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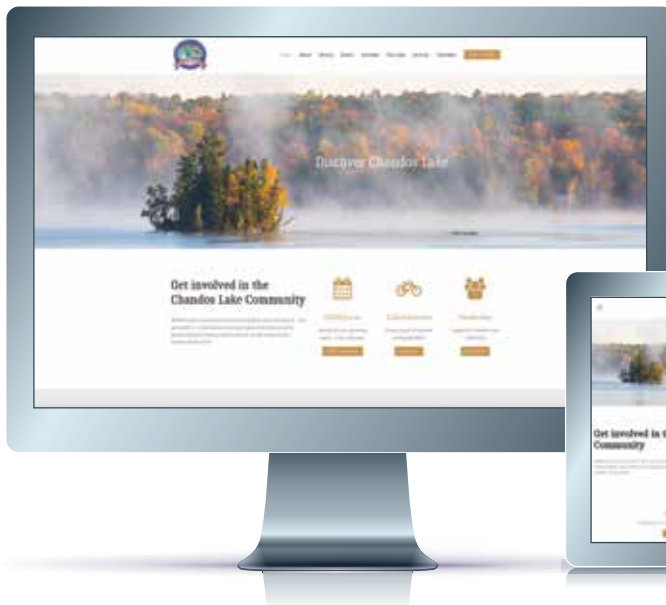


# CLPOA

## Dear Chandos Lake Property Owners

The Lake Events held in 2024 were a GREAT success due to our excellent volunteers. We also want to thank everyone for attending the various events where you enjoyed meeting up with old friends and making many new friends in the process.

We are looking forward to the 2025 EVENTS,  
they are sure to be outstanding!



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## 2025 SUMMER TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

**(MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 UP TO AND INCLUDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025)**

The Transfer Stations are open Holiday Mondays with Sunday hours.

|                   | MONDAY       | TUESDAY      | WEDNESDAY    | THURSDAY     | FRIDAY       | SATURDAY     | SUNDAY    |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Haultain</b>   | 2 - 6 pm     | 10 am - 1 pm | 2 - 6 pm     | 10 am - 1 pm | 2 - 6 pm     | 10 am - 1 pm | 12 - 8 pm |
| <b>Anstruther</b> | 10 am - 1 pm | 2 - 6 pm     | 10 am - 1 pm | 2 - 6 pm     | 10 am - 1 pm | 2 - 6 pm     | 12 - 8 pm |

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# CLPOA Membership Benefits

Enjoy Chandos Lake and support activities around the lake by joining or renewing your membership. The Chandos Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA) needs your help. The more members we have, the stronger our community to tackle water quality issues, maintain safety on the lake and create a community through providing enjoyable events. Become a member and help protect your cherished family cottage. This is a great investment in your lake!

## Environmental Stewardship

- Reducing the risk of aquatic invasive species
- Boat Cleaning Station at the Apsley Boat Launch
- Ongoing monitoring and water quality testing
- Turtle Protection Programs

## Lake Safety

- Protect Boats/Propellers with over 100 buoys marking underwater rocks and shoals
- *Watch Your Wake* buoys in the West Bay Narrows and Gilmour Narrows speed signs

## Social and Recreational Events

### CLPOA hosts and supports:

- Regatta
- Summer Social – NEW Event
- Fireworks Show
- Chandos Lake Sailing Club
- Kids' Fishing Derby
- Volunteer Appreciation Social
- Canoe & Kayak Day

For times and dates of events refer to page 9.

## Education and Communication

- Annual Yearbook
- Timely lake updates on CLPOA email blast
- Educational webinars on topics of interest
- Benefits from membership in the Federation of Cottagers' Association (FOCA)

## We are pleased to welcome the following NEW MEMBERS who joined in 2024!

Deanna Bolton  
Scott Bradley and Lisa Bugeja  
Kathie Buchanan Hill  
Heather Colby  
Kristen Davison  
Rusty Field

Nancy Giles-McIntosh  
David and Christiane Hill  
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Karyn and Paul Popovich  
Anita and Chris Robertshaw  
Maissam Saab  
Adrian Scully and Kelly Penfold

David Tait  
Daphne Taras  
Philip Tonge

Kathryn Towns and Jason Gray  
Margaret Wiggers  
Nada and Marc Wilson

We would like to extend a special thank you to local realtor, **Clark Breuls**, for his long-standing support of the CLPOA. For years, Clark has generously paid the first year of CLPOA membership dues for each of his clients who purchased a cottage on Chando Lake.



**SCAN here to join the CLPOA for just \$50 a year  
or TYPE [clpoa.ca/join](https://clpoa.ca/join) into your browser.**

# CLPOA Board of Directors - 2024/25



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## CLPOA Lake Activities - Summer 2025

CLPOA is pleased to present the following events for 2025:

| EVENT   | DATE                    | TIME                                | LOCATION                                |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Canoe &amp; Kayak Day</b>  | Saturday, June 28, 2025 | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm                  | Iain & Edith Gorman's Cottage           |
| <b>Apsley Artisan Festival</b>  | Saturday, June 28, 2025 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm                  | North Kawartha Community Centre         |
| <b>Sailing Club - Race #1</b>   | Sunday, June 29, 2025   | 1:30 pm start                       | Main Lake Course<br>- Verduyn Cottage   |
| <b>Kids' Fishing Derby</b>  | Saturday, July 5, 2025  | 8:30 - 9:00 am<br>sign-in           | Lakeview Cottages & Marina              |
| <b>Sailing Club - Race #2</b>   | Saturday, July 12, 2025 | 1:30 pm start                       | West Bay Course<br>- Mayer Cottage      |
| <b>*Summer Social - NEW EVENT</b>                                     | Saturday, July 12, 2025 | TBD                                 | Gilmour Bay Marina                      |
| <b>Sailing Club - Race #3</b>   | Saturday, July 26, 2025 | 1:30 pm start                       | Main Lake Course<br>- Gifford Cottage   |
| <b>Regatta</b>  | Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025  | 11:30 am - 4:00 pm                  | Lakeview Cottages & Marina              |
| <b>Fireworks Show</b>   | Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025  | Start time:<br>9:30 - 9:45 pm       | Chandos Beach on<br>Highway 620         |
| <b>Sailing Club - Race #4</b>   | Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025  | 1:30 pm start                       | West Bay Course<br>- Parker Cottage     |
| <b>Volunteer Appreciation Social</b>                                  | Saturday Aug. 16, 2025  | 1:30 - 4:00 pm                      | Lyn & Duncan Turnbull's Cottage         |
| <b>Sailing Club - Race #5<br/>President's Trophy &amp; Awards BBQ</b> | Saturday Aug. 23, 2025  | 1:30 pm start<br>Awards BBQ 4:30 pm | Main Lake Course<br>- Walkovich Cottage |

\*This summer, we're shaking things up! The traditional late-season **CORN AND WIENER ROAST** has been moved to **earlier in the season as the all-new SUMMER SOCIAL at Gilmour Bay on Saturday, July 12th.**

Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches by visiting [www.CLPOA.ca](http://www.CLPOA.ca) or checking out the CLPOA Facebook page.

# CLPOA Yearbook Team - 2025



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# CLPOA Executive's Message



**I am DAVE TAILLEFER, your current CLPOA President and I am delighted to share a few reflections and updates with you.**

As I step into my final year as President of the CLPOA, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on my time in this role and express my gratitude to this amazing community.

While my time as President will conclude at the next Annual General Meeting in the spring, I look forward to continuing my involvement as Past President for one year, supporting the transition and ongoing work of the association.

Chandos Lake holds a special place in my heart, as it does for so many of you. From mornings spent enjoying the lake's tranquility to evenings filled with campfire camaraderie, it is our shared love for this magical place that unites us.

This year, we saw the return of the Dock Removal Program, organized by Iain Gorman, for the first time in seven years. While this is certainly not a program that we feel should be run, and dock removals should be the responsibility of individual owners, it is a program that we have been forced to run on occasion to keep our lake beautiful and safe. This program, which towed these abandoned docks and properly disposed of them, was only successful due to the many volunteers who gave their time and use of their equipment to assist the lake as a whole. It is a testament to the strength of our community spirit, with members coming together to support one another and the lake.

This past year has reminded me how much Chandos Lake thrives because of the tireless efforts of its volunteers and members. Whether it's the camaraderie of our events or the shared responsibility of caring for the lake and its environment, the contributions of our community are invaluable.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to our retiring board members, Barry Evans and Kathy Verduyn. Your dedication and countless hours of service have made a significant impact on the CLPOA, and you will be greatly missed.

Let us also acknowledge the hard work of all our volunteers, who make our events and initiatives possible, from maintaining the Lake Markers, running the Kids' Fishing Derby, Regatta and Corn and Wiener Roast, to the Chandos Lake Sailing Club races. The work that our environmental committee does to protect our lake should get special recognition as well. Your efforts ensure that Chandos Lake remains a vibrant, welcoming community for all.

Finally, a special thank you to all our members. Representing over 50% of the properties on the lake, your engagement strengthens the association. I encourage you to speak with your neighbors and invite them to join the CLPOA, ensuring we continue to grow and prosper as a community. In addition, we are always looking for volunteers, to either sit on the board, assist with events or initiatives, or to contribute back to our lake community in any way possible.

As I prepare to hand over the reins, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences, lessons and friendships I have gained. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. I look forward to supporting the CLPOA as Past President in the coming year.

*Sincerely, Dave Taillefer*





# CLPOA Past Presidents

| NAME                     | TERM        | NAME                 | TERM        |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Roy Parsons .....        | 1947 – 1950 | Neil Rogers .....    | 1980 – 1981 |
| Stan Reid .....          | 1951 – 1953 | Bob Scott .....      | 1982 – 1983 |
| W.C.A. (Art) Young ..... | 1954 – 1956 | Jack Nugent .....    | 1984 – 1985 |
| Murray Johnson .....     | 1957 – 1959 | Harold Forbes .....  | 1986 – 1987 |
| J.H. Macauley .....      | 1960 – 1961 | Fred Banwell .....   | 1988 – 1989 |
| Alex Roberts .....       | 1962 – 1963 | Jim O'Shea .....     | 1990 – 1993 |
| Jack Harvey .....        | 1964 – 1965 | Robert Bolsby .....  | 1994 – 1995 |
| Fraser Watson .....      | 1966 – 1967 | Bob Hayward .....    | 1996 – 1997 |
| Ken Pollard .....        | 1968 – 1969 | Jim O'Shea .....     | 1998 – 2008 |
| Frank Banwell .....      | 1970 – 1971 | Bill Rasberry.....   | 2009 – 2015 |
| Ed Marshall .....        | 1972 – 1973 | David Cooper.....    | 2016 – 2020 |
| John Mitchell .....      | 1974 – 1975 | Alan Bird.....       | 2021 – 2022 |
| Russ Franks .....        | 1976 – 1977 | Dave Taillefer ..... | 2023 – 2024 |
| George McKie .....       | 1978 – 1979 |                      |             |

## CLPOA Membership Update

SUBMITTED BY LYN TURNBULL

**We are pleased to report that 21 new members joined the CLPOA in 2024 and a very warm welcome to all. The total paid membership for 2024 was 655. That is 54% of the 1200 properties on the lake.**

**Your membership dues support the excellent work of the CLPOA which includes:**

- the supply of equipment for volunteers to install 110 lake markers to keep us all safe
- key environmental education and protection programs
- the hosting of many lake events for all ages – the Kids' Fishing Derby, the Regatta, Fireworks Show and the Corn & Wiener Roast
- building community through communications including frequent email newsletters,

the CLPOA website, the Facebook page and this fabulous annual Yearbook.

The CLPOA executive and committees consist entirely of volunteers, who like you, love our beautiful lake. We all know how valuable the work of the CLPOA is in maintaining and ensuring a healthy, safe and enjoyable Chandos Lake community for all cottagers.

**Our sincere thank you to those who are already members and a request for you to reach out to cottage friends and neighbours who are non-members and encourage them to join the CLPOA!**

**It is easy to join the CLPOA as a new member, just go to this link [www.clpoa.ca/join](http://www.clpoa.ca/join).**

# CLPOA Secretary's Report



**My name is DEBBIE KIRTON and it has been my pleasure to serve as the CLPOA Secretary since last June. Many thanks to Dave Hill who took over my role as Treasurer, he is doing an excellent job.**

Chairing and minuting the board meetings has been an interesting exercise. Your lake association continues

to work on a vast number of initiatives designed to make our lake safe and healthy while organizing and supporting a variety of social and recreational events. Whether you are a sailor, canoer or kayaker, have children who like to race or fish, are interested in keeping the lake clean or just like to boat around Chandos Lake without the fear of hitting a rock (thank you Lake Markers Team), the CLPOA is helping to make that happen.

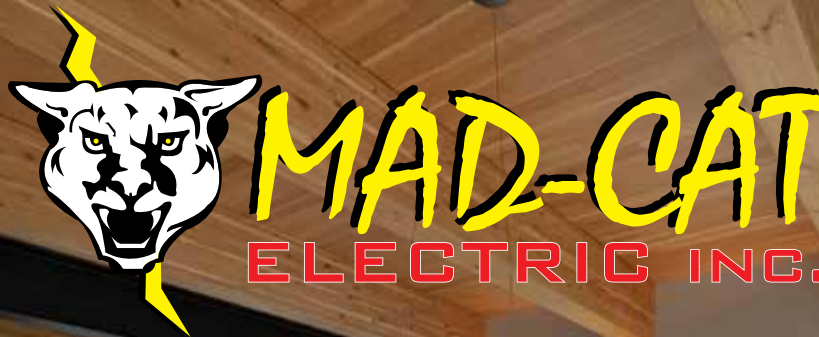
We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who help us deliver our programs. Every activity and event has a coordinator and a team of volunteers who work hard for the benefit of the Chandos Lake community – a big thank you to all of them!

I would like to thank three members of the Board who are stepping down this year. Barry Evens and Kathy Verduyn have both made valuable contributions during their terms and will be missed. Dave Taillefer has done a wonderful job as President for the past two years and for several prior terms in different roles on the Board. Thank you Dave for your leadership. We look forward to your continued guidance as Past President for the next year.

A final and hearty thank to all CLPOA members. Without your support there would be no CLPOA.

Have a great summer!

*Sincerely, Debbie Kirton*



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# Mayor's Message



**As your Mayor, CAROLYN AMYOTTE, I am pleased to provide another municipal update for the 2025 CLPOA Yearbook.**

For the past few years, we have seen some staffing changes, and last year was no exception. We said goodbye to our Public Works Supervisor

Jeff Waldon, our Parks and Recreation Administration Assistant Jim Elder, our Economic Development Officer Chris Challenger, Junior Planner Janine Cik and our Planning Assistant Janet Woodbeck. Whether they retired or moved on to pursue other opportunities, these folks made many positive contributions to the North Kawartha team over the years and they will be greatly missed.

These changes led to us welcoming many new folks to a variety of roles. Our Roads Foreman Jason Post became our new Public Works Supervisor and we welcomed back Corey Dunsby in the role of Foreman. Shawn Tucker, moved from Technology Services Coordinator at the Library, to assume Jim Elder's position at the NKCC. With Shawn leaving the Library, Kim Tucker assumed his former role and we welcomed Lisa Mace into the Program Coordinator position. We were very fortunate to hire Edward Hilton as our new Economic Development Officer and Emily Fitzgerald as our new Junior Planner.

