

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 1985

Attention please!

The Annual General Meeting,
in accordance with our Constitution,
will be held
on Saturday July 13

at 9:30 a.m.

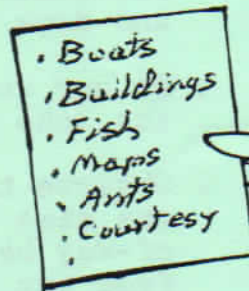
in the Perth Public Library

at the corner of
Drummond and Herriot streets.
Admission is free.

Bring your neighbour, and
your ideas.

A new Executive will be chosen
and nominations will be invited at
the meeting.

We shall aim to finish by 11:30



WATER TESTING 1985

The power of advertising proves itself again. When we advertised in the April issue for a responsible person to test our Otty Lake water each week, a number of people came forward and the Executive were much impressed by the qualifications and the enthusiasm displayed. It was decided to appoint Mr. Dawson Girdwood of Perth and Otty Lake. Dawson knows our lake intimately, and you will have an opportunity of talking to him at the Annual Meeting, when he will offer some suggestions for the problem of nuisance beaver. The 1985 water testing season began on the weekend of June 8-9.

Otty Lake good neighbours

WATER ETIQUETTE

Most of us probably have no need to be reminded of the basics of water etiquette, but here are a few tips anyway:

- . Keep power boats away from swimmers
- . Slow down when boating near canoes, sailboats, swimmers or private shore and dock areas
- . Do our water skiing out in the middle of the lake
- . Observe the Rule of The Road, which is the same on water as on land (the Right-of-Way belongs to the boat approaching from the right) with the added provision that power boats must give the Right-of-Way at all times to boats that are not under power
- . Respect our loons and other wildlife. Remember that baby loons cannot dive, so stay well away from them

CAMPING AND PICNICS

We make it our aim to leave natural places as natural as we found them, so that others will also be able to enjoy them.

If we picnic on the Crown Lands in the lake, we remove all of our garbage when we leave (and of course we would never dream of cutting the trees or doing other damage to these lands that are there for all of us to enjoy).

If we wish to camp overnight, we do it only in the designated places, and we do not monopolize these lands by staying more than 1 or 2 nights.

We play our radios and recorded music softly, keeping this treat for our own selfish uses and away from the undeserving ears of other people on the lake.

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| OTTY LAKE CAPS AND SHIRTS a few will be available at the annual meeting Shirts - still \$ 8. Caps \$ 5 (est.) | DUES ARE STILL only \$ 7. per year and can be paid to the Treasurer at the meeting. |
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BASS FISHING

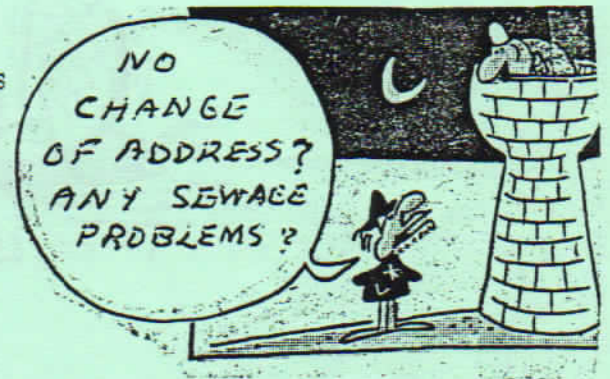
The bass fishing season in Ontario opens June 29. As these lines are being written -- in mid-June -- the eggs have hatched and the fry, under half an inch in length, are under the care and protection of the male bass. That is the reason for the late opening date for the season; in June both the young and their guardian are vulnerable while on the spawning bed.

Why, you ask, do we mention this kind of information? There are two reasons. One reason is that many people are interested in these facts. The other reason is less cheerful. It saddens us to report that some persons have been observed abusing the spawning beds and breaking this eminently reasonable law. Persons interested in angling are therefore reminded that fishing in spawning areas before the season opens can bring heavy FINES.

This is as good a time as any to make a similar observation about the harrassment of LOONS. Your Executive has heard a distressing number of stories about persons in power boats charging at loons and in other respects harrassing them. Worse, it is not always immature children who have been observed at this nasty activity. We love our loons, and we want them to stay in Otty Lake. So let us not tolerate such cruel and unacceptable behaviour any longer. Anyone observed harrassing loons ought to be identified and reported to the Ontario Provincial Police.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

Your Association will again offer an information program, conducted door-to-door at the lake, beginning about the first of July. Your Area Counsellor will come calling, bringing literature of interest to lake residents, bringing address lists up to date, collecting fees (in the case of those who prefer to pay in this fashion) and collecting complaints and suggestions. It pays to know your Counsellor. If you do not know yours, you may call Dick Atkinson and find out. Phone 267 4587 or 825 5619.



OFFICIAL PLAN

The Township of North Burgess will convene a public hearing in the Township Hall in Stanleyville to consider a proposed new Official Plan, on July 9 at 7:00 p.m. Zoning By-laws and building requirements are among the items under considerations, although the existing Secondary Plan for Otty Lake is not expected to be changed. All residents are welcome to attend. As we went to press, we had no information of a similar meeting in North Elmsley.

MAPS

Our Otty Lake maps are a popular item, and if you need one you may get it when you pay your fees at the meeting. If you pay \$ 7 you get a map, and the membership is free.

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