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# Lake Views

## Greater Bobs & Crow Lakes Association Magazine

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View of West Basin of Bobs Lake

Photo by: Heather Irving

*Study Nature,  
Love Nature,  
Stay Close to Nature  
It Will Never Fail You!*

Frank Lloyd Wright



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## Editor's Notes

Welcome back everyone! We have "wintered well" and hope you have too.

This spring issue is full of interesting articles for you to enjoy. The Association thanks publisher Jeff Green for permission to reprint his editorial from the Frontenac News on amalgamation. Also, note Councillor Hahn's update on the issue. Both items are important for your information.

Our President has given us an excellent overview and present status of the seven focus areas from the Lake Plan. It is very important that all residents continue this work and volunteer to help where they are able. Contact any member of the Board.

Again we thank Lloyd Jones for his articles and you will find these in "The Lloyd Jones Corner of Lake Views".

I was indeed disappointed, after making a request in my last editor's notes, that I did not receive ANY suggestions, comments, photos or material for the Lake Views publication from anyone in the general membership. Let me try again! Please contact me at [obmact@rideau.net](mailto:obmact@rideau.net) I will keep suggestions in confidence if that is an issue for some.

This Magazine is an important source of information for the community of our lakes and I am sure you have personal thoughts about how we can improve this publication.

I thank Tammy O'Neil for her continued help and all those who contributed excellent articles for this issue.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer.

Susan O'Brien Mactaggart

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### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

*Robbie and Diana Hughes are without a doubt the most amazing volunteers and have contributed so much, so generously to our area. Our 911 signs would not be a reality without their tireless efforts. We also owe them our thanks and appreciation for the many years (8) they have organized and taught the boating certification courses. All the graduating students were privileged to have been taught and certified by Retired Brigadier General Robbie Hughes, who also holds Captain's certification for everything afloat, on our lakes and on the high seas, except for oil tankers. With Di as his faithful administrative assistant, there could not have been a better team.*

*Robbie and Di, you deserve the rest of your retirement. Thank you from all of us, who studied hard, took the course and now have our boaters navigation license.*



## President's Message

Spring is here, the ice is off the lake and sunny warm days are ahead. Docks are being put in and boats will soon be on the lake. We're all looking forward to summer!

I hope that everyone had a good winter whether you lived through it in the colder climes with snow or if you spent your time enjoying the snow free climates. It started off on Bobs & Crow Lakes looking like it was going to be another very snowy winter here in Eastern Ontario. November and December were cold with some heavy snowfalls. However, there were fewer snowfalls in January and February and the normally coldest month was quite mild. February had some very mild days during which we experienced quite a snow melt.

The early melt and lack of snow during February means that our lake levels and spring runoffs are expected to be lower than normal.

This is the year that all Pleasure Craft Operators will require a license by September 15<sup>th</sup>. If your U.S. State requires a license and you have one it is valid in Ontario. If you have already taken the approved boating course and have obtained your license, great! However, if you do not have a license and operate a motor boat you will need to get your license. We will not be holding courses this year but we are checking out course options for this area. Make sure you check our signboards and website for further information.

Your Association strives to maintain the pristine nature of Bobs & Crow Lakes and the surrounding environment but it can't be done without your help and input. An increase in membership is needed. Most, if not all of you reading this are members but I am sure that you know people around the lake that aren't members so talk to them and have them contact a Board member. All the work on the lakes is carried out by volunteers but there are costs that cannot be avoided. Membership dues help to; maintain the marker buoys that are put out each year, print the signage that you see around the lakes, assist the MNR with fish studies, etc.

We are also looking for more **Directors**, no special expertise or previous experience necessary! If you have an interest in what goes on, how things are done and why they are done then talk to us. If you want to have input into what and how your lakes and environment are handled and maintained become involved.

We are interested in what everyone has to say. We will listen to all and do our best to keep Bobs & Crow Lakes the place you want to be!

Your President,

Taro Alps



The Garden

Photo by: Rudy Ladds



## Members and Directors Wanted

By Taro Alps

If you ask yourself why you have a cottage or home on Bobs or Crow Lakes I'm sure that many answers will come to mind, some of which are;

1. The clean waters of the lake.
2. The great fishing.
3. Boating.
4. The peacefulness of the cottage which encompasses the lakes, land, shore & environment.
5. The varied wildlife (loons, deer, birds, foxes, waterfowl, and on and on).
6. Time with family.
7. Sharing this great experience with friends.

I'm sure that there are many reasons I haven't listed and even ones I don't know. However, for whatever reasons you enjoy your experience on the lakes and love coming back here year after year if we, as residents and stewards of the area don't look after it or have the willingness to put some effort into preserving what the area is today it will be lost to our children and grandchildren.

Membership dues help to fund the work that the Association does to maintain, preserve and improve the quality of the lakes and environment and your quality of life at your cottage or home. If you want to donate additional funds you can do so through the Bobs & Crow Lakes Foundation. The Foundation is a registered charitable organization recognized in Canada and the United States.

How can you have your say in setting the direction of the Association and assisting with preserving our environment? Become a **Director**. No special expertise or previous experience is required. All that is needed is the interest in the lakes and a willingness to contribute in a meaningful way.

Everyone has their special reasons for living on or coming to Bobs & Crow Lakes so make a difference by becoming a member and/or director.

To learn more contact any board member.



## Lake Stewardship Plan, a review

By Taro Alps

**Stewardship:** *The term is used in a general way to refer to a responsibility to take care of something one does not own. "Every person has a responsibility to look after the planet both for themselves and for the future generations. Acting irresponsibly could cause damage such as pollution, the destruction of cultural heritage, etc." (definition from Wikipedia)*

Many hours of hard work, sweat and consultations were involved in producing the Lake Stewardship Plan by volunteers who believed in the preservation and enhancement of Bobs & Crow Lakes. The plan was completed in May of 2007 that identified seven (7) areas that you, our members and the public felt were important for our lakes and surrounding area. The Lake Stewardship Plan is a living, breathing document that requires ongoing attention and as the world changes so must the actions that we take to preserve our environment. Here is a brief review of the plan and a summary of the work that has been undertaken.

