

Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association. It is published four times a year: Winter, Spring, Fall & Summer.

From the President

For those of you who are sledders, this winter must have been magnificent; to us that are not, it was an agonizing grind. There were numerous times when I listened closely enough that I could hear the boat calling my name, calling me to sweep off the snow. Alas, *Old Man Winter* is somewhat relinquishing his grip and Spring is showing itself.

The date for Annual Meeting is May 18/08, Regatta August 2/08 and the Semi - Annual Meeting Aug. 31/08. All of the events will be held at the Healey Lake Lodge and these dates have been confirmed. The dates for the Healey Lake Bottle Drive and the Environmentally Friendly Poker Run will be announced at a later date.

Another Healey Lake event not to be forgotten is the Thunder Box contest. Cottagers are invited to e-mail or send in photos with stories on why their Thunder Box (Outhouse) should win. Please remember there are two categories; Thunder Boxes still in use and those that are still standing not in use but cannot be torn down because of sentimental reasons. There will be three judges, (*no bribes, please*) scoring these Thunder Boxes under several sections. Entries can be sent to HLPOA PO Box Attn: Thunder Box or emailed to my attention. Trophies are to be awarded on Labour Day weekend.

As with last year, the Executive will be

monitoring the condition of the dam and will report any events. Please be mindful of the signs at the Government dock between Lakeshore Marina and Mariner's Cove Marina, these docks are to be used for loading and unloading and not for parking.

We are still looking for a member or someone to take control and build our website. This website will be an important tool in relaying lake news, events, changing bylaws and Government rules and regulations. Anyone wishing to accept this challenge please contact me.

We are introducing a new section in the Dock Talk called Cottagers Corner. This section will allow members and their families to write in about positive cottage experiences. These stories could be recipes, remembering family or members and / or humorous stories. All submissions are to be sent to Nancy Simpson.

In closing I hope you had a healthy and happy winter season and I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months. Always remember and never forget, beware of boat wakes and please keep the wild animals wild. If there questions or concerns, please contact me.

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Are You Ready for Cottage Season? ... Fire Safety

For many seasonal cottagers, the May 24 holiday weekend marks the beginning of the season. It's a good time to think about cottage safety and in this issue the focus is on fire safety.

Here are some tips to help you determine if you are fire safe:

Smoke Detectors

Check to make sure there are a smoke detectors on each level of the cottage - in the living area and in front or between bedrooms. Install smoke detectors on the ceiling where possible; otherwise be sure they are high up on the wall.

Replace the batteries when opening the cottage for the season. For permanent residents, replace when low battery warning chirp sounds.

Test the smoke alarms every month using the test button.

Replace smoke detectors that are 10 years or older.

Escape Plan

Review your plan for getting out of the cottage should a fire occur. If you do not have a plan, find out what to include and develop a plan now.

Have a practice session so that everyone at your cottage knows what to do.

Prevent fires

Be informed about what you can burn with and without a permit.

Take note of the risk indicator for fires on the Healey Lake Road. The Township changes the indicator as conditions change.

Never start a fire on a windy day.

Do not have an open fire during the day. If you do start a small fire, do so during the coolest, calmest and dampest time of the day -

Do not leave the fire. Gather the tools such as a shovel and a rake as well as the water needed to keep the fire under control before you start the fire.

Be sure the fire is out completely when you do leave it. Hot coals can smolder for hours.

On Healey Lake

If you have a fire on your property, call a neighbour and ask them to call other cottagers. Keep the telephone numbers you are likely to need, handy. Remember, fighting a cottage fire requires volunteers.

Send someone for a fire pump. Be sure to post a map in your cottage that shows the locations of the pumps. You will likely need more than one pump.

Learn how to operate a pump now.

A garden hose attached to your cottage water system may provide a 'first response' but the fire fighting pumps will likely be needed.

Report after you have used a fire pump so the pump can be serviced and the gasoline can be refilled. Also, the hoses once used, need to be dried properly or they will rot.

