

CHARLESTON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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LAKELINE LODGE & MARINA 2015

The summer of 2015 will not soon be forgotten. We had wonderful weather, great fishing and many shared memories with our guests. One of our guests, George, provided us with a new slogan this year and we have been using it as a marketing initiative. "Great Fishing! Great Lake! Great People!" We take pride in what we do, and we hope that everyone has a positive and memorable experience with us at Lakeline Lodge. We have invested 53 years and three generations to date. Irene is currently collecting Charleston Lake history from the lakes many visitors and property owners to create a second Beautiful Charleston book. We welcome any stories and memories that you would like to share. One chapter will be focusing on Charleston Lake Regatta experiences, and another on lake camping experiences. Fish tales must of course be part of the research project!

Renovations at Lakeline

Everyone seems to have enjoyed the new televisions in cottages 1-6 this year. This fall we are redoing cottage 8 and repainting the bedrooms in cottages 7, 8 and 1. New cupboards will be installed in cottages 6 and 8 and the electrical panels in cottages 7 & 8 have been updated. We have purchased 6 solar lamp posts to adorn the shoreline in front of cottage 1-6. We are currently trying to get permission to build a new screened in porch in front of Shawn's old work shop. The township will have the final say.

Friendly Reminders

- Please empty your cottage of garbage and recycling before leaving - we have provided large bins outside of your cottage. If you are staying on an island, please bring all of your garbage and recycling to the marina before departing.
- Check in time is 1pm, check out is 10am.
- Please notify staff if you require anything throughout your stay, we would be pleased to help you!

**Let us know if the cottage is missing anything! - We have extras!!

- Please park your boat in the assigned parking slip ONLY, no parking along the cement wall as it makes it difficult for other customers to park in their seasonal slips.



Spring 2015

This spring treated the residents of Charleston Lake much better than the high water levels of last spring. The ice caused very little, to no damage out on the lake. Kristin and Irene were two of the last people out on the lake. They decided to go for one last tour to Bear Island on the fourwheeler and snowmobile. The ice went out exactly a week after their adventure! April 28th the ice departed and boats started going in!

The "Crew" here at Lakeline Lodge (missing Dawson and Amber).



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Painting Adventures

Painting this spring and summer at Lakeline included; all 28 porch chairs sanded and stained in May and June. Our docks received a fresh coat of red paint, they are looking fabulous. It sounds terrible, but when you get to stick your feet in the water as you're working, it's not so bad! The view doesn't hurt either!

Lastly, Lauren painted the big white gas tank out behind of the shop. It is a fishing scene that includes Indian Head, turtles and a fisherman catching a monster bass! It's the perfect place for a family photo! Check it out next time you are at the marina!

Artisans Day

July 19th; our second annual Artisans Day! Due to severe thunderstorm warning, some of our artists couldn't make it out, however it was a great day had by all! Luckily the rain and wind held off until around 4pm. Displays included wood carvings, rock engraving, pottery, photos taken around the lake, fresh baked goods, all natural teas and wellness products, fresh farm produce, natural beauty products, hand made knitted products and more! Pat Johnson played his guitar and sang in front of the bait shop, providing us with a lovely tune to work to all day. Thank you to all who supported our local artists!

Wildlife at the Marina

We shared the marina with some wildlife company this summer! We had frequent visits from a humungous snapping turtle we named Sally Snapper (I wrote a bit about her 2 years ago in the newsletter when she was eating all the fish off of stringers.) Watch your toes!! Other visitors included; Chip the Chipmunk, the pesky candy thief, Billy the Bowfin who no one could catch! He was about 2' long and he would tease the cottagers by breaking their line and stealing their bait! Olive the Hummingbird was also a frequent flyer in the bait shop, Kristin and Lauren rescued him multiple times! Other sightings; minks, a deer on Frizzle Island, and a coyote and fisher in Donaldsons Bay.

