

Gull Lake Gazette

Gull Lake Cottagers' Association

Fall/Winter 2021

Keith Kennedy

May 20, 1959 – October 15, 2021

Keith submitted his President's Message a week before he was suddenly taken from us. Keith was very passionate about family. He was always closest to them at the cottage, and looked forward to his time there. Keith was an avid fisherman. He knew that there was a strong need to protect the lake so that future generations would be able to enjoy it too. He was a strong advocate for lake health, and insisted that the Association concentrate our efforts there. This newsletter is dedicated to Keith and will focus on that directive.

The family requested donations to the HHHSF (Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation) in lieu of flowers, the GLCA has made a donation in Keith's name.

The following is Keith's Final Message

President's Message

It's been another beautiful, summer on Gull Lake. I hope you've been able to keep cool while enjoying everything our lake has to offer. I feel so lucky to have had a chance to connect with family and friends and to enjoy a few moments of quiet at the lake this summer.

I particularly love the star gazing opportunities we had this year. This year marks the 99th year as an Association and as we plan the upcoming 100th year celebrations I encourage you to renew your memberships so that our work on protecting lake health can continue.

I've also been thinking about the work we do to ensure the lake continues to



be a special place for all of us and future generations to come. The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association has always played an important role in the stewardship of our lake, and it is critical that that work continues. Currently we are challenging council regarding several properties on Gull Lake to ensure that our shorelines stay healthy. Mike Thorne has worked tirelessly in these efforts and continues to monitor Lake Health with the aid of Ulinks. This year we had a number of members sign up for the Chinese Mystery Snail training so that this invasive species can be removed properly from our lakes. If you are aware of any of these snails please contact us and we will have them removed.

The GLCA Board continues to receive complaints regarding boat safety and trespassing. We remind everyone that private property should remain private

and not used without specific permission of property owners. We can make motorized and non-motorized boating safe for people and our shoreline. We encourage our members to respect no wake zones and understand the importance of boating 30 meters out to minimize shoreline erosion.

As we learn more about the new shoreline bylaw we will post it on our website to keep you informed. Please take the time to view the websites of the CHA and FOCA as we are members and the information is invaluable.

Enjoy the time that you have with family and friends, stay safe and healthy. With luck we will all celebrate the 100th year as an Association next year.

Stay tuned and best wishes from the board.

Keith Kennedy
GLCA President

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GLCA Treasurer's Report

Michael Latimer, Treasurer

It was great to see the lake so busy this year.

Our financial situation remains strong. Our membership is down mostly due to no social events and the cancellation of our AGM, where several of you like to pay your annual membership and buy merchandise. Don't let this stop you from going online and renewing your membership there. We look forward to a strong 2022 as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the GLCA.

We had a great Merchandise Pop-Up Sale at Summerkiss. We did not have a lot of inventory, as we have been holding off ordering merchandise due to the inability to hold our events. Many of you took the opportunity to renew your

membership at the Pop-Up Sale, and I thank you. The Gull Lake merchandise we had was sold out quickly. We love to see the Gull Lake branding everywhere.

As I shared in our last Newsletter, the GLCA memberships and donations remain vital to our Lake Health and currently include:

1. Coalition of Haliburton Properties Owners – committed to protecting and enhancing the health of our lakes. <https://www.cohpoa.org/>
2. Coalition of Equitable Water Flow - shoreline property health on the 35 reservoir and 20 flow-through lakes within the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed. https://cewf.typepad.com/2017_CEWF_Fact_Sheet.pdf

3. Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) - represents 250 000 of residential waterfront properties and more than 50 000 hectares of privately owned land. <https://foca.on.ca/>

4. BeShore – a new important initiative - Preserving our shorelines. Protecting our future. Please go to the attached link to make an important donation. <https://www.beshore.ca>

5. ULinks – partnering with Trent University and Fleming College, U-Links is a unique rural community-based research centre, contributing to the social, cultural, environmental, and economic well-being of Haliburton County. <https://www.ulinks.ca/>

Thanks to Mike Thorne, our Lake Steward, for all his hard work.

Gull Lake and Moore Lake Portage Update

By Michael Latimer

As I reported in May, we are working with several ministries to re-create and re-open the portage between Gull Lake and Moore Lake. Parks



Canada removed the rollers in 2017 and placed booms blocking the access to the location of the previous roller portage.