To report a **forest fire** in The Township of The Archipelago, telephone the Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-705- 564-6056.

For complete information about what you can burn, when, how to develop an escape plan as well as other tips and regulations, visit the Township web site at <http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/> or call the **Township of The Archipelago** Tel: (705)746-4243

Contacts for fire pumps & safety on Healey Lake are

Charlie Smith - (Cottage tel.) 705-375-2380
Want a lesson on using the pump? Call Charlie!

2/ **Bob Barrett** - (Cottage tel.) 705-375-1764

The Transfer Station

... An Update

Grant Walker, Councillor

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

In 2007 the Healey Lake Road Transfer Station was switched from a 24/7 household waste operation to being open while an attendant was on duty. We collected a lot of data to help us make improvements for this year. We found that the hours of operation in June and September were a little too long for the usage and the hours in July and August were much too long for the usage. The redistribution of hours could result in more hours of operation in the off season months.

Results: This site was the only one in the township with no reported contamination also resulting in a cleaner site, less abuse from non

residents and contractors and cost savings in trucking and tipping fees. Increased revenues from fees collected from contractors and fines for leaving garbage at the gate.

Changes: Looking at more ramps with top loading bins that will be easier to put stuff in and will hold closer to 100% of their capacity. More bear fencing. Change the recycling configuration of bins resulting in lower transportation and possible higher revenues. The use of clear plastic bags.

Enforcement: The card system was inadequate and better systems are being looked at. The possible installation of motion cameras and after hour's surveillance. Full time by-law enforcement officer. Increasing the by-law penalties. The biggest concern reported from people is the loss of 24/7 access. None of the suggestions made to keep this service addressed all the problems it creates.

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SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

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We had 24/7 access that was continually abused no matter what we did. Not only was it financially costly but it was not in keeping with good waste management. We are working to make the service better while maintaining good environmental standards.

The long term goals we hope to reach require a lot of work, commitment and investment. To help us successfully reach those goals we have hired Golder Associates. They are an international waste management firm that is looking at our present systems, the data collected last year, your suggestions and our staff front line experience to help us make sure the system we put in place is one that is user friendly, efficient and cost effective as possible for a municipality with our unique requirements.

Preserving & Protecting Shoreline ... Doing Our Part

Preserving and protecting shoreline is a concern that goes along with owning waterfront property. The council and staff of The Archipelago have produced a resource entitled *Caring For Our Waterfront Property*. This resource contains two modules: *Our Shoreline: The Ribbon of Life* and *Forest Health*.

Our Shoreline: The Ribbon of Life focuses on what we can do to prevent damage and erosion. In some municipalities it has become necessary to enact bylaws to restrict activities that jeopardize the shoreline. *Forest Health* will be of interest to those wishing to prevent

Transfer Station

... hours of operation

At the time of writing, the hours of operation for the transfer station have not been finalized. For current hours, go to www.thearchipelago.on.ca
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further damage as well as restore the shoreline.

These resources are intended to make us aware of the importance of preserving the shoreline as well as educate us on ways to do this. Hopefully this will prevent the need for formal regulations in the Township.

