

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- David Latter --

Welcome to Spring!! Last Sunday, April 9, there was ice on the lake, albeit under pressure from the local ice breaking service and by late the next day it was gone. One weekend still has the feel of winter and the next, the lake has the look of mid-summer, until you dip your toe in the water.

Not a great winter for snowmobilers but for most Healey Lakers, the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons are the main events and already the tin boat activity has started. Lots of to-and-froing from Pine Bay and other landings over the Easter weekend.

If you are hesitant about opening up your cottage early, don't be. The marinas are open, boats are in the water and all the local businesses serving cottagers are eager to hear from you. Let the fun begin!

There will be three more issues of Dock Talk in 2017. If you have any pictures, lake stories, announcements or remembrances that you would like to see included in Dock Talk, please send them to Ron Hutzul, (rhutzul@gmail.com) by June 15, August 15 and October 15.

The Township of the Archipelago is looking for pictures to use to update their website. The details are below if you want to take part.

"We are looking for photos to feature on the new website. We know that there must be hundreds of beautiful pictures out there that represent the beauty of our Township, and we'd love to see them! If you have photos that we might use, please email your top three (3) choices to media@thearchipelago.on.ca, so our Committee members can select some from throughout the Township".

We have had a volunteer come forward for the Treasurer's position and only have 2 vacant positions remaining.

- 1) Year End Accounting review starting in 2018.
- 2) Regatta Coordinator starting NOW

The Regatta Coordinator is crucial to the one, big event held on the lake over the August long weekend. Angie Reichenbach, who has managed this event in a stellar fashion for many years, has prepared a written "how to" outline and timeline for this event.

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so soon. You may fill in an online membership form and use the online payment option of PayPal, OR mail back a completed form and cheque to Sharon Tosswill. Sharon will also be at the May Annual General Meeting if you want to pass it along to her in person. Payment by July 1 is greatly appreciated.

The Annual meeting will be held at Healey Lake Lodge at 10 A.M. on Sunday, May 21st.

You may be interested to know that Roy Snell and Lizanne Barron sold Healey Lake Lodge earlier this spring. On behalf of the HLPOA, I would like to thank Liz and Roy for their support for the Association and their contribution to making Healey Lake such a desirable destination.

The good news is that Violet Tarverdi and Johnny (Jani) Khajavi have taken over the lodge, so it will remain a going concern and the traditional location of the meetings of the HLPOA. They can be reached at the Lodge at 705-375-0800, or by email healeylodge@gmail.com.

Welcome Violet and Johnny.

Wishing you all a safe, enjoyable 2017 season on Healey Lake.

If there are any issues on particular concerns that need the attention of the Executive, please email me at dlatter@bellnet.ca or call my cell at 416 407-4965.



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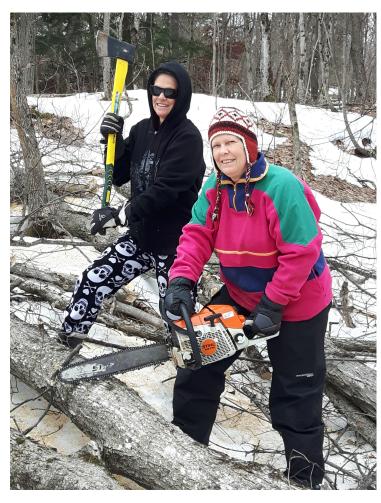
This year, 2017, marks the 150th birthday of Canada - this great country of ours. In order to help us all celebrate we would like to share the <u>ParticipAction 150 Play List</u>. This list includes activities that ensure that anyone can participate regardless of age, ability, or level of experience, all while you have fun challenging yourself and your friends/family to collect the most check marks of activities accomplished.

We'd love it if you would share pictures of yourself or your group taking part in as many of the activities that you want to challenge yourself to - so that we can start a 'bulletin board' on the website, and maybe post some of the pics in upcoming issues of Dock Talk!

You can register for the 150 Challenge on the <u>ParticipAction</u> <u>website</u> and earn chances to win some great prizes.

Let's see how many checkmarks Healey Lakers can get by the end of our year-long celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday

LET THE FUN BEGIN!!