We also recognized several staff for their long-standing service. Our Treasurer Judy Everett has been with North Kawartha for 25 years and our Clerk Connie Parent is currently in her 31st year with our Township. There have been a few other staffing updates and changes and more to come as Ontario's municipal sector is dealing with the growing retirements of key personnel. This reality led Council to conduct our first ever Township Organizational Review, so we can develop a succession plan and better position ourselves to attract and retain staff.

Municipal staff weren't the only folks we recognized last year as there were many community members and organizations that also had significant achievements. Our local Lions Club celebrated 50 years of service to Apsley and North Kawartha. This service group supports our school and other community organizations and helps organize several popular community events. Lions secretary, Brenda Lenson, received the Senior of the Year Award for her myriad contributions to our community through her various volunteer roles. Former Lions President, Jim Empringham, received a Peterborough County Recognition Award as our Community Volunteer of the Year.

Speaking of the County Awards, Rachel Charlebois was recognized for her Leadership in the Arts Community,

Connor Ferguson received an Act of Heroism Award for saving the life of a local resident involved in a terrible car accident and The Grape and Wedge was recognized for their business leadership.

North Kawartha also had several exciting initiatives, programs and developments in 2024. Council expanded our Municipal Grant Program to cover a broader range of environmental initiatives in partnership with local lake associations and community organizations. Our North Kawartha Community Centre was also chosen as one of six rural community locations to host a ServiceOntario mobile service centre. The Township also launched the FoodCycler Pilot Project. 200 countertop composters were offered to residents in support of North Kawartha's on-going waste diversion efforts. This program was a great success, and we will have another 100 composters available for 2025.

Another initiative that I am super proud of is our Veteran Pole Banner program. The Township worked with the Apsley Legion to create and install banners recognizing and honouring local veterans throughout the village for our annual Remembrance Day services.

Our local Library hosted a number of great workshops and events throughout the year, and I was delighted to personally co-sponsor the 'Seas the Day' Blacklight Art Show, showcasing the incredible creativity and talent of our local children.

One of the greatest achievements in 2024 was the reopening of our local grocery store. After more than three years without, Sayers opened their doors in March and the new store is beautiful. It's also a total game changer for our community and has inspired us to create a downtown revitalization masterplan for Apsley. Thanks to a provincial grant, our Economic Development Officer will be getting this masterplan started in 2025.

North Kawartha also received another provincial grant to install four EV charging stations at the NKCC. This is good news for all you EV drivers out there as there will now be another spot to charge your vehicle between Lakefield and Bancroft.

Last but not least, my advocacy for greater safety on Highway 28 led me to initiate a 'Highway 28 Mayors Coalition'. With the support of nine municipalities and the Peterborough County Warden, our Coalition met with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) at the Rural Ontario Municipal Conference in January. I am so pleased to tell you that the MTO has agreed to conduct a comprehensive safety review of Highway 28. They have also pledged to improve communication and consultation regarding roadwork, maintenance and repairs and they will support a targeted awareness campaign aimed at highway safety and improving driver behaviour.

**As always it is an honour and a pleasure to serve as your Mayor. Please feel free to contact me about any municipal matter. My email is [mayor@northkawartha.ca](mailto:mayor@northkawartha.ca) and my phone number is 705.931.1342.**

**To stay connected all year long please follow me on social media @mayoramylotte.**

*Sincerely, Mayor Carolyn Amyotte*

TO THE MEMBERS for the year ended December 31, 2024

# CHANDOS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the Chandos Lake Property Owners Association, which consist of the balance sheet as at December 31, 2024, the statements of operations and surplus and cash flows for the year then ended.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit enterprises, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I have conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

### Conclusion

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chandos Lake Property Owners Association as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit enterprises.

*Rafiq Dosani*

Chartered Professional Accountant  
Licensed Public Accountant

City of Toronto  
March 24, 2025

## CLPOA TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2025 Yearbook includes Statements of Income for 2024, the Budget for 2025, the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2024, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 2024 and a report from Rafiq Dosani, the accountant who carried out the review of these financial statements.

In 2024 the CLPOA had an operating surplus of \$15,275. Revenue increased by \$7,642 or approximately 10% compared to 2023. The increase in revenue was driven due to better than anticipated sponsorship and advertising sales which increased by almost 21%. Our revenue was offset by a reduction (3%) in membership dues. The CLPOA does not anticipate a need for an increase in membership fees at this time. Most CLPOA programs were delivered close to their stated budgeted target, with the exceptions of:

- \$1,908 additional was spent on Yearbooks mainly due to reinstating postal delivery for many of the Yearbooks
- \$4,790 was spent on a one time removal of old abandoned docks last fall
- \$4,489 was spent on new tents which are easy to assemble and branded
- \$3,813 for FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) which was a significant increase from our previous years dues.

The Kids' Fishing Derby previously had individual sponsors to offset the overall cost but all sponsorship is being reported as revenue going forward.

Overall, the CLPOA had a surplus of \$15,275. As a non profit organization, our overall goal on our profitability is to be break-even.

The Environmental Reserve Fund, established in 2017, remains at \$50,000. Our year-end cash position remains very strong at \$134,448 (includes the \$50,000 Environmental Reserve + the Combined surplus) vs. \$132,750. Our goal is to have a year's worth of our budgeted expense within our unrestricted reserve.

Our 2025 budget forecasts a small operating deficit of (\$7,720). Increased investments will be in providing summer staffing of our boat cleaning station at the Chandos Lake beach launch. We are also planning a new Summer Social event in July, further details to follow. And finally, a sprint Triathlon again with details to follow.

I would like to thank our accounting volunteers: Jeff Franks our bookkeeper and Rafiq Dosani, CPA, CA for his overall financial review. Their continued support has made sure we remain on solid financial ground going forward. I'm deeply honoured to be your Treasurer of the CLPOA and I look forward to hearing from our members on ideas and suggestions on how we can continue to offer valuable services to our members.

**Dave Hill**

Treasurer, Chandos Lake Property Owners Association  
February 28, 2025



# CLPOA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND SURPLUS

## as of December 31, 2024

|  | 2023             | 2024             | 2025             |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Actual           | Actual           | Budget           |
| <b>Revenue</b>                                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Memberships                                    | \$34,000         | \$32,980         | \$32,980         |
| Yearbook/website advertising                   | 39,205           | 16,614           | 14,000           |
| Sponsorship                                    |                  | 30,856           | 26,000           |
| Other income                                   | 3,912            | 4,309            | 4,000            |
|  | <u>\$77,117</u>  | <u>\$84,759</u>  | <u>\$76,980</u>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                |                  |                  |                  |
| Yearbook                                       | 13,247           | \$18,908         | \$19,800         |
| Boat Cleaning Station equipment                |                  | 1,617            | 4,000            |
| Boat Cleaning Station staffing                 |                  |                  | 6,000            |
| Dock Removal Program                           |                  | 4,790            |                  |
| Environmental issues                           | \$2,002          | 4,046            | 4,200            |
| Fireworks show                                 | 7,500            | 8,000            | 8,000            |
| Insurance                                      | 6,774            | 6,926            | 7,800            |
| Community Support                              | 4,427            | 500              | 1,500            |
| Chandos Lake Member & 50 yr social             |                  | 231              | 4,000            |
| Regatta  | 4,879            | 6,515            | 6,700            |
| Outside Memberships                            | 3,279            | 3,839            | 3,900            |
| Member Appreciation                            | 1,055            | 1,192            | 1,200            |
| Media & Communications                         | 2,063            | 2,376            | 2,500            |
| Equipment - Amortization, Repairs & Maint.     | 1,690            | 3,969            | 4,500            |
| Corn and Wiener Roast                          | 2,000            | 2,400            |                  |
| Professional fees & Bank Charges               | 1,215            | 713              | 4,000            |
| Supplies / miscellaneous                       | 922              | 848              | 900              |
| Kids' Fishing Derby                            | 1,490            | 2,614            | 2,700            |
| Triathlon                                      |                  |                  | 1,000            |
| Pontoon boat maintenance & Lake Marker Program | 907              |                  | 2,000            |
|  | <u>\$53,450</u>  | <u>\$69,484</u>  | <u>\$84,700</u>  |
| <b>Surplus (deficit)</b>                       | 23,667           | 15,275           | (7,720)          |
| <b>Surplus, beginning of year</b>              | 85,506           | 109,173          | 124,448          |
| <b>Surplus, end of year</b>                    | <u>\$109,173</u> | <u>\$124,448</u> | <u>\$116,728</u> |

# CLPOA BALANCE SHEET

## as of December 31, 2024

|                                       | 2023             |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Assets</u>                         | <u>Actual</u>    |
| Cash and short-term deposits          | \$132,600        |
| Accounts receivable                   | -                |
| Interest Receivable                   | 150              |
| Prepaid Expenses                      | 4,000            |
|                                       | <u>\$136,750</u> |
| <b><u>Liabilities and Surplus</u></b> |                  |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>            |                  |
| Accounts payable                      | \$68             |
| Accrued Payables                      | 2,789            |
| Deferred revenue                      | 24,720           |
| <b>Surplus</b>                        |                  |
| Environmental Reserve Fund            | 50,000           |
| Unrestricted assets                   | 59,173           |
|                                       | <u>\$136,750</u> |

# CLPOA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## For the year ended December 31, 2024

|  | 2023<br>Actual | 2024<br>Actual |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>            |                |                |
| Surplus (deficit) for the year                         | 23,667         | 15,275         |
| Increase (decrease) resulting from changes in:         |                |                |
| Accounts receivable                                    | 10,000         | 0              |
| Prepaid expenses                                       | (4,000)        | 0              |
| Accounts payable & accrued charges                     | (3,329)        | (2,786)        |
| Deferred revenue                                       | 3,281          | (12,225)       |
| Cash provided by (used in) operations                  | 29,619         | 264            |
| <b>Investing activities</b>                            |                |                |
| Purchase of capital assets                             | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Cash and short-term deposits, beginning of year</b> | 103,131        | 132,750        |
| <b>Cash and short-term deposits, end of year</b>       | 132,750        | 133,014        |



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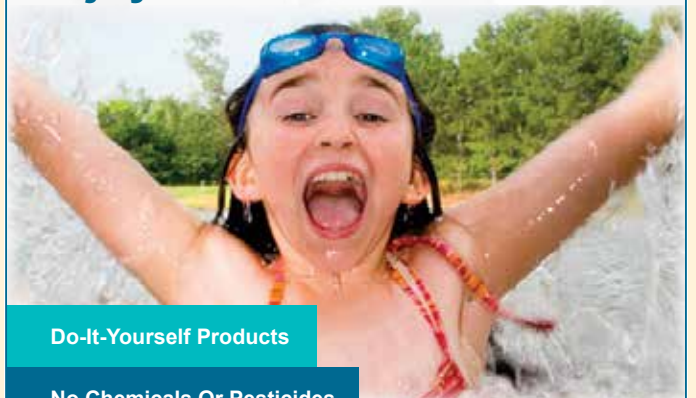


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# Chandos Lake Beach - Boat Cleaning Station Update

SUBMITTED BY ED LEGZDINS

**We urge all boaters to utilize the Boat Cleaning Station as the continued health of beautiful Chandos Lake depends on it!**

In May 2023, with strong support from the Township, the CLPOA launched the Boat Cleaning Station (BCS). The purpose is to help boaters entering Chandos Lake to follow these key environmental steps - CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY and DISPOSE. It helps boaters comply with Ontario legislation that requires boaters to take reasonable precautions to remove any aquatic plants, living organisms and algae from their boats as well as removing any water from their bilge and livewells.

The BCS is trailerable, solar-powered and waterless (water would spread the invasive species' remnants) and situated at the Chandos Beach Boat Launch from early May to mid-October. The unit has tools to help boaters clean their boats quickly prior to launch with clear and simple operating instructions. It is provided for use free of charge.

In 2024, boaters continued to utilize the BCS to help prevent the spread of invasive species. **Julia Smith** organized volunteers to be at the boat launch early on many summer weekend mornings to explain to boaters how to use the BCS prior to launch. The better people understand the importance of CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY and DISPOSE and how easy the BCS is to use, the greater its utilization. Thanks Julia and thank you to all the volunteers!

We also want to recognize the ongoing assistance and system monitoring provided by **Iain Gorman**. Thanks Iain!

I would also like to thank **Cory Visser**, my son-in-law, for helping me transport the BCS from its winter storage location to the boat launch each spring, position and prepare it for summer use and to help store it each fall.



**The Chandos Beach Boat Cleaning Station can help all boaters comply with their obligations to CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY and DISPOSE.**



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# Shantilly's Place Marina

SUBMITTED BY SHANTELE BISSON

**Summer 2024 was yet another wonderful summer for Shantilly's Place Marina on Chandos Lake!**



We made huge changes in the services that we offered, by eliminating our on-site marine mechanical shop and no longer offering winter storage. It was a bold move, but one that saw the community rally and support us in other ways.

First up, we welcomed Duke's Chip Wagon with open arms. The menu was curated and crafted by honorary Chandos Lake resident, Chef Matt Basile, and that love and support saw us running out of some of the favourites on weekends. Who could have known?

We also hosted our regular Paint Nights, that sold out, along with our annual dinner under the stars. It is a true honour to continue on with the traditions you've come to love and count on, as well as continually introducing new ways to make summer more fun and memorable.

We appreciate not only you, the customers, who make summer so much fun, but the remarkable and exceptional staff that not only put a smile on my face, but all of yours as well.



**We look forward to seeing you for another summer of making memories!**





# Chandos Lake Loons

SUBMITTED BY IAIN GORMAN

**It is so disappointing that the 2024 count is half of the historical average of six surviving chicks. The spring count of breeding pairs seemed promising and there were no reports of eggs lost to predators or high waters.**

## Human Disturbance

Shoreline development and boats pose important challenges for Common Loons. Loons build their nests along shorelines, just above the water level, so they have easy swimming access and they are also fond of small isolated islands.

Shoreline development can increase the abundance of predators, such as raccoons that eat eggs, and gulls that eat mostly chicks. Boating can lower productivity by creating wakes that wash out nests and disrupt adults while they are incubating eggs and feeding and protecting their chicks.

Boat collisions are also a significant source of mortality for loon adults and chicks.

## Warming Temperatures

Data show that there are fewer young per pair in years with cooler April temperatures and there are many more young per pair in years with warmer April temperatures. Warming temperatures throughout the whole year may be reducing productivity.

## Black Flies

Simulium annulus have a strong preference for Common Loon blood, feeding almost exclusively on loons while they are incubating their eggs. In years with high black fly numbers, loons are harassed so much they abandon their nests at higher rates.

## Eagles and Cormorants

Data show that lakes with these birds provide a better breeding habitat for loons than those without, probably due to a healthy fish population which also benefits the loon.

