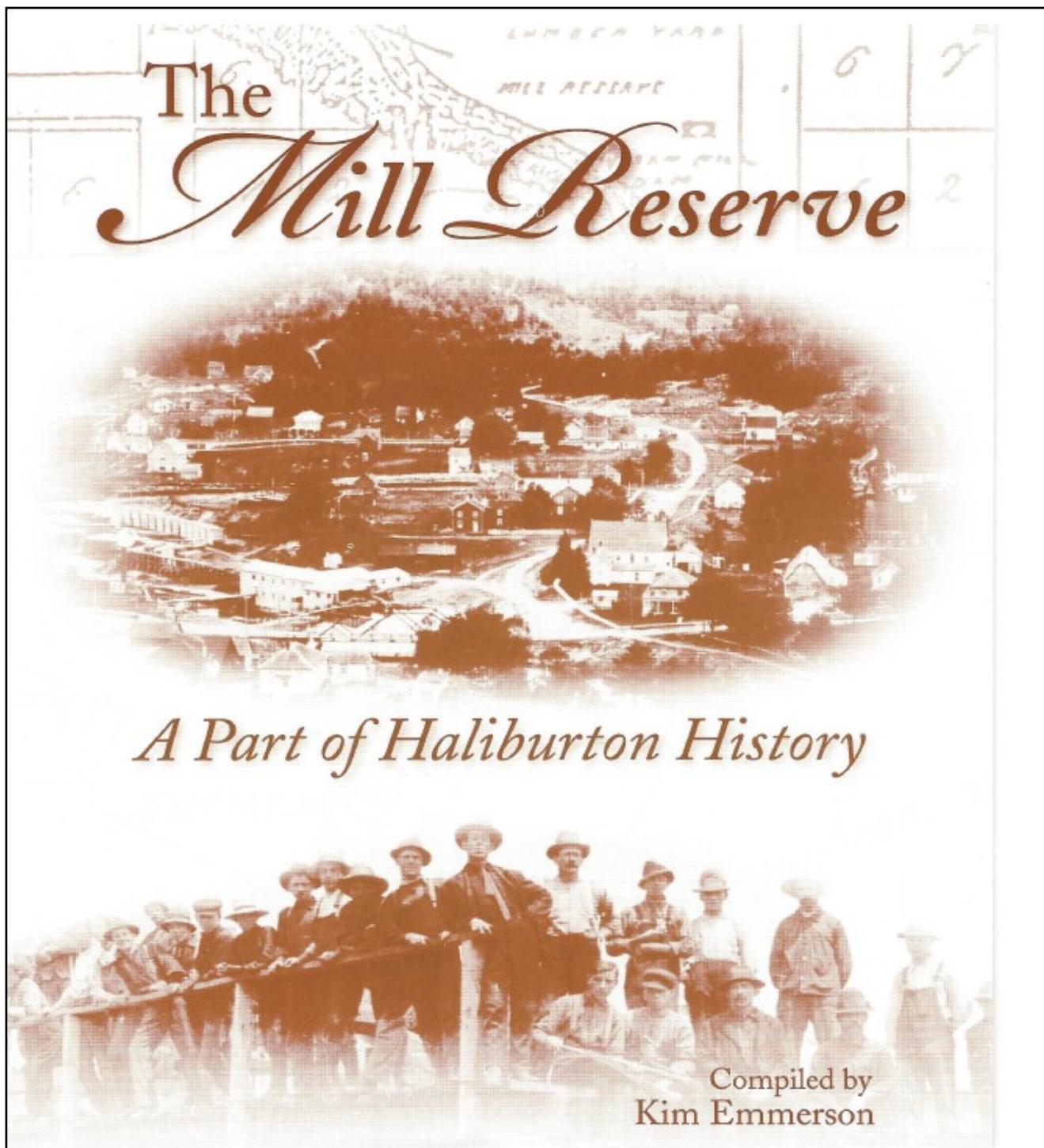
21-30 correct means you did a phenomenal job!

