



# Summer 2005 Newsletter

## President's Message

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Dear Member:

KLCOA's Winter 2005 newsletter arrived on your doorstep just a few months ago, and here you are, already reading the Summer 2005 edition. Firstly, this newsletter is not just a carbon copy of the last one. Paid up association members will find the Spring General Meeting minutes enclosed, as well as their 2005 sticker (if they haven't already picked it up at the May meeting).

Those of you who have not yet renewed, or whose renewal had not been processed by Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, will find a renewal form enclosed. Please fill out the form with all pertinent details so that your records can be kept up-to-date in the KLCOA database and send your payment back at your earliest convenience – your membership dollars are hard at work already, and the sooner you renew, the better equipped we are to provide you with your member benefits. Marie Bordeleau, our Membership Chair, will be available at the Marina from 10am to 11am on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> to give out stickers to those of you who renew between now and then.

Please read the meeting minutes and enclosed reports from the committees; they work hard to make the cottage lots of fun year around. I want to take this opportunity to commend and thank all our volunteers, but in particular the Lake Planning and KLCOA Lands Committees. They have done a phenomenal amount of work over the winter, and they are still involved with numerous projects. They've put in many hours of research and consultation. Now, as the days grow longer and warmer the other committees are swinging into action: Roads, Fireworks, Rock Bass Derby, Regatta and Island clean-up. I encourage you join any and all of these Committees to help make each event a success.

At the Spring meeting in May, Gary Benson and Fred Musinka agreed to Co-chair the Roads Committee as no one was active in the role. I very much appreciate their coming out of 'retirement' to help the revamp committee and train the next Roads chair. Anyone interested in participating can contact Mr. Benson at 905-853-8448 or 705-754-2613.

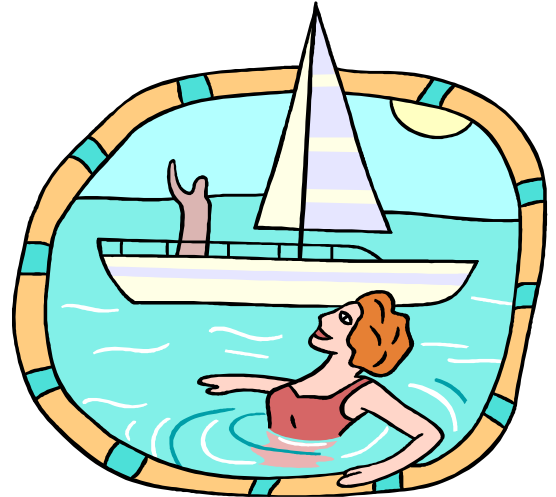
Upcoming events in the area include the Haliburton Studio Tour (details available on their website at <http://www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca/>) and the Highlands Summer Festival (see p. 4 in the newsletter).

There are many great festivals, events, fundraisers and charities in the Highlands. Space does not allow us to list them all, and

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# Calendar of all 2005 KLCOA Events

The Fireworks	<b>Friday</b> July 1st (rain date: Saturday July 2nd) after dark (not before 9:45pm)
Swimming	Monday July 18th—29th, Monday Aug 1st—12th.
Rock Bass Tournament	Saturday July 9th
Regatta	Saturday July 30th (rain date is Sun. July 31st)
Island Clean-up	Saturday August 20th
KLCOA Annual General Meeting	Saturday September 3rd @ 9:30am



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besides, most of them have websites and pamphlets are available in Haliburton. In the past we have donated any extra money from our operating budget to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. At our Annual General Meeting we will decide, if we can, whether we wish to donate to them again.

Speaking of radio and towers, over the winter I spoke with Russ Hemphill of Halcom about the tower near the transformer sub-station. He said: "Northern Tower Communications Ltd. will be making its tower available for any type of communications, based on the demand for the County of Haliburton and also the Kennisis Lake area cottagers/residents who have made many requests for improvements in that area. Many companies send their staff to work up in the Kennisis Lake Cottage area without any communications. At present Laidlaw bus lines are using the tower to communicate with their school buses. This in itself has been a much needed service." I've also spoken with the municipal building inspector, Dan Sayers, who told me that while his office does not regulate such towers, he does require that a buffer zone of trees be planted between the clearing and the road. I would like your input or whether you'd like your association to make representation(s) to whatever regulating bodies about whether you would like more towers in the Kennisis area or not.

**Duncan McCallum**  
KLCOA President

### Calling all Geezers and Crones—or is that Elderberries?

We have a new name, since several folks didn't feel like being crones or geezers---we are now " **The Elderberries**"!

Twelve people attended our initial get-together over wine/pop and cheese at the Pinkney cottage on Sunday May 22. We adopted our new name, exchanged information about what we are interested in doing, and decided to meet once every 2 weeks, in the midweek, probably on Thursdays. A different person or couple will host events as they can. The events calendar so far includes pot luck suppers June 9 and 23, water colour painting in the afternoon of July 7th, and a nature hike on the afternoon of July 21st.

