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Rosemary Teed**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joel Arthurs

As I sit down to write this, the last of the snow is finally melting (knock on wood) and the forecast is calling for low twenties and sunshine! We're waiting for our resident ice out judge, Paul Lindsay, to give us the news we've been waiting for all winter. This year is shaping up to be a good one, and we've got a lot planned around the lake this summer. We'll have our annual Canada Day boat parade and dock decorating contest on Saturday July 1st, followed by the SDRA Annual General Meeting on July 8th. July will round off with Ron and Esther's potluck on the 29th. For the first time in several years, the Lake Festival is returning on August 12th! Finally, we'll finish the summer with the annual Labour Day fireworks on September 2nd. Be sure to join us and your neighbours at all of our events.

This past year has involved a lot of work around the property, for many of us. The derecho storm of May 2022 meant some people are still clearing fallen trees and repairing damage. That was my son's first visit to the cottage; at just two months old he won't remember it, but as the parents whose car had trees on it and no running water, we won't soon forget. We've all pulled together some pictures from that weekend for this newsletter.

Did you know there used to be an RCAF training camp on Skootamatta? The buildings are long gone, but perhaps there are still some traces along the shore. Check out the article all about the buildings and the history of this camp.

One of the many things we work on is monitoring lake health and researching topics that may



impact it. The lake steward report looks at several years of monitoring data and breaks down what it all means. There is also an article on invasive species and we hope to have more data on that, following a provincial monitoring program that took place last year. Be sure to read the article on the iconic Canadian bird, the common loon. Human interference and climate change have had a significant impact on the loons, and the article addresses some important information on how we can help, including the need to reduce our carbon footprint.

It's going to be a busy summer, both at the lake and at home, but I plan to make the most of it and maybe even get a little R&R on the dock.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Arthurs'.



Photo Credit: Anne Babcock



2023 SDRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All SDRA Members are invited!

When: Saturday July 8

Where: Barrie Township Hall, next to the Cloyne Museum

9:30 - 10:00: Meet & Greet

10:00-12:00: Formal Meeting

12:00-1:00: Hot dog BBQ sponsored by Foodland.



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Please join us on Saturday July 8th for our annual general meeting. The meeting will be held in the Barrie Township Hall, with coffee at 9:30 am and the formal meeting beginning at 10:00 am. Parking is available and there will be raffle prizes and a bbq lunch. The AGM is a great opportunity to hear about what the board has been up to and some great topics of interest. The AGM agenda and proposed board slate will be circulated, by email, prior to the meeting.

2022 AGM TAKEAWAYS

After two years of meeting only online, we were back in person for the 2022 AGM. It was well attended and the Barrie Township Hall was a great venue. We also ran the AGM online to maximize attendance and we had some great feedback on how well that worked, so we will aim to do so again.

We heard from guest speakers from the Land O' Lakes Lions Club and the Cloyne and District Historical Society; two very active organizations in our community. The lake health update presented a couple of comments from members. One question was about the source of e.coli around Wolf Creek. Lake Steward, Martha Warriner, explained that the leading cause of e.coli would be linked to septic systems and recommended that property owners assess their systems to make sure they are working properly and are regularly cleaned out. Another referenced a septic dying program used at another lake. This approach is not needed as the data does not support this intervention. Jim Chinnick provided an in-depth update on the forest management plan and the SDRA's involvement in the issue resolution process. While the SDRA did not get the level of response we were hoping for, we will continue to work on this file. The topic of salvage operations following the May derecho, was brought up. Since the AGM, the ministry has approved salvage operations along several primary roadways.

It was great to talk with many members at the AGM and during the bbq. Hopefully we'll see more of you there this year.

CURRENT BOARD SLATE:

Position	Current
President	Joel Arthurs
Vice-President	Marianne Plumb
Treasurer	John Coombs
Secretary	Carla Baetz
Lake Steward	Martha Warriner
Webmaster	Ben Koehler
Communications	Christie Arthurs
Director	Jim Chinnick
Director	Bill Blake
Director (up to 11 more)	<i>Vacant</i>

AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU... NANCY KALLINA



As a volunteer board, sometimes we don't have the expertise to cover all the bases that are needed to run all of the aspects of the SDR, or all of the many programs and events. There is one person who consistently steps up again and again to help us fill the gaps. In the past, Nancy Kallina not only served on the board as Treasurer for years, but since leaving the board she has remained incredibly active in lending a hand. So

much of what she does is behind the scenes, and often goes unseen, but is still so very valuable: helping us file our first tax returns, organizing and running the previous lake festivals, organizing the immense task of mailing the newsletters, and most recently, developing and running the Treasure Hunt. Nancy, you're a remarkable member of our community, and we can't express our gratitude enough for all you've done. THANK YOU for your continued, active involvement in our lake community.

2022-2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

By John Coombs

Operating Statement for year ending March 31

	Notes:	2023	2022
Revenue			
Membership Revenue	1	7,893	8,130
Newsletter Advertising	2	2,055	2,040
Boat Launch Intake		944	899
Merchandise sales	3	0	1,312
Interest		128	88
Total Revenue		11,020	12,469
Expenses			
Communication	4	3,499	4,065
Member Events	5	1,471	221
Stewardship	6	2,134	1,697
Community Relations		500	500
Lot and Launch Maintenance	7	900	800
Administration	8	640	828
Insurance	9	2,256	1,981
Assets	10	734	0
Total Expenses		12,134	10,092
Net Revenue over Expenses (Surplus/Deficit)		(1,114)	2,377

Opening Cash Position (excluding Fireworks fund)	24,637
Closing Cash Position (excluding Fireworks fund)	<u>23,523</u>

Fireworks Fund

Opening	240
Contributions	5,595
Event cost	<u>(5,650)</u>
Closing Fireworks Fund	<u>185</u>
Closing Cash including Fireworks Fund	<u>23,708</u>

Notes:

- 1) 198 paid memberships received during the year, including 6 new families.
- 2) Total of 31 individual advertisements placed.
- 3) Calendar project outsourced in 2022-2023
- 4) Outsourced calendar expenses partially offset by website hosting renewal costs.
- 5) AGM (in-person and virtual), Pot Luck, and Treasure Hunt events.
- 6) Bi-annual extended water testing costs and FOCA
- 7) Trail's End lot maintenance
- 8) Director registration, Zoom renewal, Paypal charges
- 9) 3% insurance rate increase, cyber protection coverage added
- 10) Replacement of projector equipment

2023 EVENTS

Please note these are the *planned events*. Please stay tuned to communications from the board for any changes

Canada Day Festivities

Annual General Meeting



Boat Parade and Dock Decorating Contest July 1st at 10:00 am

Time will be confirmed by a POP closer to the date
Starting in Jacques Bay
Decorate your boat and docks, then take pictures and send them in!

