

Another beautiful Summer President's Message

Shockingly the summer is over! Is it me, or does the summer time seem to go faster every year? 2022 was an important year for the GLCA. Our 100th Anniversary was a success, and for the first time ever the membership exceeded 300! The AGM was well attended. Our main goal was to celebrate and bring everyone together again after two difficult years of you know what. Those of you that came had a great time meeting your cottage neighbours and got dibs on all the lovely merchandise Brian Pinnock sourced for the event.

The Regatta was attended by record numbers this year as well. We raised more money for the Food Bank, and the Minden Hospital than ever before. Merchandise sales were brisk, as people were anxious to sport the new anniversary logo created by Lee Fleming, our newsletter designer. A HUGE thank you goes out to the extended Allison family and our Regatta Commodore Tracey D'Alessio. The Regatta would not have happened without them.

Keith Kennedy's children, Georgia, Michael, and Nolan in concert with the Miners' Bay Lodge team had an extremely successful Rock Bass Derby which has been renamed the Keith Kennedy Rock Bass Derby recognizing our past President who was an avid fisherman. A record number of invasive Rock Bass were culled from our lake. Darren Powers, the General Manager at MBL was on hand to make sure the prize table was spectacular. Russ Wunker, took time out of his busy day to say a few words about Keith Kennedy, who we all miss.

The Golf Tournament at Monck's Landing also had a record number of participants. Another successful event by Brian Pinnock. Unfortunately the cooking team from Monck's was not available, so Lee Fleming and Lisa Bagshaw helped to feed our hungry golfers while I supervised.

One of the benefits of being the Membership Director is that I get to meet so many interesting people. I had a busy summer/fall when so many members came to pick up their Charcuterie



Boards from our cottage. It was very entertaining hearing all the stories of how people came to be on Gull Lake and how so many property owners are family or friends.

2022 is also an election year for the Municipality. I encourage each and every one of you that is eligible to vote to do so. Every property owner and their spouse are eligible, have your say. Gull Lake residents are in Ward 2, and will be voting for the Ward 2 Councillor and the Councillor at Large positions. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor have won by acclamation.

Most importantly, your GLCA Board needs new faces! Covid has made it difficult to find and incorporate new board members. New members can start with smaller tasks where they will learn the ropes and find a role that is right for them. Board meetings can be done virtually, so even remote persons can take part. What are your interests? Make a new group of friends and get to know many others on the lake! Drop us an email at info@glca.ca today and we'll help you get started!

Judy Ingram
GLCA President

Board of Directors

President	Judy Ingram	Special Events &		Membership Assistant	Jane Robinson
Secretary	Beth Allison	Merchandise	Brian Pinnock	Website Maintenance	Judy Ingram
Treasurer	Michael Latimer	Regatta Commodore	Tracey D'Alessio	Communications	Judy Ingram
Membership	Judy Ingram	Newsletter Editor	Judy Ingram	Director at Large	Norma Whitehead
Lake Steward	Mike Thorne	Newsletter Design	Lee Fleming		Lisa Bagshaw

Welcome New Board Member Norma Whitehead

Norma Whitehead has joined the GLCA Board of Directors as a Director at Large. Norma will participate in Board Meetings and find an area that she would like to eventually focus on. Norma has been coming up to Gull Lake since birth, enjoying summers with her siblings and cousins, 13 all together. Norma is hoping to help continue the good works of the GLCA, so future generations can make their own wonderful Gull Lake memories!



Did You Know...



The next Municipal and School Board Election will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022.

The Township of Minden Hills will be offering three different ways to vote in the 2022 Municipal Election:



Internet



Telephone



Traditional Paper Ballot

For more information
visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca
or email elections@mindenhills.ca



The GLCA received a Legacy Donation and the following note from Gary Sonnenberg

In Memory of Helga Sonnenberg
(Passed away May 3rd, 2021)

Helga spent a total of 60 plus years every summer on Gull Lake, raising our four daughters with pride and joy. With humble beginnings, renting a cabin and then a cottage from the Ecclestons' on Deep Bay. In 1969 Victoria Island was purchased. The four daughters will carry on the "legacy". Kersten, Andrea, Hendrika, Helga.

