

DICKIE LAKE NEWSLETTER



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ICE OUT

Well Mother Nature is pretty consistent. The ice went out this year, April 20th. It seems that it always goes out around the middle of April although this year it might have been later than normal. The ice went out quickly.

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP



Dickie Lake responded to Earth Day clean-up by picking up trash thrown to the side of the road. The crew included Yvonne, Margaret, Joan, Fred, Eric, Roy and Paul. The shoulders of District Rd 51 from 117 to the second entrance to Dickie Lake as well as the loop around Dickie Lake were cleaned. Thanks everyone for your help.

DICKIE LAKE CLOTHING

Keep reading. More details to follow in this newsletter.

MEN'S GOLF

Come join the group, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. starting May 7th at Bracebridge Golf Club. Any questions call Jim Murphy at 767-3818

ELECTIONS 2007

Dickie Lake is holding its elections this year. The constitution and job descriptions are located on our web page – www.dickielake.ca. Please check the constitution and get involved with your association. The elections are held at the Annual Meeting which will be July 7th at the Seniors Building in Baysville.

HORSESHOE 2007

July 28th 1:00 p.m. at Jack Sherry's place (where the picnic is held) 1091 Dickie Lake Road W.

Jim Murphy who has organized it for many years is looking for your support in this activity. Those who are involved seem to enjoy it but each year there are fewer and fewer people. JIM LOVES HORSESHOES but he will not continue to run the tournament if more people don't participate. WE HOPE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND LATER TIME WILL ENTICE THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST TO COME OUT AND JOIN IN A GAME. If you want more details or just to let Jim know that you are interested, call him at 767-3818.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. May 20th, 10 a.m. at 1137 DLRW
"Director's Meeting".

Sat. July 7th, 10 a.m. at Baysville Senior's Centre – General Meeting

Sat. July 28th, 1 p.m. at 1091 DLRW
Horseshoe Tournament

Sat. August 4th, at 1091 DLRW the **DICKIE LAKE REGATTA** – further detail later.

RECORDING FISH

Joe Riley at 1139 Dickie Lake Rd. W. is the person to take your fish to for official weighing. His dock has 2 yellow Muskoka chairs and a cream coloured umbrella. Call Joe at 767-2513 and he will meet you at his dock. If he is away, call Fred Elliott at 767-3251. Fred will meet you at Joe's dock.

REMEMBER IF YOU CATCH A PIKE –
DO NOT RELEASE IT BACK INTO THE LAKE.

Eat it or bury it after it has been weighed.

Win a trophy for

- largest Pike caught
- largest fish (over 18 yrs.)
- largest fish (11-18 yrs)
- largest fish (under 11 yrs)

To be official it must be weighed on the scale at Joe Riley's.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF DICKIE LAKE

- 140 homes on the lake
- 36 fulltime homes – 74 fulltime residents
- 51 fulltime recreational homes – 125 residents
- 53 seasonal recreational homes
- 10 business' operating out of their homes
- 26% of residents are full time
- 62% of residents use their property year round

OUR WEB PAGE

Don't forget to check out our web page.

www.dickielake.ca .

Order forms for our new line of clothing and prices will be available for you to order. The order form will be available on the lake web page.

CLOTHING SPRING 2007

It is available.

I (Paula Elliott) will have samples of the clothing in a variety of sizes and colours for you to see after the Directors' meeting on May 20th, 2007. DO STOP BY 1137 Dickie Lake Rd W. All orders are to be paid in full, with cheques made payable to Dickie Lake Association. You can drop your order form and cheque off in my mailbox at 1137 DLRW or come down to the house.

Our plan is for the first order to go in by **June 11th** so that the order will be ready by the Annual Meeting. The second order will go in **July 13th** so that we can have them for the Regatta.

The fall line hopefully will be ready for the Regatta.

Summer Line includes:

Men's: -polo shirt, windshirt, sweatshirt, pullover hoody, T-shirts & ball caps.

Ladies: - polo shirt, windshirt, ¼ zip sweatshirt, full zip hoody sweatshirt, pullover hoody, T-shirts & ball caps.

Youth: - T-shirts, Hoody sweatshirt & ball caps.

The logo on the clothing is the logo on the top of the first page. We hope you like it.

Thanks to Heather Kertzer for all the work that she has put into getting this up and running.

DICKIE LAKE MAILINGS

All news will be sent electronically where possible. We only have 55 homes that cannot receive their mail via the internet. When the new and updated newsletter is ready it will be sent as an attachment on an email. All emails from the Association come from dickielake_assn@hotmail.com at the moment as that is the account that I have set up.

CARE BEAR INFORMATION

Our sympathies are extended to the following families as the following members of our community have died since last summer, Greg Hunter, Lloyd Berney, Eva Muehlhans and Alice Watson.

Congratulations to Joanne Laird and Ian Brown on their engagement.

Happy retirement to Steve Richardson.

Special birthday wishes to Dave Morrison.

Fred and Paula Elliott welcome their second granddaughter Claire Wuite born Feb.11, 2007. Many places are up for sale and we wish those families all the best as they start new adventures in their lives.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the following families who have recently joined our Dickie lake community:
Dave and Eva Hoffman who moved into #2-1365 Dickie Lake Rd. W
Dave and Anne Ponzo who moved into 1405 Dickie Lake Rd. W.

