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Jeanna Black, 2017 Photo Contest

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*Remembrance Day Wreath laid at memorial in
Marmora Park, November 2019 from CLWA*

2019 Photo Contest Results

The winning pictures are on pages 4, 5, 6, and 7. They will also be posted to the CLWA website at www.clwa.ca and the CLWA Facebook Page.

Thank You to the following for sharing their photos with us: Bryan and Kim Marchment, Bob and Maxine Prentice, Debra Healey-Quesnelle, Glenn Caverly, Herbert and Kelly Welsh, Jenn Bennett, Joanne Wingerson, Julie Newman, Karen Maynes, Karen Taylor, Lynn Gapes, Lynn Pressick, Seth Dworkin, Sue Prentice, and Tim Maung.

Thank you also to the judges, who have been promised anonymity, for their hard work and willingness.

4 License-Free Fishing Opportunities In 2020 (from Ontario Family Fishing Events)

Ontario Family Fishing Events is a province-wide opportunity for Canadian residents to fish Ontario waters without the otherwise mandatory fishing version outdoors card. The Ontario Government has designated four periods throughout the year as license-free:

February 15 – 17, 2020 (12:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Monday)

May 9 – 10, 2020 (12:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday)

June 20 – 21, 2020 (12:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday)

July 4 – 12, 2020 (12:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday).

During all other time periods, Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64 years must purchase a valid fishing license to legally fish in Ontario.

Participants fishing without a license must fish under the Conservation fishing license limits which are set out in the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary. With the exception of the licensing requirement, Ontario fishing regulations, fees and limits continue to apply during license-free days.

Winter

Crowe Lake Matters

2020

President's Message

As I write this snug in our lakefront house, it is minus 23 outside. The lake has frozen over and enthusiastic anglers have been on the ice since the first week in December. Crazy! The temperatures have been fluctuating wildly with plus 10 coming in the next couple of days. This range of temperature change creates shifting and cracking of the ice. And the lake "sings" emitting surreal but beautiful sounds ranging from a Star Wars battle to a didgeridoo. If you are at the lake this winter, walk down to the waterfront and enjoy the concert.

Bill Neill and I attended a Havelock council meeting in December to listen to a proposal regarding "at capacity" and on-land boathouses at Jack Lake. If finalized, the by-laws could be incorporated into HBM's Official Plan. In January, we will meet with Jim Martin, Mayor of HBM, to see how those two issues could affect the west side of Crowe Lake.

Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to work for our association behind the scenes.

We wish you a Happy Hanukah, a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please include in your New Year's resolutions a commitment to volunteer – you meet the most wonderful people when you do!

Elinor

CLWA Letter To M&L Council About BOGs

(The following letter was delivered to the Marmora & Lake Council on October 15, 2019 by a delegation from CLWA)

Council of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake

Subject: Floating Mats of Bulrushes

Imagine discovering a mass of bulrushes on your waterfront. In 2017, one was 250 feet long and in 2018 another was 600 feet. And both were on the same CLWA member's property. This is happening around the lake and the river. These mats of bulrushes are causing anger, frustration, and growing concern. We have kept track of these events by collecting data and pictures and stories to find some underlying sources, the reasons why this is happening, and possible course of actions.

The season of 2019 repeated the unwelcome arrival of the large masses of bulrush mats on the waterfront and beaches of the Crowe. The numbers this year are greater than 2018 and 2017. This is what climate change looks like. High water levels, strong winds, and fast changing temperatures are creating conditions for the mats to break away from the wetland areas naturally. The winds and currents carry the mats into the lake and then onto somebody's shoreline.

Residents, your constituents, are not happy. They can push the mats off their property, knowing it may arrive on their neighbor's shore. Or they can invest significant amounts of time and money to remove the debris. But they know it may happen again and again. Some people are spending every weekend dealing with the problem and the aggravation. We have heard of cottagers who are thinking about selling. We have heard some people are considering appealing their property assessments to get a reduction in their taxes because of the reduced property value as a consequence of the recurring problem and associated loss of access to the waterfront.

Our investigations have found no organization at any government level that will assume responsibility for the problem or even offer help. The CLWA will continue to investigate and document the problem as we look at our options and seek solutions. At some point in the future, we may come to you with a request for assistance. Our objective today is to alert you to the gravity of the problem.

