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First Peoples of Chandos Lake

Chandos Lake, named Loon Lake until 1937, was known by its first inhabitants as Mongosogan, “the place of the loon.”

The Mississauga First Nation (Algonquian name, Michi Saagiig-Anishinaabeg) who hunted and fished in the area belonged to the Algonquin-Anishinabeg Nation

who occupied the lands along the Ottawa River and much of what is now eastern and central Ontario.

Chandos Lake and North Kawartha Township are included in two main treaties signed with Algonquin-Anishinabeg groups. Treaty 20, known as the Rice Lake Purchase, was signed in 1818 and covered much of the central Kawartha region.

The Williams Treaties of 1923 addressed land that had not been officially surrendered in previous treaties. It was signed by seven Algonquin-Anishinabeg First Nations



(three Chippewa and four Mississauga) and the Crown.

In 2018, a landmark \$1.1 billion settlement between the federal and provincial governments and the seven Williams Treaties First Nations officially recognized and restored the harvesting rights that had been denied in the Williams Treaties of 1923.

We respectfully acknowledge that Chandos Lake is located on the treaty and traditional territory of the Algonquin-Anishinabeg Nation. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and relations. We honour those who have been stewards of these lands and waters since time immemorial and recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples here today.

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The CLPOA plays a vital role in keeping Chandos Lake safe, healthy, and vibrant.
We sincerely thank our current members for their continued support.
In 2025, paid memberships represented just over 50% of the properties on the lake—
but we know we can do better.

A stronger membership means a stronger association, better equipped to address water quality issues, promote safety on the lake, and host enjoyable lake-wide events for everyone.

Annual membership runs from January to December and costs just \$50.

Joining or renewing is quick and easy at clpoa.ca/join.

This is a small investment that makes a big difference for our lake and our community.

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
- Fireworks Show
- Chandos Lake Sailing Club
- Kids' Fishing Derby
- Volunteer Appreciation Social
- Canoe & Kayak Day

For times and dates of events refer to page 11.

Education and Communication

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

We are pleased to welcome the following NEW MEMBERS!

Helen, Andrew, Zoe, Graham Butterworth-Dewar
Stephanie Clementi
Ramiro Costa
Peter Davies
Liz & Greg Dubejsky
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Cindy Forbes-Favreau
Nathalie & Heath Fournier
Laurie Goble
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Kory Heffernan
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Charles Layton
Omah & Brad Levere
Sherri Morozuk
Stephen Pollard
Geoff, Andrew, Ellie, Soon Rawle
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Amy & Jamie Shee
Deanne Spalding
Alex & Mark Tindale, Nicoletti
Greg Young

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 Chandos Lake.



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Fraser Watson	1966 – 1967	Bob Hayward	1996 – 1997
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John Mitchell	1974 – 1975	Alan Bird.....	2021 – 2022
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CLPOA YEARBOOK TEAM - 2026



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CLPOA

Dear Chandos Lake Property Owners

The Lake Events held in 2025 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 2026 EVENTS, they are sure to be outstanding!

The CLPOA Board will send out communications to members regarding the planned events, as well, the website clpoa.ca can be accessed at any time for information.



CLPOA LAKE ACTIVITIES - SUMMER 2026

CLPOA is pleased to present the following events for 2026:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Annual General Meeting	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	7:00 pm	Virtual - Zoom
Canoe & Kayak Day	Saturday, June 13, 2026	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	50 Chesapeake Trail
Sailing Club - Race #1	Saturday, June 27, 2026	1:30 pm start	Main Lake Course - Verduyn Cottage
Kids' Fishing Derby	Saturday, July 4, 2026	8:30 am - sign-in	Lakeview Cottages & Marina
Sailing Club - Race #2	Saturday, July 11, 2026	1:30 pm start	West Bay Course - Mayer Cottage
Summer Social	Saturday, July 18, 2026	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Lakeview Cottages & Marina
Sailing Club - Race #3	Saturday, July 25, 2026	1:30 pm start	Main Lake Course - Gifford Cottage
Regatta	Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026	11:30 am - sign-in	Lakeview Cottages & Marina
Fireworks Show	Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026	9:30 - 9:45 pm	Chandos Beach on Hwy. 620
Sailing Club - Race #4	Saturday, Aug. 8, 2026	1:30 pm start	West Bay Course - Parker Cottage
Volunteer Appreciation	Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026	1:30 - 4:00 pm	50 Chesapeake Trail
Charity Golf Tournament	Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026	TBD	Marvel Rapids Golf Course
Sailing Club - Race #5 President's Trophy and Awards BBQ	Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026	1:30 pm start	Main Lake Course - Walkovich Cottage

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS AS THE DATE APPROACHES BY VISITING:
CLPOA.ca or checking out the [CLPOA Facebook page](#).

CLPOA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members of the Chandos Lake Property Owners Association,

This year marked my first year as President of the CLPOA, and it has been both a challenge and a privilege to contribute to the Chandos community that cares so deeply about this special lake we all share.

Chandos Lake thrives because of its people—

and because of our shared love for the lake and commitment to preserving it for years to come. Along with protecting our lake and the safety of all who use it, one of our goals is to foster a strong, welcoming community that honours our long-time cottagers, embraces new property owners, and encourages the next generation to stay connected and involved.

This year we launched an early season Chandos Lake Summer Social, an event designed specifically to bring together new and long-time cottagers. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and we plan to build on this event and its spirit of connection in the years ahead.

We are fortunate to have an active and engaged CLPOA Board and volunteer community. I extend my sincere thanks to each board member for the time, energy, and leadership you bring to the CLPOA. Your behind-the-scenes work makes a visible difference to the lake community. This past year, Dave Taillefer retired as past president and Ed Legzdins and EU Kosar stepped down from the board. We thank them for their dedication and service over the past several years.

The CLPOA volunteers deserve highlighted recognition. They are the driving force organizing lakeside events, publishing our CLPOA Yearbook, installing and removing lake hazard buoys, promoting fire safety awareness, and overseeing the Boat Cleaning Station to protect our waters from invasive species— all this work is invaluable. The efforts of our Environmental Committee merit special thanks for their ongoing commitment to protecting the health and quality of our lake. We are always open to those who wish to join our dedicated group of volunteers.

Our Boat Cleaning Station at the Chandos Beach boat launch has now been in operation for three summers. Overseeing this station is one of our initiatives to protect Chandos Lake from invasive species. For any boat that has been in any other body of water, that boat must use the Boat Cleaning equipment, to Clean, Drain and Dry. We are seeing steady use and will be working this year to increase awareness and usage.

The Yearbook Committee, led by Kathy Verduyn with design and layout by Norma Nelson, did excellent work assembling the 2025 Yearbook, especially in a transition year following the retirement of long-time Yearbook Coordinator Edith Gorman.

In recognition of Edith's significant contributions, the Association awarded her the Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award for her long-term leadership and commitment to the Yearbook. This award recognizes exceptional, sustained volunteer leadership in support of CLPOA's core priorities.

This past summer included several well-attended events that strengthened our sense of community. We hosted a highly successful Regatta with more than 200 participants of all ages, thanks to the leadership and hard work of Erin Walkovich and her team. The Fireworks Display once again lit up the night sky, and the Kids' Fishing Derby remained a highlight of the season for many families. These events were supported by our three local marinas, along with advertising and sponsorship secured by John Lovatsis.

Beyond the lake, our community spirit extended to Apsley, where the CLPOA contributed support to those affected by the ice storm. This generosity reflects the values that make Chandos Lake such a special place to belong.

Looking ahead, one of our priorities is to encourage broader participation—especially from younger families and newer owners—by creating more opportunities for small, flexible volunteer contributions and inclusive, family-friendly events. Every hour volunteered, every event attended, and every conversation with a neighbour helps strengthen our lake community.

Finally, thank you to all our CLPOA Members. Representing over 50 per cent of the properties on the lake, your engagement gives the CLPOA its strength and voice. I encourage you to speak with your neighbours, invite them to join, and help us continue building a vibrant, caring, and connected community.

Thank you for your trust, your involvement, and your shared stewardship of Chandos Lake.

Elspeth Gaukrodger

President, Chandos Lake Property Owners Association



CLPOA SECRETARY'S REPORT



My name is DEBBIE KIRTON and it has been my pleasure to serve as the CLPOA Secretary.

2025 was another busy year. Your CLPOA Board continued 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 want to boat around Chandos Lake without fear of hitting a rock, the CLPOA is working hard to make that happen.

We are fortunate to have an amazing group of volunteers who help us deliver our programs. Every activity or event has a coordinator plus a team of volunteers who work hard for the benefit of all of us on the lake – a big thank you to all of you!

Dave Taillefer will leave our board this spring at the end of his one-year term as Past President. Dave has done a great job in a variety of roles and will continue to

support the Chandos Lake community as he and his team provide our lake markers. Many thanks to Dave and congratulations on his new role as a member of the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board.

Ed Legzdins and UE Kosar have both stepped down so many thanks to them for their work on the Board.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to all CLPOA members. Without your support there would be no CLPOA and all that the CLPOA does for Chandos Lake. A strong membership keeps us going so if you have a new neighbour on the lake, please encourage them to join by going to our website (clpoa.ca).

I look forward to another wonderful year on Chandos Lake. Have a great summer everyone!



CLPOA Yearbook Committee Honours EDITH GORMAN

A celebration of Edith Gorman's retirement was held at the Verduyn cottage in August.

Edith's leadership over her seven years at the helm of the CLPOA Yearbook was honoured.

Graphic Designer and friend Norma Nelson presented her with a beautifully carved otter by local woodcarver, Levi Caya, who is featured in an article in this yearbook.

We hope we can live up to Edith's dedication and standards of excellence in future CLPOA Yearbooks!



Mayor's Message



As your Mayor, CAROLYN AMYOTTE, I am pleased to provide another municipal update for the 2026 CLPOA Yearbook.

2025 was a busy year for North Kawartha, and I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on a few of the things that happened in our community over the past 12 months.

Many of you are aware of my advocacy work for greater safety on Highway 28 and the creation of the Highway 28 Mayors Coalition. In January 2025, I headed up a mayor's delegation with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) at the Rural Ontario Municipal Conference to outline our issues and concerns. Since that delegation, the MTO has undertaken a comprehensive safety review and is currently compiling the data to present their findings to all the mayors this year.

The year 2025 will be remembered for the ice storm late last winter. The County of Peterborough and many other municipalities in our region declared states of emergency as we dealt with significant damage and prolonged power outages. The clean-up went on for months for both municipal staff and residents, and as we did during the derecho storm of 2022, we provided free debris collection for all North Kawarthans at both transfer stations. Extreme weather events are becoming the norm rather than the exception and municipalities must expect and plan for the unexpected.

This past year, we had several celebrations and recognitions for many folks. The Township honoured our Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Alana Solman for 25 years of service, our Fire Chief Jesse Lambe for 15 years of service and our Parks and Rec Attendant Joel Smith for 5 years of service. North Kawartha welcomed back Laura Stone to provide in-house planning services. You may remember Laura when she was our junior planner a decade ago. We were also pleased to hire Colleen Lockhart as our new Fire Prevention Inspector.

I also want to recognize two, special North Kawarthans. Anstruther Burleigh Chandos Seniors President Pat Beck was chosen as North Kawartha's Senior of the Year for 2025, and Mark Best, long time personal trainer and fitness instructor at the North Kawartha Community Centre. Both Pat and Mark have made a positive impact on the health and well-being of so many community members, and celebrations were held to honour them and their contributions.

Several on-going municipal programs are worth noting as well. The township, the library and the Apsley Legion continued to work together on our Veteran Pole Banner Program. All veterans are now on the Cenotaph including local surviving veterans honoured with individual banners that are displayed throughout Apsley during the beginning of November for Remembrance Day.

In 2023, Council began a road improvement program to surface-treat our gravel roads. We started in the south of the township and treated many roads including Dunford's, Big Cedar and Don Wilson along with roads off Northey's Bay Road. In 2026, we are taking the program north to complete double surface treatments on Glen Alda Road, Winter's Bay Road and Lakeview Crescent.

In November 2025, the Kawartha Land Trust made a presentation to council regarding the devastating impacts of the invasive phragmites plant and asked North Kawartha to join a funding application to help control and monitor phragmites on public lands in our township. Council approved the request and will provide funding of up to \$5000 through our Municipal Grant Program for Environmental Initiatives.

That's just a few highlights from a busy year and 2026 promises to be just as busy. A big development in the new year was the change to the recycling program. The province has mandated that producers are now responsible for blue box collection. As a result, only residential sources are considered eligible for collection, leaving industrial, commercial and institutional sources ineligible. Despite intense lobbying by municipalities, this change took effect on January 1st, 2026.

North Kawartha created a local solution to support those who find themselves unable to use the traditional collection services. As of January 1st, non-eligible source customers were able to take their recycling to either the Anstruther or Haultain transfer stations, free of charge. We placed extra bins at each site for the sole collection of non-eligible source recycling.

North Kawartha is fortunate to be able to provide this option, unlike many communities across Ontario. Regardless, we will continue to lobby the province to mandate that producers be responsible for all recycling regardless of the source.

This year, our local Apsley Lion's Club is hosting the first annual Apsley Home and Cottage Show at the North Kawartha Community Centre, May 2nd and 3rd. Also, the municipal election is scheduled for Monday, October 26th. Remember folks, if you own property in North Kawartha, you are eligible to vote in our local election.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge another big change for 2026. Our clerk, Connie Parent, and our CAO, Alana Solman are retiring, Connie at the end of May and Alana at the end of June. Their combined careers total nearly 60 years of public service. I have worked with both for over two decades and we have been through a lot together. Connie and Alana have contributed so much to making the township a great place to work and North Kawartha a great place to live and cottage. They are leaving behind huge shoes to fill, but I also know that they are leaving us well prepared for the future.

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 and my phone number is 705.931.1342.

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

Sincerely, Mayor Carolyn Amyotte

TO THE MEMBERS for the year ended December 31, 2025
CHANDOS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

CLPOA TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2026 Yearbook includes Statements of Profit and Loss for 2025, the Budget for 2026, the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2025, and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 2025.

In 2025, the CLPOA had an operating deficit of (\$433). Revenue marginally increased by \$246 compared to 2024. Revenue continues to be driven by sponsorship and advertising revenues which increased by almost 8% year over year. Sponsorship and advertising revenues make up 61% of overall revenues. Our revenues were offset by a reduction (8%) in membership dues. While the drop is concerning, early indications for 2026 are that the membership revenue will be higher and back to historical norms. 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 or are new expenses in 2025. The above budget and new expenses included:

- An additional \$1,662 on supplies was spent on new tents for our various summer events
- \$3,145, almost on budget, was spent on our first Summer Social, which was held mid-July and will be offered again in 2026
- \$7,250, about \$3,000 over budget, was donated to local charities, an amount approved by the board in response to the long winter electrical outages last year

About \$8,500 over budget was approved by the board and spent on various technical upgrades such as Google Suite to allow for information content to be shared easily between board members and new board members that

joined, plus new upgrades to our website.

