



Spring 2008 Newsletter

President's Report

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Well, it looks like the start of another great year that should be enjoyable for all. I personally have not been up at the cottage for a while but I imagine it was a good winter for cold-weather activities.

In last fall's Newsletter you'll recall I mentioned that the Association was to be presented with the Jerry Strickland Award (which will be available for viewing at the Spring Meeting). At the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations' (FOCA) Annual General Meeting, Jim Prince gave a detailed spell-binding tale of the Lake Plan and its process and evolution while I bragged wildly about what the KLCOA Lands Committee achieved in brokering the inception of Norah's Island as a conservation area with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT).

As the snow melts and the songbirds come out, your lake association is planning and preparing for another busy year. For example, not only are your various committees getting active, but FOCA and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council have partnered to help a new slate of smaller lakes in Haliburton develop their own plans.

When I first joined the Association Executive some 9 years ago, the association had had a minor relationship with volunteer associations such as FOCA and other bodies. Today we have active relationships with: FOCA, HHLT, Waterfront Ratepayers for Fair Taxation, Coalition After Property Tax Reform, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. I would like to think that the Association is as fully involved with the area, region and cottage country as is reasonably possible for a volunteer association to be.

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While I write this you should also know that we are working to delay, or at the very least basically amend, a proposal to e-zone what is know as Island "C" near the West Shore. We'll have more information for you at the Spring Meeting.

You will have noticed that in the fall newsletter some of the meeting minutes are incomplete. If you anyone can provide the missing information that would be greatly appreciated.

If you wish to volunteer to help with the 50th anniversary celebrations, please contact Gloria Carnochan as as mentioned on the fall newsletter.

Bill Wiggins has been working on the constitution over the winter and will be presenting an updated version at the spring meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Regards,
Duncan M^cCallum*

Volunteers wanted for KLCOA 50th Anniversary Events!!

That's right! The 50th anniversary of the regatta and KLCOA are coming up. **Gloria Carnochan** has graciously offered to coordinate events! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gloria directly at:

gcharnochan@bellnet.ca or (705)754-1932

Self-Propelled Ladies of Kennisis Lake

Any ladies out there interested in forming an active social group to meet occasionally for a run, bike, hike, kayak or any other interesting outing upon request?

First discussion will be immediately following KLCOA spring meeting

For more information contact
Andi Rodgers at drodgers1@cogeco.ca,
OR 705 754 9964 (cottage),
905 335 9774 (home).

NORAH'S ISLAND UPDATE by Jeff Pinkney

It's official! The **Geographic Names Board** has approved **Norah's Island** as the **official name for our lake's biggest island**. Thank you to all who helped make this possible. As you can imagine, the Carruthers Family is very pleased with the decision.

Just a note to the wonderful and anonymous craftsperson(s) who put the two signs on the Island. We think it was two persons because one is spelled correctly and one is not. Would you please replace the incorrectly spelled sign. It is Norah with an "h".

Recognition Plaque

In a year or two we will be installing a Recognition Plaque on the island that will list friends and donors. We will have draft mock-ups on display this summer at the marina and the post boxes. Please have a look. We want to spell your name correctly! If you have any questions, concerns or changes, please contact Andi at the number or email listed below. (It's not too late to get your family's name on the plaque.)

Land Use

Everyone is, of course, invited and encouraged to visit and enjoy Norah's Island. Please take only pictures and leave only footprints. No overnight camping. Fires may be lit, but only in designated fire pits for warmth or cooking; No using wood from living trees for firewood; Visitors to bring only local firewood to avoid accidental spreads of insect and plant diseases; Use at own risk. The property may be used by the general public in a reasonable manner consistent with the Management Agreement between The owner, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA). For a full text of the agreement or to make comments, please see www.KLCOA.org

Thanks again to all friends and supporters of Norah's Island and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. To discuss this update or any other aspect of Norah's Island, please contact any member of your Norah's Island Management Committee:

Co-Chair: Jeff Pinkney, KLCOA 705-745-8194 or cottage: 705-754-9879

Co-Chair: Dr. Brent Wootton, HHLT 705-447-2628 bwootton@fleming.on.ca

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Member: Sheila Ziman, HHLT 705-754-2532 s.ziman@sympatico.ca

NORAH'S ISLAND UPDATE by Jeff Pinkney

It is not too late make a donation and have your name added to the plaque.

