



Winter 2005 Newsletter

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My name is Duncan McCallum and I'm your new Association President. I've taken over from Steve Ashfield, who has served as Interim President since the spring and stepped down at our Annual General Meeting this fall.

I didn't get a chance to introduce myself and offer my views on the Association at the time, so I'd like to take that opportunity now.

My family has been coming to the Haliburton Highlands since the mid-50's to enjoy the natural beauty and clean environment of the area and the lakes such as Eagle, Haliburton and Elephant. In '59 they bought the property (3 years before I was born) that my wife Marie and I currently own so I don't remember the other lakes. I do however remember learning to swim in water over my head off the big dock at Windermere Cottages, playing there and running across the Municipal Park and the vacant lot to the store where Mrs Metcalf worked. I remember walking the old winding road to the circular dump. I cherish these memories.

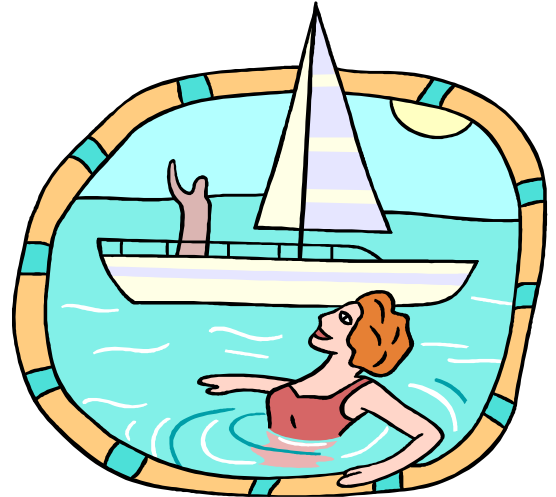
Fast-forward to today and my wife and I are finishing our new cottage in which we will raise our daughter Emilie and retire some day, God willing. The lake, the surrounding townships and environment have changed so much. There are now more residents, cottagers, visitors, renters, day-trippers and businesses than ever before. Lipy and possibly some lakes in the forest are being developed for private lots. At each meeting I hear your concerns about safety, noise, pollution, vehicle operation, trespassing, etc., and I mean to continue to work on these areas.

We also have great crews working on the Annual Fire Works, Fishing Derby and Regatta plus people eager to have sailing activities. When I took over as President, I

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Calendar of all 2005 KLCOA Events

KLCOA Spring Meeting	Saturday May 21st
The Fireworks	Friday July 1st (rain date: Saturday July 2nd) after dark (not before 9:45pm)
Swimming	Monday July 4th
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



STATUS OF THE 911 PROJECT

As we near the completion of the Haliburton County 911 project, it is very important that your new civic address and phone number(s) are checked for accuracy. By now you may have received a letter from the County confirming your new civic address; if there are inaccuracies, or if you have not received this letter, please report them to the County 911 Project Office immediately by emailing 911@county.haliburton.on.ca or call 705-286-4829. All inquiries require your roll number (included on your tax bill) and phone number(s).

Do **NOT** call 911 until advised that it has been activated. Until you receive such a notice, please keep the following numbers by your phone at the cottage:

Emergency Numbers

Fire Department:	457-2323	Ambulance:	457-1721
OPP:	1-800-310-1122	Haliburton Hospital:	457-1392
Poison Information:	1-800-268-9017	Telehealth Ontario:	1-866-797-0000
Haliburton Distress Centre:	457-3617	Hydro One:	1-800-434-1235

Calling all Geezers and Crones!

There are a lot of us on the Kennisis lakes who are of an age to regard ourselves as the elders of the community. It occurs to me that it would be fun and interesting and perhaps useful (in that order) to get together now and then. The purpose could be purely social, and/or it could provide a forum and a vehicle for us to occasionally speak to KLCOA regarding issues particularly affecting our age group, or ones to which our life experience and expertise might apply. I would be willing to collect names of those interested and sponsor an initial get-together at the first of next summer season. The group would then decide where we go from there. If you are intrigued by this idea, please write a note to me at the following address:

June Pinkney Hunter
271 Epworth Place,
London, ON
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In Memoriam...

We say good-bye to Jim Wilkinson, who entered this life in Essex England on May 08, 1906, departing peacefully on November 10, 2004 at Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Orillia in his 99th year. Jim's funeral in Beaverton drew a sizable attendance from Kennisis.

Jim was a one-of-a-kind friend to Kennisis Lake, where he was greatly respected and admired over the years for his many contributions to the cottage community. Wilkinson Road is named in Jim's honour as is the Wilkinson Trophy for the open singles canoe race, fiercely battled for at each KLCOA regatta. Jim especially enjoyed presenting this trophy and in his last years, when unable to be there in person, insisted on being notified by phone of the race's results.

