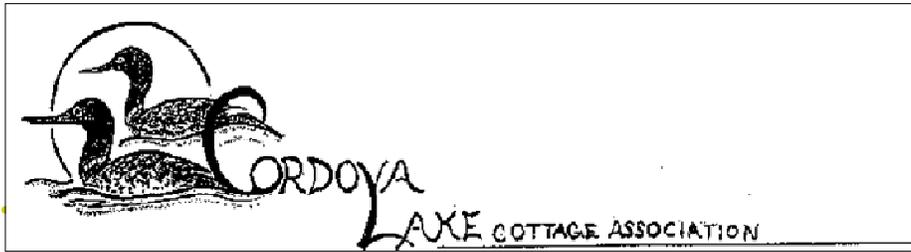


Summer 2011



## President's Message

Well summer has finally arrived and, if the forecasters are correct, we are in for a very hot one. The weather has been wonderful!

As most of you are aware we had a terrible storm pass through our area in June. With all of the damage to trees and hydro poles we were extremely lucky regarding structural damage and that there was no loss of human life. It took days to clean up and in some cases the roads were impassable during that time. If you'd like to view some of the pictures of the damage done from the storm...read on!

We are having our Annual Regatta again this year (July 30). The owners of the beach property are allowing us to use the property based on us adding a clause to our existing insurance policy. Many thanks to Dave Carr and Rick Gubb for volunteering to Chair this event. Any volunteers are welcome. Please just send Melanie an email at [melaniejmacleod@gmail.com](mailto:melaniejmacleod@gmail.com) to let her know what you can do or bring. Kids games are something we are in need of.

We held our Annual General Meeting last weekend at the home of Angie and Rick Racey. This year, like last year, we had a few guest speakers including folk from the HBM Council who offered up news from Council and encouraged people to please call or email with any questions or concerns. We also had two guests from the County of Peterborough to discuss Recycling at the cottage. Bill Banks from Skip-A-Flush donated samples and a brochure regarding their product guaranteed to save you water and protect the environment.

I encourage people to send me suggestions for next year's AGM which will be held on the second Sunday in July. Please let me know who you might like to see as guest speakers.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and fun filled summer.

Joanne



### Special points of interest:

- Have you ever caught big fish like these? What whoppers!
- Are you FIRESmart?
- Help to make someone's dreams come true.
- The Water Spout is Anne Marie Beattie's first column for our newsletter. We hope she'll be a regular contributor.
- Are you BearWise?

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The United Nations declared 2011 "The International Year of Forests." In honour of this, we encourage you to enjoy nature this summer. Plan a walk in the woods or an eco-friendly scavenger hunt. It's a great idea to have children keep a calendar to record when and where they saw the first oak leaf, the first tadpole, the first daily walks and nature hikes! A day won't go by when something isn't flowering or ripe fruit is ready to be picked! Then next year they can pull out the calendar and know when to anticipate seeing these things again, and they can note new discoveries. Imagine how this will add enthusiasm for them.

Contact the Cordova Lake Cottage Association at :

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## 2011 Shoreline Advisor Programme

The Alliance is providing free consultation services to shoreline property owners who are looking for inexpensive, effective and natural ways to protect their shoreline and their waterfront investments.

**How it Works** At the invitation of the owner, a trained and qualified Shoreline [Advisor](#) is lead on a tour of the property providing advice and guidance pertaining to:

- shoreline protection
- best management [practices](#) for septic systems
- pollution prevention
- invasive species
- fish and wildlife habitat enhancement

A list of recommendations and a resource kit is provided along with a list of local service providers.

### Participation in the program is:

- **Free:** There is no charge to you for this service.
- **Voluntary:** It's up to you to participate.
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For more information on the program or to book your free consultation contact: Michael Gibbs  
Phone: 705-745-3238 ext. 207 Email: [lakelandalliance@cogeco.net](mailto:lakelandalliance@cogeco.net)



Anyone who has listened to their wild call echoing across a tranquil northern lake can appreciate how the Common Loon has become a much-loved wilderness symbol. The loon has a special place in the hearts of many lakeside residents and visitors, and is deeply missed in its absence.

