

Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA)

## *Dock Talk Goes Electronic*

The June issue will mark a new chapter in the life of *Dock Talk* as it goes electronic. In fact, at [www.healeylake.org](http://www.healeylake.org) you can already find past issues of this publication as far back as 2006. Online will now be the preferred way to deliver *Dock Talk* to you. However, if you do not have Internet access or prefer to receive a print copy by mail, please contact Association President Dan Macleod at [danjohnmac@rogers.com](mailto:danjohnmac@rogers.com) or telephone 416 723-1999. Thanks to those who have already contacted Dan.

### *From the President*

Dan MacLeod

Last year's Spring message, I was lamenting that because I was not a sledder, the winter was a grind. This year I challenged the terrain and the temperatures and became one (for two weekends). In case you have not heard about my exploits, I was by myself on a lake that no one knew I was on and I was stuck in snow up to my waist. I haven't been stuck up to my waist in snow since Grade 6. I also flipped the sled up and over as Ruth and I were going 10 MPH up a hill.

While these were not my proudest moments, they were never-the-less stellar accomplishments on both occasions. Let's just say I will not buying a sled any time soon. I really, really want my boat.

I do hope that your winter has been a healthy and happy one so far. There have been some changes in your Executive: Peter Arnold has taken over Cottage Watch, Sharon Tosswill is our Director of Membership, George Youngberg is our Director of Advertising and Rob Harris is our Vice President. I would like to personally thank these members for stepping up to the plate and volunteering for

these positions.

There will be one more complete publishing of the *Dock Talk*, after that, except for those of you who contact me about continuing to receive a hard copy, *Dock Talk* will be available on our web site.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting at the Healey Lodge on May 17/09 - 10 am. Here's to a glorious summer and boating, thank goodness. If there are any questions or concerns about your Association, please call me at 416 -723-1999 or email: [danjohnmac@rogers.com](mailto:danjohnmac@rogers.com)

### *Mark Your Calendar Now!*

1. Annual Meeting - Sunday, May 17 at Healey Lake Lodge, 10 am
2. Bottle Drive Saturday, July 11 - HLPOA is holding a bottle drive to raise money for the Association. Place your empties on your dock before 10:00 am and we'll be by to pick them up. Thanks for your support !
3. Regatta Saturday August, 1 at the Healey Lake Lodge. Time: To be announced
4. Semi Annual Meeting Sunday, September 6 at Healey Lake Lodge, 10 am

## *In Memorium*

### **Brian Moore**

In October, Brian Moore passed away. Brian was well known on the Lake, always willing to help with projects such as docks and the fire boat house and provided our Association with envelopes. Our thoughts go out to his wife Nancy, son Michael and members of the Martin and Moore families. Brian we will truly miss you.

### **Maria Csonka**

In December we lost Maria Csonka, wife of Tibor Csonka, mother of Peter and his wife Joanne and grandmother of Erik and Nicky. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

*submitted by Debbie Kreuger*

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Barrett's mother during the winter. Bob is a member of the HLPOA's Executive.

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## *Membership Report*

*Sharon Tosswill*

Welcome to **Spring** and the return to boating season at Healey Lake! I hope everyone had a good winter season.

The final association membership for 2008 was 248 members. This was down from previous years and I hope that we can raise the membership figure back up this year.

**Thank You** to everyone who paid their dues.

Special thanks also to Peter Watkinson of Royal LePage Real Estate, Mactier, Curt Coulson of Aim Realty, Mactier and Leo Hintze of Re/Max Realty, Parry Sound-Muskoka, who pay for a one-year membership for all the new cottagers whose places they have listed and sold. This is greatly appreciated!

1) We have a number of new cottagers on the lake. If you have new neighbours, please make them feel welcome and give them

information on reaching any of the executive for information on the association.

**OR**

2) Quite a few cottages changed ownership last year. If you have welcomed a new neighbour, please inform them of the association and give them information on reaching any of the executive for more information.

