



MACA NEWS

Serving property owners on Long, Negaunee, Wenona and Miskwabi Lakes

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2018 MACA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Spring Cleanup:
 Sunday, May 20th

AGM:
 Saturday, July 7th

Wine and Cheese:
 Saturday, August 25th

Additional details inside



Miskwabi Boat Launch May 3rd, 2018 - Photo: Susanne James

President's Message

So spring arrived – *finally!* Thanks to a late-April blast of winter weather – and with ice still clinging to the lakes well into the first week of May – it was starting to feel like the Winter that Would Never End.

It took a fierce windstorm on May 4th to finally send the ice on its way, but that windstorm also knocked out power to much of our area for 24 hours or more. Let's hope for more temperate times ahead.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the lakes as the weather warms up, and hope to see you at the AGM in July.

Enjoy the season - it's been worth the wait!

Andy Mosher, MACA President



Septic Re-Inspection Program Begins

The Municipality of Dysart et al begins rolling out their new mandatory septic re-inspection program this year.

This septic “quality assurance program” is part of the new Official Plan. The goal is to protect the health of our lakes by making sure all septic systems near lakes are functioning properly.

All property owners within 30 meters of a lake will be required to have their septic system pumped out and inspected by a qualified inspector, approved by the Municipality.

The Municipality has been divided into five “Areas” for the purpose of the re-inspection program.

The program will begin this year with “Area 1”, which includes Big and Little Kennisis Lakes.

Our four MACA lakes are included in “Area 4”, which is scheduled to commence inspections in 2025 and is to be completed by 2027.

However you do not have to wait until then to have your system inspected. You can be pro-active and have your inspection done sooner, and provide the report to the Municipality. Dysart will be providing a list of approved inspectors on their Web site.

Remember, most septic systems should be pumped out every 3 to 5 years to ensure they are working properly. The older the system, the more critical it is to make sure it is maintained.

For more information, visit the septic information page on Dysart’s Web site at: <https://www.dysartetal.ca/portfolio-view/septic-systems/>



Late Spring Storm - Trapper’s Trail Road - April 15th, 2018 Photo: Susanne James

Elections Coming Up in 2018

2018 is going to be a busy year in politics, with elections coming up for two levels of government.

Ontario Provincial Election: June 7th

Make sure you are registered to vote at elections.on.ca. If you have registered to vote by May 29th, you should receive a Voter Information Card in the mail before election day. If you do not receive a card, you can still add yourself to the list by bringing ID that shows your name and address, to your returning office. More information is available at elections.on.ca.

Municipal Elections: October 22nd

For Municipalities across Ontario including Dysart et al, this also an election year. Voters in Dysart will elect a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and councillors for Dysart’s five wards, including our Ward 2. July 27th is the deadline for candidates to file their nomination papers.

You can confirm that you are on the Municipal voters’ list by visiting voterlookup.ca. This is an online service provided by MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) to confirm the information that will be used in the preparation of the final Municipal voter’s lists across Ontario.

Our politicians have a big impact on our area. It’s important to have your say, so make sure you are on the Voter’s list, and remember to vote on June 7th and October 22nd!

2018 MACA Events Schedule

SPRING ROAD CLEANUP

Sunday May 20th, 11am
Meet at Miskwabi Boat Launch

Please remember to bring gloves, bug spray/jackets and sunscreen. Garbage and recycling bags will be provided. Invite your guests, kids, or grandkids to pitch in, the more the merrier! A BBQ for volunteers will follow. Thanks to our members who pitch in every year to keep our roadsides clean!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday July 7th, 11am ***RAIN DAY SUNDAY***
Meet at "Airport Strip" (across from the Miskwabi Boat Launch)

Guest speakers including your local politicians, directors' elections, and raffles. Please remember to bring chairs and sunscreen or umbrellas. BBQ to follow.

WINE AND CHEESE

Saturday August 25th, 2-5 pm
Hosts: Peter Dilworth and Kathryn Hunsberger, Long Lake -1094 Pavilion Lane. To get there: 118 to Kennaway Rd. to Sisu Lane, stay left onto Pavilion Lane to #1094. Bring non-perishable donations for the Haliburton Food Bank.



