



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Doug Shaw

Happy New Year to everyone. Yes, you are reading correctly, I have the honour, once again, of being your President for this wonderful Association.

This winter seems somewhat familiar doesn't it? Lots of snow to shovel and rain over the holiday season. That seems right since it seemed to rain almost every day all summer.

We are living in interesting times, aren't we? By the time you receive this newsletter and look back on 2008, it will be one to write down in the history books. Most of you will know that your assessments went up by approximately 40% over the past 4 years and the Toronto Stock Market went down 40%. Seems fair, doesn't it? Expenses went up, income goes down. Many of you are asking the same question, "Will this mean that my property taxes will go up by 40%?" This question will be addressed at this year's Annual General Meeting on July 5, 2009. Remember to mark this date down on your calendar.

If you have any suggestions on how you can make an impact for the betterment of our Canning Lake Property Owner's Association community, please let our Executive know and we would be happy to listen.

All the best for your family in 2009.

*Attend the July AGM to hear the answer to: "Will my property taxes be going up by 40%?"*

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## Canning Lake Merchandise

By Kathie Wagg

It's time to think about SUMMER!

We are offering new Canning Lake merchandise this year that will help you enjoy your summer time.

Ladies, the Yoga pant and matching jacket will be perfect for cool summer evenings, or for late spring, early fall days. The Yoga pant is a contoured fit with lightly flared leg opening and is lightweight (made of a 87/13 cotton/spandex mix). The matching jacket has a fully zippered front with raglan sleeves, cadet collar and slit pockets. It is also lightweight (made of a 95/5 cotton/spandex mix).

For all BBQ'ers, at last, your own Canning Lake bib apron. Order one for yourself, and some as gifts for

family and friends.

For you active folks, get your own Canning Lake retro stainless steel 12 oz water bottle, with easy clip carabiner, to keep you hydrated when you walk, run, hike, canoe, sail, etc. Another great gift item.

Do your shopping the eco-friendly way with a couple of our natural jute tote bags. These bags are 14.25" X 15.5" and 7" deep so they will hold a lot of groceries. Another super gift!

To be sure you have the opportunity to obtain this merchandise (as well as our unique pottery mugs, license plate holders, and T-shirts) simply fill out the order form enclosed with this publication and send it, with payment as indicated, by April 20, 2009. Remember, all prices shown

include taxes — what you see is what you pay! This is the only order we will be doing this year — don't miss your chance!

Thank you to those who provided suggestions for new products for the CLPOA to offer. Thank you also to those who regularly order and purchase our merchandise. You demonstrate your pride in our beautiful lake by wearing and using Canning Lake merchandise, and you help the CLPOA to undertake activities to help our lake. All proceeds from our merchandise sales go to our environmental fund. We encourage many more of you to "join the club" and purchase Canning Lake merchandise.

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# Marker Buoys Q & A

By Bill Lithgow

*Why do we have markers on Canning Lake?*

To provide safe boating visual aides; maintain our shore line; and protect swim areas.

*What kind of markers do we have on Canning Lake?*

Starboard and Port Lateral Buoys / Channel Marker Buoys / No Wake Marker Buoys

*Who worked with the CLPOA Executive to confirm the locations of the markers?*

The Canadian Coast Guard.

*Can a boat / water vessel be moored (anchored / tied off) to a Canning Lake Marker?*

No. Canning Lake markers are not Mooring Buoys; therefore, according to the Canadian Coast Guard documentation under "Boating Restriction Regulations": **"no person shall alter, conceal, damage or destroy any authorized marker and shall not use such markers for mooring purposes"**.

*What should Canning Lake Cottage Owners do should they discover a marker is missing, damaged or has been moved?*

Contact me at (705) 286-1639 (please include date and time in the message) or via e-mail at [b\\_lithgow@hotmail.com](mailto:b_lithgow@hotmail.com). Or, if you find a marker floating away because the cable has been damaged, please secure it to your dock or place it on your beach and leave instructions of where I can pick it up.

*Who deserves a "thank you" for their help in 2008?*

Dave Houlding who assists me with the responsibilities of the markers; my family who volunteer their time and efforts to maintain and repair them; and the many cottage owners who report lost or found markers or those that have been damaged or their location altered.

*The Canadian Coast Guard worked with the CLPOA Executive to confirm the locations of the Canning Lake Marker Buoys.*

HAPPY AND SAFE BOATING IN 2009!

## Golf Day 2009

By Bob Taylor

We are reinstating our Golf Day using a new format suggested by one of our members—John Piper. On **Saturday, July 18**, at 3:30 p.m., we are going to have a

9-hole game of golf (best ball format) at Blairhampton. There will be a number of prizes to be won and a potluck BBQ will follow at John's place at approximately 7:30 p.m. As there

are a limited number of openings available, anyone interested in participating is asked to contact John in advance at [john.piper@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.piper@sympatico.ca) or at (416) 948-1635.