## Acid Rain

Data show that loon productivity is lower and declines in productivity are steeper over time on more acidic lakes. High acidity also increases the amount of mercury in the food chain, putting loons at a greater risk.

| Section                                   | Year | Pairs    | Chicks    | Juveniles |
|---|------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Main lake (East of the narrows Marina )   | 2021 | 5        | 5         | 4         |
| Narrows (between Main lake and West bay ) | 2021 | 1        | 0         |           |
| West Bay (West of the narrows Marina )    | 2021 | 2        | 2         | 2         |
| <b>2021 Total</b>                         |      | <b>8</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
| Main lake                                 | 2022 | 5        | 6         | 5         |
| Narrows                                   | 2022 | 1        | 4         | 2         |
| West Bay                                  | 2022 | 2        | 0         | 0         |
| <b>2022 Total</b>                         |      | <b>8</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>7</b>  |
| Main lake                                 | 2023 | 2        | 3         | 2         |
| Narrows                                   | 2023 | 1        | 1         | 1         |
| West Bay                                  | 2023 | 2        | 2         | 2         |
| <b>2023 Total</b>                         |      | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| Main lake                                 | 2024 | 2        | 2         | 1         |
| Narrows                                   | 2024 | 1        | 0         | 0         |
| West Bay                                  | 2024 | 2        | 2         | 2         |
| <b>2024 Total</b>                         |      | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>  |

## Mercury

Adult loons with higher levels of mercury in their bodies are more lethargic and spend less time defending territories, incubating eggs and feeding chicks. Loon productivity is lower in loons with higher levels of mercury in their bodies. There is no recent data for mercury levels on Chandos Lake. CLPOA is still looking for a local lab able to do the testing.





## Climate Change Impacts

This could worsen the problems that acid rain and mercury pose for loons by intensifying changes in water temperatures.

## Are Loons In Trouble?

(As of Canadian Lakes Loon Study, or CLLS, August 21, 2021)

The short answer is yes. Common Loons appear to be in trouble in Canada due to the declining trends in productivity shown by CLLS data. Luckily, however, there is still a large Canadian breeding population of at least an estimated 240,000 pairs. As well, CLLS data from across Canada shows that loons currently produce about 0.55 young per pair per year on average, still above the 0.48 minimum required for a stable population. Nevertheless, if productivity declines below this threshold, which is currently where it appears to be headed, then the Canadian population will start to fall apart.

We are all very fortunate to have so many dedicated Chandos Lake volunteers. Many thanks to all of you who sent in your loon observations this year.

Please continue to do so in 2025. It may be of interest to CLLS those nesting sites that are no longer used, such as Donna Bay, Doc Island or opposite Island View trail and Lois Lane.

### SOURCES

- [www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/%20canadian-lakes-loon-survey](http://www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/%20canadian-lakes-loon-survey)
- [www.birdscanada.org/the-most-effective-ways-to-help-loons-this-summer](http://www.birdscanada.org/the-most-effective-ways-to-help-loons-this-summer)

# TOP WAYS YOU CAN HELP LOONS



## Keep it Wild

Let native wetland plants grow along your shoreline, or replant if the shoreline is bare. Natural shorelines provide shelter and food for both fish and loons.



## Keep it Calm & Play Smart

Slow down near wetlands and shorelines and keep your wake to a minimum. Wakes can wash out nests or separate young loons from their parents, which makes chicks easy pickings for predators. Operate play / wake boats only in water that is at least 8 m (24 feet) deep, which helps prevent churning up bottom sediments, protects wildlife, and makes for a better wake.



## Steer Clear

Slow down and steer clear of loons, waterbirds, and other wildlife. They may not be able to escape your path. If adults become separated from their young, they can't protect them.



## Dispose Responsibly

Take trash and fishing line to shore for proper disposal. Garbage including plastics and tackle can injure birds and other wildlife. Keep food and scraps contained, as they may increase predators around nests.



## Use lead-free tackle

Loons usually ingest lead fishing gear by eating a fish that has swallowed a jig or sinker and broken the line, or striking at tackle or a fish being retrieved by an angler. Lead poisoning and death typically result. Request lead-free alternatives at your local tackle shop.



## Reduce Your Impact

Use less electricity and fossil fuels. Climate change raises lake temperatures, which causes more heavy metals to accumulate in wildlife tissues. Do not add pollutants, such as household hazardous wastes, to our rivers and lakes.



## Get Involved

Be an advocate for loons and lakes. Raise awareness of air pollution issues and join your lake association. Participate in loon or lake monitoring.

[www.birdscanada.org/loons](http://www.birdscanada.org/loons)



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# Crowe River Canoe Route Clean Up

SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Volunteer work has resulted in the removal of all visible Styrofoam, even some held in place by escaped docks. Let's work together to ensure that we keep this waterway free of Styrofoam.**

When you are able, please paddle out any garbage you find. When it's not an option, email [lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com](mailto:lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com), with a description of what you spotted or ideally with a picture.

Our approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources to clean up the waters leading up to and including the Crowe River must not include dredging, shoreline changes or damage to old or new beaver dams.

Our season to clean up in the Crowe River is short and challenging. It may be

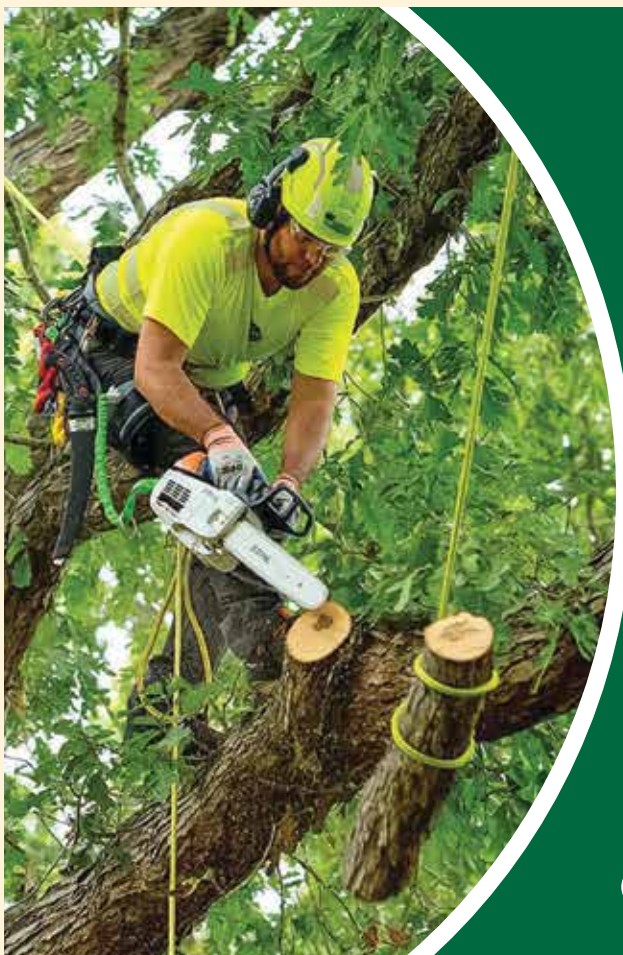
possible to get started in mid-April or early May before bug season begins and the water level is high. Mid-May to mid-June the water is still too cold, and the black flies are too plentiful to ask for volunteers to participate.

This spring, when you do find the courage to paddle through the culverts into the Crowe River, please take note of any blockages and report back to [lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com](mailto:lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com). Ideally include a picture with a GPS location.

**Based on those reports, look for a few dates this summer and into the fall to help clear the debris or as needed create a portage around it.**







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# The North Kawartha Public Library

SUBMITTED BY THE NORTH KAWARTHA LIBRARY STAFF

## A Year of Connection, Creativity and Community at the Library!

Looking ahead to another exciting summer of activities, we can't help but reflect on the past year and all that we've accomplished together. Thanks to the many people who make our library a vibrant and thriving hub. It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside so many dedicated community members—whether through our programs, events or the everyday interactions that make the library such a special place.

This year, we've seen some truly remarkable collaborations, from creative programming and educational workshops to engaging social gatherings. For instance, our ongoing Kniterary group, Ukulele sessions and Book Club have become favourites with our patrons. We've hosted a wide range of events for children of all ages, with an increased focus on offering meaningful programs for tweens and teens. Local families also had the opportunity to connect with nature through memorable visits from both The Eyrie - Birds of Prey Services and the Turtle Guardians. Our largest collaboration of the year culminated in an underwater-themed, Blacklight Art Show, with over 200 local children participating!

The Library Garden Club also flourished this year, growing both in size and enthusiasm. It offered a variety of outdoor activities and educational opportunities, including guided nature walks, lectures on bats and moths, garden tours, our annual Tomato Tasting Social and annual Seedy Sunday which drew visitors and vendors from near and far. These events truly reflect the spirit of togetherness and learning that defines our community.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're already planning a range of exciting new programs, including additional cooking classes, a girl's self-defence course and author visits. These initiatives will continue to foster the community and bring us even closer together. Our summer programming will feature beloved returning events, as well as fresh, exciting additions for all ages. Be sure to follow our social media pages for updates on kids' summer reading programs, art workshops and teen gatherings. We have special speakers who will be presenting on a variety of fascinating topics. We will continue to provide enriching opportunities for creative expression, such as our Plein Air Painting sessions and gardening activities, and we look forward to unveiling new events throughout the year at both the Apsley and Woodview branches. As always, our Annual Booksale Fundraiser is a great place to pick up that rare find or a lazy dock read and it will take place on Friday, July 25th, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday, July 26th, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.

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Whether you're looking for a peaceful spot to read, a place to connect with others or the tools to grow your skills, the library is here to support you. We look forward to all the new stories, experiences and connections that the year ahead will bring.

*We look forward to seeing you at the library!*

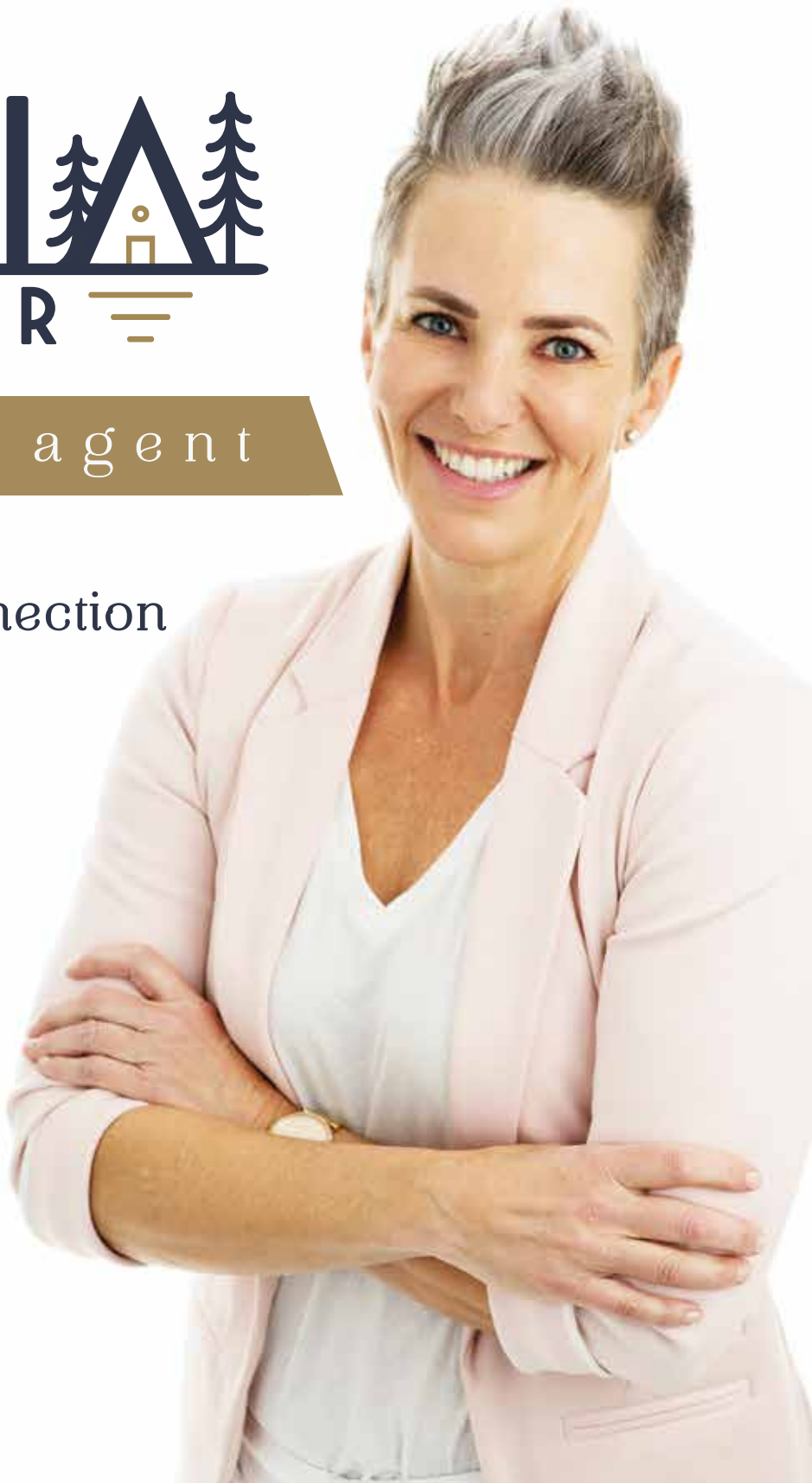




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# CLPOA Fireworks Show

SUBMITTED BY DEREK HULL

**On August 3rd 2024, the CLPOA once again staged our annual Fireworks Show. As usual the show was a fabulous hit!**

**Not only was there an amazing flotilla of boats on the lake, for the first time Chandos Beach was fully open to spectators, and it was packed!**

We would like to thank the many people and companies who played an integral role in ensuring the show went off without a hitch!

## THE SHOW CREW

For the first time Supernova Fireworks, a family run business from Peterborough staged the show, and what a great job!

As always, the Township of North Kawartha was a big supporter of the show. We would like to thank Lukuas Anatasiou and Joel Smith for their amazing help on the day of the show.

Cindy Trynor and Martha Wilding ensured the parking at Chandos Beach ran smoothly.

## THE 2025 FIREWORKS SHOW

Supernova Fireworks will again stage and design the 2025 show, which is to be held on Saturday, August 2nd starting between 9:30 and 9:45 pm off of Chandos Beach. The rain date is Sunday, August 3rd. In the unlikely event the two Civic Holiday weekend dates do not work, we will attempt to reschedule for Labour Day weekend.

The 2025 Fireworks Show will be launched from the lake close to Chandos Beach and viewing will be available from the beach. As always, there will be no parking allowed on Highway 620.

The show remains subject to approval from the Township of North Kawartha.

To help with offsetting the cost of the Fireworks Show, we are inviting donations from cottagers, community merchants and businesses.

**This year the CLPOA has appointed one person to look after all its fundraising efforts. Please reach out to John Lovatsis at [Johnlovatsis@bell.net](mailto:Johnlovatsis@bell.net) or 416.570.0767 to help defray the costs of this event or any other CLPOA event.**







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# Apsley & Area Artisan Festival

**SUBMITTED BY JUDY RANIERI**

In our eleventh year, and formerly known as the Chandos Lake Art Festival, the new Apsley & Area Artisan Festival is happening again this summer on the Canada Day long weekend Saturday, June 28th, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm.

**Our move to the NKCC last year was a huge success. The new venue provided lots of parking, an indoor space and a more central location.**

We have so much artistic talent in Apsley and the surrounding communities, and the Canada Day long weekend is the perfect time to show it off!

*Our lineup last year featured multiple artists with individual booths showcasing;*

- painting
- woodworking
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This year will include many of the same artists you saw last year as well as some new artisans. It's a great venue to meet and chat with our local artists and artisans, learn about their craft, and maybe even purchase something that turns out to be the perfect gift, treat, or proudly displayed in your home or cottage.