Water Level Management 101 From The BOGs Committee

We are working on a series of newsletter articles dealing with the water level in Crowe Lake and its impact or relationship to the BOGs that have been plaguing us for two or three years. The Committee was formed to collect information about the impact of the BOGs, to see if there are remedies or ways to manage them, and to educate people about them. We feel that a key part of doing all that is a discussion focused on water level management. We will cover how the water level is controlled, the Crowe Lake watershed, the wetlands around the lake, how the BOGs form, and other issues that might relate to the BOGs problem. If you have questions, comments, suggestions, send them to us at the CLWA email info@clwa.

News on 7 Starts Fifth Year

2020 will be the fifth year of publication for the *News on 7*. Margriet Kitchen announced on 1 December that her son, Byron Kitchen, will take over and that she will be working more in the background. Marg says he has some wonderful ideas for the paper and will help it grow into the future. About 500 copies of *News on 7* are distributed for free at many locations in Marmora and the surrounding towns. Email subscriptions are available at no cost by contacting *News on 7*.

Did You Know That...

... you can get water sample bottles to have the Health Department test your water at M&L Town Hall and drop off samples there on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 AM to 2 PM. Testing is free.

... July 2019 was the hottest month measured on Earth since records began in 1880. This is the latest in a long line of peaks that scientists say backs up predictions for man-made climate change. (Snopes)

... If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

Help Found, Help Needed

Help Found: somebody to do the Public Relations job - Ann Gray. She will be contacting organizations (M&L, HBM, *News on 7* and others) in Spring to tell them about our event schedule for the Summer and keeping an eye out for places to put our message and for events we can publicize.

Help Needed: somebody to sell advertising for the newsletter. We need somebody, preferably local, to contact, and re--contact as necessary, firms to advertise in the Newsletter and Website.



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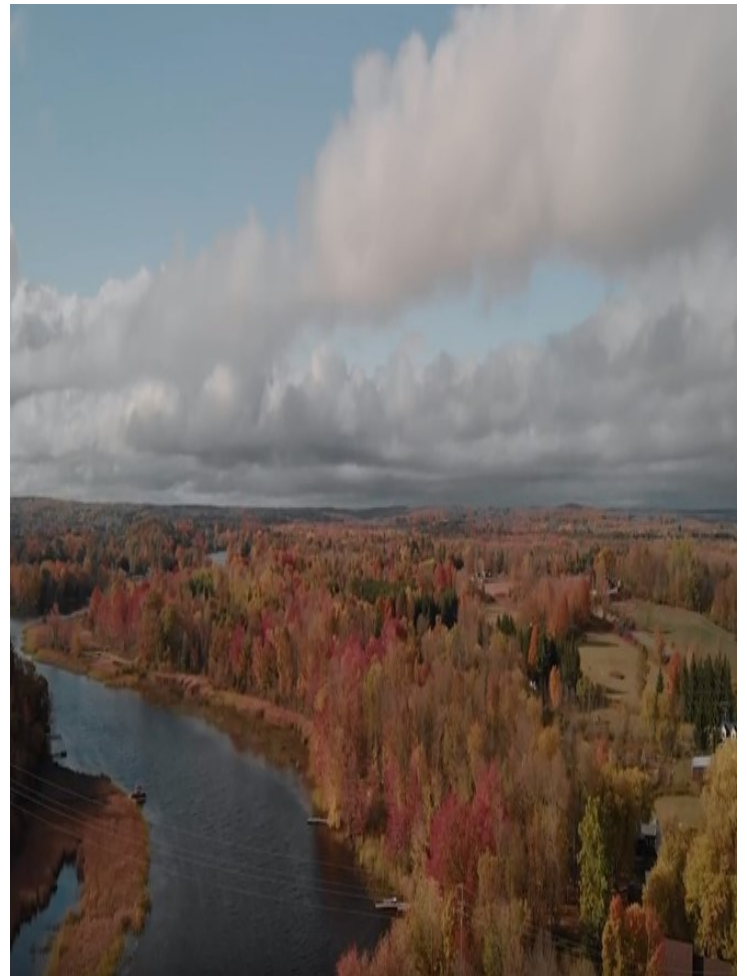


