

# Duck Lake Cottagers' Assoc. Newsletter

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## President's Corner - John Fisk

### Thoughts of Spring

As I sit down to write this short note the sun has just crossed the equator as it is the solar equinox. My thoughts are turning to the summer and Diane's and my time at the cottage. It has caused me to think of the many things that are and might be happening on Duck Lake.

The ice is going out. Who has been caught in their cabin waiting to cross the lake and who is anxious to be able to cross to get to their cabins? The Trillium's are no doubt in blossom in the forest and the spring fresh-it is moving back the shoreline as the lake level rises. Will we find a tree down where we don't want it and was there any damage? What will need painting and what should finally be taken to the dump? I know that our friends are in the sugar bush and it's a good thing because our supply of Maple Syrup has been depleted.

The Pickerel Spawning crews are anxious to be going out at night to begin the process after two years of being on a pause. The Duck Lake Cottagers Association will resume its financial support after placing it on hold, just as so many other things, for the pandemic. Let this be a reminder that those nasty viruses are still around.

I think of many other things as spring approaches; how many engines won't start, has the new fox pup from last year survived the winter, what shrubs have been eaten by the deer, have the mice taken over our dwellings, how many pipes have burst, what properties have changed hands, will the kinks from over the winter work themselves out as quickly as we hope, and will things finally be back to normal after the pandemic?

Your Duck Lake Cottagers Association will be up and running this year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the water.

### 2022 Summerfest Picnic:

Saturday July 23, 2 - 7 pm.,  
eat at 5- ish (Rain date July  
24, noon -5 ish.)

At Allan & Kathy Crowther's  
cottage, Duck Lake Road.

Bring: lawn chairs, swimwear,  
and a dish to share (salad or  
dessert).

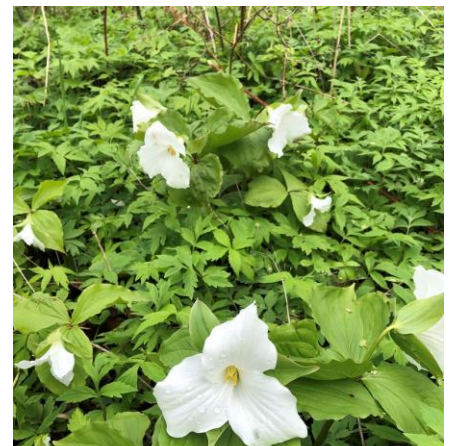
Cold drinks and BBQ options will  
be supplied. BYOB.

### 2022 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of  
the DLCA on Saturday July. 30th,  
2022, 9 -11 a.m. Arnstein  
Community Centre.

Anyone interested is  
welcome.

This is an election year,  
please consider becoming a  
director.



# Pictures From Canada Day 2021



## It's On - the 2022 Canada Day Boat Decorating Contest and Flotilla

So... get your thinking caps on and your creativity working to come up with your boat decorating ideas for this year's contest!

When: Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 2 p.m.

Where: Cruise around the Duck Lake Landing docks, for the judging and awarding of prizes. This will be followed by the 4th Annual flotilla of decorated boats around Duck Lake and Pigeon Bay.

Why: Great fun activity. Chance of winning a prize, and the flotilla is a TERRIFIC way to raise awareness of the Association around the Lake.



Be sure to see and support our page of sponsors!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage of New Public Docks Project Completed - by: Claire Theijsmeijer

Summer 2021 was challenging for any building project, with the price of lumber skyrocketing! The Directors waited till the end of August when prices came down some to construct the 3<sup>rd</sup> floating dock, and ramp. Thanks to some great volunteers, this was completed in one day. The new dock was stored in the bay near Tom Howell's cottage, since the old floating dock would remain on the east side of the landing until after hunting season. In spring 2022, the new dock will be installed on the east side to add to the old floater. This will give about 36 ft. of docking space on this side.

The DLCA would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the project, especially Paul Cameron and his Kubota! We couldn't have done it without you! Our appreciation goes to Tom Howell for installing anchors, and for removing and reattaching docks in spring and fall, and also to Mark Young for removing the old dock in the Fall after hunting season.



### Government Policy on Camping on Crown Lands in Ontario

People have been camping on Crown Lands for decades. What is new is the increase in numbers of these campers during the pandemic. We do not know if this trend will continue or taper off now. Cottage residents have noticed more campers passing through. Just to keep informed about the current status of camping on Crown Lands, you can check out this website for detailed information and a map:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/recreational-activities-on-crown-land>

The main points are:

- Canadian citizens may camp up to 21 days for free at any one site in one year
- Non-residents who don't own property in Ontario must buy a permit to camp north of the French & Mattawa rivers, must be 18 or older, and can camp for up to 21 days per year
- campers must find out and obey all posted rules e.g., Campfires, fishing, garbage etc.
- campers must check the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas map on the above website for permitted uses where they wish to camp
- camping is not allowed in green zones, which are protected areas on the map (Provincial parks may allow camping)

The DLCA encourages all campers to protect and preserve natural areas for both wildlife and human benefit.

## LAKE ASSOCIATION DUES

Reminder – Dues now follow the calendar year!

2022 Duck Lake Cottagers' Association dues of \$100.00 were due in January.

To Pay:

Etransfer your funds to:

[ducklakecottagers1@gmail.com](mailto:ducklakecottagers1@gmail.com)

or  
send your cheque to the treasurer –

Tom Howell  
610 Lumberton Cres.  
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Members will receive their 2022 placards once dues are paid.





## Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

The Duck Lake Cottagers' Association is a proud member of FOCA. Therefore, you have access to these **Benefits & Offers** available to all their member families:

Log in online at <https://foca.on.ca/benefits/>

Using Member Web Login **Username= focamember**  
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- Exclusive access to [CottageFirst](#), the first cottage group insurance program
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- [Canadian Canoe Museum](#) 30% off any Membership (code= **FOCAsaves2021**)

Login & offers are subject to change, but were current as of March 2022.

### Need help with member benefits?

Contact the FOCA office:

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**If ever there was a year to 'shop local', this is it!** By: Deborah Hart

As smalltown Canada emerges from the pandemic, and all of the restrictions that entailed, local businesses need our patronage. No one wants to emerge from the pandemic only to find local shops gone from the landscape. In order to preserve the unique local flavour of our little piece of paradise we cottagers need to really embrace the homegrown businesses in our area.

Remember to put your \$\$ where your cottage is.

Please consider supporting the local businesses on this page and the next, who have provided product discounts and/or pricing to the Duck Lake Cottagers' Association!

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