

Spring 2015

# HLCOA news

Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association

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# From The President.....

Welcome to the 2015 edition of the HLCA News. We really hope you enjoy the reading it. In this edition we have attempted to provide a wide range of subjects all with the intention of educating you about your cottage, lake, community and Dysart et al. As a lake resident I know there are many challenges that we all face; rising taxes, OPP costs downloading, electricity costs rising, road and bridge conditions, environmental awareness only to name a few but we hope as an association we can keep you informed about these issues and advocate for you where it makes sense.

Aligned to the strategic pillars of Community, Advocacy, Safety and Fun the HLCA manages many programs for the benefit of its members and residents of Haliburton Lake and the surrounding communities. Some programs are very visible like the Canada Day Fireworks, the Regatta, Kids Bingo, Rock Bass Derby and Swimming Lessons with others less visible like grass cutting and hall cleaning.

We are very fortunate to have a core set of volunteers who drive the base programs but there is always room for more assistance. Later in this Newsletter outlines the kind of assistance we are looking for. The single biggest challenge we have as an association is participation on the Board. It is really not a large time commitment. As I write this message I am in two roles Treasurer and Interim Presi

ent. I am hoping help is on the way. I am very thankful for Sue Drummond's past involvement and continuing participation from Nick Mezzapelli plus Owen and Connor Blackwell.

HLCA funding is generated through membership fees and donations which is utilized in the execution of all these programs and supports HLCA administration. Two priority projects are the Public Beach makeover plus the Hall Rejuvenation. For the hall we need to bring it up to Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities standards by adding wheelchair access. The Public Beach makeover is discussed in more detail in this newsletter.

In this issue of the newsletter we have articles on all our key activities which includes the Regatta, Fireworks, Kids Bingo, Rock Bass Fishing and Swimming Lessons. In addition, many articles of interest including Safety of your Pets, Opening the Cottage, Organizations we support, Noise Travel on a Lake, a Healthy Shoreline, Mice, Winterdance Dogs, Life Notices and news from Dysart et al plus a reminder about the Septic Tank Pump Out Contest.

I would be remiss if I did not mention this magazine would not be possible without our advertising sponsors. Please always buy locally.

We are always looking for ideas and feedback. This association exists to enhance your community experience. Have a great summer.

**Glenn Scott**

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**Statement of Financial Position (HLCA)**

**Balance Sheet**

	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	\$	11,696.77	\$	10,846.73
Short T erm Investment			\$	2,559.10
Public Beach Dock	\$	-	\$	450.00
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,696.77</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,855.83</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>				
<b>Association Equity</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,696.77</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,855.83</b>

**Statement of Operations**

	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
Membership	\$	12,220.00	\$	13,610.00
Regatta	\$	3,751.70	\$	3,822.00
Advertising	\$	2,450.00	\$	1,573.45
Swimming	\$	5,414.00	\$	4,751.00
Fireworks	\$	1,975.00	\$	2,503.80
Hall / Equipment / Mtce	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,580.00
Bingo	\$	405.00	\$	62.00
Bank Interest	\$	33.64	\$	31.72
Major Projects	\$	240.00	\$	1,100.00
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,289.34</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,033.97</b>
Newsletter & Members Letter	\$	3,509.09	\$	3,060.47
Regatta	\$	1,650.51	\$	1,961.63
Swimming	\$	5,573.95	\$	6,498.86
Fireworks	\$	5,041.64	\$	5,772.91
Hall / Equipment / Mtce	\$	1,904.09	\$	1,916.29
Bingo	\$	362.14	\$	317.47
Meetings / Sp Events	\$	567.23	\$	553.75
Bank Charges (incl PayPal)	\$	325.48	\$	350.45
Utilities	\$	1,145.46	\$	435.65
Office / Website	\$	850.52	\$	213.57
Insurance	\$	3,488.40	\$	3,385.80
Bursary / Donations	\$	500.00	\$	200.00
External Memberships	\$	885.25	\$	915.25
Major Projects	\$	4,427.29	\$	3,331.03
Property Taxes	\$	217.35	\$	185.08
Misc Expense	\$	-	\$	73.39
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,448.40</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,171.60</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(2,159.06)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(137.63)</b>

**Statement of Cash Flows**

	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
<b>Opening Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,846.73</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,214.71</b>
<b>Change in Cash</b>				
Change in Equity	\$	(2,159.06)	\$	(137.63)
Less: Non-Cash Interest	\$	(33.27)	\$	(30.35)
Add: Sale of Assets	\$	450.00	\$	800.00
Add: Cashed In GIC	\$	2,592.37	\$	-
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,696.77</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,846.73</b>

# Treasurers Report.....

Year over year revenue down about \$750 in a number of areas, expenses higher by \$1,276 primarily a result of investment in major projects.

## Key Highlights

- Membership down to 190 (2014) compared to 218 (2013) and 232 (2012) Full and Associate members, (Note- 540 property owners on Haliburton Lake)
- Donation participation down to 44% compared to 48% (2013) and 50% (2012), donations totaled approximately \$2,215 for Fireworks and Majors Projects down from \$3,600 (2013) and \$3,300 (2012)
- Swimming program subsidy by HLCA about \$150 down from \$1700 (2013) with 108 participants primarily due to reduced costs and Ontario student subsidy
- Regatta net revenue increased about \$200 year over year to \$2100 as result of an extra volleyball court and food sales
- Membership Communications which includes the Newsletter and Membership letter, postage and decals etc revenue up by \$550 year over year from advertising and costs up \$200 primarily as a result of mailing out the Newsletter when requested
- Fireworks subsidy, after donations, about \$3,100 on total costs of \$5,100
- Additional cash from sale of old dock \$450



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## News From Dysart et al.....

