

Gull Lake Gazette

Gull Lake Cottagers' Association

Spring 2023

President's Message

It's so nice to be at the cottage looking out at the lake. A wise man once said, "There are no bad days on Gull Lake!". I see someone's dock floating by, and I marvel how year after year, docks are still not being secured properly. I just had the pleasure of watching the CEWF (Coalition of Equitable Waterflow) videos, recently posted to their website. The GLCA is a proud supporter of the CEWF, and you can access them through our own website, under the Lake Health Tab > Current Water Levels > Button under the CEWF. Go to EXTREME WATER LEVELS WHAT YOU CAN DO. The first video gives you an informative understanding of how our water levels are managed and the second video, What You Can Do is narrated by our own Bruce McClennan. There are work sheets filled with great information and ideas to help every cottager cope with our changing water levels.

This year's AGM will have a new format. We will be meeting in the morning on Sunday, May 21st, 2023 at 9 AM, at Kilcoo Camp. If you could pay your membership ahead of time, this will help to streamline entry to the event. You will have more time to socialize, catch up with your cottage neighbours, and purchase GLCA Merchandise. The meeting will start at 10 AM and we hope to finish before noon. There will be coffee, tea and juice available, along with some baked goods, provided by Kilcoo Camp.

The closing of our Minden Emergency Department June 1st, 2023 came as a

shock to everyone. The HHHS Board orchestrated their decision in a way that has made it extremely difficult to extend or overturn. HHHS is one Hospital with two sites. While the Minden Hospital site will continue to offer some services (Physiotherapy, Bone Density Testing, Diabetes Services, X-ray), there is no In-Patient service, so all of the blue H signs will have to be removed from the building, the approaching roadways and the surrounding highways. If that's not a closure, I don't know what is. Our politicians play with words, while our community suffers the loss of a vital service that we helped to build. Read more inside the newsletter.

The GLCA's main focus is lake health. I had the pleasure of attending the Lake Stewards Meeting in May, with our Lake Steward, Mike Thorne, and his dedicated assistant, Don Drouillard. The CHA put on an extremely informative meeting that our Lake Steward will update you on at the AGM. Are you interested in lake health? Want to learn how we test? Mike is always looking for volunteers.

The GLCA was contacted by the Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Association, trying to stop the "Floating Cottage" that is emerging on several lakes in Ontario. They have outlined an action plan, and are close to execution, but we are waiting for the details, which they have promised to provide soon.

Our Shoreline Re-Naturalization Contest from 2018 has an update for you! Our winners have submitted pictures and

their own personal learnings on shoreline re-naturalization. The Haliburton County Master Gardeners can give you a detailed assessment and guidance about design, shoreline restoration, native plant and tree identification and assessment. Visit their website www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board Members, Beth Allison, Lisa Bagshaw, Tracey D'Alessio, Brian Pinnock, Mike Thorne, Norma Whitehead, Michael Latimer and all the volunteers that make these GLCA projects and events a success, year after year. A special mention to my friend Lee Fleming who designs the newsletter, and has volunteered at the AGM, Regatta, and Golf Tournament. We are always looking for people to help out. When you get involved, you get to meet so many interesting people on the lake. Students should keep in mind, that their time served can be applied to the volunteer hours needed for your SSGD.

Enjoy another fabulous summer on the lake, stay safe and have fun.

Judy Ingram
GLCA President

Board of Directors

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Treasurer's Report Spring 2023

Michael Latimer, Treasurer

It will be great to see all of you on the water soon.

GLCA remains in strong financial shape and as you are all aware, our focus is the health of our lake, the safety of our residents, cottagers, and our visitors.

2022 Year-End Bank Position

Cash balance = \$23,229.15
 GIC (Emergency Fund) = \$31,713.21
 Total = \$54,942.36

Emergency/Contingency Fund goal is \$35,000. This fund has been allocated for any lake health related challenges or emergencies. We did not allocate any additional funds in 2022 to the fund as we focused on our 100th Anniversary celebration, which was AWESOME!

