

# CAPTAIN OTTY'S LOG

Newsletter of the Otty Lake Association

SPRING 1997

## OLA Board Activities

*Lorne Gold*

The principal activity of the Board during the winter has been that of the Land Use Committee. This is covered in the reports from Tom Foulkes and Dave Code. Highlights are the proposed amalgamation of the Townships of Bathurst, North Burgess and Sherbrooke, and of North Elmsley and Drummond, and the draft recommendation for a site plan by-law for North Burgess, prepared by the NB Planning Advisory Group. We are finding that with the restructuring being carried out by the province and the changing roles of the Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources, there is an increased desire on the part of the townships to seek our help in matters concerned with land use and the environment.

With the growing concern over waste disposal systems and lake water quality, provision of information on how to maintain a healthy septic tank and tile bed, and how to test septic systems, will be a priority for 1997. We will be giving close attention also to the implications of the possible requirement in North Burgess for a site plan when applying for a permit to build, repair or modify buildings or structures, or for a severance or minor variance. The five Lake Associations in North Burgess have submitted applications for funding for students to compile information on the care of waste disposal systems and how to reduce the flow of nutrients into lakes. This information is to be distributed to all lake residents.

## Openings on the OLA Board

*Dave Code*

As reported above and in earlier Newsletters, your Board members are active in a variety of subject areas, and have met with some successes. However, success needs to be sustained, the momentum kept going. Besides, a healthy organization should have frequent infusions of new blood. That way, no one person gets too big a load. And more people get the satisfaction of doing their bit of public service.

Your Otty Lake Association is ready to accept new members on the Land Use Committee and the Environ-

mental & Health Committee. And the office of Vice President is vacant. Work of the committee members may involve:

- GETTING FAMILIAR WITH TOWNSHIP BY-LAWS AND PROCEDURES, AND ATTENDING OCCASIONAL MEETINGS
- ANALYZING WATER TESTING RESULTS, REVIEWING LITERATURE ON WATER QUALITY IN RECREATIONAL AREAS
- THE MAINTENANCE OF WATER FLOW IN JEBB'S CREEK.

And Keith Fraser would like to hear from anyone who can research and write on topics of interest to lake residents.

So - would you like to get involved? No need to wait until the Annual Meeting. If you want to offer your services, or just inquire about it, call either Lorne Gold (733-2449) or Dave Code (722-0339).



**CHRISTENING THE NEWSLETTER** *The flood of suggested names, with many variations, resulted in the Board resorting to putting the three best into a hat and the one drawn out appears in the masthead of this issue.*

## **NOTE: RURAL ADDRESSING**

**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR FEBRUARY TAX BILL/NEWS-LETTER FROM NORTH BURGESS. OLA IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING NAMES AS PER OUR LATEST MAP TO THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE BY JUNE 13 1997. ANY CHANGES, CONTACT EDDIE EDMUNDSDON.**

## **LAND USE**

*Tom Foulkes*

**AMALGAMATION.** At a well attended meeting in Stanleyville on January 25, the audience was informed of the amalgamation processes and the status of the three proposals.

- a) One municipality, comprising Perth and the five townships ( N Burgess, Drummond, N Elmsley, S Sherbrooke and Bathurst)
- b) Two municipalities: i) Perth, and ii) the five townships
- c) Three municipalities: 1) Perth, ii) N Elmsley & Drummond, and iii) N Burgess, S Sherbrooke & Bathurst

*The three municipality proposal was approved locally and submitted to the province. An announcement is expected by March 31 or early April and the name of the new municipality will be chosen by the end of June. Suggested names include *Tay Valley* and *Township of Burgess*. Any ideas? Let Verna or Lucy know at 267-7922. (NO NEWS GOING TO PRESS APRIL 9. Ed.)*

**LAND USE PLANNING.** In 1996, at the North Burgess end of the lake, one minor variance was granted (a deck in Area 3), two building permits (garage in Area 9) and an addition to a cottage (Area 3). Two zoning applications have been dealt with in recent months. One was withdrawn after considerable input from neighbours, Council and OLA. A satisfactory compromise was reached on the other (Area 2).