**All are welcome and we hope to see you there!**

**Check us out on Instagram and Facebook by searching Apsley Artisan Festival.**





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# Chandos Lake Markers

SUBMITTED BY DAVE TAILLEFER

**The Chandos Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA) is proud to continue our buoy program in 2025, ensuring the safety and enjoyment of everyone who navigates our beautiful waters!**



**With over 100 bright yellow hazard marker buoys carefully placed around the lake, we aim to guide boaters away from hidden rocks and shallow shoals. These trusty markers are like the lake's "watchdogs"—always on duty, rain or shine, to keep you safe.**

Of course, the buoys don't set themselves out (we're still working on a remote-control model). It takes a dedicated team of volunteers who brave everything from early

spring chill to the occasional rogue bug swarm. This past year, our fearless crew made sure all the buoys were ready to go before the May long weekend and removed them just after Thanksgiving.

In addition to marking hazards, we have floating speed signs at both the North and South entrances to Gilmour Bay Narrows, reminding boaters to keep it slow (10 km/h or less) and steady through this tight spot. These signs don't just save lives, they save shorelines, reduce wakes, and help us all keep the peace. As some of you identified this year, we were without one of our speed markers for part of the summer. Our thanks to Chris Darwin for assisting with repairing that one. We will be obtaining new markers for 2026 and Chris will assist with assembly and installation.

We'd also like to remind private cottagers adding their own markers for swimming or pumps to avoid using yellow buoys. If too many buoys look like hazard markers, it's a bit like the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. If boaters start seeing yellow buoys that don't mark real dangers, they might stop taking the warnings seriously—which could lead to a dangerous situation.

This program wouldn't run without the support of our incredible volunteers. Huge thanks for always being there to assist me with this duty: Paul DeMan, Jon Forbes, Iain Gorman and Andrew O'Toole, who not only wrangle buoys but also handle repairs with patience and skill. Iain, your efforts to keep everything afloat, literally, are much appreciated. A special shout-out goes to our ever-reliable boat driver, Steve Ilott, who skillfully navigates the lake with the kind of precision you'd expect from someone piloting a space shuttle. Steve, you're the wind beneath our buoys!

On a lighter note, it's worth mentioning that our trusty workboat still doesn't have a name, which according to seafaring lore is bad luck. Perhaps it's time to start a lake-wide naming contest—though we'd likely have to veto suggestions like "Booey McBuoyface" (personally, I'm drawn to "Anchor Management"). Regardless of its name (or lack thereof), it's an indispensable part of our program, and we're also grateful to Tucker's Marine for storing and maintaining our boat this year.

**The CLPOA buoy program is more than a safety measure— it's a community effort infused with a lot of heart and a shared commitment to keeping Chandos Lake safe, enjoyable and just a little more navigable for everyone.**





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# CLPOA Corn & Wiener Roast - 2024

SUBMITTED BY SHANTELE BISSON

Once again, the team at Shantilly's Place had the privilege of hosting the final hurrah of summer for the Chandos Lake community!



This year's Corn and Wiener Roast saw the addition of Duke's Chip Wagon offering an expanded menu to those who attended.

Everyone who came out had the chance for some healthy competition with the tandem inflatable obstacle course, and got to test their surf skills on the inflatable surf ride! We had some young creative entrepreneurs selling their handmade crafts while Derek Durand entertained with live music. All in all, it was an incredible way to celebrate another great summer on our beautiful lake, while mingling with friends and saying "see you later" until summer 2025!

**We thank every single person who took time out of their Saturday to volunteer and make the day possible and we can't wait to see you on the lake this summer!**





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# Chandos Lake's Canoe & Kayak Day

SUBMITTED BY IAIN GORMAN

**Beginning in 2025, Chandos Lake's Canoe & Kayak Day will be held annually on the weekend before or after National Canoe Day which is on June 26th.**

Since its inception in 2005, Chandos Lake's Canoe & Kayak Day has been held in honour of World Environment Day celebrated annually on June 5th.

June 26th was coined National Canoe Day by The Canadian Canoe Museum following a CBC campaign that, in 2007, declared the canoe one of the Seven Wonders of Canada. Ever since, Canadians have connected and shared their affinity for canoes and more recently kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

Moving the date further into the season is bound to guarantee fewer bugs and calm waters for paddling.

**Iain and Edith Gorman invite you all to participate on Saturday, June 28th, 2025.**

Details will be posted but if you can't wait then PM Iain or email Iain at [iaingorman1@gmail.com](mailto:iaingorman1@gmail.com).

In 2024 our paddling efforts took us up-wind, gathering others along the way, heading to Shantilly's Place before heading back for brunch and our always problematic photo op in the wind.

**Many thanks to our 2024 hosts, Mark and Janice Langlois, and to Mark for taking pictures for this historic event.**







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# Gilmour Bay Marina

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN AND SHARON FLOOD

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Giftware is a big hit! We take pride in offering you a unique blend of high-quality giftware and Canadian, artist-crafted items that give the Gilmour Bay Marina Store its special charm.

We remain committed to offering you a fresh selection of exciting items at affordable prices. With your invaluable feedback and support, Gilmour Bay Marina Store will continue to be a vibrant, ever-evolving destination for shopping on the lake, for years to come.



## Wally's Pub – Your Pub on Chandos Lake!

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Sometimes the Pub is a meeting place, a cozy retreat or a lively hotspot. Featured guests elevate the fun to new heights, special thanks to Derek the Weekend Warrior, Slippery and the Dead-Enders, Elton Jan, Rob on the Road and our other wonderful guests who join us from time to time to increase the fun factor!

At Wally's Pub, it's our incredible guests who truly make this a wonderful gathering spot and we appreciate your support and friendship. If you haven't visited Wally's Pub yet, consider this your personal invitation. And if you have, we can't wait to welcome you back.





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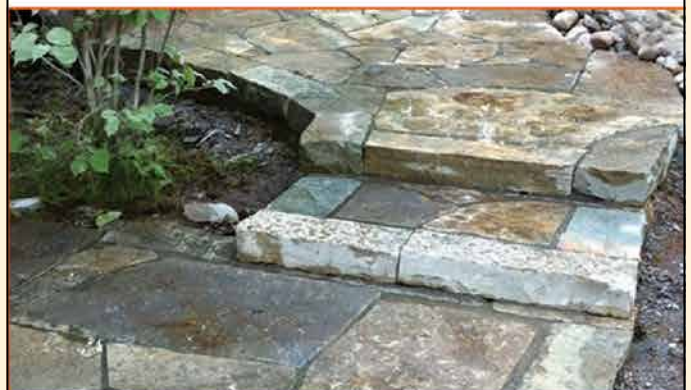
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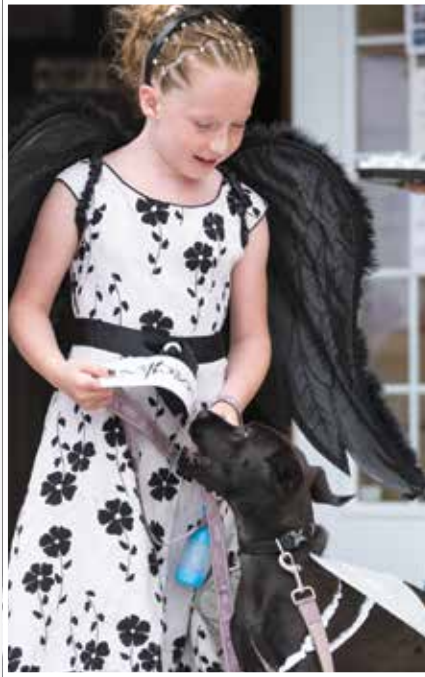
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# The Dog Days of Summer!

SUBMITTED BY KATHLEEN VAN DEN BERG, DOG-MOM OF TWIN GOLDEN MINIATURE RETRIEVERS, RUBY & BAILEY AND EVENT SPONSOR

**Move over New York Fashion Week, Apsley Veterinarian Clinic (AVC) and Gilmour Bay Marina (GBM) hosted a fabulous event with their first-ever Dog Fashion Show!**



A Mountain Goldendoodle in lederhosen, named Hudson Gilmour, led the way, as he pranced down the runway alongside men in leather shorts, swilling draft beer from steins and expertly dancing the Zwiefacher.

Those were some “paw”-sitive vibes!

Dog divas from all over strutted their stuff, modeling the latest canine couture. From breezy summer frocks to rugged adventure wear, and the ever-classic buffalo plaid, the fashion was fierce. A crowd favourite? A Frenchie dressed as a shark—because who wouldn’t love a “jaw-dropping” moment? Oh, and let’s not forget the black puppy with angel wings, reminding us all that dogs really are heaven-sent.

The audience voted for their favorite dog/handler pairs, handing out prizes for everything from “Best Strut” to “Just Stole My Heart”. Guests soaked up the sunny day while enjoying food, drinks, loot bags, and enough laughs to last until next year’s event (hint, hint, AVC and GBM).

Thanks to the tail-wagging generosity of table sponsors, silent auction donors and all the amazing guests, \$4,500 was raised for the North Kawartha Skating Club and the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society. A huge shout out to the hardworking AVC team and GBM staff who made this paws-itively fabulous event a roaring—err, barking—success!

**Here’s to more dog-friendly shenanigans next summer!**







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# Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award

SUBMITTED BY ELSPETH GAUKRODGER

**In 2023, the CLPOA Board introduced the Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award to recognize the significant contributions of volunteers around Chandos Lake!**

Volunteers play a vital role in enhancing the lake's health and the overall social experience enjoyed by everyone. Their efforts contribute to numerous initiatives that positively impact different facets of life around Chandos Lake. The board expresses gratitude to all volunteers for their enthusiastic and tireless efforts which significantly contribute to the well-being of Chandos Lake.

## Award Criteria

The Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award is designed to honor CLPOA members who have demonstrated exceptional long-term volunteer leadership in support of CLPOA's core priorities. These priorities include maintaining water quality, ensuring lake safety, fostering community through social and recreational events and enhancing member communications.

## 2024 RECIPIENT

### Jim O'Shea

At the 2024 AGM, Jim O'Shea was announced as the 2024 recipient.

**Jim is indeed an outstanding contributor to our lake:**

whether through his 14 years as CLPOA President, many years producing the CLPOA Yearbook or his impactful championing of a range of environmental issues to maintain the health of our waters and shorelines. Jim was unanimously approved to receive this recognition for his long-standing and varied volunteer efforts.

**Thank you, Jim for your many years of support! Jim was presented with a beautiful engraved maple paddle at the 2024 CLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Social on Saturday, August 17th.**

## Past Recipients

2023 – King Baker and Kathy Robichaud

## Nominations for Future Chandos Lake Contributor Awards

If you know someone who has demonstrated exceptional long-term volunteer leadership, we encourage you to submit a nomination. Your nominations play a crucial role in recognizing and appreciating volunteers. Please see the [www.clpoa.ca](http://www.clpoa.ca) website for details on the nomination process.



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# CLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Social

SUBMITTED BY ELSPETH GAUKRODGER AND DEBBIE KIRTON

**On Saturday, August 17, 2024, the CLPOA hosted the annual Chandos Lake Volunteer Appreciation Social to recognize and thank the many volunteers who contribute around Chandos Lake!**



We were very fortunate to have three CLPOA Presidents in attendance - Ed Marshall, President from 1972-73, Jim O'Shea, President from 1990-93 and 1998-08 and Dave Taillefer, President from 2023-24.

Despite the forecasted rain, Lyn and Duncan Turnbull graciously hosted, offering both indoor and outdoor spaces at their lovely cottage. Volunteers enjoyed a light snack and beverage while mingling with new and old friends. Beyond the major lake events, all cottagers benefit from the efforts of volunteers, whether it's maintaining the yellow lake markers, supporting environmental programs to prevent invasive species, or organizing the spectacular firework displays. During the



Social, Dave Taillefer presented Jim O'Shea with the 2024 Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award. (See page 45). Jim received an engraved handmade paddle in recognition of his innumerable contributions, including his years managing the CLPOA Yearbook, photographing most events and supporting various environmental initiatives.



**Chandos Lake's vibrant community thrives thanks to the dedication of its volunteers. The CLPOA warmly welcomes new volunteers to join and contribute to our lake community. If you're interested in getting involved, please email [info@clpoa.ca](mailto:info@clpoa.ca).**



# Apsley Firefly Band

SUBMITTED BY JUDITH MANARY

## Celebrating 20 Years of Music!



**When we built our new home, we began coming up every weekend and it was on one wintery Sunday that we heard the Apsley Firefly Band play at Trinity United Church in Apsley. We were of one accord, "When we retire, let's learn to play an instrument." The rest is, as we say, history.**

It's hard to believe that my husband, Del & I, have been retired for 20 years and living most of the year on beautiful

Chandos Lake. We were happy one season 'cottagers' for 22 years before retiring.

Music has become a huge part of our lives and we have made many new friends through the love of music. We give credit to Joe MacNab and Sandy Zimmerman, co-conductors, who were so encouraging. They told us the band needed a tuba, an alto sax and a flute player. Del quickly chose the alto sax, I could not possibly handle the tuba so it was the flute for me. We purchased the instruments and instruction books and joined the band.

The band met in Joe and Sandy's living room on Hwy. 504. The name "Firefly" supposedly came from all the fireflies outside, although, in my opinion, Mosquitos or Blackflies would have been more appropriate or Coffee Klatch because we enjoyed yummy snacks at every rehearsal. "Coffee klatch" comes from the German word, "kaffeeklatsch," meaning coffee (kaffee) plus gossip (klatsch). It refers to a group of friends getting together over a cup of coffee, usually at someone's home.

The band was comprised of ten players when we joined and quickly outgrew Joe and Sandy's home. We were welcomed by the Trinity United Church on Burleigh Street

for our rehearsals, in return for providing music for dinner and concert fundraisers for the church. As word spread, musicians joined us from Woodview, Lakefield, Peterborough, Druro-Dummer, Indian River, Buckhorn and Bobcaygeon. We moved our rehearsals to North Kawartha-Wilson Park Community Centre on Northey's Bay Road in Woodview under the direction of Gord Thompson and Murray Carr.

Apsley residents, and in particular Chandos Lake cottagers, have supported the band and its fundraising events over the years. We work hard to provide a wide variety of concert band music to full-time and seasonal residents, young and old, in North Kawartha.

The first "concert" the band performed was a children's song at the school. Anyone who has heard the 2024 band will attest to the much higher difficulty the band now aspires to.

It was interesting for me to go back over old CLPOA Yearbooks to see how many "lakers" have played with the band at some point. Hopefully you will remember some of them and their contribution to the band.

Bruce Whitney plays tuba, enthusiastically and faithfully. Shirley Whitney, his wife, was one of the original members learning to play trumpet. She now plays with "Knightshift." Shirley graciously agreed to play this summer when our lead trumpet contracted COVID the day of our Apsley concert.

Cathy Faier played flute for one summer before moving to the Bay of Quinte to be closer to her young grandchildren.

Chris Landry was one of the original members of the band, playing trumpet. He also played at the Remembrance Day Services at the Apsley Legion a couple of times. Chris was a member of our Armed Forces and moved closer to CFB Trenton when he was deployed.







Chuck Griffith also one of the original members, no longer played drums with the band when we joined. This note is not so much about Chuck but about who replaced him – drummer Harry Knott. I mention Harry because many of the golfers on the lake will remember Harry as the Captain of the Men's League at Marvel Rapids Golf Course. I had the honour of speaking at his Celebration of Life and was surprised how few of his friends were aware of his musical skills.

