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Fishing By Canoe by Heather Maynes

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Ice-fishing Derby Success (from Bill Neill)

Hello to all. The following is a short summary of the fishing derby that took place on Saturday February 16th. The lake was extremely busy and I would suggest that there were at least equal the number of people who didn't bother to register and were out fishing and enjoying the great weather.

226 registrations with 166 adults and 60 kids.

78 pike taken for a total weight of 176 pounds.

the heaviest taken was 11 lbs. 2oz., followed by 2nd. Prize at 6 lbs. 9 oz., and 3rd. at 5 lbs. 12 oz.

The winner of the CLWA \$100.00 gift certificate was Chris Mills.

Dan Harley won the CLWA \$100.00 Sponsored Gift Certificate.

On another note of interest, Sandra (Vanattan from Chris' Live Bait) indicated that a large number of the fish that they were cleaning were full of eggs and that could result in a little dent in the Pike population.

On a final note, several days after the derby, a 46 inch pike was caught weighing approximately 22 lbs. which I think is a big fish.

B.O.G.S. aka Bullrushes On The Go

Imagine discovering a mass of bulrushes on your waterfront! In 2017, one was 250 feet long and in 2018 another was 600 feet! Both on the same CLWA member's property! They are causing anger, frustration and growing concern! The plan is to keep track of these events, collecting some data, in order to find some underlying sources, reasons why and possible action we could take. Thanks to those CLWA members who have sent along their stories and data. We need your help in getting more information on size, time of year, content and outcome! Thanks!

If you have photos, dates and general information on B.O.G.S of past springs, please email it to us at info@clwa.ca or to someone on this CLWA committee.

CLWA's B.O.G.S. committee: Chris Reid, Jeff Alderson and Norma Crofts

Spring

Crowe Lake Matters

2019

Words from the President

Greetings and Welcome to Spring

Spring means renewal and growth, and we're not going to argue the Mother Nature, so our Membership Renewal effort is starting. At the same time were looking for new members.

DR Paul Herbert has agreed to join the Board as our Secretary. We have a few others being recruited by Elinor White and others on the Board., but we need more help!!!

We have an article from Debbie Drummond about the Drummond family business and one from Ruth Berger about Wetlands. Both very timely and interesting. We're always interested in whatever you want to write about for us. Many thanks to Debbie and Ruth for their contributions to the newsletter.

On February 2, 2019. Marmora lost a great volunteer — Cathie Jones. She was the curator of the Marmora Historical Foundation and she was a regular at any community event. She was a director on the CLWA and it was her suggestion that brought about our membership signs. She compiled several books about the Crowe using Marmora Herald stories.

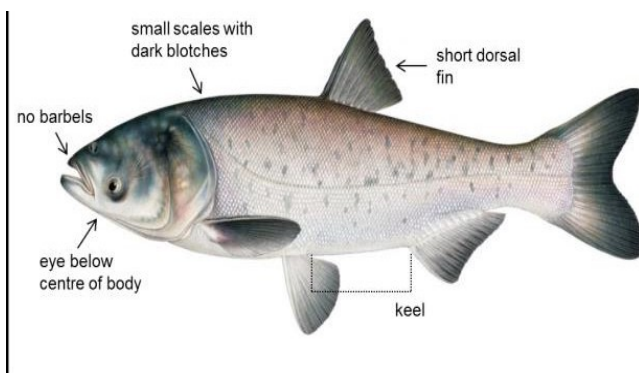
There is lots of planning and organizing for our outstanding summer program. Fireworks will be huge, the boat parade will be loud and colourful, There are fishing derbies (maybe a new one for CLWA Members) all Summer and we'll do our best to keep you informed. Same for all the other events on the lake and in the community.

I've decided it's time to let someone else be President, so this will be my last Word from the President. It's been a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who is or has been on the Board or part of all the CLWA Events. I've had a great time and it's a hard decision but it's for the best. Time for someone else to have all the fun.

