



MISKWABI AREA COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

SERVING RESIDENTS & COTTAGERS ON WENONA, LONG, MISKWABI & NEGAUNEE LAKES

2011 SPRING NEWSLETTER

It seemed that Spring was late arriving all over Ontario – especially here in the Highlands! The ice on the lakes finally went out on April 25th. Last year it went out on April 2nd! Does this mean that the black flies will be 3 weeks late in arriving too? Let's not bet on it!

2011 MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you for your renewal of your membership in MACA. It IS much appreciated and will allow us to carry out the monitoring of our lake systems and keeping you informed of what is going on. At 'press' time, our membership is down slightly over last year and so we will attempt to get in touch with those who have not renewed so far this year. If you have neighbours or friends who are not MACA members, please invite them to join us as we are all here for the same reasons ---- to enjoy our pristine lakes and relax in these great outdoors. Of course, we want to preserve this quality of life for our kids and our grand kids too, which leads us in to the next topic!

LAKE PLANNING

Director Mike Giza is spearheading an initiative to draft lake plans for our four area lakes. The first meeting of volunteers participating in the development of a Lake Plan for our lakes will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 @ 10:00AM at 2153 Trapper's Trail Rd. If you have not already said you will attend and would like to do so please contact Mike Giza at mfgiza@gmail.com or [705 457 9875](tel:7054579875). Thanks Mike!

MACA T-SHIRTS

Through our Vice President, Sandra Bishop, last year we had designed our own MACA logo'd t-shirts. Please see Sandra's memo below -----

"GET YOUR T-SHIRTS

Did you forget to order your fabulous MACA T-shirt? Not too worry...as we still have inventory (see below). BUT the best news is, we can reorder!

Join me at the "After Cleanup BBQ" at Mike Giza's on May 22. I'll have T-shirts on hand, and will be taking new orders...we may even get some NEW colours! You might have to order again!

This is what I have:

Ladies - Yellow 2 LARGE; Chocolate 2 MEDIUM, 4 LARGE.

Mens - Sand 2 LARGE; Chocolate 4 LARGE, 2 XLARGE

Youth - Sand 1 SMALL; Chocolate 3 SMALL, 3 MEDIUM"

GOLF DAY! PONTOON FLOTILLA!

Our Director of Special Events, Moe Welch, has some ideas for a couple of special days! A golf day for MACA members will be held on Friday July 29th at the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course for all those that can make it. Members may play 9 holes or 18 holes --- their choice! More information may be obtained later at the Annual General Meeting and later on, on our web site.

The pontoon flotilla day will be held on Saturday August 20th on Lakes Miskwabi and Long, starting at the Jerry Strickland Boat Launch on Miskwabi. The idea would be to have a parade around the lakes of pontoon boats!

“Those who do not have pontoon boats are invited to join those who do (particularly those on Wenona and Negaunee). We would ask all participants to bring a potluck lunch to share with all those on the boat(s). We could also include paddle boats (kayaks, canoes) to congregate and have similar arrangements. Perhaps those in paddle boats would like to have a race?? I think this could prove to be a fun day if we have enough participants. If members have visitors with them that day, they are free to bring them along and have fun.” Thanks Moe! Again, more information will be available at the AGM and later on, on our web site. Stay tuned!!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -- SATURDAY JULY 16TH

We are going to try something different this year! Every year, it seems, we are either in the dilemma of potential rain OR under the spell of the hot, hot sun! This year we have approximately 3 tents that we are going to set up for our members! While we may not be able to hold everyone in them, we should be able to house most. OR -- get there early and get your space!!! A raffle of a Nature Clean basket and 2 free tickets to the Highland Summer Festival will also take place.

MACA ELECTIONS

Every year we elect ½ of our Executive. This so we will always have an ongoing leadership in place. Our long time Secretary, Marg Montague, has decided that after 15 years, she will not be running again. We thank her for her dedication and work over that period of time. Well done, Marg!!!!

This year, Directors Andy Mosher, Moe Welch and Phil Wiseman have agreed to seek re-election again. But that still leave us with two vacant positions. We would seriously urge you to think about running for one of these positions. There are two Executive meetings per year and some minor responsibilities for each Director. It will give you a lot of insight into our area and some of the “goings on” that most are not aware of.

Nominations may be emailed to me at ----- larryholden2@gmail.com, or by phoning me at 705-457-3125. Nominations will also be accepted from the audience at the AGM.

Please give it some thought!

RED ICE IN MISKWABI!

Those who were at the Jerry Strickland Boat Launch during this Winter, may have seen the ice around the shore there coloured in red! Road Superintendent, Brian Nicholson was quite concerned on our behalf and did some investigative work. He had some of the ice analysed and it turns out that it was red coloured food dye! Why? Who knows? We're just glad it wasn't something toxic that was being dumped in our lakes. Our utmost thanks to Brian for his diligence in this matter. And our congratulations to him in his new title ---- Director of Public Works.

HALIBURTON BURNING REGULATIONS

The Fire Department of Haliburton County reminds everyone that as of April 1st every year, there is no outside daytime burning without a permit from them. Outside burning is permitted 2 hours before sunset and 2 hours after sunrise. Fines range from \$350.00 to the cost of extinguishing the fire if it gets away!

DYSART TAXES

Council has opted to add 3% onto the 2010 levy. If you own a home that was assessed at \$300 000.00 in 2010, the 2011 assessment value will now be \$324 000.00, a rise of approximately 8%. However the taxes you pay to the Municipality are cushioned by the decreases in residential tax rates and so your property tax will rise not by 8% but just 3.49%, after you deduct the 2011 drop of 4.51%. (Haliburton County Echo)

DID YOU KNOW?

How long can I keep it? Use the following guide to maintain the best quality and safety of some everyday foods.

Opened in the fridge: ketchup – 6 months; mayonnaise – 2 months; mustard – 12 months; salad dressing – 3 months; BBQ sauce – 4 months; jams/jellies – 12 months; deli meats – 3-4 days; cooked leftovers – 2-4 days.

In the freezer: meat, pieces – 8-12 months; meat, ground – 2-3 months; bacon – 1 month; poultry, pieces – 6 months; fatty fish (e.g salmon) – 2 months; lean fish (e.g. sole, tilapia) – 6 months; casseroles – 3-4 months; frozen dinners – 3-4 months.

In the pantry: peanut butter – 9 months; dried pasta – 2 years; white rice – 2 years; brown rice – 6-12 months; flour, white – 6-12 months; flour, whole wheat – 1 month; brown sugar – 4 months; white sugar – 2 years; vegetable oil, opened – 2-4 months; spices – 2-4 years. (Source --- Sandra Bishop via Leslie Beck, dietician)

AND NOW, YOU KNOW!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT SOME -- OR ALL -- OF THE EVENTS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET!

Happy "cottageing"!
Larry