

#### Mark Your Calendar for **2014 Events:**

- KLA 2014 Membership Fees Due Jan. 1. Pay by cheque and mailed, by Interac
- KLA Raffle— Draw May longweekend @ Fernleigh Lodge
- Canada Day Boat Parade July 1st, 1:00 pm Starts in Whitefish Bay
- KLA AGM July 12th, 9:30-11:30 am Harlowe Hall
- Family Day August 9th, 11:00-3:00 pm Fernleigh Lodge
- Fall Dinner September 13th, 6:00 pm Fernleigh Lodge

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### FishTv Films on Kashwakamak Lake!

opened his cottage to FISH TV's popular hosts Ron James and Leo

Stakos and their crew as they filmed for five days in August. This popular bass fishing TV show spent time on Skootamatta, **Palmerston** 

and Kashwakamak Lake.



FishTv Cast & Crew with Andrew Blake, Photo: Land O'Lakes Tourist Association

"They had a great time and got lots of fish," commented Andrew Blake. "They swam, fished and I gave them a boat ride down the lake," Blake added. Andrew donated his cottage and hosted the crew

KLA Board member Andrew Blake in an effort to raise awareness about the lake and the Kashwakamak Lake Association.

> According to the show's host, Ron James, "Lake Kashwakamak in The Land O' Lakes area is one of the best kept secrets when it comes to the outdoors and fishing. We at FISH TV had the

experience of fish-

ing a number of lakes in the area. We had the pleasure of staying on the picturesque Kashwakamak Lake with our hosts, the Blake family."

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Check out our Association website for up-to-date news & information:

www.kashwakamak.ca

Join our 480+ Kashwakamak Lake group on Facebook!



### President's Corner - Gordon Hunter

Well it is hard to imagine where summer has gone. It seems like no sooner it had arrived and then it was over. Looks like we are getting a decent fall to compensate.

#### New Message Boards & Logo



The KLA board has had a busy spring and summer. You have no doubt seen the new message boards that have been placed around the lake. I hope you find these as useful reminders of upcoming KLA events. This year we added the beautiful new Kashwakamak Lake logo that is now on our website, newsletters, email and letterhead. We have also produced some clothing and hats that set off the embroidered logo. The clothing is for sale in an effort to raise funds for KLA work. They are for sale at Fernleigh Lodge while supplies last.

#### **KLA Raffle**

The KLA also successfully obtained a Raffle/Lottery license from the township for a fund raising raffle. Andrew Blake, a KLA Board member, secured the prizes from local sponsors:

Tweed Lawn & Sport, Fernleigh Lodge and Bishop Lake Outdoor Sports. We are offering a first, second and third prize of:

- (1) a **fishing package** (boat, motor & trailer),
- (2) a two night stay atFernleigh Lodge(accommodations & meals), and
- (3) a fishing accessories package.

The retail value is almost \$9,000 and the odds are fantastic with only 1,000 tickets available. Tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50 and available at Fernleigh Lodge or from board members. The draw will take place on the May long weekend 2014 at Fernleigh Lodge just in time for next summer. Get your tickets now!

#### How we'll use the money

The money raised through the raffle is targeted long term as reserve funding for the implementation of the important Lake Sustainability Plan. In the short term, we are hoping to have enough funds by next summer to purchase and install close to 100 hazard warning markers (buoys) around the lake. These markers were developed through FOCA and will provide safe, uniform marking of the potential naviga-

tion hazards we "Make so
have on your gue
Kash. The
yellow markers equipme
measure
about 20"
high and are about alcohol"

"Make sure you &
your guests have all
the proper
equipment required
by marine law and
don't consume

10" in

diameter with a reflective tape wrapped around the middle.

#### **Water Safety**

We are also looking into the costs etc. for "no wake" and

"speed limit" markers to remind boaters in areas sensitive to wake and narrow areas where the law requires speeds of no more than 10 km/h.

The O.P.P. continued to actively patrol our lake again this summer. The KLA has met



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with them to try to determine the frequency as well as the types of warnings and charges laid. We have managed to find out there are two detachments that have jurisdiction on Kashwakamak Lake with the regular marine units. There is also a S.A.V.E. (Snowmobiles – ATV's – Vessels – Enforcement)

unit that is the wild card

and so far, we have not

received their statistics.

The marine unit police

who attended the Annual Family Day said S.A.V.E is an independent unit and the marine police unit does not know when or where S.A.V.E is on the lake. In fact, they could potentially all be there the same time. Our advice: make sure you and your guests have all the proper equipment required by marine law and don't consume alcohol.