In March the Dysart et al 2015 Budget was approved. The Residential (Cottage) Tax increase will be 2.54%, slightly above inflation. The largest hit to the Dysart's costs are the much publicized changes to the OPP Billing Model which has increased policing cost by \$298,000 or 25% from 2014. Unfortunately this is the first of 3 years at about \$300,000 per year of increased OPP costs that will total to about \$1,000,000 when finally finished in the 4th year. Also increased is roads maintenance by \$189,000 from 2014 to accommodate the increased volatile weather patterns such as washouts and excessive snowfall. Also noteworthy is the Roads Construction budget has \$662,000 tagged for road resurfacing for 2015. The total Dysart 2015 budget is \$12,706,000 which \$6,562,000 is recovered from municipal taxes. For more information please visit <http://www.dysartetal.ca/portfolio-view/finance/>

Dysart et al in the anticipation of warmer weather has produced *the Cottage Kit* aimed at taking the guess work out of a visit to the local landfill for those renting cottages in our Municipality. *The Cottage Kit* contains literature explaining items such as hours of operation and locations of landfills, rules and regulations, recycling guide, a onetime Landfill Pass, two (2) transparent blue recycling bags for containers, one (1) transparent bag for garbage, one (1) paper bag for fibres, and some additional safety information. They available year-round from the Municipal Office or your closest Dysart et al landfill site at a cost

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# Swimming Lessons.....

Each year the HLCA operates a swimming program under the guidance of the Canadian Red Cross and 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 is operated as breakeven but many years run with a short fall which is covered off by HLCA membership fees. This year we are again participating in the Provincial Summer Job Service Program that will assist us offsetting some of our costs. Last year there were about 110 participants in the programs from Parent and Tot (4 yr) to Bronze Medallion. Sessions run every week starting June 29 and the last week of lessons starts August 10.

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.

## Septic Pump Out Contest Back Again.....

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 two years. So any pump out from August 1, 2012 to August 1, 2015 will be eligible to have the HLCA cover the costs of the pump out to a maximum of \$200. Email to [Treasurer@HaliburtonLake.com](mailto:Treasurer@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 from last year it automatically is included this year. Last year's winner **Lloyd Dunham** was awarded a cheque for \$200.



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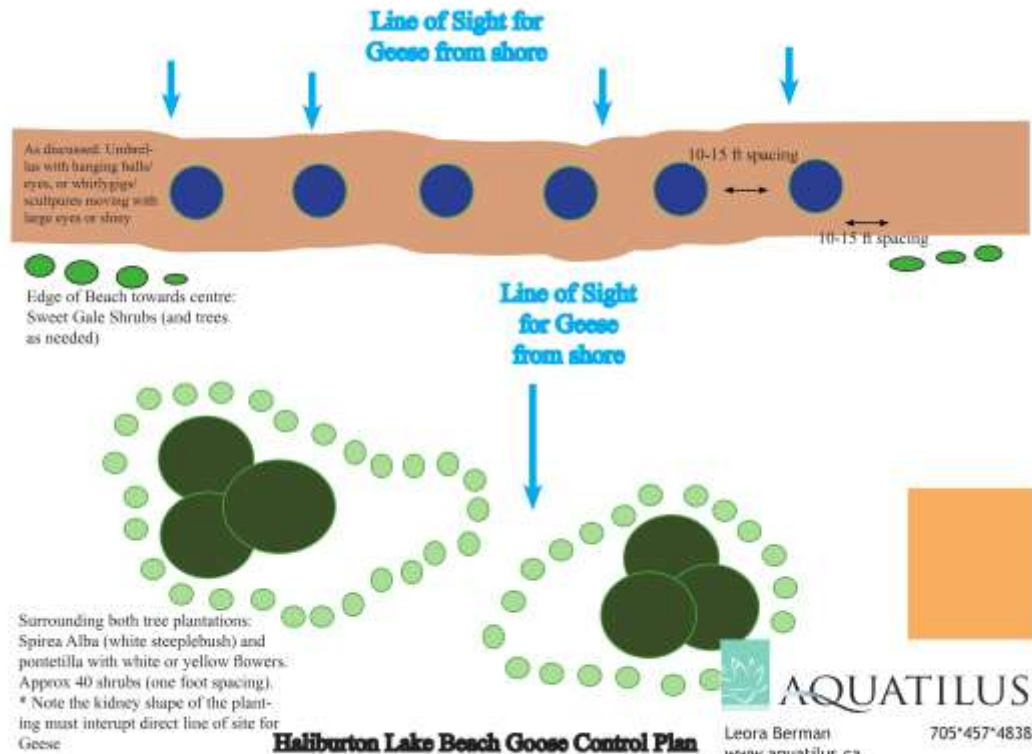
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# The Public Beach Makeover.....

There are many aspects to the work that needs to be completed, first a bit of history. In 2013 the HLCA added a second volleyball court and later in the fall Dysart made available a storage container, as seen below, for HLCA use. Early in 2014 the HLCA started its campaign against geese by stringing bird scare tape across the beach, as seen below, to deter the geese from coming to shore to lay eggs. Later in the spring the HLCA, with financial support of Dysart, planted 100 seedlings and in the fall Dysart, with a donation from Hydro One, installed a new playground, also seen below.

So what is next? On a smaller scale the storage container needs to be cleaned up. This includes a roof, paint job and a skirt.

On a larger scale the continuation of the vision of managing the geese. The scare tape had an impact and will be done again this year but the tape cannot stay up when the beach opens, so geese come up to the grass and graze even if no eggs have been laid. At the end of last year we asked Leora Berman, our guest speaker at last year's AGM and a known local expert in the management of geese, to provide us a long term vegetation layout that would discourage geese coming up on to the grass. Leora Berman has provided the same advice and guidance at Head Lake and it is showing positive returns. Below is Leora's proposed layout for vegetation that is suggested should be added to the park. The layout is intended to make geese uncomfortable or unsafe with a reduced line of sight resulting in their disinterest coming up on the property. For the vegetation plan we hope we can partner with Dysart on the costs which means making a proposal which involves creating a budget and a plan.