When one thinks of Jim, one envisions many different vignettes of his life.

We remember him on the porch of the Boiler Room, with his gracious smile, welcoming all to the church service, which, when he was in charge, always started right on time. And he was in charge a lot, providing leadership in service and sermon. Jim's lifelong belief in God was genuine and unshakable, an elder with the United Church, he had a little trouble with fundamentalists who kept asking him if he was born again. The response he employed "When they ask if I am born again, I just say, No, I'm not born again, but I am growing in grace."

Jim knew almost everybody on the lake at one time, but he never gossiped. Jim was the longest serving President of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association and for many years ran those meetings with the same dedication and efficiency that he brought to whatever he did. A careful steward of financial resources and a wise politician, Jim represented us throughout many of the lake's formative development years and is responsible for many of the quality of cottaging benefits we enjoy today.

Jim arrived in Canada with his family when he was 5 years old. They settled in Weston. His father was a teamster and hauled stone for the building of Casa Loma in Toronto. Jim is brother of Isabelle (Gillespie) and William, both predeceased, and is survived by nine nieces and nephews.

James Robert Wilkinson, B.A., B.Ed., A.I.E. (London), Member Emeritus: Phi Delta Kappa, had been a teacher and principal, and was proud of his skills in teaching reading. Many a young student both here in Ontario and in Florida have benefited from working with him. Jim began his career as teacher on the Six Nations Reserve in Southern Ontario with 75 students in a one-room school house and retired as Principal of Walter Perry School of Scarborough. His career was interrupted by the war in 1942, when he entered the army, and became a personnel officer with the rank of Captain. He was posted in British Columbia and went overseas at war's end to help with wind-down efforts. He continued to teach in his retirement years, tutoring pages in the Ontario legislature, volunteering as remedial reading instructor at a Florida school in the winters, and teaching Adult Sunday School well into his nineties.

Jim married Isabel (MacNabb) when they were both in their forties, and as they had no children, they threw themselves into their church and community. Isabel was a gardener and lover of flowers. Jim, his last quarter century a widower, continued to keep flowers growing around their cottage home in her honour.

Jim, we will miss you very, very much. As we celebrate your life and acknowledge your passing over to a better place, we thank you for the gift you have been for us, and we just know that you are still continuing to grow in grace.

Compiled by the Pinkney family with thanks to the McCann family and St Andrews United Church, Beaverton.

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

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

Thank -you for your stewardship and pride!

ABOUT LAST YEAR's 3rd Annual Clean Up....

Special thanks goes out to the Kennisis Lake Marina for permission to park and to Duncan and Marie for providing the trailer. Thanks also to Dwayne at the landfill site for special permission to dump.

We still have a broken glass problem on our shorelines. Our mission is to make all of our shorelines bare feet friendly. With help from KLCOA members we can and we will clean up the broken glass. Please remember that this effort begins when we all encourage our families, our guests, and all friends of Kennisis to drink from cans or plastic – and don't bring glass!

With thanks from your organizing committee: Jeff Pinkney, Peggy Pinkney, Duncan McCallum, Marie Bordeleau, & Steve Park

Kennisis Lake Landfill Site Winter Hours

As of October 1, 2004 until April 30, 2005

Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays:	10am—5pm
Holiday Mondays:	10am—5pm

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 WINTER, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TENANTS KNOW THE RULES!!!

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asked the Board to they stay on and continue their work. I will support them to the fullest of my abilities. We have a wonderful Fire Works display put on by Steve Ashfield and Mark Burley et al., a great Fishing Derby put on by Keith Rodd, we have a fun Regatta put on by Steve Ashfield and Cyndi Burley and a host of volunteers, and we have a strong community-policing program run by Bob Krugger.

We also have been looking at options with the KLCOA Lands, lands deeded to us by the Municipality. To this end the Executive has appointed Jeff Pinkney as Chair of KLCOA Lands. Jeff is a long-time cottager on Kennisis and the organizer of the Annual Island Clean-up. He has brought several ideas on the lands issue to the Executive and we have directed him to get professional advice on the legal issues. You'll find his report in the spring 2005 newsletter.

At the May 2004 members' meeting, Lake Steward Cameron Douglas and Randy French (of French Lake Planning) made a presentation proposing that the KLCOA undertake to develop a lake plan. This was discussed in depth, and at the Annual General Meeting this September a Steering Committee chaired by Ron Butcher made a presentation to the membership and funding was approved for their work. Cameron will continue as overall Lake Steward and continue to review the applications for variances from the Municipality. The fact that we now have Ron and Jeff working with Cameron gives you an idea of the level of interest and the amount of work to do. Cameron's report will also appear in the Spring 2005 newsletter.

