



# Horseshoe & Crotch Lake Property Owners' Association Annual Newsletter

## *In this year's edition of our Newsletter...*

You will find updates from our Executives regarding the road work that has been done, how our finances are doing, and interesting articles related to boat wake and cottage rental tips.

Our newsletter also features updates from our President and Lake Steward as well as an update on our annual photo contest where we announce the winners and showcase their winning photos.

We also have updates on our Association Facebook page.

If you have suggestions regarding content for next year's newsletter, please email us at [horseshoecrotchlakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:horseshoecrotchlakepoa@gmail.com).

## *2018 Annual General Meeting*

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 28th from 10am to 12pm**. Rain date is Sunday, July 29th at 10am. The AGM will be held at the boat launch on Horseshoe Lane. Make sure to bring a lawn chair and bug spray.

Please plan to come. It is your chance as Association members to raise and discuss issues. Feedback from last year's meeting was that you liked the lineup of guest speakers. We will aim to have interesting ones again this year. If you have any suggestions for guests, or items for the agenda, please let me or any of the other Executive members know.

During the AGM we will discuss a number of topics, including an update from the Executives on the Association's finances, lake health, road maintenance, election of new Executive members and an open discussion with our Association members.

We hope to see you all at this year's AGM.

Your Executive members would like everyone to join us for a BBQ after the meeting.

## *Report from Catherine Lane, HCLPOA President*

Another winter has passed - and what a long one it seemed - and now time to enjoy another summer and fall at our lakes, whether as seasonal or as year-round residents.

A big welcome to those of you new to Horseshoe and Little Crotch Lakes and the beautiful Salmon River. I hope that you will become involved with your Association, particularly by participating in our second annual Regatta on June 30 and in attending our AGM on

July 28 (see more on these elsewhere in the Newsletter). If you have suggestions for topics for our AGM, or guests you would like to be invited, please let me know.

Thanks to all of you who do pay the very modest Association dues. To those of you reading this who do not pay, please remember that these dues pay for services that benefit everyone on the lakes and river. If you know of

someone who hasn't paid, please encourage her/him to do so, and for our new arrivals, please do pay as per the invoice enclosed in this Newsletter.

A reminder to vote in this year's Municipal election on October 22. Even if your principle residence is located elsewhere, you can also vote in Central Frontenac. Be sure to get on the Voter's list.

In closing, I want to thank, on your behalf, my colleague Executive members for the work they do.

Our roads and waters and boat launch dock would not be looked after without them, nor would our finances, there would be no Newsletter, and our communal events such as the Regatta and AGM wouldn't happen.

THANK YOU ALL.

## *Photo Contest Winners*

*By Glenda Baker*

We held our third annual Horseshoe & Crotch Lake photo contest last year! Gorgeous lake shots to colourful rainbows were all captured with the simple click of a camera.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our photo contest.

The first place winner for best photo is Neil Maxwell (shown below). Neil's photo of the brilliant sunset was spectacular.

Coming in at second is Dennis Brown (shown on the right). Dennis Brown captured a colourful rainbow showering good fortune over our lakes.

In third place is Kevin Adams serene photo of a dock with



heron (found on page 6).

In fourth place is Neil Maxwell with his photo of a tranquil shoreline (pictured on the top right page 4).

Congratulations to all our winners! We had so many impressive photo submissions.

We will continue the photo contest again this year. So please feel free to submit your favourite Horseshoe & Crotch Lake photos via our Facebook page and by email at [horseshoe-crotchlakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:horseshoe-crotchlakepoa@gmail.com).

Photo Contest Rules: Please send us your lake and nature photos all summer until the Labour Day long weekend. The Executive will meet again in the fall to pick the winners. Winning photos will be posted on Facebook and will be featured in next year's newsletter.

## *Renting Responsibly in Cottage Country*

*By Glenda Baker*

### **Things you may want to consider when renting your cottage;**

- Are you insured for renters
- Are your potential renters experienced cottagers
- Are the potential renters a good match for your cottage
- Are your potential renters self reliant and understanding of the undertaking of cottage life
- Have you considered screening your potential guests. Asked them what they are looking for in a cottage. Check rental sites to see if other hosts have posted reviews about your potential renters.
- How do your neighbors feel about renting. What are your neighbors concerns, if any.
- Have you stated a maximum occupancy

Consider educating your potential renters by providing pre-arrival information and a cottage guest guide that covers topics like; Pets, Smoking, Cancellation Policy, Bon Fires, BBQ's, Garbage Management and Disposal, Noise Levels, Water, Electricity, Septic Systems, Cottage Inventory, Telephone and Wi-Fi, Additional Guests, Cleaning, Acceptable Boating Practices to name a few. You may also want to add other topics that you feel are relevant to your rental property.

Happy guests, Happy neighbors, profits from your investment.

It's a Win Win

### **Have you picked up your 2018 Burn Permits.**

Campfire permits are available from the Township office and local authorized Fire Permit Issuer including the Arden Legion.