The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey was first initiated in Ontario in 1981 to assess the long-term health and productivity of Common Loons, and the lakes they depend on. Loons breed on lakes throughout most of Canada, and as top predators, their survival reflects broader lake health. Each year, hundreds of volunteer participants spend time observing loons on lakes where they breed in Canada: at least once in June (for loon pairs), once in July (for newly hatched chicks), and once in August (for young that survive to fledge). This information is used to monitor loon chick survival over time, and is an important indicator of loon and lake health.

### Contact Information:

Canadian Lakes Loon Survey  
Bird Studies Canada  
P.O. Box 160, 115 Front Street  
Port Rowan, ON NOE 1M0  
Ph. 1-888-448-2473 ext. 124  
Fax: 1-519-586-3532  
E-mail: [volunteer@bsc-eoc.org](mailto:volunteer@bsc-eoc.org)

## Cottage Succession Series

If you own a family cottage, holiday retreat or weekend getaway property or have parents who own a cottage that you hope to be able to enjoy with your family in the future, this site is intended as a starting point for planning a smooth transition of ownership to the next generation.

Succession can be difficult if transition of ownership is not properly thought out. You'll find that all of your best financial planning, diplomatic and refereeing skills can come into play. Their goal is to guide you through the process and provide you with the tools, knowledge and

potential solutions to help avoid some of the problems that can derail the families best intentions.

You will learn about what financial issues are involved, the family dynamics that come with the territory and how to manage them successfully. You'll get insights as to what tools you'll need, how to develop agreements for to co-ownership, sharing and compensation for all the siblings involved.

They'll teach you the fundamentals of the Family Round Table and how to choose

which children get what. Included is just about all the information you'll need to begin planning a successful transition of the family cottage to the next generation.

Additional questions? Just contact [plan@cottagesuccession.ca](mailto:plan@cottagesuccession.ca) or phone 416-545-5347 or 5346.

FOCA will be delivering Cottage Succession seminars across southern / central Ontario this summer. If you would like to attend one of these free events please pre-register- by calling the FOCA office at 705-749-3622 or email [programs@foca.on.ca](mailto:programs@foca.on.ca).

# Who Say's There Are No Fish in Cordova Lake?



Cathy and Mike Ritchie recently rented Doug and Angie Carr's cottage. Whilst here, they went fishing every day. Here are the monsters they caught and the lures they used.



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We respectfully ask you to note that Fire Route 18, formerly known as Palmateer Lane, is NOT a THROUGHWAY to Fire Route 59. People often drive their vehicles, including those pulling boats on trailers, along this narrow lane. The section of the lane which abuts Fire Route 59 is actually a private driveway. Please do not take a shortcut on other people's private property.



**Are You Moving?**

If you plan to move from the cottage or are changing your address at home, please remember to notify Melanie. See page One for contact information.



## It's Hot Out There

Six new fires were reported in the Northeast Region of Ontario on Saturday, June 18 bringing the total active fires to 14. There have been 266 fires to date, burning 25,461 hectares.

A recent article noted that May 2011 was the **10th warmest May since record-keeping began in 1880**. This warming trend has been linked to extreme weather events such as floods and wildfires.

Be prepared and be **FireSmart!** This Summer please remember to:



Clean gutters and remove any flammable debris from roof.

Keep grass cut around propane tanks and buildings. This provides a green barrier that fire will not burn.

Keep area in 10m diameter of buildings relatively clear of combustible materials.

Enclose soffits and areas under decks. Replace flammable roofing, siding, and foundation enclosures with fire resistant materials.

Post road signs or house number in reflective materials so they can be clearly seen in the dark

Remember to contact your local municipality office or fire department before burning.

Visit the FireSmart page of the FOCA website ([www.foca.on](http://www.foca.on)) for more information.