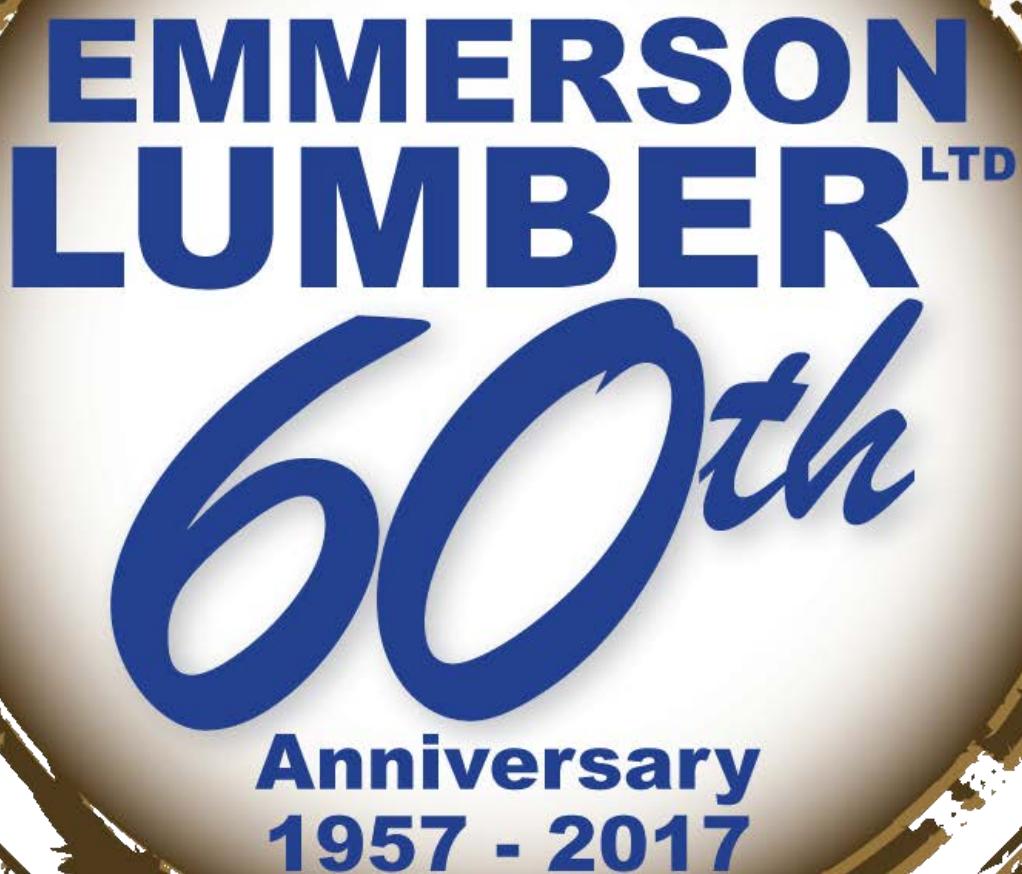
31-40 correct means you had a lot of folks working on the questions or you are simply a tried and true, dyed-in-the-wool Canadian!

Dysart 150

In light of Canada 150, Kim Emmerson produced a magazine on Haliburton's history entitled "The Mill Reserve" and a short film called "Dysart 150". Both the free magazine and a \$5.00 DVD of the Film are available at Emerson Lumber. The front cover of the magazine is shown below.

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The Hodgson Family

By Tom Hodgson

Editor's Note - The following pictures and articles have been graciously provided by Tom Hodgson, the Hodgson family was a big part of the history of the lake.

Our connection to that area actually began in the early 1920's. Curly Bill Roberts lived across the street from my parents in Haliburton. Bill was an inspector of dams, which meant lifting or adding logs in the dam to control the water levels. One of the dams was at Oblong Lake where my father Clayton Hodgson, often accompanied Bill Roberts on his rounds and he got to know "Crooked Lake" (Haliburton Lake) well.

