

Gull Lake Gazette

Gull Lake Cottagers' Association

Spring 2019

Spring Has Sprung

President's Message

Welcome to your spring newsletter and another amazing year at Gull Lake. As you are aware, the Association Board Members are all volunteers dedicated to Gull Lake and the surrounding community affecting Gull Lake. We are privileged to be joined by many other volunteers who devote their time, energy and resources to supporting that board and you the members. We have several board positions to fill and are looking for someone dedicated to Gull Lake to fill those positions. Please contact the GLCA if you are interested in joining our team.

Our 2019 AGM will be held at Kilcoo Camp on May 19th and will feature a highly valued guest speaker Dr. Yan. The Obi-Wan Kenobi of lake health Dr. Norman Yan completed his MSc and PhD dissertations on the effects of acid rain and metal pollution on Ontario lakes, then worked as a research scientist with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for 25 years. Dr. Yan was awarded to the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association to speak at the AGM, by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners (CHA) due to the efforts of your board promoting the Healthy Lakes Contest. Dr. Yan will talk about recent work on road salt, calcium decline, and how a wood ash recycling program could address the latter.

Our GLCA shoreline contest was a great success and we look forward to



Looking north towards South Morris Island.

keeping you updated of the changes to the selected properties. Natural shorelines protect and filter our lakes from the effects of human activities on shore and we hope that understanding where we have room for improvement will encourage individual property owners to take steps to "re-naturalize" where possible.

Important Lake Health reports including all of the lakes in the Gull River Basin will be available at the AGM this year. The Lake Health Report being printed in April will have much more water quality data. For instance for the lake trout lakes the report will include years of data on Dissolved oxygen, Calcium, Nitrate & PH, and a custom built data base has calculated trend lines for each of the lakes.

Years of work went into this document by the CHA, the MOE, MNRF, Love your

Lake and others that we would like to thank greatly for their efforts. Please come and get a copy to share with your friends and neighbor's.

On a final note, you may have noticed the newsletter's new look. The GLCA Board would like to welcome Lee Fleming for volunteering to be the new editor. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our THANKS and APPRECIATION to Sue Montgomery, our previous editor who has worked tirelessly for the GLCA members putting together the newsletter for more than ten years!

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM and don't forget to pay for your 2019 membership.

Keith Kennedy
GLCA President

Board of Directors

President	Keith Kennedy	Special Events &	Membership Assistant	Jane Robinson
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Membership	Judy Ingram	Director at Large	Communications	TBD
Lake Steward	Mike Thorne	Newsletter Editor		

Treasurer's Report 2018

Nick Evans, Treasurer

Our membership revenue of \$12,100 was up again building on the momentum created in 2016 and 2017 from the Love Your Lake program. Moreover, donations from members jumped up to \$2,150 – an all time high. With these kinds of membership and donation numbers the Board has been able to lean into larger projects related to lake health. As you can see, by far the largest expenditure last year was \$4,450 for the Lake Plan Actions and Water Testing. For example, we ran the Shoreline Revitalization Contest to role model the importance of pro-actively creating shorelines that buffer and filter water runoff through natural plants. Mike Thorne our Lake Steward, hired an organization to do an initial assessment of presence of invasive species in Gull Lake, in addition to the regular water testing work.

Other expenses are similar to prior years. We did invest in producing and printing some maps of Gull Lake; we absorbed all the costs in 2018 and will sell them over the next few years.

GLCA donations to the Minden community were focused on the Minden Hospital, the Food Bank and the Canada Day Celebrations. In addition we made a one time donation of \$1,000 to the University of Toronto Building Fund as they begin to renovate the Gull Lake property. We very much appreciate the opportunity to use their grounds for the last 95 years to host the GLCA Regatta

and look forward to continuing that relationship.

Association fees cover the GLCA's membership in i) the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (C.H.A.) who lead the Love Your Lake Program, ii) the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) who have been lobbying and partnering with the Trent Severn Water Way for better information flow and management of our water levels, and iii) the Federation of Cottage Associations (FOCA) who this year gave us the \$1,000 grant that we used to offset part of the cost of the invasive species research.