1. **Water Quality and Water levels:** to maintain and improve our current standard of good water quality and water level management.  
**Actions:** Many volunteers work with the Ministry of Environment's (MOE) "Lake Partner Program" by taking water samples and monitoring the water quality throughout the spring and summer. The information gathered allows the ministry to chart the quality of the water in our lakes. To date, the water quality has remained good in our lakes. Bonnie Carabott, our Director of Water Quality ensures the monitoring process is complete and maintains the statistics concerning our water. Water levels, controlled by the Rideau Canal through the dam at Bolingbroke are monitored and negotiated by your Association. The water levels will be kept higher due to the lake trout habitat in Green Bay.
2. **Fisheries and Fishing:** to protect and enhance the natural elements that fish depend on to ensure a healthy population and to provide a sustainable fishery for anglers.





Lake Stewardship Plan... (cont'd)

**Actions:** Ongoing work and investigation is being done in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). During the summer of 2008 volunteers assisted with netting on Bobs Lake. This provided a count of the types of fish along with the sizes and ages. This gives us a "snapshot" of the fish we have in the lakes today but the impact of our actions can only be determined over time. Bobs Lake is scheduled for netting every five years. This spring, walleye spawning areas will be examined and improvement of spawning beds will be completed as necessary. Check out the article by Gordon Thompson, the Director of Fisheries for more detailed information.

3. **Natural Environment:** to protect and enhance the ecosystems of our lakes to ensure a high quality environment for fish, wildlife, vegetation and people now and for the future.  
The Ribbon of Life is critical maintaining the ecosystem of the lakes. This is the area that extends onto the land approximately 30 metres (100 feet) from the waterline and into the lake to the point that sunlight can no longer penetrate to the lakebed.  
**Actions:** Protecting these areas means working with the municipalities, providing educational materials and programs and communicating "best practices" to all lake and local residents. Ensured we have kept ourselves informed of the local mining issues and the mining reform act. We have been working with the municipalities to ensure the highest land use policies are maintained but there is much more work that can and needs to be done.
4. **Boating and Recreation:** to ensure the enjoyment of boating and other recreational activities on and around the lakes while respecting the desire for peace and tranquility, with special emphasis on the challenges posed by boating.  
**Actions:** A Boating Guide has been produced that will be available this year. 10 km and Dead Slow, No Wake signs have been put at strategic spots on the Lakes. Buoys marking hazards are put out each year by volunteers. These buoys mark many but not all hazards. The fluctuating water level and sheer size of the lakes make marking all hazards nearly impossible. If you know of hazards that are not marked please let us know.

5. **Emergency and Municipal Services:** to work with municipalities to improve the consistency of the administration of the lakes area, to maintain and improve our police and emergency services and to ensure the lake community receives an adequate level of attention to its needs for services and value for its tax contributions.  
**Actions:** Meetings with our Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have occurred, we keep in touch with our area Fire Chiefs and have had several meetings, working with the local Townships is an ongoing task and we keep up-to-date and voice our concerns about any issues that may/do have an effect on our lakes.
6. **Development:** to ensure that our development activities, landscaping practices and resource extractions are in keeping with the character of our social, physical and natural environment.  
**Actions:** Kept informed about the Townships review of their Official Plans and have voiced the concerns of the Association concerning proposed changes, monitored the proposed Fractional Ownership development by talking to the owners/developers and South Frontenac council about the issues and possible impacts that such a development could have on the lakes and environment.
7. **Sense of Community:** to bring together the people of the lakes and build a common sense of ownership and responsibility for protecting the lakes, beginning with implementing the Lake Stewardship Plan.  
**Actions:** The Lake Stewardship Plan was finalized and released May 2007. The Townships realize the valuable contribution and importance of Lake Plans and have given the lake plans official recognition.

Much more needs to be done in this area as we need to build a much stronger sense of community, responsibility of ownership and provide education about our lakes and environment.

This has provided a high level summary of the Lake Stewardship Plan and some of the ongoing actions that are underway. More work is required on each of the seven identified areas. It is your plan for Bobs & Crow Lakes with the hoped for result that your lakes will be preserved, enhanced and kept for all following generations.



## Stoneridge Cove Update

By Taro Alps

This fractional ownership development has had some delays and issues but as of April 17<sup>th</sup> a building permit request for one (1) cottage has been received by South Frontenac Township.

Current information does not indicate whether the permit will be approved or if the development will be cottages for sale, fractional ownership or built for rental purposes.

Further updates will be provided as more is learned. Stoneridge Cove is located in the central part of Bobs Lake, part of the Morter's Camp site.



## Cottage and Marine Safety

By Heather Irving

The majority of you who are reading this information are extremely responsible boaters and conscientious cottagers.

You are not the folks that many comments are directed toward.

However, you are the folks who help us to spread the word.

PLEASE RE-CYCLE this newsletter.

By re-cycle, I do not just mean shred it and take it to the re-cyle bins at the dump.

Re-cycle it to other people here on the lakes who you know are not members, pass it on to neighbours and try and chat it up, give it to friends, relatives and renters who visit. Make some extra copies. We NEED NEW MEMBERS. Help us get the word out. If you feel like quietly volunteering, we don't mind if you make some copies and walk around in your own area and drop off a few with other cottagers.

Every little bit helps.

The safety on our lakes and concern for the environment and the environmental effects of bad boating and careless cottaging will catch up with us if we don't all contribute.

## Boating Licence

2009: Yes, a Repeat Message!!

You must get your boating licence by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> of this year.

All Operators of a Pleasure Craft with a motor for recreational purposes must have their card.

Make sure all people boating from your property, staying, renting etc., whether they use your boat or theirs, are aware of this.

Order your free copy of the Safe Boating Guide on line at

[www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca)



## Help Us Out Here Folks!!

Report Bad and Dangerous Boating.

Report Drinking Boaters.

If you can get the boat number and/or know where they are staying, even better.

**Call the O.P.P.**

You have the right to insist on being anonymous, but you also have the right to insist they send a police officer to the location. Help Save a Life!!

**1-888-310-1122**



Osprey Guarding Nest

Photo by: Phillipa Blair



Cottage and Marine Safety (cont'd)

## Shoal Markers

Most of you know that the lake association has been marking our dangerous shoals/rocks etc. for many years but as a courtesy to all.

