



# Spring Newsletter 2014

## Message from the President ...

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association (CLCA) has been blessed to be staffed by hardworking volunteers who want to make a difference and have an eye on the future. Joined by new members in recent years the CLCA is looking to be pro-active instead of reactive. Just like you, we are all stakeholders in Crystal Lake, and I am pleased to serve with them.

Water levels and quality, development pressures and political action are a few of the things we have been focusing on. We have also been busy with projects like the new welcome signs which I'm sure everyone has taken note of around the lake.

A couple of things we are working on for 2014 include the development of a welcome package for new Crystal Laker's as well as a benefit program that includes discounts at local business's for members of the CLCA.

One of the things we frequently get asked, by government bodies as one example, is what percentage of the landowners on the lake does the CLCA represent. Unfortunately for a lake with over 600 cottages we have typically less than 200 members per year. With only a \$20 membership cost, one would not think this would be a barrier to membership. Perhaps it's about awareness and that's where we'd like to ask our current members to please spread the word about the CLCA. People can become CLCA members by mail, online, in person at the AGM or by speaking with any of the CLCA Executive or Board members.

We have a website with lots of information. It's supported by local businesses that serve our area and we encourage everyone to support them. The site has minutes from past meetings and community goings on. There's also a web forum and growing Facebook community that allows our lake residents to communicate with one another. We encourage you to check it out and participate!

Thanks for your support and I hope summer 2014 is awesome as all get out.

*John Hubbard*

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association President

## Membership Discount Cards

There are many benefits to being a CLCA member and this year we have a new one to add to that list! CLCA Membership Discount Cards! Take a look inside for more information.



Join us for the

## Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 10:00am @ Galway Hall

We hope to see you all there!



## Crystal Lake Triathlon

Sunday August 24, 2014

### White's Beach - Crystal Lake

### Sprint & Relay Triathlon 8:30am

750m Swim; 20km Cycle and 5km Run

### Tri a Tri 10:00am

375m Swim; 10km Cycle and 2.5km Run

Registration Fee: \$25, Relay \$30 for Team

Registration closes August 9, 2014

Register online at : <http://www.crystallakecottagers.ca/>

Or email to: [crystallaketri@gmail.com](mailto:crystallaketri@gmail.com)

Volunteers needed!

Crystal Lake Logo items will be available for sale

Join the Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association or Renew your Existing Membership Today!



## What does the CLCA do?

CLCA focuses on the interests of Crystal Lake cottagers – such as water quality, the environment, community events and liaison with other associations and the Township.

- We act as a liaison on issues and concerns that arise in the community that may impact cottagers and the Crystal Lake area.
- We erected welcome signs and keep them looking beautiful.
- We provide financial support and oversight for the orange buoys to mark some of the rocks and shoals as well as maintain the flashing lights on Gull Island.
- We offer discount cards for use at local businesses for CLCA members.
- We have a lake Steward who takes water samples to have tested by MOE to monitor the water quality of the lake for clarity, phosphorus levels and invader species (i.e. zebra mussels).
- We maintain a website to keep cottagers informed.
- We make donation(s) to our local volunteer organizations.
- We maintain membership with various associations to provide a united voice for Crystal Lake including:
  - ✓ Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA):
    - a non-profit, voluntary organization that represents over 500 Ontario cottage associations that is dedicated to supporting the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners.
  - ✓ Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Incorporated (GARAI):
    - a community based organization, dedicated to working with all associations, residents, businesses, local township, and all levels of government both federally and provincially to find solutions to issues that are common among property owners in our area.
    - A strong and active Environment Committee who coordinate the Turtle Crossing & Adopt-A-Road Programs.
  - ✓ Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF):
    - work to implement equitable water management policy for the Trent-Severn Waterway taking all those affected into account.

## Membership Discount Cards

We have spoken with many local businesses who are excited to offer discounts to members of the CLCA that show their membership card. When you join or renew your membership for 2014 you will receive a membership card. Those that have pre-paid their memberships for multiple years will also receive a card. Cards have already started going out. Those who provided an e-mail address to us when becoming a member will receive them by e-mail and those without can expect them by regular mail.