As stated previously, our long term goal is to have a contingency fund of \$35K to be able to provide an initial response to any significant environmental or development threats to the lake. Challenging the proposed scrapyard was an example of when we have dipped into this reserve for legal support. By the end of 2018 we have been able to build up the fund to \$25,000. At the current rate, we should be able to hit our goal in the next 5 – 7 years.

On a personal note, it is passed my time to step down from the Board, we are looking for someone new to volunteer to be the Treasurer. If you can handle a spreadsheet you can handle being the Treasurer, and I am willing to provide any support required during the transition year. If you are at all curious about giving back to the lake

community, send me an email at nick@nickevans.com.

Gull Lake Cottagers' Association
Statement of Profit & Loss
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

REVENUE	
Membership	\$ 12,100
Donations to GLCA	\$ 2,150
Lake Plan research grant (FOCA)	\$1,000
Newsletter	\$ 395
Merchandise	\$ 395
Regatta	\$ 1,340
Advertising	<u>\$ 100</u>
Total	\$ 17,480

EXPENSES	
Newsletter and Website	\$ 680
Donations to Community	\$ 1,600
AGM	\$ 2,120
Regatta	\$ 1,825
Lake Plan/Water Testing	\$ 4,450
Photo Contest	\$ 100
Golf Event	\$ 150
Maps (not yet sold)	\$ 1,500
Association Fees	\$ 710
Insurance	\$ 2,075
Office expenses	\$ 190
Recognition to volunteers	<u>\$ 170</u>
Total	\$15,570
2018 Revenue less Expenses	\$ 1,910

2019 GLCA Photography Contest

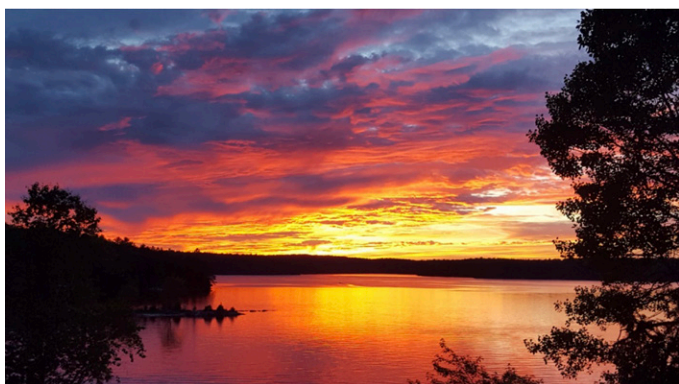


Photo by Barb Gillies summer 2018

The Gull Lake Photography Contest has FIVE categories:

- Action • Landscape • Nature • Life at the Cottage
- Photos by Children (under the age of 16)

Enter by emailing pictures to info@glca.ca with Photo Contest in the Subject Line by September 2nd, 2019. Tell us who you are, where you are on the lake and your age (if you are entering the under 16 category).

No more than SIX pictures can be submitted by an individual.

One winner in each category will receive a \$25 Gift Certificate from a local Minden business.

By submitting your picture for the contest you are giving the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association permission to display it on the website www.glca.ca and at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Membership Update

Judy Ingram, Membership Director

I would like to thank those of you who have already renewed your 2019 membership. Many of you are taking advantage of our website online renewal system. Remember, you do not have to have a PayPal account to pay online. You can make a credit card payment without creating a PayPal account. Unfortunately, you don't see that until almost the end.

I want to extend a special thank you to our Donors, who have contributed to our 2018 donations totalling \$2156! It really demonstrates to the Board, that you are serious about Lake Health and educating all the property owners on the lake.