Facebook.com/lakelinelodge

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us accomplish our goal of 500 "Likes" before July 1st! We are working on 600 before the marina closes! Feel free to post any and all vacation pictures! All feedback is so very helpful! Enjoy the winter pictures!

Invasive Species in Ontario

Invasive species are non-native plant or animal species that are accidentally introduced into the local environment. These invading species can be a threat to the survival of some of our native fish, animal or plant life. These species arrive from elsewhere in the world and without natural predators, they can crowd out native species and affect their ecosystems. We can unknowingly transfer the eggs, larvae, seeds or pieces of these species to other Ontario lakes by boat bilge water, in wake boarding bladder tanks, fishing live wells and attached vegetation debris. Once introduced into an area, invasive species are almost impossible to eradicate. Some Aquatic Invasive Species include; Zebra Mussels, Asian Carp, Round Goby, Eurasian Milfoil.

What can we do to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species? -Inform any visitors bringing boats from other water bodies of the potential for species transfer - Inspect all parts of your boating and fishing equipment that gets wet - Rinse the equipment with hot water (50C+) - High pressure spray your boat, motor and trailer with water at 250psi - Dry your boating equipment in the sun for at least 5 days before launching into any other body of water. ****Retrieved from the CLA Summer Newsletter****



New Products

Lakeline Lodge is always expanding and changing! This year our product list grew again! We now provide bundles of firewood for \$6.50. Campfires are one of the best parts about vacation!

Lakeline also now serves fresh Willards bakery sandwiches and fresh salads! Enjoy a fresh sandwich that you can put whatever toppings on you like. We also still have all of Willards fresh baked goods in store! Cookies, donuts, and tarts.

If you have any suggestions of any products you would like to see in our store, even a particular piece of tackle or candy, please let us know and we will be more than happy to provide you with the product!

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August 7th the Sea Monster in action! A huge snapping turtle that frequents the marina!

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2014 Fishing Stories

Reminder: Bring your Outdoors Card! If you did not receive one - bring your "temporary" card.

| 2015 FISHING SEASONS | |
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| Pike | 2nd Saturday in May |
| Trout | 4th Saturday in May |
| Bass | 3rd Saturday in June |

Preliminary Results from Netting Assessment

For the past seven years, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has been conducting fisheries assessments at a provincial scale. Charleston Lake is identified as a "Trend" lake, to be assessed on a five-year cycle. This provides a snapshot of the entire fish community within a given waterbody, but it is primarily designed to survey either: Lake Trout, Walleye or Brook Trout.

The statistical netting precision was sufficient to indicate a 9% increase in the relative density of Lake Trout from 2008 to 2014.

Thank you for catching a releasing!

Charleston Lake Fishing Diary

We are often asked about the health of the fishery on our lake. We are trying to get answers for you but unfortunately, we did not get a good return on fishing diaries last year. The MNR does provide a broad scale survey every five years but we would like to supplement that information with an annual look at our fishery.

Heres how you can help:

Pick-up a diary at Lakeline Lodge to track your time fishing, approximate length and whether or not it is a native fish. When you are done fishing for the year whether it was a day, a week or the entire season - drop your fishing diary off at Lakeline. We are okay with damp, dirty or fish slimed diaries being returned. Please hand in the diary even if you didn't catch anything! All information is important.

During the time of September 20-23rd, 3 Lehigh Valley fishermen had a great fishing experience. There yields were plentiful and they won bragging rights to a 4.9lb largie and two 3.9lb smallies, and a 5.9lb pike. That was a great couple of days and good fishing!