Mail or E-mail the following information:

- Name:
- Mailing Address:
- Telephone Number:
- E-mail Address:
- Wording of name to be used for recognition and thank-you purposes (e.g. Smith Family, or John Doe and Mary Smith)
- Indicate your permission to use your name for thank you and recognition purposes.
- Amount pledged:
 - ◊ \$500 lump sum
 - ◊ \$500 payable in \$100 installments per yr. for 5 years
 - ◊ Other amount

All cheques are payable to: **Haliburton Highlands Land Trust**

All donors receive charitable tax receipts.

Your KLCOA – Norah's Island Project Team

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Norah Carruthers

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Gail's Fun Run 2008!

Gail's Fun Run "Running to make Ovarian Cancer a Memory" is now in it's sixth year raising money for Ovarian Cancer Research through the Toronto Ovarian Cancer Research Network. The event is a 5-10 km Run, Walk or Bike Ride on South Shore. In memory of Gail Morrison, a cottager on Paddy's Bay who died of Ovarian cancer in 1998. It takes place on **Sunday August 31, 2008 at 9:30am** behind "Kennisis Lake Store"

Last year we had a great turn out with 25 participant and have raised a total of over \$26,000.00

For more information please contact **Katherine Crooks** at:

(289)231-5317 or by email at run4gail@rogers.com



Kennisis Lake Plan Update By Jim Prince

After a rather busy and productive year for the Lake Plan through 2007 the winter months have been relatively quiet. Here is an update on the recent Lake Plan activities and a look forward to proposed Lake Plan Implementation opportunities for 2008 and beyond:

Lake Plan Document

The final version of the Lake Plan has been updated and is available on the KLCOA website. A number of hard copies are still available for those who may not have internet access. Please contact Chris Riddle. Copies have been presented to the Municipality of Dysart, the commercial stakeholders in the watershed and other organizations that supported the Lake Plan development (U-Links, Trent University).

Lake Plan Steering Committee Re-Structuring for Implementation

This originating Steering Committee for the Lake Plan has now been officially dissolved and the model proposed is to have a small Implementation Steering Committee with working groups established to tackle the 31 focus areas in the lake plan.

The follow is the current structure for Lake Plan Implementation:

Lake Plan Implementation Committee:

Jim Prince – Chair, Municipal Co-ordination
 Jeff Gardiner – Treasurer, Communication (website)
 Chris Riddle – Editorial, Publications
 Cameron Douglas – Lake Steward
 Cathie Heppell – Secretary

Implementation Workgroups and Team Leads:

Night Skies - Paul Potter
 Boating Issues - Nancy Anderson
 TSW/CEWF Representation (Lake Levels, Navigational Hazards) - Chris Riddle
 Kennisis Lake Watershed History - Cathie Heppell
 Water Quality and Shoreline health - Cameron Douglas

Volunteers still needed for:

Education, Fundraising, Volunteer Co-ordination and several specific Lake Plan focus areas such as Invasive Species and Maintaining a Healthy Fishery.

Specific Initiatives for 2008

Kennisis Maps – A number of high quality maps will be produced of the Lake and the watershed based on the work done over the last few years. These will be available in hard copy and for download on the website.

Website – The Lake Plan Website will have a new look and will provide improved access to resources, downloads and external links. If you have suggestions or ideas about the Lake Plan website content, please contact Jeff Gardiner.

Summer 2008 Workshops – A number of workshops focused on the implementation areas above are planned for this summer. Keep tuned to the website and signage at the lake for dates. *Continued on P. 6.....*

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Next Steps

Implementation Committee Meeting – Mid April (Date TBA- watch the website) - All welcome!

- Summer 2008 Workshop planning
- Website Content
- Map production and distribution
- Focus areas for implementation – review priorities

If you have a particular area of interest in the Lake Plan or you would like to support the implementation in general, please contact Jim Prince (jimprince@sympatico.ca) or Cathie Heppell (bccgheppell@yahoo.ca).

A huge thanks to all of you who supported the Lake Plan work during its development and in particular to those who took time to provide valuable feedback and suggestions.

Kennisis Lake Fish Program by Gary Benson

I met with David Flowers, the fisheries biologist, on September 24, 2007 to discuss the upgrading of our spawning beds on Lake Kennisis. Through discussions of our uniqueness: deep spawning trout, a lake largely spring fed, a deep lake, the introduction of speckled trout over the past few years we evolved the following solutions:

Phase I

Research – We need to see what information is being collected, how it's being used and then design a workable program tailored made for our Haliburton County anglers, cottage associations etc.

Phase II

Broader Public consultation – It will be very important to engage dedicated anglers and the general fishing community of Haliburton County and more specifically how they would like to be communicated with how they would like to get involved.

