



# LKO Fall NEWSLETTER

Lake Kashagawigamog  
Organization  
November 15 2007

## President's Message Stan Peck

While we were lucky not to experience serious windstorms this year (like we did in 2006) there has been a big swing in our water levels – from high in the Spring to a long term low in late Summer.

This helps to make us more aware of what affects **Kash water levels**. An important factor is increasing demand for water by cities (e.g., Peterborough, Lindsay), industry (e.g., Beamish quarry at Bark Lake), and recreation (e.g., golf courses, Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) system). Last year, your Board decided to support the efforts of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) to keep the interests of the reservoir lakes, such as Kash, included as the management/operation of the TSW is re-assessed.

In the interest of encouraging LKO members to look at the LKO website [www.lko.on.ca](http://www.lko.on.ca) we are having a **picture contest**. The winner gets free LKO membership in 2008 – a \$25.00 value. See the website article in this Newsletter for details.

It has been suggested that LKO should raise its fees to help pay for additional expenses being incurred such as support for the Regatta and the CEWF. Instead your Board wants to try keeping the basic fee at \$25 but offer members the opportunity to designate additional money to several projects of interest to them such as: Water quality testing, Regatta, CEWF, Monitoring proposed developments on the lake.

Thanks again to our **Corporate Sponsors** below for their continued support for LKO's **Biological Water Testing** in 2007 performed by Lake Stewards Susan and Steve Rivett. Everybody on Kash and our neighbours upstream can be proud that **Kash again tested safe for swimming all season**.

Your elected Board members work hard to represent you and protect our Lake. Some people volunteer at the Regatta, or encourage neighbours to join LKO or write articles for the Newsletter. Please give consideration to what you can do to help out

### CORPORATE SPONSORS OF THE LKO ENHANCED WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM FOR 2007

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WILLOW BEACH COTTAGES

**<http://www.lko.on.ca>**

**graham parkinson**

This past year has seen the introduction of our new website that allows us to personally perform enhancements and updates quickly and easily. Activity at the site hit a peak in July after the LKO Annual Meeting followed by a steady decline into the Fall. I trust that each of you will periodically take a look at the **Alerts** page for items of importance.

Specific enhancements during this period included sections for member participation regarding **Fish Stories** and **Bear Stories**. Unfortunately the initial write-ups must have intimidated members from making further submissions. We do look forward to your contributions to your web site. With this in mind, it has been decided to have a **BEST PHOTO CONTEST**. The photo submissions will form the pool from which we will make the initial entries to our new Photo Gallery. Each member is permitted to submit two photos. Submissions should be made to [lkowebmaster@rogers.com](mailto:lkowebmaster@rogers.com) by December 31, 2007. The winner of the **BEST PHOTO CONTEST** will be announced by January 21, 2008 and will be given free membership in the LKO for 2008.

Please let us have your comments regarding the web site as well as any new ideas you may have. **It is your website!**

## **THE COTTAGE GUESTBOOK Gail (Morgan) Wallace**

Our cottage guestbook is as old as the cottage itself. The first entry is dated June 2, 1940. The wooden covers are beautifully carved with the words- 'Guest Log' and are held together with a leather thong tied in a bow. Inside, each page speaks of a visitor. Over the years both longtime and new friends have written in the 'Guest Log'. Their comments tell of activity, of much needed rest and of nature's beauty:

"It has been a tonic for both of us."

"Sunlit patterns beneath the trees."

"Good friendship, food and quiet fun."

"Swimming and canoeing; plenty of peace, reading and relaxation."

"Love the music of the old records."

"Wonderful to renew an old friendship."

"Beautiful sunsets and a starry night sky."

"This is a haven of peace and breathtaking natural beauty."

Each summer I reread the Guestbook and travel a thoughtful journey along memory lane. I shall continue to invite visitors to become part of my cottage life by adding their thoughts to this precious record of time. The Cottage Guestbook is a project well worth beginning and continuing.

## 2007 Regatta Highlights

## Kirsten Sixt

Another successful LKO Regatta come and gone!

The regatta committee (John Puffer, Heather Godden, Lynn Childs, Carolyn Childs, Alex Lytle, Rob Davis, Stan Peck, Michelle Baily, Sarah Parkinson, Kirsten Sixt and Catharine Hoare) worked really hard again this year to put together another enjoyable day filled with fun, exciting, and new activities for ALL ages!!