As a result, my Dad purchased land and in 1942 our mill at Fort Irwin was up and running. One Sunday, in early spring our family went for a boat ride around the lake and confirmed the "Point" with its great sand beach as a perfect place for our family cottage.

Curly Bill's brother Tom and nephew Bill Roberts built the cottage (1942). We moved in before it was completed. Since there was no road, everything was transported by boat & raft from the mill site.

Our early move was suggested by Dr. Carroll because of the polio scare. This began my 74 years of classic cottage life. There were seven of us who were part of that wonderful time: Glen, Doug, Anna, Tom (me), Margaret, Louis and a cousin Phyllis Hodgson. We had no electricity which meant no running water! Glen, Doug and I all worked in the mill in the holidays. My father eventually divided the land to provide all of us with cottage lots - a compound so to speak. Today, Margaret (Hodgson) Downey, Hugh Downey & Andrew Hodgson all continue to own the original cottages which continues the dream Clayton & Phyllis Hodgson had for their children & grandchildren. The Woodside cousins from Pennsylvania pur-

chased one of the cottages in 1976 and come every summer. Some members of the family have cottages elsewhere on the Lake. I owned one of the cottages in the compound until 2016.

Martha Perkins (former Haliburton Echo Editor) wrote this in 2012:

One of the most powerful impressions, during all the interviews I've done is from my visit to Tom & Marie's cottage on Haliburton Lake. I could hear children playing on the beach at the Hodgson compound. I was so struck by the deep bond between the generations, the connections, the sense of place, of history, of family.....there was a timelessness to that moment. It could have been fifty years earlier; it would be the same fifty years from now. These young children playing on the beach would grow old there & watch grandchildren laugh & swim just as their grandparents, gathered in that string of cottages, had once been children on the beach. It was an extraordinary feeling"

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Fort Irwin in the 50's

In May of 1953 Clayton Hodgson began selling cottage lots. A store was planned by partners Russell Dart (Tom's Uncle) and Harold Black. It included a butcher shop ,which was run by Moss Robertson, a laundromat, a post office & building

supplies. Russell Dart became sole owner of the store. The Skitches opened the first restaurant.

Bill Curry opened a marina & sold Texaco gas. Across the road Harry Clark constructed a building for Frank Salvatori. It became a restaurant & a bakery run by Lottie Fry & Lila Curry.



Jack Bowen

This photo taken in 1960 will bring back many memories to the people who knew the two gentlemen sitting here on the veranda of the office near the International Cooperage in Eagle Lake. Jack Bowen from Harburn is on the left and they tell us he was the first person in Harburn to own a motor vehicle. It was a car named Star. He was a general handyman, and made birch bark canoes, snowshoes, skis and a part time blacksmith. He's with Tom Roberts who was a noted local bear hunter and trapper. Published in Haliburton Echo July 7, 1992, photo and information courtesy of Wayne Roberts Haliburton

The Fort Irwin Story

By Tom Hodgson

The Canadian Land and Emigration Company

The Canadian Land and Emigration Company received its charter in London, England in 1861. British Member of Parliament, Thomas C. Haliburton, was elected as Chairman of the Company's Board. This new company offered 250,000 acres of Crown Land in the Ottawa-Huron tract to make money for 216 shareholders who bought shares at 5 pounds per share.

Harburn was one of the nine townships open for settlement. The village of Haliburton was a planned community linked to the Bobcaygeon Road which brought settlers to Minden and then up Kashagawigamog to the town. Similarly the Peterson Road brought settlers from the Ottawa Valley and Quebec. Eventually the opening of the railroad from Lindsay in 1878 brought enormous changes.