Overall, despite many new transformative upgrades, the CLPOA had a small deficit of (\$433). As a non-profit organization, our overall long-term goal on profitability is to break even.

The Environmental Reserve Fund, established in 2017, remains at \$50,000. Our year-end cash position remains strong at \$136,574 (includes the \$50,000 Environmental Reserve + the Combined surplus) vs \$131,574 in our previous year. Our goal is to have a year's worth of budgeted expenses (about \$88,000) within our reserve, thus we are comfortable with small deficits as we deliver valuable service to our lake community.

Our 2025 budget forecasts a small operating deficit of (\$7,720). Increased investments will be made in providing summer staffing and much better signage at our Boat Cleaning Station at the Chandos Lake Beach Launch. We will also re-establish our sponsorship of the CLPOA Boat Sailing Club which is open to everyone regardless of skill levels, and it's a great way to meet the CLPOA community.

I would like to thank Jeff Franks, our bookkeeper volunteer. Jeff has been our bookkeeper for many years, and his wise advice and dedication has been so valuable to me. 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
 Treasury@clpoa.ca

March 11, 2026

CLPOA BALANCE SHEET
as of December 31, 2025

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Cash and Short-Term Deposits	\$136,574	\$133,014
Accounts Receivable	-	-
Interest Receivable	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	6,387	4,000
Total Assets	<u>\$142,961</u>	<u>\$137,014</u>
<u>Liabilities and Surplus</u>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$2,106	\$70
Accrued Payables	-	-
Deferred Revenue	16,840	12,495
Surplus		
Environmental Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
Unrestricted Assets	74,015	74,449
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$142,961</u>	<u>\$137,014</u>

CLPOA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
as of December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(\$434)	\$15,275
Increase (decrease) for the year		
Accounts Receivable	\$1,351	(\$1,262)
Prepaid Expenses	(\$2,387)	\$0
Accounts Payable & Accrued Charges	\$2,100	(\$2,789)
Deferred Revenue	\$4,345	(\$12,225)
Cash provided by (used in) operations	<u>\$4,975</u>	<u>(\$1,001)</u>
Investing Activities		
Purchase of Capital Assets	0	0
Cash and Short-Term Deposits, beginning of year	<u>\$131,599</u>	<u>\$132,600</u>
Cash and Short-Term Deposits, end of year	<u>\$136,574</u>	<u>\$131,599</u>

CLPOA STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

as of December 31, 2025

	2026	2025	2025				
	Budget	Actual	Budget				
Revenue				Member Events			
Memberships	\$33,000	\$30,365	\$32,980	Summer Social	3,300	\$3,150	4,000
Yearbook/Website Advertising	15,000	18,003	14,000	Kids' Fishing Derby	2,500	\$2,436	2,700
Sponsorship	30,000	33,433	26,000	Regatta	7,000	\$7,233	6,700
Other Income	2,800	3,204	4,000	Sailing Sponsorship	1,000		
	\$80,800	\$85,005	\$76,980	Fireworks Show	8,000	\$8,000	8,000
Expenses				Snowmobile Trail Maintenance	1,000		
Yearbook	\$23,750	\$18,205	\$19,800	Member Appreciation	1,400	\$1,386	1,200
Environment				Outside Membership & Community Support			
Environmental Issues & Lake	4,000	\$2,537	4,200	Community Support	4,250	\$7,250	1,500
Boat Cleaning Station Equipment	1,793	\$1,741	4,000	Golf Charity Event		\$98	
Boat Cleaning Highway Signage	3,500			Outside Memberships	4,070	\$3,946	3,900
Boat Cleaning Station Staffing	4,200		6,000	Admin. & Misc. Expenses			
Lake Hazard Markers & Pontoon Boat	3,000	\$2,824	2,000	Professional Fees & Bank Charges	3,000	\$8,379	4,000
				Media & Communications	2,500	\$6,496	2,500
				Equipment - Amortization, Repairs & Maint.		\$800	4,500
				Insurance	8,200	\$7,797	7,800
				Supplies / Miscellaneous	1,500	\$3,162	900
					\$87,963	\$85,438	\$83,700
				Surplus (deficit)		(\$7,163)	(\$433)
							(\$6,720)



Area Lake Property Sales

SUBMITTED BY CLARK BREULS

2025 was a particularly challenging year in real estate. I want to share some interesting real estate statistics for 2025. We had the following MLS sales on our area lakes:

Lake	Sales	Average Price	Median Price	Sale Price % of List
Anstruther	0	0	0	0
Chandos	13	\$1,325,000	\$1,210,000	94.9%
Clydesdale	0	0	0	0
Eel's	6	\$822,483	\$770,000	95.9%
Jack	3	\$1,165,833	\$1,085,000	92.1%
Lasswade	0	0	0	0
Loon Call	0	0	0	0
Methuen	1	\$525,000	\$525,000	87.6%
Paudash	7	\$1,120,000	\$830,000	92.5%
Wolf	0	0	0	0

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CLPOA ENVIRONMENT REPORT

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

Lake Water Quality 2025

Submitted by Sheila McKinlay

Good water quality is essential to the enjoyment of so many of the activities we look forward to each year on Chandos Lake – not only swimming, boating and fishing, but also appreciating the abundant aquatic and plant life along our shorelines and in the lake.

Consistently updating our knowledge of and monitoring for changes in the lake's chemistry and clarity plays an important role in preserving water quality by guiding protective strategies. Through its ongoing support of the following two programs, the CLPOA assists in this endeavour. Many thanks to the Environment Committee volunteers who participated in the programs this past season. Please contact us at lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved next season.

1. Trent Aquatic Research Program (TARP)

Commencing in 2015, Paul Frost, Professor of Aquatic Science at Trent University in Peterborough, and his team of graduate students (see a photo from their lab left) have collected data relating to the water quality of approximately 30 lakes in the Kawartha Highlands region. TARP uses this data not only to assess water quality in individual lakes, but also to research trends in lake chemistry, study oxygen dynamics at the bottom of our lakes and assess the chemistry of streams draining catchment areas. The CLPOA, with Gord Morwood as our liaison, has been a participant in and supporter of this monitoring project, thereby gaining access to the knowledge of the health of the water in Chandos Lake and neighbouring lakes.

TARP publishes a Kawartha Highlands Water Quality Report each year, which includes the results of testing of water samples drawn and clarity readings taken on Chandos Lake the prior summer. The report also shows how those results compare to other lakes in this region.

Here are a few highlights from it:

- Chlorophyll concentrations have stayed low in Chandos Lake, indicative of overall good water quality and low algal biomass.
- Dissolved oxygen levels remain at a favourable concentration for the support of aquatic life.



- Secchi readings that measure water transparency and turbidity continue to indicate very clear water.

If you would like to receive a copy of the 2025 TARP report, please let us know.

2. Lake Partners Program (LPP)

The Lake Partners Program is a province-wide, volunteer-based water quality monitoring initiative coordinated by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and supported by the provincial Ministry of the Environment. For over 28 years, the LPP and its volunteers, including your fellow CLPOA members who have stepped up to assist, have collected water samples and clarity (Secchi) readings to contribute information to a comprehensive database. The goal? – to better understand conditions in Ontario's freshwater lakes and how we, as lake stewards, can best ensure their good health and resiliency for future generations.

Our LPP volunteers (Mark and Chris Czmielowski, Kathy Verduyn, Gord and Mark Morwood and Sheila McKinlay) collected water samples in the spring and took Secchi readings throughout the season from four designated sites around the lake. These were submitted to the LPP team at the MOE's laboratory for analysis. We will receive a comprehensive lake data report from LPP early in the new year, summarizing the results for our lake and comparing them to lakes across the Canadian Shield region. If you would like to see a copy of this annual report, please reach out to us. Take-aways from last year's report include the good news that total phosphorous and chloride levels in Chandos lake remain low and clarity remains high. This is all consistent with the results of the TARP monitoring, as noted above.

Many lakes across Ontario are facing significant challenges and experiencing changes in water quality, including increases in algal blooms and chloride levels. Detrimental effects of climate change on lake environments are becoming more evident but are difficult to measure. The first line of defence for freshwater lakes such as Chandos are healthy, natural shorelines – something important to keep in mind when looking at our water quality reports.



NORKLA and Lake Health

Submitted by Doug Wellman

The North Kawartha Lakes Association (NORKLA) was founded in the 1980s to act as a liaison for sharing cottaging and lake information with organizations that include townships, counties, the province, Trent Severn Waterway (TSW), Parks Canada, Coalition of Equitable Water Flow (CEWF), Watersheds Canada, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA), Muskoka Watershed Council, Friends of Muskoka, Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners (CHA) and others. Those entitled to membership are established cottage and cottage road associations within, or partially within, the Township of North Kawartha.

Originally called The Burleigh Anstruther Cottagers' Association (BACA), it became NORKLA when the townships of Burleigh/Anstruther/Chandos amalgamated into the Township of North Kawartha in 1998-99. NORKLA's purpose is:

- to share concerns, issues, and expertise on common issues related to cottaging and lakefront living.
- to promote the protection of our Lakes.
- to promote the rights and interests of its membership.

NORKLA organizes two events each year. One in June features presentations on topics of current interest and importance to the lake community. The other in August allows lake stewards representing each member to report on summer activities and exchange challenges and best practices.

In 2015, NORKLA partnered with the Dr. Paul Frost Lab at Trent University to do "Advanced Water Testing" on our member Lakes. For the past ten years, grad students have accumulated data in August to track significant changes so that steps can be taken quickly to resolve problems. The research involves a long list of tests from dissolved oxygen testing through the entire water column (especially important for our Cold Water Lake Trout Lakes) to gathering data on temperatures, phosphorus, calcium, chloride, carbon, chlorophyll, nitrogen and others. This work is especially important as climate change affects our waters.

NORKLA members work with the Environmental Council of Clear, Ston(e)y, White Lakes on a "Shoreline Conservation Peterborough County" initiative. Debra Anthony from Chandos Lake is a member of this group that has made presentations for the past four years to local councils on the importance of "Natural Shorelines" to "Lake Health."

Visit NORKLA's website at norkla.ca

Chandos Lake Low Water Levels of 2025

Last year was exceptional for Chandos Lake with a low water mark not seen in decades.

Submitted by Geoff Anderson

3rd Quarter monthly water levels for this year (2025), the previous year (2024), a recent high-water year (2021), along with a historical year (1960) are given in the graph below. (The 1960 data is taken from a 1961 Crowe Valley Conservation Report.)

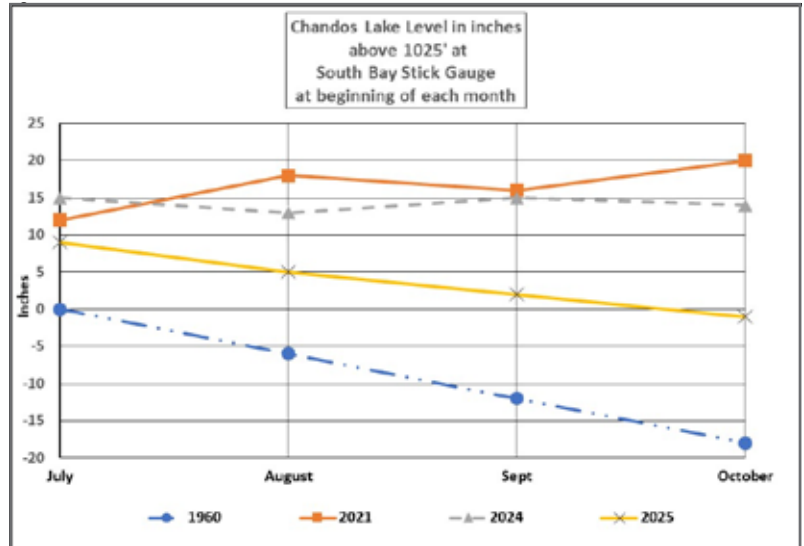
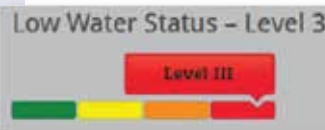


Figure 1 Chandos Lake Levels 2021-25

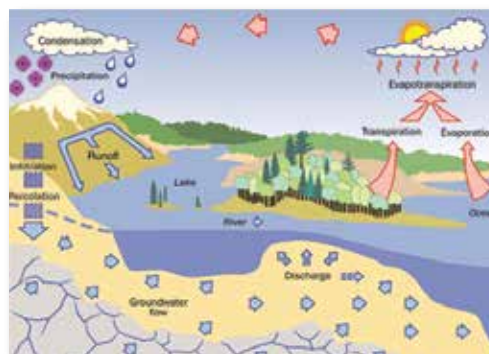
As can be seen, the 2025 end of season (October 1st) lake level is down a full 15 inches from 2024. And it is down a full 21 inches from a recent high-water level recorded in 2021. The historical 1960 data shows a significantly lower level, but this was from the time before the twin culverts were installed. Since then, it is believed that the culverts have gradually silted up, thus causing a gradual rise in the lake level over the intervening years.

In September of 2025, the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Low Water Response Team declared a Level III Low Water condition. (https://www.crowevalley.com/wp-content/uploads/Media-Release-September-2025_LWR_3.pdf)



"A Level 3 low water condition is declared when a watershed receives only 40% or less of the normal amount of precipitation over a 3-month period or if streamflow reaches 30% or less of the average over a 1-month period. Level 3 is the highest of three levels, and indicates a potential failure of water supply to meet the demand."

Level 3 indicates that the CVCA is encouraging reduction in water use and that various municipalities may implement by-laws to restrict water use.



The Water Cycle

Figure 2 Water Cycle. Source Ontario Government Fact Sheet #21-011

What factors affect the Lake level?

Of course there are many factors that determine actual lake levels; it is a complex tangle of natural phenomena.

A change in the lake level over a specified period is basically determined by the difference between the sums of the water inputs and outputs over that same period.

The main inputs are:

- over-lake precipitation
- surface runoff
- groundwater (springs)
- and surface inflows from creeks

The main outputs are:

- the creek outflow at the culverts to the Crowe River,
- evaporation
- and possibly a negative ground water flow from the lake to the aquifer, although it is likely that the net groundwater flow is positive, but diminished

Chandos Lake depends on groundwater from the underlying aquifer.

Chandos Lake is strongly connected hydrologically to the groundwater table, so it is technically a groundwater-fed lake. There aren't any significant lakes or rivers feeding into it, and thus groundwater is the dominant water source. (Our aquifer essentially exists in fractured rock. In certain places the flow can be exceptional, giving rise to observances referred to as "springs".)

In times of drought the groundwater table drops and the inflow to the lake diminishes and, in fact, can even reverse. (From time to time one hears of lakes/ivers that have dried up completely for this reason.) The rainfall in 2024 was below average and in 2025 it was even more so. The 3rd quarter of 2025 has been exceptionally dry with little rainfall, and so, it is very likely that our water table has dropped and as a knock-on effect so has the Chandos Lake level.

Rainfall Data for the years 2020 to 2025.

