

Tidbits

- July 1st and Aug. 1st fireworks were a huge success!. Thanks to Doug Mahood for the use of his marina and grounds!
- The annual Rock bass fishing derby hauled 176lbs of rock bass out of our lake. The 12 teams did a great job including Keith Rodd who organized it.
- Did you know that Trent University and the MNR have worked together to develop a Kennis Lake Fisheries poster? Check it out at www.kennisis.ca
- The Tree and Shrub program is in effect again this year. Six species are available for order by checking the details at www.klcoa.ca
- Guiding principles for Norah's Is., Island C and Blueberry Is., are being developed. Thanks to the cottagers who are taking good care of these properties.

Kennis Lake Cottage Owners Association

AGM Well Attended

The Kennis Lake Board and Committee members welcomed a large membership at the annual fall meeting on Sept. 4th 2010 at the Haliburton Forest Seminar Room.

Our president, Bill Wiggins, opened the meeting while many subcommittees shared plenty of interesting information regarding the ongoing work of the various volunteers, all representing an interest in

the healthy well-being of KLCOA. Many reports are included in this newsletter. A guest speaker, Gordon MacKinnon, kindly took time to speak to us about the forgotten history of Kennis Lake.



Gordon reminded us about the importance of understanding how our Haliburton County

developed into a cottage resort after the land had changed hands many times. Additional facts follow on page one.

We were also reminded of the upcoming election for our local municipality. It was stressed that anyone who owns land is eligible to vote in their municipal election. Cottage owners were encouraged to exercise their right and vote in the recent election.

The Forgotten History of Lake Kennis *by G. MacKinnon*

" In 1859, the Crown Lands Department of the Province of Canada offered the townships for sale with the hope that private enterprise would be the key that would open these "back townships" to settlement. The raw forest had been surveyed into ten townships in 1857 and 1859. Sir Francis Bond Head, former Governor of Upper Canada, interested other potential investors in England and was expected to be the chairman of the group.

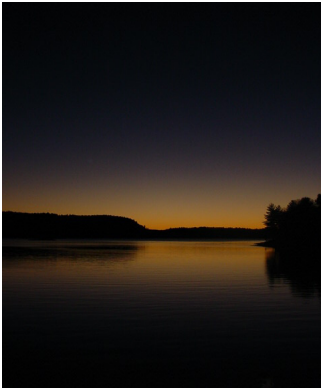
However, he decided not to accept the position and Thomas Chandler Haliburton, born in Nova Scotia, became the chairman. The company was incorporated as the Canadian Land and Emigration Company. Negotiations resulted in the final agreement between the company and the Province of Canada in 1854 and the C.L. & E. C became the owner of ten townships with a total of 403,125 acres at the price of .50 cents an acre. Haliburton's name was

given to the settlement in Dysart Township in 1864 and to the county when three townships from Victoria County and twenty from Peterborough County were joined to create the Provisional County of Haliburton." (from *The Forgotten History of Lake Kennis* by Gordon MacKinnon.

To read the entire detailed report, visit

www.kennisis.ca

KLCOA Membership



Cottagers are showing their support for KLCOA by remembering to renew their membership for 2010. This year our membership has increased to 535 members. Thank you for your support. The financial report validates the wise and cautious use of the membership fees while the KLCOA executive continues to align these incoming dollars with the

Kennisis Lake priorities.

However, events and projects cannot be initiated without the fine work of Cathie Heppell. From ordering stickers, contacting realators, mailing renewal forms, processing renewals, and preparing for meetings, Cathie has consistently kept track of all of the membership details that are necessary for the KLCOA to function. A

great big applause goes to Cathie for all of her hard work. We truly appreciate everything you have done for us, Cathie!

Now Cathie needs **your** help. She needs someone to replace her! Can you offer some help? A job description is available for anyone interested.

Contact Cathie at membership@klcoa.org

Reporting, Repairing, Repaving Our Roads



This spring brought very heavy rain storms that had considerable impact on our roads.

However, the 3R's are making a difference to the wear and tear of our vehicles! Congrats to Gary Benson and his ongoing efforts to keep the municipality up to date on the condition of our roads. We are sure that due to his diligent reporting, Gary was able to make some

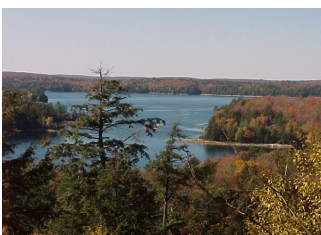
progress towards better road conditions for us.

This summer, there was some major repair work done to address the bumps, holes and erosion, while work on the north shore bridge will be completed soon. Driving on a cottage road without hitting bottom or wearing out the shocks on our cars makes the drive so much more pleasant for vehicles as well as bicycles.