Association Memberships and Donations remain vital to our Lake Health and currently include:

Coalition of Haliburton Properties Owners (CHA) – committed to protecting and enhancing the health of our lakes. <https://www.cohpoa.org/>

GLCA annual commitment of \$250.00

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_CEFW_Fact_Sheet.pdf

GLCA annual commitment of \$150.00

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

GLCA annual commitment of \$600.00

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

GLCA annual commitment of \$500.00

Thanks, as always, to Mike Thorne for all his hard work to keep our lake healthy!

Local Community Support.

Through our website we have provided links to the groups that GLCA supports directly, as well as several other of our local charities seeking support. Please take a moment to review and consider donating directly through the link provided: <https://www.glca.ca/local-charities>

Minden Food Bank \$1,274 (Money raised from the Regatta Food Sales).

Minden Hospital \$743 (Money raised from the Regatta Raffle).

We have some additional work to do regarding the closing of the Minden Hospital Emergency Room. Please support by signing the petition.

Other topics:

Gull Lake and Moore Lake Portage Update,

Following the 2022 Election there is a new Mayor of Minden Hills, Bob Carter, and apparently a task force was created last year. We will be putting another push on again in May. Please keep an eye out for any update on our website and we may need some support.

Ice Fishing Hut Task Force

An Ice Fishing Hut Task Force was created following the Annual AGM in 2022. In my last report, we provided suggestions, numbers, and names to call to report any activities that affect the safety of our residents, cottagers, and our lake health. Please share any harmful activities you witnessed. The Task Force will re-connect and discuss how this winter went and report back.

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

Gull Lake Cottagers' Association Statement of Profit & Loss

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

REVENUE

Membership	\$13,200.00
Newsletter Ad	\$200.00
Donations	\$5,525.00
Newsletter Fees	\$210.00
Regatta Raffle	\$743.00
Regatta Food	\$1,274.00
Merchandise Income	<u>\$17,720.00</u>
Total	\$ 38,872.00

EXPENSES

Newsletter Costs	\$178.20
Website IT Costs	\$988.09
Donations to the community	\$2,167.00
AGM	\$10,240.00
Regatta	\$2,426.42
Water Test	\$553.57
Photo Contest Prizes	\$125.00
Climate Change Contest Prizes	\$650.00
Rock Bass Derby	\$64.86
Bank Fees	\$83.76
Merchandise Costs	\$15,701.41
Lake Health Association Fees	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$2,181.60
Office Expenses	\$116.16
Membership Expense	<u>\$12,160.00</u>
Total	\$48,637.70

Keith Kennedy Rock Bass Derby

The Keith Kennedy Rock Bass Derby is open to children ages 12 and younger. See how many rock bass you can catch during the morning sunshine (or rain) then bring your rock bass to Miners' Bay Lodge at 12:30 pm for weigh in. You can enter as an individual or team. This event is a great opportunity for children to make friends on the lake. There are prizes for all participants, so good luck and great fishing!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 - RAIN OR SHINE

Membership Update

Judy Ingram, Membership Director

I would like to thank those of you who have prepaid your 2023 membership, or have already renewed it. Your continued support is appreciated. If you are not sure whether your membership is paid up, feel free to reach out to info@glca.ca and we will get back to you in a timely manner to let you know where your membership stands.

We have made renewing your membership as easy as possible. Membership is still only \$40 for the Primary Member, and an extra \$10 if you want the Newsletter printed and mailed to you. Associate Members are only \$10! Donations in ANY amount are appreciated and acknowledge in our Spring Newsletter and at the AGM.

The simplest way to renew, is to send us an eTransfer to info@gulllakecottagers.com with your cottage address in the comment box (This email address is ONLY for eTransfers). You can still renew online at www.glca.ca using PayPal, if you don't have a PayPal account, I believe you can pay through PayPal as a guest right at the end and go straight to Credit Card Payment. We still love to get the good old fashion snail mail, just print the attached Membership Form and send in your Membership Fees for 2023! The mailing address is right at the bottom of the Membership Form. Bank deposits are usually made at the end of the month. We try to be timely with the deposits. Rest assured we will process your payment. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience.