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The process to make this show possible includes ordering, delivery, storage, buoy markers, setup, ignition, donation collection and clean up. The show started at about 9:30 pm, setup started at 7:30 pm and the area was finally cleaned up and made safe after midnight.

The fireworks display is half funded by the donations received each year with membership fees and collections made around the event and the other half is funded from the association through membership payments.

Thanks to last year's firing crew of Ted Dixon, Duncan Smart, Bram Walker, Brian Walker and Dave Freeman plus Heather Dixon, Moe and Serena Thompson and Paul Metcalf for set up and storage. This year Chris Smyth has joined the crew.

For 2015 the fireworks are planned for Saturday July 4, with the rain date August 1 the date of the Regatta. As mentioned earlier donations make this event possible. Donations can be made with your membership payment or cash donations at the Marina or Public Beach the evening of the event.

We look forward to seeing you.

## HLCA Fireworks Committee



Mark Mezzapelli



### What some folks said....

My grandchildren, daughter and I sat on the grass at the park and watched the fireworks! What a wonderful show it was.....**Ann Dube**

...Thanks for all the time and hard work that went into making this event happen ...we loved it ...

**Carolyn & David Duggan**

Thank you to all those who work so tirelessly to create a wonderful evening for the cottagers.

**Sandra & Dick Duchemin**

We were one of the boats out there and once again LOVED them. Last year we all sang O' Canada which was a nice touch....**Lynda & Peter Playfair-Brown**

The fireworks were spectacular, as they are every year. We had family join us from Misquabi lake, and they were blown away too! Thanks to everyone! **Shelly Bull**



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# For the Kids Rock Bass Fishing Derby.....

Last year, a total of 50lbs in Rock Bass and Sunfish was caught and removed from the lake. A big thank you to all who participated!

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

## What is it?

A little tournament for fishing enthusiasts of all ages. Men, women and children are welcome from Oblong, Percy and Ross Lakes as well as Haliburton!

## When is it?

The derby runs 4 weeks out of the summer, with weigh-in's being Sundays at the Public Beach. This year the weigh-in's are July 19 and 26 plus August 2 and 9.

## 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. A HLCA member will be waiting to weigh all your fish. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 catchers with the most weight fish. At the end of the Derby, we total up all the pounds of fish caught by all participants and give out a grand prize to the top catcher.

## 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!

## Last Year

There was a total of 50lbs weighed in 2014. Participants were Hannah, Cole & Connor Campsall, Kayly Judge, Josh & Matthew Simpson, Ben Wark, Aiden & Jacob Fluney, Andrew Kirchner and Julia & Alison Kia

A big thanks to Candice Bradbury

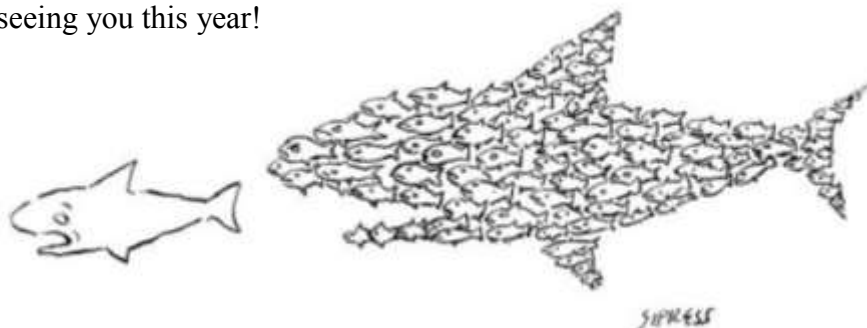
We look forward to seeing you this year!



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# For the Kids Bingo.....a year of transition

Jill and I took over Bingo 5 years ago from Brenda Carey and her daughter Lisa. The first few weeks were strange and a little sad. It was weird being on the "other end of the hall". We were used to helping and enjoying our own children but after a while it was amazing because we started enjoying everybody's children!! We became celebrities in town or at regatta as little kids would yell "there's the Bingo lady!" Well, it grows on you!! Jill's daughter Maddie joined in the second year and did a great job calling but due to a busy schedule at Sir Sam's Inn, she had to give it up. Last year my daughter Yazi and Jill's daughter Olivia took over and they are loving it for the time being. Kid's Bingo has grown so much since we started. We have an amazing group of devoted grandparents, parents and children who fill the hall each week. It gets so crowded and raucous that one of the parents suggested a microphone or bull horn! Bingo starts at 7 and we usually pull in around quarter to, to set up, and often there are already people waiting! Last year unfortunately a family had to leave because there was literally no more places to sit or stand! A favourite game is called 'Last Man Standing' which we learned from Brenda. What a hit!! The kids all stand on their chairs and if a number from their card is called they must sit down; last kid standing wins! We have great prizes! Anyway, we love our "job"! We've met so many amazing people and it gives us a real sense of community. It is a free event and we have Pizza Bingo once a year as our only fund raiser where we sell pizza and pop for dinner at 6:30, just before Bingo at 7. This year it is Tuesday, August 4 so be sure to come for dinner! Bingo starts July 7 and finishes August 11.

The year in transition from mum to child!

Gwen Feagan / Jill Feder



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## Mission

The CHA is a broadly-based Haliburton coalition of volunteers, drawing upon the collective knowledge and strength of its member associations to create synergy through sharing best practices, effectively studying common issues, developing common solutions, recommending county-wide policies and influencing outcomes. Member associations always remain autonomous.



**Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations** (FOCA [www//foca.on.ca](http://foca.on.ca)), is a not-for-profit organization representing volunteer associations and individual property owners all across Ontario.