3rd Quarter Rainfall, mm			
year	Bancroft	P'bo	Mean
2020	340	223	281
2021	341	271	306
2022	291	161	226
2023	135	245	190
2024	316	225	270
2025	82	184	133

Figure 3 Rainfall Data 2020-25

Sources:

<https://bancroft.weatherstats.ca/charts/temperature-quarterly.html>

<https://peterborough.weatherstats.ca/charts/temperature-quarterly.html>

So, using the Bancroft data it can be seen that our high-water year of 2021 (Fig. 1) also had significant rainfall compared to 2025; in fact, the 2025 rainfall (82 mm) is only a quarter of that of 2021 (341mm) and slightly less than a quarter of 2024 (316 mm). 2025 Q3 was very dry compared to recent years and could be termed a drought.

Because we have no major external incoming surface water flow such as from upstream lakes or rivers, precipitation, or the lack thereof, is then a major determinator of the Chandos Lake level.

When precipitation is abundant, the water table gets recharged, thereby increasing inflows to the lake, but when there is a dry period, the aquifer gets depleted. In fact, some folk with wells may be ill-affected by this condition.

Sources of water loss from Chandos Lake.



In terms of outputs, there is the creek to the Crowe River, but with the lake so low, there has been reduced outflow. In fact, because of the silt-up of the culverts, as of November 2025 the outflow is negligible.

Evaporation is another output, and under certain

conditions it can be a surprising amount, and in our area government sources estimate it to be historically in the neighbourhood of 300 mm (12 inches) during the 3rd quarter for a lake such as Chandos. And because there were so many hot and sunny days in 2025, evaporation rates would have been exacerbated even further.

Summary

The very remarkable thing about all this is that in the 3rd quarter, even in a wet year when there is a lot of rain (eg. 341 mm in 2021), it hardly replaces that lost to evaporation (eg. 300 mm). So, the groundwater input is critical to maintaining the lake level and that depends on adequate precipitation over whatever landmass recharges the aquifer feeding Chandos Lake. (It could be 100's of square kilometers.)

The primary reason for the drop in the lake level appears to be the fact that there was very little rain during the summer of 2025. Apart from not directly adding to the lake level, it most likely also reduced the groundwater table, which is the major source of water input to Chandos Lake.

For more information on this subject, visit www.Chandossier.com



Eurasian Watermilfoil – Is there a ‘Quick Fix’?

Submitted by Debra Anthony

An article in Cottage Life this summer raised questions about a potential chemical solution to Eurasian watermilfoil. The article highlighted the claim of a cottage association on Fairlain Lake—a small lake near Georgian Bay—that the application of an herbicide, Procella COR FX had been effective in ridding the lake of milfoil.

Historical experience with similar “quick fixes” to control invasive species has demonstrated the need for caution . . . critical steps to take The best way to avoid and control invasives is, of course, to keep them out in the first place. Cleaning our boats and researching what to plant to avoid introducing unwanted species to our lakes and shorelines are critical steps to take.

The Environment Committee consulted a senior freshwater lake biologist concerning the claims for ProCella. Dr. David Lean's response was posted on the CLPOA Facebook page and is available for anyone interested in learning more about this issue.

You request a copy by emailing lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com.

Following this consultation, the following letter was sent to Cottage Life by the Environment Committee.

To date, there has been no response.

“In the June/July issue and published online on August 6, 2025 you describe how one cottage association successfully used ProcellaCOR FX to combat Eurasian Watermilfoil.

According to one lake toxicologist and researcher in Nutrient Loading, milfoil will run its course and be replaced with traditional weed beds (a home for fish). This has already been reported in some parts of Chandos, Jack and Wollaston Lakes.

Concerns have also emerged that the active ingredient could be a forever chemical that can cause liver damage and most places require repeated treatments year over year.

Data for fish toxicity is also lacking.

There is no question that many of us are bothered by milfoil's proliferation and we would all love a miracle cure. That being said, there are no miracles when it comes to herbicides.

Despite the fact ProcellaCOR FX has been approved in Canada doesn't mean there are no long term effects. Those will take years to determine. In the meantime, are we willing to test this new chemical on our children and grandchildren? Remember those miracle chemicals Thalidomide, DDT and PCBs? They were all approved by Health Canada. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

We suggest you speak to experts and discover the potential risks of these herbicides before encouraging others to pour untested and questionable chemicals into the lakes they love.”



Fire Preparedness

Submitted by Geoff Anderson

As we are keenly aware, wildfires once reserved for North West Ontario are moving southwards and threatening Central Ontario. Some lake associations have taken a proactive approach to fire preparedness, having organized and equipped themselves to deal with a fire outbreak (Koshlong Lake, Crane Lake).

Others have taken a lesser approach and have distributed fire pumps around the lake for use by anyone who needs one. For example, Jack Lake currently has 23 fire pumps strategically placed around the shoreline. These pumps are maintained by the Jack Lake Association (JLA) and are marked on their 2025 Fire Pump & Safety Map.

At Chandos Lake, the Environment Committee, along with Fire Chief Jesse Lambe, has encouraged property owners to follow the FireSmart recommendations. Some property owners have also taken it upon themselves to purchase and maintain fire pumps for use in their immediate neighbourhoods.

In order to make cottagers aware of what is involved, a Fire Preparedness Meeting and Demonstration was hosted by the CLPOA Environment Committee at Gilmour Bay Marina on July 6th, 2025. Two volunteer firefighters from The North Kawartha Fire and Rescue Service attended and demonstrated two types of pumps that cottagers might consider purchasing, along with answering a variety of questions.



How Natural Shorelines Preserve A Healthy Lake

Submitted by Sheila McKinlay

Abundant native plants (shrubs, grasses and trees) benefit the lake in a myriad of ways:

1. Preserving Water Quality

Native plants, particularly their root systems, provide an effective filter to prevent harmful contaminants (such as fertilizers and seepage from faulty septics) running into the lake.

2. Controlling Erosion

The hardy root systems of native shrubs and trees, especially if paired with natural rock formations, buffer erosion from waves and boat wakes.

3. Supporting Wildlife Habitats

It is estimated that up to 90% of all lake and river life (fish, aquatic birds and animals) are born and raised in the shallows and the first few metres of shorelines.

As well, a natural shoreline means less work (no mowing or other maintenance required) and fewer geese! (A manicured lawn is far more attractive to geese for sleeping and nesting than is a shoreline of native shrubs and grasses).

To encourage and support our members in their efforts to preserve and restore healthy, natural shorelines, the Environment Committee repeated its popular Native Shrub program, giving away over 100 plants and related information at CLPOA events.



The prolonged drought made this a challenging summer for new plantings, but the good news is that, once their roots are established, native shrubs will prove to be much more drought-resistant than non-native plants. Watch for details of our new program in 2026, and please reach out to us if you're interested in getting involved.

To learn more about both the practicalities and the science of natural shorelines, or to get further assistance in restoration of your own shoreline, here are some links to valuable resources:

Watersheds Canada

<https://watersheds.ca/planning-for-our-shorelands/>

North Kawartha

<https://www.northkawartha.ca/media/3jellp4x/protecting-and-restoring-healthy-shorelines-1.pdf>

FOCA

<https://foca.on.ca/shorelines-stewardship/>



Fish Count Survey 2025

Submitted by Geoff Anderson

The Environment Committee's second annual Fish Count Survey asked fishers to report their catches between July 31st and August 7th, 2025, via an online survey.



Similar to the Annual National Bird Count Survey, the survey takes a snapshot of the population each year to build a database to be used to discern trends (for example, new species, vanished species, species under threat, health, etc.)

To promote and encourage participation, three gift certificates of \$100 to the three marinas on the lake were awarded to those taking part, via a random draw of names.

The number of catches dropped from 79 in 2024 to 30 in 2025, mainly due to a lower participation

rate. The 2025 participation level was disappointing, and a decision must be made on whether to continue the survey in 2026.

The predominant species reported were bass. Nothing of significance can be deduced from a single sample, especially ones this small.

Comparison Chart 2024 & 2025				
species	2024		2025	
	%	#	%	#
Crappie	5%	4	0%	0
Largemouth Bass	30%	24	30%	9
Northern Pike	9%	7	20%	6
Smallmouth Bass	44%	35	44%	13
Lake Trout	3%	2	3%	1
Rockbass	4%	3	3%	1
Pumpkin Seed	1%	1	0%	0
Blue Gill	3%	2	0%	0
Sun fish	1%	1	0%	0
sum	100%	79	100%	30
no catch	not reported			6

The 2012 CLPOA yearbook carried an article on lake trout as the "canary in the coal mine." Lake trout are sensitive and easily affected by habitat changes, which make them a good indicator of overall lake health.



Consider the following points:

- i. Chandos Lake is currently a winter sanctuary lake for lake trout, meaning ice fishing is not allowed. Lake trout like cold oxygenated water. In the summer, they are found at depth as Chandos Lake is deep (and therefore cold) and fairly well oxygenated. In winter, lake trout find these conditions closer to the surface, just below the ice. They go there looking for food, which makes them harder to catch in summer and easier in winter.
- ii. The draft Fisheries Management Plan of the Ministry of Natural Resources proposes to remove all winter sanctuaries in Zone 15 (our zone), which may mean overharvesting of lake trout, whose survival is already threatened by climate change.
- iii. In our 2024 survey, 2 of 79 fish were lake trout, and in 2025, only 1 of 30. There may be many reasons for the lower number. Lake trout are harder to catch and require more skill and better equipment than other species. They are not caught off the dock, because, in summer, they frequent deeper and colder waters.
- iv. Climate change means fewer weeks of ice cover. Warmer summer waters mean less oxygen at depth. These trends favor bass and pike, but work against lake trout. Lake trout are being outcompeted and may reach a tipping point where they cannot sustain their population. As warm water fish invade their habitat, they feed on the eggs and juveniles of lake trout. In the two lake surveys, 83 per cent of the fish caught were bass.
- v. Fish hatcheries raise lake trout, but the subject is tricky due to concern over mixing genetics from various strains. For instance, the Haliburton Fish Hatchery raises only "Haliburton Gold" lake trout, and stock only lakes where these species are predominant, or lakes with no trout of any kind.

In the two Chandos Fish Count Surveys, nine species were reported. Past reports mentioned catfish, perch, cisco and bullhead. The 2023 Muskoka Report Card indicated there were 100 different species in their watershed, and a Trent University researcher says there are more than 70 species in the Kawarthas.



Battery Backup Power

Submitted by Debra Anthony

Backup power is available without the noise, fumes and fossil fuel use of a generator. Batteries have advanced over the past few years to deliver powerful and reliable power.

The photos show a recent installation on our lake. Four 8.06 kWh lithium iron phosphate batteries take up very little space and will provide emergency power during a hydro outage.

The system is wired so that electricity is drawn from the batteries which recharge from the optional solar panels. When there is insufficient solar power and the charge drops to a predetermined level, the batteries charge from the grid. This can be scheduled to correspond to lower nighttime hydro rates.

The system is controlled from the app and settings can be changed at any time. Real time readouts show battery charge, recharge rates from the solar panels and grid, electricity consumption and more.

No propane tank. No large footprint. No generator maintenance. No oil changes. No noise during power outages.

For more information, contact us at lovechandoslake.clpoa@gmail.com.



Recycling and Compost Bins

Submitted by Chris Hill

Large CLPOA gatherings with delicious refreshments are a wonderful hallmark of our association but can generate a lot of waste. Several people at the regatta noticed that garbage cans were the only receptacles available for refuse. The Environmental Committee is happy to announce that we now have five blue and five green bins to collect recycling and compost at CLPOA events.

Recycling, Compost and Garbage bins will be grouped together and labelled with clear instructions and visuals (real examples) at events to empower everyone to make the right choices. Volunteers will be present to assist everyone. Any offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

A fun and practical addition to our recycling program will be a portable can crusher which will drastically reduce the volume of recycled goods and make them easier to transport.

Not everyone is aware that the Anstruther Transfer Station does have Molok bins for the year-round collection of organic material for compost. These specialized bins are 60% underground where the coolness of the ground minimizes odor. The bins make use of gravity to compact waste. A crane removes the contents leaving the area around the bin clear and clean. Please note, only food waste can go into these bins and not paper products or plastic.

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ENVIRONMENT NEWSLETTERS

We started something new this year. Some of you have already signed up for our newsletter at our table at CLPOA events. It is sent when we have news about upcoming Environment Committee programs/projects or information to share relating to environment issues relevant to our lake. Be the first to know!

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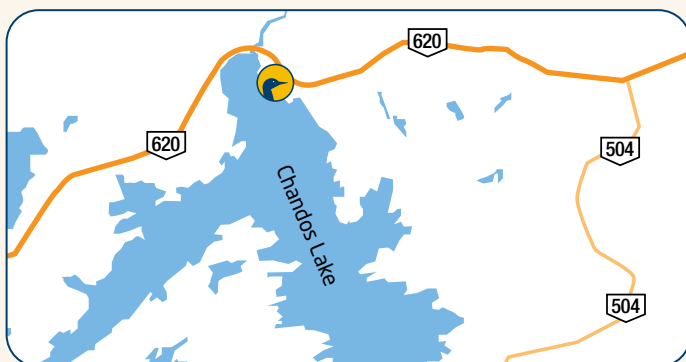
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Chandos Lake Loons

SUBMITTED BY IAIN GORMAN

Only four chicks survived this year, a slight increase over 2024 but another year below our average of six surviving chicks.

This report is not possible without all of your help. Many thanks to all the dedicated Chandos Lake volunteers who sent in their observations. Please continue to do so in 2026! A special thank you to: Debra Anthony, Reynold Caskey, Elaine Dickson, Paul McGary, Charley Peebles, and Anne Taylor.

In the main lake, an adult loon was found dead and her chick did not survive. Two young chicks in Prouty Bay disappeared by early July.

There was no sign of trauma BUT... In 2026, BE AWARE and GO SLOW, especially at the end of June and into July when the chicks are especially vulnerable.



Section	Year	Pairs	Chicks	Juveniles
Main lake (East of the narrows)	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
2021 Total			7	6
Main lake	2022	5	6	5
Narrows	2022	1	4	2
West Bay	2022	2	0	0
2022 Total			10	7
Main lake	2023	2	3	2
Narrows	2023	1	1	1
West Bay	2023	2	2	2
2023 Total		5	6	5
Main lake	2024	2	2	1
Narrows	2024	1	0	0
West Bay	2024	2	2	2
2024 Total		5	4	3
Main lake	2025	*	5	1
Narrows	2025	*	2	2
West Bay	2025	*	2	1
2025 Total		*	9	4

The 2025 count for "Pairs" was omitted as an unreliable indicator for nest sites



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The Eyrie: Irruption Year

SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW AND KRISTIN MORGAN

Matthew and Kristin Morgan are a husband-and-wife team who run The Eyrie on Highway 504 near Apsley, a Birds of Prey centre that focuses on educational outreach.



What better symbol of the frigid Canadian north can we have than the snowy owl? With their striking white feathers and piercing yellow eyes, they certainly paint a pretty picture!

You might have heard of something called an “irruption year” this winter. In simplest terms, it’s a baby boom of snowy owls! Every spring, snowy owls return to the Arctic Circle to continue their breeding cycle. They spend the daylight months in the Arctic, setting their territories, finding good hunting spots, and having young before coming south during the winter months.