This is a volunteer task that is undertaken for the safety of all boaters.

We cannot guarantee what "Mother Nature" bestows upon us and buoys and markers break loose in bad weather or by bad boat wakes and high winds and our volunteer "buoy boys" sometimes have their hands full.

Everything is costly to replace if we buy commercial items and therefore we are limited due to our funds. In addition, we can't be everywhere at once... Can you believe, people sometimes even steal them !!! If there are dangerous areas near you with no markers, let us know.

At present our "Buoy Boys" are Larry MacNinch, Peter Smallman-Tew, Bill Brink & Bernie Gelineau.

WANT TO HELP US OUT WITH THE BUOY/MARKER SITUATION ???

Call any of the fellows involved or any member of the board and let us know. Maybe you have ideas!!



## Water Lines...Mark Your Lines!!

Many water lines are flailing loose are not marked and therefore difficult to see. And the ones with the trailing piece of rope are a real treat to get snagged in.

Granted, people should not be snooping in too close to shore, but we all have probably been guilty of this at some time and it is human nature to explore on the lake.

They are just so dangerous. Even a tiny wee boat with a trolling motor can have a horrible accident.



## Environmental Issues

I have covered a variety of topics from unsafe stairs & railings to bad docks, mooring cleats, water lines, electrical issues & RE-CYCLING .....BUT THERE ARE OTHERS....

THIS HAS TO BE MY FAVORITE !!!  
DOES WATER REALLY RUN DOWN HILL???

I know this sounds sarcastic, however, I am frequently astounded by the number of people who refuse to believe that water runs down hill.

It almost always involves a discussion involving "Poop" or Septic issues of one sort or another. However, I am begging you to become more conscious of what is running into our lakes and where it comes from.

PERHAPS IT IS TIME for ALL OF US to *take a stab at being more* ENVIRONMENTALLY SAVVY. Plant some more trees, make some more gardens, don't use fertilizer or pesticides, mulch stuff more, stop throwing the dog poop in the lake, get the septic pumped out regularly.

For other ideas: visit [www.wildaboutgardening.org](http://www.wildaboutgardening.org)



## Moving the Pooper

Well, I am now going to finish telling my story from the summer of 2007 when Susan O'B MacT had us deliver all those lake plans etc. and I never did get to tell .....the rest of the story....

So...here I am on an island, after having slam-dunked the boat with my two teeny-bopper helpers & their grandma (bless her soul she passed away last June and I miss her a lot ).

I volunteer to go ashore for the island...yippee....the usual swan lake dance on the bad dock with no mooring cleats...imagine....just air to tie the boat up to....pinched fingers, cussing under the breath, bad knees creaking and off I go....

First stop...went relatively well....the guy had just painted his 11 stairs and didn't rope them off.....I don't believe he was very impressed with my number 10's leaving a really pretty imprint on them (in both directions)....then all the dirt, leaves and other island debris stuck to my sneakers (now in sneaker heaven).



### *Moving the Poop (cont'd)*

It was pretty good for a few cottages after that and then "oh Poopers"....yes, literally....I took a short cut through a back yard and all of a sudden fell into a crater, grabbed a branch and swung like a monkey surviving with both shoes but one was covered in Poop!.

Where's the out-house?? I shout out loud but then remember, no one is with me and if I don't get out of this they will have to call the fire department to rescue me.

I manage to swing and do the old football "tuck and roll" thing which my arthritic body did not like. I got up and started again and good grief, I went down into another monumental horror of a hole. Doesn't anybody fill the holes in?

Ya had to dig the dirt out to make the hole! What did you do with the dirt?

Seven holes (Yes...7) later, I have hopped, dodged and darted like the scared rabbit back to the boat. Not a pretty site at all!

So I am sure you can see where this story is going....How do you properly move the outhouse? I don't know so, I googled "How to move the Outhouse"....well there are some interesting stories out there..

I recommend you visit:  
[Forums.cottagelife.com](http://Forums.cottagelife.com)

This is a great website and hysterical in many ways. Some of the questions and answers are unbelievable.

Yes, before someone corrects me, you are advised that you must contact your local Department of Health as well regarding the "Out House" issues.

Things just are not like they used to be back in "the good old days". One must have permits for everything!!

## Wiring

Please check your wiring as best you can, and all your electrical appliances. If in doubt, swallow your pride and contact a licensed electrician. Re-visit your life at the cottage and assess how old some of your electrical things really are. Is it time for a change!!

Woodstoves: must be to code to today's standards ..... and your insurance.... All the regulations have changed in recent years and I will bet that the large majority of Woodstoves out there in cottage country are not WETT certified and do not meet current standards.



## BUOY MARKERS ON BOBS AND CROW LAKES

**The buoy markers at dangerous/shoal sites on our lakes are maintained by GBCLA volunteers. The Association marks these known sites out of concern for your safety.**

**HOWEVER, boaters are reminded that buoys may move off, in fact disappear due to weather conditions or other factors.**

**There may also be other areas of danger due to the topography of our lakes and the fluctuation of water levels. It is impossible to mark all these sites. The GBCLA cannot be liable for ANY personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from any causes whatsoever involving the lake buoy markers.**

**YOUR BOATING SAFETY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NAVIGATOR.**

**SMOKE DETECTORS  
/ FIRE ALARMS  
WORKING....???**





## Bedford District Fire Department

### Open Air Burning

It's that time again and people are trying to burn off old grass and brush. With the dryness and wind we have been encountering, many fires have gotten out of control. As per the by-law, fines can be issued for burning that is not in accordance with the township burning by-law. In addition and more importantly, property damage and personal injury can and has resulted.

Check the by-law for more information regarding burning in South Frontenac. It can be found online at "<http://township.southfrontenac.on.ca/EmergencyServices>" or contact the township office.

Burning ban information can also be found at the same locations.

Even if there is no fire ban, please use common sense and don't burn if it is windy.

Note: All burning (except for fires for warmth or cooking - see by-law) in Bedford District requires a burning permit. Permits are void during fire bans.