We were so pleased that the weather again co-operated and that there were so many more participants attending the great day!

This year we had a big tug of war event, a hilarious clothing relay, a remarkable volleyball game, a splendid nature hunt, an impressive face painting tent and a challenging long distance swim race. A new event, which was added to the regatta this year, was the long distance canoe race! It was amazing to see all of the competitors working very hard to paddle through the great waters of Kashagawigamog! Well done everyone!

A special congratulations goes to the **Orange Team** who came in first place with the fearless leaders **Kenzie Hull** and **Sarah Fallis**! Second place went to **Red Team** with unbelievable leaders **Laurie and Adam McFarland**. Third place goes to the **Yellow Team** with courageous leaders **Tim and Doug Higgins** and fourth place goes to the **Pink Team** with the one, the only awesome, amazing and very spirited leader, **Elinor Lytle**! Thank you to those volunteer leaders for making it all happen!! Thank you also to the many other volunteers who, by sharing the load, made it easier for everyone.

Thanks also goes to our sponsors **Bonnie View Inn**, **Bryson's Marine**, **LKO** and **Marcus Beach**. Without them this regatta could not have happen!

Special thanks to our first aid team, the father and daughter team of **Paul and Lisa Carey** who were there to make sure we were all safe during the regatta!

If anyone is interested in helping out with the regatta, please email **Kirsten Sixt** at [ksixt@hullandhull.com](mailto:ksixt@hullandhull.com) or **John Puffer** at [puffer@chandlerpoint.com](mailto:puffer@chandlerpoint.com)



Photos courtesy of the Haliburton Echo and the Minden Times

# LKO AGM 2007 – Highlights

# Stan Peck

LKO's AGM returned to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School again for the Saturday before the July 1 long weekend.

Deputy Reeve **Bill Davis** of Dysart et al discussed taxes, recycling, and the major road improvements being undertaken around Kash. Reeve, Jim McMahon of Minden Hills also updated LKO members on taxes, the RD Lawrence building, the opening of Marcus Beach, road surfacing, policing costs, recycling status and the new Canadian Tire store expected to open this fall.

**Sharon Middlehurst** and **Susan Sheehan** spoke to us about the Signature Quilt Project which is raising money for the Cottage Dream Fund.

LKO's **keynote speaker** was **Terry Rees**, Executive Director of FOCA and a past lake association president. Terry certainly has a good grasp of waterfront issues. We are lucky to have him representing Ontario lake associations on these issues

Thanks to **Jack Brezina**, our AGM was again blessed with a five minute vignette put on by the Highland Summer Festival. Led by Director, **Scot Denton**, we had a great taste of the musical "**The Fantasticks**".

We are lucky that this year, the entire LKO Board agreed to stay on supporting your lake association.

LKO continued its tradition of donating to worthy causes in our community. This year LKO donated:

- \$500 to the **Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation** bringing LKO's total contributions to \$3500. Look for LKO's name on the donor board at the two hospitals.

**Dale Walker** accepted the donation.

- \$250 to the **4 C's** – accepted by **Judy MacDuff**

- \$250 to the **Minden Food Bank** – accepted by **Kathy Mitchell**

- \$200 to the **Canoe FM** – accepted by **Dennis Casey**

After the meeting most people adjourned to the cafeteria to enjoy the great sandwiches prepared by **Betty Mark** and the cookies and tarts by **Mary Peck** and to chat with other LKO members.

We look forward to seeing you at the next LKO AGM at this same location on Saturday June 21, 2008.



← Keynote speaker, Terry Rees,  
Executive Director of FOCA

Kathy Mitchell, Judy MacDuff, Stan Peck,  
Dennis Casey, Dale Walker pose after LKO  
donation cheques were handed out. →



Photos courtesy of the Haliburton Echo and the Minden Times

# Biological Water Testing

**Stan Peck**

Good News! Biological water testing of Lake Kashagawigamog by LKO's Lake Stewards Susan and Steve Rivett produced results similar to last year ! Based on LKO's water testing, Kash again tested safe for swimming all summer.