The Site Plan Control Process was completed and endorsed by PAC (Planning Advisory Committee) on March 4 1997 and recommendations sent to Council. We expect that the Process will be implemented by the summer of 1997. The *North Burgess May Newsletter* with the final tax bill will provide details. This represents a considerable achievement and a consolidation of the mutual understanding and support that has evolved between the Lake Associations, community associations and Council in recent times in North Burgess. OLA is an active participant in PAC. Your Land Use Committee looks forward to a similar arrangement being established in North Elmsley.

The Zoning By-laws that flowed from the Official Plan Review were proclaimed November 27 1996 (94.24 & 93.31). This is good news for the long term health of Otty Lake - a landmark decision.

**LAND USE RULES AND TIPS.** Thinking of building a home or cottage, buying or severing property on Otty Lake this year? The rules of the Townships of North Burgess and North Elmsley are contained primarily in their official plans and the Zoning By-Laws, and they can be complicated. But these are the essentials that you should know:

*A new waterfront lot* (if you are thinking of severing land) must be at least ONE ACRE in size, with a water frontage of not less than 175' (53.3m), the standard in North Burgess.

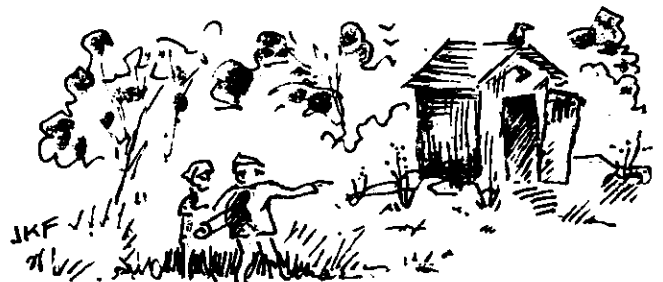
The *sewage system* must be set back at least 100' (30m) from the shore or other watercourse. This is the standard that OLA considers really, really important! If Otty Lake is to bring its pollution problems under control, we must all respect this rule above all. Go even further back if you can.

If you are putting up a *NEW building*, it must be placed at least 100" (30m) back from the shore, and also minimum sidelot dimensions to be met.

*Conversions from seasonal to permanent use* will require a Zone By-Law amendment; your Township clerk can provide details.

If you want an *exception to these rules*, you must apply to your Township for a **MINOR VARIANCE** - and OLA hopes that these variances will be truly minor.

Your questions (and applications for permits) should be directed to the Township building inspectors: Terry Peacock, North Burgess (267-7922) and Ray Scissons, North Elmsley (267-6500). For shoreline alterations: Ministry of Natural Resources, Carleton Place (257-5735). For sewage installations: Ministry of Health, Smiths Falls (283-5010). Or if you want to talk to a member of the Land Use Committee, call Tom Foulkes (267-6251 or 820-4796) Dave Code (267-5053 or 722-0339), or Roger Nuttall (264-0687).



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Dick Atkinson & Keith Fraser

The name of the lake goes back 181 years. "On March 12, 1816, Superintendent McDonnell called together Dr Thom, Reuben Sherwood, Joseph Davern (proposed clerk of the military depot to be established), and some advisors who made sketches and plans for the Rideau Settlement. McDonnell went to Kingston to enlist the interest of Colonel Cockburn, the Deputy Quartermaster General. On March 16, Colonel Cockburn and Captain Otty arrived at Brockville, and together with Sherwood and Davern, McDonnell set out for the Rideau Lake area. They travelled down the lake to the "Carrying Place" (Oliver's Ferry, now Rideau Ferry) where they left their sleighs, and crossed a neck of land to a smaller inner lake which Col Cockburn named after the Captain. A creek connected Otty Lake with the Pike (Pike later changed to Tay) and it was decided that the settlement should begin on the east bank of this creek. The storehouse was built within three weeks, 60 feet by 20 feet, on the present site of Perth. By March 26, a trail was blazed from Perth's "Depot" to a point on the Rideau Lake now known as Port Elmsley. By March 28, thirty loads of provisions had arrived, and some settlers with knapsacks and axes also arrived" (Jean S. McGill, *A Pioneer History of the County of Lanark*, 1968). No further information seems to be available on Captain Otty's activities. Any comments?