While in the Arctic Circle, snowy owls are heavily dependent on lemmings, small hamster-like rodents that also call the frozen tundra home. Rich in nutrients and regularly available, lemmings

become a staple food for snowy owls, especially their young. The bird is especially taxed by having the longest wings of any owl in the world. Growing snowy owls require a substantial amount of specific vitamins and nutrients in their diet to grow fast, and lemmings satisfy their dietary requirements by being the right size to be easily consumed whole.

Raptors generally have only one set of young, a “clutch,” per breeding season. However, when

circumstances allow, they have been known to “double clutch” and raise two or more sets of young in a year. One of the biggest factors that can cause raptors to double clutch is food availability. If there’s not enough food to go around, they may not have even one clutch.

When lemming populations are high, snowy owls take note. With an abundance of food, snowy owls are more likely to have multiple young in a year, and the survival rate of snowy owlets also increases dramatically. It is estimated that upwards of 80 per cent of raptors will not survive their first year. However, when much food is available, snowy owlets have a better chance of learning how to hunt well and survive their first year, leading to the “Irruption Year” we are currently experiencing.

Unfortunately, as much of nature is cyclical, this increase in snowy owls has an effect on lemming populations.

As the snowy owl population rises, lemming populations drop. Suddenly, there is a high number of snowy owls and not enough of their staple food to go around, which in turn causes snowy owls to go through hardship and the population of snowy owls also declines. The reduced population of snowy owls allows the lemming population to rise again, and the irruption cycle begins anew!

To spot a snowy owl when they are down from the Arctic, look for terrain that reminds them of the tundra: big, open, flat spaces such as interconnected farm fields, airports, and frozen lakes. If you spot one, give it a wide berth. Never offer food and don’t publicize where you’ve seen the owl so as not to overwhelm them.

The photos are of Oswald, a one-year-old snowy owl who hatched, July 1, 2024, at the African Lion Safari. He has been with us since he was two weeks old, and is a big feature of our winter on-site programming.





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Boat Cleaning and Invasive Species

SUBMITTED BY JULIE SMITH

Protecting our Lake from Invasive Threats.

Most people are aware of environmental issues caused by invasive species such as zebra mussels, pine beetles or milfoil. As stewards of Chandos Lake, it's up to us to protect against these threats and retain the health (and value) of our shared asset.

Boating and fishing are two common pathways for invasive species to enter the lake and spread. Many species stick to boat trailers, motors, live wells, bait buckets and so on. Since 2022, under the Invasive Species Act, watercraft users must clean their boats of any visible aquatic vegetation or debris and drain any standing water in the boat.

While many boaters use their boats solely on Chandos Lake, the lake welcomes boaters from local areas and beyond who are attracted to Chandos Lake for its great fishing. These boaters often use their boats in other waterways, including the Trent Canal and the Great Lakes, where many invasive species have already been found.

To help avoid contagion, and remind boaters of the risks, the CLPOA Environment Committee invested in a Boat Cleaning Station (BCS) three years ago – located at the boat launch near the public beach on Highway 620. This purchase was proactive, we were one of the first in the province to purchase and set one up. Since then, governments and other lake associations have followed our lead, including wash stations set up in Algonquin Park recently.



The Boat Cleaning Station is built by CD3, which stands for “Clean, Drain, Dry and Dispose.” The standalone unit offers a suite of self-service resources, including an air blower, wet-dry vacuum, hand tools and lights to help boaters remove, then dispose of, water, weeds and debris such as leftover bait. The company originated in the U.S., but has since expanded manufacturing capabilities into Northern Ontario, to better meet Canadian demand.

The unit is self-explanatory and many boaters have used it, but education is needed to encourage boaters to use the machine both in coming in and coming out of the lake. New signage will be posted for the upcoming season, but we also appreciate volunteers who can evangelize the value of “cleaning, draining, and drying.” Those volunteers have reported that the boaters are positive about the message and appreciate the opportunity to clean their boats. Boat Cleaning Station evangelists are particularly needed on long weekends, especially on fishing derby days. The shifts are just a few hours, and offer a nice spot to relax with a coffee in the early morning when boaters come in.

If you have time to spare, please let Julia Smith know at (juliasmith@sympatico.ca). If you have questions about the station and the objectives of keeping our lake clean, please reach out to the CLPOA Environment Committee.

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SUBMITTED BY KIM TUCKER

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CLPOA FIREWORKS SHOW

SUBMITTED BY DEREK HILL

CLPOA Lights up the Sky!

On the August long weekend, CLPOA once again lit up the night sky with our annual fireworks show. As usual, the show was a hit. An amazing flotilla of boats gathered on the water, and Chandos Beach—fully open to spectators again this year—was packed with families and friends enjoying the evening.

Thank you to the many people and companies who played an integral role in ensuring the show went off without a hitch!

A huge thanks to Supernova Fireworks from Peterborough, who returned this year to deliver another fantastic show. We're also grateful to the Township of North Kawartha for all their help. Special shout-out to Lukas Anastasiou and Joel Smith, who were on-site making sure everything went smoothly.

Finally, thanks to Cindy Trynor and Martha Wilding for keeping the parking at Chandos Beach organized.

Mark your calendars for the 2026 show, **Saturday, August 1st**. Supernova Fireworks will again design and stage the show, with a start time between 9:30 and 9:45 pm. The **rain date is Sunday, August 2nd**, and if Mother Nature really misbehaves, we'll try for the Labour Day weekend instead.

The fireworks will once again be launched from the lake near Chandos Beach. Please remember there will be no parking on Highway 620. The show remains subject to approval from The Township of North Kawartha.



Every year, the fireworks are made possible thanks to generous contributions from cottagers and local businesses. If you'd like to help with the cost of this event or any other CLPOA event, please reach out to John Lovatsis at Johnlovatsis@bell.net or 416.570.0767.

Apsley & Area Artisan Festival

SUBMITTED BY JUDY RANIERI

Meet our Local Artists!

In our twelfth year, and formerly known as the Chandos Lake Art Festival, the Apsley & Area Artisan Festival will take place again this summer on **Saturday of the Canada Day long weekend, June 27th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Our move to the NKCC has been a huge success. The new venue provides lots of parking, an indoor space and a more central location.

We have so much artistic talent in Apsley and 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, wood working, glass art, visual art, fibre art, pet portraits, jewelry, stained glass, artisanal teas, natural body and skin care products, handmade wearables and more!

This year will include many of the same artists as well as 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 item 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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CLPOA LAKE MARKERS

SUBMITTED BY DAVE TAILLEFER

As always, our merry band of volunteers kicked off the season in early May, just before Victoria Day, under skies so blue!

Loading up the CLPOA's trusty pontoon boat with a third of our 100-plus anchors and buoys at a time (stored, as ever, at the properties of three gracious members), we motored out like a flotilla of caffeinated pirates. GPS in hand, we dropped those yellow sentinels precisely (enough) over the rock shoals and boulders that lurk like uninvited party crashers. Pro tip: If you're new to the lake, treat these hazards like that ex who texts at 2:00 am—admire from afar, but don't get too close.

Fall removal? Ah, the glamorous reverse heist. Post Thanksgiving, we braved October's chill and rain to drag out the slimy and slippery ropes and anchors. The job was so dirty and stinky that wives made us hose down outside before we were allowed back indoors.

These yellow hazard markers aren't just decorative ducklings; they're watery signs for "Danger: Sharp Rocks Ahead." Two new floating speed signs flank the north and south entrances to Gilmour Bay Narrows, politely reminding folks to dial it back to under 10 km/h (because nothing says "Zen lake-life" like a wake that sloshes your coffee into your lap). And our "Be Wake Aware" duo in West Bay Narrows, high traffic reminded boaters that in tight squeezes, minimal wake and a steady hand wins the no collision race.

Behind the scenes, Iain Gorman kept things shipshape with regular rope inspections, chain swaps and connector tune-ups. Our anchors are beefy 60 pounders, the buoys, custom jobs from Go Deep in New Brunswick, are Coast Guard approved.

Frayed lines from rocky rubdowns or wake-induced wanderlust claimed a few this summer, or blame the wind and the waves. If you spot a stray, lasso it safely and ping the CLPOA; we're pros at the buoy bailout. A gentle reminder though, these markers are trusty sidekicks, not superheroes.

Pair them with your lake charts, eagle eyes and a dash of local lore. Chandos Lake is gorgeous, clean, and deep . . . until it's not. Steer 15 meters clear of any buoy, lest you turn a scenic cruise into an unplanned hull spa day. For private floats (swim zones, pump spots, etc.), go wild with colours, but we politely ask that they are not yellow or we'll all start seeing double hazards.

Local wisdom reigns supreme here, so if you're on the cottage side of a shoal and spot a buoy playing musical chairs, nudge it back if you can. You're the real MVPs of the shallows.



Hats (or life jackets) off to the

2025 dream team who assisted me with this heavy and dirty chore: Paul DeMan, John Forbes, Steve Ilott, and Andrew O'Toole. Endless gratitude to buoy whisperer Iain Gorman for the offseason TLC, and to Tucker's Marine for keeping our boat afloat, literally and figuratively. Without you, we'd be adrift.

Safe boating, Chandos Lake crew. Here's to 2026 with fewer dents and more sunsets.





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CLPOA GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUBMITTED BY JOHN LOVATSI

Thirty golfers participated in our 1st Annual CLPOA Golf Tournament for charity at Marvel Rapids Golf Course!



What a great day it turned out to be. Beautiful weather, nice 9-hole course, a few birdies, pars and plenty of bogies. LOL!

Best score of the day, at 4 under par, went to the foursome of Doug Folkes, Debbie Folkes, Will Stenason and Lisa Stenason, congratulations! That said, the charitable causes and golfer camaraderie made the day a special one. Thank

you to all the golfers that stepped up and played.

A sincere thank you to the following local businesses who provided prizes:

- Tucker's Marine and Denver Tucker (Hoodies)
- Anstruther Marina and Steve Canning (Water Toys)
- Small Town Apparel and Lori Shaw (Hoodies)
- John Lovatsis (ProV Golf Balls)

A special shout out to Marvel Rapids Golf Course and Doug and Tracy Osbourne for their help in setting up the tournament, and their generous gesture of picking up the bar tab for an adult beverage for each of the golfers.



Monies included in the golfers' green fees were donated to two charities. Cheques on behalf of CLPOA were presented to Apsley Community Care for \$475.86 and the North Kawartha Food Bank for \$475.86.



Thank you to the golfers, businesses and Marvel Rapids Golf Course for making the CLPOA 1st Annual Golf Tournament a great day for the golfers and more importantly, the two charities. For that, you deserve a round of applause.

To all golfers on Chandos Lake, and especially to the participants in the 1st Annual CLPOA Golf Tournament, mark your calendars for our:

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CLPOA CANOE & KAYAK DAY

SUBMITTED BY LISA GORMAN

Every year for the last twenty years, the CLPOA has celebrated canoes, kayaks and the environment with an annual group paddle and brunch.

On June 28th, 2025, a brave group met at the Doc Island markers to paddle together to Chandos Lake Estates. The way out was jovial with lots of chatter, and the way back comparatively more steadfast as paddlers braved the large waves across the bays.

It took a great team effort to monitor everyone's progress over the whitecaps but thankfully, no rescue motorboats were needed. There was momentary concern when two kayakers disappeared but everyone was relieved to discover they had simply decided to ditch their kayaks in favour of a personal watercraft.

The post-paddle brunch felt particularly well-earned and the usual group photo on the water was "parked" in favour of a group shot on the steady dock instead! We were thrilled to welcome an even larger (and probably wiser) crowd to the brunch portion of the event.

Thank you to my parents Edith and Iain Gorman, who started this event in 2005, and hosted this year's brunch at their place on Doc Evans Bay. Thanks also to the participants who showed up with a great sense of humor and enthusiasm. We had fun on the water despite the conditions. As my Dad would say, you've got to embrace a bit of adventure!

Hope to see you – and some calmer waters – next year. In 2026, Canoe and Kayak Day will be held on Saturday, June 13th at the Turnbull cottage, 50 Chesapeake Trail.



Iain's daughter Lisa cheekily 'broke the rules' by attaching a two HP motor to her family's canoe!



We had about 9 kayaks, and one canoe join us for a paddle from Doc Evans Bay to Chandos Lake Estates.





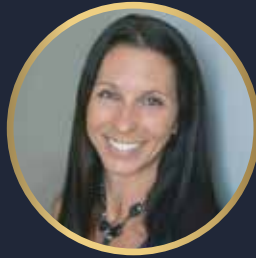
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SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN GELLER & MARGARITA CALABRESE

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This year promises to be full of great memories. Our annual regatta on the August long weekend will once again be the highlight of the summer, a day filled with fun, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs on and off the water. We can't wait to see everyone cheering, racing and celebrating together.

No cottage season is complete without the little traditions that make this place so special. From enjoying our famous ice cream on a hot afternoon, to taking advantage of convenient boat rentals, cottage rentals, and flexible boat storage options, we're here to help make your time at the lake as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Whether you're here for a quick getaway or the entire summer, we're grateful to be part of your cottage experience. Here's to sunny days, calm evenings, great neighbours, and another incredible season ahead.



See you at the lake and let summer 2026 begin!





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Lakers Enjoy Good Vibes at Wally's Pub

SUBMITTED BY SHARON FLOOD

Live music is becoming part of our summer tradition.



All summer long the patio is filled with music, laughter, and toe-tapping energy. In summer 2025, the soundtracks changed but the good times continued to roll with the sounds of country, blues, folk, and classic rock 'n' roll, from both local legends to surprise international, award-winning singer-songwriter, Kelly Neff.

Local band, Nephton Ridge Runners from nearby Nephton, entertained with classic country and rock tunes and a little gospel. They won first place at the Coe Hill Fair Talent Show in 2022.

Derek the Weekend Warrior, a crowd favorite, is from right here at Chandos Lake.

A warm thank you to all our musicians who performed in 2025 including Moon Glow, Slippery & the Dead-Enders, and of course, our very own Chandos Lake Karaoke Stars.

Karaoke Nights were a crowd favourite, with guaranteed laughs. Singers joined us for a fun-filled night, where we celebrated bravery over being in tune!

A big shout out to our amazing audiences for your enthusiasm and support. You make these events possible, as our shows are typically free of charge. Bands play for tips, allowing everyone to participate.

Love to sing or tap your toes? Come join us this summer! The new lineup is set in June. Give us a call at 705.656.4694 or check out our chalkboard for who's playing next.





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Outstanding Contributor Award

SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE KIRTON

The award, established in 2023, recognizes individuals who have shown long-term volunteer leadership in support of CLPOA's key priorities: protecting water quality, promoting lake safety, supporting social and recreational events and improving member communications!



2025 RECIPIENT

Edith Gorman

For more than 20 years, Edith Gorman has made significant contributions to the Chandos Lake community. Most recently, she served as Editor of the CLPOA Yearbook for seven years. In that role, she coordinated schedules, gathered articles and photos, assigned photographers to events and ensured the Yearbook reflected activities and life around the lake.