I am the new membership secretary and look forward to meeting everyone at the Annual General Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

You can contact me at 2565 Proudfoot Street, Mississauga, ON, L5C 2N9  
Tel: Home 905-275-6834; Cottage 705-375-1357

### **"Privacy Act"**

Due to the new privacy act as put out by the government, please let me know if you do not want your name, address and telephone number on our cottage mailing list, or included in the annual alpha/

# Healey Lake Road Transfer Station Gets a Good Report

Councilor Grant Walker, Ward 6

We have been visited by the Ministry of the Environment and the Healey Lake Road Transfer Station got a good report based on the management plan we have been developing the last two years. They made it clear that while other areas of the province have been a priority, our area is now under review. This means if a site is not being run or working towards being run properly it could lose its certificate of approval to operate.

As part of our restructuring we have purchased a roll-off-truck to move our full bins in a more timely fashion during the busy summer season, especially long weekends when the private contractors are unable to provide the service we need. Also in operation this season will be new compaction units for the recyclable bins that will mean each bin will carry up to 4/5 times as much and reduce our haulage requirements. These units will initially be used for fibres and glass, metal and plastic. The bins will be colour coded to make it easier to use the right one.

Looking at improving the Re Use area with a cover so we can accept electronics.

We now have a system to move and store illegal hazardous waste that cluttered up transfer sites in the past. Hazardous waste is accepted at the Macfarland transfer site in Parry Sound (please take identification). Paint cans, fluorescent bulbs and household batteries are accepted at both Rona and Home Depot in Parry Sound regardless of where they were purchased.

The hours for the transfer station have been slightly increased and refined and are as

follows:

**Summer** (June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>)

Monday	7 am to 3 pm
Tuesday	8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	8 am to 4 pm
Friday	8 am to 4 pm
Saturday	8 am to 4 pm
Sunday	10 am to 9 pm

**Spring** (April 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Fall** (September 8<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>)

Sunday	11 am to 7 pm
Tuesday	8 am to 4 pm
Saturday	9 am to 5 pm

**Winter** (November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>)

Sunday	10 am to 6 pm
Tuesday	8 am to 12 noon

Large Items (not construction waste) such as stoves, fridges and furniture will be accepted at no cost:

- Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 4 pm
- Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 4 pm
- Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 5 pm

We will be moving to clear plastic bags in the future and they can be purchase at many places including Walmart.

A full time bylaw enforcement officer has been hired full time for the season to ensure everyone uses the transfer station properly.

I will have more information on waste and other things as we get into the season.

Have a happy, healthy and safe season.





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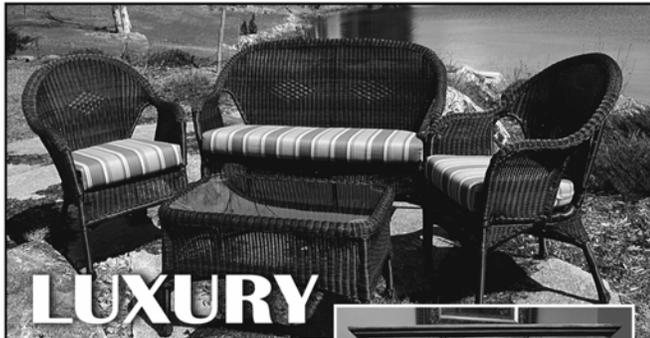
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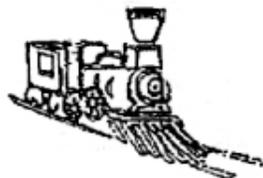
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## An Amazing Offer! The Healey Lake Tennis Club

Jim McAdams

To promote tennis at Healey Lake we are going to offer **free membership to the Healey Lake Tennis Club to all members of the Healey Lake Property Owners' Association for the 2009 season.** To take advantage of this offer, all you have to do is send us a note (by email to [jamemcad@hotmail.com](mailto:jamemcad@hotmail.com) or to Jim McAdams, (Box 609, Mactier, ON, POC 1H0) listing your family members' names and including your cottage phone number. We will look after the rest.

We are looking forward to a great summer at the Lake and hope that lots of you will take advantage of this amazing offer.