Regards Gary Sonnenberg



Membership

Judy Ingram, Membership Director

I would like to thank you for renewing your 2022 membership, your continued support is appreciated. I am thrilled to announce that 2022 is a RECORD Membership Year! So far, we have 304 Primary Members and 104 Associate Members. I say so far, because sometimes we have late renewals in the fall. I'm sure our beautiful Charcuterie Boards were a great incentive. Our goal was to have 300 Primary Members and we exceeded that!

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. We can also tell you if you have prepaid 2023!!

Covid really threw a monkey wrench into my favourite part of the membership job, which is going out on the lake and meeting the new owners on Gull Lake that have joined the GLCA. 2022 proved to be a RECORD number of new owners that have joined the GLCA in 2021 and 2022. As you know, we provide new owners, that become members, with a GLCA Gift Bag filled with useful information, booklets and pamphlets from the MNRF and the OPP, and Gull Lake Swag. This year we were able to connect with those that came to the AGM, we had people come to pick up, we were able to deliver, and I even had helpers: Lori Reid on Forsters Road and Jane Robinson on Sandy Bay Road. Please encourage your new neighbours to join the GLCA and we will welcome them to the lake too!

This year we have FOURTEEN new owners. We haven't connected with all of them yet, but we are working on it. They are not all new this year, but there were unforeseeable delays, plus we were waiting for the materials that go into the bags. Gull Lake Cottagers are wonderful people and fun to meet.



John and Laura Watson joined the GLCA shortly after purchasing their cottage in Miners Bay. They were keen to attend the AGM, and that's where they picked up their bag. They also met some of their neighbours there! I connected with them later, and they said they had a great time.



Ron and Kaitlyn DeVries are friends of Lisa Bagshaw. They were gracious enough to boat over to my place to pick up their Welcome to the Lake Bag. I admired their boat, and Ron said it was like a floating living room!



John and Susan Franchi are not new to Gull Lake, but they are new to cottage ownership. Pictured with John and Susan is none other than the Board's own Brian Pinnock, welcoming them to the world of cottage ownership and the GLCA.

Membership continued



Jen Hall and Robert Grand were encouraged to join the GLCA by Patti Azziz. Sure enough, they signed up and Jen was able to make it out to the AGM! Here she is posing with her bag in front of the fireplace at Kilcoo.



Lori Reid, who volunteered to help deliver Charcuterie Boards, volunteered to get the Welcome to the Lake Bag to Chris Bailey and Jamie Ecclestone. She was instructed to get a picture of them with the bag and managed to get the whole family with their beautiful cottage in the background! Great job Lori!



Bill Puskas and his family are new to Sandy Bay Road. Bill was thrilled with his Charcuterie Board and impressed by the Welcome to the Lake Bag. Jane Robinson, our long time membership assistant, was able to meet Bill and officially welcome him to Gull Lake and the GLCA.



Aidan and Adam Colpitts came by to pick up their bag. Adam and Laura Ecclestone joined way back in 2020! I thought we were never going to meet up. Finally we were able to connect and get their bag to them on a beautiful sunny summer day.



Cathy and Craig Teel made it out to the AGM in the spring, where they picked up their bag. Even though we got a picture of them at one of the tables, they were good sports and posed for us sporting their new swag bag. Obviously they are fun people!!



Lisa Miller and David Dungey were encouraged by their cottage neighbours to join the GLCA when they bought their cottage on Rackety back in 2020. We tried to connect in 2021 but kept missing each other. Alas, when I made it over there this summer, David was not there.

Lake Stewards Report Fall 2022

Fall Lake Sampling Results

On August 24th this year Don Drouillard and I undertook sampling at the same 6 spots we normally sample on the

lake for clarity (Secchi Disc), Total Phosphorus, E. coli and pH. We had good weather with a mix of sun and clouds that morning.

The results below are for samples taken on September 4, 2020 and

September 13, 2021 and the current results sampled on August 24, 2022 with the column on the right August results.