The Lumber Companies:

The shareholders of The Canadian Land and Emigration Company soon realized that it was lumber and squared pine timbers that promised a better return on their investment. Mossom Boyd of Bobcaygeon competed with several lumber companies for timber rights where the land was limited for farming. Boyd eventually won the right to lumber in Harburn Township, and later with his partner, James Irwin (1877), lumbered both Harburn and parts of Guilford. Boyd earlier cleared the rivers from Moose Lake, to Oblong Lake, to Haliburton Lake. This enabled them to move logs to the Gull River and on down to mills in Victoria County.

The Irwin-Boyd Company was directed by Normal Barnhardt. In 1886 he oversaw the building of the depot at Oblong Lake on the east shore. Irwin named it Fort Irwin after himself. The company built four large buildings; an office, a barn, a cookery and a storage facility. Hay was grown there for

the horses. The Harburn Road was extended to Fort Irwin which provided a link with Haliburton Village. The foreman at Fort Irwin was "Black Alick" McDonald. A clerk kept records of supplies for the camps with 50 men in each. He also kept track of timber produced in each camp. A resident of Haliburton Lake, Jack Bowen, recalled in the 1940's that he remembered when Fort Irwin was built. The last company to use the facilities there was the Muskoka-based company called Mickel and Dymant in the 1920's.

The final Chapter of Lumbering Unfolds:

In 1889 a Toronto barrister, Lockhart Gordon, proposed that he and James Irwin take over half of the company's assets and debts. In the 1920's Lockhart's son, Tommy Gordon, built his Haliburton Lake cottage, cabins, dining hall and tennis court as "Gordon's Point". They spent three decades there for their summer holidays. During 1940 Tommy Gordon (Uncle to Walter Gordon) attempted to sell Clayton Hodgson the lands from Fort Irwin to the top of Harburn Township. Clayton Hodgson had already acquired lands around South Bay from the Bank of Montreal. The deal was made that he and W.O. Bailey would divide the Gordon properties between them using the height of land west of Haliburton Lake as the dividing line. But it was wartime, and the government vetoed the deal. Eventually the north part of these lands was sold to National Steel Car and the Seiber Companies, both of which built mills at the head of Haliburton Lake. The National Steel Car Company extended the Harburn Road from Fort Irwin to East Lake during the fall of 1942. The Hodgson Mill at Fort Irwin operated from 1941 to 1960 when owner, Glen Hodgson, closed the mill for lack of timber. Besides lumber and wood products, The Hodgson Mill during those years produced birch veneer suitable for aircraft construction and material for sub chasers built in Orillia by the Hunter Boat Company.

Fort Irwin in the 1950's:

In May 1953, Clayton Hodgson sold off lake shore on Haliburton Lake. The Ridout Real Estate Company handled the sales. On May 2, 1953 a special train transported prospective buyers to Haliburton where buses carried them to Haliburton Lake to inspect cottage properties. Clayton made sure two pieces of lake shore were reserved for public use now known as "The Public Beach" and the boat launch in West Bay. The land he sold included South Bay, West Bay, and all of the land west of the islands. This development produced dramatic changes to Fort Irwin:

- A store owned by my Uncle Russell Dart had groceries, a butcher shop (run by my Moss Robertson), building supplies, a Laundromat, and a post office.
- The Skitches from Peterborough opened the first restaurant next to the store.
- The marina which sold Texaco gas and ice was opened by Bill Curry. Early on, Grey Sisson managed the marina for one summer.
- Across the road, Harry Clark constructed a building for Frank Salvatori. Lila Curry and Lotti Fry ran a restaurant and bakery there for several summers.

Long before the development there were some memorable residents who lived on Haliburton Lake:

- Bill Gregory operated a fishing camp at the Portage to Percy Lake for 40 years. In 1964 Bill was 104 years old. He could recall seeing Chippewa canoes on Soyers Lake when he was nine years old.
- Morris Cook who married Bill Gregory's daughter, May, was an unforgettable personality.
- Bert Curry and his wife Aileen (Watt) lived near Fort Irwin and were a successful business

team who contracted to supply the International Cooperage with logs from that company's large holdings in Harburn and Eire.