## *Flotilla*

*By Neil Maxwell*

Start the Canada Day weekend in style! The Horseshoe and Crotch Lake Property Owners Association invites members and everyone on the lakes to join our second annual flotilla, Saturday June 30 at 11:00 am (rain or shine).

The flotilla will begin at the Association boat launch on Horseshoe Lane, tour the two lakes and return for cake and refreshments.

Prizes too will be awarded. Anything that floats and can take part in the tour is invited, the more imaginatively decorated the better! The speed will be leisurely so that paddlers can keep up.

Since we are celebrating Canada's birthday, any antique or unusual boats would be especially welcome. Or, if you are boat less, come anyway and we'll find you a ride.

For property owners unable to attend, please consider decorating your waterfront to celebrate the Regatta and Canada Day. Last year's decorating was impressive!

Don't forget life jackets and required boat safety equipment. We want to keep everyone safe.

For more information, please contact Neil Maxwell at [neilrmaxwell@rogers.com](mailto:neilrmaxwell@rogers.com)



## *Financial Report from Doug Rutherford*

The Horseshoe Crotch Lake Property Owners Association has a number of ongoing financial expenses that include:

- Road Maintenance and repair
- Liability Insurance
- Property Taxes on the boat launch
- FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottager Associations) a voice of Ontario's Waterways and Lake Associations.
- ◆ Our Association Newsletter.

Approximately 63% of the membership paid their dues in 2017. Your financial support is appreciated and encouraged. We can't do it without you!

We currently have:

A GIC that matures November 14, 2018 for \$14376.09

A balance of \$2481.67 in the chequing account as of May 10, 2018

If you wish to receive future newsletters and correspondence by email please let us know. It will help reduce printing and postage costs.

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## *Links to Interesting Facts*

### **Ticks**

[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ms/lyme/pdf/lyme\\_factsheet\\_07072016\\_en.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ms/lyme/pdf/lyme_factsheet_07072016_en.pdf)

### **Poison Ivy**

[http://www.hpublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/CD197%20Poison%20Ivy%20FS%20AO DA\\_New%20Branding.pdf](http://www.hpublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/CD197%20Poison%20Ivy%20FS%20AO DA_New%20Branding.pdf)

### **Invasive Species**

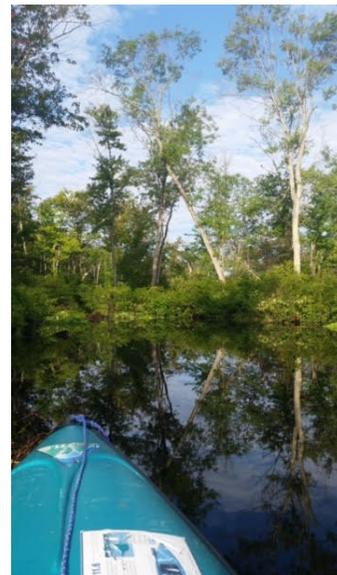
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/invasive-species-fact-sheets>

### **Fishing**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/fishing>

### **Species at Risk in Ontario**

<https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/species-risk-ontario-list>



Please inform us of any changes to your home mailing address, phone number & email address, along with any corrections to your 911 number & cottage address so we can update our files.

Annual dues (cheques only) can be mailed to our Association mailbox; Horseshoe Crotch Lake Property Owner's Association RR#2 Arden ON K0H 1B0

We will also be accepting cheque payments at our Annual General Meeting in July. If you would like to pay cash please contact Catherine Lane.

New resident addresses can also be emailed to: [horseshoecrotchlakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:horseshoecrotchlakepoa@gmail.com)

## *Hazardous Waste*

*By Tom Dewey*

Hazardous waste collection at the Township in 2018.

This year it will be on Saturday, July 14 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Sharbot Lake at the corner of Hwy #7 and Road 38. In addition to this you may also want to mention that the 'Amnesty Loads' run this year from Saturday, May 12th to Saturday, Sept. 9th.

Also ask everyone to check the web site as to what is and is not allowed as household refuse for deposit in the dump for free.

This will save everyone a lot hassle at the dump.



## *We are on Facebook*

Connecting is as easy as typing

“Horseshoe and Crotch Lake Property Owners Association”

into the search bar on Facebook,

and you've arrived!

If you like what you see, make sure to “Like” us!

## *Lake Steward Report from Dave Johnson*

In recent years local Conservation Authorities across Ontario have begun to report publicly on the state of Ontario's watersheds by issuing their Watershed Report Cards. Beginning in 2013, these reports are issued every five years, so this is only the second time that the overall health of our Salmon River watershed has been published through this Watershed Report Cards initiative.

Data related to surface water quality, forest conditions and groundwater quality are monitored and collected and analysed to provide insights about the overall health of the watershed. Using five-year blocks of data helps to minimize seasonal variations and also provides sufficient information to interpret trends and gather insights about the health of watershed ecosystems.