Myers Cave Road @ Happy Landing Photo: Susan Robinson

### Loon Watch Nesting Platforms

New this year, Darryl Simpson has taken over the Loon Watch monitoring and together with his committee is looking into constructing floating loon nesting platforms. The fluctuations in water levels and predator activity will continue to be monitored and the KLA looks forward to working with Darryl and his group.

The KLA board said farewell to retiring director Ruth

Blamire and welcomes replacement Kelly Hagerman of Weiss Point. Sue Mac-Gregor a long time contributor as newsletter editor, has now tak-

en on responsibility for the website and joins the KLA board as a director. The KLA board now stands at 11 directors. We are still looking for representation from Brown's Bay and the central lake area.

(ashwakamak Lake

Don't want the commitment of a director, why not join a committee?

We also want some young blood to offer

important input and are looking to form a youth advisory committee for family day. Do you have some young people willing to join in? If so please have them contact me; <a href="mailto:president@kashwakamak.ca">president@kashwakamak.ca</a>.

"We're looking to form a youth advisory committee for family day."

I encourage you to visit our website,

www.kashwakamak.ca as it contains important, relevant information. We are constantly looking at ways to improve both the website and as a board. Your input and suggestions are always welcomed. Please be sure that membership director Allen Archibald has your email address and current contact information.

We wish you all a pleasant fall and Happy Thanksgiving ... ooh I can almost smell turkey!

Gordon B Hunter September, 2013



# Treasurer's Report – Allen Archibald

The payment of annual dues is proceeding on schedule with 71% paid up to date for the 2013 year. For those who have not yet paid, there is a reminder notice included in the mailed out package and an electronic notice in the e-mail package.

Please remember that there are two options to pay your fees – the cheque route and the new Interac route – see explanation below.

The fees for 2014 are due

**January 1**<sup>st</sup>, **2014**, so if you are paying for 2013, why not add the extra \$15 for 2014?

As in the past, all KLA sponsored social functions have been planned as a net zero cost function. The **Annual Dinner and Silent Auction** is expecting to achieve this goal on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> with the Auction money to be given to charity.

The **4th Annual Family Fun Day** event held in August proved to be a wonderful success – see

the write-up on page 10 for more details. However, the business model we used this year to plan a "break-even" did not include proof of payment of entrance fee, nor payment for food. Consequently, some confusion was created resulting in some guests not paying for the event nor for their food. This resulted in a small financial loss for the event this year. Lessons learned will be applied next year.

Allen Archibald

# Paying your Membership Fees with Interac

There are 2 ways to pay your membership fee:

1. Pay by **cheque** made out to: Kash Lake Association Mail to:

Kashwakamak Lake Association

RR #1

Arden, ON K0H 1B0

2. Pay by Interac

## How to pay your Association Dues through Interac:

You are a member of our e-mail group (KLA criteria)
You bank through a Canadian banking institution only
(Interac criteria)

You use personal accounts only (Interac criteria)
You set up the question and answer (Interac criteria)

- specific question to be: Short name for lake
- specific answer to be: Kash (KLA criteria)\*\*

The e-mail address for the payee

<u>treasurer@kashwakamak.ca</u> (KLA criteria)



**Note:** If you bank with CIBC you will have to provide a longer answer than "Kash", so make the answer "Kashlake" and let Allen know you are with CIBC within the comments field.

# Membership Report – Allen Archibald

Our membership remains a perience include:

2 Associate Members. Although the number has slipped slightly from a year ago, analysis of the difference is almost entirely because of cottage sales and new owners not knowing about KLA.

### You can Help

You can help us spread the word about the KLA by talking to your new neighbours about the lake association and/or letting any of the KLA board know of any cottage transfers.

Our e-mail group has grown to 307 (81% or our members). The advantages ex-



perienced by our e-mail group include:

- ⇒ Being informed of various lake related issues being addressed at the township level,
- ⇒ Receiving lake bulletins issued by Mississippi Valley Conservation,
- ⇒ Learning of pending meetings related to such items as logging,
- ⇒ Reminders of various KLA social functions,
- ⇒ Monthly newsletters from FOCA and of course,
- ⇒ Receiving our spring and fall KLA Newsletters.

We encourage all those who have not yet supplied their e-mail address to do so. We also recognize that some connections

are dial-up, which in turn means that we do not send large files to these e-mail addresses. If you believe you are on our e-mail list but have not heard from us for

"You can help us grow our

KLA membership by

talking to your new

neighbours about the lake

association ..."

some time, it is probably because we no longer have your valid email address. Please let please let me know by e-mail,

<u>allencarchibald@gmail.com</u> so I can add your name to our list.

