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Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owner's Association.

## *From the President*

To coin the old phrase "Where the heck did summer go?" It seems like yesterday I launched my new toy into the water. Not the best weather at the start but any weekend out of the city is a good one.

This season was especially pleasing as our new website [www.healeylake.org](http://www.healeylake.org) was launched and Andrea McPhail and Dave Duggan are the new proud parents of our new project. Andrea and Dave have done a superb job and are to be congratulated on job well done. The 2008 Regatta was the first in many seasons to have a rain delay. Some people thought it was more like a monsoon, but we lived to tell the tale. Please remember that next year's Regatta will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We, the Executive, are looking for paraphernalia, stories, and pictures of any kind detailing the first ten years or so. Please contact me if you have anything to tell or submit.

Peter Arnold has volunteered to be the Cottage Watch Director, which was in urgent need of being looked after. Thank you Peter for your hard work and dedication to the Advertising Director position. Sharon Tosswill graciously volunteered to run the Membership and we thank her very much.

We do find ourselves requiring an Advertising Director for next season, advertising is an integral part of our fundraising and if anyone

would like to know about this position, please call me.

Your Association is run by volunteers; to the members of the Executive and the volunteers who give so freely of their time - congratulations. Thank you for your efforts to make this Association function as perfectly as it does. Working with these people has been a joy and most of all fun, I thank you all very much and I look forward to next year when we can do it all again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter and Susan Arnold for great time enjoyed at the 200th Anniversary Party. The food was tremendous, the entertainment by the DJ and other guests was great. All of us coming together like that was a very pleasurable experience. Many happy returns of the day and best wishes for the future.

Take care for now and I hope to see you soon.

Dan MacLeod.



### **Notice**

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## Remembered ...

### CAROL ANNE (GREEN) CHEREPA

It is with truly great sadness that we mark the passing of our friend Carol. Those of us who knew her for many years and those who knew her for only a short time will miss her infectious laughter, her sense of humour, her unlimited capacity of friendship and her courage.

At this season of Thanksgiving we are truly blessed to have had the privilege of knowing her. She was a great friend and loved by all who knew her. She may be gone, but her memory will live on in our hearts and she will always be here with us on Healey Lake.

Our love and support goes out to her family, John, Melissa and Jessica, brothers Jim, John, Dave and their families.

Your many friends at Healey Lake  
*submitted by Debbie Kreuger*

## Cottage Watch Patrol

### *Peter Arnold - Lakeshore Marina*

Healey Lake Association is proud to offer a Cottage Watch program in the winter, the time when cottages are less frequently or not being used at all. Every member that has paid the membership fees in full is automatically on our patrol-list. **If you think, you don't need this service - or will be coming up in the winter yourself - please let me know** so you can be taken off the patrol-list.

I had organized this service for several years already, and after handling advertising for a while I will now take over the cottage-watch-program again. Many volunteers are needed and this is the hardest part of the job, as everybody is 'always busy'. I need cottagers that come up in the winter once-in-a-while and who would be willing to spend about an hour per month to enjoy winter-wonderland on the

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If you have a teenager at highschool, these patrols can be used as Community Hours which so many students need to graduate. My whole family used to help.

I will be contacting some of the volunteers that participated in previous years, but I will need more help - **if you can spare some time to enjoy nature, please let me know before winter arrives:**

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## Thunderbox Contest Drum Roll ... Please!

*Dan Macleod*

Well I want to tell you, the judges (Rob Harris John Gillan, Dan MacLeod) never expected the passion and the turnout of the Thunderbox owners.



The Thunderbox Contest saw 12 entrants, each family touting the benefits and history and claiming it was the winner. Each one was different in design, colour, size and accessories. If the owners agree, I think we should create a coffee table book out the pictures and correspondence we received.