## Loons On Healey Lake

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2. Don't kayak or canoe near the nest (slow moving craft may alarm the loon and it may abandon nest).
3. Steer clear of loons and chicks while boating.
4. Retrieve fishing line and tackle (loons may become entangled leading to death).
5. Use lead-free tackle (loons ingest small pebbles to digest food and mistake lead sinkers for pebbles. Lead poison! Request lead-free alternatives).

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for your help in protecting our loons and other wildlife on Healey Lake. Looking forward to seeing you at the lake.

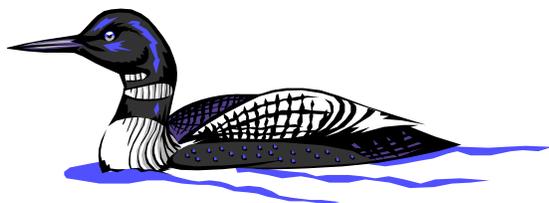


# LOONS ON HEALEY LAKE

*Nancy Gilchrist*

The **Healey Lake Cottagers Association** is again a member of the **Canadian Lakes Loon Survey**, which is a project of Long Point Bird Observatory, Port Rowan, Ontario. The goal of the CLLS is to help conserve loons and their habitats by understanding our impact on them. More than 1000 volunteers respond via a survey kit assessing factors- such as regulation of water levels on our lakes (important to nesting loons), personal watercraft, human activity near nesting sites, and for some lakes, establishing nesting platforms. The loon Survey reaches many people with articles on Canada's loons. It focuses on responsible environmental citizenship, water sampling, leg banding, toxicology, and working with government labs and veterinary colleges discovering causes of loon mortality.

More than 3500 Canada Lakes Loon Surveyors (CLLS) from Nova Scotia to the Yukon observe loon behaviour each year-- never looking for nests, just noting the presence of young. It is notable that the loon's breeding habitat is receding. This is caused in part by shoreline development, disturbed nesting sites, and an increased presence of boaters separating chicks from adults. Other threats are starvation, and predation as well as poisons- acidified lakes, mercury and lead. Lead through the loon's nervous system leads to reduced vision and lack of coordination. 52% of autopsied loons died from lead poisoning (Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Centre). Note: a single lead weight can kill an adult bird.



Well it is that time of year again that the loons will begin to gather either on or near our lake for another season. On warm spring days common loons can be observed flying north in search of ice free water bodies. In many situations loons may retreat south should they find ice covered lakes, or should cold wintry weather return. The first loons observed in the north are found near inlets and outlets of rivers where lake ice thaws first in mid April.

The loons will quickly establish and defend their breeding territories. Courtship and mating are a quiet time and will begin on return to the lake. The pair will swim and make short dives together. Eventually the male will lead the female to a suitable spot on land for mating. Nests will be built in May and June and take about a week to complete. The same site is often used year to year usually near a sheltered bay or island. Researchers have found tree needles, leaves, grass, moss and other vegetation under loon eggs. If material is not handy loons will lay their eggs directly on the mud or rock. Sometimes clumps of mud and vegetation are collected from the lake bottom to build their nest. Two olive brown coloured eggs will be laid in the month of June and will be incubated for approximately 28 days before hatching. If the eggs are lost, the pair may reneest, often in the same general location.

Eager loon watchers should use binoculars and telephoto cameras. If the adult comes toward you with wings spread or the tremolo call (crazy laugh) you are too close to the nest or the family.

Those cottagers who rent or allow guests or their children to drive their boats —Please remind them of safe boating practices and post rules in the cottage.

1. Slow your boat where loons nest (nests can be flooded by wakes).

## Coming Soon To A Cottage Near You!

Dave Duggan

In the Fall the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA) purchased a webcam as an added feature for our website ([www.healeylake.org](http://www.healeylake.org)). The webcam was tested over the winter to make sure it would withstand the cold and snow. It has passed all tests. Adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> webcam to the lake, in addition to Mariner's Cove Marina, will provide cottagers with more details on lake conditions.