### Lane Clearances

As most are aware, lane clearance has been an ongoing issue in South Frontenac. Please endeavour to have your lanes cleared 12' wide by 12' high and able to support a vehicle of up to 35,000 pounds. By not complying, you may receive limited or delayed response. In many situations we may not be able to get our pumpers, tankers or squads into locations requiring them. In these cases we will continue to do what we can (transport pumps, hose, medical equipment, etc. via 4x4 trucks) which takes more time and can be less effective.

### Working Smoke Alarms - It's the law!

We have been in the process of completing our smoke alarm program. Part of this program entails visiting residences with a questionnaire regarding smoke alarms and fire safety. Our mandate is to ensure all residences have working smoke alarms on all floors in accordance with the Ontario Fire Marshall's office. If or when a fire fighter arrives at your door, please be helpful with their questions. Smoke alarms and batteries will be provided where needed.

Test your smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries at least every year. Never remove the batteries from smoke alarms. If nuisance alarms are a problem, try moving the alarm to another location or purchase an alarm with a hush feature that temporarily silences the alarm. Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace smoke alarms if they are more than ten years old. (or sooner depending on manufacturers recommendations) Make sure

everyone in the household knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire household.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe summer.

Deputy Chief Ray Smith



## Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC)

This is the year! Everyone, regardless of age, who operates or plans to operate a pleasure craft (motor boat) in Ontario, must have their PCOC by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you are a US citizen and have an operator's license issued by your state it is valid in Ontario. You do not need to get a card issued by Ontario but you must have your card or license with you whenever you are driving a boat.

GB&CLA has found a licensed instructor located in the Kingston area. If we get 10 people or more to attend on one of the dates the instructor is willing to hold a course at the Bedford Hall on Westport Road. The course will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The lesson is two (2) hours long, followed by a 36 question multiple choice exam to be completed within one (1) hour. The cost is \$50.00 per student. There are specific exams for kids 8-12 and 13-15.

The instructor is available to hold a course at our location on one of the following dates.

Thursday, July 16

Tuesday, July 21

Thursday, August 6

Tuesday, August 18

Let us know what date works best for you and if required pick an alternate date. Only if we get enough people to attend on one of the above dates will we hold the course.

The deadline to let us know if you want to attend a course is June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Contact us at 613-273-8495 or send an email to [bobscrew@kingston.net](mailto:bobscrew@kingston.net) if you need to get your license.

If GB&CLA cannot get ten (10) people to attend the course on one of the above dates the course is being held at Ward's Marine, 1504 Bath Road in Kingston on May 21 and June 18. However, both dates appear to be fully booked. To check if there are any cancellations and if seats have become available call 613-546-4248.

**Remember, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 is the deadline.**



## Cook's Corner

By Heather Irving

### Healthy Stuff – Oat Squares

Taken from the Quaker Oaks book called "Oat Cuisine". I tried it. It is good, and a great health snack, but does not freeze well.

### OAT SQUARES

3 cups large flake oats,  $\frac{3}{4}$  c unsalted sunflower seeds,  $\frac{1}{4}$  c sesame seeds,  $\frac{3}{4}$  c sliced almonds,  $\frac{1}{4}$  c unsalted butter,  $\frac{1}{3}$  c light brown sugar, 1 tbsp ground cinnamon,  $\frac{1}{3}$  c wild honey,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c wheat germ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c sliced dried apricots,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c flaked coconut, 1 c golden raisins, 1 c sun-dried cranberries,  $\frac{1}{3}$  c sun-dried cherries

Heat oven to 325. Lightly Toast oats, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds & almonds (easier in a large fry pan) than even in the oven.

Gently heat & melt butter, brown sugar, cinnamon and honey. Mix everything in large bowl.

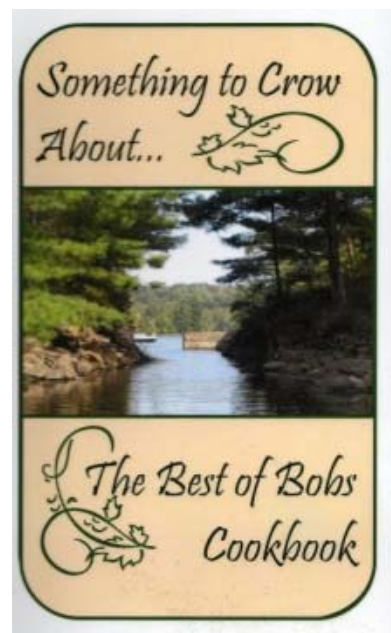
Line bake tray (at least 9 x 13) with parchment paper. Bake for 20 to 25 min.

Cut while warm.

Makes about 30 bars.

Per Serving: As quoted in the book..

150 Calories, 3 g protein, 5g total fat (1.5g saturated fat), 25 g carbohydrate, 13 g sugar, 3 g fibre, 5 mg cholesterol, 5 mg sodium.



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## 2009 Fisheries Work on the Lakes

By Gordon Thompson, Director of Fisheries

Happy Spring to all! Ice is out, docks are in and soon the boat. Great life and wouldn't trade it for the world! Spring means fishery work and the following will update you on last year and this year. If I have missed anyone who should get this because they are interested in working on fisheries in our lakes, please let me know who they are for our contact list.

In 2008, we did a lot of netting both gill and trap and the Ministry did its open netting called Broadscale, which is designed as a longer-term assessment of the fishery in many lakes in Ontario. However, they did pull all the data together and we have received the report that is too lengthy for this Lake Views Magazine but can be found on the GBCLA web site. We will now meet with the Ministry to get a full interpretation of those results.

The next thing is 2009 and what we can do. The Ministry required that we have a plan in by February. Taro Alps, Steve Monin and myself met with the Ministry and we agreed that the survey results should form the basis of a plan developed by this committee and approved by the Board of the GBCLA for 2010 but that there were things we could do for 2009. We agreed on a plan to do spin netting for Lake Trout in Crow Lake and we submitted a proposal to monitor Walleye Spawning this spring and to rehab 2 or 3 locations. The Walleye spawning observation consists of boats or land observation of creeks that walleye use for spawning at night when the water reaches approx. 52F. Using lights the locations of spawning walleye is detected by their glowing eyes. We want to see if they are using the creeks before we make a decision to rehab them. I will be covering Eagle Creek and Fish Creek as well as the Bobs Lake side of the cut into Crow as well as the needle joining Crow Bay to the main lake. In as far as the rehab is concerned this work we do in late August and early September. We order rock and get wet and dirty to fix the beds.

