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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER
2017

We're dedicated to keeping Charleston Lake beautiful in every way!

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Happy 150th Birthday Canada

President's Message

This has been a year of unusual weather contrasts from a record breaking drought in the summer and fall of 2016 to record breaking rain in the spring of 2017, with severe flooding in parts of Ontario and Quebec. Mother nature always keeps us on our toes.

CLA/CLEA's objective as always is to keep Charleston Lake beautiful in every way.

Our plan: - to continue annual water testing

- to promote and strengthen our Shoreline Challenge Program

- to follow steps in our Lake Management Plan

- to continue working with the municipalities, MNR and other Lake Partners on lake issues

- to educate lake residents on lake friendly practices

A reminder that, as usual, our very successful Summer Youth Programs will be open to area youth; register asap as these programs fill up quickly.

Our 2017 Doug Hale Memorial Golf Tournament will take place at Cedar Valley golf course on Saturday August 12th. Attendance is appreciated as this is a major fund raiser.

CLA/CLEA will again be awarding two

graduating high school students with a \$350 bursary, one from Athens District High School and one from Gananoque Secondary School. These bursaries go to deserving students pursuing post secondary education.

Also two area youth will be sponsored by CLA/CLEA at the Ontario Nature Youth Summit in Orilla in September.

Loons will be challenged to nest successfully this year due to the unusually high water levels this spring. Two new loon nesting platforms have been added to the three already in place. If you come across one, please take care not to disturb them.

Our intrepid volunteers have put in place approximately 75 shoal markers that help keep us safer on Charleston Lake. Many thanks to Gary Bellisle, Tom Sizer, Pierre Menard, Cody Johnson, Jason Coon and Robbie Gibson.

Of course not to be missed is our annual AGM to be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Saturday July 8th.

Thanks to all our dedicated directors that help make Charleston Lake a great place to be.

To all of you a hearty welcome back and wishing you a great summer at the lake.

Bill Hallam

10th Annual CLA Regatta and Family Barbecue

Free event for the whole family

Charleston Lake County Park, Sand Bay

Sunday, August 6th (rain date
August 7th)
11.a.m – 2.p.m

Come out to celebrate Canada 150
at Charleston Lake.

Time to connect with your
Charleston Lake neighbours –old
and new.

Family fun activities – water boat
and land

- Music
- Donation BBQ
- Baked Bean Contest

Come for a good time and leave
with awesome memories!

CLA is seeking a Regatta Director
for 2018 – please email Julia at
julia.woito@gmail.com for more
information.

Loon Nesting Rafts



While you are boating on the lake this spring and summer near sheltered areas, you may notice a floating mass with a cedar base and a mass of grasses and compost on top. It is likely not a part of someone's missing dock (but this year, maybe it could be!). Most likely it is a loon nesting raft which has been designed and built to help loons meet the challenges of their vulnerable nesting period.

Loons usually return to the lake as soon the ice is out. The male locates a suitable nesting site in shallow, sheltered areas of the lake. Typically, only one or two eggs are laid in the nest but occasionally there are three. Both parents share the incubation with hatching taking place within thirty days. It is within this period where the loss is potentially the greatest with egg predators, high winds or high water levels taking their toll. If there is too much disturbance around the nesting area due to boat traffic or nearby construction, the adults may abandon the nest. Upon hatching, the chicks leave the nest within a day or two, spend a good deal of time on their parent's backs. For the first eight weeks,

they are fed by their parents before being left to their own devices. If they were lucky enough to survive natural predators including large fish, the next hazard they face is boat props during the busy summer season. If boats get too close, adults will try to fend them off but will eventually dive while the chicks are not as adept. This leaves the chicks prone to the risk of dying from hypothermia as the adults are not there to carry them out of the water and on their backs. So please keep a safe distance when you see any loons as their chicks are nearby.

While loons are agile swimmers and divers, they are relatively awkward on foot. As a result, they tend to nest in sheltered areas near the shoreline, where they can more readily access the nest from the water. Natural loon nests are vulnerable to unstable or high water levels that can submerge nests leaving the eggs inaccessible to the adults. Nests that float can rise and fall with water levels whether that level has been created by nature in the form of high levels of precipitation or man-made in the form of wakes from boats etc. Nest rafts can also provide more options

to adult loons if they are displaced by shoreline development or increased boat traffic in formerly sheltered natural sites. They can also provide safer sites for nesting against natural predators like otters and more likely racoons whose populations have increased along with the availability of human refuse.

Dwayne Struthers is a volunteer board member of the Charleston Lake Association who does several loon surveys each year, noting the number of adults and chicks on the lake noting the siting locations. Last year we had approximately thirty adults and six surviving chicks. Dwayne and Garnet Baker have been building loon rafts for our lake for several years now. There are five on the lake currently. The loon rafts they build are made of three rows of natural 4X4 yellow cedar lumber, connected like a mini log structure. Between the first and second layers, they place wire mesh to contain sheets of foam for flotation. On the top side, they place a layer of sods and compost on which the loons create their nest. Loosely anchored, these nests can withstand unstable water levels and a certain amount of boat wake.