Wetland at Miskwabi North Shore - Photo: Susanne James

LAKE PLAN CORNER



by Peter Dilworth, MACA V.P. and Lake Planning Director

Dysart et al Official Plan is Approved

On April 27th, 2018 the County of Haliburton approved the proposed Dysart et al Official Plan. The Plan is now final. As such, the important enhancements MACA recommended relating to new policies for defining lake capacity, recognition of headwaters, and the introduction of septic re-inspection programs have been adopted. We are pleased with the updated Official Plan and believe it contains many improvements that will help protect our environment and most importantly our lakes for years to come.

Working With Fleming College

MACA is in the process of submitting an application to Fleming College to launch a Credit for Product Ecosystem Management Program project in the fall of 2018. While the details are still being worked out we are designing projects involving research and fieldwork that will address a few of the outstanding Watershed Plan recommendations. In particular, the projects focus on developing better understanding of the wetlands in our watershed area and/or initiating re-naturalization efforts along Trappers Trail.

Calling All Interested Anglers and Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver some of the Fish Community recommendations that were identified in the Watershed Plan. There is a need to develop an educational program to promote lead-free fishing and catch and release practices, including contributing articles to the newsletter, enhancing signage and maybe holding an equipment exchange day. Anyone who is interested in helping out please contact Peter Dilworth at peter.dilworth@sympatico.ca.

Watch for Deer!

The Haliburton Highlands O.P.P. would like to remind people to be on the lookout for deer along our roadways.

The arrival of spring means deer are more active. If you see a deer-crossing sign you should be extra cautious, especially at this time of year.



Lake Steward's Corner



by Tim Hagarty, MACA Lake Steward

As I write this, the ice is almost out (!) and soon we will be testing the cold waters of our lakes. The results for 2017 are not available yet. Once received they will be put on the MACA website. Thanks to Janine Lacoste, Haden Heathcock and Peter Dilworth for their continuing devotion in this important effort.

- We have good news on the Zebra Mussel scene! Last year's results were negative on all our lakes, as opposed to finding a presence of larvae on Miskwabi in 2016. As there continues to be a presence of invasive species in lakes near us, if you use your boat/canoe/kayak/floater or swim in any other lake, please make sure that you have cleaned and dried all that have entered the water.
- Wenona Lake will have a new Loon's nest this year thanks to Brian Williams and Jack Piazza. As soon as the ice leaves the nest will be launched and secured in the wetland. We want happy Loons!

- Dysart et al will be putting up signs at every boat launch in Dysart this year. MACA has worked closely with Dysart to ensure that the Invasive Species part of the sign is prominent and states what we think is important. I am pleased to report that the final design has been approved by all and the MACA logo and web site information will be displayed in the lower section of the sign. These signs will be put up on the boat launches at Wenona and Miskwabi Lakes. MACA will be first, hopefully in the next month.

As we begin the spring cleanup around our residences, please remember that your shoreline is extremely important to our lakes' health. In the 60 lakes evaluated in Haliburton County over 6,000 shorelines did not pass! Let's have MACA lead the way in reducing those numbers. So, take a review your *Love Your Lake* Shoreline Evaluation Report to see what you can do to keep your lake healthy. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA) web site, at www.cohpoa.org, have updated their **Shoreline Health** section to include expert recommendations on Shoreline Vegetation. It is worth a visit!

Please remember that if you are going to change your shoreline in any way (add sand, rocks etc.) you MUST advise the MNR of your plans and get their approval.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By Phyllis McCulloch, Membership Director

We were happy to see so many take advantage of the new online membership renewal process. Just a reminder to those who have not renewed yet, that you'll want to do so as soon as you can, we will be updating our lists and we are sure you'll want to continue to receive our newsletter, event information, important information and urgent notices.

Go to mymaca.net and click on "Membership". You can renew your membership online, or print a copy of the form with the other renewal options. If you require further information send me at note at: phyllis.mcculloch058@sympatico.ca

Plant Sale June 2

Looking for plants to help re-naturalize your property this spring?

You might want to check out the Haliburton County Master Gardeners' annual plant sale, on Saturday June 2, at the Village Green in downtown Minden.