Our contact person is Brenda Watson, 5286 Kennisis Lake Rd. 705-754-3475. Anyone interested may contact her for details.

# KLCOA's 4th Annual Clean-up Day

Saturday August 20, 2005  
9:00 am - 11:00 am - rain or shine

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the places where we enjoy picnics, visiting and camping.

Volunteers are asked to follow these steps:

- Put this date on your calendar!
- Select your favorite island or campsite or public area to clean up.
- Or spend this time picking up the litter along the roadside by your cottage.
- Or, to make sure all the common use spots are covered please phone a contact listed below and ask about places to participate.
- Come to the Marina at 9:00am Saturday morning and KLCOA will provide green garbage bags and work gloves and 'pick-up-tongs' – and perhaps a bucket for collecting broken glass.
- Spend about two hours cleaning up the broken glass - the beer cans by the shore - the paper piles - the trash.
- Be extra careful – especially if you choose to pick up broken glass or swim for cans.

- Remember ---- cans and glass can be recycled.

Bring your garbage bags to the Kennisis Marina (before 12:00 noon please) and place in the red trailer by the shore.

*For questions and locations please contact:*

Pinkney Cottage	(705) 754-9879
McCallum/Bordeleau Cottage	(705) 754-3920
Park Cottage	(705) 754-4709

e-mail: [ppinkney1@cogeco.ca](mailto:ppinkney1@cogeco.ca)

All volunteers participate at their own risk – so be careful out there.

## Thank -you for your stewardship and pride!

PS—We are actively looking for a member or member family who would like to take this project on. The volunteers who have been managing this event for the last 4 years are spread a bit thin with all their other volunteer efforts, and we are hoping that one of you would be willing to spearhead this effort.

Please contact Jeff Pinkney at [ppinkney1@cogeco.ca](mailto:ppinkney1@cogeco.ca) or by phone at 705-754-754-9879.

## Kennisis Lake Landfill Site Summer Hours

\*\*\* In effect May 1st to September 30th \*\*\*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday & Holiday Mondays	12:00 nn to 8:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday	Closed

Don't forget to separate your garbage—our landfill site is set to assist you in your recycling efforts: separate bins are available for cardboard, glass and plastic as well as for metal. Your concern for the environment is appreciated. Please recycle!

**PLEASE OBSERVE THESE TIMES AND DO NOT DUMP GARBAGE AT THE GATE OR YOU RISK LOSING YOUR DUMPING RIGHTS. IF YOU ARE RENTING OR LENDING YOUR COTTAGE THIS SUMMER, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TENANTS KNOW THE RULES!!!**

## Burning Regulations In Effect April 1 to October 31

- ◆ No burning between two (2) hours after sunrise and two (2) hours before sunset.
- ◆ Fires must be attended at all times
- ◆ Person in charge must be competent
- ◆ Must have adequate equipment to extinguish fire
- ◆ Person is responsible for any damages
- ◆ Fire must be away from combustible material by at least three (3) meters
- ◆ Pile not to exceed two (2) meters high

## Influence the Quality of Life on Your Lake!!!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! The lake-planning workshop will take place on Saturday July 16, 2005 at 9:30 am, and will be held in the Seminar Room in the Haliburton Forest.

Response to the Lake Plan Survey in the spring mailing has been terrific. We are now working with the responses to identify the most common concerns. Many things go into making a good Lake Plan. An essential element is input from cottagers, residents and businesses.

The next opportunity to give your opinions and ideas about a Lake Plan for the Kennisis Lakes will be **July 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am-1pm** at the **Haliburton Forest Seminar Room**.

We invite you to join this workshop to discuss:

- The Lake Plan Survey results
- Background information from the Ministry of the Environment and other sources
- The next steps towards creating a Lake Plan

Our consultant, Randy French and the members of the KLCOA steering committee will facilitate the workshop. The KLCOA Steering Committee is working to ensure that the Lake Plan process is positive and satisfies the objectives of our members.

## The Kritter Korner

How much wild life have you spotted at your cottage? Isabel Boardman has enjoyed visits from all kinds of creatures over the years at her cottage on Little Kennisis:

White-tailed deer	Black bear
Ruffed grouse	Mink
River otter	Gray Wolf
Red-bellied and garter snakes	Red fox
Snapping turtle	Red squirrels
Eastern chipmunk	Raccoon
Gray (black) squirrels	Meadow vole
Star-nosed mole	Pygmy shrew
White footed mouse	Beaver
Snowshoe hare	Little Brown Bat
Flying Squirrel	Groundhog
Skunk	

One year in mid June from the screened porch (because the insects were so bad) Isabel saw and heard 22 species of birds. If you've seen rare or wonderful animals, insects or creatures of any kind, we'd like to hear from you! Write the Kritter Korner with your wildlife report at membership@klcoa.org

**However, if you want to report a nuisance bear, please call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-866-514-BEAR (2327).**

## STATUS OF THE 911 PROJECT

Please take note that the 911 system is now **live** on Lake Kennisis, and that in the case of an emergency, cottagers must use the **new road names** that have been implemented around the lake since last Fall, as well as the blue number on their property. This project is now completed at the Haliburton County level. Please do NOT call 911 to ask questions about the system or to complain that you do not have your blue number plate yet at the end of your driveway.