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Crowe Lake and Its Beauty

Top Left: First Place

Shy Moon Hiding In The Lake

Tim Maung

Above: Second Place

Autumn Sky

Seth Dworkin

Left: Third Place

Autumn Reds

Karen Taylor



Recreation on the Crowe

Above: First Place
 Awaiting The Parade
 Julie Newman

Above Right: Second Place
 Kids Will Be Kids
 Lynn Gapes

Right: Third Place
 Lazy Morning On The Crowe
 Maxine Prentice



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Wildlife on Crowe Waterways

Above Left: First Place
Trumpeters Love the Crowe
 Glenn Caverly

Above: Second Place
Stroll Through the Woods
 Herbert Welsh

Left: Third Place
Learning To Share
 Kelly Welsh



Honourable Mention

Above: Beauty

Sunset

Karen Maynes

Above Right: Wildlife

Foxy

Joanne Wingerson

Right: Beauty

Reflections on the Crowe

Debra Healey



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Invite Someone to Join CLWA

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Meet the CLWA Executive Board

Elinor White (Treasurer 2009 to current, President)

My husband and I purchased property on beautiful Crowe Lake in 2007 and moved here permanently two years later. Now retired, Elinor was previously Director of Marketing for an North American company and had spent 17 years as a volunteer on the executive Ontario Board of Directors for the MS Society. Keeping our lake pristine and secure for generations to come is a priority. Elinor has been CLWA's treasurer for the past nine years. Our two married children and three grandchildren all love Crowe Lake too!

Ruth Berger (new Director)

Ruth Berger, along with husband Bruce Berger, own and operate Bayview Park. Bayview is a 3-season family Park located on the southern shores of Crowe Lake, providing families the opportunity to experience and enjoy the beauty of the lake and everything it has to offer. Daughter of Otto & Pauline Lingertat, original founders of Bayview Park, Ruth has grown up here and calls Bayview and Crowe Lake her home. Ruth and Bruce are strong advocates of nature, the lake, our eco-systems, sponsoring and promoting programs which support the environment. Ruth takes a strong position when it comes to the protection and care of Crowe Lake and it's surrounding environs, with the goal of preservation and enjoyment for future generations.

Dr. Paul Herbert (new Secretary)

I purchased my property in late 2010 and have been coming up to the lake since then. I enjoy tremendously my time on Crowe Lake and would like to see the lake maintained for all to benefit. I am not a power boater but do enjoy the quiet of a paddle boat ride or a kayak ride on the lake.

I was an intellectual property lawyer in Toronto for 44 years and retired from active practice 3 years ago. I have been involved as a volunteer in many professional and non-professional organizations and I am on the Board of four companies. I am prepared to make the time and effort commitment to help CLWA.

Paul Morton (Director 2015 to current)

I retired from Procter and Gamble Belleville in 2015 after 31 years. I have been a CLWA director for 5 years. Our cottage was built in 1928 by my grandparents, Stanley and Tillie Morton. My sister, Leslie Flynn, and I are the current owners. We have enjoyed Crowe lake for our 64 and 65 years respectively. The cottage remains a 3-season cottage, true to its original design.

How Well Do You Measure Answers

(from page 12)

1 mile = 5,280 feet or 1.61 kilometers

1 meter = 39.37 inches

1 US liquid gallon = 3.78 liters

1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds

63 gallons = 1 hogshead

2 hogsheads = 1 pipe

1 long ton = 2,240 pounds

1 dram = 3 scruples

The Lake Isle of Innisfree

*I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattle made;*

*Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.*

*And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.*

*I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.*

William Butler Yeats

OHIP Out of Country Services (from OHIP publication)

New in 2020 – Dialysis Services: Starting January 1, 2020, this new program will be operated by the Ontario Renal Network with funding from the Ontario government. Patients will receive the same reimbursement rates as currently provided through existing programs. The launch of the new program to fund out-of-country dialysis services will coincide with the wind down of the limited Out-of-Country Travelers Program.

Out of Country Emergency Health Services:

Emergency health services are those given in connection with an acute (defined as: Treatment for a short period of time in which a patient is treated for a brief but severe episode of an illness, disease, condition or injury), unexpected condition, illness, disease or injury that arises outside Canada and requires immediate treatment. The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) only covers emergency health services at very limited rates.

If you plan to travel outside of Ontario, it is strongly recommended that you obtain additional private medical insurance and fully understand what your policy covers. For information about travelling outside Canada, please refer to the ministry's Fact Sheets "Travelling Outside Canada" and "Ambulance Services Billing". Call ServiceOntario Infoline at 1-866-532-3161, 8:30am - 5:00pm.