Sample Location	Secchi Disc depth in metres			Total Phosphorus mg/L*			E. coli cfu/100mL*			pH Level		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Gull Inlet	5.0	4.5	5.0	.007	.003	<.003	15	9	12	7.35	7.43	7.61
Gull Rock	5.1	5.4	5.0	.005	<.003	<.003	1	0	2	7.32	7.48	7.64
Deep Bay	5.5	5.2	5.0	.010	.003	<.003	2	2	1	7.25	7.46	7.66
Gull Outlet	5.2	5.0	5.5	.005	<.003	<.003	0	1	2	7.36	7.47	7.64
Miners Bay	5.1	6.0	4.5	.011	.003	.088	2	0	3	7.41	7.51	7.68
Opposite Rackety	5.1	4.8	5.0	.008	<.003	<.003	3	3	10	7.12	7.51	7.63

*mg/L = milligrams per litre or parts per million

**cfu=coliform forming units

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 or cloudiness 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 a low of 4.5m in Miners Bay with an average of 5.0m everywhere else. The lower reading in Miners Bay may have been due to the heavy rainfall we received on August 22nd, but coupled with the higher total phosphorus reading, may be due to other factors such as the culvert construction at Miners' Bay Lodge. We will see what the trend continues to be, over the next sampling period, now that construction is complete. Overall, the secchi disc readings indicate we have good water clarity in our lake.

Total Phosphorus

Most of 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, except for the level of .088 ug/L in Miners Bay which is a significant increase over last year. While still below the level for blue-green algae formation we will monitor to see if we have an improvement next year now that local construction at Miners Bay is complete. The remainder of the lake indicates total phosphorus levels 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, 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 the lake and by Rackety which is to be expected as the water moves from the inlet to the outlet particularly after rainfall.

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 7.61 to 7.68 which is good and slightly more basic than last year's results.

This year's overall 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.

Shoreline Preservation By-law PASSED

Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

Several years ago, the County embarked on a process to create a new Shoreline Preservation By-law to further strengthen existing controls for waterfront development in the County. This process resulted in the creation of a Draft Shoreline Preservation By-law.

In light of the significant interest in this issue, and the Draft By-law, the County retained external, independent consultants to review the matter and return with professional recommendations on a new Shoreline Preservation By-law for the County. Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Limited and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. were retained by the County to lead this exercise.

On August 24, 2022 the Council of the County of Haliburton passed the Shoreline Preservation By-law which is scheduled to come into effect on April 1, 2023. The following are some key excerpts from the By-law as well as a brief Summary.

WHEREAS the Council for the County of Haliburton deems it desirable and in the public interest to enact a by-law to protect shoreline areas for the purposes of achieving:

- the objectives of the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton;
- managing the further loss of natural shorelines within the County of Haliburton;
- a greater proportion of native vegetative contiguous cover;
- a minimum 75 percent native vegetative cover overall;
- a minimum 50 percent high quality native vegetative cover;
- a naturalized riparian zone on lakes and along rivers/streams;
- an increased ecological health, based on the status of indicator species and maintenance of natural biodiversity;
- decreased destruction or injuring of trees, native vegetation, habitat and natural areas;
- reduction of negative impacts on the environment;
- contributing to human health and quality of life;
- maintaining water quality;
- maintaining and enhancing natural habitat;
- preventing soil erosion and water run-off;
- preventing topographical changes to the shoreline areas;
- protecting fish habitat as defined in the Fisheries Act, Revised Statute of Canada 1985

Summary

The County of Haliburton is blessed with many lakes that serve important environmental, economic and social roles. Haliburton is unique in that it includes natural lakes and managed water level or reservoir lakes that form part of the Trent Severn Waterway. These lakes support a variety of aquatic species, flora and fauna. They support a vibrant tourism economy and are home to many residents. They provide countless opportunities for recreational activities such as swimming, boating and fishing to name a few. The health of our lakes is important for current and future residents and businesses. The health of our lakes is determined by a variety of factors, natural and human, things that happen on the land and in the water. As one of many stewards of lake