I take great pleasure in meeting our new owners and delivering a GLCA Welcome to the Lake Gift Bag filled with useful information, booklets and pamphlets from the MNRF and the OPP, and Gull Lake Swag. Already I have a brand new member and three deliveries from last year to make! Please let the GLCA know if there is someone new on your road. We would like to welcome them to the lake too!



Kevin and Kerri Debnam are pictured here with their beautiful daughter Madeline. The Debnams were scheduled to take possession of their cottage in the fall, joined the GLCA in July, and popped in to the Regatta to check things out. Mike Thorne and I welcomed them to the GLCA and the Regatta!

Our thanks to those who donated

Paul & Rose Allison	Rosemary & Gord Hendra
Mark & May Allison	Marshall Hoare & Amy Keele
Jessica Allison & JP Sado	Haines / Duncaigie Family
Lorna & William Anderson	Jon Ingall & Siobhan Carmichael
Beth & Jim Ashley	Tom & Judy Ingram
Richard & Anne Bailey	Marie Kennedy
Mike & Laura Ball	Randy & Martha (Bink) Larsen
Cathy & David Barnes	William & Patricia Lett
Brian & Mary Barrett	Ian MacDonnell & Carol Brewer
Bob & Marilyn Beamish	Deborah MacLean
Heather Beamish & David Lund	Debbie & Greg MacLean
Donald & Nadine Bell	Cary & Lynn McAllister
Joanna & Dan Birch	Miners' Bay Lodge
Ede Birkett	Paul & Carol Neal
Chas & Kirsteen Birkett	Richard Newman & Heather Reccord
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Andrew & Elizabeth Briggs	Patty Paterson
Neil Briggs	Donald Patten
Richard & Micheline Brown	Brian & Jill Pinnock
Alan Chapman & Fiona Law	Rob & Lori Resnick
Lee & Julie Colby	Rita & Terry Seeley
Rodger & Nancy Cummins	Kim Sharpe
Ron & Leona Dunkerley	Fay & Donald Simmonds
Hotch & Sheila Earle	Charles & Evelyn Simon
Tom & Jo-anne Ecclestone	Gary Sonnenberg
Jamie Ecclestone & Chris Bailey	In Memory of Helga Sonnenberg
Shelley & Alan Edwards	Gary & Helen St. John
Bradley & Lynn Egan	Jim & Patti Stewart
David & Deborah Elliott	Jim & Gail Sward
Rolf & Tania Fabricius	Cynthia & Mike Talbot
Peter Fode & Laura Beaune	William & Carolyn Treadgold
Nigel & Anne Fuller	Sandra Ward
Mary & Bill Gallienne	Joan & John Warren
Barbara (Bennett) & Cam Gillies	Diane & Ron White
Ann & Alan Gordon	Lee & Stephanie Williamson
Daniel Gosselin & Kirsty Goodearle	Brenda & Rick Wilson
Melissa Gracey & David Harris	Russ & Dottie Wunker

Lake Steward's Report Spring 2023

Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

Benthic Sampling 2023 Update

U-Links/Trent University Benthic Biomonitoring Project 2020

Project Report

The following is an update to the Benthic Biomonitoring Program after receiving the final report from Trent student Naren Pravin in April. The GLCA was successful in being one of the Haliburton lakes to participate in this biomonitoring research through U-Links and Trent University and we have completed our fourth year out of five in the program. 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?

This year the sampling was undertaken by U-links staff and volunteers with the invertebrate analysis and reporting undertaken by fourth year Trent student Naren Pravin

Identification of any negative trends will help us to take corrective action and maintain the health of the lake and potentially help to avoid future issues.

Findings

The results of this project are beneficial to the 5-year baseline study being conducted on Gull Lake. The mHBI values from this year's study indicate better lake health than in previous years and %EOT composition values indicate that Gull Lake is within the typical range for lakes located within Haliburton County. The Simpson's Diversity Index does indicate some concern for a significant decrease in diversity and this should be continued to be monitored to see if it is a potential trend or if this is a

one time occurrence or error in the data. All water parameters seem to be normal, but the slight decrease in dissolved oxygen concentrations should be noted and monitored.