Debra Anthony, CLPOA Director and great supporter of the band, played flute with us a couple of summers. Unfortunately, our rehearsal times conflicted with her other commitments. We have a chair for her when she is able to rejoin us!

Heather Landy was also one of the original members, playing tenor sax. Heather is an OPP Officer and has often showed up in full uniform. This girl meant business! She played her sax with great skill and confidence. I hope to play as well as her at some point in my life.

Heather Rademacher played clarinet and saxophone and now plays in a concert band in the Courtice area.

Ila Vaculik plays flute and piano, and conducted us a couple of times. She and her husband support every event we participate in. Ila also plays the organ for Sunday services at Trinity on occasion.

Jack Sisson played trumpet for one summer while vacationing at his wife's (Deb Starr) former cottage.

Janice Griffith learned to play clarinet. From choir gowns donated to the band by Trinity United Church, Janice made band vests for the original members. Janice now lives in Kincardine and helps organize the Kincardine Scottish Festival.

Jerry Schur, one of the original members, played clarinet and alto sax. Jerry passed away this winter but while he was here, he regularly came to our home to jam and eat! I owe a lot to Jerry who taught me so much about rhythms and dynamics.

Jim O'Shea, although not a musician (he might have some hidden talent we don't know about), has attended almost all our concerts and taken pictures. We would have few pictures of our band without him because, and while I can cook, serve and play an instrument at the same time, I cannot take pictures. Thanks Jim!

Laurie Hendren, best known on the lake for giving swimming lessons at the beach during her teens, is

an exceptional bari sax and bassoon player. Her daughter, Jane, sometimes joined us on tenor sax when she was at the lake for vacation.

Margaret Currie played the piano for a brief time with the original band. Pretty hard to transport a stand-up piano to rehearsals!

Nancy Jones played saxophone and conducted us a couple of times after Joe and Sandy moved to Hampton.

Rosslyn Reed, well known as a potter, played clarinet. When Rosslyn's eyesight began deteriorating, someone in the band enlarged and colour-coded her music for her.

I think of Rosslyn fondly when I use some of the many pottery pieces I purchased from her on the Apsley Studio Tour.

Del and I, as I mentioned, taught ourselves to play, Del on alto sax and me on flute. Del now plays the bari sax, and when Debra Anthony

and Cathie Faier joined us, I took up the alto sax. I continue to be the "interim" band manager. When we're not playing with the Fireflies in the summer, we play with the New Horizons Band in Peterborough in the spring and fall and the Tampa New Horizons Band in Florida during the winter.

As we move into 2025, we once again look forward to playing at the locks in Buckhorn. It is heartening to see our faithful followers each summer either at the locks or at Woodview when people occasionally drop in to listen to our rehearsals.

As you can see from our concert photo from this year, the band has grown to 30-plus members. To maintain a good balance, we have openings for two clarinets, two trumpets and one trombone. We rehearse at Wilson Park Community Centre in Woodview, Wednesdays from 10 am to 12, mid-June to mid-August.

**If you are interested in filling one of these seats, please contact me at: [fireflyband2004@gmail.com](mailto:fireflyband2004@gmail.com)**



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# Mosaic Workshops in Glen Alda

SUBMITTED BY ANJA HERTLE

Clearly word got out about how much fun making mosaics can be!

Last year we had 19 participants come out to the family mosaic workshop on a Sunday afternoon. Everyone had a blast!

All the materials are supplied, all you need to come up with is a design. Or if you prefer a template, those are available also.

The full day Saturday/Sunday morning workshop is popular for a friend's weekend at the cottage and fills up quickly. In this class, you get to choose a project from my website.

We will definitely do it again in 2025. Look for dates on my website [anjahertle.com](http://anjahertle.com) or check Facebook and Instagram.





# Ed Marshall

## 100 Years and Still Giving

SUBMITTED BY ED MARSHALL AND WENDY MARSHALL

**In July 2023, Ed Marshall jumped out of a plane to celebrate his 100th Birthday and to raise \$100,000 for Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Ed, with the help of his grandson Bailey Fulan, topped his goal of \$1,000 for each year of his life. It was his first jump in 80 years. He had completed some low-level jumps in the military but fortunately the war ended before he was deployed.**

**He sat down with his daughter Wendy to reminisce on the changes he has seen over his 65 years of cottaging on the lake.**

My wife Molly and I bought our uncleared lot on Winters Bay, Fitch Lane at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show, 65 years ago. We had ten wonderful years there, with lasting memories and friendships. With love and sweat and the help of family and friends, we cleared the lot to make space for our modest cottage.

In the spring, my Dad was up to help when our car became stuck on the muddy road. The chains on the tires were defenseless against the mud. As I lay under the wheels going crazy with mosquitoes and blackflies crawling on me, my Dad said, "Ed could you hurry up, we're getting eaten alive here." My response, unprintable! It was the only time I ever raised my voice to my Dad.

We had no power in the early years. We kept our perishables in an icebox. The only stores in Apsley at the time were Browns General Store and Stephens and McDonald Service Station. Our last stop was at Charlie Winters, a cabin at the culverts near the main beach (now Lakeview Crescent) to pick up a block of ice. Charlie cut the blocks from the lake in winter and stored them in his ice shed in sawdust. He used ice picks to lift the block into the burlap sack in our car.

Our lighting was via coal oil lamps, and our heating and cooking by Franklin stove in the living room. I built my boathouse using lumber salvaged from skids. Our four daughters shared one room, with two sets of



bunk beds and sleeping bags. Molly wasn't too keen at first on cottaging and the woods but she soon came around when she saw how much our kids loved lake life. They did not have to be supervised all the time and they had a gang of local friends; 24 kids of various ages on our shore from six families waterskiing, playing cards and swimming all day. I made water skis and a slalom ski with wood, steaming them in a box to create the upward curve at the front. Our kids all learned to ski on them!

Molly spent all summer at the lake with the kids. At home, I'd count the days until I could get back to the cottage and into the mahogany boat with the 25 hp Johnson, where I'd circle the bay a few times to blow out the cobwebs! Most nights I went fishing with our neighbour and friend Don Halbert, usually on the shoal in the middle of Winters Bay.

Lakeview Lodge, in our early days, was a fishing lodge with lots of American guests who enjoyed Chandos Lake, many of whom later became cottage owners. The cook was Larry Winters' Mom, and cottagers and locals went there for a nice meal. A highlight for the kids was the Saturday night dances and walking to the lodge following the sound of the music.

Our nightly ritual was going to the lodge for penny candy after dinner while Molly cleaned up. On one of these trips, fog rolled in so suddenly on the way home that we couldn't see our hand in front of our face! I had no idea which way to go. I called out to anyone who might hear us, "Can you see us now?" Eventually someone lit a fire on shore, which was barely visible. They told us later they had repeatedly put gas on the fire to create a bigger marker. Four kids and one Dad eventually made it to shore after a terrifying few hours and a worried Mother, no cell phones then!





We knew several lodge owners over the years. Tragically, it burned down and only the stone fireplace remains today.

The Regatta has certainly changed over the years! During our Winters Bay years, water skiing competitions were held for each age group. The gang in our bay practiced relentlessly in hopes of winning their age group, and bragging rights for Winters Bay! There were even boat races! No concern about danger and liability in those days. Kids in our bay prepared for them by putting maximum horsepower engines in the smallest available boats. Where were the parental voices of



sanity? The competing boats travelled in large circles around the judging boats in front of the lodge.

The social event of the season was the CLPOA annual meeting followed by a dinner and dance. They were held at big venues and always lots of fun. We had so many friends on the lake that we socialized with regularly; Banwells, Mitchells, McKies, Franks, LeFeuvres, and Candens.

Most of them are gone now.

Many of the men from these families served as President of CLPOA, as I did for two years. During my term in 1972-1973, a large property development was proposed to the Township Council, the first of its kind on our lake. The proposal included 1200 cottages on South Bay, on 600 acres with circular backlots,

two-storey condos, circular docks, and shared ownership, condominium-style. Students from U of T were recruited to submit plans as part of their curriculum.

Horrified at that prospect and the future of our lake, I ran for council and served for one term. The CLPOA executive drew up alternative plans with blocks of lake-front-only property and presented it to council. In the end, we were able to thwart all backlot development due to



the strength of our organized opposition.

In speaking to council, the developer said, "This is my ninth development. I have never run into this much opposition."

I replied, "You can threaten our houses, but you're in trouble if you threaten our cottages."

As a result, backlot development was forever prohibited on those lands. This intervention proved to be an inflection point in CLPOA's interest in local council and decisions made there.

I continue to spend many summer days at "our" cottage on Maple Lane. Molly passed away in 2020. I have so many memories of large family gatherings on our deck, drinks and dancing, watching the kids waterski with their friends and hearing the boats return at night bringing the girls home safely. In winter, we bored a hole in the ice to fetch water for washing dishes and flushing the toilet. We were snowed in sometimes, and had some close calls with the girls not arriving home during a snowstorm, with no telephone to call and let us know they were safe! We also had the perfection of a beautiful winter wonderland.

My daughter Wendy has owned her own family cottage

on Chandos Lake for 33 years. The new cottages are so big now! On our rides on my pontoon boat, we enjoy seeing the beautiful new mansions, as well as appreciating so many small and familiar cottages, which have been landmarks for me over the years. And it pleases me to see landscapes which have retained the natural environment.

By the time you read this, I will be 101 years old. I am grateful for my family, my relative good health, my new home at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital where I have everything I need, and for the wonderful life I have been able to enjoy, thanks to Molly and my girls.





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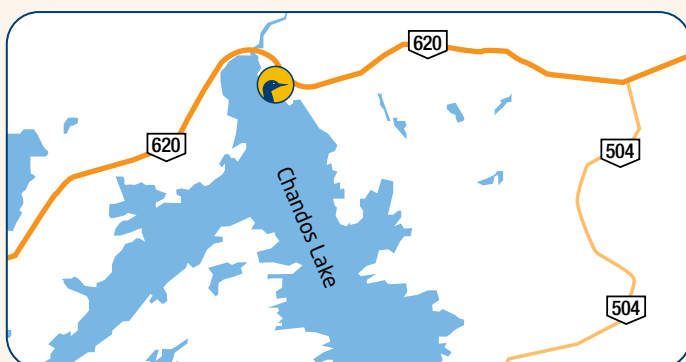
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# Snowmobiling on Chandos Lake

SUBMITTED BY ROB DINGWALL

**What a difference a year makes! Last year, the mild weather and unstable ice conditions meant that volunteers were unable to stake the lake.**



This year, the ice conditions were excellent and the lake was staked on January 27th and removed on March 13th. Also, the snowfall was exceptional and there were times that there was so much snow the groomers were getting stuck!

We (Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club) stake Chandos Lake and maintain and groom the trails that go from Winters Bay to Glen Alda and from the West Bay access point to Haliburton, Algonquin Park and near Bancroft. In total, we maintain over 300 km of trails. The access point at Gilmour Bay (at Wally's Pub) and the trails that extend south and through Apsley are handled by

**Stoney Lake Sno Riders Club.**

Border Town Café and Wally's Pub are both on our trails and are very popular destinations for the riders from our lake and for those much further away. Did you know that there are over 30,000 km of snowmobile trails in Ontario? When they are all open, it is possible (given enough time) to ride from Chandos Lake to London or east to Cornwall or to Pembroke. You can ride north of Sault St. Marie or head to Cochrane and it is possible to ride all the way to James Bay. Ontario trails connect with Quebec trails in many places as well. Many hotels and restaurants are dependent on snowmobile tourism and the effect on Ontario tourism is estimated at over six billion dollars.

Off-season projects will be starting soon and improvement for the access at Winters Bay is a priority this year. While many of our trails are on Crown land, many are not, and we appreciate those landowners on Chandos Lake and surrounding it who give us permission for our trails. Please note that this permission is for snowmobiles only and cannot be used for ATVs or any other purposes. ATVs trespassing on private property have resulted in us losing access to several trails in the past few years so we ask that people respect private property.

**We are grateful to the CLPOA for its continued support of organized snowmobiling.**





# The Apsley Studio Tour

## Reflections on our Home and Art

SUBMITTED BY CLARE SCOTT-TAGGART

The annual Apsley Studio Tour is a remarkable celebration of the creativity that is found among those living in the North Kawarthas. Thirty artists, working in a wide range of mediums, are present in seven studio locations to chat about and explain their work and inspiration. Using materials ranging from hand-spun wool to ceramics to live glass-blowing, the tour is sure to engage and inspire.



One of the younger members of the tour is **Aubre Scott**, who practices the art of pyrography. "I love to work with Pyrography (wood burning) because it is so unique and is a very captivating way to create artwork. It is more of an

uncommon form of art and is very time consuming, which is perfect because I really like to be patient with what I produce," says Aubre. "It also feels like a very natural and local way to create art by combining the use of wood from around the North Kawartha Region. The scenery and landscapes are so spectacular and at the same time, home to thousands of species which allow me to create artworks that connect with both the audience and myself." When Aubre isn't creating her intricate artwork, she is busy bagpiping at a competitive level throughout Ontario. You may even catch her performing at some highland games!



**Aubre Scott**

**Joanne Pearson**



**Discussing her artistic process, stained glass artist Joanne Pearson** reflects that "the world needs the imperfection and nuances that happen when people are hands on. When one creates something, anything, it taps into that part of you that requires you to ponder, reflect, problem solve, to learn as you go, and focus intently in the moment." Jo seeks to make art that will be passed down through generations. "The thought that once I'm gone some families in the North Kawarthas will have a stained glass mosaic on their wall, still being enjoyed in their special place where they come to connect with nature and de-stress, inspires me to create lasting pieces that will add my little mark to the many who came before me."





**Another artist on the tour, Brad Copping**, finds inspiration in the “deep silence one can discover here, an absence of the intrusions of the ‘man-made’ world. In that silence, you can find the language of the natural world, and remember that we are not separate from that world but just another element.” When Brad is creating a piece, “there is an incredible moment when your ideas and means of expression come together. This feeling, however fleeting, is emotionally powerful. It is part of a belief that our lives and the things we make can have some meaning in the larger world, and that we are able in some small way to effect change upon that world.”

One of the materials Brad works with is hot glass, explaining that “when glass is gathered from the furnace on the end of a blowpipe it is so hot that it emanates a yellowish-orange light even though the glass is colourless and transparent.” Pure magic! Brad will be demonstrating the art of glass-blowing throughout the tour weekend.



## Brad Copping

This is but a small representation of the artists who can be found on the Apsley Studio Tour.



**Please join us on September 20th and 21st, 2025 from 10 am to 5 pm both days.**

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# CLPOA Lake Regatta - 2024

SUBMITTED BY UE KOSAR, REGATTA DIRECTOR

Thank you all once again for making this year's Regatta such a memorable, fun-filled event. It was a huge success, thanks to the volunteers who stepped up and made everything run so smoothly. Your support and enthusiasm were key to creating such a great day for everyone involved. We truly appreciate all you've done and can't wait to see you again next year!





