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Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA)

From the President

Mother Nature certainly makes up for her mistakes. As averse to last summer, this was the best. I am not sure but, I think summer started in March and Thanksgiving weekend was more than comfortable. But alas, all good things must come to an end. The boat is all wrapped up and put away, hoses have been drained and coiled and generally everyone is gearing up for what the next seasons will throw our way.

While it was not a busy year for the Executive, there were accomplishments and changes. First, there is a new fire pump in Healey Bay. The new red pump box is housed between the MacLeods and Coulsons. The Executive wishes to thank Jessica Mackay and Kirsten Howlett for their creative and artistic talents in painting the box.

The Regatta was held in a new venue for the first time in 30 years; again thank you to the Arnolds for donating their property. All the pictures from the Regatta will soon be posted on the website. Should anyone have other pictures, please send through the website.

Speaking of pictures, everyone is invited to send pictures of the bygone days of Healey Lake through the website. I have sent in some of our fondest memories; looking at these pictures shows me how fortunate today's kids have it and how fortunate I had it when I was their age.



The garbage pickup at the landings was a great success and we plan the launch these cleanups every other year to keep the property clean.

We are looking for a person to fill the position of Regatta Coordinator. This position oversees the committees and persons to see if the actions have been completed and is called upon to acquire or procure items that might be missed. I would estimate that a total time of 30 hours is required from May to August, please contact me if you are interested.

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Mark Your Calendar - 2011

May 22	Healey Lake Property Owners Assoc. Annual Meeting - Healey Lake Lodge 10 a.m.
Aug. 6	Regatta, Lakeshore Marina
Sept. 4	HLPOA Semi-Annual Meeting
Sept. 17	Healey Lake Golf Tournament

President cont'd

Also, the HLPOA is seeking an Advertising Director. This position oversees all ads and the reporting of monies collected. Most of our advertisers have been with the HLPOA for a long time and can be easily contacted. This position would need approximately 10 hours a month from May to October. If you would like to look after this function, please contact me.

Thank you to the Executive Committee and the volunteers who did a superb job in making all functions and actions happen. These people make being the President a joy and keep the job fun.

All in all, another successful year. Please have a safe and healthy winter and spring, and I look forward to your support come May.

Dan MacLeod

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Healey Lake Store

Dave Duggan

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In Memoriam

Kathy Fleming

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Kathy at home on Healey Lake on October 8, 2010. As a long time cottager and resident of Healey Lake, Kathy will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Kathy is well known for the many years she has spent on the lake. Her family started cottaging here in 1958 and she and Ken have been permanent residents for about 35 years. Always the giving person, Kathy will be remembered by most for her great laugh and if you ever got a hug from Kathy, you knew it came from the heart.

Our condolences go out to Ken and the family.

Submitted by Dave McNamara



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Healey Lake Golf Tournament ... an update

Peter Hintze

The 2010 Healey Lake Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, September 18th at the Windermere Golf and Country Club. We tried something a little different this year and held the whole event at one location. All of the participants seemed to enjoy the change. Once my foursome finished up (we were the last to tee off), we had dinner and the awards presentation. The entire day went very smoothly. For those who wanted to have golf AND cocktails, we had a bus chartered for transportation to and from the course. We had lots of prizes and no one went home empty-handed:

2010 Winners

Low Gross Men – John Hynes
Low Gross Ladies – Janice Phillips
Low Net Men – Brent Beatty
Low Net Ladies – Cheryl Stover



Closest to the pin M – Bob Beatty
Closest to the pin L – Joyce Moosang
Longest Drive M – Bob Byrne
Longest Drive L – Janice Phillips
Last but not least!
Most honest golfer – Cheryl Stover

Thanks to

- Adams Golf (Brian Beatty)
 - Barrett Contracting (Bob Barrett)
 - Bayview Chev – Parry Sound (Jim Forder)
 - Brian Moosang
 - John Hynes
 - Mariner's Cove Marina
 - North of Muskoka Embroidery (NOBEL)
 - Pat Reilly
 - St Onge Recreation (Steve St Onge)
- for the generous donations for the prize table.

Thanks as well to Windermere Golf & Country Club for a job well done and to Hammond Bus Lines for putting up with some shenanigans!