Understanding the health of lakes is important in regards to proper management and use of the water body. Monitoring and detecting sources of pollution is essential in protecting aquatic health and the overall well-being of the ecosystem. Continuous monitoring can prevent major effects of pollution from occurring. Ensuring a healthy lake will help to guarantee the use and enjoyment of Gull Lake for years to come.

Highlights of the report are outlined below which indicates that our lake is in pretty good health. However, another year of collecting baseline data and comparing our results with other Haliburton lakes will give us a more definitive comparison with respect to Lake Health.

A full copy of Naren's report can be found on the GLCA website under Lake Health.

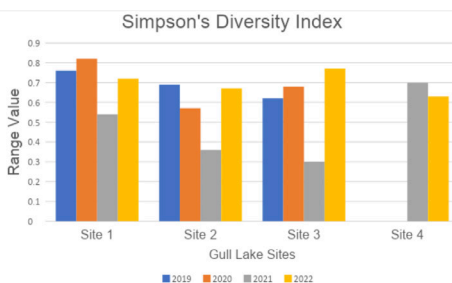


Figure 2: Graphical representation of the Simpson's Diversity Index values for each site across Gull Lake located within Haliburton County over a span of four years, from 2019-2022.

In previous years, the results of the Simpson's Diversity Index were a cause for concern due to declining values. However, in the current year, we have seen an increase in values at sites 1, 2, and 3, which is a positive sign for the overall health of the lake. In order to get

a deeper understanding of the index it is important to collect more data.

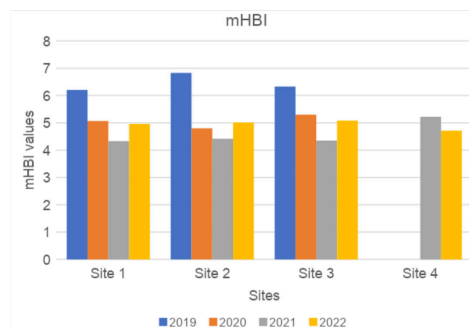


Figure 3: Graphical representation of the mHBI values for each site across Gull Lake located within Haliburton County over a span of four years, from 2019-2022.

It appears that there has been an improvement in the general health of the lakes as compared to prior years based on the mHBI ratings after thoroughly analyzing this year's data. But, it's crucial to remember that these results are just preliminary, and additional information is required to draw any firm conclusions and identify any emerging trends. The mHBI scales may not accurately indicate the health of lakes because they were created primarily for stream ecosystems, according to other studies. However, analyzing data over several years from reliable sample locations can assist in identifying any long-term patterns in tolerance levels. In light of this, the findings from this year's data indicate that Gull Lake is currently in good health.

Conclusions

All the indices and data collected suggest an overall good lake health when compared to other years. This report and data will contribute towards the five-year baseline inventory that we aim to create. The data from the 5-year inventory may help with further research by being a reference to compare data from research happening further than the baseline.

Lake Steward's Report Spring 2023

Continued

What's Coming up...

On Saturday May 6th, I attended the CHA Lake Stewards Meeting and will be reporting at our AGM on the highlights of the following agenda items.

1. Monitoring lake health in the 2020's - presentation by Hutchinson Environmental
This research, commissioned by the C.H.A. is being presented for the very 1st time
 - a. What items to monitor
 - b. Listed by priority
 - c. Cost in \$ and hours for each item
 - d. Impact of new technology
2. Increased Algal Blooms, the Causes – a 1st time presentation by Dr Norm Yan
3. The impact of wakes on our lakes (New Research) – Safe Quiet Lakes
 - a. Research conducted in Canada and the US on the effect of wakes on lake beds, shorelines etc.
 - b. Current or proposed regulations in Canada, United States and Europe on wakes.
4. C.H.A. Initiatives and Plans for 2023
 - a. What we will be asking your municipal government for
 - b. Our work with Haliburton County government

Invasive Species Education

Last year at our AGM I noted that MNRF had made changes to the Invasive Species Act regarding watercraft moving from lake to lake.