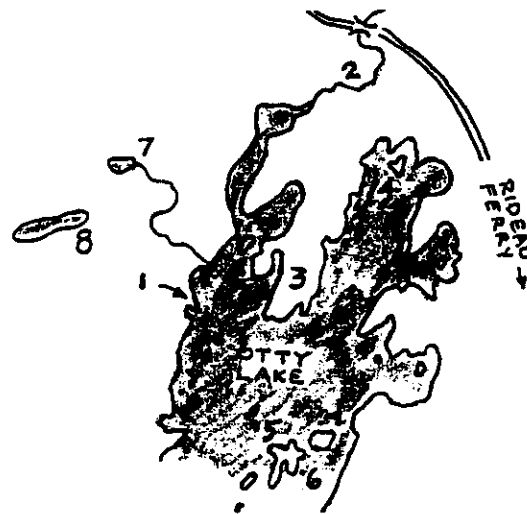
Only five names at Otty Lake appear on the 1950 edition of the 1:50,000 map series: **ANDREW LAKE, DOCTOR LAKE, JEBB CREEK, McLAREN LAKE, MILLS LAKE, OTTY LAKE** and "Otty Lake Park" (where Camp Shomria is now).

On the 1978 edition, 22 features shown in the Otty Lake watershed are named, of which 18 were approved in 1978, following a survey and interviews with local residents.

**ISLANDS:** Blueberry, Burnt, Cherrie, Clegg, Cloverleaf, Conlon, Division, Hazard, McLaren, Sentinel, The Three Sisters, Whiskey. **LAKES:** Adams, Little Otty, McLaren, Mud, Otty, Rock, Thoms Mud. **Jebbs CREEK, Mile POINT, Whippoorwill POINT.**

This small map of the east end of Otty shows Whippoorwill Point (1), Jebbs Creek (2), Mile Point (3), Conlon I. (4), Cloverleaf I. (5), Blueberry I. (6), Thoms Mud Lake (7) and Doctor Lake (8). The name *Blueberry* I (known also as *Rock I.*) existed since 1915. *Cloverleaf* I. owes its name to its shape. *Conlon* I. belonged to the Conlon family in Perth and was known as Conlon I. since about 1920. *Jebb* Creek was named for Lieut Joshua Jebb in 1816 by Col Cockburn and officially approved as *Jebbs Creek* in 1927. *Mile* Point (about a mile long) and *Whippoorwill* Point are long time local names. For *Thoms Mud* Lake, the files state "not Mud Lake, 1927". No origin is given for *Doctor Lake* (any comments?)

Otty Lakers have baptized features which have come into local use but never been officially recognized (e.g. Rock I, Anderson's Bay, Ashby I, Arrow I, Beavertail, Buck I, McDonald I, Miller's Bay, McDonald I.) YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY THEM ON THIS MAP, PROVIDE THE ORIGIN AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE NAME HAS BEEN IN USE, AND FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Other names will be discussed in the next issue.