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## Frog Watch Ontario and Turtle Tally

*Frogwatch Ontario is a fun, easy amphibian monitoring project for people of all ages. It's a great activity for families and cottagers.*

Frogwatch-Ontario is part of the national initiative, Frogwatch-Canada administered by Environment Canada. Adopt-A-Pond is the provincial coordinator of the project.

Listen for frog and toad calls during the Summer and help to save amphibians in Ontario! Adopt-A-Pond can help you learn to identify frogs visually and by their calls! Contact Adopt-A-Pond to receive a Frogwatch-Ontario Package or see the on-line Amphibians of Ontario guide to learn to identify the frogs in our area by sight and sound! All data collected by phone, fax, e-mail and online is automatically stored at the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC).

*Our Turtle Tally project is going great! But Adopt-A-Pond and turtles all across Ontario still need your help!*

Report your turtle sightings by entering your observations into the on-line database. The purpose is to collect, record and store location and species information on Ontario turtles, including species at risk. The information that is collected in this database will be submitted to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and will be used to learn more about turtle distributions in Ontario.

To receive a Frogwatch-Ontario package or to complete an online turtle sighting form, please go to [aap@TorontoZoo.ca](mailto:aap@TorontoZoo.ca).

## Revised Constitution

As announced in the newsletter sent out in January 2011, it was necessary to revise our constitution. Members were invited to participate in the writing process. The constitution was revised and copies sent out electronically to the membership on July 3, 2011. The specifics of the changes were discussed at the Annual General Meeting and were voted upon. The members present voted in the affirmative and our revised constitution can now be found on the lake website for your perusal.

## Cordova Mines Library

705-778-2721

Tuesday: 3:00-8:00p.m.

Wednesday: 2:00-5:00p.m.

Saturday: 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

## Avoid a fine!

Please note the new speed limit sign at the start of Vansickle Rd . It is now a maximum of 70 KM.



## Emergency Contact Numbers

Fire and Emergency	911
Campbellford Hospital	705-653-1140
Ontario Provincial Police	1-888-310-1122
Havelock Community Police	1-705-778-2787

## Do It Now Or Pay Later

With gas prices forecast to remain higher than last summer BoatUS has some tips to help you to save money on gas all summer long.

1. Lightening the load is one of the easiest no-cost ways to save on gas. Clear out all the junk that was stored on the boat during the Winter.
2. Get a tune-up for your motor.
3. Check the prop. Props with little dings should be taken to a repair shop to ensure maximum performance.
4. Make sure your hull is clean. Keeping green growth from the bottom of your boat can save a lot of fuel.

## Golden Anniversary

I'm sure you will join me in sending the heartiest of congratulations to Ted and Betty Maker who celebrated 50 years of marriage on April 15, 2011.

Their children hosted an open house for them in Keene the day after their anniversary.



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Many thanks to Bruce Gubb who chased down our runaway buoy and secured it in its proper place.

## Are you a Great Boating Neighbour?

We love to spend time out on the water. There really is no better way to enjoy a warm summer's day. But since the water is for everyone to enjoy, it's imperative that we exercise safe, responsible and respectful boating practices to ensure good times are had by all. Here are a few suggestions to deal with some of the common problems that can arise:

1. Please make sure that you're not the one transporting invasive species into Cordova Lake by inspecting your boat before you launch it.
2. Heavy boat traffic near the shore can cause shoreline erosion and will make swimming and canoeing unpleasant. Tubing, wakeboarding, skiing and driving quickly can send boats bouncing into docks and create havoc. Whenever you are close to shore, please slow down to the legal of 10km and adjust your course to ensure everybody enjoys their day at the lake.
3. Be aware that sound carries long distances over water. What's appropriate for an afternoon cruise with friends may not be on the listening list for the seven-year olds across the way.

Our lake is a wonderful resource for us all to enjoy. Please be mindful of those around you and respectful of the environment.