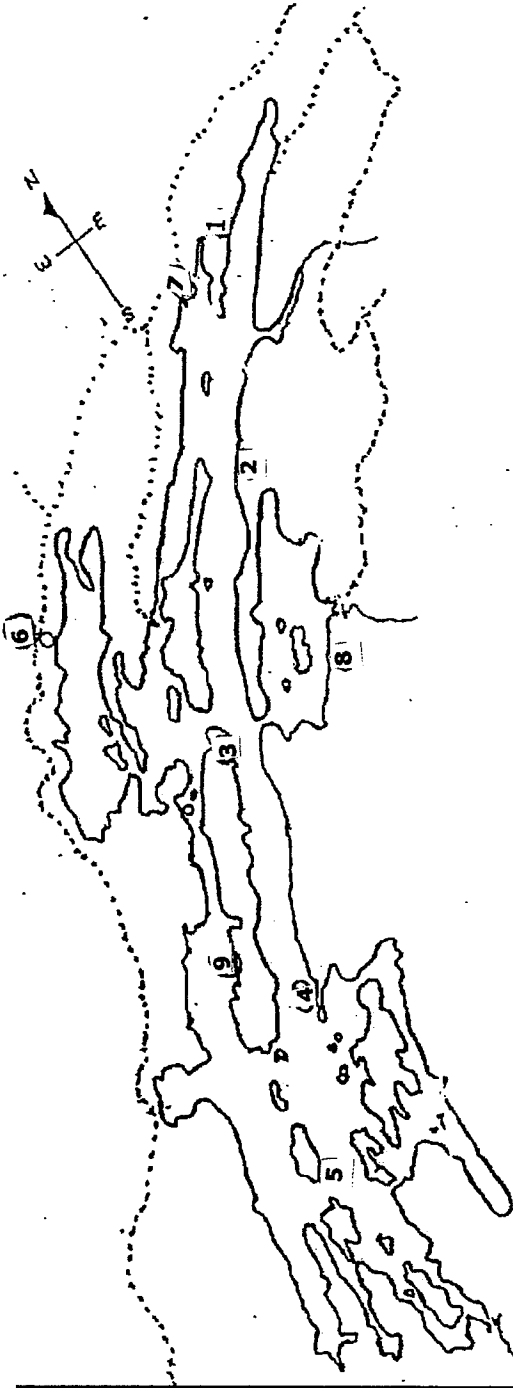
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Healey Lake Fire Pump & Ice Auger Locations

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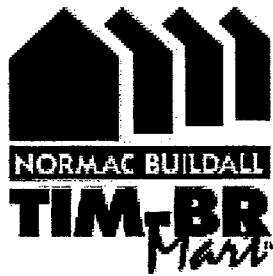


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To use a pump

- Know the location of the pump closest to you.
- Take all the equipment from the box.
- Put water in the pump before starting it.
- Gas/oil mixture is 16-1 for Homelites. Hondas use straight gas.
- Dry the hose before returning it to the container.
- Notify the Association fire/safety reps that the pump(s) have been used.

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Fire Pump #2	Chalmer's Lot 80 Penn Road
Fire Pump #3	Fire Boat House
Fire Pump #4	C. Smith's Lot 139 H.L. Road
Fire Pump #5	Roach's Lot 409 H.L. Road
Fire Pump #6	Mitchell's Lot 433 H.L. Road
Fire Pump #7	Mariner's Cove Lot 317 H.L. Road
Fire Pump #8	L. Stewart's Lot 80 H.L. Water
Fire Pump #9	G. Partchenko's Lot 395 H.L. Water
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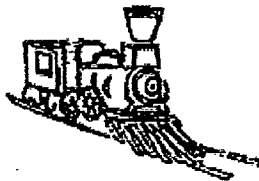
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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The final association membership for 2007 was 252 members. This was down from previous years and I hope that we can raise the membership figure back up this year. **Thank You** to everyone who paid their dues.

Special thanks also to Peter Watkinson of Royal LePage Real Estate, Mactier, Curt Coulson of Aim Realty, Mactier and Leo Hintze of Re/Max Realty, Parry Sound-Muskoka, who pay for a one-year membership for all the new cottagers whose places they have listed and sold. This is greatly appreciated!

Quite a few cottages changed ownership last year. If you have welcomed a new neighbour, please inform them of the association and give them information on reaching any of the executive for more information.

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I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual General Meeting on May 18th.

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“Privacy Act”

Due to the new privacy act as put out by the government, please let me know if you do not want your name, address and telephone number on our cottage mailing list, or included in the annual alpha/numeric list published in the fall issue.