We are already booked at Windermere for next year so please mark September 17th 2011 on your calendars!

Your 2011 Golf Tournament Co-ordinators are Peter Hintze, Grant Stummer and Brian Moosang.

Thank you again to all who attended, donated, and helped out to make this event a great success!

Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations

Report to the Membership - Highlights

Fall 2010

Property Tax Update

WRAFT—Waterfront ratepayers after fair taxation

WRAFT believes that there are still some underlying problems with apportionment of property taxes and with the amount of the tax burden borne at the local level. This group continues to push their concerns with provincial politicians in the run up to the provincial election on Oct. 6, 2011. For more information: www.wraft.com

Lake Planning Handbook for Community Groups

65 page resource which can be viewed or downloaded at

www.foca.on.ca/lake-planning-tool-kit

The content is based on the experience of over 40 lake associations and is intended to assist shoreline people in engaging in strategic planning and stewardship initiatives.

Lake Association Updates

The Fall 2010 FOCA's newsletter reports on activities undertaken by lake associations. Here is a peek at what some are doing:

- Information seminars on protecting lake water,
- Building a loon's nest with a grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Community Fisheries and Wildlife Involvement Program (CFWIP)
- Safe Boating Guidelines for the Lake
- Visiting docks to discuss safe boating practices, the local environment and to get feedback from residents.

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Membership

Sharon Tosswill

Hope everyone has enjoyed another wonderful summer on Healey Lake. The weather was sooo terrific. Welcome to all the new members this summer.

Thank you ... to everyone who paid their dues.
Membership: 124 members.

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 new cottagers whose properties they have listed and sold. Your Association appreciates this support.

To new residents of Healey Lake over the past 5 years ... "Welcome". We hope you are enjoying your cottages. For the old-timers, it is great to come back to the Lake. Memberships are still coming in but I am getting closer to current.

Please note: Privacy Act

Due to the new privacy act 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.

Sharon Tosswill, Membership Secretary

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- Represents cottage owners' interest with the Township of the Archipelago
- Regular quality testing of lake water
- Annual August Regatta
- Annual and Semi-annual meeting
- Dock Talk newsletter - keeps you up to date.

Loons Go South

Nancy Gilchrist

It is with sadness, we say goodbye to another wonderful summer. Unfortunately in my travels this summer I didn't see any young loons, however a few friends on the lake did spot a couple of young loons on our lake.

The weather this Thanksgiving weekend was wonderful; however, there was a noticeable quiet observed since our adult loons have once again left the lake on their way to the sunny south for the winter.

Here are some migrating facts about the Common Loon. Our loons will be migrating south sometime in the month of October to the area around the Gulf of Mexico. For the loons to be able to "take off" from any lake, they run along the surface into the wind. The distance needed to gain flight depends on wind speed; in calm times, the bird may run as far as several hundred metres before it gains enough speed to take off. Once in the air the loon can travel swiftly. Its relatively small wingspan (130 to 140 cm) carries it at average speeds of 120 km per hour during migration. The wings beat quickly to carry the large body and have a high degree of curvature to provide lift.

Migrating Common Loons occasionally land on wet highways or parking lots, mistaking them for rivers and lakes. They become stranded without a considerable amount of open water for a long take off. A loon may also get stranded on a pond that is too small.

Young loons must wait until their flight feathers grow and their wings are strong enough. This does not usually occur until late November.

Loons are usually found in groups on the wintering grounds in the Gulf of Mexico. The Common Loon is flightless for a few weeks after moulting all of its wing feathers - at the same time in midwinter. All loons have greyish feathers in the winter time (they lose their distinctive black and white checker markings and white necklace). Immature birds

resemble adult birds in winter plumage however the white feathers of the belly and wing are present all year long. Loons moult again in late winter before returning to nesting grounds in spring. The dull winter coat is replaced by their beautiful black and white coat.

Next spring, the loons will return in pairs, when the ice starts melting, to their nesting grounds to claim their territory. They are solitary nesters. Small

lakes, generally those between 5 and 50 hectares can accommodate one pair of loons. Larger lakes may have more than one pair of breeding loons, with each pair occupying a bay or section of the lake. Until recently, loons were thought to mate for life. Banding studies have shown that loons will sometimes switch mates after a failed nesting attempt even between nestings in the same season.