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Hi Everyone,

What a year we have had so far. We had a super year for property sales in 2016, and 2017 looks even brighter. The MLS Statistical reports showed that sales for 2016 were up by 21% and the dollar volume was up 33% for a total sales volume of \$240,176,475. This is fantastic for our Part of Paradise. We just finished doing the Cottage Life Show at the International Center in Toronto and the response was extremely good, with lots of interest in all types of properties, ranging from vacant land, cottages, island and commercial properties. In short, we need properties to sell. If you are contemplating selling or buying this year, or if you would simply like to know what your property is worth, then I would like to hear from you as soon as possible. I offer personal and discreet service. "Helping you is what we do."

Have a safe and happy year!

Regards,

Broker

REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS

-- David Latter --

This winter one couple had to retreat from a snowshoeing expedition around the edge of Healey Lake. There was a lot of random shooting and they had concern for their safety.

This prompted a question about discharging firearms on private property and crown land and what regulations and bylaws apply to the use of firearms.

Thanks to Grant Walker, Councillor and Joe Villeneuve Manager of Corporate Services Township of The Archipelago, we have an answer.

From: Joe Villeneuve

Here is my response to those inquiring on this issue.

We have no bylaws concerning firearms use/target practice but I have provided a response to your by-law question with an excerpt copied from our Frequently Asked Questions document on bylaw (firearm/hunting) matters. I will preface that material by stating that we are predominately a cottage based/recreational community and that noise issues with repetitive shooting is main the issue we have concern with.

Our by-law enforcement is done primarily on a complaint driven basis. Should you find yourself in a remote area of the township away from the population there shouldn't be much of an issue.

Q: Is target shooting permitted?

A: There are currently no designated ranges within the Archipelago to permit target shooting. Section 29 of the Firearms Act [1] prevents anyone from operating a shooting range unless the shooting range is approved by the applicable provincial Minister. A shooting range is defined in the _Shooting Clubs and Shooting Ranges Regulations [2] as "a place that is designated or intended for the safe discharge, on a regular and structured basis, of firearms for the purpose of target practice or target shooting competitions." A person cannot therefore shoot ANY firearm, even on their own property, if it is done on a REGULAR AND STRUCTURED BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TARGET PRACTICE OR TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITIONS.

REMINDER THAT: Section 86(1) of the Criminal Code [3] also applies to the use of all firearms of ANY class, whether non-restricted, restricted, or prohibited, by making it an offence to use a firearm in a careless manner or without reasonable precautions for the safety of other persons. So it is important that the discharge of any firearm be done in a safe manner. The shooter is responsible for where the bullet goes, whether that is the intended target or not. Always be sure of your target and what lies beyond it.

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FOCA UPDATE

-- David Latter --

Update from the 2017 meeting of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA)

FOCA is an umbrella organizations of cottagers' associations from all over Ontario. There are 500 members of FOCA and 140 were represented at the annual meeting on March 4 in Toronto.

FOCA is an 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.

The last year FOCA has been involved in several hot topics for cottagers. Electricity, property taxes, dock permits, sewage disposal.

They can only have so much influence, but are an excellent vehicle for at least getting face time with the politicians and bureaucrats who are responsible for issues affecting cottagers. This function is very difficult to fulfill for individual associations, such as ours.

One useful announcement is that a new law has been passed to relieve cottagers of the burden of applying for a permit just to repair a dock.

In October 2016 the following announcement was made.

Changes in the works to eliminate "dock permits"? FOCA is pleased that the MNRF are finally making the legislative changes to eliminate the overregulation of docks in Ontario.

Then

UPDATE: April 3, 2017 – MNRF have posted proposed new regulations under the Public Lands Act to enable certain occupations of public land without the need for permits, leases etc. This includes docks, boat lifts, boat ramps, and (single-storey) boathouses, swim rafts, and other structures/things.

EBR posting # 013-0211 has been posted for a 45 day public review and comment period that ends May 18, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: the requirements to obtain permits from MNRF for on-water works remains, until further notice.

It will be sometime this summer before relief from this onerous requirement is completed.