We will schedule another meeting in early June to talk about what this committee and the Association should be looking at for the fishery going forward so that we have a plan for 2010. ***This will only work if there are enough of us who care and are willing to invest the time. In that regard I remind you that if there are others who are just dying to***

***get involved lets identify them and get them involve!! . Our fishery is important and the assistance we get from the Ministry and the Association is directly tied to the support from those of us who live on the lakes.***

I urge you to get involved and help with this program. I can be reached at [grandkthompson@rogers.com](mailto:grandkthompson@rogers.com).



### UPDATE ON MNR MEETINGS ABOUT PAN FISHING.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has posted the upcoming public meetings, information and questionnaire with regards to Pan Fish. Please go to [www.ontraio.ca/zonecouncils](http://www.ontraio.ca/zonecouncils). Go to zone 18 then to the information and questionnaire link for the questionnaire. Please try to attend one of the public meetings. All the neighbouring municipalities and Counties appreciate the important social economical benefits that local resorts have on the economy. They understand the possible detrimental effects a very strict sunfish limit could have on the local economy. They have supported Tay Valley's resolution that states: ***"We are not in support of a regulation that sets catch and possession limits for sunfish, until such time as there can be an economical impact study done."***



#### **NORDLAW LODGE ON BOBS LAKE** *An Invitation for you!*

***The family and staff of Nordlaw Lodge at the north end of Bobs Lake have generously offered all Association members a special dinner invitation to buy one meal at the regular price and get the second at half price this summer. Clip out and present this notice for proof of membership.***

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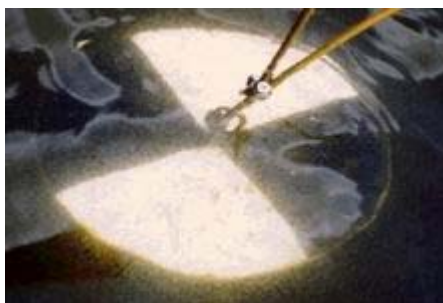
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## Water Quality Testing Results - 2008

By Jeff Carabott

The Lake Partners Program has compiled the Lakes' testing data for 2008. Again, we thank the dedicated group of volunteers who conduct regular water quality testing at various key locations of our lakes, from May through September. Testing includes Secchi disc readings (for clarity) and total phosphorous (TP), the principle nutrient that makes lakes more fertile. The Lake Partner Annual Report may be downloaded by visiting their website at [http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake\\_partner/index.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/index.htm)



Secchi disc

We are in need of a water quality tester for Mill Bay. If anyone is interested, please email Bonnie Carabott at [jcarabott@sympatico.ca](mailto:jcarabott@sympatico.ca).

**Secchi disc readings** are interpreted as follows (the higher the reading, the clearer the water):

- Over 5.0m – oligotrophic lake condition (unenriched, with few nutrients)
- 3.0 to 4.9m – mesotrophic lake condition (moderately enriched, with some nutrients)
- Less than 2.9m – eutrophic lake condition (enriched, with higher levels of nutrients)

Location	Avg. Secchi disc 2008 (m)	Avg. Secchi disc (m) 1996-2008
Buck Bay	4.7	4.1
East Basin	5.8	5.4
Crow Bay	4.1	4.1
Central Narrows	4.1	4.5
Green Bay	6.1	5.7
Long Bay	4.3	4.6
Mill Bay	-	2.9
Mud Bay	5.3	5.0
Norris Bay	4.5	4.9
West Basin	4.7	4.5
Crow Lake	5.1	5.2

We will report on the Secchi disc yearly trend data in the Fall/Winter newsletter, which will give you a better idea of the progressive clarity and health of our Lakes.

**Total Phosphorus (TP) readings** are measured in micrograms per litre (ug/L), and are interpreted as follows (generally, the lower the reading, the clearer the water):

- 10 micrograms per litre or less – oligotrophic, few nutrients
- 10 – 20 micrograms per litre – mesotrophic, moderately enriched
- 20 micrograms per litre or more – eutrophic, enriched, higher levels of nutrients

Readings are taken in May or June.



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SITE DESCRIPTION	YEAR	Avg. TP (ug/L)		SITE DESCRIPTION	YEAR	Avg. TP (ug/L)
Buck Bay	2003	8.9		Mill Bay	2002	16.3
Buck Bay	2004	14.0		Mill Bay	2003	12.4
Buck Bay	2005	11.1		Mill Bay	2004	21.0
Buck Bay	2006	8.2		Mill Bay	2005	17.8
Buck Bay	2007	8.9		Mill Bay	2006	15.6
Buck Bay	2008	10.0		Mill Bay	2007	7.5
Buck Bay	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	9.0		Mill Bay	2008	---
E Basin, deep spot	2005	9.8		Mill Bay	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	17.0
E Basin, deep spot	2006	9.2		Mud Bay	2002	13.4
E Basin, deep spot	2007	7.1		Mud Bay	2003	5.8
E Basin, deep spot	2008	8.4		Mud Bay	2004	10.5
E Basin, deep spot	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	11.0		Mud Bay	2005	7.8
Crow Bay	2002	16.0		Mud Bay	2006	11.7
Crow Bay	2003	9.2		Mud Bay	2007	7.4
Crow Bay	2004	12.5		Mud Bay	2008	7.1
Crow Bay	2005	9.8		Mud Bay	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	8.0
Crow Bay	2006	8.5		Norris Bay	2002	12.1
Crow Bay	2007	9.6		Norris Bay	2003	8.1
Crow Bay	2008	8.8		Norris Bay	2004	10.3
Crow Bay	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	7.0		Norris Bay	2005	9.3
Central Narrows	2002	11.4		Norris Bay	2006	12.3
Central Narrows	2003	9.4		Norris Bay	2007	12.3
Central Narrows	2004	12.1		Norris Bay	2008	9.3
Central Narrows	2005	11.7		Norris Bay	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	14.0
Central Narrows	2006	9.9		W Basin, deep spot	2002	25.0
Central Narrows	2007	9.5		W Basin, deep spot	2003	13.0
Central Narrows	2008	9.2		W Basin, deep spot	2004	15.4
Central Narrows	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	11.0		W Basin, deep spot	2005	12.9
Green Bay,mid-bay	2002	15.1		W Basin, deep spot	2006	12.1
Green Bay,mid-bay	2003	13.3		W Basin, deep spot	2007	11.5
Green Bay,mid-bay	2004	8.1		W Basin, deep spot	2008	9.2
Green Bay,mid-bay	2005	8.5		W Basin, deep spot	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	10.0
Green Bay,mid-bay	2006	5.8		Crow Lake, mid Lake	2002	13.4
Green Bay,mid-bay	2007	9.2		Crow Lake, mid Lake	2003	9.5
Green Bay,mid-bay	2008	9.0		Crow Lake, mid Lake	2004	6.9
Green Bay,mid-bay	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	11.0		Crow Lake, mid Lake	2005	9.7
Long Bay	2002	14.3		Crow Lake, mid Lake	2006	7.5
Long Bay	2003	11.3		Crow Lake, mid Lake	2007	7.0
Long Bay	2004	11.5		Crow Lake, mid Lake	2008	6.9
Long Bay	2005	10.8		Crow Lake, mid Lake	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	9.0
Long Bay	2006	7.7				
Long Bay	2007	7.4				
Long Bay	2008	8.4				
Long Bay	<i>Avg. Pre-2002</i>	16.0				