If you happen to notice one of these loon rafts as you are boating near some of the sheltered areas, please keep a reasonable distance during the important nesting period. Also, if you know of or see a natural nesting site that loons are currently nesting on, please let Dwayne know via the CLA information centre which is opening soon. Remember, we are all stewards of this beautiful natural treasure called Charleston Lake, right in our own backyards.

Thank You For Asking

Question

As a resident of Charleston Lake I have been noticing the increasing practice of raking leaves into the lake in both the spring and the fall. Is this harmful to the lake?

Answer

Simply put the answer is YES. Not only is it unsightly and offensive to neighbours but ultimately causes oxygen depletion when it decomposes. A better plan is to bag the leaves and take them to the local landfill site – it is free.



Save Our Lake Trout Population

AGM 2017

Saturday, July 8th, 2017.
9.30.a.m.
at the Holy Trinity Church
Oak Leaf Road.

Guest speaker –
Ornithologist Mike Burrell
on the Birds of Charleston
Lake

CLA SUMMER CAMP

The Charleston Lake Association (CLA) has an action-packed summer program planned to coincide with Canada's 150th birthday. A leadership camp, three weeks of children's camp, swimming lessons, and a free family regatta and BBQ are scheduled at Charleston Lake County Park, Sand Bay. The Charleston Lake regatta was revived over 10 years ago, and is now a free family event that encapsulates lake culture: water, food, music, and fun! It is a place to reconnect with friends and meet new neighbours, a place to create family memories, and a place to appreciate and enjoy the tremendous resource that is Charleston Lake. This annual free family regatta occurs on the Sunday of the Civic holiday weekend, and this year is scheduled for August 6th, 11am-2pm, rain date is August 7th.

CLA is happy to subsidize the not-for-profit camps and swim programs to allow all families to participate. The camp line-up begins with Leadership Camp (July 4-6), which focuses on team building challenges to equip the next wave of leaders in our community. Nature Camp (July 10-14) is considered the original CLA camp experience. Campers explore the natural beauty of Charleston, learn about the lake from guest speakers, and enjoy nature-inspired games, crafts, and activities. Adventure Camp (July 17-21) is another fun experience that combines the love of the outdoors with adventure challenges like those you would see on The Amazing Race. Sports Camp (July 24-28) has been a hit since it began in 2010 and includes a broad range of land and water sports like soccer, ball hockey, kayaking, and waterskiing/wakeboarding. All camps include daily swimming, and campers have the option of doing swimming lessons with a qualified swim instructor.

The CLA summer programs are a collaboration of enthusiastic individuals and community partners that create exceptional programs. CLA hopes that young people will always be able to enjoy the beauty that is Charleston Lake. Please see our website for more information on how to participate and how to partner with CLA by becoming a member to keep the lake beautiful. www.charlestonlakeassociation.com

Julia Woito (Previously printed in The Mural)

Counsellor's Message

With summer fast approaching I am becoming increasingly more excited for the camp season! I have been a camp participant for 6 years. After so many years of camp, it is interesting to see how this has impacted my life. For example, my camp name is "Squiddy", and this nickname will probably stay with me for the rest of my life. Moreover, this is probably one of the most meaningful nicknames I have. It is meaningful because it represents the connection that I have to camp and how much I have grown over these past years.

After a tiresome school year, I am always excited to come back to camp and see all the camp counsellors again! We have developed strong friendships because we have to rely

on each other to make sure the campers are going to have the best possible time at camp. Although it might sound a bit cliché, camp is truly a family. To start, we have our camp director who makes sure everything is planned to perfection (like the parent of the group). Secondly, the counsellors are like the cool Aunt and Uncle because, they look out for everybody and make sure everyone is having a good time. Lastly (but most important), the campers are the little cousins of the group because they all get along so well and have a good time together.

At the end of the day, if someone were to ask me why I am excited to return to camp, it would have to be seeing the children grow up. It never ceases to amaze

me how much an individual can grow up over the school year, and after doing this for a multitude of years, I have come to know a lot of these children quite well. This is probably a good thing considering camp is all about the children. Finally, if I had to summarize camp in one word, it would be "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious". This word is an actual word in the English dictionary and means "extraordinarily good; wonderful". The reason why I picked such a long, complicated, unordinary word is because, camp is anything but ordinary. I look forward to making new camp memories this summer.