Saturday July 8

9:30 Meet & Greet
10:00 am meeting start

Location: Barrie Township Hall

Join us for SDRRA updates, meet the board, and ask questions.

We are also hoping to provide an online option as well, for those unable to or uncomfortable joining us in person. Please stay tuned for further information and links

Ron and Esther's Potluck

Fireworks

July 29

Annual Pot Luck at
1191 Hughes Landing
Road - hosted by Ron
Nowell and Esther
Demczak.



Saturday
September
2nd at 8:30 pm
Causeway

A farewell to
summer



Annual Food Drives

Lake Festival



Labour Day Weekend
and Thanksgiving
Weekend

Hwy 41 and
Skootamatta Lake Rd

The SDRRA will be
collecting for the
Cloyne Food Bank

RETURNING FOR 2023!

August 12 at Trail's End

Stay tuned to board
communications for further details
about events and timing

2022 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



1st Place:

John Dougan
Humming Bird



2nd Place:

Marian White
October Morning Paddle

3rd Place:

Joanne Volpe
Afternoon's Last Light

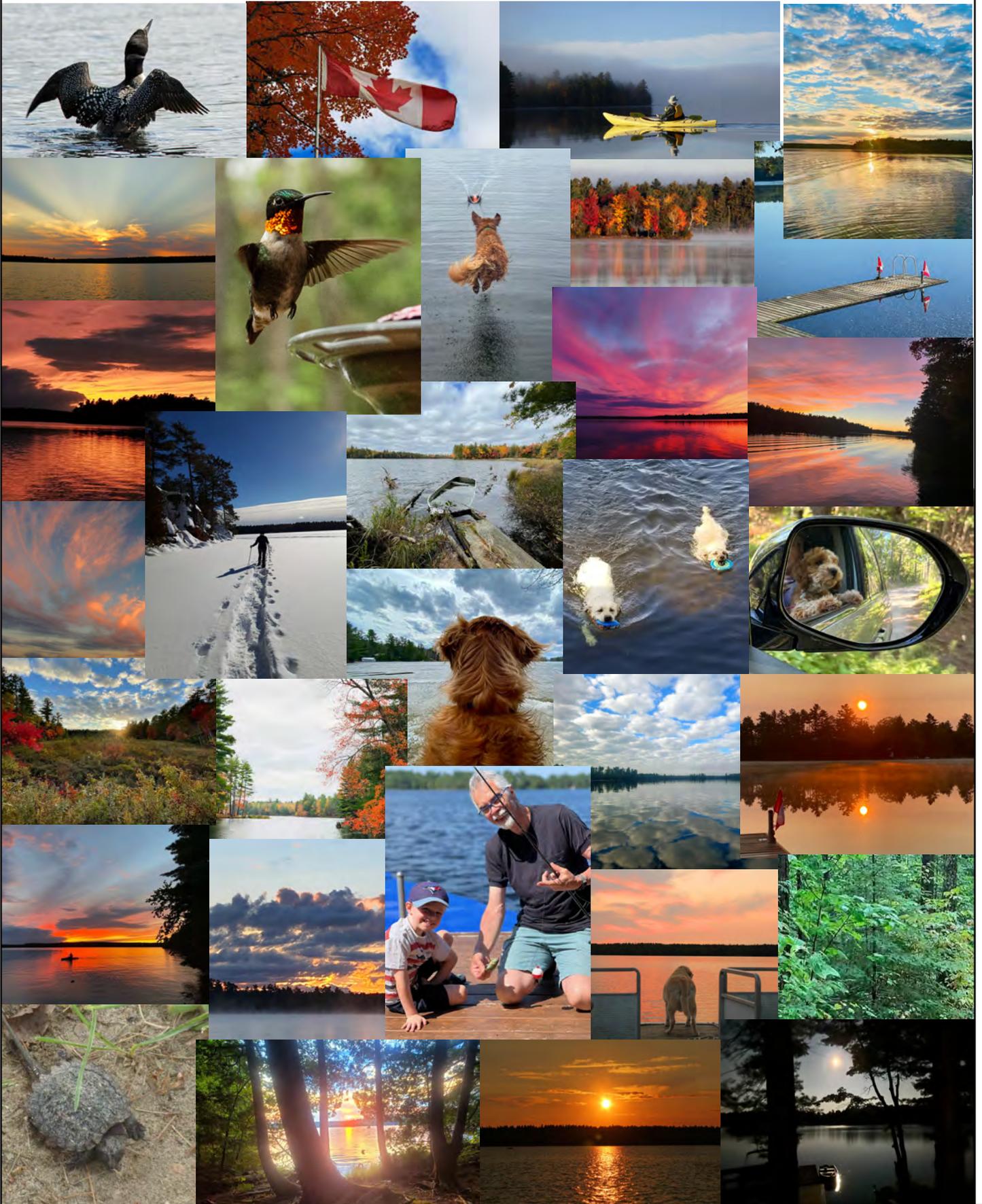


Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2022 photo contest by submitting pictures or by voting! Once again, it was a phenomenal year for photos, with so many spectacular shots. Check them all out on the 2-page photo collage spread.

2022 PHOTO CONTEST COLLAGE



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2022 TREASURE HUNT

By Nancy Kallina



In Summer 2022, amid ongoing concerns about gatherings, we decided to pause the Lake Festival again and instead run the Treasure Hunt event for a second year.

Throughout the summer, we moved our treasure box to five different locations around the lake; a few were water access only

while others were accessible by foot. The prizes ranged from food treats to art crafts. The comments from the participants were positive and expressed appreciation.

Approximately ten children found each treasure box, and a few children even found them all. The Organizer loved reading the notes, even those that grumbled about the challenge and terrain. Heck, the Organizer is not a spring chicken either ...



Thanks to everyone who participated!



LOONS AT RISK **By Christie Arthurs**

The tires crunch on the gravel below you. As you cut the engine, the silence hits you in a way that never sounds quite the same in the city. It is already dark. You've been driving for a couple of hours, so you're a bit stiff. As you get out of the car and stretch your back, you think about all that you need to do to settle in: Luggage out of the car, empty the food bags and cooler into the fridge, let the dog out to do her business and have a stretch too. As you stand there, mentally going through your checklist of what needs to happen before you can go to sleep, you hear it. The one sound that makes you realize you've finally arrived. You exhale a breath you didn't know you were holding. The loons have welcomed you home.

There's nothing quite so emblematic of the cottage, right? We hear them all the time, sometimes so often that we don't even really register it. We hear them on our arrival, or when we're lying in bed at night with the windows open and the trees faintly rustling in the breeze like mellow backup singers to these majestic birds. Mostly we notice them in the evenings or at night, but they're surely there in the morning and afternoon too.