A big **Thank You** to the participating businesses. These include:

Austin Lumber	Crows Nest
Crystal Lake Marina	Freshmart
Shop & Save	Tim-Br Mart
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\*See the vendor or 'in-store' for details. A list of the current businesses that offer the discount will be kept up to date on our website, the forum and our Facebook page.

## Meet the CLCA

### Executive Committee

- **President**  
John Hubbard
- **Vice President**  
Christine Brickman
- **Secretary**  
Sharon Brickman
- **Treasurer**  
Don Langlois
- **Membership**  
Sarah Petrik

### Board Members

John Hubbard (Chair)  
Carl Brickman  
Barry Abelson  
Michael Leblanc  
John Beattie

We would love to hear from you. If you have any questions or comments you would like to share with us, please visit the "Contact" section of the CLCA website at:

[www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html](http://www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html)

## The CLCA Website

Check out the CLCA Website where you can:

- Become a member of the CLCA
- Get in touch with us and see what the CLCA is up to
- Find information on issues that may concern you as a cottager (i.e. water levels)
- Join the online discussion forum
- Browse through or post on the buy/sell & lost/found sections
- Check out the Crystal Lake webcam
- Check out some great photos of your fellow cottagers
- Find links to useful information and websites

[www.crystallakecottagers.ca](http://www.crystallakecottagers.ca)

## CLCA is on Facebook!

You can now find the CLCA on Facebook.  
[Click here](#) to check out our page or look on our website for more information.



## OPP Patrol

The OPP patrol our lake and roads during the day and night. Know the rules of the lake and road!



For more information on safe boating visit Transport Canada's website at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp511-menu-487.htm>

## Coalition for Equitable Water Flow

Water levels are important to most if not all of us on Crystal Lake. We encourage you all to take a look visit the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow's website for more information.  
[http://cewf.typepad.com/coalition\\_for\\_equitable\\_w/](http://cewf.typepad.com/coalition_for_equitable_w/)

## Crystal Lake Big Rink Skating Party

Thank you once again to the Knupp family and friends for hosting the annual Crystal Lake Big Rink Skating Party over the Family Day Weekend. A great time was had by all. Go to [http://crystallakecottagers.ca/clca\\_gallery.htm](http://crystallakecottagers.ca/clca_gallery.htm) as well as our Facebook page to check out some pictures from the day!

For those of you who missed it, make sure to mark it in your calendar for next year!



## Friendly Reminders

1. We share the lake and roads with many of nature's creatures both big and small (see our wildlife inventory posted on our website). Please respect all forms of wildlife.
2. Always use caution when having any type of fire. See the GCH rules and regulations at [www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca](http://www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca)
3. Be Bear Wise! See what you can do at [bears.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://bears.mnr.gov.on.ca)
4. Know your 911 information in case on an emergency. Please ensure that your 911 number is visible and in good shape. Please remove all old Crystal Lake numbers to avoid confusion.
5. Watch your boat wake! Be considerate of cottagers' docks, water craft, and shorelines. Know the rules. Go 'dead slow' in potential loon nesting areas or avoid these areas completely.
6. Get involved! Join the Ontario Turtle Tally or Adopt-A-Pond. For more info, go to <http://www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/turtles.asp>
7. If you are a dog owner, you may want to familiarize yourself with the contents of the GCH by-law website at <http://www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca/DepartmentsCommittees/AnimalControl/tabid/86/Default.aspx>

## Helpful Phone Numbers

### Emergency Numbers

Fire, Police, Ambulance Emergency – 911  
Marine & Air Search and Rescue – 1-800-267-7270  
Poison Information Centre – 1-800-268-9017  
Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868



### Non-Emergency Numbers

Police – 1-888-310-1122  
Tele-Health Ontario – 1-866-797-0000  
Ministry of Natural Resources (Minden) - (705) 286-1521 or 1-800-667-1940  
Hydro One – 1-888-664-9376 For Outages Call 1-800-434-1235  
Bell Canada – 416-310-2355 or 1-800-668-6878

Check out the CLCA website for more helpful numbers.