Marie Bordeleau will continue in her role as Secretary, Membership Director and Newsletter Editor. At the fall meeting we heard that some members don't have Internet access and would like to receive printed newsletters and minutes. This can be a costly endeavour, but KLCOA is your Association and you are welcome to select the method of communication you prefer to use. To that end, please fill out the attached form and let us know whether you wish to receive hard copy, email or a message to visit our website at www.klcoa.org.

Tony Lepine will be taking over from me as Treasurer. I have done this job for 4 years and I know how challenging it can be. I'm sure that Tony will be a great job.

The 911 project is wrapping up and Gail Goldenberg is still coordinating and fielding your enquiries. This is a County initiative that has been going on for three years, and the road names and house numbering component is being implemented this fall. If you have a question about 911 please talk to Gail. Please don't tamper or remove any of the new signage even if you disagree with the renaming of your road: it's illegal!

If all those activities where not enough, the KLCOA's Constitution is being reviewed with the intention of updating it and . There are some aspects of which don't define duties or terms with any precision. For example, our term of office and financial year is the calendar year, so strictly speaking the executive is still in transition. We might propose that it be changed to something like November 1st to October 31st. Also, our meetings have been getting rather long recently, so I'm proposing that we move the start of our spring and Fall meetings a half hour earlier.

Please be careful around the lake and on the drive up to the cottage this winter; don't park on the road or trespass with your skidoo. If you suspect some has broken the law, phone the police. If you have a general concern or question, phone Bob.

In closing, I look forward to working with the new Executive and the Board as a whole. I'm also looking forward to those beautiful and peaceful winter days at the cottage when Marie and I occasionally go up and of course to the coming spring and summer.

Duncan McCallum
President

Kennisis Community Policing Report

During the summer of 2004, the OPP Marine Unit issued 4 warnings and a couple of tickets for equipment violations on the Lake. There were several cases of mischief involving cottage signs being removed or destroyed, and graffiti was also painted on one property.

Road safety is always a concern and the committee has received numerous complaints from cottagers about dangerous situations on the road around our lake. According to Bob Nicholls of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, pedestrians on a rural road such as ours must walk, one behind the other, **against** traffic in order to see on-coming cars and be seen by their drivers. Bicycles, however, are considered vehicles despite not being motorized, and must ride **on the same side of the road** as traffic is traveling. Again, if there are more than one cyclist, bikers must travel one behind the other, not two or three abreast. Don't forget that wearing a helmet is mandatory! And finally, ATVs and other off-road vehicles are **NOT** allowed on the road, so please respect pedestrians, cyclists and drivers by keeping your ATV's off the road. If you rent or lend your cottage to family, friends or even to strangers, please make sure they are aware of these rules. Safety is everyone's concern!

There were 4 break-ins after Labour Day and one theft of an outboard motor. The OPP recommends identifying your property either with your driver's license number etched on each item or by recording the items' serial numbers so your property can be returned to you if it is stolen.

By now you should all have received a letter from the township advising you of your 911 address at the cottage. Please fill out the orange sticker enclosed with the letter with your 911 address and other information and be sure to post it near your phone; this is the address the police, ambulance or fire department dispatchers require to do their job properly and send emergency services to your cottage should you require their assistance.

Bob Kruger,
Community Policing Chair

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>

2004 Kennisis Lake Regatta Results

To find out the results of all the events held at Regatta 2004 on Saturday July 31st, please visit our website at www.klcoa.org

The Editor's Note

Shortly after we met in April 1994, my now-husband announced that he owned a cottage with his brothers in the Haliburton Highlands and that he liked to go there on a regular basis. I considered this carefully: he was basically telling me that he liked to spend 6 out of 48 hours of each weekend on the road for the sole purpose of getting to and from a place where he risked getting eaten alive by rabid black flies and/or ravenous black bears. Clearly, I thought, he must be slightly demented.

I was less than enthusiastic when he insisted that I should come and see the place, but I liked this guy and I agreed to spend a weekend at the cottage, as long as he would swear, cross his heart and hope to die, that there was hydro and running hot water in the building.

By the time the weekend was over, of course, such considerations had become irrelevant: the sheer beauty of Lake Kennesis, the countless shades of green as the trees mirrored themselves in its sapphire blue water, the wonderful fragrance of spring permeating the forest, the stunning sunsets and the twinkling of a zillion stars against a velvety black night sky had all conspired to ensure I was hooked for life – on my soon-to-be husband as much as on cottaging.