Sydney Van Wyck

Ontario Nature's Youth Summit for Biodiversity and Environmental Leadership 2017

CLA/CLEA will be sponsoring two high school students to attend this summit at the YMCA Geneva Park Facility on Lake Couchiching on the weekend of September 22-24, 2017. Approximately 100 students from all over the province, with a special interest in the environment, will participate in workshops and activities designed to enhance their knowledge base on environmental issues, as well as developing their leadership skills. CLA/CLEA will cover the registration for the camp and will assist with funding the costs to travel to Geneva Park.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Bill Hallam at 613-659-2997 or billhallam@hotmail.com

2017 CLA SUMMER PROGRAMS AT SAND BAY COUNTY PARK

LEADERSHIP CAMP – JULY 4-6

NATURE CAMP - JULY 10-14

ADVENTURE CAMP – JULY 17-21

SPORTS CAMP - 24-28

For registration and details, please go to CLA website.

Charleston Lake Association Directors

Bill Hallam - President

Cottage 613-659-2997 billhallam@hotmail.com

Wayne Gill – Secretary/Treasurer

Robbie Gibson – Boating Safety/ Shoal Markers

Julia Woito – Youth Programs

Wayne Ashford – V.P. South / Golf Tournament

Pierre Menard – V.P. North / Golf Tournament

Dwayne Struthers – Fish and Wildlife Coordinator

Rocci Pagnello - Fish and Wildlife/ Ontario Youth Summit

Charleston Lake Environmental Association Directors

Brian Hollingsworth – Shoreline Challenge

Irene Ireland – Membership

Daragh Mansworth – IT

Roy Angelow – Municipal Contact

Jay Kyle – Shoreline Challenge

Mary Mansworth – Newsletter

Healthy Shoreline Challenge

Can you picture one of these beautiful pieces of original art on your cottage wall?

There are two categories: Category A for those shorelines where little or no development has occurred and Category B for shorelines that have had some lake friendly alteration or rehabilitation.

Are you up for the challenge?

Please register your property and mail to :

Charleston Lake Association
PO Box 609, Athens Ontario K0E 1B0

or register online www.charlestonlakeassociation.ca

or drop off at the CLA office.

One prize winner from each category to be awarded at the CLA Annual General Meeting July 8th, 2017.

Deadline to register June 23rd, 2017.

Nominate a friend or neighbour's property (with permission).

All properties submitted in the past three years of the challenge will be included in the 2017 Healthy Shoreline Challenge.

Acrylic artwork of Charleston Lake wildlife were created by eastern Ontario wildlife artist Sherrie Greig and are on display at Kelsey's Marina and Lake Line Lodge.



I wish to enter

Category A _____ Category B _____

Property Location: _____

Landowner Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

INFORMATION CENTRE

Come and see our newly renovated Information Centre, open at weekends from May 27- July 30 – 10.a.m. – 4.p.m. and Thursday to Mondays, July 31- September 4th – 10.a.m – 4.p.m. (Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

Administrative Assistant Katie Ross has returned to the Centre this year.

Thanks to Wayne and Rose Gill and Pierre and Sharon Menard for all their hard work painting and restoring the Centre and replacing the flooring. And special thanks to Ace Hardware in Athens who generously supplied materials for this work at cost.

Fishing Diaries and CLA Welcome packages are available at the Centre.

109 CHARLESTON LAKE ROAD
613-924-0149

Charleston Lake Association & Charleston Lake Environmental Association

Comparative Combined Financial Report Statement of Revenue & Expense

Revenue	2016		2015
Membership Dues	\$19,320		\$18,865
Club \$100 Donations	\$9,845		\$9,968
Golf Tournament	\$4,087		\$3,605
Other Donations	\$5,440		\$365
Interest and Other Income	\$770		\$1,405
Total Revenue	\$39,462		\$34,208
Expenses			
General Administration	\$9,877		\$9,682
Information Center	\$6,480		\$4,377
Youth & Social Programs	\$2,960		\$3,436
Safety	\$7,488		\$2,421
Miscellaneous	\$4,866		\$2,098
Total Expenses	\$31,671		\$22,014
Total Environmental Project Costs	\$7,817		\$17,212
Total Expense & Project Costs	\$39,488		\$39,226
Unexpended Funds Current Year	-\$26		-\$5,018
Unexpended Funds Prior Years	\$82,427		\$87,445
Unexpended Funds at Dec. 31st	\$82,401		\$82,427
Combined Balance Sheet at Dec. 31st			
	2016		2015
Cash on Hand	\$25,339		\$25,640
Cash Invested	\$56,662		\$55,000
Accounts Receivable	\$3,186		\$1,882
Prepays	\$0		\$0
Total Assets	\$85,187		\$82,522
Accounts Payable	\$2,786		\$95
Unexpended Funds	\$82,401		\$82,427
Total Liabilities & Unexpended Funds	\$85,187		\$82,522

Prepared by: Wayne Gill
Secretary Treasurer CLA & CLEA

2017 DOUG HALE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

2016 was a sell-out – please register early!