Don't Wake The Bear! (from National Geographic)

In a remote Utah park, photographer Corey Arnold and wildlife researchers had to change a battery. Okay, it was a battery on the collar of a male black bear. But the bear would be hibernating in his narrow, curvy cave, and they could tranquilize him to do it. Except that the bear was awake. Arnold got one photograph off before they escaped the cave, but the groggy bear busted through their obstacles and slid down a slope before snoozing. Who do you think had to lift that bear back into his den?

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If you haven't had a chance to come in for a visit, we look forward to seeing you!



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Changes in Water Levels (The BOGs Committee)

We asked Tim Pidduck at the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority to tell us the key dates in the water level management of Crowe Lake. These are dates and target water levels you should know about. The water levels are expressed in meters above sea-level (mas) measured at the Marmora Dam. For those who have problems with the metric system, a change of .1 meters equal a change of 3.9 inches

Fall Draw Down – start October 15. Water level on October 25, 2019 was 182.41 mas

Winter water level target is 182.25 mas

Summer water level target is 182.42 mas. Target to reach this level is the May long-weekend with the objective of staying at or around it all summer.

Tim also provided the following:

The CVCA draws down water levels in the lakes that have water control structures (dams) throughout the fall season. This is done to increase the flood storage capacity in dam controlled lakes. It gives us as water managers some flexibility to absorb the spring runoff, which helps to mitigate the effects flooding. Crowe Lake is one of the largest lakes that we have an opportunity to implement this strategy. It is also the last lake in the system that has a dam. Once the water flows through the Marmora dam, we have no further control on the Crowe River.

The fall draw down on Crowe Lake every year is October 15th. While that is the target date, there are factors that influence the rate creating the flood storage capacity. Dry summer weather and the lake at or slightly below the summer water level without fall rains means the draw down will likely be fairly “orderly”, with few fluctuations to get to the winter water level. Or, like this year, the watershed had a dry summer followed by an extremely wet October that pushed levels higher and made it very difficult to initiate a draw down that would be effective and follow an average decrease in water levels. It has been an extended draw down period with the significant fluctuation. Fortunately, a colder than normal early November has allowed us to play a bit of catch up and we are in a good place at the moment (November 22, 2019).

CVCA reports the level every Friday on their website crowevalley.com at Water Management / Flood Forecasting and Water Levels. There is also a link to it on the CLWA Facebook Page.



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Insect Apocalypse?

Some scientists have been warning that there is an “insect apocalypse” underway. A global analysis of 452 species in 2014 estimated that insect abundance had declined 45 percent over 40 years. In the U.S., the numbers of iconic Monarch butterflies has fallen 80 to 90 percent in the last 20 years. Systematic measurements of butterfly populations are the best indicator of how the world’s 5.5 million insect species are doing, the authors of the Ohio study noted.

Bees, butterflies, and other insects pollinate one-third of all food crops.

The Trash Is Piling Up

Since China effectively stopped importing foreign plastic and paper trash last year, the effect has been felt in global recycling and scrap markets. Scrap prices “collapsed”; Southeast Asian countries were “quickly swamped with mountains of plastic they didn’t have the capacity to deal with”; and countries like the US, UK, and Australia are finding it harder to off-shore their trash problems.

As a result, local recycling policies are changing (some kinds of plastic are no longer being collected in cities, for instance), and ambitious plans to reduce net waste are proving difficult.



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How Well Do You Measure

Can you fill in the blanks? (Answers on page 8.)

1 mile = -- feet or -- kilometers

1 meter = -- inches

1 US liquid gallon = -- liters

1 kilogram = -- pounds

63 gallons = -- hogsheads

2 hogsheads = --- pipes

1 long ton = -- pounds

1 dram = -- scruples

Car Safety Check List

Here are 10 items you should always keep in your car.

A snow scraper and shovel

Jumper cables

An emergency first-aid kit

Food and water

Winter clothing

Blanket

Cat litter

A flashlight

A fully charged cell phone

Windshield washer fluid

Coming Events

Jan 1 Happy New Year 2020

Feb 15 Ice Fishing Pike Only Fishing Derby, tentative, watch Chris' Live Bait website and CLWA Facebook

June 27 CLWA Boat Parade & Fireworks

July 1 Canada Day

July 4 CLWA AGM, tentative, watch CLWA newsletter, Facebook and website

July 11 Summer Pike Only Catch n Keep Fishing Derby, tentative, watch Chris' Live Bait website, CLWA newsletter, Facebook page and website

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