Phase III

Initiate a **County wide** Dedicated Angler Program; A pilot program for the Province/County that would be introduced in 2008 to support a more informed approach to fisheries management in Haliburton County.

Dedicated Angler Program: Community Reporting

A Dedicated Angler Program would provide a platform for fisheries management by providing better and more information resulting in better management. Kennisis Lake Anglers are encouraged to assist with this new program to begin in 2008 for Kennisis Lake.

Your help is needed.

To this end we need at least twelve volunteer anglers. David Flowers will come to Lake Kennisis to discuss the program with these volunteers. He will provide us with the information needed & material to use. An example is a punch to take a small tail sample from the fish if kept or released. An alcohol bottle supplied preserves it. This sample allows a lab evaluation of the fish and their background. This method allows live release. Fish size, food eaten & health are also evaluated. Our meeting with David Flowers will be arranged when we have enough volunteers. If you can be a volunteer person who like to fish or are interested in Kennisis Lake fish & their environment, please fill out the attached volunteer application. It will not require much of your time, but the returns to yourself & the lake are excellent.

Send your information to:

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Kennisis Lake Fish Program continued.....***We need your help! Please contact:******Gary Benson******39 Colony Trail Blvd.******Holland Landing, ON******L9N 1C6******(905) 853-8447 or 754-2613******Cameron Douglas******Lake Steward******705-748-9821******Cameron@wuomi.ca******David Flowers******Fisheries Extension Biologist******Minden Area Office, MNR******(705) 286-5215***

Swimming update by Stephanie Clark

KLCOA SWIMMING 2008!

The KLCOA swimming program will be running again this year!

We will once again be offering six weeks of lessons, from July 7th through August 15th. Registration forms will be available with the spring membership mailing.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at sekclark@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another great summer!

SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS!

Are you looking for a great summer job that lets you stay at the cottage, work outside in the sun, and earn competitive wages?

We are looking for an instructor to co-teach the KLCOA swimming program this summer – if you have your NLS and Red Cross Instructors qualifications, please email sekclark@gmail.com with your resume.

2008 Calendar of KLCOA Events

<i>KLCOA Spring Meeting</i>	Sat. May 17th, coffee @ 9am, Meeting begins @ 9:30am, Haliburton Forest
<i>The Fireworks</i>	Saturday, June 28th (rain date: Sunday, June 29th) after dark (not before 9:45pm)
<i>Swimming</i>	July 7th - August 15th
<i>Rock Bass Tournament</i>	Saturday July 5th
<i>Regatta</i>	Saturday August 2nd (rain date is Sunday August 3rd)
<i>Island Clean-up</i>	Saturday July 26th
<i>KLCOA Annual General Meeting</i>	Saturday August 30th @ 9:30am (coffee at 9am) - Haliburton Forest

Report of the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway.
By Chris Riddle, Chair, KLCOA Water Levels and TSW Liaison

I had hoped to be able to summarize the findings of the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway in this newsletter. **However the Report has just been released.** To view the document, please go to:

<http://www.tswpanel.ca/english/report.asp>

Green Garbage Bags or Clear?????

There seems to be a great deal of confusion over what sort of garbage bag will be accepted at the dump. Please be advised that clear garbage bags are now required.

**Wild About Nature – The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust’s
First Gala Celebration of Environmental Excellence**

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) would like to invite members (and non-members) of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners’ Association to our gala fundraising event on May 31, 2008 at the Minden Community Centre starting at 7 p.m.

The Gala, “Wild About Nature” is a celebration of environmental excellence. The evening will feature an awards ceremony for Enviro-Heroes, individuals, businesses or organizations that have made a major contribution to understanding, preserving, celebrating, or using our natural environment in a healthy way. There are six categories: Education & the Environment, Stewardship, “Green” Business, The Arts & the Environment, Health & the Environment and Enviro-Hero of the Year.

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that ***Bruce Carruthers and the late Norah Carruthers*** have been nominated for an award under the Stewardship category. All nominees will be recognized at the event and the winning nomination in each category will receive a special award designed by Land Trust Director and renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse.

Included in the evening are environmentally themed art auctions, the sale of Haliburton’s first and only “Haliburton County Species at Risk” poster, live music and a cash bar with complimentary hors d’oeuvres. We hope you will join us in celebrating the Carruthers’ nomination and all the other Enviro-Heroes of Haliburton County.

For tickets to the event, please email s.ziman@sympatico or call 705-754-2532.