## Sailing Regatta 2009

By Kurt Andre

This past summer, a number of new sailboats have appeared on the shores of Canning Lake and we hope to have the biggest group ever for our sailing day. The fun races will be held on **Satur-**

**day, August 1** in the wide part of the lake. Boats are to gather around 10:30 a.m. and the races will begin at 11:00 a.m. If the weather is in doubt, look for the big orange floats marking the course. If they're there, we're on!

Light snacks and a social gathering will follow the races at David Dennis' cottage. For information, contact me at (705) 286-6824 or [kan-dre@rogers.com](mailto:kan-dre@rogers.com).



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## HELP IMPROVE CANNING LAKE'S FISHING

By Gus Janca

If you regularly fish in Canning Lake, you could help the Ministry of Natural Resources monitor game fish populations and, ultimately, help improve fishing. You can do this by keeping a Fishing Trip Record in which you record the number, sizes and location of the fish you catch.

This data will then be used by MNR biologist, David Flowers, of the Minden office. This is part of a broad-scale fisheries monitoring program implemented across Ontario. Catch records are vital to a continued assessment and understanding of fish populations. Flowers is especially interested in identifying and mapping lake trout and walleye spawning locations. The information gathered might lead to a fisheries management action plan for our chain of lakes (Soyer's, Kashagawigamog, and Canning), which could include the establishment of an accurate historic perspective of the fishery, a review of water quality information, education and communication opportunities, options and considerations for habitat improvement, and definition of fisheries management objectives.

If you regularly fish in our lake, and would like to participate in this voluntary angler diary program, you can get copies of the Fishing Trip Record by visiting the MNR office in Minden, or contacting Gus Janca at 705-286-6570 or [gandijanca@yahoo.ca](mailto:gandijanca@yahoo.ca). Any efforts to improve fishing in our lake will also help improve the lake environment.

## 2008 Was a Safe Water Year

By Gus Janca

Not all lakes are as lucky as Canning Lake. Our water has again proven to be good in all 3 types of tests the CLPOA conducts. Having participated in the Provincial Government's Lake Partner Program for many years, Canning Lake's waters have again shown low levels of nutrients, especially phosphorus. Unwanted high levels of phosphorus are the most significant cause of rampant weed and algae growth.

The presence of bacteria can also be a concern for recreational use of the lake, and the CLPOA has continued our established sampling program, which looks specifically for E-coli. High levels of E-coli make water unsafe for recreational activities, espe-

cially swimming. We are fortunate that all of the dozen sites tested this summer had levels well below the Provincial Water Quality Objective.

The third area of water quality that the CLPOA monitors is presence of invading species. We do that by participating in the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' (OFAH) Invading Species Monitoring Program. CLPOA volunteers gather samples using equipment loaned by the Invading Species Monitoring Program. A haul net is used to sieve tiny organisms from the lake water. The samples are sent to the OFAH laboratory where they are put under microscopes by biologists. At present, zebra mussels and spiny waterflea are of particular concern, province-wide. Fortunately, 2008 samples from our lake failed to show

either of these organisms. However, Canning Lake, as well as any number of other lakes in Ontario, does have an infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil (an aquatic plant native to Europe). Other plant and animal invaders can become new threats in the future, so continued monitoring is essential.

Unwanted nutrients, bacteria and invading species are man-made problems. Nutrients are washed into the lake when septic systems don't work properly; when soil is disturbed (particularly during excavations); and when natural vegetation is removed to establish lawns or artificial waterfronts. Poorly maintained septic systems can cause dangerous bacteria levels. Invading species are

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## 2008 Was a Safe Water Year (continued)

primarily spread from lake to lake by boat traffic and careless handling of buckets.

With the increased use of our lakes, and with more and more “baby boomers” choosing to retire to the cottage,

The pressure on the natural systems in our lake is increasing. It is imperative that we continue our monitoring programs, and that we all use common sense to mitigate human impact on our lake’s environment.

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## Bear Talk

By David Dennis

The thought of bears creates a contrasting variety of emotions among us ranging from endearment for your beloved teddy bear to curiosity when viewing a picture in a magazine, or even to fear when a black bear encroaches into our space.

It is the fearful confrontations on your property that most anyone would agree need to be reduced. Not by reducing your fear but by reducing the number of occurrences. This is now a more pertinent issue than ever as close bear encounters seem to be more numerous. With the closing of dumps and conversions to transfer stations, the likely possibility of bears looking for new food sources has increased.