## Help Make Dreams Come True

Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative is a registered charity that offers recent cancer survivors the opportunity to spend a week at a private, donated cottage to reconnect and rejuvenate with family and friends after successfully completing treatment.

For over a century, Canadian families have been finding peace, tranquility and inspiration in cottage country. Cottage Dreams was created with this in mind.

If your cottage sits empty during the week, you can lend it to a cancer survivor to celebrate their recovery. In addition to the intangible joy you will receive by making someone's dreams come true, you will also receive a tax receipt. Please contact [www.cottagedreams.org](http://www.cottagedreams.org)



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Melanie was able to send out electronically the minutes of the Annual General Meeting to those property owners who have given her their email addresses. If you have not done so, you may wish to visit the lake website at [www.cordovalake.ca](http://www.cordovalake.ca) to view the minutes.

# Campfire Safety Guidelines

All it takes is one spark for things to go wrong. A carelessly abandoned campfire or a campfire built without safe clearance can turn a small fire into a dangerous and fast-moving blaze. Be sure to build your campfire in a way that does not endanger anyone or the surrounding forest. Enjoy a safe campfire by following these campfire safety tips:

- Check with local authorities on open-air burning restrictions and follow local burning regulations. Keep up-to-date on fire bans in the area.
- Never build a campfire on a windy day. Sparks or embers from the fire could travel quite a distance setting an unintentional fire.
- Build campfires where they will not spread; well away from tents, trailers, dry grass, leaves, overhanging tree branches or any other combustible.
- Build a campfire surround with rocks to contain your campfire. Be aware that rocks obtained from the river may explode due to moisture in the rock becoming superheated by the campfire.
- Use crumpled paper and/or kindling to start a fire rather than using flammable liquids.
- Never use gasoline as an aid to starting a campfire. If a fire starter is required, use only proper lighting fluid and use the lighting fluid sparingly. NEVER PUT IT ON AN OPEN FLAME since the fire can ignite the stream of lighting fluid and the flame will travel up the stream igniting the container in your hand and causing serious injury. Once the lighting fluid has been applied to the firewood, allow a few minutes for the explosive vapours to disperse before lighting. Remove the lighting fluid container a safe distance away before lighting the campfire.
- Keep campfires to a small, manageable size no more than 1 metre (3 feet) high by 1 metre (3 feet) in diameter and don't let it get out of hand.
- Don't burn garbage in your campfire. The smell is unpleasant for you and your neighbours, and may attract animals to your campsite.
- Keep all combustible materials, including flammable liquids, propane cylinders, lighting fluid, etc. away from the campfire.
- Stack extra wood upwind and away from the campfire so that sparks from the campfire cannot ignite your wood-pile. Have sufficient wood on hand to eliminate the need to leave your campsite to restock.
- Never leave campfires unattended. Ensure that a responsible adult is monitoring the campfire at all times. Supervise children around campfires at all times and never allow horseplay near or involving the campfire, such as jumping over a campfire. Do not allow children to run around near a campfire.
- Closely supervise children while roasting treats over a campfire. A flaming marshmallow can easily ignite a child's clothing. A heated metal skewer can be a burn hazard, as well as a puncture hazard.
- Loose clothing can easily catch fire. Never reach into a campfire to rearrange pieces of wood.
- Teach children how to STOP, DROP and ROLL should their clothing catch on fire. Teach children to cool a burn with cool running water for 3 – 5 minutes.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Use caution when applying water to the campfire. Once the water has been applied, stir the dampened coals and douse it again with water. As an added precaution, shovel sand or dirt to cover the dampened coals to smother any remaining embers.
- The majority of children are burned the morning after a fire from coming into contact with hot ashes or embers.
- A campfire put out with water is reduced to 50°C (122°F) within 10 minutes of applying the water and reduced to 10°C (50°F) after 8 hrs. The safest way to extinguish a campfire is with water.

The County of Peterborough finds that people coming from outside the region may have trouble adjusting to the two stream system at a Transfer Station, otherwise known colloquially as 'THE DUMP'!