Ritch

Name That Invasive Species

Answers on page 3



Message From MNRF

This is from the FIRST edition of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (MNRF) *Ontario Fish and Wildlife News*, April 2019.

Updating our fish and wildlife licensing service

This November (2018) we're making updates to our licensing service. Our goal is to make it easier for you to buy fishing and hunting licences. A couple of exciting features in the new service include:

A single version of the plastic Outdoors Card.

(Hunter accreditation will no longer appear on the Outdoors Card; it will be tracked in the new service.)

A Licence Summary that lists all your valid fishing and hunting licences. The Licence Summary can be printed from home but you also have the option to store it on a digital device such as your smartphone.

Future regulation changes

Next, we're making improvements to some fishing and hunting rules. Fishing regulation changes will come into effect in November 2018, and hunting regulations will change in January 2019. Here are some things that will be different for hunters:

In 2019, game seals will be replaced by "tags".

You'll have the option to print your tag from home, making it easier to prepare for hunting season. Plastic see-through luggage tag holders can help protect your tags from the elements.

Reporting rules for hunters are also changing. All hunters who are issued a tag in 2019 will be asked to submit a report whether or not they hunted or harvested an animal. This new mandatory hunter reporting will replace the current mix of hunter/harvest reporting and voluntary hunter questionnaires.

Health Canada Stands By Approval of Ingredient in Roundup

(The Canadian Press, Jan 11, 2019)

Health Canada scientists say there is no reason to believe the scientific evidence they used to approve the continued use of glyphosate in weed killers was tainted. They rejected, again, arguments that the ingredient in herbicides like Monsanto's Roundup causes cancer if the substances are

Name That Invasive Species

picture of gold fish: Hunter Anderson of Danville, Kentucky, poses with this massive catch that looks like a 20-pound goldfish (from page 2)

Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a plant native to Asia. It was likely introduced to North America as an ornamental garden plant. With no known diseases or insect pests here in Canada, the plant has escaped into the wild and has become an invasive species which threatens our natural ecosystems. Giant hogweed, an invasive plant species that can cause severe blistering and permanent blindness, is spreading through Ontario.

Common carp are domesticated ancestors of a wild form native to the Caspian Sea region and East Asia. Carp degrade shallow lakes by causing excessive turbidity, which can lead to declines in waterfowl and important native fish species. The common carp was introduced by unintentional release in 1879.

Emerald ash borer was first confirmed in New York in June 2009 near Randolph, in western Cattaraugus County. The rapid spread of the beetle through North America is most likely due to the transport of infested firewood, ash nursery stock, unprocessed ash logs, and other ash products.

Round Goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*) is one of Ontario's most unwanted invasive species. Round goby was first discovered in 1990 in the St. Clair River near Windsor, Ontario. The fish is believed to travel by the ballast water in ships from the Black and Caspian seas in Europe to the Great Lakes in North America. The round goby is a small, aggressive bottom-dwelling fish. They usually grow three to six inches long, but can grow up to ten inches.

used as they're supposed to be. The department's Pest Management Regulatory Agency is required to reassess herbicides every 15 years and after such a reassessment in 2017 it approved glyphosate for continued use in Canada with some additional labelling requirements. The review looked at more than 1,300 studies and concluded glyphosate products pose no risk to people or the environment as long as they are properly used and labelled.

Did You Know That...

... some fire fighters and volunteer medical responders may display a flashing green light when using their own vehicles to respond to a fire or medical emergency. Please yield the right-of-way to help them reach the emergency quickly and safely. (Ontario Ministry Transportation)

...the record for longest jump by a domestic cat is 7 feet by Waffle the Warrior Cat in Big Sur, California in January 2018. (Guinness World Records)

... when you buy a fishing or hunting license in Ontario, 100% of your fees go directly into the Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account. It costs over \$100 million annually to pay for our fish and wildlife programs and services, of which the Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account pays for about two-thirds. Programs supported by the Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account include fish culture and stocking, wildlife population studies, research and enforcement.