## Invasive Species Testing

The Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH) conducted the invasive species sampling program (for zebra mussels and spiny water fleas) in Bobs and Crow Lakes this past summer. Great news, there are no signs of infestation in either lake!

## RVCA Water Quality & E.Coli Testing

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) once again conducted water clarity and E.Coli bacteria testing, in June, August and September / October. At this time, the results are not yet available, and will be reported in the fall newsletter.

For more information, check the RVCA Watershed Watch website:

[http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/wwatch/watershed\\_watch.htm](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/wwatch/watershed_watch.htm)



*Blue Heron Waiting for Fisherman's Catch*

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### BOBS AND CROW LAKES FOUNDATION

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Photos by: Mary Alps



## Bedford District and South Frontenac Amalgamation

### Bedford – Poor Cousin to Cash Cow

By Jeff Green

(Eleven years after it was founded, South Frontenac Council is finally getting down to debating whether it should amalgamate all of its services. In the midst of what might become a loud debate, we take a look at the role that Bedford District played in the establishment of the idiosyncratic area rating system in South Frontenac, and the role it may play in ending it.)

Back in the mid-1990s, when amalgamation was forced on Ontario municipalities by the Ontario government, there was a real question in Frontenac County about where Bedford Township should go. A good chunk of its population work, shop, and send their kids to school in Westport, but Westport is in Leeds Grenville County so that was off. Bedford borders both Hinchinbrooke and Oso, which joined Central Frontenac, and in some ways it resembled the townships that became Central Frontenac. It is dominated by lakes, including the massive “dammed lakes” (Bobs and Crow) and its population is mixed between farming and seasonal waterfront dwellers. But, If Bedford had joined Central Frontenac, it would have made for a huge township with five large under-populated districts, extending from the edge of Division Street north of Kingston almost all the way to Highway 41, 60 kilometres north of Napanee. The third option, and the one that was ultimately chosen, was to join South Frontenac. This made sense because Bedford borders both Loughborough and Portland.

But the politicians that negotiated amalgamation in South Frontenac did not want to take on the liabilities of their soon-to-be amalgamation partners, and they were particularly wary of Bedford. While the three other townships that became South Frontenac, Storrington, Portland, and Loughborough, all bordered Kingston and contained suburban-style subdivisions and medium-sized villages with schools and businesses, along with their farming and seasonal populations, Bedford is mostly made up of seasonal residents with some farmers. It has few paved roads, and no garbage pickup. Politicians from the other districts did not want their residents to pay for bringing Bedford's services up to their standards, which is what full amalgamation would have entailed.

This was one of the factors that led to the area rating system in South Frontenac. While policing, central



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administration and other costs were paid out of South Frontenac taxes, each district paid for their own roads, waste management, recreation, and fire services.

But, over time things have been changing in South Frontenac. Fire services were fully amalgamated several years ago. While budgeting for services has remained area-rated, the services are mostly run centrally.

At the same time, Bedford has become the source of a lot of revenue for the South Frontenac. The new property assessment regime taxes waterfront properties heavily, and there has been a building boom in Bedford over the last 10 years as seasonal properties have been converted to year-round homes. Bobs Lake in particular has become a highly prized location and nowadays, more money flows from Bedford to the township office in Sydenham than flows the other way.

The poor cousin has become a cash cow. Bedford District's riches are also tied in with plans to build a new library in Sydenham. The township would like to revamp its existing offices in Sydenham, and take over the space currently occupied by the library. This would allow all departments to be based in one building. The plan to do this is tied to a plan to build a brand-new, larger library on the same site.

All of this costs money. Bedford District has been accumulating money for years through the sale of road allowances. This is an offshoot of all the building that has been going on. By provincial regulation, this money can only be spend on “Parks and Recreation”, which Bedford has little of, and there is little demand from the Bedford population for new facilities. Putting the money towards building a new library would be an acceptable use, but as long as recreation is area-rated, Bedford money cannot go to a library in Loughborough District where



Bedford – Poor Cousin... (cont'd)

Sydenham is located. However, under amalgamation the money could be used anywhere in South Frontenac.

Bedford District councilors are supportive of a five-year roads improvement plan that was brought forward by the public works manager. Among other things, it would see a major paving program in Bedford and an increase in taxation for Bedford residents, all with a view towards amalgamating the roads budgets in the township as a whole by 2010. With Bedford recreation money helping to pay for Sydenham library and a new township office, the other districts are less likely to object to some of their ratepayers' money helping to pave roads in Bedford.

Last month, CAO Gord Burns presented Council with a draft proposal to amalgamate recreation and roads. The proposal was defeated, but at the end of the meeting one of the councilors who voted against it, Ron Vandewal from Loughborough said, "I would support amalgamation if it was proposed, but nothing else".