After exhausting calls and emails, in August, Pam Sayne, Municipal Councillor at the Township of Minden Hills, and I, met on-site with a Manager from Parks Canada. Here we were able to review the options available.

On Oct 12th Pam and I met with MTO on site for the same process. Both parties are being supportive, and we hope to celebrate the re-opening next year during our 100th Anniversary.

A big thanks to Pam Sayne for her years of passion and commitment to get this re-opened. Pam cottages on Black Lake.



100th Gull Lake Regatta Anniversary

By Michael Latimer

The GLCA is allocating resources toward our exciting and well deserved 2022 100th GLCA Anniversary Celebration. A committee has been assembled and events will be planned for 2022. The committee will be providing more detailed information on the events. If you are interested in being involved, please reach out to Tracey D'Alessio <dalessiotracey@gmail.com>

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at mlatimer@growthlink.ca or 416.587.8499

Save The Dates

*By Tracey D'Alessio,
Regatta Commodore*

We are planning to kick off our celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association at our AGM on Sunday May 22nd 2022 at Kilcoo Camp. More details to follow.

We are looking for volunteers to help run our 100th Regatta on Saturday, July 30th 2022. Students, please note that volunteer time will count towards your mandatory High School volunteer hours!



If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tracey D'Alessio at dalessiotracey@gmail.com

Membership Update

Judy Ingram, Membership Director

I would like to thank you for renewing your 2021 membership, your continued support is appreciated. As a Board, we have done our part in respecting the challenges everyone has faced during COVID. 2022 is coming up fast and brings us to our 100th Anniversary! We our hoping that 2022 brings us our best membership year ever!

It would be great, if you could take the time now, and pay 2021, if you haven't already. You can prepay 2022 at the same time, and you will be good for next year! If you are not sure whether or not you have paid, send a quick email to info@glca.ca and we can let you know if you are paid up.

Online renewals are easy, just click here <https://www.glca.ca/online-registration>. If you don't want to create a PayPal account, don't worry, the very last step, you can opt out of a PayPal account and pay as a Guest. E-Transfers to info@gulllakecottagers.com are fast and easy, if you are set up with online banking. Please state your cottage address in the Comments section of the

e-Transfer. I also love to receive a cheque in the mail. Make your cheque payable to the "Gull Lake Cottagers' Association" and mail to: 10 Shortland Crescent, Etobicoke, Ontario M9R 2T3. We have attached a membership form for your convenience.

Our focus on Lake Health, Water Testing, Invasive Species Studies, are all at the forefront of our efforts and your donations reflect your desire for us to continue on this path. Thank you.

My favourite part of my job, is going out on the lake and meeting the new owners on Gull Lake that have joined the GLCA. Needless to say, with COVID, conflicting schedules, and availability, this has been a challenging task! We provide new owner members with a GLCA Gift Bag filled with useful information, booklets and pamphlets from the MNR and the OPP, and Gull Lake Swag. This year, we have new beautiful bags, they are also available for purchase. Please encourage your new neighbours to join the GLCA and we will welcome them to the lake too!

This year I have managed to connect with FOUR new owners. They are not all new this year, but there were unforeseeable delays, plus we were waiting on our new bags. Gull Lake Cottagers are wonderful people and fun to meet.



Even the best laid plans can fall through. I had the pleasure of meeting Jan Warne, but Scott was delayed in the city, and I requested that Jan please send me a photo of the two of them, with the bag. She sent me the picture, and included Betty and Wilma in the photo shoot! What is cottage life without your puppies? Although they are new owners, they have along history with Gull Lake, as Scott is a Kilcoo Alumni!



Judi and Larry are happy to have moved from the Gull River to Gull Lake. They joined the Association, and when I met them, they lamented the loss of their Stand Up Paddle Board almost a month earlier. We were able to post pictures on the Facebook Page, and connect with the Vesnas, who had found the SUP floating by their shoreline and rescued it. The Crookers were thrilled to have their SUP back!



Jennifer and Nick are pictured here with their sons, Nathan and Graham. They have been long time cottagers in Dorset and moved to Gull Lake. Jennifer is not new to Gull Lake, as she was born a Hounsell! They have a beautiful new cottage with stunning views of Gull Lake. They are new neighbours of mine and I look forward to socializing with them in the future.