Lily Hamill, Education and Communications Officer was kind enough to attend our annual meeting to talk about waste reduction and has sent along the following helpful chart.

**Please use 2 blue boxes to sort out Containers from Fibres.**

**1 Containers**



- Glass**
  - ✔ Coloured and clear bottles and jars
- Plastic**
  - ✔ Food and drink containers, tubs and lids
- Metal**
  - ✔ Pop cans, pie plates and tin foil
  - ✔ Food and drink cans and tins
  - ✔ Empty metal paint cans, lids removed
  - ✔ Empty aerosol cans
- Other**
  - ✔ Milk cartons and juice boxes

**Do Not Include**

- ✘ Broken glass, Pyrex®, ceramic or other dishware
- ✘ Hazardous product containers, drinking straws, polystyrene
- ✘ Scrap metal, utensils, pots and pans
- ✘ **No Styrofoam of Any Kind!**

**2 Fibres**



- Paper**
  - ✔ News/writing paper, magazines, telephone books, envelopes, junk mail and flyers
- Cardboard/Boxboard**
  - ✔ Corrugated cardboard, file folders, construction paper, food boxes (liners removed), toilet paper tubes, brown paper bags
  - ✔ Flattened and bundled cardboard 30" x 30" x 8" can be left beside box
- Plastic Bags and Packaging**
  - ✔ Film plastics, grocery, milk, bread bags – place all in one and tie

**Do Not Include**

- ✘ Chip bags, chocolate bar wrappers, plastic stretch wrap
- ✘ Waxed cardboard, frozen food boxes
- ✘ Liners from cracker/cereal boxes



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## Scenes From a Storm

For more photos taken by Rikk please go to our website at [www.cordovalake.ca](http://www.cordovalake.ca)

I'm sure that everyone on the lake was impacted in some way by the storms of June 8. The first storm brought tremendously high winds and rain. The second was stronger than the first. It cut some tree trunks in two horizontally and uprooted others from the ground, plucking them up as I might pull out a dandelion. What amazing force! Many of us had never seen anything like it nor hope to again.

In the aftermath, we were left without power and phone lines. Many of us couldn't get out of our own driveways due to fallen trees blocking our paths. Many roofs had trees on them and, in some cases, through them and through sheds, boats, gazebos...the roads were inaccessible...nothing was immune from the devastation. The mess almost had to be seen to be believed. Rikk Boldy was kind enough to send along these photos for me which give you an insight into the problems we all faced.



They say that only in days of old were there knights riding up to rescue damsels in distress but, here at the lake, we had our own knights who rescued us all. Instead of lances, they came armed with chainsaws and instead of riding on white chargers they rolled in on graders and ATVs.

They worked tremendously hard in very challenging circumstances to clear the roads so that people could access their properties. I received a number of emails from grateful cottagers lauding the efforts of our road reps and the volunteers who worked with them.

They say that adversity either brings out the best or the worst in you and, at Cordova Lake, we can be assured what we have always known. Our road reps are the best!

**Thank you Rick Racey, Gord Bertrand, Mike Bailey and Don McGregor and all of the other unnamed folk who worked with you. We appreciate everything that you did!**





These days we can often be found complaining about big business or the many costs associated with our Hydro bills. It is easy to complain about such things. Our big storm, however, brought us face to face with the folk who work for Hydro. I was absolutely delighted to see them on our road and felt like a child at Christmas seeing Santa. The Hydro workers were good-humoured, even though dealing with a huge mess and were very hard working. Here are some more pictures from Rikk Boldy showing Hydro at work.



# The Water Spout



Dear Readers,

I am quite honoured to submit a column to the Cordova newsletter. The mission of this column is to bring about an awareness and understanding of just how grave our world water crisis is and will become. Each column will examine, paraphrase and constructively critique an article written by one of our foremost leaders in water awareness. The column will explore, among others, such mighty tomes as Marq De Villiers *Water: The Fate of Our Most Precious Resource*, Alexandra Cousteau's *Stories From a Blue Planet* and *The World is Blue: How Our Fate and The Ocean's Are One* by National Geographic's Explorer-In – residence, Sylvia A. Earle.