# Swimming Races



## 6 YEARS & UNDER

(must wear lifejackets)

### BOYS

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| GOLD   | Cooper Rasberry |
| SILVER | Hammett Grieve  |
| BRONZE | Everet Prowse   |

### GIRLS

|                 |
|-----------------|
| Mya Young       |
| Savannah Asmae  |
| Makenna Ireland |

## 7 TO 9 YEARS

(non-swimmers must wear lifejackets)

### BOYS

|        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| GOLD   | Maddox Messier |
| SILVER | Beau Cayo      |
| BRONZE | Henry Senior   |

### GIRLS

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Chloe Abercrounby |
| Tessa Johnston    |
| Carter Austen     |

## 10 TO 11 YEARS

(non-swimmers must wear lifejackets)

### BOYS

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| GOLD   | Cadem Christian |
| SILVER | Evan Lush       |
| BRONZE | Jack Williams   |

### GIRLS

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Vivienne Johnston |
| Morgan McMahon    |
| Avery Davis       |

## 12 TO 14 YEARS

(non-swimmers must wear lifejackets)

### BOYS

|        |              |
|--------|--------------|
| GOLD   | David Upson  |
| SILVER | Ian Boonstra |
| BRONZE | Liam Koehlen |

### GIRLS

|                    |
|--------------------|
| Kerrington Bidgood |
| Lennan Ebli        |
| Abigail McCrae     |

## 15 TO 17 YEARS

(non-swimmers must wear lifejackets)

### BOYS

|        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| GOLD   | Aiden Temple   |
| SILVER | Emerson Brough |
| BRONZE | Jake Bidgood   |

### GIRLS

|                  |
|------------------|
| Julia Ebli       |
| Brigsitle McCrae |
| Anna Laidley     |

## 18 TO 30 YEARS

### MEN

|        |              |
|--------|--------------|
| GOLD   | Nadhon Upson |
| SILVER | Quinn Ingram |
| BRONZE | Ue Kosar     |

### WOMEN

|                |
|----------------|
| Tristen Mosbey |
| Carys Jones    |
| Jayden Martin  |

## 31 TO 55 YEARS

### MEN

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| GOLD   | Chris Macdonald |
| SILVER | Adrian Temple   |
| BRONZE | Stephen Bidgood |

### WOMEN

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Michelle Durst    |
| Robyn Austen      |
| Adrienne Cristina |

## 55+ YEARS

### MEN

|        |              |
|--------|--------------|
| GOLD   | Dan Durst    |
| SILVER | Ralph Moore  |
| BRONZE | Scott Brough |

### WOMEN

|                 |
|-----------------|
| Dianne Prinsle  |
| Sue Walkowich   |
| Marylyn Prinsle |



# Canoe Races



## 1 PERSON CANOE RACES

### 8 TO 12 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

#### BOYS

GOLD Ben Zietsma  
SILVER Luke Segura  
BRONZE Ryan Bidgood

#### GIRLS

Fiona Zietsma  
Rylie Temple  
Lyla Segura

### 13 TO 17 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

#### BOYS

GOLD Ian Boonstra  
SILVER Chase Turnes  
BRONZE Kyle Bidgood

#### GIRLS

Kerrington Bidgood  
Lizzie Temple  
Gwenyth Bidgood

### 18+ YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

#### MEN

GOLD Quinn Ingram  
SILVER Stephen Bidgood  
BRONZE Mike Temple

#### WOMEN

Stacey Clause  
Nuala Zietsma  
Heather Temple

## 2 PERSON CANOE RACES (MIXED)

### 8 TO 10 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD Veya Cristini & Rylie Temple  
SILVER Mertith Hunter & Elora Clause  
BRONZE Cora Zietsma & Tessa Johnston

### 11 TO 12 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD Fiona Zietsma & Vivienne Johnston  
SILVER Kaden Cristini & Lizzie Temple  
BRONZE Liam Kohler & Ian Boonstra

### 13 TO 14 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD Ian Boonstra & Liam Kohler  
SILVER Lyla Segura & Luke Segura  
BRONZE Lizzie Temple & Colleen Forbes

### 15+ YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD Chase Turner & Lois Marines  
SILVER Jake Bidgood & Kerrington Bidgood  
BRONZE Jennifer Seth & Ralph Moore





### 5 PERSON CANOE RACES

|        | PERSON 1      | PERSON 2      | PERSON 3     | PERSON 4           | PERSON 5       |
|--------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| GOLD   | Hudson Forbes | Sophia Sammat | Bella Sammat | Summer Davis       | John Forbes    |
| SILVER | Veya Cristini | Lizzie Temple | Rylie Temple | Meredith Hunter    | Heather Temple |
| BRONZE | Jake Bidgood  | Kyke Bidgood  | Ryan Bidgood | Kerrington Bidgood | Luke Segura    |



## Horseshoes





# Sack Races

## 8 TO 10 YEARS

### BOYS

GOLD Ben Zietsma  
SILVER Hayden Halls  
BRONZE Clayton Ireland

### GIRLS

Morgan McMahon  
Lela Gray  
Vivienne Johnston

## 11 TO 14 YEARS

### BOYS

GOLD Kyle Bidgood  
SILVER Parker Cronin  
BRONZE Jackson Saunders

### GIRLS

Georgia Aru  
Kerrington Bidgood  
Lexie Lush

## 15 TO 22 YEARS

### BOYS

GOLD Jake Bidgood  
SILVER Austin Temple  
BRONZE Russel Dirstein

### GIRLS

Jayden Martin  
Carys Jones  
Lizzie Temple

## 23+ YEARS

### MEN

GOLD Mike Temple  
SILVER Luke Durst  
BRONZE Mike Tonge

### WOMEN

Robin Verduyn  
Nuala Zietsma  
Robyn Austen





# Land Races





# Recycled Craft



| 8 YEARS & UNDER      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>BEST OF CLASS</b> | Cora Zietsma            |
| <b>ORIGINALITY</b>   | Sophie & Alice Cardbine |
| <b>COMPOSITION</b>   | Jalene Eakins           |
| 9 TO 14 YEARS        |                         |
| <b>BEST OF CLASS</b> | Henry Senior            |
| <b>ORIGINALITY</b>   | Evan Austin             |
| <b>COMPOSITION</b>   | Abby Bristol            |





## 2 Person Tube Races (mixed)

### 8 TO 12 YEARS

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| GOLD   | Clayton Ireland & Jack Williams |
| SILVER | Tessa Johnston & Cora Zietsma   |
| BRONZE | Carter Austen & Morgan McMahon  |

### 13 TO 14 YEARS

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| GOLD   | Lennar Euli & Cole Carrier    |
| SILVER | Nathan Upson & Ben Zietsma    |
| BRONZE | Lyla Segura & Gwenyth Bidgood |

### 15+ YEARS

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| GOLD   | Tristen Mosley & Carys Jones  |
| SILVER | Julia Euli & Russel Dirstein  |
| BRONZE | Tomia Sardine & Sue Walkovich |

## Casting Competition

### 10 YEARS & UNDER

#### BOYS

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| GOLD   | Reid Major  |
| SILVER | James Moody |
| BRONZE | Owen Durst  |

#### GIRLS

|               |
|---------------|
| Summer Davis  |
| Cora Zietsma  |
| Carter Austen |

### 11 TO 16 YEARS

#### BOYS

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| GOLD   | Parker Cronin   |
| SILVER | Slade Aru       |
| BRONZE | Teddy Dimitroff |

#### GIRLS

|                |
|----------------|
| Addison Vaughn |
| Mikyla Austen  |
| Annabelle*     |

### 17+ YEARS

#### BOYS

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| GOLD   | Dave Zietsma    |
| SILVER | Russel Dirstein |
| BRONZE | Eric*           |

#### GIRLS

|                     |
|---------------------|
| Khrystyna Kovalchuk |
| Donna Kosar         |
| Sarah Humby         |

\* Last name not available

## Mystery Event

### PERSON 1

|        |               |
|--------|---------------|
| GOLD   | Mikyla Austin |
| SILVER | Jake Bidgood  |
| Bronze | Jim Aru       |

### PERSON 2

|              |
|--------------|
| Emma Buselli |
| Ryan Bidgood |
| Heather Aru  |

### PERSON 3

|                |
|----------------|
| Morgan McMahon |
| Luke Segura    |
| Georgia Aru    |

### PERSON 4

|               |
|---------------|
| Carter Austen |
| Kyle Bidgood  |
| Slade Aru     |

### PERSON 5

|             |
|-------------|
| Teddy*      |
| Ruby Segura |
| Tallinn Aru |

\*Last name not available

## Oldest and Youngest Participants

### OLDEST PARTICIPANT

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(85 years)

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(4 months)

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# CLPOA Kids' Fishing Derby - 2024

The Sixth Annual CLPOA Kids' Fishing Derby was a fantastic success, bringing together more than 75 children for a day of fishing, fun and community spirit!



This event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, volunteers and participants. Home Hardware provided T-shirts, the ever-entertaining magician "Kensington Ken" delighted the crowd with his tricks, thanks to the sponsorship of Clark Breuls of REMAX. A special thank you goes to Lakeview Cottages & Marina for providing the beautiful lakeside setting that made the day even more memorable.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated volunteers, who handled everything from registration and fish measuring to barbecuing and cleanup. A special shoutout to Lynne Moore for leading the organization of this cherished event and to the three high school students whose energy and hard work made a big impact.

Most importantly, the children's joy was the true highlight of the day. Each participant went home with a smile, along with gifts of lures and T-shirts, and memories to treasure for years to come.

**We look forward to making next year's event on July 5th, 2025, even better and appreciate the ongoing support that makes this special tradition possible!**











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# 2024 Road Director Working Group

SUBMITTED BY ELSPETH GAUKRODGER

**For the third consecutive year, the Chandos Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA) held an informal working meeting for Chandos Lake Road Directors at Wally's Pub. With over 60 private roads around Chandos Lake, the aim of the working group is to create a network of Road Directors who can share their experiences, exchange ideas and serve as valuable resources for one another.**

In January, we hosted a well-attended Zoom call with Ross Fraser from Cade Insurance to discuss the management of summer and winter road liabilities. The discussion emphasized the importance of having liability insurance, keeping thorough records of road maintenance and ensuring appropriate road signage.

Wayne Reddick, who announced his retirement after 45 years of service, shared his wealth of knowledge, as did many other participants who have been in their roles for more than five years. A key topic of discussion was the rising costs associated with road maintenance, which has led many roads to increase their dues. Some roads opt for a flat rate covering both summer and winter, while others implement a user-pay system for winter plowing.

Additional topics included the challenges posed by cottage renters who are unfamiliar with private road etiquette, increased road usage by ATVs, and managing road damage resulting from cottage construction, hydro installations and propane deliveries.

**The group unanimously agreed to continue these annual meetings. Any Road Director interested in joining this dynamic working group is encouraged to reach out to [info@clpoa.ca](mailto:info@clpoa.ca)**





# Canada Day Parade - 2024

SUBMITTED BY JIM O'SHEA

The Canada Day Parade is hosted by the **Apsley Lions Club!**









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# CLPOA Chandos Lake Sailing Club

SUBMITTED BY PAUL WALKOVICH

## Calling all Chandos Lake sailors!



Maybe you're a sailor and you don't even know it yet. Maybe you have a sailboat but don't think you're experienced enough. Maybe you think it's too much effort to come out. Maybe you're not familiar with the rules. Well put that all aside as we would like to meet you and introduce you to fellow sailors from around the lake who all started off like you and are now avid sailors.

Contact Sue Walkovich, by text or phone at 416.571.3282, to find out more. We can even arrange to come by your place and answer any questions that you may have about sailing on Chandos Lake.



## 2024 SAILING RACING RESULTS

### Race 1 • June 30

#### CATAMARANS

1. Paul Walkovich & Jon Lomow
2. Ed Gifford & Jim Mayer

#### SLOOPS

1. Erin Walkovich
2. Colin Murray & Sue Walkovich
3. Nick Lopez & Thomas Lopez

### Race 2 • July 13

#### CATAMARANS

1. Stephan Domnanovits & Sue Walkovich
2. Paul Walkovich & Laura Walkovich
3. Jim Mayer & Ed Gifford

#### SLOOPS

1. Derek Hull & Kate Hull
2. Geoff Ross & Simpson Ross
3. Colin Murray & Trish Murray

### Race 3 • July 27 – Regatta Race

#### CATAMARANS

1. Paul Walkovich & Stephan Domnanovits
2. Dave McVeigh & Sandra McEleney
3. Ed Gifford & Jim Mayer

#### SLOOPS

1. Derek Hull & Cindy Trynor
2. Colin Murray & Trish Murray
3. Geoff Ross & Simpson Ross

### Race 4 • August 10

#### CATAMARANS

1. Paul Walkovich & Tim Nugent
2. Jim Mayer & Ed Gifford
3. Melissa Parker & Celine Gilbert

#### SLOOPS

1. Derek Hull & Cindy Trynor
2. Colin Murray & Trish Murray

### Race 5 • August 24 – President's Trophy

#### CATAMARANS

1. Paul Walkovich & Dalton Gosbee
2. Jim Mayer & Sue Walkovich
3. Erin Walkovich & Stephan Domnanovits

#### SLOOPS

1. Derek Hull & Kate Hull
2. Colin Murray & Trish Murray

### Season Championship

#### CATAMARANS

1. Paul Walkovich & Crew
2. Ed Gifford & Jim Mayer
3. Melissa Parker & Celine Gilbert

#### SLOOPS

1. Derek Hull, Cindy Trynor & Kate Hull
2. Colin Murray & Trish Murray
3. Geoff Ross & Simpson Ross





We are a group of cottagers that enjoy sailing. We get together for five races throughout the summer so come out to one or all five. Our racecourse is set up either in Main Lake or West Bay and is identified by three large orange inflatable marks arranged in a triangle. A committee boat will be anchored in-between two of the marks so head there first to check-in and receive instructions. Race time is 1:30 pm so I suggest arriving by 1:15 pm. There are three classes of boats – catamarans start first and go around the course three times, sloops then start and go around the course two times, and windsurfers start with the sloops and go around the course once.

The best part of the race day, though, is the social that is held afterwards. Here sailors swap stories, debate tactics and share sailing tips. It's also a great way to meet other cottagers from around the lake. If you're interested in sailing come on out to one of our socials to see what it's all about.

Fees will remain unchanged for 2025, \$30 per sailor for the season, \$20 per person for family and friends to attend socials for the season or \$8 per social. E-transfer payments are preferred and can be made to our treasurer Anne Taylor at [taylor.anne420fitch@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.anne420fitch@gmail.com). We appreciate your support as these fees, while minimal, allow the club to cover operating expenses for the races (setting marks, fuel, equipment), awards and social costs.



**SEE YOU ON THE WATER!**

### 2025 SAILING SCHEDULE

| EVENT   | DATE                  | TIME    | COURSE    | SOCIAL  |
|---|-----------------------|---------|-----------|---|
| Race 1  | Sunday<br>June 29     | 1:30 pm | Main Lake | Verduyn Cottage<br>12 Partridge Lane          |
| Race 2  | Saturday<br>July 12   | 1:30 pm | West Bay  | Mayer Cottage<br>293 Vic Tanner Road, Lot 95  |
| Race 3  | Saturday<br>July 26   | 1:30 pm | Main Lake | Gifford Cottage<br>373 Maple Lane, Lot CLE72  |
| Race 4  | Saturday<br>August 9  | 1:30 pm | West Bay  | Parker Cottage<br>37 Pipit Lane, Lot 20       |
| Race 5<br>President's Trophy<br>Awards Barbeque | Saturday<br>August 23 | 1:30 pm | Main Lake | Walkovich Cottage<br>250 Maple Lane, Lot 1221 |

Starting time for races is 1:30 pm with check-in by 1:20 pm at the committee boat. If there is insufficient wind, the start will be delayed by up to one hour. If no start occurs, then the race will be postponed to the following day at 12:30 pm. THE SOCIALS are held directly after each race except for the Awards Barbeque which begins at 4:30 pm.