Ten years later, of course, many things have changed. We are now sole owners of the cottage, and the old weather-beaten cedar cabin has been replaced by an all-season home we are building with retirement at the back of our minds. A few years back we started going to the Regatta together and I even have a couple of medals for canoeing feats I enjoyed thoroughly. I couldn't be prouder of those medals if they were Olympic gold: they are the manifestation of a sense of community I thought had disappeared from our society, but which is very much alive at the Marina on Regatta day.

I even spent summer 2004 at the cottage with our infant daughter. We wanted the first sounds she heard to be the call of loons rather than the traffic snarls at Yonge & Sheppard, her first breaths to take in the fresh air coming in from the lake rather than city smog, and her first baths to be enjoyed in sweet water devoid of chlorine and other sanitizing chemicals.

As I rocked her to sleep at sunset on our deck one evening, I had to agree with the Native philosophy that I cannot bequeath the Lake to her; rather, I am borrowing it from her. Lake Kennesis is her birthright, and I suspect that many of you also see our lake as your children's and grandchildren's heritage. With that in mind, I invite you to step out on your deck, or, if you've closed the cottage until next year, pull out photo albums and video tapes of past seasons, and ask yourself: "what does cottaging at Lake Kennesis really mean to me?"

Your answer is vital to the Steering Committee overseeing the Lake Plan process which KLCOA members have voted to forge over the next three years. It is crucial to the committee reviewing the purpose and use of the KLCOA Lands around the lake. Your participation in these projects, as well as in all other activities undertaken by KLCOA for its members, be it the Regatta, the 911 implementation or road maintenance, to name a few, is critical to protecting future generations' enjoyment of Lake Kennesis.

So go ahead, step out on your deck, look at those pictures, watch those videos. Whether you bought the place last week or are a third generation cottager, I'll bet it will make you fall in love with Lake Kennesis all over again. So much so, that maybe you'll consider joining a committee this year; we need your help to do the much-needed work undertaken by the KLCOA Lands Committee and the Lake Plan Committee and to keep our annual activities new, fresh and fun. Your children will thank you for this wonderful legacy. And I can guarantee it will make your love affair with the lake that much more fulfilling!

Marie Bordeleau
Newsletter Editor

To volunteer on one of our committees, please visit our website at www.klcoa.org and fill out the volunteer application form. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you!

KLCOA Lake Plan Steering Committee

Report #1: January 2005

What's Been Happening and Why?

At both 2004 KLCOA meetings we talked about developing a Lake Plan for our lakes. It was decided to set up a Steering Committee to give leadership, on behalf of the members, to the creation of a Lake Plan. The Committee is made up of members who expressed interest in serving and who represent different points of view and needs. **(We are STILL looking for someone from Little Kennis Please call if you would like to be on the steering committee. Ron Butcher, chair, 416.461.1075)**

The committee has met 3 times over the fall and winter and will be meeting again March 5th. We are drawing heavily on the experiences of cottage associations who have completed their Plans, of which there are a significant number. Some key decisions we have made on your behalf:

- ❖ **Contracted** with French Planning Services, a Bracebridge based firm specializing in assisting cottage associations build lake plans.
- ❖ Determined **the key steps and major components** for building the Plan
- ❖ Committee members have been assigned **roles** for some of the major components of the project (See list below)
- ❖ Begun gathering data on the **physical and natural** elements of the lakes and watershed
- ❖ Developing **surveys** to go to all cottagers and businesses in April that will collect your needs, interests, concerns, desires/hopes/dreams. This will form the foundation of our Plan.
- ❖ Building **connections with government** bodies which can help us collect the data we need to understand our current environment and any decisions that have been made, or are pending that will impact our lakes.

The Plan: What is it and for what purpose?

The purpose of having a Lake Planning process is to identify, protect and improve the important natural, physical, and social values and characteristics of the Kennis Lakes. The Plan will assist the appropriate levels of government in determining land use tools and policies that will protect the special properties of the lakes that attracted us to the Kennis Lakes in the first place. The planning process and the execution of the plan is intended to find common ground for the diversity of needs and interests that exist among the individuals and families who have a stake, and an impact, on the continuing health of the Kennis Lakes.

What does the Steering Committee need from you?

- ❖ Complete the survey and return it to the Steering Committee for tabulation
- ❖ Volunteer to serve on a project team or to do one-off jobs. (Contact Nancy Anderson at 905.571.2559.)
- ❖ Attend a workshop this summer to express your opinions, concerns, and wants, to ask questions and to learn.

What you can expect of the Steering Committee:

- ❖ Responsible stewardship of KLCOA funds
- ❖ Openness to differing points of view
- ❖ Regular communications on our progress (visit the KLCOA website at klcoa.org)
- ❖ Available to receive input and to respond to questions
- ❖ An 'implementable' Plan that will ensure the long term health of the Kennis Lakes

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Role

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