2018 AGM Committee Reports

Rocks & Shoal Report (Vesa Koivusalo and Jeff Alderson)

Jeff Alderson is new manager. Jeff and Rob Harding place about 40 marker buoys. Problems with markers, contact Jeff through info@clwa.ca.

CLWA Social Media (Dave Savournin)

Website WWW.CLWA.CA - July 1 2017 to June 30 2018

Total Visitors = 1,048 vs. 1,329 in the previous year - 21%

Total Sessions = 1,538 vs. 1,783 -14%

Sessions Per Visitor = +9.4%

Pages Viewed Per Session = 3.1 vs 2.9 +5%

Avg. Session Duration = 1.56 mins vs. 1.55

Online Membership Renewals have increased over last year, as have email transfer payments.

Bottom line is: less people viewing the site, most of the Visitors are repeats from previous years - 97%, visitors look at more of the Site and spend a little longer on it than before

FACEBOOK PAGE

290 Likes and 305 Followers

We 'Reach' hundreds of people with every post, e.g. Fire Ban post = 366, Fireworks Photos = 295, Fireworks Announcement = 1,100, Sunset pic = 1,800, CVCA Flood Warnings = an Average of 600

Bottom Line is: Facebook gets our message out a lot faster than the website, and to many, many more people; the Website is really an information database, in which people can look for various types of information; both serve their purpose very well for a non-profit organization like CLWA.



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The Amazing Beauty and Benefits of Our Crowe Lake Wetlands

(from Ruth Berger)

Along the southern shores of Crowe Lake, as well as west of Blairton, there are some very healthy wetlands, which serve a vital purpose in the water quality and eco-system we enjoy. Growing up along the shores of the Lake, we never really knew the tremendous benefits of the amazing wetlands, which are an important element of the healthy waters and vibrant eco-system of Crowe Lake.

Misconceptions About Wetlands and Mosquitoes

Do wetlands encourage mosquitoes? The surprising answer: No! Did you know that they can actually reduce mosquito populations? Here is a fact sheet from a U.S. source, the State of Indiana: Healthy wetlands devour mosquitos!

A healthy, functioning wetland can actually help reduce mosquito populations. A vibrant wetland ecosystem is home to fish, insects, amphibians, birds, and bats that devour the tiny pests. Healthy wetlands provide wildlife habitat, naturally cleanse our water—and even help control those annoying mosquitoes.

It's true that mosquitoes need standing water to breed. When wetlands are healthy the mosquito's natural predators – birds, bats, dragonfly, and frogs (i.e., those species normally found in a "wet wetland") – can control the mosquito population. Furthermore, a healthy wetland is constantly biodegrading, producing methane gas, resulting in a thin layer on the surface which impedes the hatching of the mosquito larvae.

Wetland scientists are now investigating the role of restoration and other land management techniques in controlling for mosquitoes. When the Essex County, Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project restored a 1,500-acre wetland, the mosquito population dropped by 90 percent. The experts there know (to page 6)





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IT'S BEEN 60 YEARS SINCE DRUMMOND'S FIRST OPENED ITS DOORS!! by Debbie Drummond

The physical appearance of the building has changed considerably over the 60 years that Drummond Building Supplies (now known as Drummond BMR) has been in operation. It has grown from a small 12' x 24' space to its current 10,000 square foot showroom and offices. It is a full service building supplies and hardware business, with a paint department, rentals, kitchen and bath boutique, electrical, plumbing, flooring, etc.....
.....full service.

The business was started by Bob Drummond and his father James in 1959, initially to purchase materials for their own usage and warehouse for Bob's construction materials, but soon after was opened to the public as a retail outlet due to the demand by contractors and cottagers. Bob's son Jamie joined the business in 1985, followed by daughter Peggy in 1993 and then Debbie in 2003, and all of the grandchildren at one time or another working weekends and summer holidays. Bob's wife Florence was active in the business in the early years, but was always the glue that held things together at home, making lunches & hot meals, and tending to all the day to day necessities of the family.