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## Vision

FOCA will continue to be the pre-eminent Ontario-wide organization representing cottagers and permanent waterfront residents. FOCA will be responsible for promoting vibrant and sustainable waterfront communities through effective communication, education and advocacy.



**Coalition for Equitable Water Flow**

**The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow** (CEWF [www//cewf.ca](http://cewf.ca)) is a volunteer organization that was formed in 2006 to represent the interests of approximately 40,000 residential shoreline property owners on the 41 reservoir and 20 flow-through lakes within the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed in Ontario with regard to water management issues. The Sector includes the sub-

watersheds associated with the Gull, Burnt and Mississagua Rivers as well as Nogies, Eels, and Jack Creeks. The residents of this unique collection of 'lake-based communities' comprise the majority of the residential tax base in the region.







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# The Regatta.....

The weather could not have been better August 3 and a tremendous event. The HLCA was very fortunate when Karley Salsbury stepped up when the call for assistance was made last spring. Little did her family and friends realize that they would be coming along for the ride to make the date such a success. New events were introduced it was an amazing day and it was also financially successful which assists the HCLA in other endeavours.

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

- Food and Cooking: **Kathy and Scott Siersma, Carolyn and Chris Smyth, Brenda and Kent Guest, Dale Taylor, Heather and Brian Dixon, Debbie and Steve Salsbury**
- Kids Games: **Rachel and Michelle Takacs, Jenny and Mel Smyth**
- DJ/MC: **Connor Blackwell**
- Regatta 5km Run Down: **Steve and Debbie Salsbury**
- Volleyball: **Owen Blackwell**
- Horseshoes: **Lori Powell**
- Sailing: **Susan Crump**
- Adult Egg Toss: **Julie Churchill**
- Marathon Swim: **Brayden Siersma**
- Canoe Races: **Steve Salsbury**
- Raffle and Sandcastle: **Matt Salsbury and Miranda Allan**
- Lemonade Stand: **Emma Thompson**
- Registration and waivers: **Candice Bradbury**
- Outhouse pump out: **Mike Morrison**
- Volleyball Court Prep: **Paul Metcalfe**



During the event a new trophy was donated by **Amy Duncan** for the Marathon Swim, thank you Amy. Also at the event the septic pump out winner **Lloyd Dunham** was awarded a \$200 cheque.

Regatta 2015 is already in the planning process! We are always in need of volunteers, if interested please email Karley at [ksalsbur@mail.uoguelph.ca](mailto:ksalsbur@mail.uoguelph.ca) (remember these hours count towards high-school community hours).

Keep your eye on the Facebook page this June and July for Regatta updates and announcements, this year the Regatta is **August 1!**

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





# The Regatta..... The Results

## Swimming

### 4 Years and under

#### Boys/Girls

- 1 Ryan
- 2 Noelle
- 3 Bryce

### 5 Years

#### Girls

- 1 Alison

#### Boys

- 1 Cooper

### 6 years

#### Girls

- 1 Emma
- 2 Avery

#### Boys

- 1 Gabe
- 2 Jake and  
Nicolas (Tied)

### 7 years

#### Girls

- 1 Amelia
- 2 Julia
- 3 Shannon

#### Boys

- 1 Cohen
- 2 Riley
- 3 Thys

### 8 Years

#### Girls

- 1 Bailey

#### Boys

- 1 Matthew
- 2 Graham
- 3 Liam

### 9 Years

#### Girls

- 1 Kaitlyn
- 2 Cara
- 3 Cailey

#### Boys

- 1 Zach
- 2 Liam
- 3 Noah

### 10 Years

#### Girls

- 1 Riley
- 2 Brynn

#### Boys

- 1 Miles
- 2 Nolen
- 3 Cooper

### 11 Years

#### Girls

- 1 Genevieve
- 2 Vanessa
- 3 Celia

#### Boys

- 1 Josh
- 2 Connor
- 3 Symon

### 12 & 13 Years

#### Girls

- 1 Hannah
- 2 Zoe
- 3 Rikki

#### Boys

- 1 Ben

### 14 and Over

#### Girls

- 1 Susan
- 2 Mackenzie
- 3 Liza

#### Boys

- 1 Mark
- 2 Gordon and  
Samuel
- 3 Hador

## 5k Regatta Rundown

### Women

- 1 Heather Dixon
- 2 Courtney Jordan
- 3 Amy Duncan

### Men

- 1 Dan Labache
- 2 Dave Neaven
- 3 Tyson Dyck

## Horseshoes

- 1 Derek Hillaby and  
John Shaw

## Volleyball

- 1 Smokin' Loons  
Mark, Leila, Ella, Mark, Juhani, Craig, Juri, Juhani
- 2 Meet the Blockers  
John, Owen, Jocelyn, Andy, Andrea, Mike

## Canoe Races

### Men's Single

- 1 Hodor Dymitry
- 2 Mark Saar
- 3 Dave Neaven

### Women's Double

- 1 Sasha Walker and Claire Neaven
- 2 Lindsay Bevan and Molly Marrack
- 3 Erica Bell and Heather Imrie

### Men's Double

- 1 Dave Neaven and Braydan Siersma
- 2 Bob Bevan and Mike Sado
- 3 Alan & Pat

## Sandcastle

- 1 Airplane
- 2 Olof and Mermaid
- 3 Haliburton Dreamland
- 4 Forest Island

## Marathon Swim

- 1 Max Hughes
- 2 Greg Taylor
- 3 Genevieve Sasseville
- 4 Zoe Astill
- 5 Peter Graham



## Life Notices.....



In Memory of  
**LORI OMAND**  
April 13, 1956 - January 17, 2015

Peacefully, at home, with family and friends by her side, on Saturday January 17, 2015, at the age of 58. Beloved daughter of the late Bill and June Omand. Dear sister of Mark and Todd. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by her family, many friends and colleagues at St. Michael's Hospital where she was a Registered Nurse for 35 years.