Thanks to the **financial support from LKO's Corporate Sponsors** (see the list on the front of the Newsletter) LKO's Lake Stewards Susan and Steve Rivett tested for Total Coliform (TC) and E-Coli (EC) at seven locations every two weeks from June 2 to September 2 inclusive. Beaches warnings can be posted by the MOE when Total Coliform exceeds 1000 ppm or E-Coli exceeds 100 ppm.

During the summer season, please check out LKO's website [www.lko.on.ca](http://www.lko.on.ca) for a more current view of these results.

The highest (i.e., worst) readings occur where the Drag River enters Grass Lake. Long periods of drought and higher water temperatures followed by heavy precipitation can cause higher readings.

In addition, Kash water clarity was good with Secchi Disk readings of around five metres. i.e., when the black and white Secchi disk is down five metres in the water it disappears from view.

With the continued cooperation from our neighbours upstream and those of us on Kash we can continue to keep Kash safe for swimming. (see detailed results below)

Lake Kashagawigamog  
Biological Water Testing Report 2007

Bottle #	Test Site	Jun 2		Jun 16		Jul 6		Jul 21		Aug 8		Aug 20		Sep 2	
		TC	EC	TC	EC	TC	EC	TC	EC	TC	EC	TC	EC	TC	EC
2	Drag River at Grass Lake	8	5	11	3	72	55	141	30	182	33	263	11	110	8
3	Wigamog/Silver Beach Shore	39	11	19	<3	13	<3	33	16	62	8	90	<3	90	<3
4	Bonnieview, Birch Pt., Halimar Shores	39	16	16	13	3	<3	79	19	59	11	69	<3	39	5
5	Marcus Beach / Williams Landing Bay	36	16	30	5	30	<3	49	13	19	<3	166	3	69	8
6	Soyers Lake Entry @ Cty Rd. 21 Bridge	43	3	33	62	19	3	59	19	87	19	90	8	33	5
7	Control site at 130 ft depth zone	36	28	3	<3	<3	<3	28	<3	25	3	114	3	73	<3
8	Ingoldsby 200 ft from Bridge	11	3	76	<3	5	<3	36	5	19	8	43	<3	30	<3
Water Temperature		79 F		73 F		71 F		71 F		79 F		72 F		70 F	
Water Clarity		5m		5m		4.75m		4.5m		5m		4.75m		5m	

TC = Total Coliform Bacteria (parts per ml.)  
EC = Escherichia Coli (E-Coli) (parts per ml.)

< 3 means the reading was 0, 1 or 2

Note: The provincial standard for safe drinking water is zero for E.Coli and 10 for Total Coliform Bacteria. For swimming it is 100 for E. Coli and 1000 for Total Coliform Bacteria.

# Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) Update

## Stan Peck

In last year's Fall Newsletter, LKO's Secretary, Anne Nickson, updated us and included the October 2006 Report from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) which LKO had decided to join and support.

CEWF was formed in response to Parks Canada initiating a review of the management of the Trent Severn Waterway system.

The CEWF is trying to ensure that, as the needs and operations of the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) are re-assessed (see [www.tswpanel.ca](http://www.tswpanel.ca)), that the interests of the reservoir lakes (i.e., such as Lake Kashagawigamog) are considered.

To date LKO has contributed \$1.25 per member or \$307.50 to CEWF. Below is attached a recent update from the CEWF provided by Chair Bonnie Fleischaker.



Coalition for  
Equitable  
Water Flow

### OCTOBER 2007 UPDATE

The Coalition (CEWF) has been extremely busy this year in the hope stimulating an awareness of the need for significant improvements in approaches to Water Management by the Trent Severn Waterway.

The members of the CEWF Advisory Committee made presentations to five townships and one county elected councils, as well as to other interested groups. These efforts were made to awaken them to the issues and encourage them to make their views known to the Panel on the Future of the TSW.

The CEWF Advisory Committee, together with our legal and planning advisors, prepared a comprehensive report including observations, conclusions and recommendations to the Panel. This report was submitted to the Panel members on August 14th, 2007 in Minden and is available for review on [www.tswpanel.ca](http://www.tswpanel.ca) under "Presentations" (power point presentation) and under "Written Submissions" which is the formal document.

It is surprising how many people do not realize that the water from the reservoir and flow-through (RAFT) lakes is used for many purposes other than to maintain safe navigation within the channels of the Waterway.

