

Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association



"Preserve the Heritage"

Newsflash Aug 2014

Exciting News! The design of the new KLCA website has been finalized at last! We are now in the process of loading content into it and hope to have the new site up and running by September. Stay tuned.....

KLCA Treasure Hunt There is still time to complete the KLCA Treasure Hunt and win \$100.00! Check out page 7 of *Reflections 2014* for the first clue and solve the hunt by August 31st, for your chance to win! The hunt takes place in Dorset and on the lake. Hint: Bring your copy of *Reflections 2014* with you while hunting.

Annual KLCA Regatta Thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard to make the Regatta a success. Thanks also to all who participated and were rewarded with a perfect summer day to enjoy all the day's events. Lastly, thanks to all the participants who bought raffle tickets and participated in the silent auction. The KLCA was able to donate \$2,200 to Moorelands Camp, which means that thanks to your generosity, two kids who otherwise would not have had the privilege of enjoying our beautiful lake will be going to camp next year.

Upcoming Events in Dorset

Aug 13th - Jessie Munro, Folk Singer at 7:00 pm, Dorset

Aug 14th - Dorset Lions Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 pm, Dorset Rec. Centre

Aug 16th - Wing Fest and Corn Roast at noon, Mountain Trout House Marina

*****Aug 23rd** - FOCA's popular Cottage Succession Seminar Series at 11:00 am, Dorset Rec. Centre (free to KLCA members, non-members are \$10.00 – MUST pre-register at www.foca.on.ca/cottage-succession)

This workshop encourages everyone to consider how they plan to "Keep the 'Family' in the Family Cottage." Get valuable information from estate lawyer Peter Lillico about:

- why to start the conversation NOW

- paying the Capital Gains Tax
- managing responsibilities and expenses to keep the cottage going once the next generation is in place

Find out what you need to do NOW, to protect the family cottage for the future.

Aug 30th - Community Garage Sale from 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Dorset Rec. Centre

Aug 31st - Dorset Lions Fishing Derby, weigh in from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm at Dorset Lions Camp

Check out the events schedule in Reflections for more information on these and other events

Fisheries Update Greetings everyone, so far it has been an excellent summer fishing season, and August should be rounding into fine shape. Those of you who are on Facebook undoubtedly have seen some interesting fish related posts regarding our lake. In mid-July there was a post concerning a walleye that was allegedly caught off a dock in the Marina Bay area. This is the first time I have heard of a walleye caught on Kawagama and, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, since they are not native anywhere in that part of the watershed it must be a stocked (or offspring of) fish. Although unusual, this would not be the first time this has happened. Our lake habitat is not good for walleye - too deep, clear and cold - but we cannot rule out that a population could get established if there are enough adults to find each other. A population possibly could/would probably persist at a low abundance at best.

Catching a rarely caught fish clearly points to the importance of the MNRF's Broad-scale fish program. Unfortunately we have bad news, and the study scheduled for this August will be delayed until the summer of 2015. Obviously this is not the news our community was looking for, as we have learned that our lake was originally scheduled to be surveyed in 2015, and was pushed forward to 2014 with all best intentions. This schedule will now not work for the MNRF and will go back to 2015.

We have an amazing natural resource at our doorstep, enjoy and happy fishing

Robert Bill, Director of Fisheries

Trespassing at Moorelands Camp It is with sadness and disappointment that I feel compelled to write this article and to request assistance from the KLCA membership.

On three separate occasions in July a large boat filled with approximately 8 to 10 young persons estimated to be in their late teens to early 20's partied on Camp Moorelands' property. The first time was limited to a dock and when asked to leave the property, the group displayed very rude

and disrespectful behaviour using extremely profane language. Several beer bottles and cans littered the dock after they left. Each “nightly visit” represented a more intrusive and escalating level of trespass with the third trespass culminating in yelling and pounding on the doors of several cabins as they tried to gain entry. This greatly frightened some female counsellors who were inside. Each time when they left the area they did so at a high rate of speed with all of the navigation lights turned off.

It is thought the boat likely came from a Kawagama / Bear Lake cottage because of the night time trespass. Given the “party noise” the occupants were making it is possible someone else might have noticed the coming / going of the boat from a cottage dock. Anyone with knowledge of this is requested to contact the OPP: Cst. Paul Potter, Marine Officer, Minden Detachment, 1-888-310-1122

John McHardy, President
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Other Info:

Safe Quiet Lakes This is a group of people who are passionate about life near the water and are determined to help sustain it. They are for safe lakes for everyone, the environment, safe and fun on the water in all types of crafts. They are against disrespectful boating, shoreline erosion caused by waves, excessive speed. For more information, please go to www.safequiet.ca

Upcoming Municipal Election The 2014 Municipal Election is coming up on October 27th and residents and property owners in Algonquin Highlands and Dysart are eligible to vote. You can go to www.algonquinhighlands.ca or www.dysartetal.ca to find out more about the candidates and voting procedure for seasonal residents.

Enjoy summer and hope to see you around the lake!

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