In Loving Memory of  
**HOWARD BRADBURY**

A resident of Haliburton Lake since 1978 and cottager since 1954, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2014, being his 98th birthday. Beloved husband of the late Frances Bowman (2007). Loving father of Sandra Knight and Rodney and his wife Jackie. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Erin, Derek (Jen), Brandon (Jackie) and Candice and great-grandchildren James, Taylor and Jordyn. Howard had a very good sense of humour, loved nature, cribbage games and his daily glass of red wine. He will be forever in our hearts and remembered by all!



In Memory of  
**J. RANDALL (RAN) MUSSELMAN**

J. RANDALL (RAN) MUSSELMAN Peacefully on Friday, January 16, 2015 at Southlake Regional Health Centre in his 96th year. Loving father of daughter Marilyn (Tom) and son Gord (deceased). Predeceased by their mother Marie. Grampa to Michael (Kelly), Brian, Daniel and Bradley. Dear brother to Harvey (Monica) and Frances and predeceased by siblings Lloyd and Eola. Deep appreciation to Pamela Spencer, Ran's caregiver of 6 years and also to Evadne Morgan from We Care for all their kindness and support.



## Life Notices.....



In Memory of  
**DONALD ERNEST LOUNDS**  
October 27, 1941 - January 12, 2015

Passed away suddenly at Port Orange, Florida on Monday January 12, 2015 at the age of 73. Loving and devoted father of Jonathan (Jenny), Sarah (Rob), and Robert (Melanie). Adored Grandpa of Tyler, Nolan, Alyssa, A.J., Madeline, Danielle, Joshua, and Zachary. Predeceased by his sister, Sue Varga and parents Bernard and Beatrice Lounds. He will be fondly remembered by his brother-in-law Ted Varga, nephew David (Dianne) and niece Krista (Walter) and grandnieces Madeline, Sophia, Rebecca and Grace. Don spent his working years with the IBEW and in retirement split his time between Haliburton, Ontario and Port Orange, Florida. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and entertaining family and friends.



In Memory of  
**LADY "The Marina Dog"**  
December 1999 - November 2014

Our beloved Lady passed away Nov 2014.

Brad and I would like to thank our Haliburton Lake Family, and Friends, for all the kindness and love you all showed Lady.

Her favorite place in the world (next to being with Maria) was to be in the Marina Store to welcome, and greet, one and all - and maybe catch a treat from all that brought them.

She will be loved and missed forever.



Bob Dunn

# Life Notices.....



## IT'S A GIRL

Kevin and Kayla Woodrow along with big sister Rylie, welcomed their newest little princess Baylie Ann Jacqueline Woodrow on Friday, February 20th, 2015.

## IT'S A BOY



Parents, Sue Drummond and Tom Whitaker and brother, Lucas are excited to announce the birth of Kyle William on July 28 2014. A happy and healthy South Bay baby begins the families fourth generation of Haliburton Lake cottagers. Proud grandparents Margaret and Bill Drummond, along with great grandmother Hilda and the late Norm Waddingham.



Big brother Jaxon and parents Lucas & Jenny Barry welcome baby Reese MacKenzie Barry to Haliburton Lake. Born September 6 th 2014, weighing 8 lbs 12 oz. Reese is 4th generation from the Walchuk family to be on the lake! Proud grandparents of Bill & Sandy Barry and Janice Campbell

David Duggan has been a cottager on Haliburton Lake for over 40 years. He and his wife Carolyn love spending time there with their twin daughters Ashleigh, her husband Bryden and their dear little girl Emily, now 20 months old, and Kristin, and her husband Troy. Both girls are nurses in the neo-natal intensive care unit at Sunnybrook Hospital and last year on November 10, 2014, Kristin gave birth to an adorable little boy “Liam David Archibald Beaudin”. Carolyn and David love being Grandparents to these two delightful children and look forward to sharing happy times with them this summer at the family cottage.







## Fort Irwin Residents Association



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 and Sunday  
(Jane Jaycock is back leading the group Tues., Fri. and Sun.)  
Cards – Monday evening  
Quilting / crafts – Wednesday morning  
Summer Happy Hour - Thursdays

Monthly - Pot Luck dinners

Christmas dinner at Sir Sams

Many more Special events

All adults in the local area are invited to visit and join our year round Community Organization

Please call Barb Taylor 745-1139 or Graham Newton -754-3146 for more information.

### 2015 Calendar of events:

**Summer Fest** – Saturday June 27 from 9:00 ‘till noon

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Fest will feature: a bake sale with homemade squares, cookies, tarts, pies etc; a coffee bar; and a yard sale. If you would like to have a space to sell your treasures please call Dianne Kelly 754-3009. Our quilt and wall hanging will also be on display and tickets will be available to purchase.

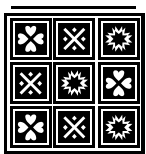
**McGregor Meat sale orders:** Graham Newton arranges orders for a variety of BBQ meats, picks them up and delivers them to FIRA hall for us. Order forms are available at Summer Fest or call Graham at 754 - 3146.

**Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 October 14<sup>th</sup>

Once again the quilt is spectacular. It has been in the making since last August 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. The finishing boarder is ready to go on and the pillow cases are ironed. During the same time another group of ladies were working on an amish lace pattered table cloth and napkins . Donna Smith is making an afghan. You will definitely want to buy tickets for this draw .