At this point, readers, you may be beginning to wonder, What exactly do these global dignitaries have to do with Cordova Lake?

Simply put, everything.

Sixty percent of the world's lakes are found in just one country: Canada. This includes our beloved Cordova Lake. Very few of Cordova cottagers would deny that their desire for their children's future includes the opportunity, the privilege, and the right to partake of natural surroundings and have access to a natural body of water to ski on, swim in, wakeboard across, fish from, boat across or just sit and watch, as you yourself have done. Many of you are from generations of cottagers. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century – early 20<sup>th</sup> century, cottage country was opened up by the luxurious hotels and resorts made accessible by train to the populace of southern Ontario. It was a way of life that you and your ancestors felt, knew, if you will, would be with us forever.

Not so. Not without work. Not without awareness. The community on Cordova Lake is comprised of cottagers from all walks of life and all demographic categories. Most of us could write or talk a great deal about water. After all, how hard can it be? The grade four curriculum teaches the water cycle. Rain falls, fills or refills depressions and evaporates into the atmosphere. Endless. Or that's the way it should be - an endless renewable resource. And here's where our natural pattern of thinking stops.

This issue's column will deal with the well known surname, Cousteau. The great works of oceanographer and explorer, Jacques-Eves Cousteau, filming from the *Calypso* in the late 60s and early 70s, is being carried on by his grand daughter, Alexandra Cousteau. Alexandra launched an exhibition entitled *Blue Planet* in 2009 and though completed, she continues to showcase the world's need for conservation and preservation of the world's water through Water Forums such as the one I was privileged to attend at the Royal Ontario Museum. Watching this dynamo as she spoke and divulged her passion, the observer was truly aware of her great legacy.

On the one hand, Alexandra recognizes that, for the first time in history, we have control over water supply, not just in our own areas but globally. It is possible to ensure that every person on the planet has access to clean, clear water. If... we weren't *out of balance*. Cousteau is profoundly sad when she explains how badly we are out of balance. She points out that we "drain ancient stores to irrigate industrial crops, often of marginal or subsidized value." The rapacious nature of man scrapes the bottom of the ocean for a few marketable seafood species, casting off a goodly portion of what cannot be marketed and leaving none to propagate or restore the ecosystem. We are out of balance because our greed is greater than "our ability to reason". We seem to be the exclusive generation whose stupidity exceeds our rationale.

Many cultures revere the forefathers. Apparently, ours is not one of them. She elaborates on this theme when speaking of the 'gifts of our fathers bring a curse to our children.' And we are out of balance.

Cousteau uses the imagery of a teaspoon and a gallon jug in conveying the amount of water covering the earth's surface in proportion to the amount that is useable. Fact: 71% of Earth is covered by water. But only a tiny percentage of that water is fit for human consumption. She illustrates: if all the Earth's water were poured into a gallon jug (forgive the American measurement), less than one teaspoon of that would be available for our use. But she doesn't stop with that profound statement, she develops the comparison further in examining the water in the teaspoon. "The quality in the teaspoon is declining. Run off and pollution have led to dead zones throughout our oceans."

Sadly, she deplores what this has cost us. In the history of our planet empires have risen and collapsed and we, as well as the ancient empires, are "racing down a collision course." Cousteau focuses on three direct factors that will bring down our empirical society:

Unsustainable consumption of resources

Mismanagement of critical infrastructure

Destruction of water-shaping ecosystems during a period of climate change

This remarkable champion of water offers a new and challenging theory. In what seems to be a contradictory statement she says: "We cannot continue to make the focus of our conversation on water just about the fragility of the coral reefs, the scarcity of free-flowing river habitat or the depletion of fish stocks. We can't continue to divide over protecting fresh water of a single region."