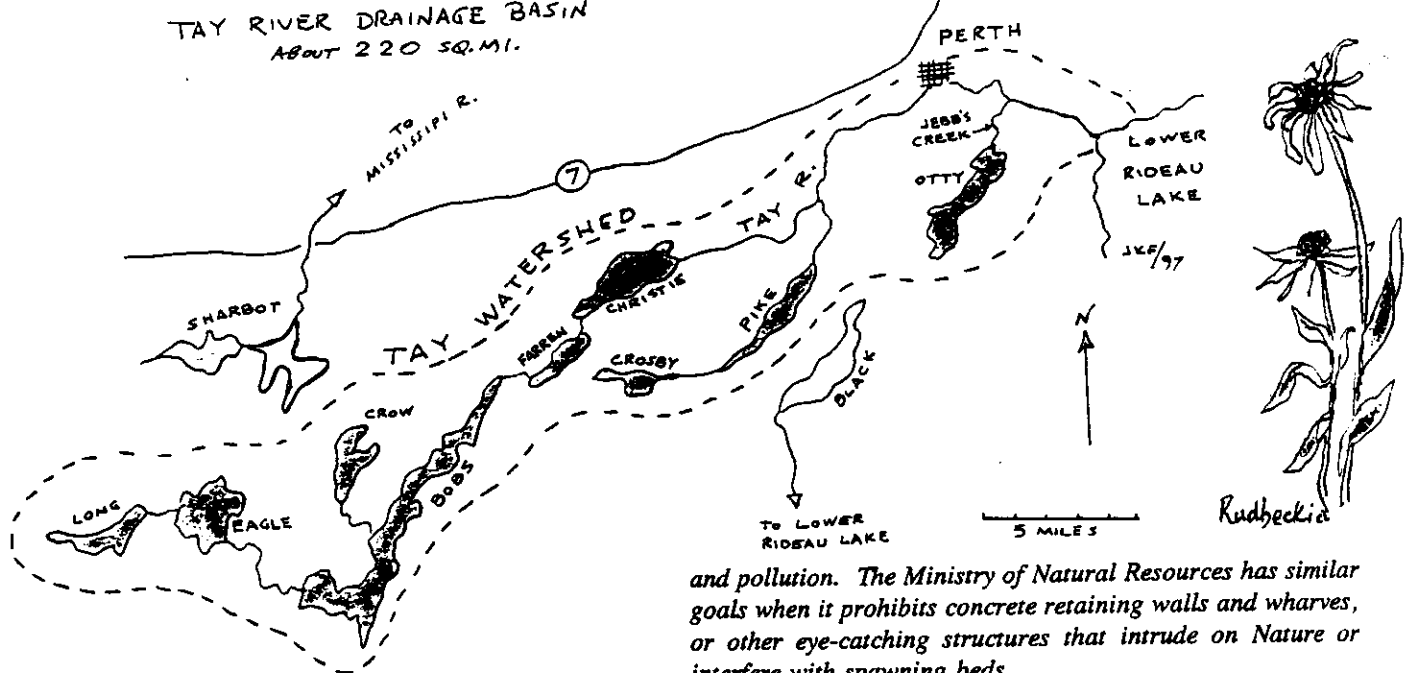
**BOAT SPEED LIMIT SIGNS** Ontario law prohibits speeds of more than 10km/hr (just a little over idling) within 90' (30m) of shore. Waterproof, weather resistant signs 19"x25" with large print may be purchased at \$8.50 + tax from the FOCA office in Toronto (416-284-3205, FAX 416-284-7108. (from the Newsletter of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA)). Wendy Hassard, OLA FOCA rep.

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Keith Fraser

The names Perth and Tay are transported names. The River Tay in Scotland, about 25 miles long, heads in Loch Tay and empties into the Firth of Tay at the town of Perth. Our Tay drains a succession of lakes in the Frontenac Axis, the farthest being Long Lake, about 40 miles west of its mouth below Port Elmsley. Its watershed, about 220 sq mi, contains nine large lakes. Otty's closest neighbour, Black Lake, drains south to the Rideau Lakes, while the waters of Sharbot Lake, to the west, flow north towards the Mississippi. The Tay drainage system was created some 12,000 years ago as the ice sheet margins gradually retreated, leaving glacially scoured rock basins and haphazard deposits of gravels, sands and till. The direction of glacier movement preceding the ice withdrawal is manifested in the general NE-SW direction of the lakes and valleys in the watershed. Otty Lake itself is a prime example of glacial action, even the rocks and shoals exhibiting evidence of a southwest movement of ice.

TAY RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN  
ABOUT 220 SQ. MI.



## LAKE LEVELS - WHY WATER NEEDS TO FLOW (II) Dave Code

Over the years, it has become evident to Otty Lake residents and to natural resource authorities that the health of our lake depends on two water flow features: one, the water must flow to the extent possible in and out of the lake; and two, the water level in summer must be low enough to allow the shoreline to "bake". But beaver activity, fallen logs and other debris in Jebbs Creek can bottle up the water and keep it high, as in 1986. Ideally for the lake water, the level would fall to the 0 (zero) line by about July 1, then continue falling throughout the summer. However, to make a compromise between the convenience of cottagers and the requirements of Mother Nature, OLA usually aims to allow only a slow fall during July, and a faster one August. The 1994 experience comes close to that compromise ideal. The important consideration is that the shoreline must be able to "bake" for a significant period of hot summer weather (See graph, p.7).