health, the County of Haliburton will continue to do all that it can do to preserve the quality of water in our community. This Shoreline Preservation By-law applies to lands 20 metres from the high water mark of all lakes, rivers, streams and ponds within the County, as well as natural heritage features and areas, like significant wetlands, that play a role in water quality. This Shoreline Preservation By-law recognizes the rights of shoreline property owners to use and enjoy their property, including minor landscaping, creation of access and views to the water and normal forest and/or tree management. A property owner that is pruning a diseased tree, creating a new perennial bed, replacing an existing pathway, installing a fire pit, undertaking minor repairs to an existing retaining wall, or similar activities, will not have to apply for a permit under this By-law. Instead, this Shoreline Preservation By-law is intended to apply to situations where a property owner (or someone acting on behalf of the property owner) intends to significantly alter the grade or topography of a property in a manner that increases the flow of surface water to neighbouring lands or bodies of water. It is also intended to apply to situations when significant removal of trees and/or vegetation is proposed. In such instances, property owners (or someone acting on behalf of the property owner) will be required to apply for and receive permit approval before such significant projects and activities are undertaken in the shoreline buffer area. The By-law includes a transition model for implementation and a regular review and update period. This By-law is flexible. While the By-law includes a uniform shoreline buffer, it is recognized that there are varied shoreline lot characteristics in the County. This By-law recognizes these varied characteristics and allows for lesser buffers, where appropriate. This By-law is also intended to be applied on a "go forward" basis and does not affect existing development or landscaping. The By-law also establishes opportunities for property owners to speak to County Council directly (or delegate) should a decision on a permit not be made in a timely manner or if they would like to dispute a decision or condition of decision.

Further details can be found on the County of Haliburton-Shoreline Preservation website.



Gull Lake Shoreline to protect

GLCA Fish Hut Overview

October 2022

By Michael Latimer

One of the main topics of concern at the AGM was the increase in ice fishing and issues surrounding this on Gull Lake. Following the AGM, a task force was created to explore options for us to better manage the winter fishing season.

The ice fishing issues we face exist on most lakes. Gull is a draw based on the proximity to the city, size of lake, quality of fish, and access to rentals.

While the quality of fishing has decreased there seems to be an increase in activity on the lake from different groups, such as hut rentals (huts and bungalows), professional Fishing Tournaments, and individuals. This increased traffic and activity creates concerns around the future of sport fishing on the lake.

We have spoken with local politicians, MNR, OPP and Local Municipal Enforcement, and several ideas have been suggested to protect our properties and ensure our lake is not over fished.

One suggestion was to submit request letters to our local municipality. Following the election, we will be submitting a few letters focused on road signage, enforcement, property damage, and general fishing practises. We will

keep you posted on any traction from this approach.

- a. Request increased budget for more "no parking" signs
- b. Request signage "please act responsibly to maintain a clean lake and shoreline environment in our community"
- c. "Valid fishing licenses are required" signage
- d. GLCA is exploring the creation of our own signs
- e. Request more consistent enforcement of existing regulations by the Ministry of Natural Resources and our local Municipality.

The most important suggestion and the best way we can all support this effort, is by reporting any incidents we witness (phone numbers are provided below).

Township of Minden Hills main line is 705-286-1260, 844-277-1260

Provincial bylaw - 34(1) states no overnight fishing "no sport fishing sunset to sunrise". If you see fish huts with lights on, please report to MNR. It is unlikely this will be enforced.

To report incidents, call MNR Main line 705-286-1521

MNR Enforcement, Brian Alexander 705-286-5218

Parking Infractions,

To report illegal parking call Local Municipal Enforcement, Paula Ingram 705-286-1260 x511

General incidents

Which include noise, cleanliness, unsafe practises etc...

MNR Main line 705-286-1521

MNR Enforcement, Brian Alexander 705-286-5218

Property Damage

Please report any incidents immediately. Private property damage is an issue on several lakes and a "Task Force" was created on August 26th, 2021 and is chaired by the new Mayor Bob Carter, nothing has been done since its inception. Following the election, we will be aggressive with letters and request to participate. We have been advised to focus our approach on the damage, fear, intimidation, lack of signage, and enforcement.