Did you know?

- The Common Loon has existed for 10 million years,
- They are very clumsy on land because their feet are placed too far back on their body for balanced walking,
- 80% of the world's Common loons are found in Ontario lakes.

Over the past 20 years, 59 lakes in Greater Sudbury have been monitored off and on by lake residents and community volunteers who complete the Canadian Loon Lakes survey to track the breeding success and chick survival of loons. I will continue to submit for Healey Lake however if anyone ever has any interesting facts or sightings please call and let me know.

Have a wonderful winter and see you all next year on the lake.

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Grant Walker, Ward 6

As no one ran for Ward 6 council position, I have been acclaimed. I hope it's because you are happy with my representation on your behalf and I thank you for the opportunity to continue serving. I enjoy the input from your associations and appreciate all individual ideas, comments, suggestions etc. The more dialogue we have the better I can represent you at council.

On the evening of Tuesday September 21, the cottage (once removed) of my life long friends and neighbours was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. We went up Wednesday morning and were really shaken by the total destruction. The heavy rains were all that kept it from being an even bigger disaster.

Make sure you have insurance and please have an exit plan that all family and friends understand, you have just a few minutes to get out.

By the time you get this the Healey Lake Road paving should be finished.

As I reported in the last newsletter operations at the transfer sites went well with very little abuse. Thanks to just about everyone doing their best to make the system work. Over the winter we will be analyzing all the data collected to ensure that next

year the sites will be open and manned when people have shown need but not when traffic is very low to non existent.

I'm continuing to work with staff to get an additional broadband tower to provide as good reception on the north shores of the lake as we are getting on the south shore.

Once the paving is finished beware of radar. The OPP want you to appreciate the good quality, new road but will make sure it does not become a speedway.

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Canada Geese on Healey Lake

Nancy Gilchrist

As you all have seen this summer our lake is now home to many Canada Geese.

Although pretty birds they, over time, will keep reproducing and have the potential to pollute our lake.

Many people assume that Canada geese fly south in the fall to reach warmer climates, then return to nest in early spring. This behaviour has changed over the years, and wildlife specialists are seeing more geese remain in one spot year round. They are now known as the residential goose. There are usually three common items that define their ideal location: a mild climate, food and water. Therefore our lake is a prime target for these geese to become permanent residents.



Geese are grazers, and lawns near water provide an excellent food source. Although most people find a few geese acceptable, problems have developed as these local flocks have grown (as we have seen on Healey Lake) and the droppings become excessive (a goose produces a **pound of droppings per day**).

Therefore if you see 30 geese then they would produce 30 pounds of droppings in one day! Problems at our lake can include accumulations of droppings and feathers on our beaches, and rocky shores, lawns, public health concerns in lakes and drinking water supplies, and aggressive behaviour to our returning birds (that we welcome on our lake).

Property owners and communities on our lake that have experienced problems in the last year can expect geese to return again unless control measures are implemented. The best time to act

Canada Geese cont'd

is early spring, before nesting begins, or as soon as geese show up where they are not wanted.

There are visual things that we as cottagers can do to help deter these pesky birds. Visual deterrents include balloons, flash tape or something as simple as a string tied between two sticks placed on the water's edge. These items work well when set up where the geese are entering a property. If you have geese entering your lawn from a water area, the bank is an ideal spot for placing such items.

Hopefully with the effort from all of us, the geese will leave our lake and move on to another location. Let's work together to ensure that we deter these birds from staying.



History of the Healey Lake Bell

JoAnn Deak

In the late 1940s and 1950s, my father, Martin Deak had a barber, Sam Cerone. His barbershop was located in Youngstown, Ohio. He and his wife Dorothy bought land on Healey Lake with their sons and began a fishing lodge.

That lodge became the fishing destination of the Deak family and many others from the Youngstown area.

The only access to Healey Lake at that time was a dirt road down near the end of the Lake and across from the lodge. When anyone arrived, the signal was to beep your horn until Sam heard you. During storms the sound did not carry very well. So, around 1954 Sam decided to have a bell made. He knew of a famous bell maker about an hour from Mactier. Making bells by hand was not easy but this man loved to do it. So, his policy was that he would try to forge a bell for you. If it did not work, you had to pay for his time and materials. If it did work, all you had to pay for was materials, because he found creating a working bell such a joy.