What if one day they weren't there?

What if one day you realized that you hardly ever heard them anymore? That their hauntingly beautiful warbles and cries had just gradually faded off, and were now a rarity?

Who would welcome you home?

We've been so blessed on Skootamatta with a relatively healthy and thriving loon population for as long as most of us have been coming to the lake. But, that may not be the case for our children, or our children's children. Loon populations across Canada are in decline.

Maybe this isn't news to you like it was to me. Last summer, while driving up to the cottage, I was listening to the Cottage Life Podcast and heard about it for the first time. I was shocked, and as a lifelong-loon-lover, heartbroken. I immediately decided that I needed to do more research so I could share what I learned. What I found wasn't good news.

Birds Canada runs a citizen science monitoring program, keeping track of Canadian birds. Part of their program is the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey,

and they've been collecting data for over 40 years. What they have found is that the loon population is declining significantly. Loon population productivity is measured in the number of chicks that a breeding pair is able to raise to six weeks of age. To maintain a stable population, each pair must produce at least 0.48 six-week-old juvenile loons per breeding season (typically a loon pair will only have one or two chicks per season). If the number drops below this threshold, the population declines. Across most of the Canadian loon population, we are getting close to that threshold. The highest rate of decline is in the Atlantic provinces. Ontario, British Columbia, and the prairies are still above 0.48, and in Quebec, the population is holding steady. Researchers are not yet entirely sure what is causing the differences in the regional population numbers. But, we do know that loons are extremely vulnerable to human activity, so their summer and winter locations matter.

It's not just limited to Canadian lakes and loons either. At the same time that the Birds Canada data was being analyzed, a study was being done in Wisconsin through the National Loon Centre. This study was in a targeted area of Wisconsin, and started in 1993. This study confirmed the findings of the Birds Canada study: the loon populations are declining - loons are having fewer chicks, and of those that hatch, they are smaller and less likely to survive.

Now, the researchers behind both studies - and other loon researchers - are sharing their data and trying to determine more about what's causing the decline. They have formed the Northeastern Loon Study Working Group, and have a hypothesis for what they believe is at the root of the problem. It's called the "Acid mercury climate hypothesis." Essentially, they believe that it is not just one thing causing this population decline. Rather, it's the combination of several factors that overlap, and together are making loons vulnerable.

Acid Rain

This was something we heard a lot about decades ago, and less so recently. But it is still a problem, because acid rain inherently contains toxic metals, and the lakes that were impacted have had their bacterial composition change, harming the food chain. In particular, fish stocks were destroyed and have not recovered. Their growth and reproduction have been harmed, which means that the main food source for the loons is compromised.

Mercury

Mercury is a byproduct of the use and combustion of fossil fuels. As it's released into the air, it makes its way into the lakes, and becomes a neurotoxin. This directly affects loon populations, because mercury poisoning causes adult loons to become more lethargic, and affects their ability to care for their chicks adequately. They do not spend as long nurturing their eggs or the chicks once they're hatched, they are unable to defend against predators effectively, and less able to hunt to feed their chicks. Juvenile loons are directly impacted by the mercury as well, as it weakens their immune systems, and makes it harder for them to avoid predators.

Climate Change

Climate change is related to both the acid rain and the mercury issues, and will magnify the problems caused by both. Water temperatures and levels will rise, and the chemistry of the lakes will further change. Habitats will be destroyed by changing shorelines, and all of this disruption will cause the food chain to change irreparably. We don't yet fully know or understand all of the impacts that this will have, but they are sure to be significant. Climate change also causes more extreme weather events, such as storms and heavy rains. Heavier rains can make the water murkier (less clarity), making it more difficult for loons to hunt. The rain also gives a boost to the blackfly population, which is reason enough! However, there is one particular species of blackfly that harasses loons to the point that they will

abandon their nesting sites to seek relief. Furthermore, loons are especially vulnerable to environmental change, because even if the conditions are no longer ideal, they will return again and again to the same locations, because that is their defended territory.

This is awful! What do we do?!

As cottagers, we're lucky because we are actually in the position of being able to help (or at least to help not make it worse). Here are a few of the recommendations for what we can do to help enhance the protective factors for loons on our lake:

- Change your boating habits (even in a canoe):
 - Recreational activities are highly disruptive to the loons living on the lake, and directly impacts the loon families and eventually the population.
 - First and foremost, when you're on the water **stay away from the loons**. The recommended berth is 100 metres. Please don't try to get closer just to get that photo. You might unintentionally be separating the adults from the young, or causing the adults to panic and flee. Separation puts the young at risk from predators or starvation. They need space. And if you think about it, who wants their personal space infringed upon, and who wants a photographer getting between them and their babies. As a new mom, I sure don't!
 - Wakes can wash out a nest, or stir up sediment making it difficult for loons to feed. If you have a boat that throws a large wake, only run at high speed in the deep parts of the lake. The general recommendation is 200 metres from shore, and to be in 8 metres of water or deeper. This is also just courteous to your neighbours.
 - Slow down - collisions with loons are not that uncommon, and once again, a collision separates the young from their parents, and puts them at risk.
- Look at your shoreline and make the necessary changes:
 - Shorelines should be naturalized. The ones that are developed destroy ideal nesting sites for loons. They also create conditions that are not ideal for fish to spawn in.
 - Leave a wide buffer of natural vegetation in place to create safe nesting areas, and help prevent erosion and runoff. The recommended buffer is 8 metres deep from the shoreline.
 - Leave vegetation that hangs over the water in place. This provides shade for the water, and a cooler area underneath that can be a good habitat for wildlife and fish. Fish can spawn in the cooler water, and this is a key part of a lake's ecosystem. Notably, it provides support for the fish population, which is the main food source for loons.
 - Besides, natural shorelines are prettier anyway - think about all that beautiful undeveloped crown land, and how stunning it is from the water.
- Reduce the impact of climate change on loon populations by minimizing your own carbon footprint:
 - Use fewer fossil fuels (or items that require fossil fuels for their use).
 - Choose sources of renewable energy.
 - Buy less, reuse, and repurpose more.
 - Substitute meat with more plant-based food sources.
 - Plant more trees and plants, and naturalize your properties (not just your shoreline).
- Be a loon advocate
 - Make your neighbours aware of the risks, harms, what's at stake, and what can be done.
 - Participate in the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey. You can join here: birdscanada.org/loons

Loons have always been an important part of my identity. I associate them with camping, cottaging, canoeing, and just the wild in general. I imagine that many of us feel the same way - especially if all that loon artwork and paraphernalia I see around others' cottages is any indication. They have always held a prominent place in my memories of growing up going to Algonquin Park, and now going to Skootamatta as an adult. This year, I have a new son and I want him to have the same memories. I want him to laugh at his parents trying to mimic the loon call, as I laughed at mine. When he hears a loon cry from his bed at the cottage, I want him to lie quietly in awe and wonder of this majestic bird. When he grows up, I want him to associate that sound with a happy childhood and feeling at home in the wild. If he chooses to be a parent one day, I hope that sound is still echoing - and not only through his memories - so that he can teach his children about his love for these wonderful creatures.