Many of you have reached out to me with respect to having to fill out all the forms. I pride myself at being an "Old Hat" at the Membership role, and as a result know many of you and your Associates, donation practices, etc. If you would prefer to send us an eTransfer, you can do so, but please send the eTransfer to info@gulllakecottagers.com. Be sure to include your cottage address, and be clear about whom and what you are paying for. For example, The Ingrams, 1180 Bennett Lane, Primary Green Membership for One Year, and a

\$50 donation. eTransfer in the amount of \$90. All this can be typed in the comment section. This option is open to RENEWALS only, new members need to complete the information forms online or on paper.

Those of you that prefer sending a cheque, please feel free to print the Membership Renewal Form included in the Newsletter, or print the one online, fill it out, and send it along with your cheque to 10 Shortland Crescent, Etobicoke, ON M9R 2T3. Our goal is to have as many renewals processed BEFORE the AGM as we can. This really helps to stream line the entry process at the AGM. If you prefer to pay at the AGM, feel free to do so, we look forward to seeing you there.

Please let the GLCA know if there is someone new on your road. We would like to welcome them to the lake too! We will provide them with a GLCA Gift Bag filled with useful information, booklets and pamphlets from the MNRF and the OPP, Gull Lake Swag, and a NEW OWNER Membership Form. You and your new neighbour could be featured in the next newsletter.

Our thanks to those who donated

Mark & May Allison
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Lost and Found / Classified Ads

By Judy Ingram, Acting – Communications Director

It's spring time on Gull Lake. No matter how well we plan and how carefully we attempt to secure our belongings, some manage to slip away and float down the lake. Every spring, people arrive to discover things missing or items that don't belong to them, washed up on shore. Partially submerged docks and ramps can represent dangerous boating hazards.

Please take advantage of our Lost and Found Page on our website. In this day and age, we all have smart phones (or know someone who does) that take pictures that we can easily upload and send off to the info@glca.ca email address and hopefully reunite the owners and lost items. Please include a brief description of the item, where it was found, where it can be located, and your contact information. We will endeavour to post right away. If the item is retrieved, please let us know so we can keep our website up to date.

You may have items you want to sell or give away, these can be posted on the Classified Page. A picture (or pictures) of the item is worth a thousand words. Just send your ad to info@glca.ca with the information you want posted and how the person should contact you. This is all free to GLCA Members.

Spring 2019 Lake Steward's Report

Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

Sampling Results Summer 2018

Former Lake Steward Don Drouillard and myself undertook the annual lake sampling on August 6. The results below when compared to 2017 indicated that the E. coli levels were slightly better in 2018 except for the level at the lake inlet and the total phosphorus levels were also lower. These results are below the Provincial Water Quality Objectives so for the parameters measured we are in pretty good shape.

Our collective job is to make sure we keep doing the right things to protect the health of the lake for years to come. Your lake association will be spending more



Don getting ready for another sample

time and effort to educate our members and residents on the things we need to do to in the future to protect our lake environment.

Sample Description	Sample Date	TP ug/L	E-coli cfu/100m	Sample Date	TP ug/L	E-coli cfu/100m
Gull Lake #1 North End Inlet	Aug. 23, 2017	9.5	12	Aug. 6, 2018	4	22
Gull Lake #2 Gull Rock	Aug. 23, 2017	5.5	2	Aug. 6, 2018	3	2
Gull Lake #3 Deep Bay - Middle	Aug. 23, 2017	5.1	<2	Aug. 6, 2018	<3	0
Gull Lake #4 By outlet	Aug. 23, 2017	4.9	<2	Aug. 6, 2018	3	0
Gull Lake #5 Miners Bay	Aug. 23, 2017	4.8	2	Aug. 6, 2018	<3	0
Gull Lake #6 Opposite Rackety	Aug. 23, 2017	6.7	6	Aug. 6, 2018	<3	4

Septic Reinspection Program Update

Last Fall Minden Council deferred making any decision on adopting any septic re-inspection protocol for two reasons. 1) There was no money in the 2018 budget to hire a consultant to undertake any type of septic re-inspection program and 2) Council wanted to see the experience of Algonquin Highlands with its mandatory reinspection program. A staff report was received by Council at its January 24th meeting from the Chief Building Official indicating that the Septic Re-inspection Task Force was recommending a Type 3 inspection program carried by a consultant firm experienced in inspections and reporting. A Type 3 inspection requires the inspector to visit the site for a visual inspection including, lifting the lid of the septic or holding tank to inspect effluent level in the tank. Staff were suggesting re-issuing an RFP for the above program and requested Council direction.