Edith's organization and persistence—especially in tracking down articles and photos—produced well-crafted and informative Yearbooks that are enjoyed by everyone. Even during challenging times, including the pandemic, she kept the process on track and delivered high-quality results year after year.

In appreciation of her many years of service and leadership, Edith was presented with an engraved maple paddle at the **2025 CLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Social** on Saturday, August 16th. See page 51.

Thank you, Edith, for your long-standing contributions to the Chandos Lake community.

Past Recipient

2024 – Jim O'Shea

Volunteers are essential to maintaining the health and vitality of Chandos Lake. Their efforts help protect the lake environment, promote safety and build the sense of community we all value. The CLPOA Board extends its thanks to all volunteers for their continued commitment and hard work.

The 2026 recipient will be announced at the CLPOA Annual General Meeting and honoured at the Volunteer Appreciation Social.


Nominations for Future Chandos Lake Contributor Awards


We encourage all members to consider worthy nominees for the 2027 award. Please submit nominations by March 15th, 2027 to: secretaryclpoa@gmail.com, including supporting information about the nominee's contributions.

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CLPOA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL

SUBMITTED BY ELSPETH GAUKRODGER



CLPOA hosted the ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL on Saturday, August 16th, 2025 to recognize and thank the many volunteers who make life on Chandos Lake so special. The weather couldn't have been better, and Lyn and Duncan Turnbull once again opened their beautiful cottage for the event!



Volunteers gathered to enjoy light refreshments, good company, and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbors. Behind the scenes, board members Julia, John, Kathy, Julie, Debbie and Debra worked tirelessly on setup and cleanup, keeping everything running smoothly. Board member Mike saved the day with a last-minute dash to grab a couple of tents that provided much-needed shade on the sunny afternoon.



Volunteers are truly at the heart of what makes Chandos Lake thrive. Their efforts make it possible for everyone to enjoy the regatta, fireworks display and other major

lake events. Volunteers support environmental programs that protect against invasive species, install water hazard markers and help preserve everything that makes our community special.

The highlight of the afternoon was the 2025 Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award. See page 49. CLPOA Board Member Debbie Kirton presented an engraved maple paddle to this year's recipient, Edith Gorman. For more than 20 years, Edith has made significant contributions to the Chandos Lake community with her leadership and commitment.



CLPOA is proud of another successful Volunteer Appreciation Social and extends heartfelt thanks to all who attended and helped. New volunteers are always welcome—if you're interested, the association would love to hear from you info@clpoa.ca.



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CLPOA SUMMER SOCIAL

SUBMITTED BY JULIA SMITH, DAVID HILL AND ELSPETH GAUKRODGER

Our first-ever Chandos Summer Social brought something fresh to the summer lineup, replacing the September Corn and Wiener Roast with an early season gathering!

A big thanks to Julia Smith for dropping off invites to welcome our new cottagers, John Lovatsis and family for firing up an amazing BBQ, and Julia Smith and Dave Hill for pulling it all together.

On a scorcher of a July 12th afternoon, Lakeview Marina's big lawn was the perfect spot for neighbours—old and new—to hang out and catch up. People had fun pinning their cottages on our Chandos Lake map, meeting new faces, and learning about CLPOA environmental activities to keep our lake beautiful. The Chandos Lake tents gave folks a break from the heat, and the kids' craft table (thanks to Christine Hill and Max and Mya Yurkovich) kept the little ones happy and busy.

Huge thank you to the committee and all the volunteers who helped organize, set up, cook and clean up, without you this wouldn't have been so successful.

Volunteers included:

Geoff Anderson, Kristen Davison, Lyn Durst, Jim Franks, Elspeth Gaukrodger, Edith Gorman, Iain Gorman, Jamie Halfnight, Christine Hill, Dave Hill, Ann Marie Lovatsis, John Lovatis, William Lovatsis, Mike Lucassen, Margarita at Lakeview Marina, Gord Morewood, Luke Morewood, Julia Smith, Lyn Turnbull, Duncan Turnbull, Max Yurkovich and Myra Yurkovich.



Gatherings like the Summer Social remind us why Chandos Lake is more than just a beautiful place—it's a true community. Reach out to become involved and support this event (info@clpoa.ca).

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Woodcarver - Levi Caya

SUBMITTED BY NORMA NELSON

Local woodcarver wins international acclaim!



Levi Caya is an internationally recognized carver that works out of his home studio in Apsley, Ontario.

He is known locally for his amazing talent, out-of-the-box creativity and his own unique style and techniques.

Levi has been successful at making carving a full-time career and has been creating art out of wood for 18 years now.

Since his childhood days of watching his grandfather carve birds and his start in the industry with local master carver, Steve Kenzora, and his late mentor, Fred Primeau, Levi has

become a well-respected carver and is acknowledged internationally as a top contender. While pursuing his carving career full time, he has competed against the best talent in wood carving at some of the most prestigious events worldwide.

His ambition is not only to be invited to these competitions, but to win them as well. He has been invited to three events in Germany and one in Poland, he has competed twice at the Chetwynd International Chainsaw Carving Championship and he won first place at the BC Hope World Class Chainsaw Carving event in 2021. These accomplishments are only a few of many as he continues to show the world his progression and what he can do!



Drop by Levi's studio off Highway 620 on the Balmer Road and enjoy a glimpse of Levi carving. Also have a look at pieces that are for sale or order a custom piece!



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Jenny Gordon, Chandos Lake Artist

SUBMITTED BY JENNY GORDON

I have been a lifelong cottager and lover of Chandos Lake!



From her website: Born in Toronto, Jenny obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Art from the University of Western Ontario. Her paintings of Muskoka and the Kawarthas hang in businesses and homes worldwide.

I have been a lifelong cottager and lover of Chandos Lake. It has inspired me to paint the beautiful nature I am so lucky to enjoy around me. I am always at my happiest when I am at the lake. The lake brings me constant inspiration and calm.

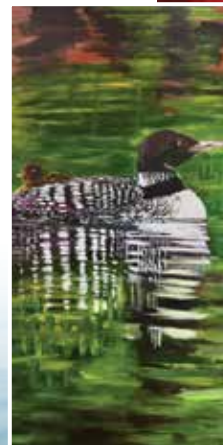
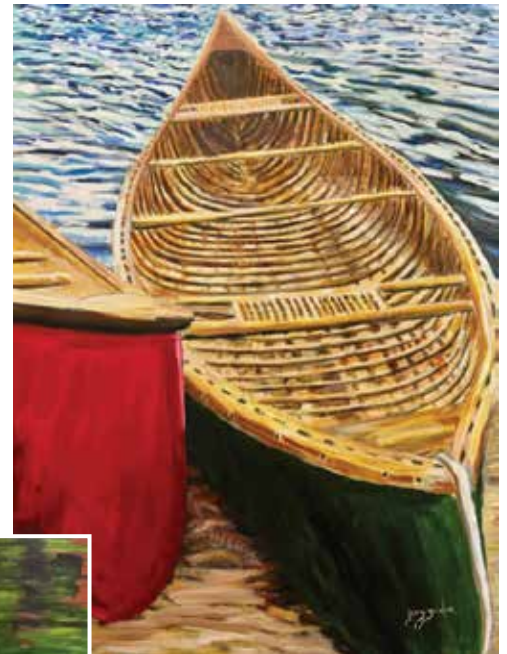
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The lake brings me constant inspiration and calm.

I was part of the Apsley Studio Tour for a couple of years but this summer, I will retreat to my art studio in the woods where you will find me painting my new favourite scenes of the lake.

Most recently, I have ventured into the back lakes, only accessible by canoe, taking pictures and then painting the tall grasses, the cloud reflections in the crystal clear water and the brilliant colours.

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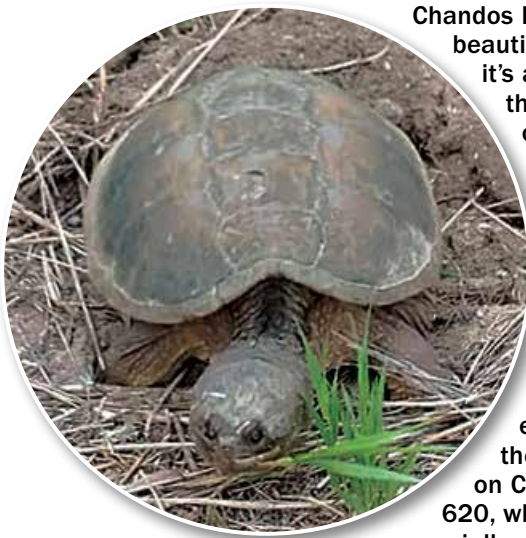
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Chandos Lake Turtle Report

SUBMITTED BY KELLY WALLACE

Protecting Our Ancient Navigators.



Chandos Lake is not only a beautiful place to visit, it's a lively ecosystem that supports many of its oldest and most at-risk residents. Each year, from mid-May to mid-July, turtles leave the water to find safe places to nest. Many cross busy spots, especially near the boat launch on County Road 620, where nesting is especially dangerous.

This spot has been a worry for a long time. Turtles usually nest at night, so by morning their eggs are often found by predators. While it's tough to see, this behavior is part of nature's cycle. Even eggs that don't survive help feed other wildlife, some of which are raising their own young during this season.

Volunteers from the Think Turtle Conservation Initiative who checked the boat launch site at the end of the season discovered signs that predators found some nests, but fewer than in past years. This change is positive. Plants behind the guardrail have grown thicker, which may have changed where turtles choose to nest. Some turtles likely picked spots farther inland from the road, lowering their risk.

Even better, there were clear successes. At least five undisturbed nest openings showed signs that hatchlings made it out. These small exit holes proved that in late September into October, baby turtles followed their instincts and made it to the water. Despite the challenges, they did what turtles have always done, a quiet victory to celebrate.

A check of the area found no indications of roadkill and no sign of harm caused by people. While some nests didn't make it, none were lost because of human actions. That's important.

Loss is part of the story, but so is resilience. Turtles that didn't survive helped the ecosystem by sustaining the needs of other species. The hatchlings that made it to the lake show that nature finds a way.

CLPOA and local residents once again acted as stewards. Whether they stopped to help a turtle cross the road, reported an injured or nesting turtle, or kept watch, they made a difference. Their awareness and kindness mattered. Every turtle saved, every egg protected, and every small action counts in conservation.

The turtles of Chandos Lake, ancient, slow, and vulnerable, depend on people. Conservation isn't always dramatic or newsworthy. Often it is about small actions. In these moments, we do more than watch. We become caretakers of a legacy much older than us, and hopefully, one that will last beyond our time. Let's keep protecting what we love for the turtles, for the lake, and for the future.

Turtle Hospital Update: More Rescues, A New Home, and 10,000 Eggs Incubated

The Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC) is now in a bigger, more modern facility at 2785 Television Road in Peterborough. The new building has a larger intensive care unit, a special nursery for hatchlings, and an expanding education centre to help people learn more about Ontario's turtles and how to protect them.

In 2025, the OTCC took in over 2,200 injured turtles. Many were hurt by cars, boat propellers, fishing lines, or other animals. Some turtles could not be saved, but more than 10,000 eggs were collected, incubated, and many hatched successfully. Every turtle treated and every egg incubated is part of the effort to heal, hatch, and return these animals to the wild where they belong.



The OTCC welcomes visitors year-round, offering guided tours and educational sessions for everyone. You'll learn to identify Ontario's eight native turtle species, understand why they're at risk, and find out how you can help. You can also see how turtle conservation works, from surgeries to caring for hatchlings. Learn how to help turtles safely on roads, protect nests, and provide help if you find an injured turtle.

Every visit supports the hospital's mission, and buying from the gift shop helps fund their work. Before you visit, check the hours or call ahead. For more information, to donate, or for updates, go to www.ontarioturtle.ca or call 705.741.5000.

Care of Injured Turtles

Submitted by Debra Anthony

A Chandos cottager found an injured male snapping turtle on County Road 504 in July. It was taken to the turtle hospital in Peterborough by a volunteer driver. Although its injuries did not look serious to an untrained eye, sadly it did not survive despite receiving care at the hospital.

Another turtle admitted from the Apsley area, a female, also died. She carried eggs that did not hatch, likely because they were unfertilized.

Please drive carefully scanning the road ahead for turtles. Report any injured turtles. Your swift action ensures the injured turtles receive the best chance of survival or comfort and care in their final hours. Even when things don't turn



out as we hope, every act of kindness matters.

If you find an injured turtle, contact the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC), home of Ontario's turtle hospital (705.741.5000). If you reach voicemail, please leave a message they will get back to you.

Place the turtle in a cardboard box with air holes that the turtle cannot climb out of, or in a well-ventilated plastic tote. If possible, place an old towel on the bottom before placing the turtle inside. Do not add water or food, or attempt to treat the turtle. To help calm the turtle, put the box or tote in a dark, quiet, moderately cool room away from pets and kids and on the floor so turtle activity will not knock the box over.

If you have further questions and have not heard back from the turtle hospital, please contact Think Turtle at 647.606.9537 (<http://www.thinkturtle.ca>).



What is FOCA?

Submitted by Sheila McKinlay

The Federation of Canadian Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) is a non-profit, province-wide organization of cottagers' and road associations with over 525 member associations that represent 250,000 waterfront families. Since 1963, FOCA has worked effectively to "protect, inform and unite" waterfront communities across Ontario.

CLPOA is proud to have been a member for over 20 years, benefiting in many ways including FOCA's support and management of the Lake Partners Program of water testing and the customized insurance program developed for cottage associations and their volunteers. FOCA's commitment is to sustain and enhance the cottage experience, now and for generations to come. Through its own personnel and by mobilizing its member associations, the association develops relationships at all relevant levels of government to advocate on behalf of cottagers and other waterfront residents on key issues such as environmental protection (clean water and air), preservation of biodiversity, maintenance of rural roads and other infrastructure, land use planning and water level management.



Through its website (FOCA.on.ca), on-line seminars and in-person conferences, FOCA provides our members with access to the most up-to-date information and advice on a wide range of topics such as cottage succession, FireSmart strategies, septic system maintenance, shoreline restoration, safe boating and much more. Our members can search by key words to access these resources on the FOCA website. Watch for information in CLPOA newsletters about upcoming seminars and pick up FOCA publications such as its recent Guide to Underwater Plants, at our Environment table at CLPOA events next summer.

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SUBMITTED BY JON CUMMING

If ever a season reminded us why we love this sport, it was this past winter.



Mother Nature showed up in a big way: generous snowfall, sustained cold, and yes...a couple of challenging rain events. While the rain tested our patience and our chainsaws, it also helped lay down an incredibly solid trail base, setting us up for outstanding riding conditions.

Chandos Lake was staked this year on Jan. 20th, (it was Jan. 27th last year), and the stakes removed March 10 due to warm temperatures.

The trails on and around Chandos Lake are thanks to the tireless volunteers clearing downed trees, brushing, signing, maintaining and repairing grooming equipment, staking the lake and responding to changing conditions, often on short notice.