Nubey is a long time friend of Lori Reid, and has been coming to Gull Lake for 20 years with her family. She and her husband Joe purchased the Spencer cottage in Deep Bay, close to the Reids and are looking forward to another 20 fun filled years.

Lake Steward's Fall 2021 Report

Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

Fall Lake Sampling Results

On September 13th this year I undertook sampling at the same 6 spots

we normally sample on Gull Lake for clarity (Secchi Disc), Total Phosphorus, E. coli and pH. A mix of sun and clouds on that morning.

Sample Location	Secchi Disc depth in metres		Total Phosphorus mg/L*		E. coli cfu/100mL*		pH Level	
Gull Inlet	5.0	4.5	.007	.003	15	9	7.35	7.43
Gull Rock	5.1	5.4	.005	<.003	1	0	7.32	7.48
Deep Bay	5.5	5.2	.010	.003	2	2	7.25	7.46
Gull Outlet	5.2	5.0	.005	<.003	0	1	7.36	7.47
Miners Bay	5.1	6.0	.011	.003	2	0	7.41	7.51
Opposite Rackety	5.1	4.8	.008	<.003	3	3	7.12	7.51

*mg/L = milligrams per litre or parts per million
**cfu=coliform forming units

The results on the left are for samples taken on September 4, 2020 and the current results sampled on September 13, 2021.

Secchi Disc

Secchi disc readings give us an indication of the clarity of the water and readings less than 4.0m is an indication of excess turbidity (cloudiness) in the water which can be a result of excess algae or other suspended matter in the water. A certain amount of algae is healthy because among other things that is what fish etc. eat to survive and grow. Our sampling results this year indicated Secchi disc readings between 4.5m at the inlet with a high of 6.0 in Miners Bay. The lower reading at the inlet is partially due to the amount of rainfall we have received which increases the amount of sediment in suspension at the inlet. While in most cases the clarity is slightly reduced in most of the sample points, overall, the secchi disc readings indicate we have good water clarity in our lake.

Total Phosphorous

This year's levels are well below what is considered problematic for algae to become prolific due to excess phosphorus in the water. If a lake has levels below 15 ug/L or .015 mg/L it is in good shape. However, some lakes have experienced algae blooms at below 15 ug/L so we will keep a close watch on trends. Our sampling results indicated phosphorus levels at or below 3 ug/L or .003 mg/L which is better than the samples taken last year and well below

the levels promoting the growth of blue-green algae.

E. coli

E. coli is used as an indicator of pollution from warm blooded animals. As it is impossible to control the input of farm run-off, storm water run-off and bird and animal waste etc., there is usually some E. coli counts to be found in our lake. That is why any water we take from the lake needs to be disinfected if it is used for drinking water or personal use. The other reason we sample for E. coli is to ensure the water is safe for swimming.

All areas sampled on the lake were within safe swimming levels of 20 cfu /100 mL. E. coli levels were low being 3 cfu/100mL or less except for the inlet to Gull Lake which is to be expected as the water moves from the inlet to the outlet.

pH

pH readings give us an indication of the amount of alkalinity or buffer we have to combat things like acid rain. Ontario Provincial Water Quality Objectives for surface water indicates that lakes with pH readings between 6.8 and 8.5 is acceptable. However, it is desirable to be on the basic side with pH between 7.1 and 8.0. The results above had our pH ranging from 7.4 to 7.5 which is good and slightly more basic than last year's results.

This year's results in general indicate good water clarity, virtually no pollution based on the low E. coli results and the low total phosphorus results mean we are unlikely to have algae blooms.

Blue Green Algal Blooms and Eating Fish

by Paul MacInnes, CHA

As Haliburton County had 11 suspected blue green algae blooms in 2020, questions have been raised about eating the fish from lakes with suspected blooms. Out of an abundance of caution our local health unit has, for several years now, been recommending not consuming fish from a lake with a bloom.

Initially, the science indicated that the toxins associated with blue green algal blooms could accumulate in fish organs but there was no conclusive science that the toxins would be present in the flesh of fish.

That has changed as a few recent studies have found toxins in fish flesh.

It is important to know that the toxins can detach themselves from the algae and move freely and widely throughout the lake so the fish may not be safe to eat even in areas of the lake where no bloom is visible and even after the bloom is dissipated. In this article, we provide some highlights from a number of studies and links to those studies.

Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit:

People not on public water supplies should not drink surface water during an algal bloom, even if it is treated. In-home treatments such as boiling and disinfecting water with chlorine or UV and water filtration units do not protect from blue-green algal toxins.

Be cautious about eating fish caught in water where blue-green algae blooms occur.

Source https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/SafeWater/bluegreenalgae_copy1.aspx#4b8d66a6-f1a5-4ec5-a123-8b05180022d1#cacaf8a4-78aa-430c-90db-75eff852b432

Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

You can't tell if a bloom is harmful just by looking at it, and you can't easily see all blooms.

People or pets can get sick when they have contact with harmful algal blooms in these ways:

- Swimming, kayaking, fishing, wading or doing similar activities in contaminated water.
- Breathing in tiny water droplets, mist, or wind-blown sea spray that contains toxins.
- Drinking contaminated water.
- Eating contaminated seafood (fish or shellfish).

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/habs/aware-habs.html>

Another source: (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3148776/>) suggests that toxins can accumulate in fish muscle and it is possible that they can reach levels of concern.

Benthic Sampling 2021 Update

Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

U-Links/Trent University Benthic Biomonitoring Project.

In 2018 we applied to U-Links (U-Links is a Centre for Community-Based Research works with community partners, faculty and students to deliver high quality, relevant research services to Haliburton County) to be part of a benthic biomonitoring study. We were successful in being one of the Haliburton lakes to participate in the research.

The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association (GLCA) is one of lakes participating in the pilot and we are in our third year of sampling. We are conducting a benthic macroinvertebrate survey of the lake in order to aid in understanding the status of our lake health and provide an important baseline for future comparisons.

The purpose of the research is to answer;

- What benthic invertebrate communities exist in Gull Lake?
- Do the benthic invertebrate communities represent a healthy or impacted aquatic environment?
- What kind of water quality do the benthic invertebrate communities in Gull Lake indicate?

Identification of any negative trends could help maintain future health of the lake and potentially help to avoid future issues.

I participated in this year's Benthic sampling program with Trent University biology student Siobhan Hachey, along with U-Links Environmental Research Associate Josh Solti and U-Links Research Technician Amanda Porter



on September 30. We all donned masks and proceeded to sample in the same 3 spots we sampled last year, close to U of T, outlet by Rackety Creek and in the southwest of Miners Bay.

We will get an updated report with this year's sampling results from the Trent student Siobhan Hachey in March of next year which will be reported in a subsequent newsletter.

U-Links/Trent University Wetland Study

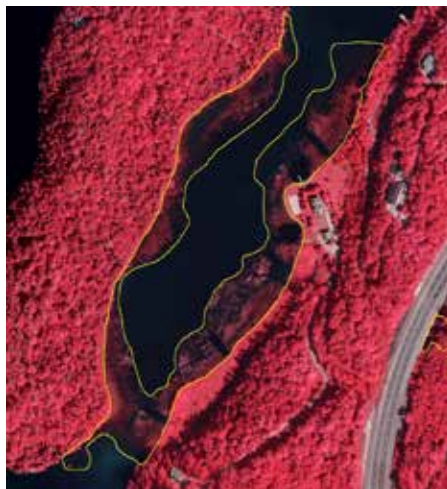
(Long Island-Sumac Trail)

Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

Gull Lake has very few areas on the lake that can be considered a wetland. Wetlands are important to species from many familiar classes of animals, as well as to less commonly known creatures. Every drop of water contains microscopic zooplankton, which are a vital component of the food chain. The water's surface and the wetland bottom are covered with insect eggs, larvae, and nymphs. Wetlands are diverse and delicate ecosystems that are both ecologically and economically valuable.

One such area on the lake is located between Long Island and the mainland around Sumac Trail. Your association is concerned that this area remains as natural as possible and has made an objection to a rezoning application early this year to rezone the underwater shoreline area along Sumac Trail from Hazard Lands to Shoreline Residential. If this occurs then there is a greater likelihood that some of the shoreline wetland area will be destroyed as development takes place. At the time of writing this report the rezoning application had not been dealt with by Minden Hills council.

In 2019 the Haliburton Highland Land



Trust received a grant to undertake a pilot project to utilize new high resolution photo technology to improve the identification of wetlands in parts of Haliburton County which included the former Lutterworth Township. Paul Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services Limited, a certified wetland evaluator, was engaged to review "orthophotography" mapping taken by OMNRF in 2018 and improve the

identification and boundaries of wetlands in former Lutterworth, Snowdon and Glamorgan Townships.