Allen Archibald

# 1st Annual Land O'Lakes Fishing Derby – The Results are in!

August 17, 2013: With over 300 registrants, the First Annual Land O' Lakes Fishing Tournament was a success! The 5 chosen lakes; Sharbot Lake (the central location), Kashwakamak Lake, Big Gull Lake, Desert Lake and Loughborough Lake, were fantastic venues for anglers. With local participants, and even those traveling from Ottawa, Toronto, New York, Pennsylvania and other locations, anglers enjoyed a great day on the water with friends and family followed by a catered dinner at Oso Beach in Sharbot Lake.

http://www.travellandolakes.com/adventure/fishing/

#### The Results for Kashwakamak Lake:

Name	Species:	Weight (pounds):
1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Lloyd	largemouth	3.48
2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlene Cripps	largemouth	3.17
3 <sup>rd</sup> Justin Martin	smallmouth	3.09



# LOON STUDY — Kashwakamak Lake

# How are Kashwakamak Loons Doing?

After a bountiful 2012 year, where we saw nearly every breeding pair producing hatchlings (in most cases two) we have seen the production rate drastically decline this season. Cottagers have only reported sightings of hatchlings numbering two. One hatchling was reported in the Weiss Point / Fernleigh Lodge area and the other at the west end of Kashwakamak Lake. This poor showing is likely caused by high water submerging existing Loon Nesting areas. Loons will not lay eggs in these conditions.



With this in mind, the Lake Association is looking into providing Floating



Nest Platforms (see Figure A). These Floating Platforms will have the ability to rise and drop with the water level giving our loons suitable nesting areas.

We Need You: The loon study still needs more information and would appreciate any information you might have such as sightings, nest areas and babies (hatchlings) from all areas of the Lake.

If you have any knowledge,

information or a desire to help in the Loon Study, please contact our KLA Loon Study Coordinator, Darryl Simpson

**Call** 613-336-1409. or **email**, dsimpson 59@sympatico.ca

### Did You Know?

Loons can stay under water for almost a minute and can dive to depths of 80 m.



Labour Day—Milky Way over Twin Oaks Photo: Brian Kitko





Kash Lake Eagle
Photo: Jeremy Pottle



**Blue Heron** Photo: Sue MacGregor

# Lake Steward's Report - September 2013

This has been a wet year compared to last year when we had a very dry season. Last year the fire ban was on most of the time as the threat of fire was high and the frog ponds in the back coun- "The rain try were dried up.

This year our docks have been floating or submerged with the water level up to a foot higher than usual. The rain just kept on coming!

The rain affected the water

clarity of the lake as my sechi disc readings were in the 4.2 meter range all summer. The usual clarity is in the 5 meter range.

This summer the temperature of the lake was the highest in July - in the low 80s F.

The ice was off the lake on April 19th this spring compared to mid-March in 2012.

See you on the ice this winter.

Milt Houle

# **MNR Fish Study 2013**

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lake..."

Thanks to KLA Board Director Kevin Phillips for hosting Kraig Kavanagh this summer as the MNR undertook its 2013 Fish Study on Kashwakamak Lake.

Species that were found include:

Lake Herring (Cisco)

Lake Whitefish

Burbot (Ling)

Pumpkin Seed

Large and Small Mouth Bass

Perch

RockBass

Brown Bullhead

Pike

Walleye

**Fallfish** 

Bluntnose Minnow

Log Perch

Golden Shiner

White Sucker

### Check MNR's "Fish Online" Site

Fish Online is the MNR's new site and from there you can find our lake and see what information is included. The site also has information from the previous broad scale program and what species were found.

This <u>link</u> will take you to the MNR's site which shows the results.

Note, if you cannot click on it, just copy and paste the full link below into your web browser <a href="http://www.web2.mnr.gov.on.ca/">http://www.web2.mnr.gov.on.ca/</a>
fish online/fishing/fishingExplorer en.html

Once you are on the <u>Fish Online</u> site, simply type in the name of the lake (Kashwakamak) and then click the <u>red A</u> on the map.

If you have any questions, you can email <a href="mailto:kraig.kavanaugh@ontario.ca">kraig.kavanaugh@ontario.ca</a> or his manager, Steve Vandermeer at

steve.vandermeer@ontario.ca.