To report incidents, call:

OPP Minden Office 705-286-1431

MNR Enforcement, Brian Alexander 705-286-5218

Local Municipal Enforcement, Paula Ingram 705-286-1260

We would ask that you try not to approach any of the parties mentioned above directly and use the phone numbers provided to report the incidents. Let's try to work together by all of us policing our lake this winter. The more calls and reporting will have an impact.

Play safe and have fun!



Photo Contest Winners



ACTION by Katie Donnelly O'Neill



LANDSCAPE by Lisa Miller

Photo Contest Winners continued



NATURE Baby Loon Born June 20th Early Morning by Doug Thompson



PHOTOS BY CHILDREN Maddie Trainor Age 11



LIFE AT THE COTTAGE Early Morning Kayak by Ceri Ahong

Charcuterie Board FAQs

Our 100th Anniversary Charcuterie Boards were a big hit this year. Lisa Bagshaw, our newest Board Member masterminded the sourcing and procurement of 400 boards! Everyone loved them, and asked many questions about the boards. Here are the answers to the most frequently asked questions:

Who made the boards?

On the back of every board is a sticker with the carpenter/artisan's name and contact information. Kahley Moczulski lives in London, Ontario. You can find her on Facebook, her page is Kahley's Custom Wood. Her husband works with Lisa Bagshaw's partner, Paul Mitton, at the Brantford Fire Department. Completed boards were loaded into the SUV and transferred to Paul's truck at the Fire Department, then transported up to Lisa's cottage on Gull Lake.

Why didn't we source the boards locally?

We tried very hard to find a local



supplier, as we sincerely wanted to support a local business. Unfortunately everyone we contacted had reasons why they could not take on the order.

The order was too large. They could not source the wood required. They did not have the equipment to etch the logo onto the surface. From the four quotes we did receive, they were at a much higher cost and the delivery was extra.

What are the boards made of?

The boards are made of walnut! To be more specific: 670 feet of live edge walnut, 1600 screws, 1600 rubber feet, countless 80, 120, 180, 240 and 320 grit sanding disks, 1 gallon of mineral oil/ beeswax mix, and 20+ extra large bags of planer shavings! Most importantly 100% labour of love! (As per Kahley's post on Facebook.)

How can I protect my board?

Every board was provided with a Care Card. If you lost or misplaced yours, see the photo. Mineral Oil tip: purchase at the pharmacy for a fraction of the cost at hardware stores.

Can I buy an extra board or two for gifts?

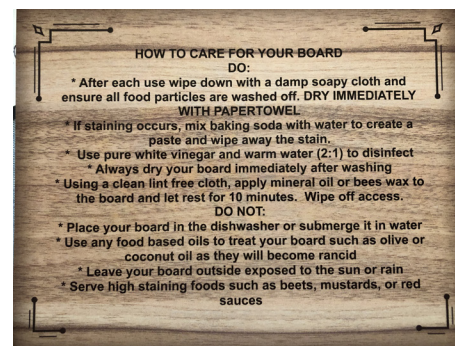
Yes, you can purchase a board for \$50 while supplies last. Contact us at info@gulca.ca You can etransfer the payment to info@gulllakecottagers.com with



Charcuterie Board in the comments, to secure your board.

I am a Paid Primary Member but have not received my board, how can I get it?

Rest assured, we are keeping meticulous records as to who has not received their board yet. One is set aside for you and will NOT be sold. We tried to do Pick Up times and locations, but we understand that Cottage Life gets in the way and you missed your opportunity! If we can't make arrangements this fall/winter to get you yours, we will have it for you in the spring. Email us at info@gulca.ca to make arrangements.



GLCA Golf Tournament

Brian Pinnock

After a two year hiatus, our annual fun golf tournament was held on Saturday, August 13th, 2022 at Moncks Landing Golf Course. The weather was great and we had 54 players participate in a nine hole scramble format. By all accounts it was a successful day! Congratulations to our winning team, the Birketts!