Glenside identified the area in the adjacent photo which has been classed as an undesignated wetland and acknowledged as such by Minden Hill planning.

On October 2, Trent University students Meagan Morey and Anna Duglosz along with U-Links Environmental Research Associate Josh Solti and myself donned chest waders and waded into the wetland to search for any species at risk as well as catalogue the characteristics of the wetland. We are expecting the results of their field investigation by the end of the year and will report their findings in a subsequent newsletter.



Proposed Shoreline Preservation By-law

By Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

The proposed shoreline by-law certainly has caused some controversy amongst cottage owners over the past few years. Your Association has been refocusing the organization over the last 10 years from being social to one of focusing on the health of the lake. It started in 2011 with the formation of a Lake Plan Committee tasked with developing a Lake Plan. A planning workshop that was held with a group of Gull Lake cottagers in 2012 resulted in a recorded discussion by the participants that included the following values and comments relevant to the proposed by-law:

- Good water quality
- Proper septic systems
- Natural shoreline views, beauty and lakefront habitat
- Appropriate shoreline development, "trees versus huge cottages or boathouses"
- Naturalization, indigenous plants and healthy forests

Comments to protect Natural Shorelines

Includes over-development of shoreline, deforestation and removal of shoreline vegetation, erosion, habitat protection, establishment of concrete shorelines

- Create shoreline preservation by-laws
- Protect natural shorelines and native plants
- Limit deforestation and maintain as many trees and natural rocks as possible
- Restore natural shorelines and naturalize shorelines with native plants
- Leave shorelines natural
- Change by-laws to regain shorelines and return them to a natural state on re-builds



A survey of Gull Lake cottagers was conducted to facilitate the development of the Lake Plan later in 2012. 100% of the 204 respondents listed Water Quality as very important or moderately important for their enjoyment of Gull Lake. At the same time, 95% of the respondents thought Natural Shorelines were also very or moderately important for their enjoyment of the lake.

The draft Shoreline Preservation By-law is basically meant to protect our undeveloped shorelines going forward from practices that can affect lake health and water quality. I have been a Gull Lake property owner since 1995 and my property landscaping within 30m of the shoreline has remained the same for many years as I am sure many of the properties on the lake have. I believe the proposed by-law will not impact most of us and is mainly to cover undeveloped properties going forward.

The County of Haliburton has received

the draft Shoreline By-law from the consultants after 5 months of public consultation. At its meeting on October 27, 2021 Council voted to receive the report and hold a special meeting to discuss it.

The draft by-law recognizes the rights of shoreline property owners to use and enjoy their property and allows minor landscaping which includes the creation of access and views of the water and normal tree management. A property owner that is pruning a diseased tree, creating a new perennial garden bed, replacing an existing pathway, installing a firepit, undertaking minor repairs to an existing retaining wall, or similar activities will not have to obtain a permit under this by-law.

The intent of the by-law among other things is to:

- Protect the riparian (landside) and littoral (aquatic) zones and associated habitat
- Prevent erosion, siltation and nutrient management
- Maintain shoreline character and appearance
- Provide fish habitat
- Provide space for tree fall
- Protect root zones; and
- Attenuate runoff

Certainly these are all good things. As your Lake Steward, I support the intent of the by-law, how about you?



Sugar Island Fire Plan

Jo-Ann Wickware, Sue Montgomery and Martha Larsen

As a follow up to the summer 2020 initiative, Sugar Islanders continued to work on a fire plan for the island.

On July 10, several islanders attended a presentation with Fire Chief Nelson Johnson and Deputy Chief Shane Duda. It was an informative morning with practical information on how to protect homes and property from wildfire. Of particular note, Chief Johnson informed us that since the island fire last year, the Minden Fire Department has purchased

4 new fire pumps, a new boat and is acquiring another boat.

Tips garnered from the talk:

1. Go to firesmartcanada.ca to learn how to protect your home and property from wildfire.

2. You can register with your email to mindenhillsfire.ca to be updated on current regulations and fire ban status.

3. Call 249 802 3535 for NON EMERGENCY fire information...i.e. fire stats info line and/or fire ban.

4. For Emergency always call #911. Dispatch knows immediately that all EMS numbers with 5 digits indicate water access.

All islanders have now received a map of residents' properties, and a fire plan protocol including pertinent contact information. This should be kept in a place that is accessible to both owners of the cottage and guests.