They're made possible by generous sponsors who believe in our club and our community. Most importantly, the trails exist because of the continued trust and cooperation of our landowners. We don't take those things for granted, not for a moment.

We improved the trails on and around Chandos Lake in a number of ways. We spent almost \$4000 on one of the three access points to Chandos Lake (Winters Bay), moving the trail onto a road allowance to make the trail wider and safer. We purchased new destination signs



for the trail intersection on the lake. We resolved two washouts on the trail off the north end of the lake with temporary brush bridges to get us through the season. We hope to have funding next year to install new culverts for a permanent fix.

We hosted our annual club cookout again this year on the first Saturday in February, which was a great success. Many Chandos Lake residents and cottagers attended.

We thank CLPOA for its contribution, which helps the club pay for improvements, fuel, equipment and tools as well as trail and destination signage.

The Apsley Studio Tour - 2026

SUBMITTED BY CLARE SCOTT-TAGGART

Artist studio tours in Ontario have been around since the early 1980s, the first one held in 1979. Many have come and gone, but some, like the Apsley Studio Tour, continue to flourish!

This dynamic tour, set in the North Kawarthas and now in its 33rd year, is well known for its “look behind the scenes” of exemplary local artists and their guests. The scenic drive alone, winding along back roads abounding with fall colours and shimmering waterways, is enough to entice anyone on the excursion but it is the artists that truly make the tour special.

The mix of celebrated artists and emerging newcomers is renowned for its diversity in creative style and quality artisanship. Disciplines include pottery, painting, woodworking, furniture, jewellery, glass art, fibre art, textiles, metal work, mosaics, pyrography, beekeeping, felting and dyeing. Each discipline has a multitude of styles that make the Apsley Studio Tour distinctive and interesting.

The two studios on the shores of Chandos Lake are a testament to this wealth of creativity. Take a quick drive, or paddle over in your canoe.

The three artists demonstrating their talents at STUDIO E are **Glynis Williams**, who makes fine silver jewelry, and will be sawing silver plate and displaying Viking knitting with fine silver wire. **Brenda Rudder** will be painting, and textile artist **Judy Ranieri** will show both needle and nuno felting.

Around the corner at STUDIO H are six welcoming artists who work in six distinct mediums. Of interest is the live pottery throwing demonstration by **Judy Sparkes** who sets up a wheel in her tent and makes pieces all weekend. **Aubre Scott**, a talented young artist, displays intricate and detailed animal portraits made with flawless skill using pyrography. **Aubre's mother, Catharine**, sells colourful and joyous jewelry, while **Dolores Hopps** textile art marries the beauty of nature with fabric to create stunning quilts, wall hangings and table runners.

More colour abounds in the beautiful stained glass works of **Kathy Robichaud**, and in the incredible, photo-realistic watercolors of **Mary Ellen Gerster**. While popping into Apsley on a grocery run or to grab that bottle of wine for dinner, stop at STUDIO C, right in town. A functioning fine woodworking studio features the talents of **Britt Olauson**, along with paintings by both **Arne Roosman** and **Lisa Mace**. And don't forget to grab yourself a gorgeous, wear-everyday bracelet or necklace by **Silver Timbers!**



These three studios are samples of the ten in your community that open their doors to the public every fall. The Apsley Studio Tour boasts 29 artists in 10 locations. Please make time to meet your local artists and allow them to wow you with their vision and skill!



The event takes place on **Saturday, September 19th** and **Sunday, September 20th, 2026**, from 10 am to 5 pm.

More information is available at apsleystudiotour.com.

Tour information and maps are also available on the Toureka app.

Yoga at the Lake

SUBMITTED BY KATHY ROBICHAUD

We love doing Yoga lakeside on Chandos Lake!

A group of ladies gather on my lawn every Tuesday morning in July and August (2026 dates to be determined). To join us, please contact Marilyn or myself.

Marilyn leads our practice, and is available to come to your property for special events, girls' weekends or weekly practice.



Please contact us if you are interested in joining.

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Shantilly's Place Marina

SUBMITTED BY SHANTELLE BISSON

This summer was no ordinary one. The weather was the ultimate star of the season, but there was no shortage of stars in human form either!

Kicking off summer, a staple at our marina every Canada Day weekend, celebrity Chef Matt Basile whipped up some delicious Chandos Lake favourites and introduced a new Italian steak sandwich we're still dreaming of.

We also felt like the cool kids when we hosted two-time World Champion Wakeboarder Bec Gange for two days of free one-on-one lessons on the lake, in collaboration with Town & Country Marine in Lakefield! Progress was made while fun was had.

August long weekend saw our "Scoop for a Cause," where fellow lake member, Margo Sage, led a packed yoga class donating all proceeds to our charity of choice. Together, we raised nearly \$4000 in support of "The Kibble Project," the

charity of decorated figure skater Gladys Orozco. Where Gladys goes, her "muscle" in the form of hubby, Olympian Men's Figure skater Elvis Stojko, follows, and trust us when we say many happy faces were spotted after Chandos Lake community members had their photos taken with the Canadian treasure.

As the summer days became shorter we hosted our final event on the deck at sunset with the founder of Firefly Flower Co., Jackie Trimble, who taught us how to create our own floral arrangements to fit any occasion.

A truly amazing, full and memorable seventh season took place from start to finish here at Shantilly's Place. It's one we'll treasure, and dream about, until the next one of exciting events and super guests comes along.



Thank You

We say this every single year, and we know it may be starting to sound old, but summer 2025 had to be the best one yet! From the spectacular weather, to seeing all your friendly faces, so often, we couldn't have enjoyed ourselves more.

We continue to be grateful that you choose to spend your summer with us. Every one of you makes our days feel like anything but work. Your loyalty has made Shantilly's Place an integral part of Chandos Lake culture, from catching up with friends on the dock, having your favorite ice

cream flavour on the deck, or enjoying your Duke's Chip Wagon "go to" food item, we love hosting you.

We value your trust and support, but more than anything, your kindness to our team is something to witness; since they really are the absolute best! We also feel overwhelmed with how you have made Shantilly's Place so much more than a place to simply stop in and get gas or ice cream.

It really feels like old friends coming to visit.

As always, we are excited for all the new memories we will add to the old ones in summer 2026!

See you on the lake!

*With gratitude,
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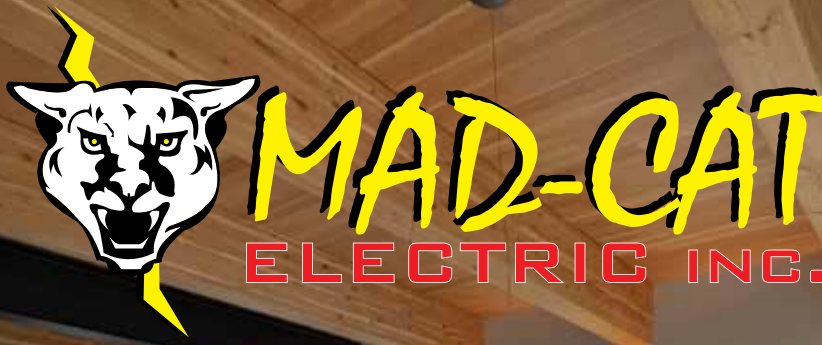
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CLPOA 2025 LAKE REGATTA

SUBMITTED BY ERIN WALKOVICH

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for the 2025 Regatta.

What a fun day filled with exciting races, creative crafts, delicious food and our Chandos Lake community. With a record turnout and perfect weather, it was a fantastic day overall!

Shout out to the Chandos Lake Crew volunteers for making this event special for all participants. Whether they were setting up, judging events, keeping everyone safe on the water, barbecuing or helping with clean-up, their hard work made the entire event run smoothly. The Regatta simply could not happen without your commitment and team effort. Thank you!!

We are also grateful to Lakeview Cottages & Marina for hosting the Regatta once again. Your continued support and generosity help keep this wonderful tradition alive year after year.



Congratulations to all the participants, and thank you to everyone who helped make this Regatta such a memorable success.

Swimming Races



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GOLD	Theo Johnson	Zoey Cathcart
SILVER	Kaiden Messier	Savannah Aasmae
BRONZE		Oaklyn Mitchell

7 TO 9 YEARS

(non-swimmers must wear lifejackets)

	BOYS	GIRLS
GOLD	Lukas Prosser	Tessa Johnston
SILVER	Daniel Zavodyuk	Emma Crough
BRONZE	Connor Williams	Chloe Giles

10 TO 14 YEARS

(non-swimmers must wear lifejackets)

	BOYS	GIRLS
GOLD	Evan Lush	Chloe Abercrombie
SILVER	Oliver Foisy	Vivienne Johnston
BRONZE	Ryan Field	Emily Holyome

12 TO 14 YEARS

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	BOYS	GIRLS
GOLD	Caden Cristini	Lennan Ebli
SILVER	Teddy Dimitroff	Morgan McMahon
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15 TO 17 YEARS

(non-swimmers must wear lifejackets)

	BOYS	GIRLS
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SILVER	Chayce Solomon	Gwenyth Bidgood
BRONZE	Cole Tucker	Morgan McMahon

18 TO 40 YEARS

	MEN	WOMEN
GOLD	Zach Selby	Michelle Durst
SILVER	Taylor Dingwall	Heather Nugent
BRONZE	Emerson Brough	Maya Nugent

40+ YEARS

	MEN	WOMEN
GOLD	Brady Young	Adrienne Cristini
SILVER	Mike Temple	Robin Verduyn
BRONZE	Alex Foisy	Caitlin Foisy

Canoe Races

1 PERSON CANOE RACES

8 TO 12 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

BOYS

GOLD Liam Koehler
SILVER Caden Christini
BRONZE

GIRLS

Fiona Zietsma
Cora Zietsma
Rylie Temple

13 TO 17 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

BOYS

GOLD Chase Turner
SILVER Ian Boonstra
BRONZE Kyle Bidgood

GIRLS

Lennan Ebli
Kermington Bidgood
Lyla Segura

18+ YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

MEN

GOLD Matt Temple
SILVER Rudy Segura
BRONZE

WOMEN

Taylor Farquhar
Nuala Zietsma
Heather Temple

2 PERSON CANOE RACES (MIXED)

8 TO 14 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD Chase Turner & Carly Cathcart
SILVER Caden Christini & Dan McIntyre
BRONZE Gwenyth Bidgood & Ryan Bidgood

15+ YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD Luke Segura & Lyla Segura
SILVER Chris Cathcart & Kimberly Cathcart
BRONZE Aedan Temple & Lizzie Temple



5 PERSON CANOE RACES (MIXED)

	PERSON 1	PERSON 2	PERSON 3	PERSON 4	PERSON 5
GOLD	Caden Cristini	Dan McIntyre	Aedan Temple	Thomas Hunter	Jameson Temple
SILVER	Anne Foisy	Caitlin Foisy	Phillipe Foisy	Alex Foisy	Austin Dingwall
BRONZE	Liam Koehler	Alyssa Shee	Ian Boonstra	Alina Pajot	Nathaniel Pajot



Horseshoes



Sack Races

8 TO 10 YEARS

BOYS

GOLD Daniel Zavodyuk
SILVER Jacob Repath
BRONZE Landen Halls

GIRLS

Tessa Johnston
Cora Zietsma
Ella Young

11 TO 14 YEARS

BOYS

GOLD Caden Cristini
SILVER Ryan Bidgood
BRONZE Ian Boonstra

GIRLS

Mya Yorkovich
Alina Pajot
Brooke Prosser

15 TO 22 YEARS

BOYS

GOLD Kyle Bidgood
SILVER Cole Tucker
BRONZE Aedan Temple

GIRLS

Lizzie Temple
Heather Nugent
Kerrington Bidgood

23+ YEARS

MEN

GOLD Kevin Bidgood
SILVER Mike Temple
BRONZE Malcolm Johnston

WOMEN

Melanie Vanderhoop
Robin Verduyn



Running Races



2 TO 3 YEARS

	BOYS	GIRLS
GOLD	Zeke Boonstra	Blakely Aasmae
SILVER	Jack Mackenzie	Emilia Zboralski
BRONZE	Kai Boonstra	Marlin Wright

4 TO 5 YEARS

	BOYS	GIRLS
GOLD	Hayden Dicks	Savannah Aasmae
SILVER	Adrian Zboralski	Elise Campbell
BRONZE	Everett Prowse	Kate Moody

6 TO 7 YEARS

	BOYS	GIRLS
GOLD	Callum Wolff	Mya Young
SILVER	Cooper Raspberry	Makenna Ireland
BRONZE	Kaiden Messier	Snay DeSanctis

8 TO 9 YEARS

	BOYS	GIRLS
GOLD	Daniel Zavodyuk	Quinn Lauridsen
SILVER	Lucas Prosser	Ellie McMahon
BRONZE	Wesley Stafford	Tessa Johnston

Tubing Races

2 PERSON TUBE RACES (MIXED)

8 TO 13 YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD	Clayton Ireland & Jack Williams
SILVER	Alyssa Shee & Alina Pagot
BRONZE	Cora Zietsma & Tessa Johnson

14+ YEARS

(must wear lifejackets)

GOLD	Annabella Durst & Luke Durst
SILVER	Brandon Nelson & Jackson Messier
BRONZE	Morgan McMahon & Carter Austen



Relay Races

TEAM RACES (MIXED)

GOLD Maddon Messier, Connor Williams, Jack Williams, Jason Messier & Clayton Ireland

SILVER Morgan McMahon, Carter Austen, Ellie McBain, Teddy Dimitroff & Leslie Kindon

BRONZE Luke Segura, Owen Durst, Annabella Durst, Charlotte Durst & Lyla Segura



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Summer Davis

WEARABILITY

Gary Harris

AESTHETIC APPEAL

Everett Prowse

EFFORT

Charlotte Durst

9 TO 14

CREATIVITY and ORIGINALITY

Annabella & Owen Durst

USE OF RECYLED MATERIALS

Ella Young

WEARABILITY

Cora Zietsma & Tessa Johnson

AESTHETIC APPEAL

Chloe and Elliot Abercrombie

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CLPOA KIDS' FISHING DERBY

SUBMITTED BY LYNNE MOORE

A great day of fishing was had at the 2025 Kids' Annual Fishing Derby!

The Seventh Annual Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday, July 5th was fun-filled for the 75 children who attended between the ages of 4 and 12. Parents, grandparents and younger siblings all came out to enjoy the event at Lakeview Cottages and Marina.

The children who registered received Chandos Lake fishing T-shirts donated by Apsley Home Hardware. Each participant started off the day with a goody bag of lures from Gilmour Bay Marina and treats from Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire and our Chandos Lake Property Owners Association.

When participants came back with their catch, The Eyrie had a wonderful "Birds of Prey" exhibit presented by Matthew Morgan that kept everyone entertained, thanks to the sponsorship of Clark Bruels. The "Love Chandos Lake" group brought out their exhibit to help families understand the importance of conservation for our lake.

The grand champion was Olivia Leppington

with her 21.5 inch pike. She won a \$300 Junior tackle box from Charley's Tackle at Coe Hill and a great rod and reel from Tuckers' Marine. Other winners were Evan Lush for the largest Smallmouth Bass, Avery Graper for the largest Largemouth Bass and Tristen Thomas for the largest amount of pan fish. All were awarded rods and reels donated by Tuckers' Marine and Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire.