However, please be mindful that just around a bend could be a family of walkers including children and pets. Road safety should be our first concern.

When requests for repair do not get addressed, Gary will resubmit them in order to keep concerns on the municipality's radar screen. Thanks for making a difference for us, Gary!

August 1st Sailing Regatta Was A Success!



Enthusiastic sailors were eager to set sail in this 2010 annual competition.

Jim Prince was greeted with 15 vessels and 30 participants ready to show their skills and determination for this year's event. Well done to

all of the competitors! It appears that the interest in this sailing regatta is increasing so mark your calendars for next year!

If your children are interested in learning to sail, the KLCOA is offering to bring the Ontario

Sailing Association to Kennisis Lake to teach age 7 to teens, but a coordinator is needed to organize this . If you are willing to make this happen, contact jim.prince@opg.com Thanks, Jim, for your all your work!

What Can We Do At A "Regatta"?



Wow! What a successful day! Along with fantastic weather, Stephanie was able to organize and coordinate a day full of exciting activities for the entire family!

Kudos to you, Stephanie! Many thanks are extended to the numerous volunteers who assisted with all of the events! We are very fortunate to have such a community willing to give their time or money to support this annual event!

KLCOA extends a great big **thankyou** to Stephanie and all of the helpers! Many thanks also to Gloria Carnohan for her generous donation towards for a new tent.



1 First, register.



2 Then, visit and talk to friends and neighbours, tell jokes and stories about the fish that got away!



3 Decide which games you and your family will enjoy, like frisbee toss or....



4 ..battleship golf.....or...



5..... horseshoes.....



6...or check out the hottest "Kennisis Lake T-shirts"....



What great fireworks this year! Many "ahh's" were heard from the spectators on the shore or in their boats during both displays this summer!



#7.... or watch/participate in the swimming races,



#8..... and watch the presentations of the swim races awards.....



#9or enjoy some refreshments at the refreshment tent (a new feature this year!)

Lake Steward's Thoughts by Graham Beach

Kennisis Lake is the place where we call home, get away from it all, some visit only in the summer months, some love the winter, some visit as much as possible - could be called an addiction. I even know some who call it home - very lucky... I would like to think that everybody who visit's "Kennisis" has its best interest at heart - maybe a little naïve, but let's go with that. I would hazard to say that we all are guilty of some negative impact on the lake - we do all have homes and cottages and have created this development. I know I don't need to remind everyone that we are a lake of approx 1000 homes and cottages and numerous issues will arise with respect to dogs, boats, construction, lights, noise, neighbour's and the simple fact that one's ideals don't always match another's. Isn't this what makes life interesting?

I became the KLCOA lake steward to become more involved, volunteer my time and help out where and when I can and to become more educated. When I attend our KLCOA meetings in the spring and fall - I look around the room and see primarily a more "mature" crowd. I became involved to offer a younger perspective and hopefully to peak the interest of the younger generation around the lake. I'm a "young feeling 35". I definitely am not perfect and am aware of my impact on the lake - all I can do is limit my impact and make small steps to lessen this fact. I am a user of the lake. Sure I like to sit on the dock on an early morning sipping a coffee enjoying the moment. I also water ski, wake board, kayak, canoe, fish, swim, have camp fires in the summer and may enjoy some tunes at the dock. In the winter, I am one of the most avid snowmobilers on the lake and enjoy a snowshoe and ski

as well.. I'm a cottager... This past spring I launched our 1st Tree/Shrub planting program where we planted a combination of 2000 trees and shrubs. Please visit our website www.klcoa.org to view our 2nd year of the program. This is a great way for everyone to improve their property, either at the shoreline or elsewhere, create habitat and privacy, replace trees taken down by a storm or construction. It is a great family project to plant, water and to see them grow. We should prune and trim the branches of problem trees for our lake views vs. cutting the entire tree down first. Once its gone, its not coming back anytime soon. For every tree that we do cut down for whatever reason, we should plant approximately 3 to replace it.

We hear many buzz words and phrases, ie: use only phosphate free soaps, detergents, shampoo's. Remember everything that we pour down the drain or flush down the toilet eventually ends up in the lake. I am certainly more cognisant of this fact. Even new systems can fail. Septic maintenance and detailed inspection of the entire system ensure proper functionality and limit the impact on our lake. Even new systems can fail. I do have contacts for such inspections.

The transport of fire wood from southern Ontario "city" area to Kennisis or the reverse is a definite no no... The transfer of invasive/ damaging insects is very possible.