Efforts to reduce close encounters include eliminating the most common attractants. Common attractants are bird feeders (at any time but the deep winter months); pet food left outside; improperly stored garbage; and composters. (Most likely it is not the scraps in the composter the bears want but the delectable little grubs!) One idea for garbage is to keep especially potential smelly scraps frozen until they are to be carted away. As an added benefit, this can also make for a less smelly trip when transporting the garbage.

According to Bart Hillhorst, bear expert of the Minden MNR office, it is important not to diminish a bear’s fear of humans. He says that people should not try to make friends with bears. People have been known to go to the local dumps with food in hand to try to entice a bear closer so they can get a picture. Accordingly, this and other friendly encounters only make bears less fearful of humans which encourages them to come closer to us for food.

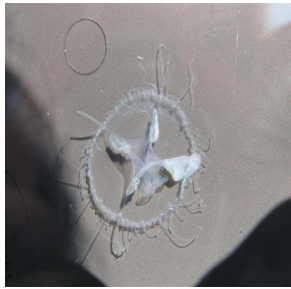
Bears, whether we like it or not, are in cottage country. Somehow we must learn to co-exist, hopefully at the greatest intervening distance as possible. When that distance is uncomfortably narrowed, such as when a bear is on your deck, common advice is to make a loud noise—perhaps with pots and pans. An afternoon stroll with pots and pants dangling from your belt may be a touch impractical but an emergency whistle such as a Fox 40 worn around the neck; a small air horn in a pocket; wearing a bell tied to your belt; singing; or even walking in a group may provide some measure of comfort. Climbing a tree is not advisable as bears are good climbers nor is running. Should you encounter a bear, don’t run but watch the bear and back away slowly. A small consolation may be that black bears are 90% vegetarian but this is certainly no reason for complacency. Hillhorst says that the human voice may be the best noise maker as it also gives bears an association that humans are displeased which further reinforces the idea to keep away from humans.

Around the cottage or house there are a few things that should also be considered. Understand that window and door screens are no barrier to a hungry bear and bears are always hungry. Opening a window for ventilation would be a good alternative to opening a door provided there is not an easy access through that window (i.e. firewood, tables, ladders under the outside of a window could create an easy entrance through that window). Keeping garbage in odour controlling containers in a secure garage or shed is also helpful. The concept of completely deodorizing the BBQ after every use to ensure bears are not attracted to the BBQ is unrealistic but maintaining a clean BBQ will minimize the attraction.

The Ontario MNR has initiated a program of public education called “Bear Wise”. The website, “ontario.ca/bearwise” contains excellent information. To report bear problems, you may contact the MNR at 1-866-514-BEAR. For immediate threatening situations, call 911.

In conclusion, for everyone’s safety, a love of bears should be devoted to teddy bears.

We're on the Web !  
[www.canninglake.ca](http://www.canninglake.ca)



In July 2008, Jellyfish  
appeared in Canning  
Lake

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compliments of Janice Lithgow,  
Silverwood Road, Canning Lake*

## 2009 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>P.I.G. DAY</b>	Saturday, 4 July	9:30 a.m.	Ingoldsby Park
<b>A.G.M.</b>	Saturday, 5 July	10:00 a.m.	Rigney's Roost 1037 Hamlin Lane
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Saturday, 18 July	3:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Blairhampton BBQ at John Piper's, 1974 Bat Lake Rd
<b>Sailing Regatta</b>	Saturday, 1 August	10:30 a.m.	Canning Lake (middle of the lake)
<b>Family Fun Day</b>	Saturday, 1 August	3:00 p.m.	Ingoldsby Park

## Jellyfish on Canning Lake!

By Kurt Andre

Even after years of cottaging and being on the water there's always something new to be seen. In July 2008, Canning Lake and Kashagawigamog Lake had a massive bloom of freshwater jellyfish with literally millions of these

quarter sized creatures appearing for a few days on our lakes.

While technically not true jellyfish, they make quite convincing impostors as they drift and swim by in search of their puny prey which they can sting like real jellyfish

with their numerous tentacles.

Next time you see something unusual at the lake don't just blame it on the sun or the drink. You may actually be watching one of your cottage neighbours!

## In Memoriam — Canning Lake

AILEEN TAYLOR, passed away July 6, 2008 at age 97. She was the wife of the late Sherman Taylor who built the cottage at 1206 Sterling Lane. Sherman was the first president the CLPOA.

STEVE MANOL passed away August 23, 2008 at age 77. Beloved husband of Yvonne (nee Kidd) for over 57 years. Steve worked for the Ontario Government for 37 years and had been appointed Land Registrar for the Land Titles Division of Toronto and York South. The family cottaged at 1070 Masters Lane.