Our grand prize for the raffle was a blowup paddle board donated by Kawartha Adventure Rentals. Second prize was a tube and towrope donated by Shop The Lake. All participants received a prize from the raffle, courtesy of Tuckers' Marine. Thanks to the CLPOA, those registered received a free lunch, as well as a gift from our Table of Surprises.



Young anglers were able to experience the joy of an outdoor activity, while enjoying nature and learning about the environment. We were pleased with the way anglers and their families kept the fish in live wells and in fresh water so we could support a wonderful catch and release program.

Thank you to Lakeview Cottages and Marina for allowing us to host this event on their property, and to all the generous sponsors

that contributed in so many ways: Amtech, Apsley Backroads, Apsley Home Hardware Building Centre, Chandos Plumbing Inc., Earle's Excavating, Gilmour Bay Marina, Hunter's General Store, Kawartha Adventure Rentals, Kawartha Docks, Kemp Shell Station, Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire, Re-Max/Clark Bruels, Shop The Lake, Stone's Bait, Tucker's Marine, and Waddell Custom Homes.





Thanks to all who volunteered and participated in the Seventh Annual Chandos Lake Kids' Fishing Derby. Success for this event takes a great deal of planning and support. All the contributions made for a special day for the children on our lake and in our community.





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Gilmour Bay Narrows Speed Signs

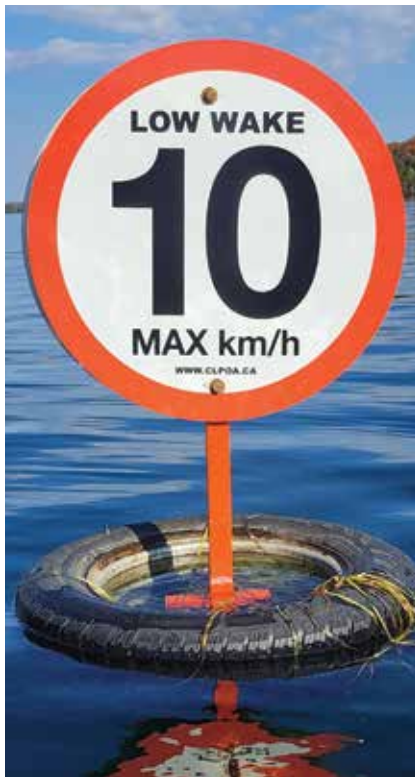
SUBMITTED BY GORD MORWOOD

Upgrade to Speed Restricted Zone Markers.

Gilmour Bay Narrows has long been a designated speed restricted zone, a regulation put in place by Transport Canada in the early 1990s and enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). This measure aims to ensure the safety of all waterway users and protect the natural lake environment.

The original speed restriction markers, sanctioned by Transport Canada, served the lake reliably for decades but reached the end of their service life last year. New regulations required a visual update: the traditional red circle had to be replaced with an orange one to comply with the latest standards. Some cottagers proposed designating the area as a “No Wake” zone, but Transport Canada does not approve this restriction because even canoes produce wake. However, labelling it “Low Wake” is permitted, and both the CLPOA Environment Committee and Gilmour Bay Narrows residents urge all boaters to minimize their wake as much as possible when passing through the narrow, bows down. The shoreline has suffered significant erosion and property damage over the past ten years.

Sheila McKinlay played a pivotal role in coordinating the replacement of the markers. She worked with BMR Manufacturing of Campbellford, the original supplier, to produce the updated signs in accordance with amended regulations.



Several local businesses and community members contributed both materials and expertise to the project, their volunteer contributions facilitated by Gord Morwood:

- **Todd Young of North Kawartha Tire and Repair** donated tires mounted on hubs, providing a sturdy foundation for the new markers.
- **Kemp's Garage** supplied used brake shoes, adding weight and stability to the structure.
- **Chris Darwin (North Kawartha Recreation and Performance)** applied his ingenuity and welding skills to assemble the components, resulting in two robust and reliable markers.

While these are sturdier than their predecessors, they are also heavier, presenting new logistical challenges.

This collaborative endeavor has not only enhanced the safety infrastructure at Gilmour Bay Narrows but has also fostered a stronger sense of unity among residents. The project's success serves as an encouraging example

for other community initiatives, highlighting how local expertise and generosity can make a lasting impact on shared resources and public safety.

Recognizing the increased weight and to ease the workload for the lake markers team, Sheila's husband, Jamie Halfnight, and their sons, Alex, Christopher and Drew, have taken on the responsibility of removing the markers in the fall and storing them until the following season.

The successful update and maintenance of the Gilmour Bay Narrows speed restricted zone markers is a testament to the commitment, collaboration and community spirit of residents and businesses. Their combined efforts ensure ongoing safety and compliance for all who enjoy the lake.



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CLPOA CHANDOS SAILING CLUB

SUBMITTED BY PAUL WALKOVICH

Celebrating 50 years of sailing!



This year, the sailing club celebrates 50 years of organized sailing on Chandos Lake, 1976 to 2026! In the 1970s, an “increasing number of sailing enthusiasts” wanted to get together “for the purpose of sailing, racing and exchange of information” (Bob MacMillan, 1977 CLPOA Yearbook). In the summer of 1976, organized sailing became a reality and with the help of the Chandos Lake Property Owners Association, the Chandos Sailing Club held its first races and socials.



2025 SAILING RACING RESULTS

RACE 1 • June 29

CATAMARANS

1. Paul Walkovich & Dalton Gosbee
2. Dave McVeigh & Sandra McEleney
3. Ed Gifford & Jim Mayer

SLOOPS

1. Colin Murray & Trish Murray
2. Derek Hull & Ross McLeod
3. Sue Walkovich & Christine McLeod

RACE 2 • July 12

CATAMARANS

1. Erin Walkovich & Stephan Domnanovits
2. Paul Walkovich & Dalton Gosbee
3. Dave McVeigh & Sandra McEleney

SLOOPS

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

RACE 3 • July 26 – Regatta Race

CATAMARANS

1. Ed Gifford & Jim Mayer
2. Paul Walkovich & Will Stenason
3. Dave McVeigh & Sandra McEleney

SLOOPS

1. Derek Hull & Kate Hull
2. Colin Murray & Trish Murray
3. Sue Walkovich & Mycala Casselman

RACE 4 • August 9

CATAMARANS

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

SLOOPS

1. Sue Walkovich & Rod Verduyn

RACE 5 • August 23 – President's Trophy

CATAMARANS

1. Erin Walkovich & Stephan Domnanovits
2. Jim Mayer & Dalton Gosbee
3. Ed Gifford & John Bryant

SLOOPS

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

SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

CATAMARANS

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

SLOOPS

1. Derek Hull, Cindy Trynor & Kate Hull
2. Colin Murray & Trish Murray
3. Sue Walkovich & Crew





For 2026 fees will remain unchanged, \$30 per sailor for the season and \$20 per person for family and friends to attend socials for the season. E-transfer payments are preferred and can be made to our treasurer Anne Taylor at 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.



At the 1976 annual Corn Roast on the Labour Day weekend, then CLPOA President, Russ Franks, generously provided and awarded “The President’s Trophy” to Glyn Jones and Brian Jones for the sloop class and to Ernie Lapp for the catamaran class. These same trophies (a bit bigger now), along with a windsurfer class trophy introduced in 1983, have been awarded by CLPOA Presidents over the past 50 years.

Throughout the 50 years of organized sailing on Chandos Lake and the hundreds of sailors that have participated, the theme has remained the same – fun competition on the water, fun socializing off the water. Today’s Chandos Lake Sailing Club continues with the original vision of sailing enthusiasts coming together for sailing, racing and sharing of information at the post-race socials. We welcome sailors and potential sailors of varying sailing experience, only your enthusiasm is required. Be part of the next generation of Chandos Lake sailors and come to one of our races or socials to meet us or contact our crew coordinator Sue Walkovich at 416.571.3282 for more information.



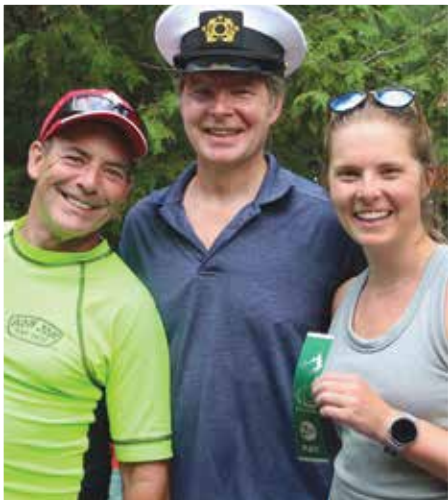
See you on the water!

2026 SAILING SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	COURSE	SOCIAL
RACE 1	Saturday June 27	1:30 pm	Main Lake	Verduyn Cottage 12 Partridge Lane
RACE 2	Saturday July 11	1:30 pm	West Bay	Mayer Cottage 293 Vic Tanner Road, Lot 95
RACE 3	Saturday July 25	1:30 pm	Main Lake	Gifford Cottage 373 Maple Lane, Lot CLE72
RACE 4	Saturday August 8	1:30 pm	West Bay	Parker Cottage 37 Pipit Lane, Lot 20
RACE 5 President’s Trophy Awards Barbeque	Saturday August 29	1:30 pm	Main Lake	Walkovich Cottage 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 barbecue which begins at 4:30 pm.

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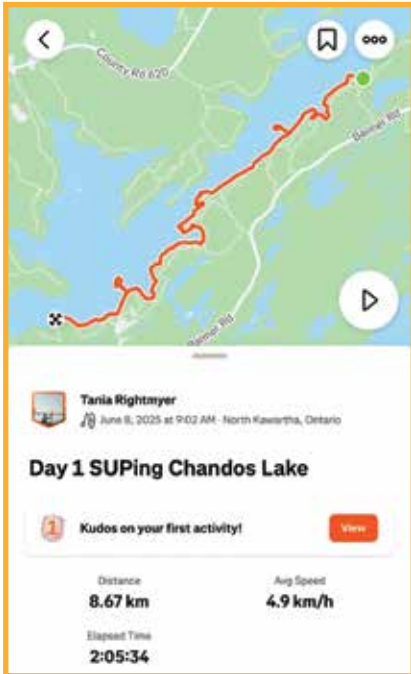
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SUPing around Chandos Lake

SUBMITTED BY TANIA RIGHTMYER

This summer, I decided to do something I'd always dreamed about – to Stand-Up Paddle Board (SUP) the entire perimeter of Chandos Lake.

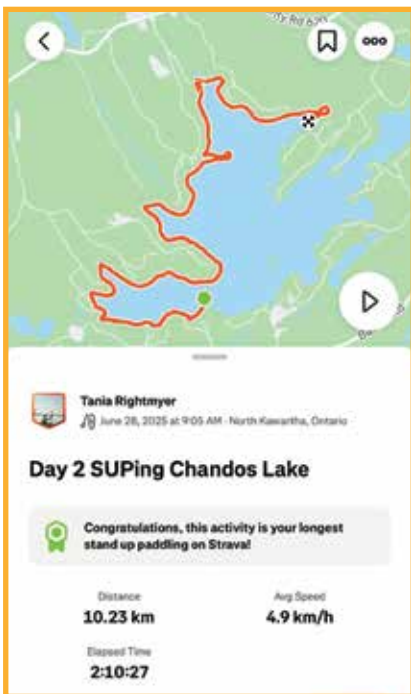
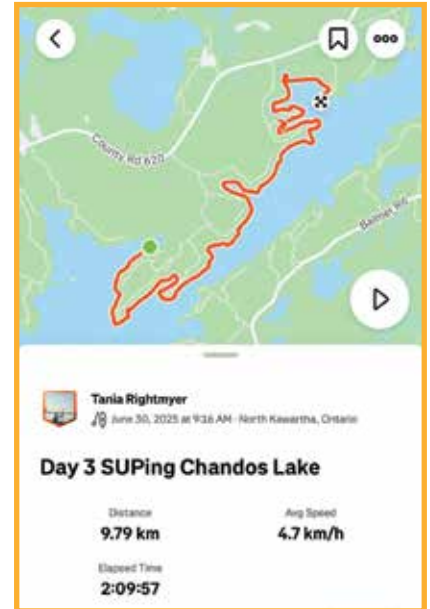


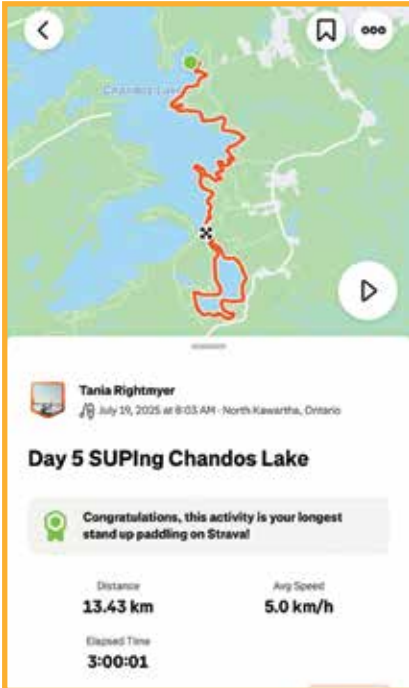
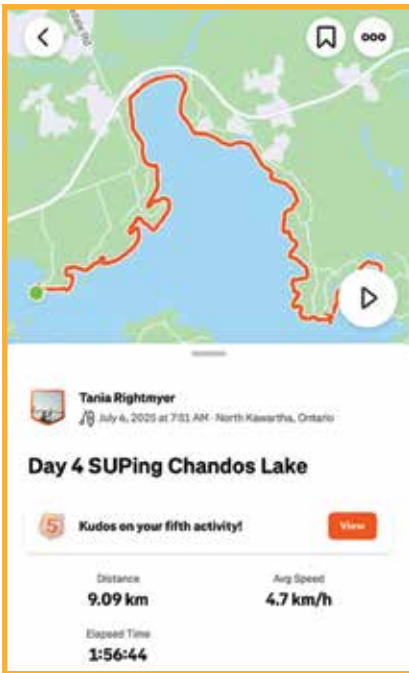
What started as a quiet personal goal quickly became a beautiful reminder of everything I love about this lake – the people, the community, and the incredible natural beauty that surrounds us.

Each morning began with that completely calm water that we all love and often the call of loons which I would think were telling me to “get going”! Some mornings the sun would be rising over the trees, and everything was so still. It was breathtaking. Around every bend, the lake revealed something new — a family laughing on a dock, a heron gliding silently across a bay, a family with baby loons floating in a protective bay.

But it wasn't only the scenery that made the journey special, it was the people. Everywhere I went, I was met with warm smiles, waves and encouraging words. Neighbours offered water, snacks, or simply shared a moment to chat. That sense of connection, of genuine kindness and community spirit, is what makes Chandos Lake so extraordinary. I am lucky to have been on the lake since 1977 and have met many wonderful people over the years. SUPing the lake allowed me to meet more people who are now friends, which was an unexpected bonus.