Council received the Report and directed staff to proceed with the consultant firm option and re-issue the RFP for a Type 3 Septic Re-inspection Program. The biggest problem the Municipality has right now is trying to reconcile existing public health reports on septic approvals turned over to Minden Hills with role numbers of residential lots. They have approved a budget of \$15,000 to hire a student to start the reconciliation

Benthic Analysis-ULinks

On Gull Lake, the type of sediment present on the lake bottom is known as the benthic zone which is located on the lake bottom and is classified as the ecological region at the lowest level of a body of water. It starts at the shoreline and continues down until it reaches the floor, encompassing the sediment surface and subsurface layers. Although this zone may appear barren, it plays a vital role in the health of aquatic ecosystems. Tiny, microscopic organisms which cycle nutrients live in this zone and act as a source of food for bottom feeding animals.

We have completed an application form and forwarded it to ULinks to see if we can get one or two students to undertake benthic sampling and analysis at specific sampling sites and compare the results with the benthic sampling we undertook as part of The Lake Plan. These results will also contribute to our knowledge of keeping our lake healthy.

Aquatic Invasive Species Report

As reported last Fall we were successful in obtaining a \$1,000 FOCA grant and together with some GLCA funds we hired the firm Beacon Environmental to see what aquatic species (fish) we have in our lake and determine if any were invasive. In early September we undertook near shore seine netting in 13 sites around the lake over 2 days and preliminary results indicate we have a healthy minnow population that support our sport fish population. The report is still being finalized but the only species considered invasive were rock bass which we found in only 2 of the 13 sites sampled. The species found were, small mouth bass, largemouth bass, bluntnose minnow, logperch, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, and rock bass.

The full finalized report can be found on our website under the Lake Health tab.

You can help prevent the spread of invasive species to and from Gull Lake. These species disrupt the ecosystem and can lead to declines in favorite native species, like lake trout. Species such as zebra mussels, spiny waterflea, round goby and common reed are rapidly spreading throughout Ontario. These species can be spread by dumping bait buckets, trailering your boat from one lake to another before proper cleaning and planting non-native species or seed mixtures along your shoreline. If you use live bait, be sure to dispose of unused bait and packaging material including soil in the garbage. Water from minnow buckets, bilges and livewells can contain a variety of tiny invaders, and should be dumped on shore. When removing your boat from the water, be sure to dispose of any weeds or mud. If you are going to use the boat in another waterbody, clean it thoroughly and allow it to dry for 2-7 days.

Loon Survey and Report

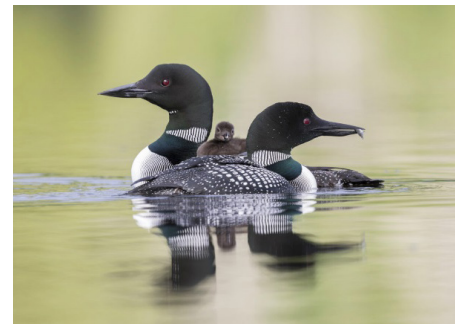
It isn't summer at the lake until you've heard the haunting call of the iconic common loon. But according to research from [Bird Studies Canada](#), a national charity committed to the conservation of Canadian wild birds, the average number of loon chicks produced each year has continued to drop over the last 30 or so years. "We're seeing that reproductive success is decreasing and approaching a concerning level," says Kathy Jones, the Ontario volunteer coordinator at Bird Studies Canada. "But we're not there yet, so it may stabilize, it may not."