If you have interest in FOCA activities visit: www.foca.on.ca



HEALEY LAKE TENNIS CLUB

-- John Creen --

We are looking forward to another busy year at the Healey Lake tennis Club and we are attempting to purchase new nets this year.

Rates for 2017 will remain the same at;

Hourly Court Fees: \$10.00 Yearly Memberships: \$100.00

For those looking for a game we will put a list together. Please forward your contact info and level of play and we will get a list out. Send to jmcreen@gmail.com

Same day bookings and the court key, as always, will be at Mariners Cove Marina. Many thanks to them!

As always we are looking for volunteers to cut grass, general clean up, new roof on the clubhouse, etc...

Thank-you,

Sohn Freen





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Grant Walker - Ward 6

TRANSFER STATION

Operations appear to be working well and I have not received any recent complaints. Hours and services will be as close to last year as possible. We are trying not to make changes as everyone is pretty well accustomed to the current schedule.

ROADS

The winter was hard on roads because of the ups & downs in temperature. It also caused some heaving but staff thinks they will flatten out. Some preparation work will be done on the Kapigog Road as it is scheduled to be resurfaced next year.

PARKING & DOCKS

Both lakes have had some problems. On Healey we will continue to monitor the parking so everyone will respect other users. Part of the problem at Pine Bay may be helped by the park applying to enlarge parking at their location off Healey Lake Road. Staff is looking at private docks built on Township Property which is unfair to others and to marinas on the lake. Public docks that are provided and maintained by the associations and the township are for in & out // loading & unloading – not parking. On Kapigog, a contractor left a barge larger than the dock for a very unreasonable length of time before he could be tracked down and made to remove it resulting in damage to the ramp during last fall's high winds. Staff is negotiating to have the contractor make repairs.

BULAWS

It's unfortunate the need for better and stronger bylaws has reached a point where changes are being made. Four bylaws have been updated. They are;

- 1) Illegal//Environmental disposal
- 2) Illegal parking
- 3) Noise//Disturbance
- 4) Fires//Fireworks

A trained enforcement officer has been engaged and a part five summons system is awaiting approval. Our goal is NOT to lay charges or create a negative atmosphere towards Bylaw Enforcement, but to encourage cooperation through education and communications. You will be receiving more detailed information and I am arranging to have the officer attend association functions to discuss further and answer questions.

The new season is showing signs of arriving and I wish you all a great one! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at +1 705 720 4422 or grant@olresources.ca



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Healey Lake Black Bears by Vicki!

Looking for the perfect little something as a wine bottle hanger or gift for the Healey Laker in your life? A set of little black bears by Vicki are just the

Vicki is my sister and has Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy and makes ornaments as part of her fundraising efforts. Last year I asked her to make the little black bears for friends on Healey Lake.

They have been so popular we will be selling them at the Annual General Meeting this year. \$5 each with all proceeds going to find a cure for MD. They make great wine bottle or

Thank you for your support in finding a cure. Together we will make muscles move!

Stephanie Joiner



RECREATIONAL FISHING

-- Contributed --

Recreational fishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities for Ontario residents and visitors alike.

A time-honoured tradition that can be pursued year-round, it is both exciting and challenging. Ontario's quarter million lakes (including Healey Lake) and innumerable rivers and streams mean there are angling opportunities for every outdoor enthusiast.

Fishing can also help strengthen family ties, foster a greater appreciation of nature, and be a great way to spend some peaceful time outdoors. Ontario offers two opportunities each year for new anglers to try their hand at fishing without having to buy a license. One occurs over the Family Day long weekend in February, and the other - Family Fishing Week in July - let all Canadians fish license-free.

Additional information on recreational fishing, from license and residency requirements to zones, fees and catch limits is available in the Ministry's 2017 Resource Guide





SEPTIC MAINTENANCE

-- Ron Hutzul --

There's a lot that goes into a cottage opening weekend – but perhaps one of the most important (and in my experience, usually critical to get up and running first) is getting the septic system up and running. If you did everything well in the fall when you closed up, it should be a relatively easy task – but there are a few tips and tricks;

- If you use anti-freeze to winterize the system, it's best to use a plumbing or RV type
- Always check the lines when opening the cottage each year for damage that may have occurred over winter
- Check inside your septic tank to verify that the liquid level is near the top. This indicates that there are no holes in the tank and that it is not leaking.
- Ontario Building Code requires that you pump out your septic tank when it is 1/3 full of solids. As a general rule of thumb consider every 4-8 years for a year round home and every 5-10 years for a cottage.
- Pump septic tanks in early summer rather than fall.
 This allows the tank to re-activate with sewage and prevents heaving or freezing. Pump out holding tanks as required in the summer or in the fall.