She offers instead a new focus. Based on meeting hundreds of people, traveling thousands of miles, visiting the ancient sacred water sites of our planet, Cousteau offered this assessment: "the impact of the rivers and everything that depends on them – from rainfall patterns to wildlife to agriculture will be disastrous. Ecosystems will collapse."

She speaks of millions of people being displaced, of rivers shifting, delivering floods and landslides, yet drought to others. Her conclusion is the most chilling:

"This is not theory. It's not opinion. It's a fact.

I leave you with these thoughts and ask that you bring them to mind the next time you set a canoe into the Crowe River, the next time you take in the wonder of the Cordova Falls and the last time you gazed at the pristine waters of Cordova Lake, rested, humble and content in the knowledge that these bodies of water will be here long after you are dead and gone.

Will they ?

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## Coming Events for Cordova Mines Recreation



Wednesday, August 24th Summer Fun Day for Kids-BBQ and Games  
 Friday, September 16 Potluck Supper at 6p.m. with music by Jim Hayward  
 Beginners Line Dancing Every Thursday (except 1st Thursday of the month) from 7-8:30p.m.  
 The Cordova Mines Recreation Association meets on the first Thursday of each month. All are welcome to attend their meeting.

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## Regatta 2011 We Need You!

The Cordova Lake Regatta will take place this year on July 30 at the beach at the north end of the lake. Dave Carr, who is chairing this year's event, has said that the regatta would be similar to those held in the past.

Volunteers are needed for the day. Along with assistance with the events, we are specifically looking for people to set-up on Regatta Day and to commit to clean up afterwards. Dave has asked that people contact Melanie to let her know what they might be able to do to help.

If you have items you could donate to the adult silent auction please contact Janet Gammon at [jgammon@rogers.com](mailto:jgammon@rogers.com). The Gammon's are at the south end of the lake in the white cottage with green shutters on the right just past Chipmunk Crossing (WAO #137). You can also drop your donations off through the week at Paul and Liz Carroll's (#26 FR 18F)cottage.

If you have items for the children's silent auction, Sari Vandermeer would love to hear from you at [sarivandermeer@rogers.com](mailto:sarivandermeer@rogers.com). Sari's cottage is located at FR57 (Beach Road), Lot 222. It will say Jaatinen. Her phone number is 613-472-1255. Sari will be there to receive donations on Friday, July 29 (arriving the night before). If you prefer to drop your items off at an earlier date, you may take them to Joanne's house (green house at north end of the lake) which is #9 F.R. 58.



# Be Bear Wise



## How to avoid encounters with black bears while enjoying the outdoors.



**BEARS CAN BE DANGEROUS**

Bears usually avoid humans. But if you do encounter a bear, remember that they are powerful and potentially dangerous animals. If you are a hiker, cyclist, jogger, berry picker, or anyone who plans to spend some time in "bear country," there are some things you should do if you encounter a bear.

If you would like to report a bear problem, call 1 866 514-2327. In a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or the local police.

- If the bear is not paying any attention to you, slowly and quietly back away while watching the bear to make sure it isn't following you.
- Do not approach the bear to get a better look.
- If the bear obviously knows you are there, raise your arms to let the bear know you are a human. Make yourself look as big as possible. Speak in a firm but non-threatening voice while looking at the bear and backing away.
- Watch the bear to gauge its reaction to you. Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is, providing you don't approach the bear. If a bear huffs, pops its jaw or stomps its paws on the ground, it wants you to back away and give it space.
- If a bear closely approaches you, drop any food you may be carrying and continue backing up.
- If the bear continues to approach, stand your ground and stay calm – use your whistle or air horn, speak loudly, stand tall, wave your arms and throw objects.
- If a bear keeps advancing and is getting close, be aggressive and continue to stand your ground. Use bear spray and anything else to threaten or distract the bear; bears will often first test to see if it is safe to approach you.
- Do not run or climb a tree. Bears can run faster and climb better than you.
- If the bear makes contact, fight back with everything you have.