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ANNUAL POTLUCK: 2022 REVIEW

Our annual potluck was back this year on August 20th and the day was just perfect. Everyone enjoyed the chance to get together once again. The food choices were outstanding and Ron and Esther were unbelievable hosts. While Ron couldn't remember exactly, he did say the potluck has been running for well more than 20 years. Thank you to Ron and Esther for a great day, and thank you to Paul Lindsay who ran the annual ladder golf tournament. Congratulations to our 2022 Champions Frank and Jan Schram! (Pictured, right)





GREAT CANADIAN SKOOTAMATTA ICE CONTEST

The Great Canadian Skootamatta Ice Contest was once again incredibly popular, with 113 guesses this year. The official ice-out date was Friday, April 14. Congratulations to Mike Longo, Wim Kool, Caroline Saunders & David Maclellan and Bob Perin whose guesses were bang on. We will have a run off at the AGM in July to determine the number one winner.

2022 CANADA DAY DOCK DECORATING



The weather was not particularly cooperative for our Canada Day 2022 festivities, resulting in a postponement of the boat parade and dock decorating contest.

Despite the hiccups, we had some fun and festive entries into the contest this year, and we awarded two winners: Congratulations to the Chomisky family, and to Rhonda Cummings at the Winslow Cottage on your displays!

LAND O'LAKES GARDEN CLUB



The Land O' Lakes Garden Club is now in its 16th year and has almost 100 members which is an amazing achievement for a community as small as ours. We all share a love of gardening and we got through the Covid years by holding virtual meetings and continuing on with our outdoor projects uninterrupted. These include planting 34 Planter Boxes in early June, planting and maintaining the gardens and planters at Pine Meadow Nursing Home, the Cloyne Pioneer Cemetery the Community Halls in Cloyne and Harlowe.



Last year we created a new garden at Benny Park in Cloyne to commemorate the indigenous children lost to the Residential School system, a place of healing for survivors. On September 29th and 30th of 2022 we had all classes at NAEC visit this garden to meet with our Métis advisor, Tawny Stowe who explained the

significance of the plants chosen for the Medicine Wheel garden. The sounds drumming and songs on those two days was very moving.

We will be holding our annual Plant Sale on May 27th, always a very popular event so please plan on buying your tomato plants locally and support our club projects. We will also have lots of perennials for sale at very reasonable prices, hostas are our specialty.

We have a great lineup of speakers from April to October, our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of these months at 7:00pm at the Barrie Hall in Cloyne. Please check out our website, Land O' Lakes Garden Club, to see the details of our events and check out our great speaker's lineup. Please accept our invitation to join us at our meetings and remember, you do not need to be a gardener to join our club.



These photos and more can be found on the Land O'Lakes Garden Club Website: <https://landolakesgardenclub.com/>

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AIR FORCE CAMP HISTORY

By Bill Blake

In 1950 there were no cottages on the upper lake of Lake Skootamatta. There was, however, a group of abandoned buildings that had been built by the T.A. Wilson Lumber Company as a camp to support the Lumber Mill they had operated on the lower lake near Trail's End. The buildings were on the south shore, just around the point from the current upper lake boat launch.

The lumber camp was on Crown Land which had been leased to T.A. Wilson. With the closure of the mill, the camp was no longer needed and in 1950 the company was approached by the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), which wanted to establish a survival training facility for their servicemen.

Although we don't know why the Air Force chose Skootamatta, it was undoubtedly partly because of the easy fly-in accessibility provided by its proximity to CFB Trenton. When approached by the Air Force, the T.A. Wilson company, in a letter dated April 1st, 1950 wrote:



A map showing the sites of the Air Force camp (red) and the Wickett cottage (blue)



Two of the five structures that were on the site in 1950
(Library and Archives Canada)

"We constructed the camps mentioned in your letter and still own the camps but of course do not own the property as this is owned by the Department of Lands and Forests of the Province of Ontario and we only had the right to build camps on this property for logging purposes.

These camps cost us over \$3000 to construct, but we will sell these camps and other buildings for \$500."

The Air Force then approached the Department of Lands and Forests who, in a letter dated April 19th, 1950, offered to

"permit occupation of the site for training purposes under the authority of a land use permit for an indefinite period at an annual rental of \$10.00 providing of course that you can make arrangements for the use of the buildings at the site."

Arrangements were finalized, the ownership of the buildings was transferred to the RCAF and a lease was signed with the Department of Lands and Forest.

While we don't know what year the camp first offered survival training, what we do know is that in its own way the establishment of the camp led to the construction of the first cottage on the upper lake. Marni Laird (Wickett) recalls that her father, Doc Wickett, who was serving in the RCAF, first visited Skootamatta when he accompanied a group of servicemen there.

"My father was leading a group of servicemen in a survival camp when they found the sandy beach (on the north shore) where he later built the cottage. I believe they were dropped off at the Air Force camp but had the impression they spent most of their time on the peninsula near the beach. We would occasionally find remnants of their visit. The beach was covered in logs and it was a while before they realized it was sandy."

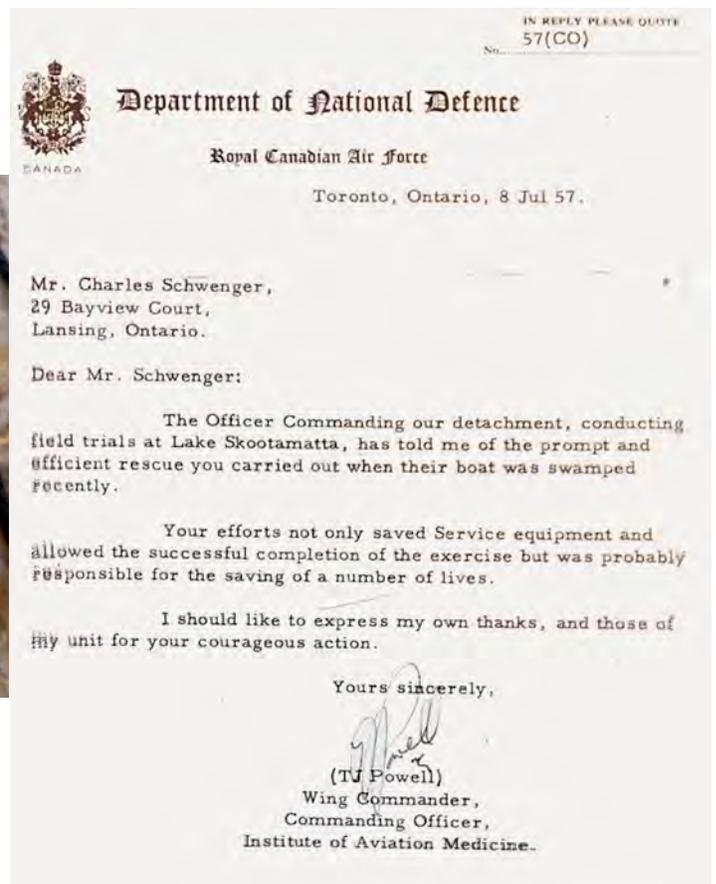
The Wicketts were able to buy the property and Marni remembers that they camped on the beach for the first two years and that the logs were sufficiently big that they were able to use them to build a log room off the cabin they built on their land. She believes their cabin was built in 1952 or 1953 so that means that the RCAF camp was up and running shortly after the buildings were acquired in 1950.