While loon productivity is higher in Western Canada than Eastern Canada, both have experienced declines. In part, this is due to acid and mercury levels within lakes, which are directly impacted by the lake's temperature, in turn affecting food availability. Not to mention, loons must navigate the ongoing threats of boating activities, water-level fluctuations, and habitat loss due to shoreline development. "More hard surfaces, fewer naturalized shorelines, things like that have a huge impact on the species," Jones says.

At the moment, loon pairs must produce 0.48 chicks per year in order to

maintain the population. "Half a chick per year—it's a really strange number," Jones says. The presence of loon chicks is also a good indication that your lake is healthy. "The chicks only feed off that single lake, so if the conditions are not right on that lake for your chick to survive, there's a problem." If chicks survive until they're six weeks old, then it's considered a success by Bird Studies Canada. "It's at that point that they're old enough and healthy enough that they're going to migrate off our lake for the winter." In order to monitor the well being of loons across the country, Bird Studies Canada introduced the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey in 1981. Born out of research into "dead" lakes caused by acid rain, the survey monitors the long-term health of loons and, more broadly, the health of Canadian lakes.

Each summer, thousands of volunteers survey hundreds of lakes across Canada, documenting loon sightings. "The minimum we need is three surveys [from each volunteer]," Jones says. But "a lot of people are up there every day in the summer checking." Volunteers are required to conduct one survey in June for signs of nesting, one in July for chicks,



and one in August to see whether the chicks survived long enough to migrate. (the above by David Cruickshank taken from April 11/19 Cottage Life/Dockside e-communication and modified slightly)

Since loons are an integral part of our enjoyment of Gull Lake I have joined Bird Studies Canada and will be participating in their annual loon survey...with your help of course. I believe it is important to keep track of Gull Lake loon population and see if we have an increasing/decreasing or static loon population. The loon population is also an indicator of lake health. Therefore, I am looking for volunteers to help me keep track of the loons on our lake this June, July and August. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mike Thorne, Lake Steward at mgthorne1@gmail.com, or 416 434-2326.

Water Levels

Email – Roger Cunningham CEWF to Lake Stewards April 16/19

The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) Executive Committee has been receiving some questions and comments from members regarding this spring's water management in the reservoirs by Parks Canada. The main concern we have heard relates to the late filling of many of the reservoirs.

Your executive has been in regular communication with the TSW water management team, and we understand their strategy and actions. The TSW strategy is definitely to minimize the risk of flooding related to snowmelt and spring rainfall events remembering the extreme flood events of 2013 and 2017 both of which occurred when the reservoir levels were fairly high as a result of extreme rainfall events (April 15 to 19 in 2013, and April 30 to May 6 in 2017). In 2018, there was an extreme rainfall event in the forecast at the end of April that resulted in TSW action to lower the levels in many reservoirs resulting in high flows and rapid level changes. The more gradual filling this year is maintaining storage capacity for such rainfall events and forecasts.

The TSW is also monitoring the levels of water stored as snow and in the soil as well as drainage local runoff rates.

This spring we had a greater than average snowpack and a late melt particularly in the upper Gull basin. The long range forecast has been for a wet spring and already there have been several significant rain and rain on snow events. The TSW has begun filling reservoirs in the upper Burnt River system and in the Central lakes with the most significant filling in lakes that are known to be harder to fill. In the Gull, the harder to fill reservoirs have seen log adjustments while the TSW has maintained storage capacity in other lakes particularly those just above Minden and in large headwater lakes like Kennisis.

The TSW is now posting frequent Water Management Updates detailing forecasts and changing conditions. The updates are also posted on the CEWF website. It is important to follow these updates as conditions may change quickly at this stage of the spring runoff.

As I post this article the Town of Minden Hills has posted a high water warning for the week of April 22 and looking out my cottage window today April 22/19 the lake level looks like it is about 12 inches below the high water mark of May 2017.

In order to get information on lake levels go to the GLCA web site @ www.glca.ca and click on the Menu bars in the upper right-hand corner then go to Lake Health-Current Water Levels and follow the prompts.