I encourage everyone to get involved, be a voice on the lake, be social, and take small steps to minimize the impact.

Enjoy this great fall weather on Kennisis and try to get out on the lake one last time before freeze up. Hope to see you this winter on the lake or on the trails In the "Forest" or the OFSC trails. Please email or call me anytime: graham_beach@hotmail.com cell # (905) 806 5591.

*(graham "underscore" beach)

Interest in "Lake Levels" Rises

Many cottagers and full time residents are keen to learn more about a variety of matters related to water levels in our lake. The Coalition of Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) strives to promote an integrated approach to watershed management in the Trent- Severn Waterway (TSW) related to water conservation, safe navigation, access to waterfront property, economic sustainability and the avoidance of

negative environmental and economic impacts on our lakes. It is a member driven organization so hearing from the cottagers and residents is important to CEWF.

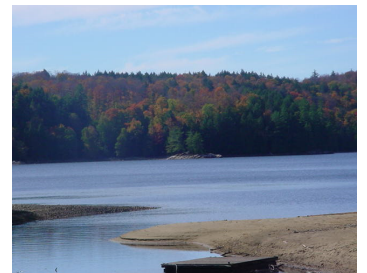
Read about the impact of fluctuating water levels or the proposals for improved water management and the establishment of "preferred water levels" during navigation season by visiting the CEWF website at.....

www.cewf.ca.

The latest newsletter and articles of interest are available for your reading pleasure. A link to Parks Canada is also situated on this site.

Thanks to Chris Riddle, co chair of CEWF for all of his dedicated efforts to address issues on our behalf.

"Parks Canada forecasts that Kennisis Lake will be down 1.215m or 64" by Nov. 1st.



Many thanks to the folks who submitted ideas for the name of our newsletter. We have plenty of suggestions. Hopefully we will select one at the Spring meeting.



We're on the Web!

www.klcoa.org
www.kennisis.ca

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Kennisis Lake Broad-Scale Fisheries Monitoring

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources conducted a netting fish survey in September on Kennisis Lake. Nets were set up for 24 hour periods from September 8 to 17, 2010. Establishing the health of the Kennisis Fishery was one of the initiatives that was identified as a priority in the Kennisis Lake Plan. The MNR fish survey is

intended to provide information about the fish species and their populations in our lakes. This operation is part of the Broad-Scale Fisheries Monitoring program MNR began implementing across Ontario. The information collected will help MNR manage our fish populations effectively, and

monitor the health of our lakes.

For further information please contact

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jasmine2003@sympatico.ca

or visit www.ontario.ca/mnr

Indoor Swimming Pool Wanted in Haliburton

The County Swimming Pool Initiative (CSPI) is dedicated to having a public indoor swimming pool built in Haliburton County. Ten months of the year, county swimmers have to travel over an hour in one direction to get to a distant pool. Besides benefiting year-round residents, an indoor pool would benefit cottagers who

could use a pool and a hot tub, have recreation and employment opportunities for their young people. CPI estimates the tax increase, if the County took on management of the pool, to be less than \$3 per \$100,000 of assessed value to cover annual operating costs of a pool. We urge you to contact your

representatives to encourage them to support this initiative for the betterment of the citizens of this county.

Gay Bell Chair CSPI

For more info, contact
joe.bringmann@sympatico.ca

Classified Ads Wanted

Are you buying, selling or just giving away an item? We can help you!! Just draft an ad of 50 words or less in a **Word** document or directly in an email describing the article.

Make sure you include a contact name and a telephone number or email for follow up responses. Send the ad to vifagg@hotmail.com by

May 1st 2011. Your ad will be included in our Spring newsletter. This might be one way of keeping some of our unwanted items OUT of the dump.

Have a warm and wonderful winter!

2011 Spring Meeting will be the Saturday of the May long weekend..details will follow

Kennisis Lake Archaeological Survey Kennisis Lake Archaeological Survey

Anthony Butler, a resident of Little Kennisis Lake, and owner of Earthworks Archaeological Services (www.earthworksarchaeology.com) is a licensed archaeologist conducting an archaeological survey of Haliburton County. As part of this, he is currently investigating the Kennisis Lake/Little Kennisis Lake area. If you have found any archaeological artifacts (stone tools, pottery or historic artifacts) or features of interest, he requests that you contact him and provide details, if possible. Photographs of artifacts and details can be emailed to anto@earthworksarchaeology.com

Please note that if you do know of an archaeological feature on your property, do not dig it up in a quest for artifacts. Any information that could be gathered through proper archeological methods will be forever lost. It is also a provincial offense to damage or destroy known or unknown archaeological sites. He will be glad to take a look and assess it for you at no charge.