911 is an emergency-only service and Emergency Medical Services will be dispatched to your cottage if you call that number, taking valuable resources away from people who may have real emergencies. If you do not have your blue number plate yet or have any other question about the 911 system, please call the Haliburton County 911 Clerks, Rob Delaney or Cathie Howe, at 705-286-2306.

## Enjoy an all-Canadian Season at the Highlands Summer Festival 2005!

The proposed playbill includes: **The Perilous Pirate's Daughter** by David Archibald and Anne Chislet is a fun-filled production about Red Coats, rebels, patriots and pirates set against the backdrop of the Upper Canada Rebellion and is sure to delight everyone; **If We Are Women** by Joanna McClelland Glass, a story of three generations of women sharing a beach house; **The Affections of May** by Norm Foster; and **Dances with Wolfgang**, our chamber music orchestra's concert, which introduces a new dimension this year with the addition of dance. Join our resident Festival musicians, Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens for an eclectic concert celebrating the union of music and dance. Musical selections ranging from Bach to Bartok to Brubeck, and even Wolfgang himself, will be united with dance choreography conceived and performed by Rachel Regina.

It is an entertaining line-up of productions that should appeal to everyone. Performances will take place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the High School in Haliburton, an intimate theatre with excellent acoustics and sight-lines. For more information, or to order your tickets (or a season's pass) to the Highlands Summer Festival's 2005 performances, please visit their website at <http://www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca>

# KLCOA Lands Update

The KLCOA Lands Committee is a newly formed group of volunteers dedicated to the care of special wilderness areas which are under the ownership and/or control of the KLCOA.

The KLCOA Lands Committee formed last fall (2004) and was mandated by the KLCOA Executive Committee to come up with recommendations and a plan of action for the following lands:

- Blueberry Islands West and East
- Lipsy Bay (aka The Soap Pond)
- Bullfrog Bay (South Shore Wilderness Area)

## Why is the KLCOA doing this?

We are concerned with the whole cottage experience –safety, environment, recreation, land values.... and a sense of community. We are concerned with doing what is best for the lake and for the KLCOA in the long term. We are concerned that the lake has lost many of its traditional recreation, social use and wilderness areas. We are also concerned with the level of disrespect shown to the lands, the environment, and to cottage owners by some of the “users” of what are or are perceived to be common use shore-lines and islands

With emphasis on solutions for (and preservation of) the KLCOA land areas it is our hope that the work of this committee will serve all these concerns for the better.

At the KLCOA Spring Meeting in May 2005, an action plan was approved by the KLCOA Membership. To read the report and recommendations in full please see the KLCOA web-site.

## **The KLCOA Lands Committee’s general mandate:**

1. On behalf of KLCOA, to work with the municipality, the Lake Plan Steering Committee and other key stakeholders to implement the KLCOA approved action plan – so that appropriate arrangements can be put in place with respect to land title and stewardship.
2. Oversee general/simple KLCOA land use policy for these areas.
3. Create and install and maintain appropriate signage.
4. To hold annual KLCOA Annual Clean-Up in 2005
5. To educate/inform lake residents and users regarding these special lands and the Land Use Policy.
6. To work with community policing regarding enforcement issues

The following Land Use Policy is now in place for these areas:

KLCOA Members are welcome to visit and to enjoy the West

and East Blueberry Islands, and the designated areas at Bullfrog Bay as long as they abide by this land use policy:

- ◆ No wake zone for boats in channel
- ◆ No skiing or wakeboarding in channel
- ◆ No rope swings or other structures
- ◆ No campfires
- ◆ Daytime use only
- ◆ No overnight camping
- ◆ No glass bottles or containers
- ◆ No excessive noise
- ◆ Take only pictures
- ◆ Leave only footprints
- ◆ Use at own risk

Special to Blueberry Island Area:

- ◆ No anchor zone in channel
- ◆ No blocking channel

Please respect neighbouring cottagers’ privacy and quiet enjoyment. This is a matter of law, respect for others and the conservation of our environment.

Non-compliance can result in formal charges and fines. Charges will be made based on reports and photographs by community police and volunteers or directly by OPP and/or Ontario Conservation Officers.