There will be a more detailed report available at the Annual Meeting in July. Meanwhile, volunteers for stream improvement are requested. Call Roger Nuttall (264-0687) to make a date for an excursion with a work crew to Jebbs Creek. And by the way, June is a lovely time to visit the creek, when birds are singing to mark their nesting space and all Nature is alive.

## OTTY LAKE SHORELINES

Amy Pokorny

*Each of our great and lovely variety of shorelines deserves its own specific style of vegetation. In addition to encouraging an attractive, natural landscape, we need to guard against erosion*

and pollution. The Ministry of Natural Resources has similar goals when it prohibits concrete retaining walls and wharves, or other eye-catching structures that intrude on Nature or interfere with spawning beds.

Here are a few suggestions for owners of new cottages or new owners of older properties. Owners wish to enjoy an open view of the lake. Where the land in front of the house is only slightly above lake level, plant swaths of fast-spreading plants with strong root systems, particularly on disturbed areas. Except perhaps for a small area for children to play, consider ground cover. It is more natural as well as less work in the long run.

Among those which manage with a minimum of half a day of sun are very low-growing Bugleweed (blue flowers) or Yellow Stonecrop (one of many suitable sedums). For shady areas under trees, Lily-of-the-Valley and Periwinkle. Taller ones include Bouncing Bet, Daylilies, Pearly Everlasting Monarda, Goutweed, Astilbe, Michaelmas and Shasta Daisies, Rudbukia and Goldenrod. There are many new hybrids, so check if you are getting a tall or a short variety. To guard against too many weeds, use lots of leaves between newly planted clumps, wetting them if necessary so they won't blow away or smother the new plants.

At a really low-lying moist waterfront, don't discourage cat-tails. Search local swampy areas in the spring and dig up a few dozen rosy-coloured Joe-Pye Weed or White-panicked Boneset. These are sun lovers. An even lovelier member of this species is the part-shade tolerant Snakeroot, often found along semi-shaded old logging roads. In late summer it produces big panicles of tiny foamy white flowers - a great self-seeder. Some low, silty shorelines are favourable for certain ferns, Sweet Gale or some of the gorgeous plants found along Jebbs Creek: Royal Fern, Button Bush, Four-leaved Loosetrife (not the unwelcome Purple Loosetrife). When you transplant, make sure you have similar light conditions. Don't buy or inherit any shrub which prevents a view of the lake when mature and must be heavily pruned.

For more privacy at the sides of your lot, choose shrubs or small trees that attract birds: Viburnum, Service Berry, certain Cherries, Mountain Ash, some of the Crabs, shrub roses with plentiful hips like Rosa Rugosa or Hawthorn. Many of these are native. For a really natural, unpruned hedge, erect a stretch of fence wire for perching birds; they will plant you a fair number of species!

Otty Lake has many high rocky banks which are better left untouched, though unsightly stumps could be removed or cut flush with the earth and Virginia Creeper or annual vines planted over them.

Spring flowers bloom early before the forest canopy has leafed out and shut off the sun and often maintain lovely mats of foliage long after the flowers are past. They may be found in old woodlots, but never deplete a patch. Collect some seed. Low level candidates are: Bloodroot, some of the Violets, Mitrewort, Hepatica, Barren Strawberry, Wild Strawberry, Wild Asters, Goldenrod and White Snakeroot are taller.

THE PERTH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY holds its annual sale May 17 (8-1030 AM) at the Stewart School on Wilson St. In buying plants, find out what sort of fast-spreading root system the plant has. There is usually a Master Gardener on duty to give advice. Otherwise, contact Bob Birse (264-9061) or myself (267-1626).