Arrive at 9am to take a number, and browse the plants. Plants will be sold on first come/first serve basis from 10am until sold out.

Plants available will include hostas, grasses and some native plants such as Rudbeckia and coneflower.

Information about the plants will be available for download in PDF format after the sale. For more information visit:

www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca



NATURE NOTES: Attracting Frogs and Toads

by Susan Hay

One way to keep mosquitoes and other insects at bay at the cottage is to attract toads and frogs to your garden. In addition to their ability to keep insect populations under control, they also make beautiful "music" for you to enjoy in the evenings!

It is illegal to release non-native frogs and toads because they can take over, crowding out and killing native species. Or, they may not do well when removed from their habitats and may not survive.

By planting a lot of different shrubs and plants that are native to your area, by mulching garden beds, and keeping a compost heap, your garden will become a magnet to frogs and toads who seem to have a special knack for seeking out the best places to live and breed.

"Compost heap", you exclaim? "In bear country?!" Yes, it can be done. By only putting yard and garden waste, vegetable matter containing no meat, oils, dairy or sweets and layering this nitrogen rich material with plenty of carbon rich dry leaves or sawdust or wood chips or shredded paper and cardboard, you can compost in bear country.

If you're really motivated to attract toads to your garden you might want to consider a small garden pond. Your pond should be located in an area of your yard or garden that's partially shady, but also gets some sun. The most desirable type of pond for amphibians is one that's rather shallow - no deeper than 20 inches at the centre, and as shallow as 8 inches around the edges. If you would like to know more about how to create a garden pond, check out this link: <http://www.naturallivingideas.com/attract-frogs-toads-to-your-garden/> But remember that a small stagnant pond will grow algae and mosquito larvae so it needs to be carefully tended.



1st Annual MACA Photo Contest

This year's theme:

"Where the Earth Meets the Water"

Go to <http://www.mymaca.net> to submit your favorite waterfront photos.

Deadline for entries is Aug 15th, 2018.

Judging will take place at the Wine and Cheese Aug 25th.

Winners will be announced in the fall newsletter.

Winners receive: 1st \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20



MACA FLASHBACK! 35 YEARS AGO



Here's what was making news in the MACA Newsletter from May, 1983

"You are entitled to vote in Municipal Elections if you are the owner or tenant of land in the Municipality or the spouse of such an owner or tenant... It is in your own best interests to ensure you are properly recorded on the Voters List. This can be done by contacting the Municipal Office."

"M.N.R. advise that an assessment survey of the lake trout fishing in Lake Wenona will be carried out this summer if time and manpower permit. The purpose of this survey is to try and determine the lake trout status of the lake. In April of 1983, 2000 lake trout yearlings were stocked in Miskwabi Lake. Three Cheers for M.N.R.!"

"M.N.R. now has a self-help creel census program. Anyone who fishes, particularly for lake trout, is requested to fill out this form and send it in to M.N.R. Minden... Send in the 1st form after a couple weeks fishing so M.N.R. can check it. Then send in another at the end of the season. Be honest and also report the time[s] your were fishing and didn't catch any."

FOCA Federation News: "The year promises to be an exciting one for FOCA. We are continuing to be actively involved in the issue of Acid Rain... We are members of various Ontario Hydro committees including Route and Site selection for new power corridors... We will continue to be involved in such items as pollution and water levels of various bodies of water... We are involved with the Red Cross summer programs and continue to support the O.P.P. in their attempt to provide year round protection for cottage property. These are but a few issues that FOCA will continue to pursue in 1983."

Cottage Cook's Corner

Favourite Recipes Shared by MACA Members



Maple Salmon

Contributed by: Susanne James

A fast and easy recipe with a hint of maple - perfect for a light spring dinner.

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup Haliburton maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1 pound salmon

Directions:

- 1) In a small bowl, mix the maple syrup, soy sauce, garlic, garlic salt and pepper
- 2) Place salmon in a shallow glass baking dish, coat with the maple syrup mixture. Cover dish, and marinate salmon in the fridge for approx. 30 minutes, turning once.
- 3) Preheat oven to 400 degrees F
- 4) Place the baking dish in the preheated oven, and bake salmon uncovered for approx. 20 minutes or until done (salmon flakes with a fork).