# **UPDATE: Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability Process**

### State of the Lake Report Unveiled at July's AGM

The July 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at the Lions Hall in Northbrook. The main focus of the meeting was the unveiling of the **Kashwakamak Lake – State of the Lake Report – July 2013** which brought together all the information the KLA's Lake Sustainability Planning Committee was able to gather about what we know about the lake. Scott Bennett, a Kash cottager and member of the Lake Sustainability Committee presented an informative <u>overview of the report</u> and fielded guestions.

Scott reminded us all that the purpose of a lake sustainability process is to:

- Promote discussion and action with all community members
- ◊ Identify and protect specific lake values
- Identify issues and impacts
- Set a future vision for the lake.

But most importantly, **community engagement** is critical to ensure the lake sustainability plan reflects the interests and concerns of the broad community and not special interests.

# Highlights from the State of the Lake Report

Scott shared some of the highlights contained in the report, namely:

#1 Value - Clean, clear water

#1 Use of the Lake - Swimming

#1 Concern - Personal Water Craft

The State of the Lake Report Topics include:

- Water & Water Levels
- ♦ Commercial Activity
- ♦ Wildlife

- Septic Systems
- ♦ Lake Development
- ♦ Boating and Fishing
- ♦ Social History

You can get more information on what was gathered by going directly to the report and area of personal interest.

### Give us your feedback!

As Scott pointed out, the next step is for people to read the report and give us their feedback. We know we are missing some information and are looking to update it for 2014. Scott encouraged people to follow these steps:

Step 1 – Read the State of the Lake Report

**Step 2** – Think about what they want for the future of the Kashwakamak Lake community

**Step 3** – Provide their contact information

**Step 4** – Provide their feedback to the KLA's Lake Sustainability Team

### What do you Envision?

It is important that all suggestions be based on the findings in the State of the Lake Report as it represents the view of the overall community. Here are some of suggestions that Scott gave on how to frame feedback:

- ⇒ What do you want for future generations?
- ⇒ What should we stop doing?
- ⇒ What should we start doing?
- ⇒ What should we continue doing?

### **Social History**

A large part of this effort is also collecting the **Social History** of the lake and its surroundings.

This is an ongoing effort and the KLA encourages all cottages and users of the lake to gather their stories and share it. For more information contact Don Cory, <a href="mailto:dcory.site@gmail.com">dcory.site@gmail.com</a> or Sue MacGregor, <a href="mailto:suemacgreg-">suemacgreg-</a>

or@comcast.net

When asked, most people want to give us their **feed-back in writing** so we ask that you do so. However a number of people took the time at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Day and Barbeque to stop by and chat with members of the Lake Sustainability

Committee and we appreciate their input.

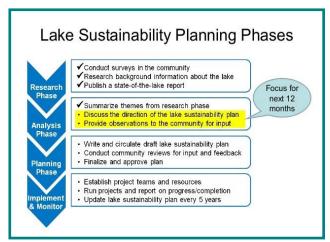


Both the full report and report summary are

posted on the <u>Kashwakamak Lake website</u> along with a one page <u>feedback form</u> that people can print out and return. Printed copies are also availa-

ble at the library in Cloyne and at the North Frontenac Council Office. If you don't have access to a computer and would like a copy, please contact Judy McIntyre, VP KLA at 613-233-3564 or <a href="mailto:ritchiemcintyre@rogers.com">ritchiemcintyre@rogers.com</a>.

The KLA Lake Sustainability group will be sending out reminders over the fall, winter and spring season for people to provide their input.



# It's Easy to Help with the Lake Sustainability Plan Tell us your story!

The Kashwakamak Lake "State of the Lake" Report, which is the first milestone in the lake sustainability planning process includes a "Social History" section which is piecing together the story of our lake and how it was settled. It is a "living" section in that we will be adding to it as new information is provided and post it to the KLA website, <a href="www.kashwakamak.ca">www.kashwakamak.ca</a>.

We are asking people who live, play and work on the Lake to share their stories. Add your photos, old documents and timelines. Share the history of your Kashwakamak Lake story. To date we have a comprehensive history of Weiss Point and we would like to add more. We also have a map of the lake indicating where we have social history contributions so you can learn about the history of this beautiful lake.

Please help us out. Take some time during the off-season to talk to your family and friends and then share it with us. For more details, contact Sue MacGregor @ 613-336-2693 , 612-916-8774 or <a href="mailto:suemacgregor@comcast.net">suemacgregor@comcast.net</a>.