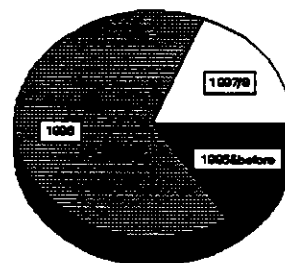
## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dick Atkinson

On behalf of the Counselors and Board, many thanks for your support of the Association. The mailing label on the envelope of this Newsletter indicates the year for which your fees are paid. If the label indicates 1996 or before, it would be appreciated if you would send in your fee for 1997, and show any address, telephone or map changes on the tear-off box on the last page. Please include any comments, suggestions or questions for action by the Association. If you wish, you may indicate that your question is to be answered at the annual meeting in July - just make a note "for AGM" with your question. Welcome to the Burgess Woods residents in the recently formed Burgess Woods (BW) Area. This Newsletter mailing is the first to include BW. Welcome to Jocelyn Gordon, the BW Area Counselor.

During the summer, your Counselor will deliver an "Information Package" containing several pieces of Lake related material including an 11" x 17" Map. If you are not at home, your Counselor would like to leave the package with a neighbour or in some convenient location. For those who have included the extra \$2.00 for the large Map, it may be picked up at the AGM in July or it will be delivered in the week following.

As of Feb 28, 1997, following is the membership status, by year paid.



Number of Members by year

□ 89    ▨ 253    ■ 93

## LOG CABINS ON OTTY LAKE - I

### The Wylie cottage on Miller's Bay Robert A. Wylie

My father, R. Harold Wylie, was a United Church minister whose first ministry included the Rideau Ferry charge. One member family was the Millers, farmers with several thousand feet of pristine Otty Lake property. My parents loved the magnificent pines near Concession 4 of North Burgess and in 1932 purchased 100 feet (later surveyed as 105 feet) which was paced off by Mr Miller with the starting point being "the large maple tree on the edge of the concession road". The price was \$100.

This was the first lake front lot sold at the southern half of the lake, but while our family camped for three summers, the McTavishes of Perth bought a double lot next door and put up a cottage which is still there and occupied by descendants.

In 1936, my parents bought a settler's vacant log cabin on Highway 15 six miles south of Lombardy (I think the cost was \$50 'cash and carry'). We were then living at Sydenham and the men of the congregation dismantled the cabin after identifying each log with Roman numerals and transported the entire structure to Otty Lake. It was reassembled the same summer, followed by chinking and coating the logs with tar. The inside area (20' x 20') was all whitewashed, typical of many log homes of that era.

Since then, much has changed. The bay is lined with cottager friends. Some of the century-old pines have succumbed to weather or age and the shoreline has receded. The cottage itself has been changed, a porch and deck added, the interior sandblasted to redeem the original wood colour and the roof raised, but the original log structure remains as a testimony not only to our parents but to an early pioneer family of Lanark County.

## Otty Lake Association Board 1997

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Bill Schriever, Bernice Wanless

## Summary of the OLA Annual Meeting

July 13, 1996 Lorne Gold

The OPP emphasized that sea-doo's with 10 h.p. or greater must be registered and have identification numbers 3 inches high on both side of the hull. Operators must obey the law concerning speed limits in the Shipping Act. An observer is required for sea-doo's towing skiers.

It is expected that lake associations will play an increased role in environmental matters following the passage of Ontario Government Bill 163. It was reported that the collection of shoreline photos taken in the survey several years ago will be remounted as the Otty Lake part of the EYC project to be carried out in 1996.

North Elmsley is now being processed in the Property Identification Program, and it is expected that the work in North Burgess will begin later in the year. Road names for North Burgess must be in the Township office by early 1997.

Dawson Gordwood continues to take samples for water quality determinations about every 2 weeks. The OLA Board is looking into possible methods for the volunteer testing of septic systems as part of its water quality program. Dawson also helps to keep the beaver under control in Jebbs Creek. The lake level is very dependent on rainfall and the flow through Jebbs Creek. A catch- and-release policy has helped to reduce the pressure on the fish stock in Otty Lake.

A land use rules and tips sheet was distributed by Dave Code. Tom Foulkes reported that the newly formed North Burgess Policy Advisory Group now has 8 members, 3 from lake associations.

It is expected that at least 80% of lake residents will become OLA members in 1996. New lake maps will be distributed to all members. Eddie Edmundson asked that all road names and owner address changes be submitted to him before April 1997 so as to be included in the next map revision.