Sadly, both Bob and Jamie past away over the past couple years.

Today Bob's daughters Debbie and Peggy run the day to day operation of the business, along with their dedicated BMR staff. They continually try to support many local events within their community to show support and to keep local people and surrounding communities thinking of them first..... **SHOP LOCAL.**

They would like to invite all of their valued customers to join them on Saturday June 1st for their anniversary celebration and customer appreciation day.

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Wetlands (from page 5)

that wetland restoration is synonymous with genuine mosquito control.

Spring Flood Waters and the Impact on Wetlands

With each Spring, Crowe Lake receives ample winter runoff from snow and ice melts generated within the watershed. The compounding effect of water levels which rise very quickly, along with the thawing surfaces, have a 'loosening' effect on the stability of the wetlands on Crowe Lake. Combine this with a storm or two, and we have sections of the wetlands break loose, creating mini marshland islands which float to new locations along the shorelines.

The Spring of 2018 witnessed this event, much to the dismay of many families along the shores of the Lake. It is simply Mother Nature doing her thing, but certainly not something pleasant to return to after a long winter. Relocating these mini marsh islands back to the wetlands from which they originated takes quite a bit of effort, in terms of manpower and boat power; however, it is possible to return these to where they came from, in order to have them re-root for the summer, and continue their healthy contribution to our lake and water quality.

Economic Benefits

Wetlands services include flood storage, water filtration, trapping of sediment, transformation of toxins, shoreline protection, improved air quality by the trapping of carbon, and noise abatement. Without wetlands, our quality of life and well-being are greatly compromised.

Wetlands provide valuable services for society, including cleaner water and keeping pesky mosquitoes in check. Wetland-related tourism—like hunting, hiking, bird watching, and kayaking—can add significant dollars local economies.

Once you've experienced the beauty of this special habitat and understand more about these vibrant ecosystems, it's likely you'll never forget them. Come and see this first hand! Better yet, introduce a child to a wetland ! They are amazing!

Sources: (1) Gov't. of Indiana Fish & Wildlife (2) John Sentell, The Wetlands Initiative; (3) James Montgomery, Environmental Science Program, DePaul University; (4) Bob Kirschner, Chicago Botanic (5) Garden <https://ecomyths.org/2009/10/01/do-more-wetlands-equal-more-mosquitoes/>

Bayview Park is a family owned and operated seasonal campground located on the shores of Crowe Lake. Originally (go to page 8)



Heat Waves Getting Larger and Hotter (The Guardian, Jan 11, 2019, Kate Ravillious)

We are becoming used to more frequent and more intense heat waves but recent research shows that they are also covering greater areas. Not only are heat waves becoming more frequent and intense, but they are getting larger too.

Analysis of 38 years of NASA climate data has shown that the average size of northern hemisphere heat waves has grown by 50% since 1980. Presenting his findings at the American Geophysical Union's Fall meeting in December 2018, Chris Skinner from the University of Massachusetts explained how today's "mega" heat waves are putting more people and ecosystems at risk "If DC is in a heat wave, then New York might be in one, and Philly might be in one too," he said.

Strangely, the team found that winter heat waves had experienced the greatest growth in size, leaving northern hemisphere seasons less defined than they used to be. Although winter heat waves tend not to be as hot as summer ones they do still strain health services and confuse ecosystems. In particular, false springs can trick plants into blooming prematurely and being in trouble when winter returns.

For farmers this can be economically devastating.

Having established that heat waves have grown, Skinner is now looking ahead, understanding what kind of heat waves we can expect twenty years hence, and pinpointing which parts of the world are most vulnerable.