Get your team together now for our 9hole golf tournament on Saturday August 12th at the Cedar Valley Golf Course, 7041 County Road 29 (at Highway 42). We begin with a putting contest at 9:00 AM with the 9hole scramble start at 9:30 AM.

Golf will be followed by a social hour with lunch beginning at 1:00pm. An early wrap up around 2:30pm will allow everyone to enjoy the rest of a beautiful summer day at Charleston Lake. Those who wish to come for lunch only are most welcome.

Let's keep Doug's memory alive by supporting the Charleston Lake Environmental Association! Remember 100% of all net proceeds go toward the environmental programs which will help keep Charleston Lake in pristine condition, now and for future generations.

So get your team, complete the attached registration form and forward it to us ASAP with your team cheque. Advance payment will ensure a quick registration process.

Thanking you in advance.

Wayne Ashford - 613-659-4715
 Pierre Menard - 613-924-6212
 Golf Tournament Co-Chairmen
 Charleston Lake Environmental Association
 PO Box 609, Athens ON K0E 1B0



Charleston Lake Environmental Association - 2017 Doug Hale Memorial Golf Tournament Registration

Saturday, August 12th, 2017 at the Cedar Valley Golf Club

7041 County Road 29 at Highway 42 (613) 342-2158

All Proceeds go toward our Environmental Association Projects

Entry Fee Includes:

Golf * Door Prizes

Buffet lunch

* Golf Prizes

Lots of Social Exchange

* Putting Contest

	Fees	Cedar Valley Member	Lunch ONLY
Teams of Four Scramble (Shotgun Start)			
Putting Contest begins at 9:00 am 9 Hole Golf Teams at 9:30 am	\$50	\$30	\$20
Youth (under the age of 16)	\$40	\$20	\$15
Child (Golf Carts are extra, to be arranged at the Pro Shop, 613-342--2158)	\$20	\$10	\$10
Team Name: _____		CEDAR VALLEY	EXTRA LUNCH
Name (Players) _____ Address _____ <u>Golfing Member</u>		Y/N	
1. _____		Y/N	
2. _____		Y/N	
3. _____		Y/N	
4. _____		Y/N	
* Tee Assignments at the Pro Shop 1/2 hour prior to the Shotgun Start			

Please Make Cheques Payable to CLEA | Mail to CLEA, PO Box 609, Athens, ON. K0E 1B0

Or deliver to: CLEA Office, 109 Charleston Lake Road, open Thurs to Mon 10:00am-4:00pm Or pay at the starters table

To Register by Phone or for More Information, Please Contact:

Wayne Ashford 613-659-4715

Pierre Menard 613-924-6212

STUDENT BURSARIES

To celebrate and support local youth, CLA awards two bursaries each year, one to a student at both Athens District High School and Gananoque Secondary School.

The recipients in 2016 were:

Athens District High School

Tristan Benschop – Ecosystem Management
Sir Sandford Fleming College, Peterborough.

Gananoque Secondary School

Madi Hunt - Environmental Engineering
University of Waterloo

NEW THIS YEAR CLA GOLF SHIRTS

Turquoise golf shirts with an embroidered logo are now available in both men's and women's sizes. They are made of a cotton/polyester blend and were designed by a local print/embroidery shop. They will be on sale at the Information Centre and at the AGM and would make a great gift.

CHARLESTON LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK EVENTS 2017

Live Animal Show
Saturday, July 15 1.30.p.m.

Live Birds of Prey
Saturday, July 29 1.30.p.m.

Stargazing with Terence Dickenson
Saturday, August 12 8.15.p.m.

All events at the Park Amphitheatre



CANADA DAY FIREWORKS & BOAT POKER RUN

July 2nd 2017 in Charleston Village
Celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday

Boat Poker Run

This is not a race — 50/50 Winner Split

Place: Charleston Lake Main Dock
Registration starts at 8:30am
Cost: \$10 per hand

Multiple hands may be purchased. Must be 18 years of age to buy a hand. Official rules posted on site.

No boat required - Pontoon boat available to take hands or players on the course.
First come, first serve, pontoon boat leaves at 8:45am and again at 10:00am.

Poker hands to be read by official by 12:00 noon at the main dock. "Free" Draw for kids.

Fireworks

 Starting at approximately 9:45pm

More Family Fun

6:00 - 10:00pm
Main Dock - Charleston Village

Live Band: The G-Men

- Pontoon Boat & Tractor Rides
- Hot dog & drink \$2.00
- Pizza Slice \$2.00
- Clown, Face Painting & Games
- Glow Gift for Children
- 50/50 Draw

Torrential Rain Date: Monday July 3, 2017

Charleston Lake FX Committee is non-profit.
Donations are necessary and gratefully accepted!