- Jack and Lizzie Brown were wonderful people. They had many memories of "Crooked Lake", later called Haliburton Lake.

In the past 53 years Fort Irwin and Haliburton Lake have been visited by many prominent people such as Premier Frost, Betty Kennedy, Gus Ryder, Lt. Governor Earl Rowe, Governor General Michener, Finance Minister Walter Gordon, Douglas Fisher, Lord Beaverbrook's niece, just to name a few.



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The Fort Irwin Community Sign

The Irwin Lumber Company built a depot on Oblong Lake in 1886 for their logging operations in Harburn Township. Many years later in 2006, a sign was erected to mark the entrance to the center. By 2012 the sign had begun to show serious deterioration.

Bill Wakely, Barb Hammond and Brad Willing

made plans to have it fixed. They asked Tom Hodgson to paint a new picture and to refurbish the structure. Tom and Marie Hodgson worked together on the painting background and the printing. Someone said the new picture reflects lake life and the beauty of Haliburton Lake.

In the picture are Left to right Mark Guttman, Bill Wakely, Tom Hodgson



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From the Haliburton Echo, August 15, 2006

On Saturday, August 19, 2006, Fort Irwin is celebrating its 120th anniversary so we thought it is timely to share this photo on the preceding page from Tom Hodgson. Taken in 1944 at Gordon's Point on Haliburton Lake, it shows Mrs Gordon meeting, Tom, Phyllis and Anna Hodgson as well as Murray Harvey. Mrs Gordon's father in law, Lockhart Gordon, and lumberman James Irwin divided what remained of the unsold Canadian Land and Emigration Company property in 1883.

James Irwin built his lumber camp in the shape of a fort, hence Fort Irwin. In 1941 Clayton Hodgson (Tom's father) bought some land from Tommy Gordon to supply logs for his mill at Fort Irwin. Other pieces of land were sold to Seibert Company and National Steel Car, both of whom built mills at the head of Haliburton Lake. The Harburn Road was extended up the west side of the lake to those mills in 1942. The spectacular plane was a Beach Stagger Wing on floats, used to bring visitors to the Gordons'.

Hodgson Lumber Company

THE HISTORY OF THE HODGSON LUMBER CO. AT HALIBURTON LAKE 1941 - 1960

I felt compelled to paint this scene. It was my father, Clayton Hodgson's fifth lumber mill and is an interesting story to me especially since two of my brothers and I worked there. My youngest brother Louis was only 5 years old. It was wartime and my dad depended on boys & older men such as my uncles Joe & Chris to work at the mill.

The timber limits we had, dated back to crown lands, some of which we bought from Tommy Gordon (uncle of Walter Gordon, Minister of Finance 1960's). The Gordons were Haliburton Lake cottagers for several decades.

I love the symbolism of this painting. The children playing in the ruins of the site represent the beginning of new life, as the steam powered mill silently waited for demolition & oblivion.

Early in 1940 the mill was moved from Coleman Lake to Fort Irwin on Haliburton Lake. By the spring of 1941 the mill was up & running. Since it was early in World War Two, there were all kinds of government regulations such as wage & price controls. The government sent agents to us to select logs of veneer quality for construction of the famous Mosquito Bomber. We also supplied cedar for army toboggans. As well we provided the Peterborough Canoe Co. with high grade birch.

By 1944 two of my brothers, Glen (18), Doug (17) & I (13) all had summer jobs at the mill. Doug had the most physically demanding job as he piled lumber in the yard with an assistant (Les Roberts). My cousin Doug Scott piled slabs for firewood. Other cousins, Clayton, John, Tom, Bonar Hodgson all worked at this mill and Coleman Lake Mill at one time or another.

I started work by spraying the fresh cut lumber to prevent mold. I think I was 12 that summer. Later I worked in the appropriately named "Madhouse". What I did was to pull the slabs & edgings to a saw where they were cut up & thrown into hoppers. Each workday was from 7A.M. to 5P.M. No wonder I love the sound of the 5 o'clock whistle. P.S. I moved on to play in a dance band in 1947 & later had my own little garden business.