# Family Day – Saturday August 10th Fernleigh Lodge

We had a busy few days for the KLA board members. Hamburger patties hand made by our master chef (Andrew Blake) and his assistants were freshly packed on Friday, ready for the Family Day Barbecue, along with hot dogs, sausages and hand cut fries. According to those in the line ups the food was well worth the wait. Board members arrived early morning on Saturday to set up the tents, craft tables, silent auction items and picnic table in the "Food Court". This was our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kashwakamak Lake Family Day and Barbeque and the weather could not have been better.

Registration opened at 11:00 with many arriving early to enjoy the day and meet neighbours from around the lake. The O.P.P. were on hand to answer questions regarding boating safety etc. They also set up a display of safety gear and other items of interest to cottagers. There were also

numerous items in the silent auction where the bidding was quite competitive.

New this year was the **Balloon** Castle and the free Snow Cones which were certainly popular with young and old alike. Our Family Day regular events, Rock Painting and Face Painting are always popular with our younger crowd as are the old fashioned picnic

War to wrap up.

Our entertainer "The Cow Guy" played to all ages and had several young "assistants" enjoy being part of the performance which included magic, comedy and juggling. His balloon artistry was magical and there were many thrilled young people watching in awe as he created his one-of-akind masterpieces.

games and the final Family Tug of Please support these businesses as they have supported your KLA.

> Enjoy a visit to our website www.kashwakamak.ca and see the many photos from Family Day. If you are not in them, be sure to join us next year. We will look forward to seeing you.

Mary Larson





### KLA Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

Our annual fall dinner and silent was the Lodge Cheese Cake or auction was held on Saturday, September 28th at Fernleigh Lodge and attended by 54 members of the association. This year 14 of the members were attending the dinner for the first time. Happy Hour started at 6:00 pm which gave us an hour to organize the donations for the auction and to chat with our friends and neighbours before sitting down at 7:00 pm to enjoy dinner. Kevin, Melissa and their staff prepared a terrific menu including fresh baked rolls, Fall Squash Cream Soup, Caesar Salad, Spinach/Cheese stuffed Chicken Breast, roasted potatoes and beans and carrots. Dessert

Ice Cream with seasonal fruit sauce...all topped off with tea and ◆ coffee.

The Silent Auction was lively and very successful as we raised \$641, which will be donated to several local charities. A big thank you to the cottagers who brought their donations for the auction. We also dropped off 8 bags of food for the Food Bank. The door prizes were donated by community businesses and association members:

- Two beautiful Muskoka deck chairs made and donated by Richard Morton from Tweed,
- a lovely split wood Martini

- bench crafted by Milton Houle;
- \$65 gift certificate for a massage donated by Timothy **Christ of Cornerstone of** Health on Kashwakamak Road; and,
- → 3-\$20 certificates from Parky's in Northbrook.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in the planning and execution of the evening, especially Mary Larson, Carol Finkle, Allen Archibald, Elizabeth Kaiser and Andrew Blake - I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Heather Penney, Annual Dinner Coordinator

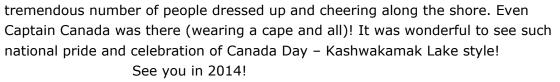


Great fun was had by all meeting neighbours on the lake, bidding at the Silent Auction and eating a great meal! Photos: Allen Archibald

# **Canada Day 2013 Boat Parade**

# Great water and shore participation!!

Despite the cold and windy weather, the KLA's Annual July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day Boat Parade was a success!!! Great enthusiasm was shown by boat owners (the decorations were amazing) as well as the





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Ron went on to say, "The scenery on Kashwakamak is breathtaking and the fishing is virtually untouched. If you get the opportunity to get away to the Land O' Lakes be sure to stop and check out Kashwakamak Lake, you will love the experience."

The shoot was coordinated by Rachelle Hardesty, the General Manager of the Land O'Lakes Tourist Association. "We have a contract with FishTv, Rachelle explained. "They have filmed eight TV shows and we are in our second year working with them."

"Our research shows that a TV show like this gets over 2.5 million viewers and has a 10 + year sustainability. It's a great way to promote the region and to let people know that we are "the" fishing destination in Southern Ontario," Hardesty summarized.

Check your local listings for **FISH TV**. The new shows start in October and this show will likely air sometime in November. www.fishtv.tv

Visit our Facebook Fan Page: Lake Kashwakamak, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/5180147717/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/5180147717/</a> or <a href="click here">click here</a> to see a funny video clip of the guys "fishing" from Andrew's hot tub by the lake.

Check out **Land O'Lakes Tourist Association** at <a href="http://www.travellandolakes.com">http://www.travellandolakes.com</a>, call 613-336-8818

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