In Memory

Roy Goodhue

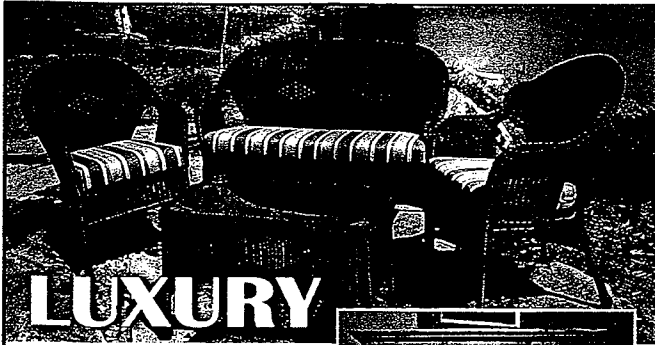
Our sympathies and thoughts go out to Isabel Goodhue, and to all the family of Roy Goodhue, who passed away in January. Roy and Isabel were long time residents of Healey Lake, and although they had left the lake a few years ago, always maintained an interest in it.

They both were supporters of the Association, and Roy along with Leo Hintze initiated the Healey Lake Golf Tournament. He will be sadly missed

Bill Ingram

A Healey Lake cottager and Bell Canada Pioneer, Bill passed away last June.

Loved and missed by his wife Rusty, kids Debbie, David and Peggy, Brian, and his granddaughters Lora, Suzie, Sarah, Lauren, and Victoria.



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August 2 - Regatta

Aug. 31 - Semi - Annual Meeting

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Forest Health Volunteer Network

There is no doubt about it. The health of the trees and the water are what a Lake like ours is all about. *BioForest Technologies Inc.* is a company that provides services to the Township of the Archipelago. The company's mission is to prevent as well as manage insects and diseases that damage the forest.

BioForest has initiated a volunteer network of cottagers. The intent is to teach people how to assess the health of the trees on their own property. Traditionally professionals have undertaken this type of monitoring but volunteers may be able to play an important role. What *BioForest* is doing may be the first attempt to use volunteers in this way.

People are familiar with their own trees so given the right training and tools, cottagers are in a good position to spot changes that can

signal problems.

The first training session for this volunteer network was held last summer at the Township office in Parry Sound. First came the training session - an informative morning of instruction, complete with pictures of healthy and not so healthy trees. Volunteers were given the criteria by which to assess their trees and asked to complete this assessment over the summer on 10 to 30 trees. The results were then returned to *BioForest*.

The goal is to create networks locally and across the Township and in doing so establish an early warning system that can signal changes in the health of the forest. In addition *BioForest* professionals staff monitor several plots regularly within the Township.

This training session will be offered again this summer. You may want to consider it. Contact *Bio Forest Technologies Inc.* at 1-888-236 7378 or go to <http://www.bioforest.ca/>

The Last Word

One of the benefits editing *Dock Talk* is having the last word. I am very pleased to be able to take on the job of editing the newsletter and contribute to the work of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association in this way. Our family has enjoyed the benefits of membership in the association for many years.

The first order of business is to thank Debbie Kreuger for her work as editor. She has done a great job and I know that her contribution to the organization goes beyond editing this newsletter. Debbie continues to help by formatting all the advertisements. Thank you very much Debbie.

Also my thanks to Peter Arnold of *Lakeshore Marina*. Peter brings in all these ads. Please have a look at the ads and wherever you can support these businesses.

My family has cottaged on this Lake since 1955 and I wrote about some of our early experiences in the history of the Lake that was compiled several years ago. We consider it a privilege to be able to cottage here thanks to my parents. My husband Bob and I are also delighted to be able to share the cottage experience with our children, Liz and Daryl Baker, Rob Simpson and Leigh Thornton and our grandchildren, Logan and Caitlyn Baker and Owen and Ella Simpson.

I am hoping in future issues, we can develop a *Cottager's Corner* and include some of your experiences about cottaging on Healey Lake. Perhaps you will share your favourite cottage recipes, what it's like to live on the Lake year round and ideas about the great and not so great cottage projects that you have undertaken. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Have a great summer!

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