Wait! Those "weeds" are Improving the Health of your Lake

By Caroline Konarzewski

Thinking of removing aquatic vegetation from your shoreline or around your dock and swimming area? STOP! It is illegal to remove vegetation from the water without a permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. What's more, these so-called "weeds" are actually helping to keep our lake healthy.

Aquatic vegetation helps remove phosphorus from the water. Phosphorus is considered one of the major stressors contributing to algal blooms. Fortunately, we have not experienced a bloom and our water quality is excellent, but one would seriously and negatively affect our enjoyment of the lake and property values.

Aquatic vegetation also provides fish habitat—both feeding grounds and spawning areas.

Some companies recommend agitators to minimize plant growth in the water. While not illegal, these devices disturb silt from the bottom of the lake and greatly increase water turbidity. Disturbed silt can smother fish eggs, cause damage to the sensitive gills of fish and potentially interfere with particulate feeding. Turbidity makes it more difficult to treat water for drinking and reduces light penetration which affects the growth of phytoplankton, negatively impacting the entire aquatic food chain.

Disturbing the bottom of any waterbody, whether by pulling vegetation or using an agitator could release contaminants, including cadmium, mercury, lead, excess phosphorus, pesticides, PCBs, and others, which had been safely contained in the silty bottom.



Blue flag Iris – beneficial shore plant.

So rather than trying to get rid of aquatic vegetation once it's there, why not address the cause? Aquatic plants often grow where nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrogen, and potassium, are plentiful. Efforts to prevent excess nutrients in the soil along the shoreline from reaching the lake are our best line of defense. This can be done by:

- reducing or eliminating lawn areas that have shallow root systems that do not absorb many nutrients;
- never using fertilizers (which all contain phosphorus, nitrogen, and potassium); and
- establishing deeper and wider buffers of indigenous, deep-rooted shrubs or trees along the shoreline that filter out excess nutrients from the soil before they can reach the lake water.

If you are interested in getting help to renaturalize your shoreline, visit naturalede.watersheds.ca. They offer advice on indigenous plants, planting plans, and subsidized rates for shoreline property owners.

Article was provided by the CHA.

Township of Minden Hills Media Release September 23, 2021

By Shain Duda, Deputy Fire Chief

There are some very simple things you can do to prevent buildup of combustible materials that contribute to fires around your home:

- Reduce combustible materials near your home by chipping branches and small trees and composting lighter vegetation.
- Manage the vegetation around your home by reducing shrubs, evergreen trees and dead material within 12 meters of buildings and create a non-combustible zone up to 2.5 meters from your home, when possible.
- Work with neighbours or a neighbourhood association to keep these common areas thinned, pruned, and healthy. If these areas are left unmanaged and fill in with dense vegetation or down and dead wood, the overall wildfire hazard of the community greatly increases.
- The Minden Hills Fire Department reminds everyone that only working smoke alarms give you and your family the early warning you need to safely escape a fire in your home.
- Practice a home escape plan with everyone in your home so everyone knows exactly what to do if the smoke or carbon monoxide alarms sound in an emergency.

For more information, visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca

Photo Contest Winners



*Photos by Children
Photo by Oliver Jones*



*Life at the Cottage
"Perfect Timing"
Photo by Fay Simmonds*



*Action
"Great Grey Owl Searching a Field"
Photo by Larry Murphy*



*Landscape
Photo by
Cormac Trainor*



*Nature
"Mergansers"
Photo by Manfred End*



There are a few areas that may interest you:

- Coordinating events such as our AGM, golf tournament and working with the Regatta Commodore
- Purchase and sale of GLCA merchandise, such as clothing, coffee mugs etc. Sales typically held at the AGM and Regatta.
- Tech wizards - helping with the consolidation of our domains, email platforms, website and data base.
- Assist our Lake Steward with water testing and focusing on other lake health initiatives.
- 100th Anniversary celebrations, AGM and Regatta need volunteers to help out.

LOOKING UP THE LAKE – 1933

The first version of this post card is a real photo post card, produced by the Canadian Post Card Co. of Toronto, and has a copyright of 1933. The APO dating grid on the reverse confirms manufacture between 1926, and the early 1940's.