# The Healthy Shoreline Checklist.....

## How does your waterfront check out?

### PLANT A BUFFER ZONE OF NATIVE VEGETATION CLOSE TO SHORE.

The tangle of roots filters impure runoff from your cottage and slows erosion of the soil

### SWEAR OFF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES,

They end up in the water and are bad news for aquatic life

### OPT FOR A FLOATING OR A PIPE DOCK

It causes the least disturbance to the shoreline lakebed

### MOOR THE SWIM RAFT FARTHER OUT TO SAVE SHORE PLANTS

Birds nest and fish spawn in those things you call “weeds”. Don’t tear them out

### SOFTEN HARD WALKWAYS AND DRIVES

Unlike asphalt, pea gravel or wood chips soak up runoff

### PRESERVE YOUR PROPERTY’S MATURE TREES

Their deep roots stabilize the slope down to the water

### FORGO FERTILIZERS / UPGRADE YOUR LEAKY SEPTIC SYSTEM

Both send phosphorus into the lake, fuelling algae growth and depleting oxygen

### LEAVE FALLEN TREES AND BRANCHES IN THE SHALLOWS

Wood nourishes all sorts of underwater critters and provides cover for fish

### KEEP OIL AND GAS WELL AWAY FROM THE WATER’S EDGE

Even a minor spill has big consequences for vulnerable lake dwellers

### USE UNTREATED WOOD FOR SHORELINE STRUCTURES LIKE DOCKS

Preservative-free materials, such as cedar, are pricier but much safer for aquatic inhabitants

### KICK THE COTTAGE LAWN HABIT

Turf lets up to 55 percent of rainfall wash away

### REPLACE THAT CRUMBLING CONCRETE BREAK WALL

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# 10 Things Before Relaxing on the Dock.....

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After a cold, snowy and icy winter, cottagers may be in for some surprises when they open their seasonal property this weekend. Storms throughout the winter may have damaged your seasonal property. For customers heading up to the cottage for the first time this season, here are 10 things to do to start your cottage season off safely:

1. Before heading up to the cottage, plan ahead and use Hydro One's free mobile app on smart phones and tablet devices to check the status of power outages anywhere in Hydro One's service area. The mobile app allows customers to access an interactive outage map from the palm of their hand anytime, anywhere.
2. Upon arrival, do a circle check and inspect the power line feeding your cottage. If a wire is down on the ground, stay at least one bus length away and call Hydro One's power emergency line immediately at 1-800-434-1235.
3. Check your electricity meter for damage. Call Hydro One at 1-888-664-9376 if there is damage.
4. Look at interior wiring for visible signs of gnawing from animals. If wiring is damaged, turn off the circuit breaker or remove the fuse to that circuit and call an electrician to arrange for repairs.
5. Check electrical cords and plugs for damage. Never use cords that are worn or damaged.
6. Fill your water tank before switching the power on to avoid damage to your water heater element.
7. Keep all branch circuits in the off position until you have opened the main switch. Then, energize individual circuits one at a time.
8. Make sure tree branches are trimmed well away from your power line to avoid unnecessary power outages and safety hazards. Always hire a qualified contractor to prune trees near your power line. Hydro One will disconnect the power supply to your property once a year, at no charge, so that any maintenance along or near your power line can be performed safely.
9. Replace the batteries in the smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
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# Keeping our Pets Safe at the Cottage.....

It's been a long winter but now it's finally time to open up the cottage! As exciting as it is to come back up north and get outside, there are a few extra pet hazards in this area that are important to consider. Here are some of the hazards and ways to avoid them.

**Household hazards:** We often put out mouse bait or traps and antifreeze in our toilets and drains prior to closing up the cottage. Some of the newer generations of bait are very poisonous to our pets. For some dogs and cats, after a long car-ride up north, a drink from the toilet is the first on the list of things to do. Antifreeze is sweet tasting and can cause kidney failure in a dog or cat within hours.

**Prevention Key:** Take a walk-through the cottage and garages to clear out any potential toxins or hazards for your pet before letting them come and do their own inspection.

**Skunks and Porcupines:** These creatures enjoying the warmer weather and longer daylight are most often found in the bushes early in the morning and later at night. Dogs for some reason can't resist these potentially dangerous critters. A summer of skunk smell or a face-full of porcupine quills can ruin anyone's vacation plans!

**Prevention Key:** Keep dogs on a leash at dusk and dawn. For porcupine quills, it is best to have these pulled by a vet under sedation so that a thorough examination can be performed, including the top of the mouth and back of the throat. Get quills professionally pulled as soon as possible!

**Other Wildlife:** One of the things we love about cottage country is all the wildlife right in our backyard! However, there can be issues when our dogs and wildlife come in contact. Sometimes the wildlife can carry diseases such as Distemper, Rabies and Leptospirosis. Even indoor cats can be at risk if a bat flies into the house.

**Prevention Key:** Ensure your pets are properly vaccinated for the added risk factors of living in the country.

**Ticks:** In the county we are more likely to be hiking through brush and long grass, which is exactly the type of environment these eight-legged spider-like monsters like to live in. Once they bite, they can transmit diseases to both you and your pets, most notably Lyme disease. Good to note, disease transmission for most ticks takes greater than 12 hours.

**Prevention Key:** There are products, namely K9 Advantix from Bayer, that are excellent products for killing ticks. Good tick prevention is important. As well, it is a very good practice to thoroughly examine your pets daily and remove any ticks immediately since the chances are good they haven't yet transmitted disease. It's also a good practice to check yourself.

**Blue Green Algae:** If the water appears to have a gray or green tinge or has sludge on it, there is a chance this could be Blue Green Algae. This type of algae can produce a deadly toxin with very low survival rates.

**Prevention Key:** Better safe than sorry - If there is any concern, do not let your pet drink or swim in this water. **Report blue green algae outbreaks by calling 416-325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060 & let your lake association know so that they can let everyone on the lake know not to swim in or use the lake water.**

**Fishing hooks:** Every year man's best friend gets hooked on these rather than the scaly amphibians we are aiming for. The smell of fish is very attractive to the dogs and before you know it there's a hook sticking through the mouth.