Special thanks to Susan Code who stepped down as Newsletter editor. The next editor will be Keith Fraser. Members approved a revised OLA constitution. Charles Billington, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and Jeff Ward, Stewardship Coordinator for Lanark County, gave brief

descriptions of their organizations and work. Don Kirk, Reeve of North Burgess, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to hear about lake issues, and expressed concern over the changed responsibilities of townships and cutbacks to township budgets expected as a result of provincial legislation. A straw vote indicated that a majority of the 120 members present would approve an increase in fees of \$5 to \$15 per year. An increase would be necessary to maintain our water quality testing program and to carry out the increased interaction with the townships due to new legislation.

History of Otty Lake: Two interesting references: *Some Notes on the Rideau Canal, the Sources of its Water Supply, and its Early History*, by A T Drummond, *Can. Record of Science*, Vol 5, 1892-93, and *The Rideau Canal System*, by F C Curry, *Inland Seas*, 21:3, 1965. Much of this material has been incorporated into R F Legget's *Rideau Waterway*, 1955.

## FEATHERS I

Cathy Kari

### *The Cowbird Dilemma*

Our cottage on Little Otty has a two story front porch and every year a pair of *Phoebes* nest on one of the support pillars. It is invariably placed very close to the door and I used to worry that our comings and goings would distract the parents. I soon found that they were well accustomed to our presence and although they would fly off most times when the door was opened, they would soon return. I was protective of the nest, especially after the eggs had hatched and on cold days I would try to keep the traffic to a minimum to give the female as much time as possible on the nest. Despite my worries, they usually managed to fledge two or three youngsters each year.

Last spring, to my consternation I discovered the remains of two broken eggs on the porch. Shortly after, a single egg hatched, the baby grew rapidly and was soon larger than its parents. The baby was a Cowbird, not a Phoebe.

The *Brown Headed Cowbird* is a common bird, unremarkable except for its parasitic nature of reproduction. (The only other Cowbird in North America is the *Bronzed Cowbird* in the arid Southwest). Instead of building a nest, laying eggs and rearing young, the female lays her eggs in other birds' nests. The Brown Headed Cowbird has been recorded as successfully victimizing 144 species and it has tested others unsuccessfully, even the *Ruby Throated Hummingbird*. The female, sometimes referred to as a passerine chicken, will lay eggs industriously for a period of two

months, managing to impose some 40 eggs in other birds' nests. Usually she will lay only one per nest, though occasionally two females will each make a contribution. The female scouts the territory during mating and nest building and waits until at least one egg has been laid by the foster parent. She will often destroy the host's eggs before they hatch. Even if they are not destroyed, the offspring will often not survive because the larger Cowbird will usually hatch about a day earlier and grows faster. Some species have developed defences, including attacking the marauding female when she tries to approach, demolishing the foreign egg, rebuilding on top or simply abandoning the nest. About three percent of Cowbird eggs reach adulthood. Some species, such as the *Kirkland's warbler*, are particularly vulnerable, perhaps due to recent exposure to Cowbirds caused by land clearing and destruction of specialized habitat.

What should you do about Cowbirds on your property? You could do nothing and let nature take its course or check periodically and remove Cowbird eggs. They are white or cream with brown spots and probably bigger than the host eggs. Last year, I knew that the Phoebe would attempt another nesting and I checked the nest regularly. Sure enough, a distinctly different egg appeared, which I removed, but before long I began to feel guilty. Who was I to decide which egg should have the chance to hatch? In the end, I discarded the imposter and the three Phoebe chicks hatched. I think I would do the same again but I would never kill a hatchling.

I welcome contributions to this column, especially additions to the bird list (*See back page*) and meeting others interested in birding walks. (134 Bayswater, Ottawa, K1Y2G1 722-3659 Otty Lake 267-6060).



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR Keith Fraser

Responses to the Fall Newsletter furnished two columnists, one on plant life, one on birds (my list does not imply that I have identified all on Cathy's list; not so, the warblers and sparrows defeat me. We'd still like contributions on FUR or FISH or FROGS AND THEIR RELATIVES. Please comment on the place names. We need enthusiastic researchers to prepare items on Camp Shomria, the Boy Scout camp, the early cottagers and farmers, other log cabins. I use the editorial "we", used also only by royalty or people with tapeworm). NOTE that the next Newsletter is aimed at June 15, so the deadline for contributions is June 1.