As part of the Invasive Species Act, 2015, the following regulatory changes were in place as of January 1, 2022:

“Carrier - overland movement of watercraft, a person shall not transport watercraft overland, unless:

- i. drain plugs and other devices used to control drainage of water from the watercraft and watercraft equipment have been opened or removed
- ii. reasonable measures have been taken to remove any aquatic plants, animals or, algae from the watercraft, watercraft equipment, and any vehicle or trailer used to transport the watercraft or watercraft equipment overland

Prior to reaching a launch site for a body of water, the watercraft, watercraft equipment and any vehicle or trailer used to transport the watercraft or watercraft equipment must not have an aquatic plant, animal or algae attached to it.

No person shall place a watercraft, watercraft equipment, or any vehicle or trailer used to transport a watercraft into any body of water if the watercraft, watercraft equipment, vehicle or trailer has an aquatic plant, animal or algae attached.”

As a result of these changes the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) was hired by MNRF as part of a Water Steward program to educate anglers on the new rules and what was required to avoid the transport of invasive species.

Last year the Water Steward program had tremendous success by engaging over 1,200 boaters across the Durham, Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge regions! They are hoping to maintain that momentum this year by continuing to educate

Shoreline Preservation Bylaw

The shoreline preservation bylaw was passed during Haliburton County's regular council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 24 after many questions were raised to director of planning Steve Stone.

The bylaw came into effect on April 1, 2023, and will “prohibit or regulate the destruction of injuring of trees and native vegetation and to prohibit or regulate the placing or dumping of fill, the removal of topsoil, the alteration of the grade of land within 20m of shoreline properties in the County of Haliburton.”



and empower the public to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

The OFAH is planning to send a representative to our AGM. Look for their Booth and pick up important information on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

We also hope that OFAH would be able to come by for an event on Gull Lake this Spring/Summer to advocate for preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. This event could involve a simple set up with a booth and a couple of volunteers providing resources and educating people/anglers as they come by, or it could involve a free boat cleaning station. This could be held on a weekend.

The GLCA is looking for a couple of student volunteers or others to assist OFAH in making this happen on our lake this summer. If you would like to assist please contact Mike Thorne our Lake Steward by email at mgthorne1@gmail.com. Thanks
See you at the AGM.

The Problem...

Something called a Floating Cottage has emerged on several lakes within Ontario.

These things are actually shipping containers welded together, floating on unencapsulated Styrofoam and stabilized with vertical steel girders.

The problem... they have been erroneously designated as vessels by Transport Canada.

The issues are numerous, pollution, environmental destruction, navigation, use of public lands, unregistered, paying no municipal taxes, consuming local emergency services to name a few.



The builder(s) and owners believe they are able to operate above any law, navigate where-ever they wish, "park" and pollute anywhere on our lakes and not pay municipal taxes.

At last count we have engaged 10 federal, provincial and municipal agencies and not one of them believes they have the ability to regulate and manage this issue.

There is a 3 part solution that solves this issue

1. Petition Transport Canada to treat Ontario waterways and floating homes in the same manner that they ruled on, 20 years ago for floating homes in British Columbia.
2. Petition Transport Canada to revoke the vessel classification they have applied to these objects, they are floating homes just as they have ruled in British Columbia.
3. Engage and educate local municipal government that they have the right to create bylaws that regulate floating homes within their boundaries (as Township of Georgian Bay has already done).

Transport Canada's stated policy is to ensure fair and consistent policy across Canada, British Columbia's regulatory framework from Transport Canada defines these as Float Home.

As a vessel, shipping containers can't be regulated by local municipalities... as Float Home they can.

As Floating Homes, municipalities have the legal ability to manage them:

- Adherence to a building code
- Regulate where they can (and cannot) "park"
- How municipalities can manage float home sewage and environmental destruction
- Registration and paying to the municipal tax base

The Plan to be executed prior to summer...

The Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Association (GPCA) has led the way in framing the solution and engaging the right stakeholders.