The Salmon River is considered to be experiencing Healthy Watershed Conditions – an overall “B” Grade based on the following data and observations:

Surface Water Quality – B Grade (Good)

Forest Conditions – B Grade (Good)

Groundwater Quality – A Grade for both Nitrogen and Chloride concentrations in groundwater samples.

The simple grading system makes it easier to readers to assess the health of a watershed in general terms.

A = Very healthy watershed conditions

B = Healthy watershed conditions

C = Watershed conditions require enhancement

D = Poor watershed conditions require improvement

F = Watershed significantly degraded requiring much improvement

These results are consistent with the data that we have gathered since 2004 while participating in the Lake Partner Program. During this period total phosphorous concentrations in Horseshoe and Crotch Lake water samples that we've collected indicate that the health of our lakes is good.

We who enjoy the beauty of living and making recreation within the Salmon River watershed, can take pride in the benefit of a healthy watershed, but it's important to remember that it's human activity that has the greatest impacts on our watershed ecosystems. Our lakes are well-populated and the health of our watershed is fragile. So, let's be mindful of how we maintain the shoreline at our properties, and the condition of our septic systems.

I encourage anyone who may interested to review a story map illustrating the state of Ontario's watersheds at the following site: <http://www.stateofontariowatersheds.ca>

Have a safe summer enjoying all the natural beauty that Horseshoe and Crotch Lakes have to offer.



## *Roads Report with Tom Dewey and Bill See*

Spring gravelling and grading will be done as soon as the frost has gone and the roadbeds have dried out. A fall grading will be done if required and funds permit. A load of crushed gravel will be added at the launch property; fall rains came too early last year and the load was not delivered.

The road culverts are in good shape and we shouldn't have to replace any for a while. We will inspect the remaining culverts and replace as required with plastic that should last much longer than the steel piping.

Our road signs are new and should stay in place for many years.

The amount of brush along the roads is a major problem and emergency vehicles, trucks, graders are having trouble traveling some of our roads. We ask all members to do their part and trim the brush along their property. This is a major undertaking as we have 4.6 kilometers of cottage roads that are maintained.

The Ontario Not for Profit Act for Corporations has still to be proclaimed to allow the Association to assume ownership of the launch. We have the funding to complete the acquisition as soon as the Act is proclaimed. The cottage association has paid taxes for 26 years on the launch property and we will provide further updates once available.

## Upcoming Community Events - 2018

\* Dark skies platform in Plevna, North Frontenac (star gazing) [northfrontenac.com/recreation.html](http://northfrontenac.com/recreation.html)

\* Visit one of the several Provincial Parks that are close-by, such as Frontenac or Bon Echo [ontarioparks.com/en](http://ontarioparks.com/en)

\* Quinte Conservation - visit their various Conservation areas [quinteconservation.ca/site](http://quinteconservation.ca/site)

\* Sharbot Lake Farmers Market-every Saturday at the beach [centralfrontenac.com/FestivalsEvents.html](http://centralfrontenac.com/FestivalsEvents.html)

\* Frontenac Farmers Market-every Saturday [frontenacfarmersmarket.ca](http://frontenacfarmersmarket.ca)

\* Township Hazardous Waste Day is July 14th 9-3pm at Hwy 7 & Rd#38

\* HCLPOA Annual General Meeting is Saturday 28 July at 10am-12pm

\* Central Frontenac Amnesty Loads: May 12<sup>th</sup> to ---Sept 9<sup>th</sup> for details visit <http://www.centralfrontenac.com/Waste.html>

\* Arden Seniors Craft Sale is Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 4PM



## Impact of a Boat Wake

By Glenda Baker

Boat wakes have a huge impact on our lakes. The larger the wake the higher the risk of potential harm. Boat wakes can do more than cause erosion on our shorelines and damage our docks or moored boats.

A boat wake can drown loon and other bird nests along with their young; particularly in May and June. A large boat wake can put children and inexperienced swimmers in harms way and churn up sediment in shallow waters which will then release dormant nutrients that promote weed growth and alga blooms.

It is important to be "Wake Wise". Be aware of the size of your boat wake during displacement, transition and planning. Always look behind you to see and understand the impact of your wake on the shoreline, docks and other structures.

Boat Wisely.

### Want to contact your Association?

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The Horseshoe and Crotch Lake Property Owners' Association was founded in the 1970's to look after the interests of individuals owning property on the two lakes and along the banks of the Salmon River located between them. An Annual General Meeting is held each July, and at that meeting a Board of Directors is elected from amongst the members. This board contracts for road maintenance, arranges for collection of annual dues from its members, oversees the upkeep of the boat launch and dock area, keeps members informed of its actions and deals with any other issues that may affect property owners.

**Enclosed is your annual invoice for the 2018 year.**

**Prompt payment is appreciated.**