**Two weeks later**, amalgamation was brought forward at a Committee of the Whole meeting, and Vandewal said he supported it. He is, in effect, the deciding voter, because Mayor Davison and Councilors Hahn and Stowe from Bedford, as well as the other Loughborough councilor, Alan McPhail, are all onside.

At this point, it looks like it might be done against the will of the councilors from Storrington and Portland districts, which presents a real problem since they represent 50% of the residents in the township.

The objections from councilors in both Portland and Storrington are partly philosophical, but they are also focused on waste management, with Portland councilors in particular wanting to protect one of their major assets, the Portland dump.

There are a series of other complications as well, particularly in relation to reserve funds that the districts currently control, but if there is not yet a green light, there is at least a yellow, proceed with caution, light glowing for amalgamation in South Frontenac. It was the subject of a debate this week at a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 10. (see Wilma Kenny's article).

With 18 months to go before the next municipal election and the current mayor having made a commitment to doing this during the previous election, and with CAO Burns slated to retire in a few months, there is a bit of a legacy question for both of them.

If the political decision to amalgamate services in South Frontenac is not made within the next four months, it will be put off for at least four years.

## Ending Area Rating

By David Hahn

Ending Area-Rating in South Frontenac  
Many readers may not even realize that many services in South Frontenac have continued to be provided on an area-rated basis ten years after amalgamation. This has meant that in Bedford, Bedford residents' taxes pay to construct and maintain district roads, operate dumps and recycling services and maintain and operate the recreation facilities and programmes. Finally Council has voted to end area-rating in South Frontenac for the 2010 tax year. The details of the transition have not been finalized yet but judging by past tax rates the net tax result for Bedford taxpayers will be a very slight decrease in tax rates.

The more significant questions relate to the impact on services. In Bedford District the annual spending on road reconstruction has been increased to nearly \$600,000. This programme has rebuilt the Badour Rd and the Green Bay East Road. Burrigade Road is scheduled to be resurfaced this year. The Township has committed to maintain this level of reconstruction work in Bedford (and in the other districts as well) for at least the duration of the current five year road plan. This should result in significant improvements in the secondary roads in Bedford as the programme moves forward.

In the area of waste management, moving gradually to a unified waste system should produce a more effective and less costly system. With stiffer and stiffer requirements from the Ministry of the Environment it has become continually more expensive to operate the four landfills in Bedford district. Considering the low level of service it has become expensive to operate this system. As the first stage all South Frontenac residents will be able to use any dumps in the Township. Hopefully this will increase the convenience of using the dumps. Details of how the waste management system will be operated remain to be worked out. The Bedford District Recreation Committee will continue to be responsible for the recreation facilities in Bedford.

We have just completed the budget for 2009 and the average increase in Bedford has been held to a shade over 2%. I hope that all Bobs Lake residents enjoy a pleasant summer on the lake.

Please feel free to contact me about any Township concerns.

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# The Lloyd Jones Corner of Lake Views

## How Badour Island was Named

Badour Island is not really an island, but a peninsula, or point which separates Crow Bay from central Bobs Lake. The flow of water at the Portage has been judged by someone to be great enough to qualify the west end of the point to be an island. In the age before outboard motors, the Portage had always been what the name said - a place to carry your canoe or drag a boat to other water, in this case, a shortcut to avoid paddling or rowing around the whole point. A few decades ago, some cottagers discovered that the Portage was a site with lot of sand - sand which could be floated away in an old boat to build a beach elsewhere. Gradually, the Portage was no longer a portage, but a navigable, island- producing channel (except in low water).

The Badour name was attached to the "island" because in 1856 Green Bay Joseph Badour bought all the peninsula from the Crown for the purpose of cutting the white pine. Murton Badour advised me that Joseph was such a popular name in the family, that each one of them was known by their location around the lakes. The point was surveyed into several "broken lots"- meaning the lots were not rectangular in shape, with 200 acres, but were made irregular by shorelines and less than 200 acres. Joe purchased all the point for 229 British pounds or

approximately \$ 1145, a high price for that time.

Joe then cut and squared each pine log from the whole length of the tree up, to the point where branches grew -perhaps a length of 60 feet. Squared -timbers were made by hewers who used a broadaxe to shape the log to four smooth sides. (see Dammed Lakes, p.48) In spring, the squared-timbers were floated down the Tay River to the Rideau Canal at Perth, where they were formed into a large raft, with detachable sections, and floated to Kingston. From there, the raft was towed by a tug down the St Lawrence to Quebec City, where it was loaded on a timber ship for England. The port of Liverpool received half of the timber ships from Canada. The English timber merchants would then saw the logs into the sizes requested by their clients. The Bobs Lake pine were part of a massive flow of timber from Canada East ( Ontario) to meet the needs of the Industrial Revolution in England.

The Badour ancestor, Isaac Be'dard arrived in Quebec in 1661. A descendant, Simeon Jean Bedard came to Upper Canada (Ontario at that time) after receiving a land grant for services in the War of 1812. His descendants were the several Badour or (Bedour) families around the lakes, who arrived before 1830. The change in family name is the result of an English-speaking census-taker enumerating a French-speaking resident. (See Dammed Lakes, p.44)



Parr Island Bobs Lake.....shore fish fry "the old days"

Photo : from files of Lloyd Jones





## The Lloyd Jones Corner of Lake Views (cont'd)

### Inexpensive Spring Entertainment

Spring is a great time to observe wildlife in action, and there is no place better to see the action than a carefully selected swamp or wetland,- in the spring an hour before dark. Find a wetlands with some open water, some cattails but no buildings anywhere nearby. Go there when the redwings have arrived, but not yet the mosquitoes. Select a place near the shore, but not in the skyline. Take your field glasses, and sit and watch quietly, because a lot of entertainment is planned, and a some of it unpredictable.

First the redwings will check you out, express alarm, but eventually ignore you - they have other priorities. Watch the water - what is making those V- shaped waves? You will certainly see a muskrat and a beaver, but maybe otters enjoying themselves, or a deer moving along the opposite shore, or something else that you cannot identify or expect. You will likely see a duck and a line of chicks following, because some ducks lay their eggs before the ice is completely melted.