A graphic celebrating Drummond BMR's 60th anniversary. It features a green background with various tools like hammers, wrenches, pliers, and screwdrivers scattered around. In the center, the text "DRUMMOND BMR" is in white, "Celebrating" is in a script font, and "60 Years" is in large yellow numbers. Below this, it says "JOIN US FOR OUR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PARTY! JUNE 1ST, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM" and "GIVEAWAYS, SPECIALS, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT".

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Wetlands from page 6) started by Otto and Pauline Lingertat over 50 years ago, we offer families of all ages a wonderful place to relax, unwind, and enjoy the beauty of the Lake we love to call home. We are passionate about protecting the lake, it's natural beauty and heritage, along with eco-system and fish habitat preservation. Campgrounds offer many families, young and old, the opportunity to enjoy the lake, nature, and the outdoors which they otherwise would not have the means or opportunity to do so. 3rd and 4th generation camping families now call Bayview park their home...passing on the legacy and the love we have for Crowe Lake.



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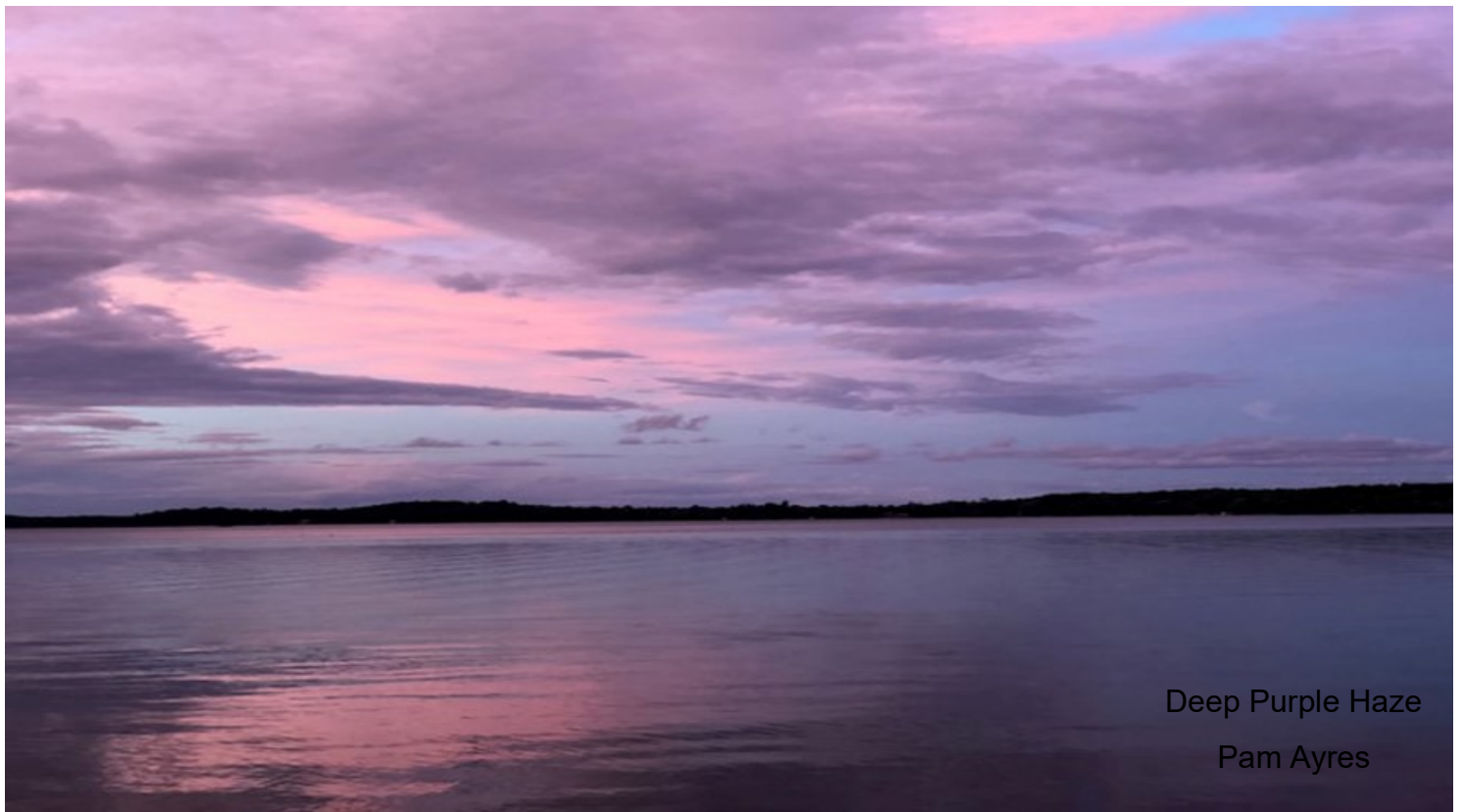