Our team has built a multipronged plan with 4 primary objectives:

1. Engage 30+ Cottage Associations to have their members send targeted emails to Minister and Deputy Minister for Transport Canada and top 6 bureaucrats controlling this file in Transport Canada petitioning for a change.
2. Employing our Cottage Association stakeholders to delivery 30+ House of Commons petitions to the same government stakeholders petitioning for a change.
3. Engage 30-40 municipalities with water resources in their boundaries that are large enough to support floating cottages and communicating that their respective councils have passed a resolution to petition for a change.
4. Engage 12-15 Members of Parliament to advocate on our behalf to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Transport Canada.

Here is a link to provide you with instructions and a copy of the letter [Float Homes not Vessels Minister Letter & Instructions to Complete](#)



Minden ED to Close June 1st, 2023

On April 20th, 2023, the HHS Board announced that they will be closing the Minden Hospital Emergency Department June 1st, 2023, providing only 6 weeks notice.

The Minden Hills Council Meeting held April 27th, had Carolyn Plummer, President and CEO, and David O'Brien, Board Chair of the HHS appear before Council regarding the closure of the Minden ER.

The closure was an HHS Board decision that was made without consulting or notifying ANY stakeholders, Minden Hills Council, Haliburton County Council, doctors and nurses involved, and EMS services. The process followed by HHS was designed to prevent any opportunity for the community to intervene.

Staffing challenges were demonstrated by the 22 near Emergency Department Closures last summer. The 22 incidences came within 2 hours of closing an ED. You can all imagine the stress involved in circumventing this from happening. The HHS Board felt that this would continue into 2023 and felt that they could better handle the situation with only one ED to staff. While ALL these almost closures were at the Haliburton Hospital and NOT the Minden ED, the HHS Board felt that the more central location of the Haliburton Hospital in Haliburton County would be the preferred ED option.

Bob Carter, Mayor of Minden Hills, was very diplomatic and professional. He was concerned that the stakeholders were not notified in advance, asked for help, or involved in the decision. He also noted that the Year End Report submitted by the HHS in December 2022 did not allude to any pending ED closures. He asked that the decision be reconsidered and/or extended to November 1st. Unfortunately, the HHS Board were firm in their decision. He also asked them to reconsider their position before their presentation at the Haliburton County Council Meeting at 4pm later that day. Again, the HHS Board appeared before Haliburton County Council and refused to change or defer the date.

A Rally was held in Minden on May 6th. It was determined that a trip to Queens Park to the Ontario Legislature would help raise awareness outside the community. The group was successful in raising awareness on all the News Channels and even Cottage Life magazine. A petition with 17,107 signatures was presented. Unfortunately, the PC government did NOT fully understand the situation and the implications of closing the Minden ED, or pretended not to. The Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, kept on repeating that the Minden Hospital was not closing, and the ED was moving to Haliburton, and it was a local decision that they did not need to interfere with. What the legislature didn't know, is that there is no In-Patient service in the Minden Hospital. There are other services, such as Bone Density testing, Physio,

etc. HHS is One Hospital with Two Emergency Department sites. Once the Minden Emergency Department is closed, the Blue Hospital signs have to be removed from the building, the approaching roadways and the highways! Is that not technically a "Closure"?

The HHS Board is a Not for Profit Corporation. You can become a member for only \$10. Members vote at the HHS AGM for the Board. It's interesting to note that the timing of the announcement was 3 days before the April 23rd cut off, of who is eligible to vote for the Board! The HHS AGM is June 22nd but only members that joined BEFORE April 23rd are eligible to vote at the AGM! The HHS Board also announced that they would hold the AGM via Zoom this year, to prevent an in person event. A Board Member serves a 3 year term and can serve a maximum of 3 terms. The HHS AGM not only votes in the Board, but also votes to accept the financials etc., and the other business of the Board.

The Highlander Newspaper dated May 11th, 2023 has a two page spread (page 8&9) detailing that there is NO plan from the HHS Board beyond the June 1st date. There are letters from a doctor, the Minden Physician Group and Past HHS Chairs (who strongly disagree with the closure and question the complete lack of transparency).