The Shoreline Re-Naturalization Contest

Part of the mission of the GLCA is to protect, maintain and improve Gull Lake's natural shoreline to ensure the lake's overall health for today and for the future generations.

In 2018 we ran the Shoreline Re-Naturalization Contest in order to create awareness and understanding of how each of us can pro-actively do our part in creating a more natural shoreline.

The winning families had a chance to work with Julia Sutton, a shoreline re-naturalization expert. Here is one paragraph of her recommendation to the Ashley family for the area of their shoreline marked by the yellow box. This gives all the initial sense as to what we may want to be thinking about as we view our shorelines.

Planting will happen this spring and we will continue sharing more pictures and updates as the Ashley and Russell Families work on their project. In the meantime this spring is a great time for each of us to begin creating our own plans to re-naturalize our own shoreline. This gives all of us some insight into what to consider for our own shorelines.

The planting area has been broken into compartments. Each compartment is described with a photograph of the site and a corresponding plant list. Each plant list contains the common name, scientific name, plant type, height, bloom colour and bloom time, and a "Y" for yes, if the plant supports birds (BI), butterflies (BU), pollinators (PO), and mammals (MA). In the "Height" column, the measurement is in centimeters.

Compartment 1 faces south and receives full sun. It is 13 meters in length and has a low slope. Base on current property use, the land owners would prefer to keep the natural buffer width



to one meter. The soil moisture regime is moist, and the immediate shoreline area would experience fluctuation water levels. There are a wide variety of wildflowers, sedges, ferns, shrubs and trees that would grow well in this area.

Compartment 1											
Common Name	Scientific Name	Plant Type	Height (cm)	Bloom Colour	Bloom Time	BI	BU	PO	HU	MA	QTY
Black Eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	Wildflower	30 - 50	Yellow	July - Oct	Y	Y	Y			5
Blue Flag Iris	Iris versicolor	Wildflower	60 - 90	Purple	May - Aug			Y	Y	Y	6
Blue Vervain	Verbena hastata	Wildflower	60 - 180	Blue Purple	July - Sept	Y	Y	Y		Y	3
Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	Wildflower	60 - 160	White	July - Oct	Y	Y	Y			3
Canada Anemone	Anemone canadensis	Wildflower	15 - 80	White	Apr - Aug			Y			10
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis	Wildflower	60 - 120	Red	July - Sept		Y	Y	Y		3
Fireweed	Chamerion augustifolium	Wildflower	60 - 180	Pink	July - Sept		Y	Y	Y		3
New England Aster	Symphyotricum novae-angliae	Wildflower	90 - 210	Blue Purple	Aug - Oct		Y	Y			3

Important Fishing Information

Judy Ingram, Membership Director

Gull Lake is located in Zone 15 of the MNRF, along with all of Haliburton. Fishing is a much loved pass time on Gull Lake, by fisher people of all ages. In order to retain and build our fish population, it is important to educate everyone on what they should or shouldn't be doing.

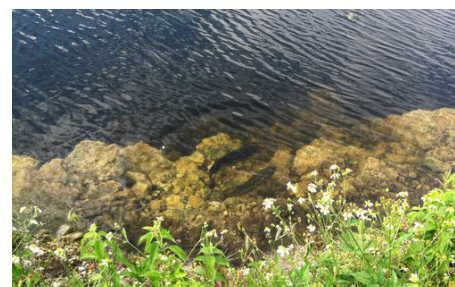
In particular, Large Mouth and Small Mouth Bass season does not start until the FOURTH Saturday in June. The period from late May until the season opens, is their spawning period and they aggressively protect the nest during that time. The female bass will only lay eggs after ten years of life and may only spawn once or twice in her life. If you target the bass, not only are you traumatizing them and affecting the reproduction cycle, but if you catch them, you can expose the nests to predators.