ROAD

The executive made a presentation to council seeking improvements on the Dickie Lake West. We have had a letter from Mr. Tom Brown of the Lake of Bays Roads Department stating that Dickie Lake will be upgraded this year.

What can I do to provide wildlife habitat on my property?

There is a wide range of things you can do. The easiest is to leave as much area as possible natural. If your property has been altered, here are some suggestions:

- Devote an area to providing a variety of habitat features, including a diversity of vegetation – evergreen and deciduous, young and old, and tall and short.
- Create a number of edges (places where one type of vegetation meets another); remember, jagged edges are preferably to straight lines!
- Create a corridor to provide safe travel paths for wildlife.
- Protect downed trees which help provide hiding places, feeding grounds, and spawning areas for fish, as well as

- aquatic insects, birds and mammals. Downed trees also help keep shorelines and stream sides intact by reducing the erosive impact of waves and currents on soil
- Leave wildlife trees: decaying or dead trees (that are still standing) are wildlife havens.
- Build a brush pile: instead of hauling branches away, or burning them, pile them in the style of a beaver-lodge to provide an instant wildlife sanctuary. Don't disturb the pile between early spring to early fall when birds may be nesting and using the pile as a safe place to raise their young.
- Diversify habitat with a log pile. If you have logs consider using a few pieces to create a log pile.
- Build a rock pile: If you have boulders on your property, build a small rock pile in a corner.
- Build a nest box for birds or bats.
- Protect wetlands.

The Living By Water Project
C/O [Nature Canada](http://NatureCanada)
Email: lbw@naturecanada.ca
Phone: 613-562-3447, ext. 235

STARRY STARRY NITE

The following story was given to me by a regular visitor to Dickie Lake, it is his story and I have copied it as it was given to me for your enjoyment.

"I have been asked to share with the residents of Dickie Lake a most unusual experience that I had while visiting your community several years ago. I must confess that I do so with serious reservations, as you will soon discover.

My wife and I are retired educators and have been regular visitors to Dickie Lake for the past sixteen years. We particularly enjoy the colours and fresh autumn air of Muskoka, so we make an effort to drive north for a few relaxing days before the winter winds.

It was on one of these visits in October 2003, that my life was changed forever.

The weather was unseasonably mild

I was encouraged by my wife to take advantage of the beautiful weather and to go down to the dock to snap a photo of the full moon and its watery reflection on Dickie Lake.

I was greeted with the appearance of two bright balls of light in the sky. One was the moon. The other was situated in the northern sky, just over the trees. Its diameter was slightly smaller than that of the moon. The sky arcing above it was brilliant "crayola" green and above it in a deep blue colour that faded into the blackness of the clear, cloudless sky. There was absolutely no breeze, or any sounds of wild life, including barking dogs. The lake was absolutely placid.

Initially I was unable to photograph the full moon and its reflection in the lake, due to some very strange optics in the viewfinder. Very puzzled and somewhat troubled by what was happening to the camera in my hands, I turned away quickly from the moon and focused my attention on the sphere of light. Again, I had some difficulty in preparing to snap this photo. Something on and just above the water, some twenty metres away, was moving in front of me and followed me as I tried to move away from it along the dock. I finally gave up ...and settled for a snap of the mysterious second moon. That's when my life changed. The camera literally exploded in loud buzzing and uncontrolled snapping – immediately after I took the picture. I held the camera as still as possible as the snapping continued. I had no finger on the button. Overwhelmed by the moment, I slumped onto the dock to regroup. I examined (with flashlight) the camera, made an adjustment and proceeded to take an extraordinary picture of the full moon and its image reflection on the lake.

I put the cap on my camera lens and took hold of my binoculars. I already knew what this bright ball of light had to be. There, just over the tree, in this ball of light, was a boomerang-shaped craft – hovering. I continued to observe the craft for some 30 minutes, making note of its shape and light –configuration. The rhythmic strobing of its lights up and down both wings was quite hypnotic. On its nose, pointing upwards, I could clearly see a red light with two adjoining bluish-green lights on either side of what appeared to be a pod.

This was the beginning of an incredible experience for me. My photos revealed much more. While quietly observing my first U.F.O., my camera had actually captured several more U.F.O.'s. One clearly shows wing structure and leading pod. This craft was closer to my position and slightly higher in the sky. I believe that I managed to capture its image only because it was positioned in the sky between the light of the full moon and this second ball of light, and therefore, illuminated from both directions.

I had the U.F.O. photo enlarged and scanned onto the computer. With computer software, I have been able to lighten this nighttime picture. It has been most revealing.

It appears that I was not alone while I was down on the dock that evening

For the past two years I have been in communication with an American physicist, whose specialty is photo analysis. I have passed along personal medical information, camera and photo data, maps, and have been asked to carry out photo experiments while visiting at Dickie Lake. The end result – my incredible experience and photos have apparently disappeared into the 'black hole' of an agency within the American government.

So, I'm left with an extraordinary experience and revealing information that I can only really share with family and close friends, those who know and trust me. To others, my story is just another tabloid headline, to laugh at and forget. Again, I share this experience with you reluctantly.

"Scotty, beam me up." "

End of quote.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all those members of the association who continue to give their support to this wonderful organization.

Remember you can become involved by becoming part of the Lake Stewardship program, a director, or any position on the executive. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Paula