We expect the webcam to be up and running by the summer. We are currently looking for a cottage to permanently house the camera. The camera is very small and will be housed in a small birdhouse. All we require from the cottage owner is internet access and an outside plug near the location of the camera. The computer in the cottage does NOT have to be left on, however the camera and a wireless router supplied do require electricity. The HLPOA will install the camera to make things simple for the cottager that agrees to house the webcam.

If you have interest in discussing if your cottage is suitable, please contact Dave Duggan at 905 257-1707 or email [karenduggan@cogeco.ca](mailto:karenduggan@cogeco.ca) Please note our preference is to have the camera down the lake from Mariner's Cove, to provide more variety for cottage owners.

## Cottage Watch Patrol

Susan & Peter Arnold -  
Lakeshore Marina & Chalets

This was a very harsh winter on Healey, not only were the temperatures extreme, but also the loads of snow we received. An important year to take pride in our program to help our cottagers monitor their vacant properties on the lake. Taking over this complex duty needed some time to fall in place and we are very grateful for all the people that agreed to help. Don't forget, these are all VOLUNTEERS, they spare their own short time up here to help any neighbour. Sometimes we have to conquer big hills and mounts of snow to reach the building and we received reports of damages that were very helpful to the owner. There are many new people on the lake, some do not think or know about our Association, the membership is a minimal amount and does big things - the cottage-watch program is free, without it you could return to your cottage in the spring and find a lot of trouble waiting for you.

So, to all the volunteers that helped us this winter - THANK YOU - we couldn't have done it without you, your involvement was very much appreciated.

Have a safe summer!

## A Reminder

As of September 15, 2009 all boaters will be required to have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card in order to operate a powered watercraft. For information on how to obtain your operator card, contact:  
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## Former Association President Returns to Healey Lake

Susan & Peter Arnold

Most of you will have met our longtime past president – and the publisher of our book “*The History of Healey Lake*”: Hans Vos. A person known for his sense of humor and agility, nobody would believe he is eighty years of age. There is nothing Hans would not try, any outdoor-sport, every toy in the garage, he even won a dance-contest in Mexico this year.

In February '09, despite the unusual rainy winter day, some cottagers came out and helped celebrate his special “80th” right here on Healey Lake. Everyone had a fun time and Hans claimed this to be the best birthday he could have imagined.

Healey Lakers join in wishing Hans many happy returns. Come back and visit any time!



Hans served as President of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association from 1997-2004. Hans (centre) celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday .

## The Last Word

Nancy Simpson [rn.simpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:rn.simpson@sympatico.ca)

It was like a tonic that day when Jim McAdams e-mail popped up on my computer screen and announced that amazing offer from the Healey Lake Tennis Club. “Can Spring be far behind?”, I asked myself on that bleak February day? And now here it is. Time for seasonal cottagers like my family to begin the long awaited trek, back and forth to Healey Lake.

When we gather at the Lake we often chuckle as we reminisce about the stories of how my Dad, Bill Guthrie and his friend Bill Johnson built their cottages: no hydro, 10 foot wooden boats with 5 hp Firestone motors. The cowling was always off my Dad’s motor so he could fix it with ease wherever it happened to sputter.

With the passing of my Mother, Laura, a couple of weeks ago, we will be thinking more this summer about the two burner Coleman stove from which she produced some great meals in those early days, how she loved to beat us at crokinole and how she and my Dad loved to second guess each play they made when we had a game of euchre. We thank them both for for our little spot on Healey Lake and for the memories we have shared there.

This year I am more organized than last. As a matter of fact, if I start reading when I get to the Lake and keep doing so until Labor Day, it is very unlikely that I will be able to get through everything I have set aside for ‘summer reading’. What is in your stack of books for the cottage? What are your favourite cottage recipes and what about those memories? We’d love to hear and share these in *Dock Talk* so here is the publication schedule for 2009.

- June 25. Submissions by June 17;
- August 27. Submissions by Aug. 18
- September 25. Submissions by Sept. 15

Thanks to all who submitted to this first issue of the season. Happy cottaging!