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# Environment Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY DEBRA ANTHONY

**The Environment Committee led many initiatives over the past year in its ongoing efforts to protect our beautiful lake.**

## How's the Water in Chandos Lake?

**As Chandos Lake residents and cottagers, we are so fortunate to be able to reply 'Clear and in good health!'**

One critical aspect of preserving the health of our lake and its related ecosystems for future generations to enjoy is the collecting and analyzing of data relevant to water quality and clarity. In the summer of 2024, the CLPOA continued its support of



and participation in two longstanding water-monitoring programs on our lake.

The Lake Partner Program, a joint effort of the Ministry of the Environment and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), measures water quality and clarity, including concentrations of total phosphorous and calcium, in dozens of inland lakes across Ontario. The monitoring relies on 'community science', including the participation of our CLPOA volunteers, to

collect water samples each spring and Secchi disc clarity readings from June to September. We have participated in the LPP since 1996, thereby contributing to the development of a significant database relevant to assessing the water quality in Chandos Lake.

The second water-monitoring program on the lake is conducted by the Trent Aquatic Research Program (TARP) under the direction of Dr. Paul Frost, Professor of Aquatic Science at Trent University. This past summer, TARP students attended on Chandos Lake, and 30 other lakes in the Kawartha Highlands region, taking clarity readings and water samples for analysis at their world-class facilities at Trent University. In addition to creating an important database to enable the tracking of changes in the health of our lakes, this work contributes to the training of the next generation of water scientists. The Kawartha Highlands Water Quality Report, which includes the data specific to Chandos Lake, can be found through the link at [chandossier.com](http://chandossier.com) - a great source for wide-ranging data and commentary relating to the health of our lake.

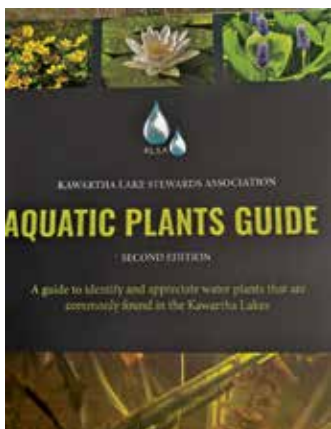
We are disappointed to report that a third monitoring program in which the CLPOA had been active, IsampleON which tested water samples for the presence of invasive species, was greatly reduced this past summer and has now been discontinued entirely. This was apparently

due to funding having been withdrawn by the provincial government. The Environment Committee proposes to explore other options through which to continue to monitor for invasive aquatic species that can threaten our lake. However, the single most important step we can all take to guard against that risk is to consistently Clean, Drain, Dry and Dispose our boats at the Boat Cleaning Station.

**The CLPOA needs volunteers to assist with the water monitoring programs: in particular, we need volunteers to take Secchi disc clarity readings through the summer season in designated locations on the lake. Please contact your Environment Committee at [lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com](mailto:lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved or if you have ideas for additional 'community science' projects to undertake.**







## Chandos Lake Aquatic Plant Challenge

**"Aquatic plants are important features of our lakes and are vital for creating the lake life that so many enjoy."**

~ Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association

This year, CLPOA challenged our members to learn more about emergent, floating and submersed plants in their waterfront area. We provided copies of an excellent resource, Aquatic Plants Guide, produced by the Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association. All were encouraged to identify aquatic plants in their waterfront area and send an email to [lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com](mailto:lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com) with names of plants that they found. Copies of the Aquatic Plants Guide were distributed through our three marinas on Chandos Lake and at CLPOA summer events.

## Shoreline Shrubs Giveaway

One of the most impactful steps we can take to help maintain the overall health of the lake is to preserve and restore natural shorelines.

The Environment Committee ran a native shrub 'giveaway' program this summer. This was to encourage and assist our members to naturalize their shorelines and to recognize the benefits of doing so, including:

- erosion control
- filtering of contaminants from water run-off
- preserving safe habitats for nesting birds, fish and other aquatic life
- discouraging geese intrusions!

And, of course, beautifying our shorelines at the same time.

The program was a great success and met with much enthusiasm. The shrubs (from Pineneedle Farms in Pontypool) were high quality and included varieties suitable for different types of soil and exposures. We plan to run it again next summer and are looking for volunteers interested in helping out. If you love to garden, this opportunity is for you!

Contact us at [lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com](mailto:lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com).



## Mussels have been found in Chandos Lake

**One of our volunteers found suspicious mussels while cleaning up the shoreline after the Kids' Fishing Derby.**

According to ISAP, Invasive Species Awareness Program, the mussels are over two cm in length so they are at least two years old. We do not know where they were introduced but it was most likely by a boat that brought them from another lake.

Confirmation of the type of mussel is inconclusive, whether Zebra, Quagga or something else. Regardless, these mussels are not native to our lake and can have a deleterious effect on the lake ecosystem.

The finding of these mussels underscores the need to CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY AND DISPOSE for every single watercraft that enters our lake and to do the same on the way out. We need to keep other invasive species out of our lake.

Get involved and help by signing up to be a Water Steward at the boat cleaning station.

Contact us at [lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com](mailto:lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com).



## Fire Preparedness at Chandos Lake

With the increased risk of wildfires, fire safety is becoming a more important priority for cottage owners at Chandos Lake. The Chandos Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA) would like to help cottagers enhance their emergency preparedness and reduce the risk that small fires escalate into larger disasters.

### Fire Safety: A Shared Responsibility

Wildfires can result from lightning strikes, grass fires, fireworks, or emergencies such as downed wires or uncontrolled bonfires. The natural environment and traditional building styles in cottage country make communities like Chandos Lake particularly vulnerable to fire risks.

The North Kawartha Fire and Rescue Service (NKFRS) emphasizes that serious firefighting should always be left to the professionals. If a structure or vehicle is fully engulfed, their advice is to prioritize safety and focus on limiting the fire's spread until responders arrive. Quick action, combined with preventative measures, can make a critical difference.

### FireSmart Tips for Cottage Owners

The FireSmart program, developed by FireSmart Canada, offers practical steps to reduce fire risks and protect properties. Chandos Lake cottage owners are encouraged to follow these guidelines:

#### 1. Create a Defensible Space

Clear a minimum 10 metre buffer zone around your cottage by removing flammable vegetation, dry leaves and debris. Trim tree branches that overhang buildings, and store firewood and propane tanks well away from structures.

#### 2. Use Fire-Resistant Materials

Upgrade your cottage with fire-resistant roofing and siding, and seal openings where embers might enter. Install metal mesh screens on vents and windows to prevent sparks from penetrating your home.

#### 3. Maintain Your Property

Regularly mow grass, remove dead vegetation and clean gutters to prevent the buildup of flammable material. Conduct seasonal checks to ensure all fire safety measures are in place.

#### 4. Equip Your Cottage with Tools

Have shovels, axes, buckets and hoses readily available. A water source, such as a lake pump system, is essential for quick response. Individual fire pumps have become increasingly light and cost effective to purchase.

#### 5. Develop an Emergency Plan

Work with your family to create and practice an evacuation plan. Identify escape routes, meeting points and emergency contacts. Keep a well-stocked emergency kit with essentials like water, food, flashlights and first aid supplies.

#### 6. Stay Informed

Subscribe to local fire alert systems and monitor weather conditions. Respect burn bans and fire regulations, as these are critical in reducing wildfire risks.

### Protecting Our Community

The FireSmart approach emphasizes proactive, community-wide efforts to reduce fire risks. Testimonials from other cottage associations show that these measures can effectively contain small incidents before they escalate.

By working together and staying prepared, Chandos Lake owners can help safeguard their properties and preserve the natural beauty of our community. Fire safety is not just an individual responsibility—it's a shared commitment.

For additional resources and detailed guidance, visit [FireSmart Canada](#).







## Turtle Guardians

CLPOA was delighted to host a presentation by the Turtle Guardians on August 10th at Gilmour Bay Marina. Everyone on Chandos Lake was invited to attend this interactive presentation free of charge. More than 25 children and adults attended and all were invited to meet LIVE turtles and turtle experts from the Turtle Guardians. Everyone who attended learned about turtle behaviour and biology, and the ways that we can all help our shelled friends.

### Why do turtles need our help?

- It takes an average of 60 years for one adult turtle to replace themselves in nature.
- All eight of Ontario's turtles are at risk of extinction.
- Road mortality, habitat destruction, pet trades and poaching are the greatest threats to Ontario's turtles.
- Always help turtles cross the road in the direction that they are moving.
- Keep wild turtles in the wild; never relocate a turtle.

(Extracted from the Turtle Guardian promotional material)

For more information,  
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## The Fish Count Survey

Thanks to all those who participated in the **FIRST ANNUAL CHANDOS LAKE FISH COUNT SURVEY** from August 1st to 8th, 2024.

Also, thanks to our participation prize sponsors: Gilmour Bay Marina, Clark Breuls RE/MAX Realty, The Grape and Wedge, A. Fisher, The Ace Beverage Group and Paul McGary Catering.

Apart from the fun of seeing what is being caught, this is a beginning to monitoring our fish population, in a similar fashion to the Annual Christmas Bird Count Survey.

Survey respondents indicated species, length, weight and general health.

There were 79 reported catches: Smallmouth Bass (35), Largemouth Bass (24), Northern Pike (7), Crappie (4), Rock Bass (3), Blue Gill (2), Lake Trout (2), Pumpkin Seed (1) and Sun Fish (1).

A more detailed report, including graphs, can be found at [www.chandossier.com](http://www.chandossier.com) under the Fish Count Survey Tab.

The 2025 survey will be conducted between July 31st and August 7th.





## The Issue With Styrofoam In Docks

Polystyrene foam, commonly known as Styrofoam®, is a plastic that has many uses. Unfortunately, Styrofoam does not easily degrade in the environment and remains for hundreds of years. When exposed to the elements, it degrades into “microplastics” that can infiltrate the soil, water and even the air.

The Styrofoam pollution found in lakes is largely caused by docks made with unencapsulated polystyrene. Polystyrene used to float objects such as docks is at the mercy of the natural elements if not encapsulated within a harder case. Wind and waves break down the polystyrene over time, and tiny pieces of it can be found coating shorelines and floating throughout the lakes.

### What is the Problem?

Styrofoam pollution is a major concern for aquatic environments. Although it will degrade into increasingly smaller sizes, it will never disappear.

From the perspective of an aquatic animal that eats other small orb-shaped foods like fish eggs, or tiny bits that float on the surface of the water such as duckweed, the broken off pieces of dock foam may look appetizing. Sadly, bits of this foam accumulate in the stomachs of birds, causing bowel obstruction and impaction. As plastics accumulate in the GI tract, they also affect the birds’ ability to eat the actual food they need, causing starvation. Even if birds are not consuming enough larger bits of plastic to impact their physical digestive system, studies show that leachate from polystyrene microplastics can cause elevated levels of cholesterol and uric acid in birds, and be toxic to an array of aquatic invertebrates. These are all just the direct effects of polystyrene foam in aquatic systems—the fossil fuels used in the production of petroleum-based polystyrenes is a whole other matter.

However, the impact is not limited to animals; research is showing that microplastics also build up and cause adverse health effects in humans through the consumption of fish and even drinking water.



### What is the Solution?

At the individual level, it can be as simple as avoiding polystyrene when building new dock systems.

Bill 228, Keeping Polystyrene Out Of Ontario’s Lakes and Rivers Act, 2021, came into force on May 20, 2023 and prohibits unencapsulated expanded or extruded polystyrene in floating docks, floating platforms and buoys.

Additionally, the Act requires persons who sell, offer to sell or construct floating docks, floating platforms or buoys to ensure that any expanded or extruded polystyrene in the dock, platform or buoy is fully encapsulated.

#### Specifically:

1. A person who sells or offers to sell a floating dock, floating platform or buoy shall ensure that any expanded or extruded polystyrene in the dock, platform or buoy is fully encapsulated.
2. A person who constructs or reconstructs a floating dock, floating platform or buoy shall ensure that any expanded or extruded polystyrene in the dock, platform or buoy is fully encapsulated.

The intent of ‘fully encapsulated’ would be to prevent the foam from breaking up and polluting the waters. A wood covering may not provide sufficient encapsulation to protect the polystyrene from wave action or animals that may break it up. Several examples of proper encapsulation include: concrete 1.0 inch or more in thickness, galvanized steel 0.065 inch or 16 gauge or more in thickness, rigid (hard) plastics, 50 mils or more in thickness, non-treated dimensional wood four inches or more in thickness.

Not all docks use foam and docks do not need foam to stay afloat.

Alternatives such as hollow barrels or

air-filled blocks keep docks above water without adding polystyrene foam to the lake. The best and most durable of these options would be to use hard plastics made with high density polyethylene. Docks built with this material are estimated to last 30 to 50 years and some manufacturers use recycled plastic in the manufacturing to help reduce plastic going into landfills.

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# 2024 Abandoned Dock Disposal Day

SUBMISSION BY IAIN GORMAN AND DEBRA ANTHONY

Thanks to the efforts of property owners, volunteers, Armstrong Trucking and Kawartha Disposal, the 2024 Dock Removal Program was a great success. The financial support provided by the CLPOA is wonderful example of your membership fees at work!



In coordination with North Kawartha, a date after Labour Day was selected that would have the least impact on fishermen or cottagers. The work had to be completed and the bins removed that same day.



Over 2500 sq. ft. of old and abandoned Styrofoam filled docks were removed from the lake.

Within three hours, the well-oiled team disposed of over 25 dock sections and lots of foam billets. This was only possible by using the equipment and the skill that was provided by Greg Armstrong.

Many thanks to those who spent many hours towing docks to the boat launch, and to the entire team who helped with all the work at the demolition site.

It couldn't have been done without all these wonderful volunteers. If you did not receive an email with our thanks, please email [lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com](mailto:lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com) to receive your invite to the Volunteer Social this summer.



Keep in mind it will be several years before this program is run again, if ever. With your help lets hope there is no need to do so.

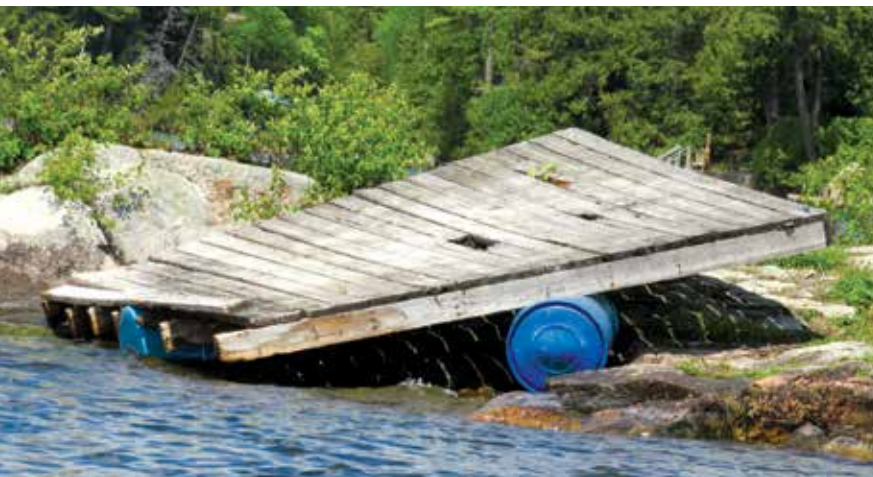
This effort should not be required at all! It was disappointing that it was required so soon after doing it in 2017. It is only because a very few lake residents decided to abandon their dock on public or private property.