Those of you who simply can't wait, and throw back the catch, are doing far more damage than you realize. In the few minutes that you are reeling in your catch and then releasing the fish, waiting predators, mainly rock bass and sunfish will devastate the nest by eating the eggs or the young fish. Please be mindful of this and avoid fishing in the shallows and along the shorelines from May to late June. Young fisher people should be advised and educated to avoid this destructive practice.

It is important to note that targeting bass during their spawning season, while thoughtless, is illegal. You can be charged by the MNRF.



Nesting site



Largemouth bass nesting

Alice Island – Proper use of Crown Land

Judy Ingram, Membership Director

There is only one island in Gull Lake that is not privately owned. That island is Alice Island, just east of the northern tip of Sugar Island and south of North Morris Island. Gull Rock is too small to be considered an island, hence the name, Gull Rock. All other islands are privately owned. You must ask permission from the owner to use their island.

Alice Island is Crown Land. That means that it is open to the public and available for everyone's use. However, there are restrictions with respect to the use of Crown Land. Sadly, in 2018, many people used the island as a dumping site for their construction waste. As you can see from the photograph, our once beautiful island was becoming littered. The MNRF is very clear that Crown Land is not to be used as a dump site, and it is illegal and punishable by law to do so.

Alice Island is a safe place to burn, however, if you want to have a fire on the island, you must adhere to the MNRF guidelines with respect to use of Crown Land and fires. Below is information with respect to the use of Crown Land from the Ontario Government website.

Protecting the natural environment

Crown land is generally unmaintained, remote and used at your own risk.

When using Crown land, you are asked to act responsibly to help protect the natural environment and understand the risks associated with your activity:

- pick up and pack out litter, respect Ontario's Crown land
- never leave a campfire unattended and make sure campfires are completely extinguished

Safe campfires on Crown Land

Easy steps to build a safe campfire.

Choose a site

- pick a site close to a water source and sheltered from the wind
- build your fire on a rock or bare dirt
- build your fire at least three metres away from logs, stumps, trees and overhanging branches
- build your fire 15 metres away from buildings or tents



Alice Island summer 2018

Prepare the site

- clear a space (about two metres wide) for the fire
- remove pine needles, grass, leaves and twigs
- scrape the area right down to the soil
- ensure you have a pail of water and a shovel to control the fire

Build your campfire

- keep your fire small — it shouldn't be bigger than one metre high and one metre wide
- small fires are safer, easier to control, and easier to put out
- a small fire will also keep cooking tools from blackening and let you get close enough to cook

Stay nearby

- never leave a campfire unattended
- if you start a campfire, you are responsible for tending it, ensuring it is kept under control, and putting it out

Put the fire out

Use the following steps to put your fire out.

1. pour lots of water on the campfire
2. stir the ashes with a stick
3. pour more water over top of it

Repeat these three steps until:

- the ashes don't hiss
- everything looks wet
- no more smoke comes from the ashes

Safety tips for kids

- always have adult supervision when you are around a fire
- never play with matches or fireworks
- if you see a fire burning out of control, tell an adult immediately



Merchandise

Merchandise with the Gull Lake logo, as in the past, will be available for purchase at the annual general meeting May 19th at Kilcoo Camp and again at the lake Regatta on August 3rd. Cash sales please.