In 1949 at the age of 23 Glen took over the management of the lumber company. One of his early jobs was to select maple for a British dance hall floor. However German Wolf Packs (submarines) sent it to the bottom of the Atlantic. The second order was sent through neutral Boston & made it safely to the U.K.

During the 1950's we produced hemlock pieces to be used in the construction of the first Toronto subway. Some of the mines up north used our hemlock to shore up their tunnels. The Mill was closed in 1960 when Glen had a serious accident & spent a year in bed. He later became a member of the Provincial Parliament. My two sisters Margaret & Anna, Doug & I were all teaching school. Louis was in the R.C.M.P. & later represented Scarborough East as it's M.P.P. My father was in the House of Commons in Ottawa representing Victoria - Haliburton Counties.





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Cochrane Family Connection

By Gord Cochrane

Editor's Note - The picture was provided by Tom Hodgson with comments from Gord.

As far as background is concerned, my parents, Arthur and Ilsa Cochrane, purchased property on Haliburton Lake in 1951 from Tom's father, Clayton Hodgson. They then had a small sleeping cabin and a cottage built that same year. At the time, their cottage was about the 6th cottage on the entire lake. My father was born in Orillia and had been pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Port Credit until he was called to be a professor in the US in 1949. He was a professor at the University of Dubuque Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He was professor of Systematic Theology. His brother, Charles Cochrane, also had a cottage on the lake, moving in I think in 1954 or thereabouts. Both cottages were at the north end of the lake and were about 800 feet apart. We came up here every summer, since my father was a profes-

sor. So my brother, Eduard, and I, kind of grew up on the lake, being here three months out of every year, June 1-August 31. My father, his brother, and Rev. Candy were three ministers who volunteered to conduct services at the HLCA Hall every Sunday. Evelyn Sovereign was the piano player for the services. The services actually were fairly well attended. My parents sold their place in 1985 to John and Henny Wagenaar, where John still lives. I brought my wife up here for our honeymoon 1970 and we came back almost every summer thereafter for a couple of weeks. We liked it so much, we then bought two lots at the far end of Haliburton Lake Road in 2002 and had a home built in 2003 by Shane Sisson. And we retired up here in 2007 and still find the lake a wonderful place to live.

The picture below is taken in 1982 when my wife, Chris, and I were visiting with our daughters, Erin, age 8 at the time, and Courtney, age 6 at the time. This was taken after one of the services led by my father.



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It started from the ground up with only a platform which was built in 1953-54 to host a dance celebrating the arrival of hydro to the area. At that time, the structure was located where the Fort Irwin Marina stands today. It was then moved to the Community Hall's present site on Haliburton Lake Road. In 1954 the structure was completed with the help of many volunteers, the HLCA and the Haliburton Developments Limited. Generous donations and the tireless dedication of many volunteers made this all possible..

Early the Church Hall had Sunday mass.

Through the years, the hall has been a focal point for the cottagers to gather and socialize. Tuesday nights were eagerly anticipated, as it was summer bingo night. Supper had to be on time so we could be down to the hall by 7:00 pm, bingo cards in hand poised to be the first to snag a prize from the treasure chest. Truth be told, the plan was everyone in the room went home with something but

there was nothing like the rush that came when you were actually the one who got to yell BINGO!

The HLCA host the Annual General Meeting there each year offering beer and burgers to all. The hall is used for other social gatherings throughout the year.



Property and building maintenance of the hall has been essential to its longevity. There were many years when the population of mosquitoes attending events outnumbered the people. The HLCA has worked very hard in recent years to renovate the hall. This has become a reality through the generous help of volunteers like Dave Freeman, especially after the tree hit the roof. More recently the Board has decided to update the kitchen cupboards, appliances and flooring , making the kitchen a much more workable space for social events. The plans are to next update the restrooms. Thanks to Mo Saunders and Christian Hohenwald for helping to make these changes real..