The Healey Lake bell was hung at the end of the dock in the parking area at the end of the Lake and across from the Lodge and it worked. Now, everyone could hear the bell when someone arrived to stay at the lodge or deliver something. Sam would come across in his very large barge to pick up cargo and/or people.

Time passed, my father had a heart attack and we stopped coming to the lodge. About 1975, my mother (Marie Deak) wanted to come back to Healey Lake and revisit all the memories our family had over the years. So, she and I drove up to Mactier and were amazed to see a road all the way to the lodge. The next day as we were fishing at the end of the lake, we saw the old dock, which was close to falling apart and dropping into the lake. And, still hanging by a rusty nail at the end of the dock: the Healey Lake bell. It was rusty and barely hanging there.

We climbed precariously onto the dock from our little fishing boat. We were about to risk falling into the lake for this important 'rescue' mission. While I held the bell, my mother managed to pull out the nail that held it dangling above the water. I almost fell into the lake as the weight of the bell came into my arms. But, I didn't ...

I have to confess, we didn't tell the then owners of the lodge that we had 'rescued' the bell. By this time, Sam has died and Dorothy has sold the lodge.

It had such memories for our family. And, after all, no one seemed to care about it: it was rusty and about to fall into the lake.

So, we wrapped it in a blanket, put it in the trunk of our car and took it home to Hubbard, Ohio (a suburb of Youngstown).

We cleaned the bell, painted it and had a metal frame pole made for it outside my mother's house. As people arrived, they would ring the bell. My mother would also use it when she called her dog.

And so it stayed in Hubbard until 1998 when my mother died. I could not bear to have it sold with the house. My brother Martin and I dug it up and I took it home to Hudson Ohio where I lived. It sat in the garage for a few years, all the while

Bell cont'd

I thought about what to do with it.
It seemed best to take the bell home.
I am not sure what year it was when I
brought it back to the lodge, probably
early 2000s.

I hope it still hangs proudly in the front of the lodge.
Sam would approve.



Mariners' Cove Marina

Ed: In the May 2010 issue of *Dock Talk*, we did not tell the whole story about this award winning marina so let us set the record straight here.
Well done Mariners Cove Marina!



Peter Hintze accepts the award
(4th from the left)

The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) promotes safe and responsible boating throughout Canada. This organization is made up of an alliance of members committed to preventing boating injuries and drowning. The Canadian Safe Boating Council works to achieve its mission by:

- Defining key boating safety problems and issues that need to be addressed in Canada.
- Providing professional development for members and other partner organizations that helps raise their awareness, understanding and commitment to boating safety problems and solutions.
- Providing common core education messages and resource materials that members can use in their education efforts with boaters.

- Acting as a clearinghouse for sharing safe boating ideas and information, and as a forum for aligning and encouraging synergy among the efforts of its members.
- Being a collective voice consulting with government and other boating stakeholders to advocate for changes that will enhance boating safety, including standards, regulations, legislation and enforcement.
- Linking with international boating safety organizations to exchange information and resources.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council works with and through its members to deliver on its mission. In doing so, the role and operating style of CSBC is to be:

- Consultative coaches, who are catalysts, facilitating the successful efforts of our members.
- Proactive advocates, championing changes that will have a positive impact on boating safety in Canada.

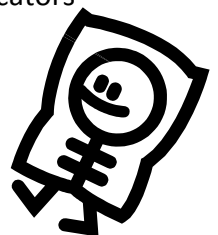
Mariners Cove Marina received the 2009 Clean Marine award for Canada

Congratulations to Peter, Vanessa, Brigitte, Katriina, Jason, Paul, Lisa and Chris.

The CSBC provides educational resources—5 key steps to safer boating:

- Wear Your Lifejacket
- Don't Drink and Boat
- Take a Boating Course
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- Beware of cold water risks

For more on these key steps, go to www.smartboaters.ca and click on Educators



WEBCAM

Dave Duggan

The HLPOA webcam is up and running! As a complement to the Mariners Cove Marina webcam, the HLPOA webcam is situated on the south side of the main channel approximately 5 km down from Mariners Cove and 1 km east of Blueberry Island.