The Moncks Landing hosts were unavailable that weekend so Lee Fleming, our Newsletter Designer, volunteered to BBQ Hamburgers and Sausages for the golfers. Board members Judy Ingram and Lisa Bagshaw, along with Lisa's mom, Dianne Bagshaw, pitched in to help serve the BBQ lunch. Watch for details on future association events in the spring 2023 Newsletter.



Winning team
Left to right – Chris Birkett, Chas Birkett, Marc Whitehead, Norma Whitehead.

Regatta Commodore's Report

Tracey D'Alessio

Happy Fall everyone!

We certainly had a great Summer this year. The 100th Regatta was a huge success with our largest attendance numbers ever! Please note that we are still waiting for the extra medals that were ordered for the events that were tied....I will be in contact with the winners once I receive them.

Thanks to all of you members who came out to celebrate this special event

with us. Also, a HUGE thanks to all the volunteers...we certainly couldn't have done it without you. As most of you know by now, that was my last regatta.

If you enjoyed this year's regatta, please consider joining the GLCA board to plan and run next year's event...it won't happen unless people step up. The Regatta Commodore is only a 3 three-year commitment, with most of the work during the late Spring and leading up to the actual event.

I have compiled a paper and also an electronic version of the Regatta Commodore's Handbook, which will really help to make things run smoothly and I will be available as a sounding board for the new commodore.

Please consider this, so our wonderful regatta tradition can continue!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at dalessiotracey@gmail.com

2022 Gull Lake Regatta Results

Treadgold Trophy – 12 and under

1st Place – Joint 1st place – Mira White and Tristan Gourley

2nd Place – Joint 2nd place – Sophie Pannell and Dom White

3rd Place – Joint 3rd place – Bea McClennan and Patrick Ayerst

Bedlington Cup – 16 and under

1st Place – Mikka Borges

2nd Place – Ollie Jones

3rd Place – Jackson Gourley

Minto Cup – 17 and over

1st Place – Luke St. John

2nd Place – Franny Jewett

3rd Place – Joint 3rd place – Madeline St. John and Nuno Borges

Chisholm Cup – Parent and Child

Mike St. John and Luke St. John

Christie Cup – Mixed War Canoe

Denna Larsen, Sophie Larsen,

Todd Larsen and David Huggins

Parr Memorial Trophy – Grandparent and Grandchild

Bill Williams and Amelia Williams

Stinson Plaque – Mixed 17 and over canoe

Franny Jewett and Nuno Borges

Carley Allison Memorial Trophy – Mixed Terrain

Emily Burkett, Charlie Burkett and

Mario Ramirez

Sharpe Family Paddles – 12 and under single canoe

Girls – Mira White

Boys – Tristan Gourley

Crerar Family Paddles – 16 and under single canoe

Girls – Mikka Borges

Boys – Jackson Gourley



The Keith Kennedy Rock Bass Derby

Georgia Kennedy

The Kennedy Family are pleased to say that the annual Rock Bass Derby, now aptly named after my Dad, was another great success this year. Rock bass are an invasive species to our lake. They are known for eating the food and fry of more desirable fish such as Lake Trout and both Large and Small Mouth Bass.

The Keith Kennedy Rock Bass Derby was started in an effort to keep the rock bass population manageable, and we are sincerely appreciative of those who participate in this event each year. If your children are interested in participating next year, know that the event is open to anyone 12 and under. We encourage participants to start their fishing early in the morning the day of, and see how many they can catch by noon. There are always lots of prizes and fun for everyone!

On Saturday, August 6th at around noon, we invited participants to the Miners' Bay Lodge beach area for our official weigh in. Prizes were distributed based on the heaviest amount of fish caught in pounds, and contestants could enter as a team or an individual.



For the individual rankings:

First Place was Leo with 4 pounds of Rock Bass!

Second Place was Ina

Third Place was Nick

For the team rankings:

First Place was the Decker and Pineo family with a hefty 16 pounds!

Second Place was the Deep Bay Crew

Third Place was the MBL Kids

Fourth Place was the Hislop family.

In total, our young anglers helped pull a whopping 53 pounds of rock bass from the lake! A warm thank you goes out to Miners' Bay Lodge, who always welcomes us to use their shoreline to host this event, and also contributed fantastic prizes for our participants.