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HLCA Financial Position

Balance Sheet			
	2016	2015	
Assets			
Cash	\$ 31,301.59	\$ 20,243.50	
Total Asset	\$ 31,301.59	\$ 20,243.50	
Liabilities and Equity			
Association Equity	\$ 32,551.59	\$ 21,493.50	
Statement of Operations			
	2016	2015	
Membership	\$ 19,240.00	\$ 17,270.00	
Regatta	\$ 5,745.00	\$ 5,260.00	
Advertising	\$ 4,180.00	\$ 2,350.00	
Swimming	\$ 5,656.00	\$ 5,659.00	
Fireworks	\$ 3,485.00	\$ 3,159.00	
Hall / Equipment / Mtce	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,300.00	
Bingo	\$ 64.62	\$ 336.66	
Major Projects	\$ 3,755.00	\$ 4,730.00	
Clothing	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 2,385.00	
Other	\$ 240.15		
Revenue	\$ 45,205.77	\$ 42,449.66	
Newsletter & Members Letter	\$ 3,887.06	\$ 3,644.17	
Regatta	\$ 2,560.10	\$ 1,874.78	
Swimming	\$ 5,952.84	\$ 6,220.08	
Fireworks	\$ 5,119.27	\$ 4,070.43	
Hall / Equipment / Mtce	\$ 1,739.57	\$ 1,923.67	
Bingo	\$ 90.60	\$ 343.42	
Meetings / Sp Events / Rock Bass	\$ 651.82	\$ 750.01	
Bank Charges (incl PayPal)	\$ 501.37	\$ 352.73	
Utilities	\$ 631.00	\$ 781.34	
Office / Website	\$ 1,629.68	\$ 269.57	
Insurance	\$ 3,657.96	\$ 3,724.92	
Bursary / Donations	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
External Memberships	\$ 1,368.75	\$ 1,157.50	
Clothing	\$ 660.50	\$ 2,522.51	
Major Projects	\$ 5,096.44	\$ 5,711.27	
Property Taxes	\$ 300.72	\$ 256.53	
Expenses	\$ 34,147.68	\$ 33,902.93	
Net Income	\$ 11,058.09	\$ 8,546.73	
Statement of Cash Flows			
	2016	2015	
Opening Cash Balance	\$ 20,243.50	\$ 11,696.77	
Change in Cash			
Change in Equity	\$ 11,058.09	\$ 8,546.73	
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 31,301.59	\$ 20,243.50	

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Financial Metrics

Year over year revenue up by \$2,756 in four main areas; Membership (\$1,970), Regatta (\$485), Advertising (\$1,830) and Clothing (\$1,245). Expenses higher by \$244 primarily the result of Fireworks (\$1,048) and the website (\$1,360) still some clothing purchases still in stock. Net Income up by \$2,511 year over year.

Key Highlights

- Summary statistics for 2012- 2016 shown below,
- Membership blitz following AGM very effective ,
- Major Projects for 2016 included Hall (\$3,979), Navigation (\$520) and Shoreline (\$357).

Membership Report

	Full	Associate	Total	Year Over Year	# Donated	Revenue
2016	314	28	342	58	148(47%)	\$ 19,240
2015	268	16	284	96	123 (43%)	\$ 17,270
2014	172	16	188	-34	77(45%)	\$ 12,220
2013	203	19	222	-10	99 (48%)	\$ 13,610
2012	210	22	232	---	117 (50%)	\$ 14,475

Membership Communications

	Advertise Revenue	Letter & Mag, Decals, Postage	Net	Year Over Year
2016	\$ 4,180	\$ 3,888	\$ 292	\$ 1,586
2015	\$ 2,350	\$ 3,644	\$ (1,294)	\$ (235)
2014	\$ 2,150	\$ 3,209	\$ (1,059)	\$ 428
2013	\$ 1,573	\$ 3,060	\$ (1,487)	\$ (1,667)
2012	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,630	\$ 180	---