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DO'S



DON'TS

Please read the information provided below in order to help prevent premature sewage system failure or malfunction. Any deficiencies that are identified will need your immediate attention. Contact the Township Office if permits are required.

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- If anti-freeze is required in your sewer lines or pump chamber over winter, please use a plumbing or RV type.
- Cottage owners with above ground sewer lines should check them when opening the cottage each year for damage that may have occurred over winter.
- Cottage opening is also a good time to check inside your septic tank to verify that the liquid level is near the top. This indicates that there are no holes in the tank and that it is not leaking sewage. **Replace steel septic tanks.**
- The Ontario Building Code requires that you pump out your septic tank when it is 1/3 full of solids. As a general rule of thumb consider every 4-8 years for a year round home and every 5-10 years for a cottage. Better still, find the inlet side of the septic tank then expose/open the lid and measure the depth of the solids or have a licensed contractor evaluate.
- ☑ Pump septic tanks in early summer rather than fall. This allows the tank to re-activate with sewage and prevents heaving or freezing. Pump out holding tanks as required in the summer and in the fall.
- ☑ Keep water usage to a minimum. Try to avoid highuse periods such as multiple laundry loads or excessive toilet flushing during large parties. Check for leaking fixtures.
- If you have a greywater pit, ensure that only sinks or showers discharge into it no toilets or laundry. Make sure that it is covered. Be careful of over use.
- For an outhouse keep it well back from water in deep soils and <u>not</u> in an area subject to high water table.

⊗⊗ DON'T JUST FLUSH AND FORGET ⊗⊗

- Avoid placing buildings or driving cars, boat trailers and snowmobiles over your septic system.
- Do not alter the grade over, through or around your septic system without checking with the inspector.
- Do not direct roof drains, sump-pump discharge or surface runoff towards or into your tile field system.
- As much as we all love trees, shrubs and raspberries the tile field is not the place to grow them. The roots will plug the tile and cause the bed to fail before its time. Stay back at least 10 feet the area directly downhill from the bed is perfect. The bed should be seeded to grass, clover or wildflowers and be exposed to adequate sunlight.
- Pump chambers must be sealed to prevent inflow of rain or groundwater or entry by animals and insects.
- Under no circumstances should an unqualified person enter a septic tank. The gases besides being disgustingly noxious are extremely toxic.
- Do not overuse special additives that are touted to enhance the performance of your tank or bed. They are not required.
- Do not use your sewage system as a garburator try composting. It is also not a hazardous waste dump don't pour gasoline, paint thinner, etc., down the drain. Normal use of bleach, grease, soap and detergent is acceptable.

The Township of The Archipelago recommends the use of phosphate free household cleaning products.

WHEN DAY BECOMES NIGHT

-- Ron Hutzul --

There's fewer things more enjoyable on a still warm, but pitch dark night than leaning back on the end of the dock and looking up at the night sky. Healey Lake offers some incredible star gazing opportunities and this year promises to be particularly spectacular.

National Geographic reports;

"the sun will undergo the most amazing celestial disappearing act seen there since 1979. In August, a total solar eclipse will cross the United States from coast to coast, changing daytime skies into dark twilight for a few minutes along a narrow path from Oregon to South Carolina. Totality will touch many cities, and expectations are that most of the U.S. population will be within a day's drive of places to see this dramatic event. A partial eclipse—where the moon seems to take only a bite out of the sun—will be visible over a much wider area across the entire continent. Miss this one and you'll have to wait until 2024 for the next total solar eclipse to grace North American skies".

In addition, the Perseids Meteor shower will reach their Peak viewability between August 11-14. This annual event produces some of the most amazing meteor showers of the year with up to 50 meteors an hour during the peak.