Our history – a snapshot of our rich past

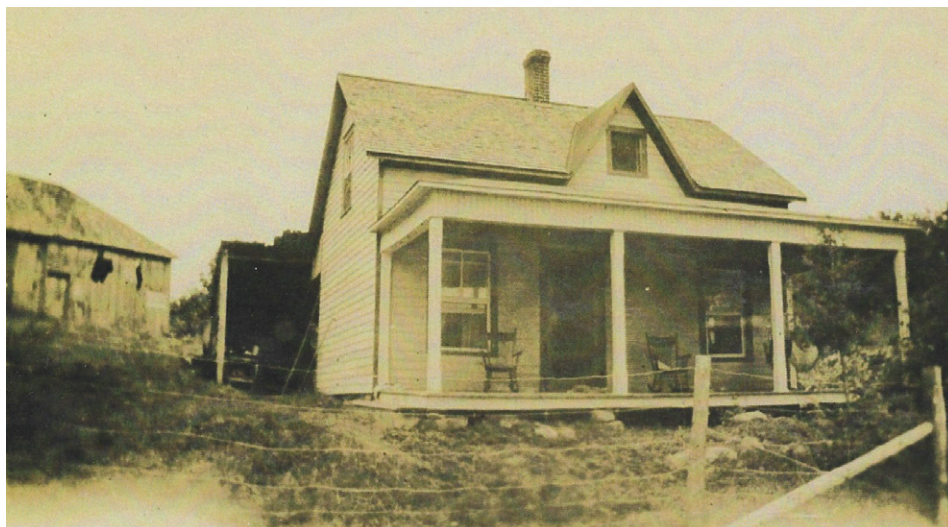
Russ Wunker, Local Historian, Long Time Resident – Miners' Bay Lodge

This photograph shows the Miners' Bay property as it appeared at the beginning of WW I. David Galloway moved from Norland to Miners' Bay in the 1870's, and set up a saw mill in the creek. Around 1875 he constructed this farm house – likely out of lumber cut at his mill. It had both vertical and horizontal boards, with newspaper insulation in between, and was covered with clap board siding.

He took a patent out on the property on January 29th, 1881 and was issued "35 acres free grant" on Lot 18, Concession VII, Lutterworth Township. He had earlier operated a store in Norland, and likely did the same at Miners' Bay early in his tenure. He became Miners' Bay's first Post Master in 1908. In those days, this building served as residence, store and Post Office. He also constructed a barn on the property.

In 1906, Galloway sold a small portion of his land to the Trustees of the "Miners' Bay Regular Baptist Church". By 1911, he had sold his remaining property to the Hopkins' Brothers and James Mark of Kinmount.

The John Percy family of Toronto arranged to rent the property from



Miners' Bay c. 1914

"Hopkins and Mark" shortly thereafter – beginning a family tradition at Miners' Bay that has lasted for over a hundred and five years.

This building, now known as MBL staff cabin # 5, is an atypical Victorian structure, as the roof gable is not centered on the building. Perhaps Mrs. Galloway demanded that one of the upstairs bed rooms be larger than the other! Originally, the structure sat where the MBL Tea Room is now situated. It was

moved to the current location when the MBL Winter House was erected in the 1930's.

This explains the special relationship between the house and the barn, (now the MBL Recreation Hall), in this picture. The lean-to structure at the rear may simply be a wood shed, or could have held a summer kitchen, or outdoor pit toilet. While no one is sitting on the porch, a dog keeps a watchful eye on the photographer.

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting Sunday May 19, 2019 Kilcoo Camp

Registration – 11:15 am
Lunch – noon
Meeting – 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm



Rock Bass Derby Saturday August 10, 2019 Miners Bay

Weight In: 12:30 pm



Regatta Saturday August 3, 2019 University Bay

Childrens Races: 10:30 am



GLCA 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Saturday August 17, 2019 Moncks Landing

Start: 9:30 am
Fun 9 hole event, all skill levels welcome.
Please watch the website for more
details in June.



Photo Contest (5th Annual)

Categories: Action, Landscape,
Nature, Life at the Cottage,
Photos by Children (under 16)
Submission by: Sept. 2, 2019
info@GLCA.ca



2019 GLCA Membership Renewal Form

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: _____

Home Phone: _____

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 (only one per cottage) \$40 _____

Hard copy of newsletter \$10 _____

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) \$ _____

Please make out sheque to "GLCA Treasurer"

Mail to 10 Shortland Crescent, Etobicoke, Ontario M9R 2T3

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.

Website: GLCA.ca

Contact: info@GLCA.ca



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The Haliburton School of Art + Design is a wonderful place to learn, grow and create, and we hope you can take some time for yourself this summer to explore fresh possibilities.

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For more information, and to register:

hsad.ca or **705.457.1680**
866.353.6464 ext. 3