Don Little, whose family built cottages on Jacques Bay in the early 50s, allowed the RCAF to keep an aluminum open boat on their beach. It was very distinctive, with large Air Force roundels on either side of the bow, and it was very fast.

Debbie Suddick (Schwenger) writes that in 1957, with a storm raging, her father, Charles Schwenger, a long-time cottager and retired Royal Navy fighter pilot, spotted a boat in distress from his cottage on Osborne Point. He launched his own boat into the storm to rescue the occupants, who turned out to be a group of servicemen from the camp. The RCAF was very grateful for his actions and his courage. In appreciation, they sent him a letter of commendation and a military compass with an engraved brass plaque on it.



The Air Force Acknowledges Charles Schwenger



NAVAL DIVISIONS

HMCS York

Two officers from *York* joined the RCAF for winter bush survival exercises early in March. It was two days after they got back before they thawed out enough to make a report.

Four members of the Toronto naval division were originally scheduled to head for the bush with the Air Force, but Lt. W. Wilson and PO H. Hanson couldn't make it at the last minute.

Cdr. Tim Turner and Lt. Don Dowds braved it alone with 20 "fly types".

They saw three RCAF survival movies and received plenty of instruction before they headed north from Trenton in RCAF Otters.

Complete with Arctic sleeping bags and winter flying suits, the group landed at Lake Skootamatta, 100 miles north of Trenton. They were issued with RCAF emergency rations in case the rabbit snaring didn't get results.

The two intrepid sailors shuffled off on snow shoes through three feet of snow, sub-zero cold, and air filled with the cold-snapping of trees. They built themselves a lean-to and fire, just as it said in the book, but their rabbit snares stayed barren.

Their 24 hours in the bush left Cdr. Turner and Lt. Dowds chilly, a little lighter, but otherwise undamaged, when the RCAF returned them to the arms of their families.—P.W.

The camp wasn't only used in the summer, and not only by RCAF personnel, as this article from the Naval Journal, the Crowsnest, of June 1962 shows (pictured, right).

Bill Macan, whose family owned what then known as the Loon Lake Lodge, remembers the camp well.

"The camp was a favourite stop for me, during my many days fishing at that end of the Lake. It had a long and wonderful dock that came out from about the centre of the bay. Inside the building there were some military items such as ropes, parachutes, extinguishers, sleeping bags, etc. But, of most interest to me, was a trap door that exposed a large wooden crate. It was filled with cans and bottled goods. I can remember taking some Cow Brand corned beef and cooling some bottles of pop with a fire extinguisher.

Back then, the fish were more plentiful, and a few times, by coincidence, there were trainees there when I was fishing. I had a stringer of fish and welcomed the opportunity to give some to them."

Northbrook resident Wayne Marsh was a senior crewman who worked as a survival training instructor at the camp in the 60s. At that time the camp was being run by the pararescue unit of 102 KU (Composite Squadron), which later transitioned to the 424 (City of Hamilton) Transport and Rescue Squadron based at CFB Trenton. Their Single Otters would land on the lake and the dock was long enough to have two Otters tied up, one on either side, at the same time. As it was a two-hour flight to Trenton, the planes would often use the camp as a base for four or five days at a time.



A Single Otter and Albatross, Similar to the Planes That Would Have Supported the Skootamatta Camp, (DND Photo PCN 70-493)

The camp was the base for conducting pilot and spotter training, on the ground and in the air and Wayne ran classes for ground search spotters and crewmen from the Squadron. To give the spotters something to look for from the air, a wing from a wrecked Otter was dropped on top of a cliff on the north shore of the upper lake. Classes that were offered on the ground included instruction on using a compass and map and ground search, including looking for abandoned campsites, campfires that were out and signs of movement through the bush. Training was offered in the summer and winter, with the Otters equipped with floats or skis, to allow them to land on the lake in any season.

Wayne and his campmates were able to put their search and rescue skills to use when they heard the yells of three hunters whose boat had been swamped and sunk in a storm. They were able to find the hunters and one of their dogs where they had managed to scramble ashore. Unfortunately, a second dog had drowned when their boat sank.

In the late 60s the camp was also visited by the larger Albatross flying boats. By this time many cottages had been built on the Narrows, Jacques Bay and the Upper Lake and the arrival of an Albatross always drew a crowd of interested cottagers when the planes announced their presence by doing a surface surveillance run prior to landing.

Wayne believes that the camp was closed in 1968 or 1969. At that time, and in accordance with the terms of the lease, the buildings were removed, to leave the property in its natural state. Why it was closed, we don't know, but it could have been because the upper lake was no longer the wilderness that it had been when the camp was first commissioned.

Today little remains of the Air Force camp. But, if you go close in-shore, and look down through the water, you can still see some of the rocks from the crib that were used as the foundation for the dock, a last reminder of the logging and Air Force camps of Lake Skootamatta.

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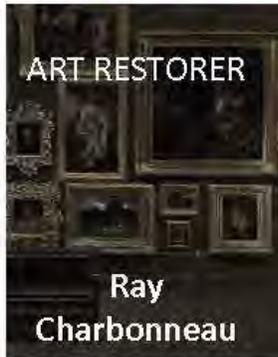
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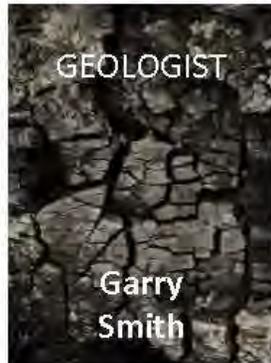


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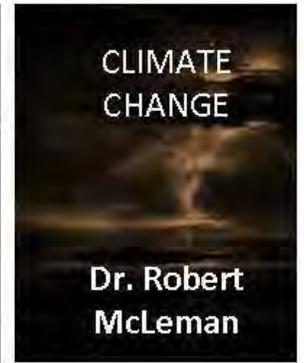


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If you have any questions, contact Beth or Shane Buck 613-661-2449 or 613-661-4419
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THE UNFORGETTABLE LONG WEEKEND

The May long weekend of 2022 will not be soon forgotten. A dangerous and high-impact storm called a Derocho tore across Ontario, causing widespread destruction. Our area was hit particularly hard, leaving homes, cottages, cars, and boats damaged or destroyed, the power out and roads blocked.