On Friday May 12th, 2023, a Special County Council Meeting was announced, on Tuesday, May 16th at 9am, where a delegation from the HHS will appear to discuss the ER Consolidation Plan/Reorganization. You can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ac1enPZR6sc>

The GLCA website has added a page SAVE THE MINDEN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. In my conversation with Bob Carter, the only thing that we can do is write letters. He suggested writing directly to Carolyn Plummer and David O'Brien of HHS, our MPP Laurie Scott, the Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, the Premier Doug Ford and your LOCAL MPP where your home in the city is, to make them aware of what is happening in rural areas, where we like to "play". Our rural hospitals are VITAL to the community. Our webpage has a form letter you can download, edit as you see fit, or write your own letter. Emails are easily deleted and blocked, so physical letter writing is more effective.

The Ontario Health Coalition is holding a province wide Privatization Referendum May 26th and 27th. <https://www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca/> Visit the website, be informed.



The Shoreline Re-Naturalization Contest Follow Up

After the execution of the Love Your Lake Program on Gull Lake. The GLCA initiated a contest to illustrate how a shoreline could be re-naturalized. The 2018 winners were featured in the Fall Newsletter in 2019, as they began the process of consulting with Julie Sutton, our expert. You can review how it all started by downloading the 2019 Fall Newsletter from the website.

Catherine Gregory and Scott Russell (Page 5 of Fall 2019 Newsletter) Reported the Following:

Going into our shoreline project, we knew there would be some challenges because the area is very rocky and the pockets of soil are small. Because of this, we focussed on small shrubs and native wildflowers to achieve our project goal: to fill in an

area that had been cleared of trees, without blocking the view of the rock face. I would say our biggest learning has been that we have less control in a naturalization setting than we do in a more cultivated garden. You have to go with the flow and accept that weather and animals can lead to varied results, season to season. The purple asters that are in full bloom this fall, were largely eaten down to the ground last year. Overall we are happy with the outcome. We have reduced the risk of erosion, there is generally something in bloom in the area, and we have learned a lot about native plants and how to use them on our larger property.



The Ashleys (Page 6 of the Fall 2019 Newsletter) Reported the Following:

The rocks for the break wall and shoreline garden came from our old pressure treated wood crib dock which was replaced by a more waterfront agreeable winch-up dock. We chose to plant a less dense pattern to allow for the native plantings to fill in over the seasons. Black landscape material is used in the garden to prevent weeds, giving the native plants the opportunity to dominate. Each spring the material around the plants is cut back to allow for the native plants to spread. Some of the plants have even meshed into the face of the rock wall and are flourishing.

A lot of enjoyment comes from the native pollinator plants

that were used. The limited colour from typical annuals purchased from a local nursery compared to native is surpassed by the interest in the abundance of butterflies, bees, and caterpillars attending the native plants and their subtle blooms. In particular the butterfly milkweed plant steals the show. Everyone is intrigued by following the different stages of the Monarch butterfly lifecycle.

This was an environmentally friendly project that continues to be thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to the GLCA, friends Brian Pinnock, Blair Paterson and our family for their help in making it a reality.



Message from The Regatta Commodore

Norma Whitehead, Commodore

Save the date - Saturday August 5, 2023!

As a Gull Lake cottager all my life, and a member of a family with five generations of regatta participants, I'm very excited to be the newest Regatta Commodore. I have a special group of family and friends that look forward to co-ordinating this year's event, but we always need more hands on the actual day. High School Students who volunteer can use this opportunity to count as part of their volunteer hours. Please contact normawhitehead@me.com if you can help us out....we can't do it without you!

If you would like to donate a Raffle Prize, please contact me directly. Remember, the money raised from the Raffle goes to the Minden Hospital! Our Food Sales support the Minden Food Bank.

If you won a trophy at the 2022 regatta, please remember to bring it with you on August 5/23 or make arrangements to get it back to us before the day.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM!

Sneak peak for summer swag!