With respect to Lipsy Bay (also known as the Soap Pond- which is to remain in Municipal hands - the Lake Plan Steering Committee will be asked to reinforce the plans of the KLCOA Lands Committee by specifically recommending that the Municipality adopt appropriate stewardship approaches in partnership with KLCOA.

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped with the planning effort over the winter. Now it is time to implement the plan! Although a volunteer team is in place – new members are welcome and needed. It doesn’t take much and it makes a big difference! Please volunteer!

## **KLCOA Lands Committee Members:**

Cyndi Burley, Carrie Denton, Jeff Gardner, Sean Harrison, Nick Jaeger, Marion Jones, Kerstin McCutcheon, Chris Riddle, Gregg Salivan, Jason Wigmore, and Committee Chair Jeff Pinkney

Note: Volunteers are welcome! Contact Jeff at 754-9879 or (705) 745-2124 or [ppinkney1@cogeco.ca](mailto:ppinkney1@cogeco.ca)

## KLCOA’s 47th Regatta needs Volunteers!

If you are interested in helping make the 47th KLCOA Regatta a complete success, please contact Cyndi Burley at [burbase@rogers.com](mailto:burbase@rogers.com) or by phone at (705)487-0714. A planning meeting will be held at the marina on Saturday July 2nd at 10 am. Students who need community hours for their high school diploma will receive a letter signed by the President and confirming the number of hours donated to KLCOA.

## The Editor's Note

Spring, Lake Kennisis: there are so many ways of enjoying the lake at this time of year, and for me, almost all of them have to do with watching Mother Nature coming to life after a long, long winter. The forest smells fresh and fragrant, trees are full of colourful blossoms and tender green shoots are growing at the tips of evergreens.

The hummingbirds are back from their wintering grounds and flitting around the feeders we have just filled with sugared water (no red dye, of course!). They will fight for dominion over the three feeders on our deck all summer long; the guys in the eastern nest usually take the lion's share of the feeding syrup, but from we've been able to observe in past years, the residents in the southern nest will give them a run for their money (and give us lots of fodder for neat nature pictures).

The potholes left over from a tough winter on the former South Kennisis Drive, now known as Wilkinson Road, are deep enough to lose my baby's stroller if I'm not careful when I go out of a walk. But at least the snow, ice and sleet are gone from the road and we can go for walks! Oddly, the black flies seem to have by-passed the area this year—not that I'm complaining—but we might just be eaten alive and carried off by the ginormous mosquitoes haunting the forest.

The local heron has been seen picking its way up and down the shore looking for a proper lunch and the loons' famous "come hither" cry is echoing from one bay to the other at all hours of the day and night, a reminder that this lake is still a refuge for wild water fowl. And that annoying buzz getting louder in the background? Ah, well, that would be someone's power boat or PWC, I suppose.

I don't want to rant about motorized vehicles on the lake; we have our own speed boat and have often taken guests out for a tubing ride or a water ski. But my husband is an experienced boat operator and has always been very respectful of the Coast Guard's rules and regulations, not to mention the environment. And that's the test of good cottaging, I suppose: do your activities at the lake and use thereof respect your neighbours'? What about the non-human neighbours'?

Like Jeff Pinkney, our KLCOA Lands Committee Chair, I believe the lake is our playground, inasmuch as we all respect eachother's right to use it as such, and leave it in pristine condition when we're done playing. Have fun this summer, but keep in mind that Lake Kennisis is not only home to a thousand cottages with owners and/or renters who all have their own take on what that means, but it's also home to loons, herons, musk rats, rock bass and countless other creatures of all kinds. Slow down when you're driving your boat close to shore, and keep your wake down as much as possible so as not to swamp water fowl's nests... and teeny little cottagers just learning to stand in the water. If we all respect our neighbours and the environment, Lake Kennisis will continue to be a wonderful playground for all of us.

I hope to see you at the Regatta on July 30th!

Marie Bordeleau  
KLCOA Newsletter Editor

## The President's Last Word...

The WRAFT coalition (which FOCA supports) is growing. If you don't know about WRAFT, their mission statement (in part) reads:

A coalition of concerned waterfront associations in Ontario.  
Our mission: Achieve equity in waterfront property taxation.  
We work on your behalf to:

- Halt any unfair shift of tax onto the waterfront
- Find ways to mitigate rising property taxes
- Fight for reform in the way property taxes are allocated

If you'd like more information visit <http://www.wraft.com/>, [WWW.FOCA.ORG](http://WWW.FOCA.ORG) or contact Murray and Jason Wigmore.

Those concerned about the environment in Haliburton should visit the Environment Haliburton! Website at <http://www.environmenthaliburton.ca/> or pick a copy of their booklet 'Sustainable Haliburton' at the Annual General Meeting. Among other activities they work with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council which you can find at <http://www.ontariostewardship.org/>