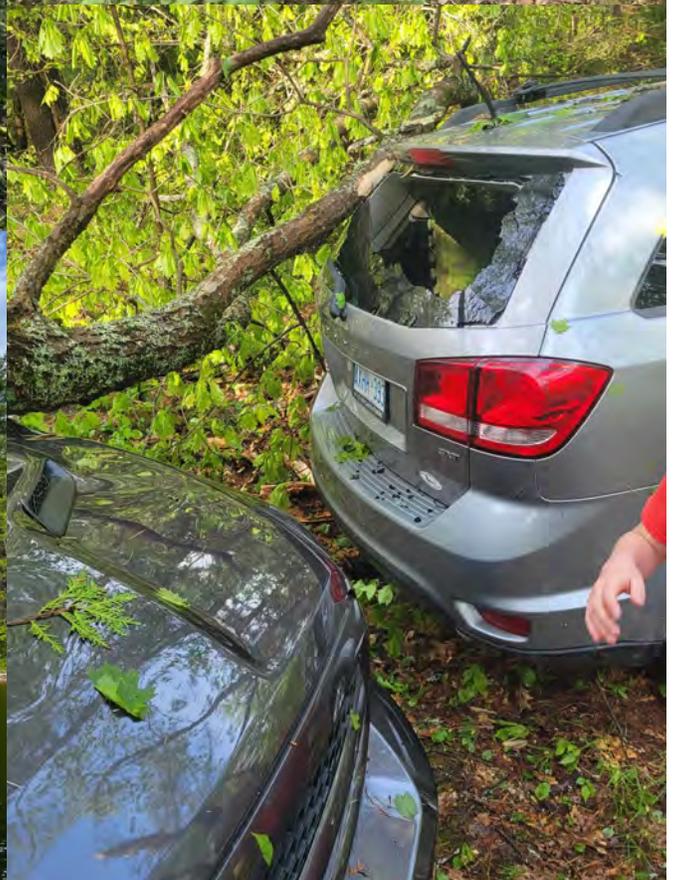
While each person and family experienced the effects of this storm differently, we were all impacted one way or another. But despite the terrifying moments of the storm itself, and the jaw-dropping realities after, there was one thing that really stood out: The way this community rallied and looked after one another.

Moments after the



storm ended, neighbours were out checking on one another. Within a couple of hours, the roads had been made passable again by community members working together with trucks and chainsaws. And throughout the summer, stories were told about how everyone helped each other with the clean up.

Thank you - to all of you - for making this a wonderful community. For being the neighbours that we can all rely on. And for helping pull each other through time and time again.



THE TRUE TREE HUGGERS By Carla Baetz



Those of us fortunate enough to have cottages often overlook the effects of a storm on campers. Although many of us suffered significant cottage and car damage, and the loss of countless trees on our property, I believe the Astle family's experience trumps all. Robin, Steve and Derick, and friend Hilary Beurling, may have endured the most horror during that storm of May 2022. If you had seen the debris left on the site where the Astle family had pitched their tent, you would have gasped in disbelief. How did they survive? The answer may be that someone was looking over the family... keeping them safe.

Word of the storm first made its way to the campers via a text from Robin's sister. She was concerned that a storm may affect her family, especially given that they were tenting at the far end of beautiful Skootamatta Lake. Robin and her sister had recently lost their mother, and the family was attempting to find some solace by enjoying the calm and beauty of nature.

The morning was just that... beautiful, warm and sunny, and Steve and his son had just returned from a short fishing trip. A few rain droplets led the family to tie down the flaps on the kitchen tent in preparation for the shower. They settled in, waiting for the rain to pass. But Mother Nature had other plans.

Within moments, pelting rain started to blast down like bullets shot from a machine gun. Huge evergreens began to crash around the campsite and blasts of thunder and howling wind began to shake the flimsy canvas. Derick bravely set out to survey the damage, but immediately yelled to the trembling trio to get out of the tent. As they emerged, they were met with hurricane force winds and toppling trees. In an effort to stay grounded, the four held tightly to a massive pine they dubbed the, "Safety Tree." Within moments, it too began to quake. A massive limb broke loose and, as it fell towards Hilary's head, Steve knocked it away... it vanished with a gust of wind. The only way to safety was to run the twenty feet to the lake where floating trees, roiling waves and lightning were deemed to be a safer alternative to the war zone they had narrowly escaped.

Life jackets securely fastened, the foursome headed out in their vessel where they headed to their friends, Cory Patfield and Deb Gardner, in the Narrows. As they arrived on their friends' dock, the sun emerged and shell shock began to set in. As Robin and Hilary couldn't stop shaking, Steve and Derick returned to the war zone with their friend Cory to survey the





damage. It was a state of absolute destruction but perhaps the most horrific sight was the “Safety Tree” that had crushed the kitchen tent and all of its contents. Chairs, tables, coolers and even cell phones were crushed beneath the monstrous tree. Clearly, had they chosen to remain in the tent, all four would have perished.

As the men tried to clean up the site as best as they could, friendly cottagers arrived in boats asking if any help was needed and to ensure everyone was ok. The campers’ response was that they were thankful to be alive. Robin wanted to thank an additional someone... as this harrowing incident was

unfolding, she knew in her heart that her mother was looking down, keeping them all safe. It wasn’t their time ... not yet.



MAZINAW LAKE SWIM PROGRAM

The Mazinaw Lake Swim Program operates under the umbrella of Land O’Lakes Community Services, administered by a 5-person volunteer committee. Entering its 51st year, the MLSP teaches children aged 4 and up how to swim, have fun and be safe in the water. One-hour lessons, including bus transportation to and from the park, are offered to residents and visitors alike at Bon Echo over the first four weeks of summer, including Lifesaving Society lessons from Level 1 through 9 and Bronze Star, Medallion, and Cross. Registration details will be available on the website at www.mazinawlakeswim.com, or contact them at mazinawlakeswimprogram@gmail.com.

The MLSP is also looking for qualified staff with Bronze Cross, Lifesaving Instructor, or National Lifeguard certification.



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LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT

By Martha Warriner

The May 2022 Derecho that tore through the area had a significant effect on our members and many are still trying to recover from its destruction. It was so inspiring to see our lake community rally together to support each other during the clean-up efforts.