My brothers, Michael, Nolan and I are happy for the opportunity to carry on this tradition in honour of our Dad, and we hope to see you all again next year.

Catch you later (get it?!)

Climate Change Essay Contest Winners



The GLCA Board would like to thank the young people of the lake who took the time to enter the Gull Lake Climate Change Essay Contest! A special thanks to the parents and grandparents who encouraged them. The topic of the essay was: How can my family and I help to combat climate change as cottagers?

The winners are:

Senior Category (Over 12) were:

1st Michael Ayerst and

2nd Mikka Borges

Junior Category (12 and under) were:

1st Ryann Kilburn and

2nd April Alcorn

We would like to extend our appreciation to Michael Jewett who brought the idea forward and championed it through the summer, as well as to our guest judges:

Dr. Pam Sayne, Councillor Township of Minden Hills, and Jake Sandison, Academic Chair SENRS Fleming College.

It is the younger generation who will continue the family legacy at many cottages and further the efforts to preserve our lake for years to come.



To read the essays please visit our website www.glca.ca/climate-change-contest



The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association recently celebrated their 100th Regatta at the University of Toronto Survey Camp. The creation of the Regatta was to promote water safety, bring the community together and have fun! The sale of BBQ lunches raises money for the Minden Community Food Centre, donated annually. A record number of attendees resulted in a cheque for \$1,274 this year. Pictured L-R Jean Munroe, MCFC, Manager, Tracey D'Alessio GLCA Regatta Commodore, Michael Latimer GLCA Treasurer and Don Veno, MCFC, Chair

Gull Lake Regatta

Russell J. Wunker, September 2022

A Post Card titled "REGATTA" GULL LAKE MINDEN, ONT. provides a glimpse of life on Gull Lake almost a century ago. Both the image depicted on the card, and the message sent, are interesting. There is no indication of who produced the card.

A detailed examination of the scene provides little evidence as to the location. There is simply a narrow shore line in front of a wooded slope. This unique view includes about 40 people, and over a dozen water craft.

By today's standards, the Regatta attendees are dressed rather formally for an outdoor event. The women mostly wear long dresses. The men wear trousers and long-sleeved shirts, though a couple have rolled the sleeves up to the elbow. Most folks are wearing either a hat or a cap. A couple are wearing "bathing costumes".

The dozen and a half watercraft include canoes, punts, double-ended rowing dorys, as well as power boats. Two boats sport flags, one of which is the Red Ensign. Interestingly, a neatly cut saw log sits on the shore – likely awaiting the traditional log-rolling competition.

The message side of the card provides a few clues, and invites some speculation. The message is dated August 12/27. The Post Mark is MINDEN, and while somewhat obscured, appears to be August. The stamp, (affixed upside down), is the 1927 issue commemorating the 60th year of Confederation.

Sent by "Allie", the card is addressed to Mrs. W. Slade, c/o Mr. J Smith, 963 Dufferin St, Toronto. The message reads: "Dear Mrs. Slade – We are having a good time berry picking, swimming, and all the rest of it. The most exciting thing is prayer meeting Wed. nights. Kiddies all fine."

It would be interesting to know who the writer was, and where they stayed on the lake. The impression is that Allie was a "cottager" from the north end of Gull Lake, given the Minden Post Mark, as there was also a Post Office at Miners' Bay. The activities listed were usual for

the time, but the importance of the prayer meeting is interesting.

Coincidentally, Reverend. J. E. Windsor had re-opened the Miners' Bay Baptist church in 1926, as a summer missionary with the Canadian Christian Shantymens' Association. This group ministered to the families of Lumbermen. Windsor continued to vacation at Miners' Bay for the next four decades, and in the early days held various meetings in the church,

both on Sunday evening, and during the week.

He was both a dynamic speaker, and a renowned fisherman. Doubtless, a topic around the lake in August 1927, was the story of the 23 pound Lake Trout that he caught at 10 AM on August 8th that year, using a four foot long steel rod, and an Archer Spinner. The fish still hangs in the office at Miners' Bay Lodge.





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