## Adopt-A-Road

The Adopt-A-Road initiative is sponsored by the County of Peterborough and supported by your Township. There is a group of almost 50 volunteers coordinated by the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association that take part in the program which covers the roads around Crystal, White, Salmon & Fortescue Lakes. We urge you to show your support for their efforts by taking a walk, run, stroll or hike along the roads in your immediate area before the bugs get out with a bag or backpack to collect garbage you find along the way. A BIG THANK YOU to all of these volunteers.

For more information or to become a volunteer please contact Carl Brickman @ 705 488 2284.

## CLCA Social Events

**Stay tuned to our website for upcoming social events! Also, if you have any ideas and energy please let us know!!!**

## Invading Species

Crystal Lake was tested for invasive species including zebra mussels and spiny water flea along with Lake Fortescue, Salmon Lake and White Lake. All 4 lakes including Crystal Lake tested negative for zebra mussels, however, our lake did test positive for spiny water flea. All four lakes will continue to be tested every year.

It is important to be careful when taking boats from Crystal Lake to other lakes and when bringing boats from other lakes onto Crystal Lake in order to stop the spread of invasive species.

Be sure to inspect your boat, trailer and equipment after each use removing all plants, animals and mud before transporting your boat to a new body of water.

If you would like more information on invasive species please visit the following websites:

[www.invadingspecies.com](http://www.invadingspecies.com)

<http://www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/invertebrates/spiny-and-fishhook-waterflea/>

<http://www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/invertebrates/zebra-and-quagga-mussels/>

[http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@mnr/@biodiversity/documents/document/stdprod\\_104411.pdf](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@mnr/@biodiversity/documents/document/stdprod_104411.pdf)

## Important Dates - 2014

### May

- Saturdays from Victoria Day until Thanksgiving - Kinmount Farmers Market (9am-2pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park)
- Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> Victoria Day

### June

- June 1<sup>st</sup> - CLCA AGM at Galway Hall @ 10:00am

### July

- Every Thursday night in July & August - Music in the Park (free summer concert series). Starts @ 6:30pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Bring your own lawn chairs.
- Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day
- July 1<sup>st</sup> - Canada Day Celebrations at the Kinmount Fairgrounds. Gates open at 5pm, fireworks start at dusk. Live entertainment, BBQ and activities for the kids.

### August

- Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> Civic Holiday
- Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Movie Night @ the Knupp's Cottage
- Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> - Crystal Lake Triathlon

### September

- Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> Labour Day
- Kinmount Fair Labour Day Weekend

### October

- Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving



Check out <http://www.kinmount.ca/Events.php> as well as our website for more events and information.



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## **Become a Member of the Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association**

The Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association represents you and your interests as a cottager on Crystal Lake. We represent you with our local council, other associations and other government agencies. It is important that we have a strong association represented by all cottagers so when we speak on your behalf we are able to say that we represent the majority of all Crystal Lake cottagers'.

We know that your cottage property is a major investment, so why not join the CLCA so we can help protect that investment and your interests.

Membership is only \$20 annually per cottage. For those who are interested we are now offering the option for you to pay your membership fee for up to 5 years at a time.

We encourage all cottagers to join for a strong association. There are 3 ways that you can join the CLCA.

1. Online by credit card or PayPal at [www.crystallakecottagers.ca](http://www.crystallakecottagers.ca)
2. By mail – Complete the Membership Form below and send it along with a \$20 cheque payable to the CLCA to:

Don Langlois c/o CLCA  
31 Mapledawn Road  
Etobicoke, ON  
M9C 2V7

3. In Person – At the Annual General Meeting held on June 1, 2014. Bring along the completed form below.

If you have any questions at all, we would be pleased to answer them. You can contact us by visiting our website at: [www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html](http://www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html)



### **Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association** **2014 Membership**

**Cottager Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cottage Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cottage Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer to receive mailings by e-mail

**Option # 1**

**I wish to pay my CLCA 2014 Membership (\$20)**

**Option # 2**

**I wish to pay my CLCA Membership fee for the next \_\_\_\_\_ years (up to 5 years).  
Enclosed is my payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 x up to 5 years).**

**Payment Type: Cheque  Cash**