**Prevention Key:** Place all rods and hooks well out of reach from the inquiring tongues of dogs. If your dog does get hooked, call the vet immediately and get it dealt with. Be prepared that most dogs will need to be sedated to remove the hook safely.

**Author - Dr. Jenn Morrow is the new Owner of the Minden Animal Hospital, Day Camp and Pet Resort**



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# What's with all the mice?!?!.....

It's not just you. There are mice everywhere and many of us have been overrun by them!

The main culprit is the deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) and the reason for their exploding population began in the fall of 2013, when we experienced an abundance of mast that mice like to consume - namely beech nuts, acorns and maple keys. These items fell to the ground and were then quickly covered with a thick layer of snow, which left the soil underneath unfrozen. This subnivean habitat (beneath the snow) offered the mice protection from predators all winter, where they had very little competition for all that mast.

Female mice are capable of reproduction at 5-7 weeks old and can have up to 11 litters in one year! That's an average of 44 babies a year in favourable conditions! We did see a higher number of foxes and other predators in 2014, but going into the fall and winter, there was still an unbelievable number of mice.

Luckily, there are a variety of rodent control programs out there that can be adjusted to suit everyone's needs or budget. These programs can offer a great reduction in as little as a week to get your home or cottage back to normal and rid you of those unsightly and unhealthy droppings.



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# Noise Around the Lake.....

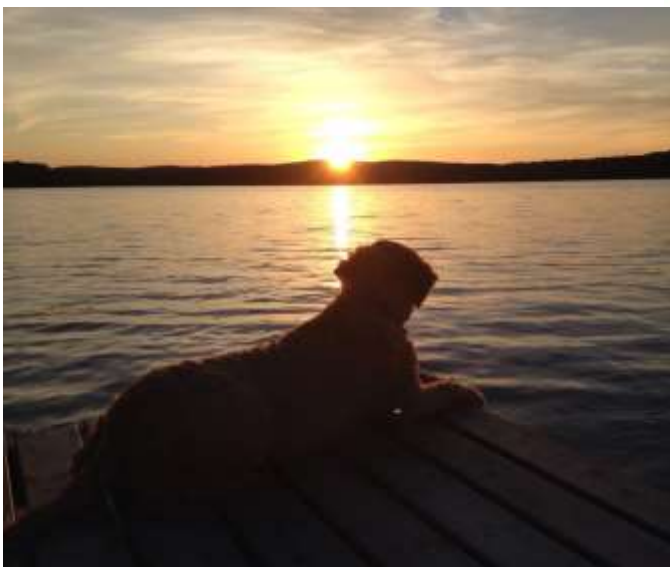
Some of the most enjoyable aspects of cottage country are associated with sound, whether it be the haunting cry of the loon or the gentle lapping of waves onto the shore. Quiet mornings spent on the dock or a night searching for stars are treasured memories that stay with us during the cold winter months. However, as cottage-country population increases these moments might become rare as noise levels also increase.

Noise is defined as unwanted sound. If we enjoy cottage country for the sounds of nature, then surely the addition of our human sounds are pollution of the air waves! Fortunately, we can easily remedy this kind of pollution with no lasting harmful effects to the environment. All it takes is a little understanding of sound and its properties.

The physics of sound is a complex issue that is too lengthy to describe within the scope of this article. However the most important aspect is how sound behaves at night and along the water during different conditions. In very general terms, sound waves are pulled in the direction of fastest travel velocity. Sound also travels faster in warm air. On a warm summer day at the lake sound waves from cottage activities travel in a more upward direction toward warm air and not as much sound pressure reaches our ears at the shore. At dusk the water surface cools producing a warm air layer between the water and the sky (thermal inversion). Those same sound waves follow the warm air again; sound pressure is concentrated along the surface of the lake and we can hear even the quiet conversation in a passing canoe. Normally sound pressure (as measured by a sound level metre) dissipates at the rate of six decibels (dB) every time the distance doubles. This rate of loss decreases during temperature gradient conditions at night, especially when the temperature variant is high during dusk. Loons and other animals use this time period to communicate over great distances because of this property of sound. Other contributing effects such as reflective rocky shorelines, wind speed, and direction can affect noise transmissions as well. These vectors all combine at times, which compounds the problem.

A website that describe this phenomenon [www.kettering.edu/~drussell/Demos/refract/refract.html](http://www.kettering.edu/~drussell/Demos/refract/refract.html)

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A frantic fall ensued with Hank, our sons and staff reopening old logging trails and constructing a timberframe log cabin as a welcome center for our guests who visit from around the world. Hank decided against racing this winter and withdrew his name from the 2015 Yukon Quest to focus on getting everything ready. While the cabin did not completely get finished and there are still trails we are excited to reopen, we welcomed our first guests to our new property and a closed in warm cabin this past December. All of our tours - 2 hour, ½ day, full day & moonlite were up and running!



Keith Clarkson

In addition to offering Dogsled Tours we plan to expand our business to a more year around operation - including horseback tours and a maple syrup operation to start. Our clients marvel at the wilderness we are able to show them on our tours and we plan to leave the property as pristine as possible and with help from biologists find ways to enhance it naturally for greater wildlife habitat.

We are excited to now be a more formal part of the Haliburton Lake/Fort Irwin community and look forward to meeting and/or hosting many of you!

For more information please visit [www.winterdance.com](http://www.winterdance.com) or like us on facebook.

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- You Get an Entire Team Behind You:**

We work as a team and all have a vested interest in selling your property. 4 agents are better than 1!

- Outstanding Customer Service:**

Chestnut Park agents are held to a very high level of customer service. Our testimonials prove we deliver on our promise!