### OTTY LAKE NEWSLETTER

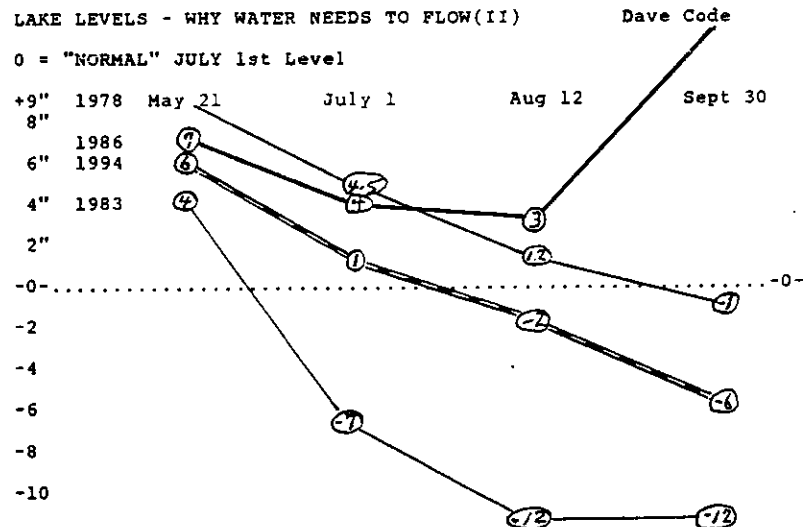
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**Dick Atkinson, Charlie Olver**

**SPLASHES** *A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever ... You've heard of Murphy's Law; know what Cole's Law is? shredded cabbage ... What did God say after creating Man? She said, I can do better than that ... Laughter is the shortest distance between two people ... By the way, I have arranged for ideal weather for this coming summer.*

### OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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## OTTY LAKE BIRD LIST April 1997

(Kari)

Indigo Bunting  
Black Capped Chickadee  
Cowbird  
American Crow  
Mourning Dove  
Purple Finch  
Yellow Shafted Flicker  
Great Crested Flycatcher  
American Goldfinch  
Common Grackle  
Rose Breasted Grosbeak  
Ruffed Grouse  
Ring Billed Gull  
Red Shouldered Hawk  
Great Blue Heron  
Ruby Throated  
Hummingbird  
Blue Jay

Northern Junco  
Eastern Kingbird  
Belted Kingfisher  
Golden Crowned Kinglet  
Ruby Crowned Kinglet  
Common Loon  
Mallard  
White Breasted Nuthatch  
Red Breasted Nuthatch  
Baltimore Oriole  
Osprey  
Ovenbird  
Screech Owl  
Eastern Peewee  
Eastern Phoebe  
Northern Raven  
American Robin  
Yellow Bellied Sapsucker  
White Winged Scoter  
Pine Siskin

White Throated Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Scarlet Tanager  
Red Eyed Vireo  
Philadelphia Vireo  
Turkey Vulture  
Black and White Warbler  
Chestnut Sided Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Yellow Rumped Warbler  
Northern Waterthrush  
Cedar Waxwing  
Whip-poor-will  
Downy Woodpecker  
Pileated Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker  
Common Yellowthroat

(Fraser)

Rusty Blackbird  
Wood Duck(?)  
Herring Gull(?)  
Little Green Heron  
Arctic Loon  
American Merganser  
Barred Owl  
Ring Necked Pheasant  
Tree Swallow  
Common Tern  
Wood Thrush  
Eastern Veery  
Bob White  
House Wren



**Otty Lake Association. 1997 Fees \$ 10.00** Please mail to: Otty Lake Association  
20 Mancil Drive, Nepean, Ont. K2J 2J5

☐ Please check if you would like a large Lake Map ( Approx 22"x30", cost is \$2.00 extra)

☐ Mailing Label OK, or

☐ Please change to:

Name.....

Address.....

City.....Prov/State.....Code.....

Please ensure that I have your current telephone numbers.....

Other.....

☐ Name on Map is OK, or

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Name.....

Name of neighbours on either side...