Lisa Bagshaw

Traditional hoodies, crews and 1/4 zips are available along with some new additions: new colour youth tshirts, new tote bags, and some extra cute onesies for the newest members of the Gull Lake family! Come see us at the AGM and the Regatta. Cash is preferred but we can take your credit card... and we promise to give it back

- Please note that Debit and Credit Card transactions will carry an additional fee to cover the credit card fees and transactions fees.



GLCA
GOLF
Tournament

Saturday
August 19th
Monck's Landing
Rain or shine
9:30 AM Shotgun Start
An email will follow with
registration information.



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 30, 2023. 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). Please note that your membership should be in good standing. ie. Paid.

MINDEN RED CROSS HOSPITAL

In 1948, local residents formed the Minden Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, largely with the support of Dr. Agnes Jamieson who had arrived in town at the beginning of WW II. By 1955 plans were well under way for an "Outpost Hospital", similar to ones already established in Wilberforce and Haliburton.

Local citizens and summer residents joined the fund raising efforts. The project moved forward quickly with volunteer labour, and substantial financial support from the Provincial and Federal Governments, and the Canadian Red Cross. Premier Leslie M. Frost opened the facility in 1956.

The hospital included eight beds, a nursery, nurse's residence, and portable X ray machine. Equipment and services continued to grow with the support of ongoing fund raising, by individuals, local service clubs, and organizations such as local Lake Associations.

Many residents of Gull Lake gave to the effort. The Percy family of Miners' Bay contributed towards beds and other equipment. Alex Horn, owner of a Lindsay woolen mill, who started vacationing at Miners' Bay in 1909, donated blankets and other supplies.



Symbolic of cottager's support, records show that the total expenditure of the Miners' Bay Property Owners Association in 1955 was \$223.65, of which \$100.00 was their donation to the Red Cross for the Minden Hospital.

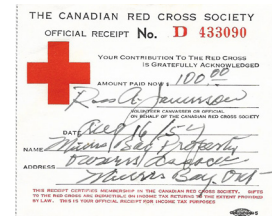
Since amalgamation of the two Gull Lake Associations in 1972, the current organization, has regularly made donations to local health care. By the early 1990's the hospital was one of the smallest in Ontario, and was under control of St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough. Facing reduced hours of service, and threatened with closing, the community again stepped up.

A new Hospital was constructed

adjacent to Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden. On December 12, 2000, the services of the old hospital were transferred to the new facility, ending close to a half century of service.

This Post Card view of the facility was part of ongoing fund raising efforts.

Russ Wunker
April 30, 2023.



MINERS' BAY "IN THE NEWS" – EVENING TELEGRAM – 1936

This image is taken from a 10" x 17" framed copy of *THE EVENING TELEGRAM* of Friday, June 19, 1936. The artifact was kindly donated some years ago, by MBL guest, Gary Lane.

Page # 8 of that edition, featured Haliburton County. Titled: "Haliburton Offers Unlimited Possibilities for the Vacationist",



it provided seven views from across the area. Interestingly, May 2023

two of them are from Gull Lake.

In the bottom row, the third photo from the left shows: "The main lodge at Deep Bay Inn on Gull Lake, near Minden. "Ernie" Windover's resort is internationally known to fishermen". Reference is also made to another photo, presumably of fishermen, and a catch, which is not in the framed display. The Windover family were early tourist operators on the lake.

The image at the top right depicts a scene closer to MBL. "For scenic highways there are few places to equal Haliburton County. This is a view at Miner's Bay, a step from the Bay View Hotel, familiar for years to travellers in the district". The Wunker family purchased the Bay View Hotel in 1938.

Russ Wunker
July 2021



GLCA Membership Form

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.

Website: GLCA.ca

Contact: info@GLCA.ca

E-transfer to:

info@gulllakecottagers.com

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 hardcopy 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) \$ _____

Please make out cheque to "Gull Lake Cottagers' Association"
Mail to 10 Shortland Crescent, Etobicoke, Ontario M9R 2T3



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Naomi Smith, HSAD faculty member
Trillium Bag



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