When you replace your dock include a dock disposal plan in your budget with your builder or contact CLPOA for contact information on the independents doing that type of work.

Worth repeating, it is now illegal to sell or even repair a dock using Styrofoam that is not fully encapsulated in heavy plastic.







## ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES OF WHAT WE WERE DEALING WITH:

Debra (Environment Team lead), Ben (her son with young muscles) and Iain (boat captain) started with the dock that was a constant eye sore coming or going into West Bay.

Ben's strong back and a long pry bar were needed to get this dock off Bald Island and floating again. One barrel made a failed attempt to escape in the almost two-hour trip to the beach launch.



# Quilting at NKCC - Summer 2024

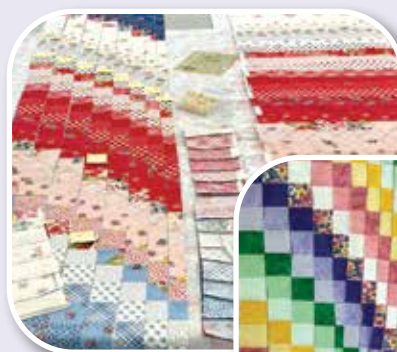
SUBMITTED BY GAIL LOCKINGTON

**Summer means more time at the cottage and it means renewing summer friendships in the Quilting Group at the community centre!**

From early May to mid-September, we would meet on Mondays.

Our instructor, Val Foster, began the morning with our weekly lesson – teaching us about accurate cutting and stitching. We spent the day sewing and chatting and eating lunch together. This year we all worked on Bargello quilts, each of us choosing our fabrics and color combinations. Precision quilting has led to beautiful quilts over the past summers.

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# Sharing Shores with Turtles

SUBMITTED BY KELLY WALLACE

Seasonal cottagers and year-round residents are vital in safeguarding turtles, especially regarding habitat care, nesting and hatchling activity. Understanding turtle behavior, seasonal patterns and how to help are key to effectively contributing to turtle conservation!



## Turtle Activity: A Seasonal Overview

Turtle activity begins in April, influenced by weather and temperatures. Climate change adds unpredictability to the reproductive timeline. Emerging from hibernation (brumation), turtles bask to regulate their body temperature and begin mating.

**Mating Season:** Timing varies regionally with southern Ontario turtles mating earlier than northern ones. Most species mate between April and June, but snapping turtles can mate outside these months, even under ice in March or late fall (September to November).

**Nesting Season:** Females lay eggs three to six weeks after mating, though snapping turtles can store sperm for up to three years, allowing them to delay laying until conditions are ideal. Nesting typically begins mid-May and peaks in June, often in sandy or gravelly areas near water, such as driveways, beaches or road shoulders.

**Hatchlings:** Most hatchlings emerge between August and October, though some overwinter in their nests and emerge the following spring (April to June). This overwintering strategy is common in Painted, Map and Blanding's turtles.

## What to Do If You See a Turtle

During nesting season (mid-May to mid-July), adult female turtles leave the water to nest or move between habitats. If you see a turtle on your property, avoid relocating it unless it's a hatchling already heading to the water. Observe nests, often in sandy or loose soil, and consider marking and protecting them with a nest protector. These structures protect the eggs and allow hatchlings to freely exit to get to the water. Turtle nests typically incubate for 60 to 90 days.

Creating artificial nesting mounds with sand or suitable substrate added to south-facing slopes can encourage turtles to lay eggs in safe locations. For instructions to make a nest protector

visit [thinkturtle.ca](http://thinkturtle.ca) under "Education Resources" or to purchase a preconstructed nest protector contact Think Turtle.

## Helping Hatchlings

Hatchlings face many predators, from birds to mammals. If you see them, help by placing them in nearby water where they were headed. Choose shallow, vegetated areas for shelter and space them about ten feet apart to reduce predator risk.

## Tips for Cottagers and Residents

### Stay Aware and Share

**Knowledge:** Watch for seasonal turtle activity—overwintering hatchlings emerging in spring, nesting turtles in early summer or migration in fall. Share insights with visitors to foster appreciation for turtles and their habitats.

### Make Your Property Turtle

**Friendly:** If turtles frequent your property or you live near their habitats, take steps to make the area safer for them. Avoid landscaping or construction during nesting and hatching season, and maintain natural shorelines to support their ecosystems. Plant native vegetation around ponds to shelter young turtles, attract their insect and snail prey, and filter water. Avoid using pesticides or other chemicals that could harm turtles and critical habitat.



### Enhance Shoreline Habitats:

Maintain a 10 meter (30 foot) buffer of un-mowed native vegetation along the shoreline to provide valuable habitat and reduce erosion. Allow dead logs to remain in place, offering ideal basking spots for turtles. Remove invasive plants, such as European Common Reed, which can overtake native vegetation and degrade habitats.

### Consider Impact in Upgrades:

Avoid disturbing nesting, hatching or migration periods when upgrading or restoring property. If structures like retaining walls or riprap have altered your shoreline, consider removing them to restore a natural environment. Thoughtful planning benefits turtles and other wildlife.



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**Injured Turtles:** If you find an injured turtle, please call the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC), home to Ontario's Turtle Hospital, at 705.741.5000 when you are with the turtle. Ensure to note the address where the turtle was found; the OTCC will require the point of origin. The OTCC provides medical care at 'no' charge and has turtle taxi volunteers to assist with transportation if you cannot drive the turtle to the OTCC. Note: OTCC has moved to their new location at 2785 Television Road, north of Parkhill Road, Duro-Dummer (Peterborough).

### A Final Thought

Whether you're a weekend visitor or a year-round resident, your efforts ripple beyond your property lines. Protecting turtles and their habitats is more than helping a single species. You are contributing to an entire ecosystem. With your care, your property can become a sanctuary for these ancient creatures, offering them a fighting chance to thrive for generations.

**If you have questions about turtles or nests, please get in touch with Think Turtle Conservation Initiative via phone or text at 647.606.9537. You can also visit our website for more information about helping turtles or follow us on Facebook.**



## Yoga at the Lake

SUBMITTED BY KATHY ROBICHAUD

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# Creekside Music Festival

SUBMITTED BY SANDY DEL MASTRO

The Creekside Music Festival began in 2018 in Apsley, as a result of two neighbours who wanted to bring something “special” to our community!



One of the neighbours had a stage in his yard and being music festival goers ourselves for over 30 years, we felt that a music festival on the shores of Eels Creek, right here in Apsley, would be a great idea. The festival could draw people from all over to come visit our wonderful town.

So, in 2018, we hosted the first Creekside Music Festival – a one day event full of local talent on the Saturday in September after the long weekend. The feedback was very positive and in 2019 we decided to make it a weekend event and offer camping spots. Our tradition has carried on and this year will be the sixth Annual Creekside Music Festival taking place September 5th to 7th (always the weekend after the long weekend). We are pleased to say that we have grown into an annual festival drawing in approximately 600 people!

Not only has the festival become an opportunity to bring people together for a fun time and to listen to amazing music, but it has been a chance for economic development within our community. Many local organizations and businesses benefit through sales, donations, draws and being vendors and we are proud to be able to host this event and help generate funds for them. In the past, we have donated to the Apsley School Music Program, the local Food Bank and Community Care, JumpStart, Apsley Minor Hockey and Roter's Reach Mental Health Awareness.



We are super excited for this years' lineup! So far, we have booked Tommy Youngsteen, Mudmen, Epic Eagles, Montana Sky and Melissa Payne among others. You will not want to miss the **Creekside Music Festival this year, September 5th to 7th, 2025.**

For more information and updates, please visit our website at:

[www.creeksidemusicfestival.ca](http://www.creeksidemusicfestival.ca).



# CLPOA Facebook Group

SUBMITTED BY IAIN GORMAN

The group has grown 12% to 4,530 members.

There are currently 3,500 active members that submit about 2,500 posts and comments each month.

On the next pages you will see just a few of the hundreds of pictures posted every season.

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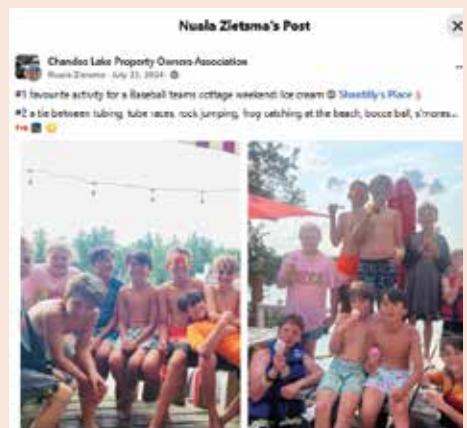
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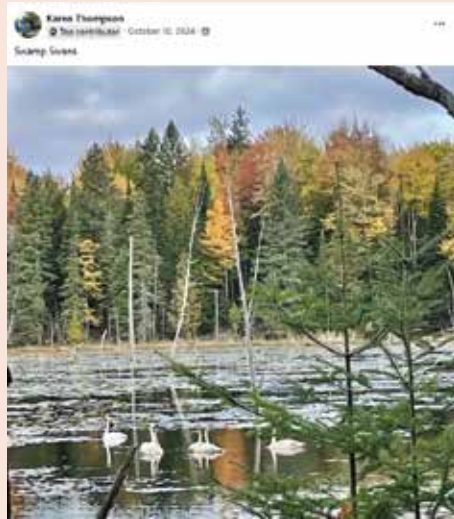














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## Cover Selections and Photo Memories

SUBMITTED BY THE CLPOA YEARBOOK TEAM

THANK YOU for sharing your wonderful photos of cottage life on Chandos Lake.  
We hope these photo pages brings back precious memories!

Our Cover Theme this year is  
**“Kids just having fun!”**

So many fantastic kid photos submitted that it made it very hard to choose.



Glen HORNE



Janet JARVIS

WE RECEIVED  
**838 photos submitted by 115 contributors.**

A HUGE THANK YOU to all.  
We hope you enjoy all the wonderful photos in the 2025 CLPOA Yearbook!

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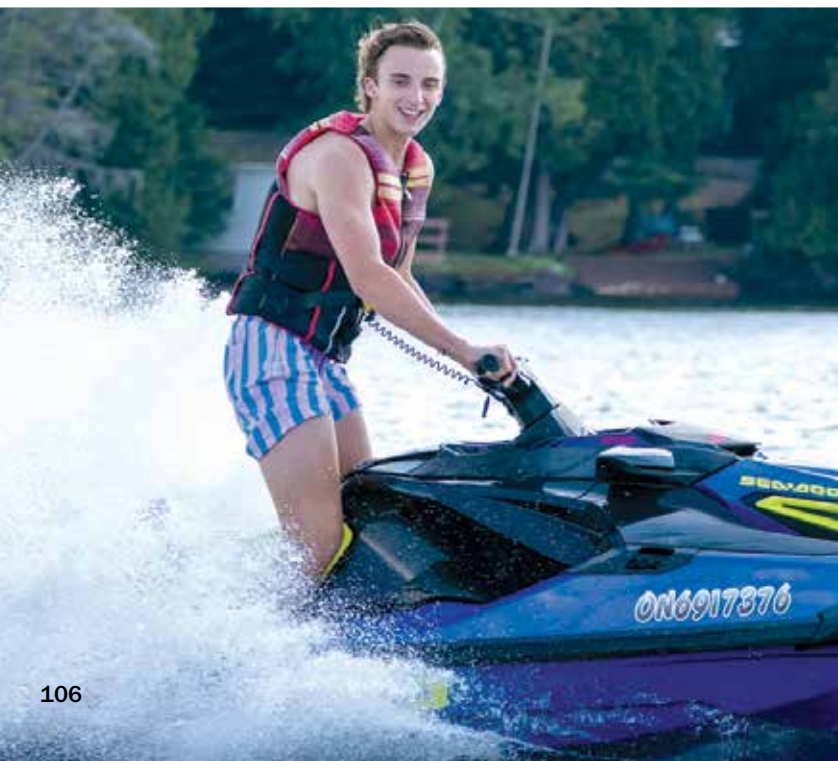


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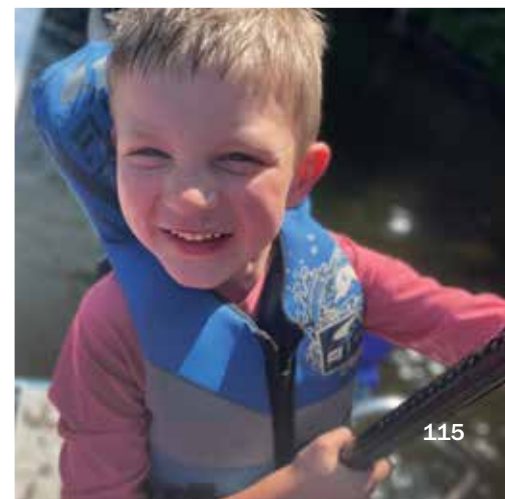












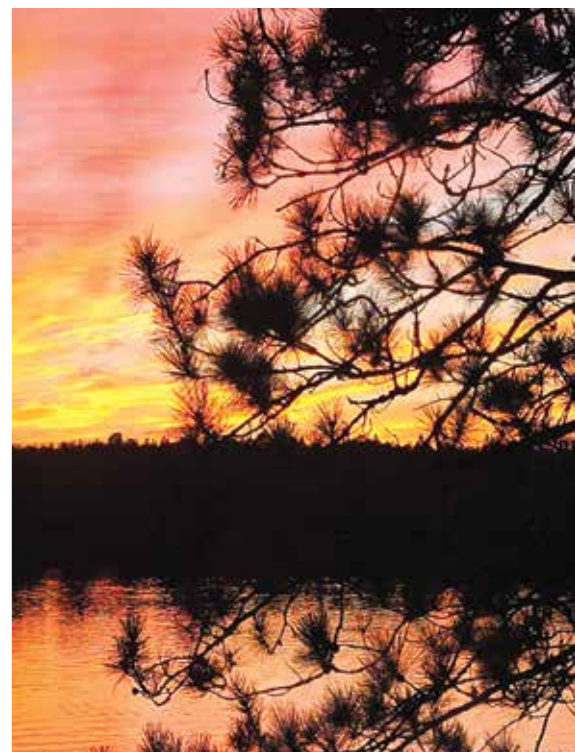
















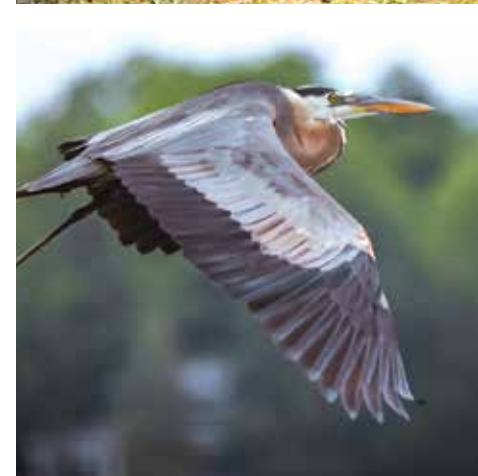












































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