Then it happens, a booming, pumping sound, which can be heard almost a km. away. The first time someone hears it, an expression might escape: "Whaaat in hell was that?,". Birds of Canada comments that the first time you hear the bittern vocalize, you will never forget it. Five minutes later the boom is repeated, and so on for the rest of the night.

As the sun goes down, the scheduled music begins. At first, only one musical "peep" can be heard somewhere out there, then a second joins in, with a minor variation in tone., and gradually a few more tune up. But when the main chorus fails to give their support, the peeping falls silent. This pattern is repeated a few times, until everything seems just right - then thousands of chorus frogs (peepers) make such a din that you really have to leave. They will not miss you because they sing all night. If you try to see one up close, you will find that they seem to be invisible.

I made 3 visits in the spring of 2008, and I was never disappointed.



Marsh View

Photo by: Susan O'Brien Mactaggart

### The Brown Creeper

There is a good chance you have never seen the brown creeper. It is a small camouflaged bird with characteristic behaviour. It searches your trees for food year round. It lands on the trunk of a tree and creeps either straight up the trunk or in a spiral pattern. If it creeps upward in a straight line, at the end of its rise, it will drop back again to the bottom of the trunk and creep up again in another straight line. Its feeding pattern is the opposite that of a nuthatch- which comes head first down the tree. The brown creeper has a pale brown-mottled back, and a pale white breast. Its beak bends noticeably downward.

To see this bird for yourself, feed it by pressing some suet in the rough bark of a nearby tree, in a straight line upwards, starting a foot or so above the ground. Suet for birds can be purchased at a hardware store. In order to put pressure on the suet to stick in cracks in the bark, wear a rubber while pressing the suet. The suet might also attract woodpeckers, nuthatches and a few other birds. Once attracted, the brown creeper will become a regular visitor. The suet will not bother the tree. Trees with rough bark are best for holding the suet.



## Bedford District Historical Society

By Pat Barr

On behalf of the Bedford District Historical Research Committee, and myself I am delighted to be writing this article for your magazine. I hope to up-date you on events we have planned for the summer of 2009.

First, I must say the organization lost a very dedicated founder, June Quinn in November 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer. June devoted much of her time in the last years to the history of Bedford and the genealogy of many families who homesteaded here. June, along with the help of some other committee members researched and catalogued a lot of information, which is on display at the Historical Resource Center at Glendower Hall. South Frontenac Township plans to provide a plaque honouring June Quinn, which will be unveiled at the Canada Day celebrations.

The historical Committee has several events planned for the summer of 2009. The Research Center at Glendower Hall will be open during Canada day celebrations. Members will help with inquiries as family and property history is of interest to many visitors. The Research Center may also be open during other events if requested and if the volunteers are available to staff the Center. ***Canada Day celebrations begin about 7p.m. and are followed by fire works at dusk.***

A traveling exhibit has been prepared to take to events in the community such as lake association meetings, church suppers, cemetery memorial services, craft fairs and other events. We hope this exhibit will promote the Historical Committee, increase membership and enhance the organization. An antique display is planned in conjunction with the Greater Bobs & Crow Lakes Association AGM on ***Sunday, July 26.*** Anyone is welcome to display their antique collection or genealogy records and be available to answer questions.

We are also working with the Bedford Recreation Committee with regard to Fermoy Hall. The former municipal building of the Township of Bedford is located at the top of the hill in Fermoy, on the Westport Road. This hall may be one of the oldest municipal buildings in Ontario, dating to 1867 or earlier. It is hoped that Fermoy Hall might be restored to be used for community functions such as, crafters or farmers markets, historical displays or a community center for smaller events.

On behalf of the Historical research Committee, I welcome anyone interested in history to join us.



## Westport News

### FOLEY MOUNTAIN

Lake residents should be aware we have a beautiful conservation area overlooking Westport. This is a great outing for your children or grandchildren! A Family Nature Program series is held there most Thursdays and Saturday mornings in July and August from 10:00am to 11:30am at the Interpretive Centre (unless otherwise indicated). Programs are free with the purchase of a day or annual pass. Parents or guardians are asked to stay with children during the programs. Topics range from beaver pond studies to tree studies to orienteering and everything in between. The program schedule is being set as we go to press but for more information contact:

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### CAN YOU HELP!

Recently I have found out about a very special cause in the village of Westport and as editor of Lake Views I want to let you know about it, in the hope that you might respond to help this cause.

There are special needs young children in the village who cope with such handicaps as epilepsy, autism, seizures and Angelman syndrome. Two mothers are raising monies to purchase a special playground structure to be located at the Rideau Vista Public School playground to be used by such children from the community and the surrounding area. These little ones face difficult challenges in the play yard and the design of this equipment allows them to play safely with each other and their peers.

Any size of donation is welcomed as these mothers try to reach the \$20,000. cost of this equipment. Already they have been supported to reach half this goal and if three quarters of this amount is assured the School Board will contribute the rest.

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#### TINEKE'S GARDEN SPIRITS

Visit the web site [www.gardenspirits.ca](http://www.gardenspirits.ca) to view the magical garden sculptures by Dutch artist Tineke Doornbosch. He studio is near Perth and she also holds workshops during the year for those who may be interested.

#### WILTON POTTERY

Just south on Hwy 38, south west of Harrowsmith is the charming village of Wilton. Wilton pottery is a wonderful spot to visit. Check out their web site at [www.wiltonpottery.ca](http://www.wiltonpottery.ca) Just a little further down the road is the Wilton Cheese Factory and store where you can buy the famous Wilton cheese.



## Membership Notes

By Edie MacNinch

Another spring has arrived, the ice is out, the osprey is back on Bobs Lake Road and it is time to think about renewing your membership!

Our year runs from June 30<sup>th</sup> to the following June 30<sup>th</sup>. Most people try to get their dues in by the Annual Meeting in July. If your subscription expiry date is June 2009, this is the last magazine you will receive until you renew. If you forget, I send out a reminder, usually in September. This results in quite a few renewals.

Please talk to your cottage neighbours and encourage them to join our association. The more members we have, the more effective we can be!

You now have the option of joining/renewing via the Association website. It is easy to use (I tried it!) but you need to mail me a cheque. You can also renew for more than one year.

If you need to get in touch or are unsure of the status of your membership, my e-mail address is:  
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