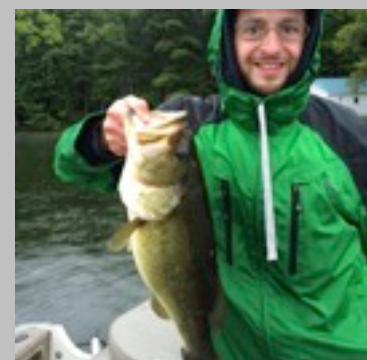
(Below) Andrew's July 4th
2.5lb smallie



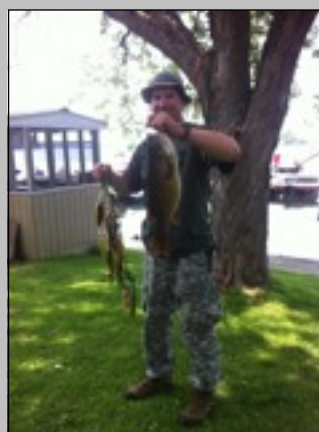
(Below) Bill's 9.3lb Pike
July 2nd



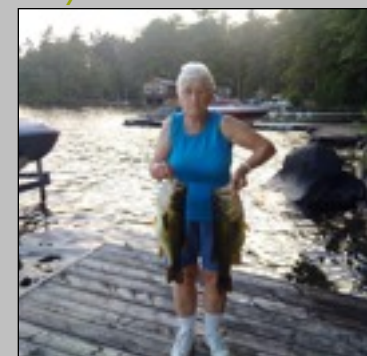
(Below) 5.5lb Largie
caught August 10th



(Above) 8lb Largie caught
by Martin



(Above) 4lb smallie
caught July 8th



(Above) 6.6lb (right) and
5.5lb (left)

If you catch a "whopper," be sure to write it on the board in the fish hut!

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Save Old Baldy AKA Indian Head

Old Baldy, the stoic face etched by nature on the side of the cliff is the premier icon of beautiful Charleston Lake, the guardian spirit of the lake. In 2010, preliminary plan approval was given to create new cottage lots on the land above and behind Old Baldy. But two Charleston Lake families, Jackie & Ray Heffernan and Theodora & Michael McAdoo, committed to conserve these lands through the Nature Conservancy of Canada - if enough funds are raised. Together let's make this a forever for Charleston. The Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Frontenac Arch Natural Area partners are working to preserve Old Baldy- but we need you help.



Ghost Chair

Attention fans of Eleanor Glenn's sell-out book GHOST CHAIR ON CHARLESTON LAKE!

The second book in the series, SKUNK GREASE & WHOOPIE PIES, will be launched at the Lakeline Lodge 3rd Annual Artisan Sale, Sunday, July 17, 2016. If you would like to reserve your copy of the second book, email Eleanor at glenn07s@hotmail.com Subject Line: BOOK RESERVE
-Eleanor

Ecological Significance

Old Baldy is a 130 acre property on Charleston Lake. It's impressive undeveloped shoreline is connected to nearby wetlands and is near Charleston Lake Provincial Park. It hosts a variety of at-risk species, such as Eastern musk turtles, Five-linked skinks (Ontario's only lizard) and Cerulean warblers. The property is in the UNESCO Frontenac Arch Biosphere, part of a world-wide network of 628 Biosphere Reserves in 119 countries. It is the crossroads of the continent where five forest regions meet, creating a great richness of plant, insect and animal species- making it the most biodiverse region in Canada, and a place of incredible beauty.

Habitat Type: Hardwood & mixed forest, wetlands and lake shore

Size: 130 acres

Our Fundraising Goal: \$158,000 (as of August, \$113,000 raised)

Anticipated Closing Date: Spring 2015

To Donate Please Contact: www.tiwt.ca OR 613-659-4590

We would like to thank you in advance for your donations! Lets make Old Baldy a Forever here at Charleston Lake!!

In Closing



Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! See you in 2016!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We could not survive without your support and repeat business. Enjoying many of you as friends as well as customers is truly a wonderful life experience. History book research, a drone to photo graph our lake and property, and booking a booth at the Allentown Fair grounds this March 2016, keep us moving forward to continue to make future Charleston Lake memories and new experiences for our past, present and future quests here at Lakeline.

We wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season with your family and friends and we look forward to your next visit.

Casting off...

The Irelands & Staff at Lakeline Lodge & Marina Charleston Lake, ON