- We Deliver Results:**

We are the #1 team in Haliburton County waterfront sales for the 3rd consecutive year!\*

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Limited Brokerage



**Rob Serediuk**  
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Sales Rep

\*Total MNR waterfront sales volume run against Haliburton search dates Jan -Dec

A limited period to each end of the sale



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# Where the help is needed.....

There are many opportunities to assist in the HLCA Mandate

1. **Board Member** - Director at Large, absolute time commitment minimal 4-6 meetings a year (2 hr / mtg), meetings on lake / phone. Other duties are available but no commitment required.
2. **Hall Cleaning and Grass Cutting Programs** - Hire staff (May Long weekend) minimal time commitment monitor programs and be point of contact to successful candidates.
3. **Newsletter** - Lead in the creation of the annual Newsletter, with editorial support from the President. Time commitment controllable Spring (March to May).
4. **Social Media** - Lead HLCA's presence on Facebook and Twitter
5. **Membership** - Take on lead role to be point of contact to membership for the Board, accountable to send out membership information such as newsletters, commitment can be intense in spring, role currently being done by Treasurer.
6. **Public Beach Storage Container Makeover** - Lead the planning and execution of a makeover of the public beach storage container. Time commitment personally controlled, set up work weekend with helpers.
7. **Weekend Help** - An individual willing to give up a half day or day to assist an effort such as Storage Container Makeover, the addition of wheelchair ramp at the hall or general outside cleanup at the hall. The plan would be to provide us with your name and contact information and you are contacted when a job is to be executed with no commitment to join in.
8. **Project Manager - Public Beach Geese Management** - Manage next steps in managing geese at Public Beach by creating estimate of proposed vegetation program, applying for municipal support, educating membership etc. Not an intense effort, time commitment controlled role required for probably 2-3 years.

If any of these opportunities interest you please let Glenn know at **President@Haliburtonlake.com** or contact him at 416 565 9411.



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## HLCA Board

**Glenn Scott** - Interim President / Treasurer

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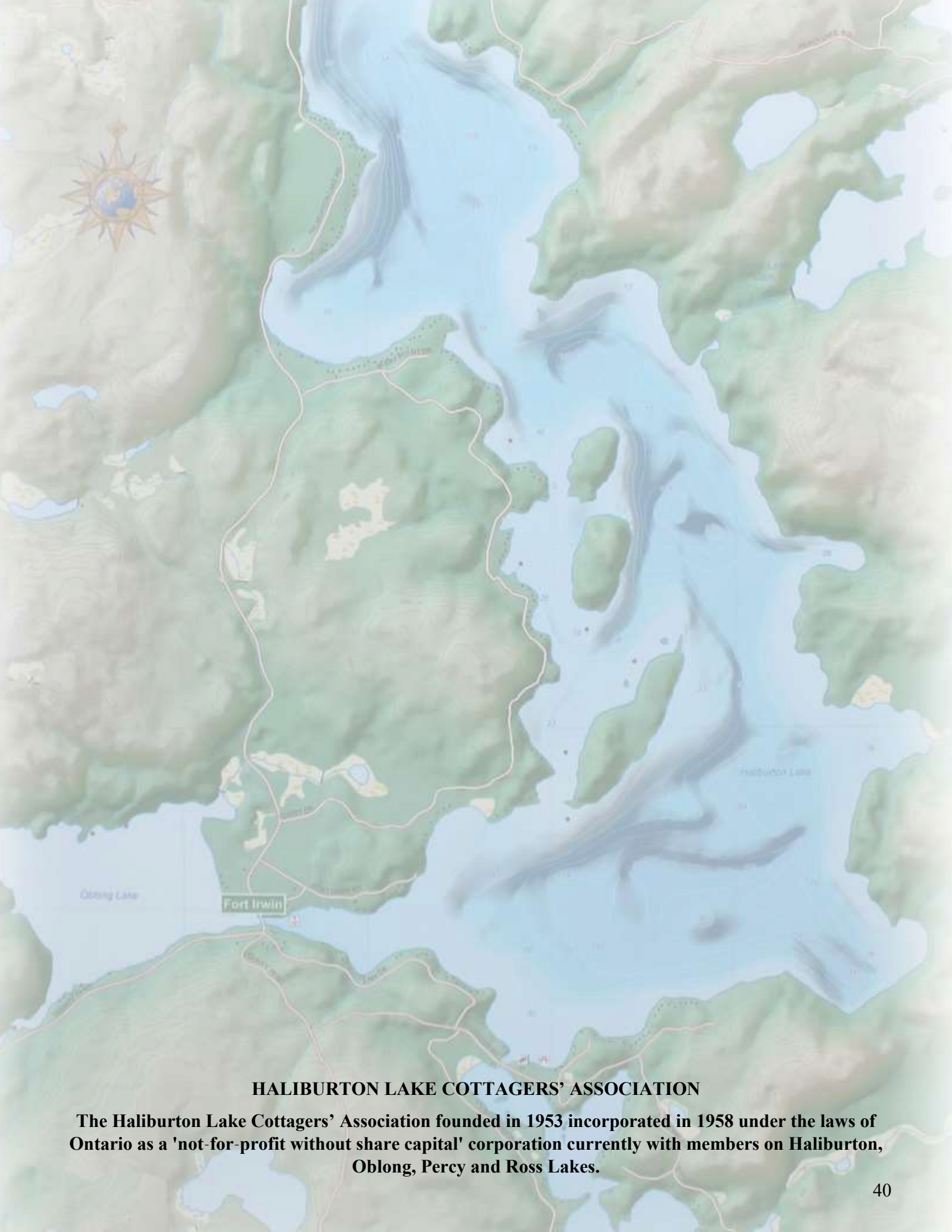
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**Owen Blackwell** - Director at Large

**Sue Drummond** - Past President



## **HALIBURTON LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION**

**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.**