I began this journey at our cottage on June 8th, paddling toward West Bay. Each time I went out, I made sure one of my “crew members” was on standby — my daughters, Taylor and Kennedy Daly, who are always ready to support me in any adventure. When I reached my limit for the day, I would send them my location, and they would come by boat or Sea-Doo to pick me up, carefully marking my stopping point for the next outing. I'm sure a few cottagers got a good laugh watching us coordinate





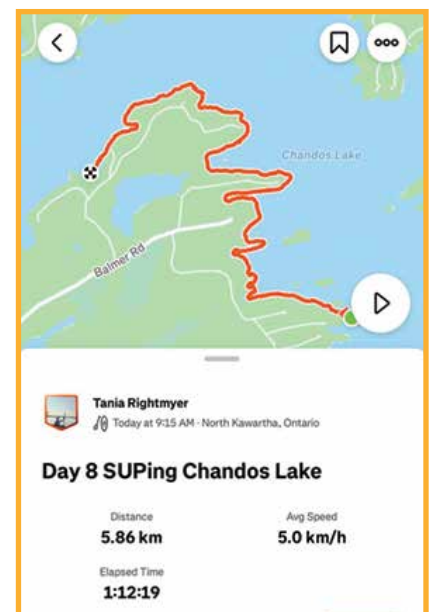
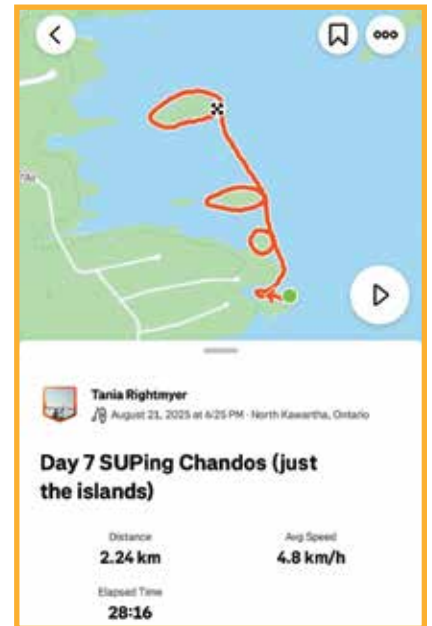
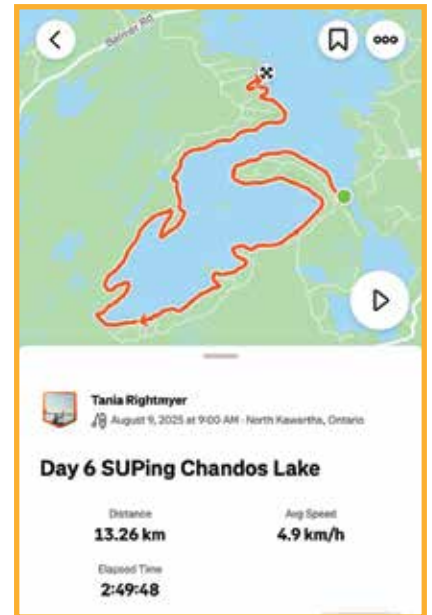
this operation, it could be hysterically awkward at times!

I continued clockwise around the lake, making sure to circle the islands along the way. I completed the final stretch of shoreline on August 24th, just over 48 years to the day since my parents, Ann and Larry Rightmyer, purchased the lot where our beautiful cottage now stands.

By the time I completed the loop, I realized this quest wasn't only about the distance I'd paddled. It was about the feeling of being part of something bigger — a lake that holds stories, memories and friendships that stretch across generations. The journey was 73 kms of shoreline including islands with cottages, 15 hours over 8 days of total bliss.

When I arrived home on day 8, my cheering squad was waiting on the dock, a song by my favorite singer — Pink's "So What? I'm Still a Rockstar"— blaring in celebration. We wrapped up the adventure with a toast of champagne on the dock, marking the perfect end to an unforgettable journey.

Paddling around Chandos Lake reminded me how lucky we are to live in a place where nature and community come together so beautifully. The water, the people, and the peace found here are what make Chandos Lake truly one of a kind.



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SUBMITTED BY SANDRA DEL MASTRO

Music for all ages!

Since 2018, our small town has proudly hosted a music festival just outside the village—one that has grown from a single-day gathering into a vibrant three-day celebration of music, community and fun. Creekside Music Festival continues to draw music lovers of all ages from near and far for an unforgettable weekend of entertainment.

The festival features top-notch performers, family-friendly activities, talented artisans, and a variety of food vendors. Festival goers can also take advantage of limited on-site camping, a paid designated driver service and free shuttle bus transportation from the North Kawartha Community Centre to the venue.



Beyond the music, the festival has become an important driver of economic development within our community. Local businesses and organizations benefit through vendor opportunities, sales, donations, and fundraising initiatives. In return, Creekside Music Festival proudly gives back by donating a portion of proceeds to organizations that support our community.

Past recipients include the Apsley School Music Programme, Apsley Minor Hockey, Community Care, the local Food Bank, Roter's Reach Mental Health, and Maggie's Resource Centre.

Over the years, Creekside has welcomed an impressive lineup of talented performers including Dwayne Gretzky, Epic Eagles, Tommy Youngsteen, Mudmen, Russell deCarle (Prairie Oyster), David Celia, The Good Brothers, The Weber Brothers, Jimmy Bowskill, Caitlyn O'Connor, Melissa Payne, and The Red Hill Valleys, among many others.

Planning for the 2026 festival is underway and bands are in the early stages of booking, but rest assured, this year's entertainment will not

disappoint. Watch for band updates, posters around town and throughout our community, and festival-sponsored events leading up to Creekside.

The Seventh Annual Creekside Music Festival takes place September 11th to 13th, 2026 (always the weekend after the long weekend). For the latest news, announcements, and behind-the-scenes updates, follow Creekside Music Festival on social media and visit at: www.creeksidemusicfestival.ca.



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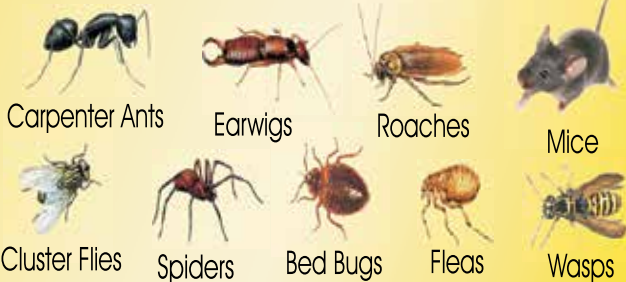
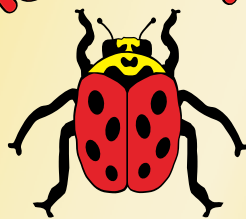
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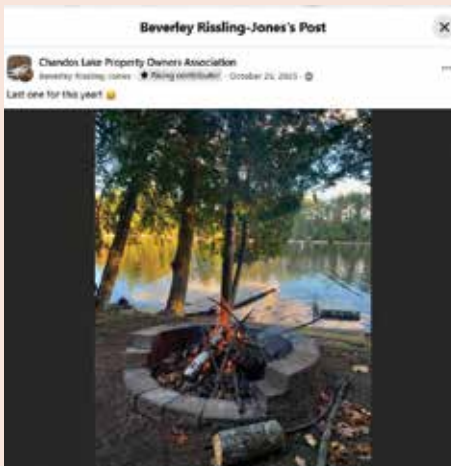
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CLPOA FACEBOOK GROUP

SUBMITTED BY IAIN GORMAN

Our Facebook Group is a vibrant community hub, growing 9% to 4,937 members in 2025. On average, 4,000 members are active with 2,500 viewing, appreciating, and reacting (Like, Love, Wow, and Care) to hundreds of beautiful photos and posts each month from their neighbours.

Friends and family are welcome! Join us at [Facebook.com/groups/clpoa](https://www.facebook.com/groups/clpoa). The Facebook Group does not tolerate personal attacks and discourages complaining.



Jill Bartram's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Jill Bartram · Aug 21, 2021 · 0

An exciting fight for my son on his birthday as he reeled in a beauty 27", 3lb pike!!!

Sarah Humby's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Sarah Humby · 7/16/2021 · 0

Lakeview Marina ice cream never disappoints! Even when it causes brain freeze lol Lakeview Cottages & Marina

Carole Penhale King's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Carole Penhale King · 10/28/2021 · 0

Pretty Colours on Fish Lake.

Bruce Bolsby's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Bruce Bolsby · October 25, 2021 · 0

Beautiful week at the cottage

Debra Anthony's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Debra Anthony · 7/27/2021 · 0

Big shout out to Craig Tracy and his team for the great work cleaning up our place after the storm.

Catherine Mo-Frost's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Catherine Mo-Frost · June 18, 2021 · 0

Larva molt!

Have just seen one of these for the first time. Apparently they don't feed or drink as adults but make up for it when they are caterpillars — does anyone know how much damage they do to hardwoods? Fun fact they can swim with ball ecdolocation and if threatened they regurgitate what is in their intestine. They appear to be at the northern reach of their range here on Chandos. Global warming?!

Iain Gorman's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Iain Gorman · 19/09/2021 · 10/25/2021 · 0

Very common to see Jill Chapman and her companions out for a paddle. A first for me to meet them on the water, but so understandable given this warm afternoon sun.

Iain Gorman's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Iain Gorman · 19/09/2021 · 10/25/2021 · 0

A nice mild day that stayed above zero. I could hear a steady trickle of melt water coming off the roof and the down pipe. A few inches thick, I was able to scrape off the deck where I walk to refill the bird feeders. The number of swans at the culverts has increased by 50%. Lets hope that notes continues.

Kenneth Armstrong's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Kenneth Armstrong · 18/08/2021 · 0

Cris weekend festivities with the family.

Joy Parker's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Joy Parker · 10/28/2021 · 0

The birds are enjoying my feeders every day as they get ready for winter. I know it's not far off since the juncos have arrived!

Rebecca Wood's Post

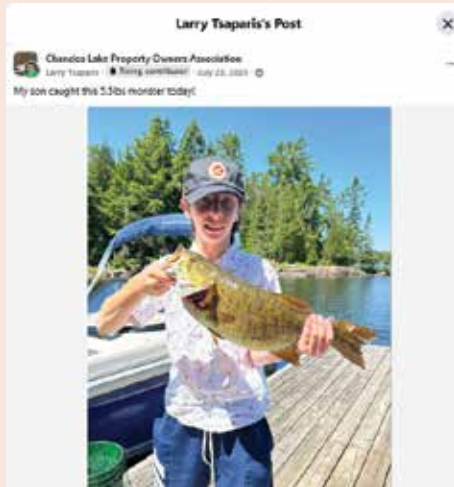
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Rebecca Wood · 7/2021 · 0

Caught a whole rainbow after the rain shower Thursday afternoon.

John Fleming's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
John Fleming · 10/25/2021 · 0

Nice fish this morning



David Lenardon's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
David Lenardon · September 25, 2021 · 0

The northern lights are quite visible to the naked eye right now



Phillip Falman's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Phillip Falman · August 22, 2021 · 0

Caught this evening on the lake!!



Kenneth Armstrong's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Kenneth Armstrong · Fishing (credit: Bob) · September 1, 2021 · 0

The look of father-son concentration!



Doug Wilson's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Doug Wilson · 100 (credit: Bob) · September 7, 2021 · Ashley · 0

The past weekend, we were fortunate enough to see 4 juvenile baby chipmunk pups emerging from the primary entrance of their den. Based on our research - we figure these little guys are between 6 and 8 weeks old. Chipmunks have 2 litters a year - one in the spring and one in late summer. Mums was still around and came back to them a few times, so they might not be fully weaned yet. They were still very skittish and it looks like they had not ventured out of the den too many times before we saw them. We found out that at about 6 weeks + mums will chase them all away to go and start their own dens before winter. We have been catfishing for over 20 years and have never seen this before. A very special couple of days indeed!! with Heather Wilson at Chandos Lake.

Tammie Hillis-Trunks's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Tammie Hillis-Trunks · 100 (credit: Bob) · October 8, 2021 · Ashley · 0

In my 72 years on this lake, I can't remember the last time the lake was this level!! - at Chandos Lake.



Janet Young's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Janet Young · August 17, 2021 · 0

Morning visitor stopped by for sun shine.




Lori Metcalfe's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Lori Metcalfe · September 23, 2021 · 0

Saying goodbye to my 70th summer at Chandos



Julia Smith's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Julia Smith · Sea (credit: Bob) · September 6, 2021 · 0


And a new generation gets to know Chandos!



Sarah Kate's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Sarah Kate · October 11, 2021 · 0

Something wacky happened in gillnet bay yesterday



David Wilson's Post


Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
David Wilson · August 4, 2021 · 0

Good fishing on Chandos



Rick Werry's Post

Chandos Lake Property Owners Association
Rick Werry · Sea (credit: Bob) · June 24, 2021 · 0



Sharon Roach Sidoros's Post

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Sharon Roach Sidoros · 100 (credit: Bob) · October 6, 2021 · 0

Mother Nature at her finest!





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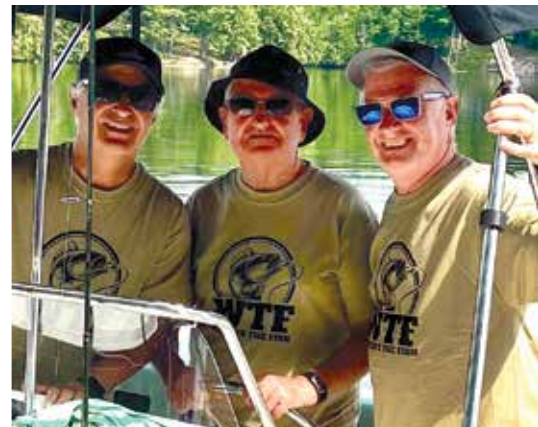










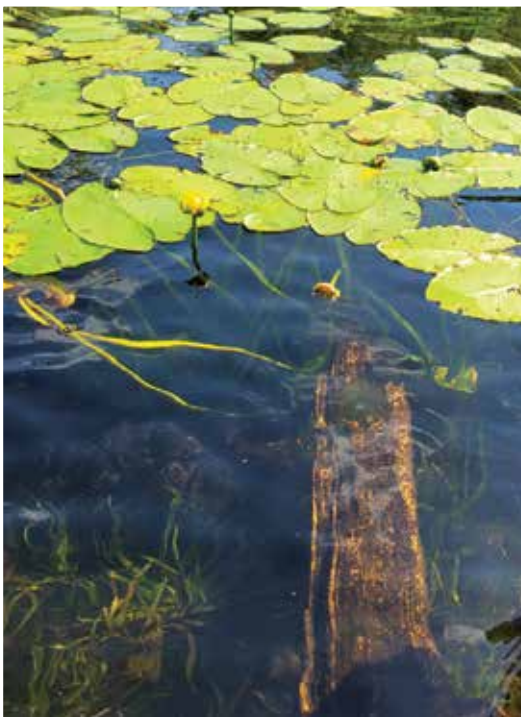






































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