However, in the end, there can only be a first, second or third. The following are the recipients of these prizes:

### **Used Department**

- Gold Metal – Jim Dunkley - DisGraceland
- Silver Metal – Roger and Louise Metz - The Stable
- Bronze Metal – Fred and Tuula The Electrified Model

### **Unused Department**

- Gold Metal – Tony Koch – Log Cabin Design ( Glass Roof)

- Silver Metal – Eunice MacLeod  
(The oldest shingled model)

All the owners that submitted entries, their awards were delivered and put into their Thunderboxes where possible. It has been determined that the Thunderbox Contest will be run every two years. So let's gear up for 2010.

Again, thanks to all who entered and were so gracious to the judges.

## The Healey Lake Tennis Club

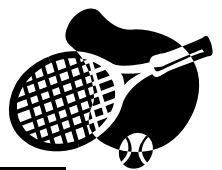
*Mike Smith*

The Healey lake Tennis Club celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation with an "Open House" on the courts on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The courts were full for several hours as those present enjoyed the tennis, refreshments, and Mike Smith's bar-b-qu'd hot dogs.

There were kids from two to seventy-two enjoying the activities and the sunshine. Pat Dann and Armand Gilks are to be congratulated for organizing the afternoon of fun to celebrate the club's anniversary.

\*Note the courts will be open up to and including the Thanksgiving weekend and will reopen for the Victoria Day weekend. See you in the spring.



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## News ... from the Township

*Grant Walker, Councillor*

Well we are now in October and it feels like we never really had much of a summer however I hope you made the best of it and enjoyed what you could.

### **PUBLIC WORKS YARD**

We are in the process of moving into the new public works facility. It provides secure storage for materials such as culverts, fencing, posts etc. A heated garage for servicing our trucks and equipment which will allow us to better meet provincial safety standards and prolong the life of this very expensive machinery. As I write this the new sand shed is being filled for this winter's use and it will make winter road servicing more efficient as we will not have to depend on our neighbors for supply.

### **TAXES**

We have started working on the 2009 budget.

The 2008 budget was brought in with a increase in the north area of 1.36% and in our area in the south an increase of .79%. That was the second lowest increase of the seven municipalities in West Parry Sound District.

### **ROADS**

The year round feeder roads have received a granular lift. Calcium was applied to the gravel roads and this month brushing is scheduled to be done.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The Healey Lake Transfer Station continues to improve efficiency and increase recycling thanks to every ones efforts. The same operation was expanded to the Crane Lake Site this year. We have completed a study by Golder and Associates, gathered more usage information from staff and will be looking for ways to make improvements. We have hired a new Public Works Manager with twenty years experience in a municipality similar to ours and he has some good ideas that he has learned on the job. His name is Glen Kargas.

I am frustrated that our enforcement efforts have

not proceeded farther but we are working on it because we must stop the very few who abuse the system while most of you make such a good effort.

We have constructed a metal storage area to keep stuff from the transfer sites till we have enough to make it profitable to sell and have removed.

A system is in place to remove the unsightly and dangerous hazardous waste from the transfer sites. It is not going as quickly as it should because we waiting to get more of the special barrels for transporting. Improvements are being made to the bear proof fencing.

Have a safe happy and healthy winter

## Loons

*Nancy Gilchrist*

Well another summer has ended and in my travels over the summer I only saw one baby loon on our lake this summer. I saw the young loon swimming with its' parents down by the Marina's in early August. This young loon was swimming on its' own however was not yet diving for food.

It will soon be time for the loons on our lake to be heading south for the winter. Here are some migrating facts about the Common Loon. During September, group feeding is quite common as loons gather on larger lakes while migrating. Our loons will be migrating south sometime in the month of October to the area around the Gulf of Mexico. For the loons to be able to "take off" from any lake, the loon runs along the surface into the wind. The distance needed to gain flight depends on wind speed; in calm times the bird may run as far as several hundred metres before it gains enough speed to take off. Once in the air the loon can travel swiftly. Its relatively small wingspan (130 to 140 cm) carries it at average speeds of 120 km per hour during migration. The wings beat quickly to carry the large body and have a high degree of curvature to provide lift.

Migrating Common Loons occasionally land on wet highways or parking lots, mistaking them for rivers and lakes. They become stranded without a

considerable amount of open water for a long take off. A loon may also get stranded on a pond that is too small.