The webcam is situated right over the water which will allow viewers to see water (and ice) conditions up close. We can remotely move the camera lens side to side (135 degrees) so this will allow us to look at different views from time to time. Another neat feature of the HLPOA webcam is that the picture is a 'live' picture. When you click on the Webcam tab on the website, the camera takes a picture at that precise moment and downloads it to your screen. This process only takes a few seconds (under 5) in any testing we have done – it is worth the wait!

A big thank you to John Laurendo for his tireless efforts in helping to troubleshoot the technical difficulties we experienced in setting this the webcam, and to Charlie Smith for housing the webcam on his property.

Since we can move the webcam remotely, if at any time you would like the camera moved left or right (or up or down) please just click on the *Contact Us* tab on the website and state your request.

Finally, we will continue to use the web shot feature introduced last year as a way of showing other interesting Healey Lake photos.

Thanks also to Dave Duggan for all his effort in making the webcam a reality

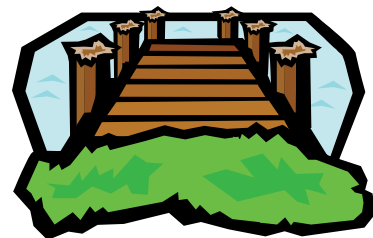
And by the way ... If you are not already being notified about lake events and when a new issue of *Dock Talk* is available on the web site , please go to the web site, click on the *Contact Us* tab and let us know the e-mail address you would like to add to our distribution list.

On The Dock

Lime Swirl Pie

1 pkg. chocolate biscuits
3 Tbsp melted butter
1 pkg of lime Jello
1/2 cup boiling water
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 can of evaporated milk which has been chilled in the refrigerator for 24 hours

1. Place the 13 biscuits on edge around the pie plate.
2. Roll out all but 13 biscuits; mix the biscuit crumbs with the melted butter and press into the bottom of a 10" pie plate.
3. Dissolve the Jello in the boiling water and dissolve the granulated sugar in this mixture.
4. Let the Jello cool.
5. Whip the can of chilled evaporated milk until thick. Add the cooled Jello and whip again.
6. Pour into the pie plate.
7. Chill in the refrigerator until set .



The Last Word

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I think I need a personal muse to get me going on *The Last Word*. Usually I am out of space and still have lots to write about. This time it's different. Maybe it has something to do with the melancholy, even the nostalgia I feel when it comes to closing the cottage for another season. But what a summer it was! Weather wise mother nature certainly made up for the previous summer.

In many other ways it was a great summer. We watched our grandchildren's confidence grow as they began to take flying leaps off the dock. We saw their delight at the experience of catching a frog for the first time, paddling the canoe and tasting SMOREs at our neighbour's campfire. Then there was the frightening experience of swimming, mask and all right over top of a turtle. The jet propulsion that lifted this little one out of the lake at the sight of the turtle could have been harnessed for greater things. As always there was the thrill of fishing with Bill Kreps, the master fisherman. How our oldest grandchild loves that.

Then there was the fun of catching up with friends and neighbours that we see mostly at the cottage. Because of my involvement in editing *Dock Talk*, we have had the good fortune to meet cottagers that we did not previously know.

I would like to thank the cottager that sent me an e-mail in response to my comments in the last issue of *Dock Talk* about some boating practices on the Lake. He shared my point of view and as a new Healey Lake cottager, expressed some disappointment in having to deal with unsafe practices in his area. So for those who were not at the HLPOA semi-annual meeting, a small group has been formed to compose a letter that will go out to all cottagers in the spring, advising people of acceptable boating practices on Healey Lake.

As always I want to thank all who have contributed to this issue: Dan Macleod, Dave McNamara, Peter Hintze, Sharon Tosswill, Nancy Gilchrist, Grant Walker JoAnn Deak and Dave Duggan. It truly is a team effort. I also want to extend my sincerest thanks to Eunice MacLeod. Eunice has always pointed me in the right direction when it comes to news on the Lake and has provided guidance since I have recently taken on the task of mailing out the hard copies of *Dock Talk* which she did for many years. So... thanks Eunice!

I saw a sign as I walked my grandchildren to school the other day. It read 53 more sleeps until Christmas. So with that in mind, I hope you have a great winter. Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Here's to 2011 and another cottage season! Until then,

Nancy

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