A major storm event can have a significant impact on the health of a lake ecosystem. Storms often cause large amounts of organic matter, such as leaves and vegetation, to be washed into the lake, impacting the water quality and clarity. A major storm also causes physical damage to the shorelines and wildlife habitats around the lake. The resulting damage can alter the functionality and health of the lake ecosystem which may take a significant amount of time to recover. It is important to understand and monitor the impact of storm events on lake health so that necessary actions can be taken to minimize any negative effects and promote the long-term sustainability of the lake ecosystem.

Test results from the bi-annual testing on our lake are very encouraging. These samples were collected in early August, after the Derecho swept through our region. We see some small year over year differences that are most likely part of the natural variability present in an aquatic ecosystem. The E. coli results were very low and well below the standard for recreational water quality, which is set at 100 cfu/mL. Our Calcium levels remain outside the optimal growth requirement range for Zebra Mussel proliferation. We saw a slight increase in phosphorus levels of which potential sources can be natural or human led activities. Sources can include waterfowl waste, run-off of pet waste, fertilizer and detergents, faulty septic systems, and plant matter decomposition.

Some small changes were made to the sampling sites with the elimination of the North East Bay Sampling point due to its close proximity to another sampling site and the addition of a new sampling point – Killer Creek inlet in the Upper Lake. Monitoring and sampling the major inlet waters helps us to better understand the health of the lake and detect any changes or potential threats to our water quality.

By working together and investing in these important efforts, we can help preserve the beauty and sustainability of Lake Skootamatta for generations to come. Looking forward to the 2023 season, our SDRA volunteers will be out once again sampling and collecting data for the Lake Partners and Water Rangers programs. If you see us sampling in your area, stop by and say hello. We are always interested in hearing your questions and sharing those wonderful lake stories!

2022 Water Quality Results

The SDRA has 3 sampling programs to help monitor water quality:

1. The Lake Partner Program is a free province-wide water quality monitoring program utilizing 5 test sites to monitor for total phosphorus in late spring, and water clarity readings through the summer.
2. The Water Rangers Program is a non-profit program that offers easy to use test kits and an open data platform. The data platform makes it easy to upload, share, and view data across all users and sites. Testing is usually completed in May, July/August and September for air and water temperatures, alkalinity, pH, conductivity, chloride, hardness, dissolved oxygen and water clarity.
3. The bi-annual testing program is an internal SDRA program using 10 sampling sites around the lake. The samples are normally collected in July or August and analyzed at an external laboratory for bacteriological and chemical analysis.

Table 1: Skootamatta Water E.coli Results

	E.coli Result		
	2020	2021	2022
Upper Lake Boat	0	1	1
Jacques Bay	2	2	0
Narrows South End	2	0	2
Sheldrake Boat	6	6	1
Causeway	7	6	1
Oborne Back Bay	3	0	0
Killer Creek	n/a	n/a	9
Trail's End	5	6	0
Wolf Creek	7	3	3
Henniger Road	5	25	0

**cfu (colony forming units) per 100mL water sample

Table 2: Skootamatta Water Chemistry Results

		Site Location Results		
		2017	2020	2022
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	as N mg/L	0.5	0.656	0.4
Ammonia+Ammonium	as N mg/L	0.1	0.2	<0.1
Chloride	mg/L	1	<1	0.82
Hardness	mg/L as	16.05	15.56	14.94
Calcium (total)	mg/L	4.94	4.92	4.62
Iron (total)	mg/L	0.077	0.021	0.052
Potassium (total)	mg/L	0.612	0.716	0.619
Sodium (total)	mg/L	0.96	1.17	0.93
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	0.012	0.003	0.253

Figure 1: Lake Skootamatta Testing Locations



Blue Pins = Water Rangers and Bi-Annual Program Sites

Green Pins = Lake Partners Program Sites

INVASIVE SPECIES

By Martha Warriner

What is an invasive species?

An Invasive species is a plant, animal, or microorganism introduced to an area outside its normal range that lacks natural controls such as predators and disease. This allows it to spread and displace native plants and animals which in turn negatively impacts the native biodiversity, economy, and society. Once an invasive species is present, it can be extremely difficult to remove.

How do you report an invasive species sighting?

Reporting of an invasive species can be done directly through your smartphone via EDDMaps. This online user interface allows you to upload pictures and locations of the sighting which is then publicly accessible.

Some invasive species can be very similar in appearance to native species, making it hard to make a positive identification. If an invasive species is found, it is essential to consult Ontario's Best Management Practices or the Quinte Conservation Authority before attempting removal and management on your own. Improper removal can make a situation worse and cause further spread, so it is always best to seek out expert advice to confirm the species identity and next steps.

What can you do to help?

The majority of invasive species are unintentionally introduced or spread through human activity. Do your part by following these best practices:

- Always clean, drain and dry your watercraft and gear after use in a lake. This is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of invasive species, as they can easily cling to boats, trailers, and other equipment.

- Use native plants in landscaping and avoid introducing non-native plants or seeds that may carry invasive species. These non-native species can easily take over an area and crowd out native plants and wildlife.
- Be aware of common invasive species in your area and report any sightings. Reporting any sightings plays an important role in helping to manage and control these harmful species.

To date there is no formal invasive species surveillance program for our lake, so citizen scouting and reporting is necessary to determine if invasive species are present.

By being educated and taking preventative measures, we can work together to protect Lake Skootamatta and other area lakes from the harmful effects of invasive species. Data is very limited for our area, so reporting is key to identify potential issues!

What invasive species are present in surrounding areas and could pose a risk to Lake Skootamatta?



EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

Identification:

Identified by green leaves that circle the main stem in groups of 4 or 5. Each leaf has 12 or more thread-like segments, compared to the native Northern Water Milfoil which has 11 or fewer segments. Growing under the water surface they prefer shallow water, however they can root in water up to 10m in depth.

Feather-like green leaves circle the stem. Photo: Dave Britton

Impacts:

Reduces the diversity and displaces native species of aquatic plants. Dense patches can impact recreational enjoyments such as swimming, boating and fishing due to the possibility of entanglement. Decomposing plants can reduce the oxygen levels in the water impacting fish populations. They are very easily spread to new areas via water currents and boat disturbances.



SPINY WATER FLEA

Identification:

A tiny crustacean measuring only 1.5 cm in length. They have a single large black eye, an egg pouch on the top side of the abdomen, four pairs of legs and a long tail with barbs which makes up the majority of their total body length. They prefer large, deep clear lakes but can also be found in shallower depths. They swim towards the water surface at night to feed.

Impacts:

Their main diet is zooplankton which reduces the food supply for other small fish. They reproduce asexually so can multiply very quickly.



ZEBRA MUSSELS

Identification:

They average 2-2.5cm but can reach up to 4 cm in length. Triangular in shape, they are black or brown with white to yellow zigzagged patterns.