In addition to fisheries and hydro power generation, several municipalities including the fast growing City of Peterborough, draw their municipal water from rivers which are fed by the water from RAFT lakes in the Haliburton Sector of the TSW. The Haliburton Sector of the TSW includes 6 watersheds; Gull River, Burnt River, Nogies Creek, Eels Creek, Jack Creek and Mississauga River. The demand for water has increased dramatically with the building of new subdivisions and many more are proposed. Lindsay also draws its water from the system and it too is growing rapidly.

This does not include water in worrisome amounts being used for commercial and industrial purposes.

On October 12th, 2007 the CEWF submitted its response to a study commissioned by Parks Canada entitled "Sustainable Economic Contributions to Communities Along the Waterway". This Study, yet again, virtually ignored the economic impact the TSW presence has on the communities within the source water region (The Haliburton Sector). This is a major disappointment, however, our response, which is also posted on the TSW Panel website clearly states that the Panel must have equivalent information of the RAFT lakes communities available for their consideration if they are to come to fair and just decisions.

Please review the website provided by Parks Canada that contains all the presentations and submissions made to the federally appointed Panel on the Future of the TSW. There you will see several documents submitted to the Panel by the CEWF, and many others, which are well worth reading carefully.

**When the next federal election is called, it is very important for every single waterfront property owner to contact their local candidates to remind them that this Panel was appointed as a result of all parties supporting the call for a comprehensive review of the TSW. It is suggested that you urge your candidates to make themselves familiar with the material on the Panel website to give them a clear picture of the concerns of their constituents. Declining levels of fresh water is a National issue.**

Many of you were present at the Panel public meetings. We remain very optimistic about the outcome of the Panel's review.

Thank you for your contributions to the CEWF. If you wish further information or have any questions, please contact me at the email address noted below.

Have a wonderful winter!  
Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF)  
Bonnie Fleischaker, Chair

Your Board considers this to be a VERY important initiative. Increasing downstream demand for water will cause Kash water levels to drop even earlier in the season.

Some current examples:

Royal Paving Limited / K.J. Beamish wants to take 5.4 MILLION litres per day (i.e., about 1.2 MILLION gallons per day) from March 1 to December 31 at their Bark Lake quarry.

Trent Rapids Water Corporation wants to develop a new hydro plant at Locks 22 & 23 on the TSW.

The pressures of power demand will inevitably lead to diversion of more water for power generation.

## **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE      John Matthews**

In May 2007, Northern Eagle increased their docking spaces from 34 to 37. LKO understands that they applied to the MNR regarding upgrading and increasing their slips but then proceeded to do so before MNR responded. At a public information meeting they held in July, Northern Eagle expressed their desire to eventually get to 44 slips.

LKO contends that under the Minden Hills Official Plan, a Boat Impact Assessment would be required to add additional docking spaces. The LKO Board has requested an opinion from our planners regarding what permission and approvals must be obtained. This will allow the LKO Board to determine the appropriate response.

## **LKO Annual General Meeting for 2008**

As a result of the success of this year's LKO AGM, the decision is to repeat the same format and venue next year.

The LKO AGM will again be held at the **Northern Lights Arts Pavilion** in the **Haliburton Highlands Secondary School**. So please remember to mark your 2008 calendars for **Saturday June 21, 2008**. The meeting will run from 10am to noon followed by an opportunity to mingle with other LKO members over **sandwiches, cookies and pop**.

## Membership Report

## Lynn Childs

As of October 31 we have **249 members in LKO** which is a decrease of 23 over this time last year but a decrease of only 3 from two years ago at this time.

Many thanks to all those members who believe in LKO and have been advocates to their neighbours about joining and supporting LKO.

Thanks also to LKO's **Corporate Sponsors** (see the list on the front of this Newsletter) for their support of LKO and in particular LKO's Enhanced Water Quality Testing Program. (Note: the results of this testing for 2007 are posted on LKO's website [www.lko.on.ca](http://www.lko.on.ca) and in this Newsletter).

## Treasurer's Report

## Al Oakley

LKO bank account as of October 31, 2007	\$ 3,018.24
LKO investment account as of September 30, 2007	<u>\$21,658.49</u>
LKO's Total Assets	\$24,676.73

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