A complete list of <u>Astronomical Events for 2017</u> is available for download from the Bluewater Astronomical Society which based in Owen Sound, ON.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Ron Hutzul

DID YOU KNOW; That in addition to the very informative and helpful website, the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA) has a presence on a number of popular social media sites. While it's great to share your Healey Lake adventures with family and friends, it's always nice to see what others are up to on the lake as well.

When posting, be sure to use the hashtag #healeylake







Stay Connected: Visit <u>www.healeylake.org</u> for the latest news and updates!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Sharon Tosswill

The official membership tally now stands at 213. When you pay your 2017 dues, you can now pay through PAYPAL!

Just a note to let you know that your 911 number is the 2-3 digit number assigned to your cottage (which should be displayed visibly at your dock). If you need emergency care the responders need to be able to find you.

Click the button below or click visit: www.healeylake.org



Cottagers who are paying via PayPal must send their completed membership forms. Signed, scanned forms can be emailed to Sharon. Membership forms will be sent out soon. When you receive the form, please take a moment to complete it, sign it and return it to Sharon for processing.

Membership Rates for 2017 will remain the same at;

Cottage Owner: \$40.00 Associate Member: \$20.00

Please email question or inquiries to Sharon Tosswill:

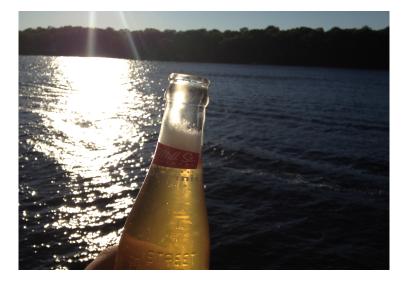
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THE LAST WORD

Ron Hutzul

This is our first "regular issue" of 2017 – and this one was delivered in time for the spring cottage openings!

I look forward to hearing from you with your updates for the July 2017 issue!



"THE LAKE-ED CHEF"

Ron Hutzul

Grilled Walleye Tacos with Fruitand Corn Salsa

Prep Time: 35 minutes // Grilling Time: 11 to 13 minutes

Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

☐ 1 lb (500 g) Ontario Walleye Fillet(about 1 large fillet) ☐ 3 cloves Garlic, finely minced 2 Shallots, finely minced ☐ 3 tbsp (45 mL) apple cider vinegar orwhite wine vinegar ☐ 1/4 cup (50 mL) olive oil ☐ 2 tsp (10 mL) chili powder ☐ 2 tsp (10 mL) chopped fresh Basil Leaves ☐ 1 tbsp (15 mL) capers, chopped ☐ 1 cob Corn, husked ☐ 3 Peaches, pitted and diced ☐ 1 cup (250 mL) diced Watermelon 4 large tortillas (corn are preferred) ☐ 6 Ontario Lettuce Leaves, torn ☐ 3 tbsp (45 mL) fresh lime juice ☐ 1/2 cup (125 mL) fresh Ontario Basil or Coriander,

DIRECTIONS

rough chopped

□ ½ cup (125 mL) all-purpose flour

- 1. Place fish onto a double layer of heavy-duty foil.
- 2. In small bowl, combine garlic, shallots, vinegar, oil, chili powder and 2 tsp (10 mL) of basil. Remove 2 tbsp(25 mL) of the mixture and brush all over the fish; set aside remaining mixture. Next, sprinkle capers over fish.
- 3. Place corn on grill over medium-high heat; grill for 10 to 12 minutes, turning occasionally to char evenly.
- 4. Add foil-lined fish to the grill; grill for 8 to 10 minutes or until it flakes easily with a fork but is still moist and flesh separates easily from skin. Remove fish to a plate and discard skin while still hot.
- 5. Cut corn kernels from cob into a large bowl. Stir in peaches, watermelon and remaining shallot mixture.
- 6. Grill tortillas over medium heat for 1 min per side.
- 7. To plate, place tortilla and top each with lettuce leaves, chunks of grilled walleye (checking for bones), lime juice, and generous portions of salsa.
- 8. Sprinkle with chopped basil.



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