Impacts:

They filter water, removing food sources and altering food webs. Their filtration results in clearer water which can allow sunlight to penetrate deeper, increasing the growth of aquatic vegetation. They can heavily colonize hard and soft surfaces including docks, boats and pipes. They impact recreational activities such as swimming due to their hard, sharp shell posing a cut risk to swimmers.



EURASIAN REED/INVASIVE PHRAGMITES

Identification:

They prefer standing water and can grow up to 5 m tall. Identification can be difficult as native species of Phragmites are very similar in appearance. Invasive species of phragmites grown in very dense strands of up to 200 stems/sq m. The stems are tan/beige with blue-green leaves and dense seed heads.

Impacts:

A perennial grass that grows very aggressively displacing native plants. They release toxins from their roots into surrounding soil, reducing the growth of other plants and eventually killing them.

Photo: J.M Gilbert, MNR

Additional Resources:

Ontario Invasive Plant Council (Best Management Practices)

<https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/resources/best-management-practices/>

EDDMaps <https://www.eddmaps.org/>

Ontario Invasive Species Fact Sheets <https://www.ontario.ca/page/invasive-species-fact-sheets>

iNaturalist <https://www.inaturalist.org/home>

DSLPOA Eurasian Water Milfoil Educational Video! <https://vimeo.com/810673970>

LAND O'LAKES FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is experiencing a rise in the number of area people in need, and has again expressed its appreciation for all the support provided by the SDRA membership over the past year. In addition to member donations totalling almost \$3800, the Labour Day and Thanksgiving roadside food collections provided a substantial amount of valuable foodstuffs for distribution. Thanks to all who contributed!



COMMUNITY DONATION

We are once again pleased to have selected Land O'Lakes Community Services in Northbrook as the recipient of the SDRA's annual community donation. Many of you will be familiar with this non-profit community-based service agency that provides a range of health and social services to individuals and families living in the township of Addington Highlands and Ward I North Frontenac.

As highlighted in the LOLCS website (www.lolcs.com), the agency provides mobile outreach assistance and counselling through its Women's Program, developmental disability support through its Adult Protective Services and Supported Independent Living Program, and various support services for seniors, people with disabilities or illnesses, and caregivers through its Community Support Services Program. Some other programs now on offer include:

Backpack Program: starting each June, LOLCS works with The Salvation Army in Napanee to collect donations for all the back-to-school items

needed by area children to start their school year successfully in September.

Operation Warm Toes: in the Fall, LOLCS works with The Salvation Army to accept donations of new boots in order to keep outdoor winter activities safe and warm for children in need.

Naloxone Kits: LOLCS now distributes kits provided by Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health for individuals requiring assistance in dealing with opioid-related situations. Training on using the kits is also available.

Frozen Meals: from its offices in Northbrook, LOLCS offers frozen meals, sourced from Morning Star Mission in Napanee, to people in need.

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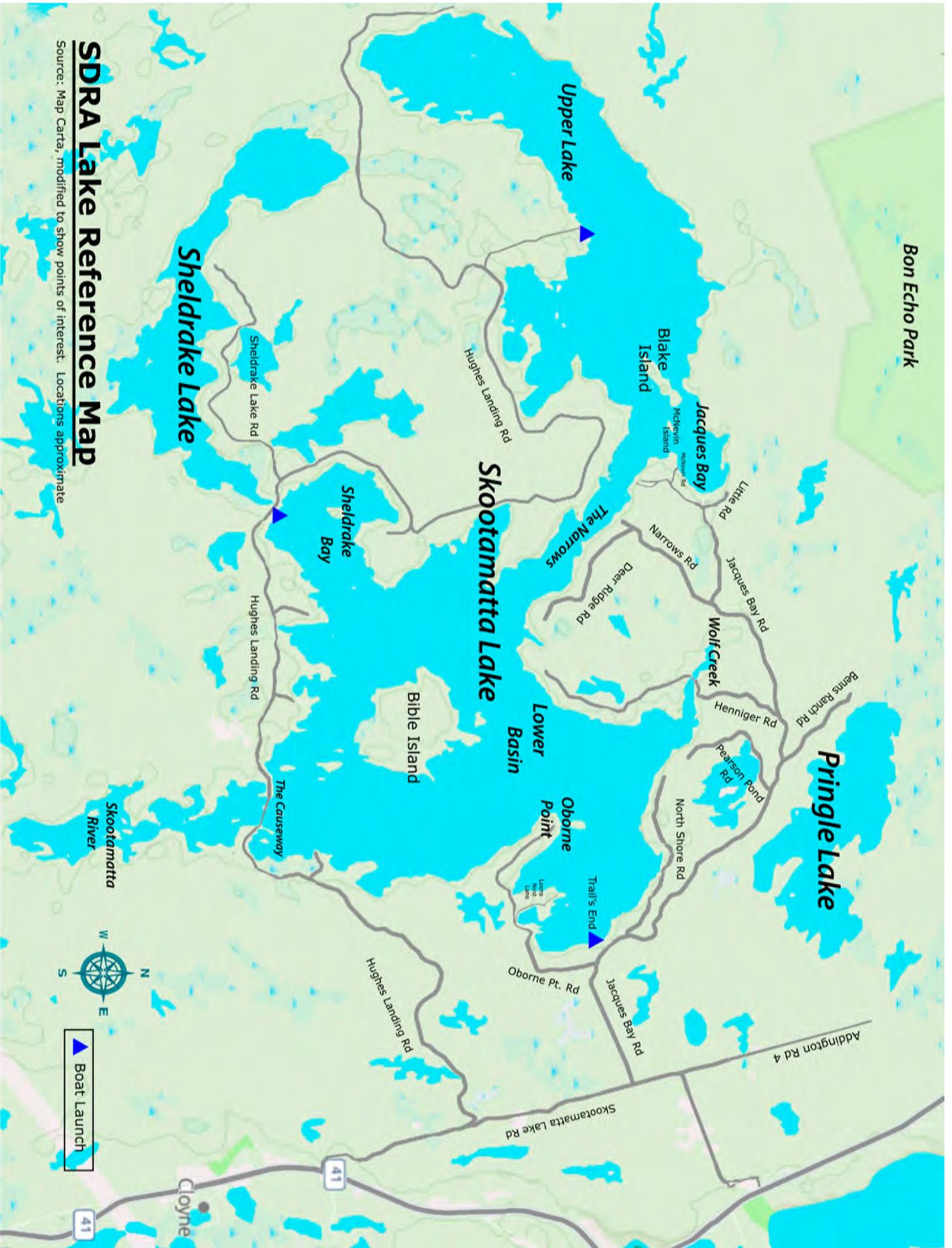
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