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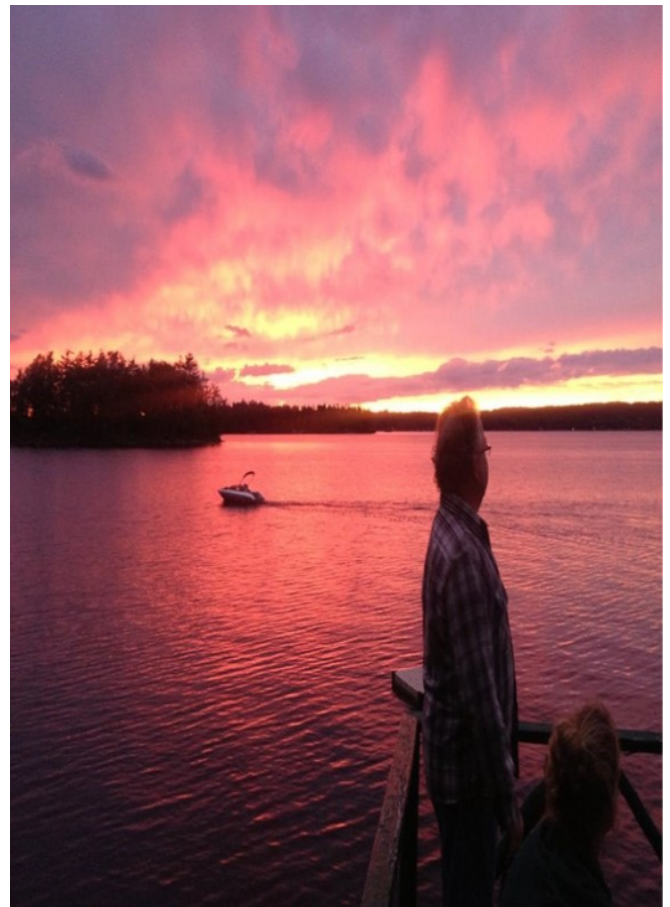
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May 11 Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 9-2 at 19 Bursthall St, Municipal Parking Lot

May 11 Bancroft Turtle Festival

June 29 CLWA World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake

July 1 Canada Day

July 7 Family Fishing Week

July 13 CLWA AGM

Aug 24 Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 9-2 at 19 Bursthall St, Municipal Parking Lot

2019 Membership

Say Welcome and Hello to our new members:

Jim and Wendy Blanchard, Cove Road (2018 member but I failed to mention Wendy)

Cheryle Leonard, High Shore Road

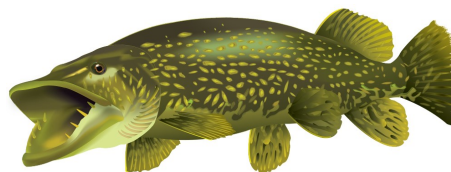
Wally and Vera Aalen, Drummond Road

Celia Turner and John Forsythe, Cook Road

Karen and Mark Hayter, River Garden Road

Crowe Lake Pike Catch 'n Keep

Ice Fishing Derby



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