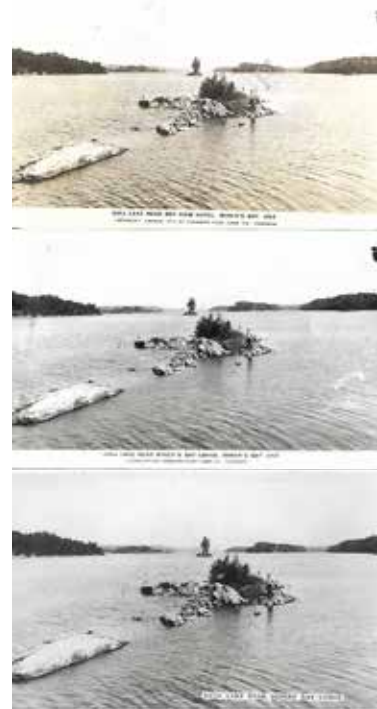
It provides a panorama of Gull Lake, with the north end of "Harriet Island", in the foreground, which is the northern side of the "passage" heading from Miners' Bay to the channel by Sugar Island.

In the background are six of the ten islands in Gull Lake. Shown (left to right) are Sugar, St. Helena, Lakeview, North Morris, in front of Long Island, the mainland, and Alice Island. The origin of these names, as listed on most maps, is not known.

Many Gull Lake Islands are better known locally by other names, sometimes for physical features, and sometimes for early owners. Thus Harriet = Chambers, Lakeview = Ship, North Morris = Showers, Alice = Sunken Rock. Elsewhere on the Lake, Victoria Island = Huckleberry. Gull Rock, which is the tenth island, is not named on most maps.

The original Post Card with this view is titled "GULL LAKE NEAR BAY VIEW HOTEL, MINER'S BAY, ONT." It was later issued as "GULL LAKE NEAR MINER'S BAY LODGE, MINER'S BAY, ONT." A final version simply reads "GULL LAKE NEAR MINERS' BAY LODGE".

*Russ Wunker
October 2020*



CAMPING SCENE – GULL LAKE

This image is taken from a real photograph post card, and likely dates to the early 1930's. Exactly where on Gull Lake the picture was taken is unknown, but given the shoreline, it may have been half way up the lake on the western shore.

Shown is a camp site with tent, three men on shore with a skiff, and two more individuals, in their impressive power launch. Given the length, sleek lines and

overall look, the power boat may be one that was constructed by local boat builder, Alf Langdon.

Alfred Langdon purchased a blacksmith shop in Minden from William Eastmen in 1907. Over the next several decades, he built canoes and various other water craft, and did cabinet work. The Miners' Bay Roman Catholic Church commissioned church pews from his shop in the 1930's.

The Langdon Boat Works were located along old highway # 35, (now Bobcaygeon Road), just beyond the current Minden Fruit and Vegetable Market. Up until the late 1950's, that area was still swampy, and a canoe could be paddled almost to the road side. The second photo shows the boat works, and the double pointed rowing skiffs that were greatly popular. MBL had some of these Langdon built boats in the early years.

*Russ Wunker
February 2021*





GLCA Membership Form

Year: _____

Please Print

Cottage Address: _____

Primary Member:

Name (first & last): _____

Spouse (first & last): _____

Cottage Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

2nd Email (optional): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province/State: _____

Postal Code: _____

Associate Member:

Name (first & last): _____

Spouse (first & last): _____

Cottage Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

2nd Email (optional): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province/State: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Primary membership (emailed newsletter) \$40 _____
or

Primary membership (includes hard copy newsletter) \$50 _____

Associate membership (each Associate member) \$10 _____

Hard copy of newsletter (each Associate Member) \$10 _____

Donation (any amount appreciated) \$ _____

Total dues for 1 year \$ _____

Optional - renew for 2 years (double one year) \$ _____

Primary Membership:

There is one Primary Membership per cottage. Primary Membership includes spouse and children who are still pursuing their education.

Associate Membership:

Associate Memberships are for individuals and families who cottage on Gull Lake but are not the Primary Member. Associate Memberships include spouse and children.

Benefits:

Both Primary and Associate Memberships entitle you to attend all events, receive newsletters and communication, and benefit from having Association volunteers work on your behalf to enhance the enjoyment and health of the lake. Only the Primary Member for your cottage can vote on motions.

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