Swimming

	Revenue	Costs	Net	Year Over Year	Participants
2016	\$ 5,656	\$ 5,953	\$ (297)	\$ 264	129
2015	\$ 5,659	\$ 6,220	\$ (561)	\$ (122)	125
2014	\$ 5,134	\$ 5,573	\$ (439)	\$ 1,308	108
2013	\$ 4,751	\$ 6,498	\$ (1,747)	\$ (126)	105
2012	\$ 5,165	\$ 6,786	\$ (1,621)	---	----

Regatta

	Revenue	Costs	Net	Year Over Year
2016	\$ 5,745	\$ 2,569	\$ 3,176	\$ (209)
2015	\$ 5,260	\$ 1,875	\$ 3,385	\$ 1,284
2014	\$ 3,751	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,101	\$ 178
2013	\$ 3,822	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,923	\$ 135
2012	\$ 3,559	\$ 1,771	\$ 1,788	---

Fireworks

	Revenue	Costs	Net	Year Over Year
2016	\$ 3,485	\$ 5,119	\$ (1,634)	\$ (723)
2015	\$ 3,159	\$ 4,070	\$ (911)	\$ 2,175
2014	\$ 1,955	\$ 5,041	\$ (3,086)	\$ 103
2013	\$ 2,583	\$ 5,772	\$ (3,189)	\$ (1,504)
2012	\$ 3,300	\$ 4,985	\$ (1,685)	---

Operational Account

December 31, 2012	\$ 13,543
December 31, 2013	\$ 13,856
December 31, 2014	\$ 11,697
December 31, 2015	\$ 20,244
December 31, 2016	\$ 31,302

HLCA Board

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The HLCA – Supporting Members and the Community

What we do:

Operate and subsidize community events;

- The annual children's swimming program - HLCA hires and pays the lifeguards
- The Canada Day Fireworks - HLCA matches the donations made by members
- The Lake Navigation Marker system – HLCA maintains and places the markers on Haliburton Lake.
- The Kids Bingo – HLCA provides the prizes and the Hall
- The Rock Bass Fishing Derby – HLCA administers the weighing of the fish and provides prizes
- The street lighting in front of the HLCA hall – HLCA pays the electricity
- The weekly baseball – HLCA provides equipment and organization of event

Undertake major improvement projects;

- The ongoing revitalization of the public beach and hall.
- The naturalization of the shoreline at the Public Beach
- The “Love Your Lake” program for Haliburton Lake

Support our members, local associations, and local businesses through

- Membership in associations such as Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations, The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow and the Coalition of Haliburton Association.
- Communication of local events, useful information, community buy and sell and links to local businesses via year-round e-mails, the HLCA website, www.haliburtonlake.com and the annual HLCA magazine.
- Advocating on issues of importance to Haliburton Lake residents such as roads, landfill etc.
- HLCA Hall Rental
- Joint FIRA/HLCA discounts

Boat Courtesy - Common Feedback Received

Great feedback from the HLCA update e-mails. The most common request is regarding boating courtesy. Just a reminder, the speed limit within 100 meters of shore is 10 km/h. Wakes from boats increase strain on the dock hardware and increase erosion of the shoreline. In the late spring and early summer, loons nest just above the water

line and a 6 inch wake can damage their nest and endanger their offspring. Water skiing from the dock is exempt from the law if the skier is pulled directly away from the shore. Neighbours on their docks and others enjoying water sports closer to shore, including swimming and paddling, appreciate skiers who proceed slowly straight out into the lake

HALIBURTON LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION (HLCA)

The Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association founded in 1953 incorporated in 1958 under the laws of Ontario as a 'not-for-profit' without share capital corporation currently with members on Haliburton, Oblong, Percy and Ross Lakes.

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Picture Courtesy of Chris Hodgson on a January flight to Toronto earlier this year