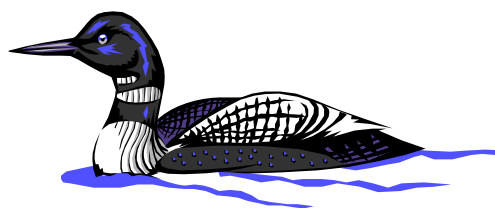
Young loons must wait until their flight feathers grow and their wings are strong enough which usually doesn't occur until late November.

Loons are usually found in groups on the wintering grounds in the Gulf of Mexico. The Common Loon is flightless for a few weeks after molting all of its wing feathers at the same time in midwinter. All loons have greyish feathers in the winter time (they loose their distinctive black and white checker markings and white necklace). Immature birds resemble adult birds in winter plumage however the white feathers of the belly and wing are present all year long. Loons moult again in late winter before returning to nesting grounds in spring. The dull winter coat is replaced by their beautiful black and white coat.

Next spring, the loons will return in pairs, when the ice starts melting, to their nesting grounds to claim their territory. They are solitary nesters. Small lakes, generally those between 5 and 50 ha can accommodate one pair of loons. Larger lakes may have more than one pair of breeding loons, with each pair occupying a bay or section of the lake. Until recently, loons were thought to mate for life. Banding studies have shown that loons will sometimes switch mates after a failed nesting attempt even between nestings in the same season.

One other interesting fact to leave you with about our Common Loon is that they are related to the penguin and their life expectancy may be anywhere between 15 and 30 years.

Have a wonderful winter and see you all next year on the lake.



## A Celebration To Remember

*Susan & Peter Arnold*

Lakeshore Marina & Chalets had a very special year in 2008, celebrating 25 years of business on Healey Lake. The fact we owners had a special birthday as well added to the opportunity to celebrate big style with customers, family, friends and businesses of our area. What a Sunday that was on the Labour Day weekend, before all cottagers had to put an official end to another beautiful summer season on the lake. Organisation was in full swing for several weeks already leaving the big question of the summer: will it rain AGAIN? Well, everything worked out perfectly, it ended up to be the nicest weekend of the whole season and we were blessed with sunshine, warm temperatures and clear night sky all weekend.

The anticipated number of guests was exceeded by far and we had about 400 people helping us to celebrate at our very own lakefront. It was just amazing, everybody enjoyed socializing with cottagers they hadn't seen in a while, business-owners they deal with in town, and friends and families they sometimes don't see all summer. Kids of all ages were running around using the playground and waterfront and making new friends. Family and friends came from all parts of the globe and left with lots of memories. We tried to talk to most of our guests that night, but it was so busy that we might not have gotten to all of you; we do treasure the signatures in our guestbook, and all lovely cards, wishes, bottles and flowers we received - thank you so much!

Of course we could not have done it alone, and we would like to thank all our friends that helped us with the organisation, set-up and take-down. The bar-service, catered buffet and decorations were outstanding and are still talked about, done professionally by the

complete Osborne family of MacTier: April, Emily, Rhonda, Barb, Kerry and James; thanks for the many hours of preparation. Our kids came home to help, the fireworks displayed by Stephanie and Shane were enjoyed by everybody. Later on people gathered around the bonfire done by Danile and Jenny.

All celebration was accompanied by the great musical background of D.J. Doug Agar from MacTier. Comments varied from the 'party of the year' to the 'biggest party on Healey Lake'. For us it was absolutely wonderful and truly a celebration to remember forever.



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### The Last Word ... Nancy Simpson

Well what a great problem to have! We're out of space. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. There is no better way to leave you for the season than with a recipe. I hear that this one is a great hit. Thanks to Euncie Macleod for sharing it. Have a great winter! My e-mail:rn.simpson@sympatico.ca

#### LEMON SQUARES

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In a small bowl, whisk topping ingredients together until smooth. Pour over crust. Bake 30 to 35 mins. Longer or until set. Cool in pan on rack, then cut in squares. Makes 30 squares.