If you are concerned, contact the local Ministry of Natural Resources office in the area you are going to visit to determine whether there have been any recent reports of bear encounters or conflicts.

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**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - July 11/10 to July 10/11**

INCOME 2010 to 2011

Membership 2010/11	2570.00
Donations	40.00
Interest	3.83
50/50 Draw	2485.00
Advertising income	791.00
Road dues received	250.00

Total Income 2010 to 2011	6139.83
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Income minus expenses equals	1867.43
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Balance at July 11/10	6867.71
Bank balance Jun 24/11	8735.14

EXPENSES 2010 to 2011

Insurance 2010	1447.20
Lake survey postage	76.00
Newsletters	450.95
50/50 winner	1242.50
FOCA dues	548.00
Website setup	112.75
Barn rental 08/11	120.00
Gift card	25.00
FR59 road dues	250.00

TOTAL	4272.40
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Income outstanding from advertisement 28.25

Bank Balance as of July 11 2010 was reported as 6874.21 it should have been 6867.71 an error of \$-6.50

## The Advantages of Membership

People sometimes ask us why they should belong to the Cordova Lake Cottage Association. The reasons to belong are numerous and include the following.

You:

- receive two newsletters annually which aim to keep you up-to-date with all of the lake happenings

- receive regular communications via email

- are included in our lake insurance coverage

- acquire membership in FOCA (the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) which is dedicated to safeguarding the interest of cottage communities and their environment

- may take part in all activities promoted by the CLCA

- know that buoys will be put out to guide your way on the lake

- may feel assured that the lake executive is working on your behalf

Imagine, all of this for twenty dollars a year! Not much money at all to protect the costly investment you have made.

Please be sure to visit the CLCA tent at the regatta to pay your dues

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## Havelock Belmont Methuen Council Update

Councillors Jim Martin and Larry Ellis attended our recent Annual General Meeting. They informed us that the Township website has been updated and that residents are encouraged to use it as a resource for information on Council business. The councillors also stressed that they wish to hear back from taxpayers who may feel free to voice their concerns here, too. The website is [www.havelockbelmontmethuen.on.ca](http://www.havelockbelmontmethuen.on.ca).

You will be glad to know that, as the result of a recommendation encouraging communication by our President Joanne Butkevics, Council has given approval to amend the Procedural By-law to establish meeting days and times that will be more convenient for seasonal residents.

Starting in September 2011, Council will have meetings on Mondays. During each month there will be three meetings. The first meeting of the month will start at 9:00 a.m.; the second meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. and the third meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. With the meetings starting at different times, they are able to accommodate the time of day that is most convenient for a resident who wishes to be registered as a delegate on a Council agenda. The Procedural By-law that confirms Council's intention to make the change was discussed at the July 12th meeting of Council and will be passed as a by-law on August 16th. If the by-law is approved, the changes will take place starting with the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.



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Seek solid/ best shelter immediately.

**Remain in that shelter for a full thirty minutes after the last rumble of thunder.**

### Tornado / Downburst Safety:

Best shelter = well constructed room in the basement.

As many walls between you and the outside as possible....away from windows.



### Hot Weather Safety:

Stay hydrated with water or natural juices.

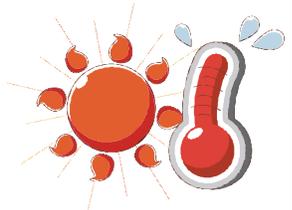
Limit time outside during the hottest hours of day.

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## Lakeland Conference

### Save the Date! The 11th Annual Lakeland Conference

8:30am-12:00pm Saturday, September 10th, 2011

The Faraday Community Centre (9kms south of Bancroft on Hwy 28)

**This Year's Topic:** The 'At Capacity' Designation and its Implications on Municipal Planning for Lake Trout Lakes

**Go to:** <http://www.lakeland.greenup.on.ca/events.html> for directions, the agenda and more information about the 'At Capacity' designation.



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