

Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association

Newsletter 2006



All roads lead to Westport - and the Westports of the World will meet in our Westport in September this year. This photo shows the sign at the entrance to Westport, Ireland ... in Gaelic and English.

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A Message from your President

I am finishing my final year as president. I am looking forward to working with a new slate of officers after the AGM on July 22, 2006 when we will need to elect candidates for President, Secretary and Vice President. As well I must pass the job of Newsletter Editor on to a new person. The newsletter editor function is to co-ordinate the input of the newsletter articles and work with our production person. We will need to

go through a significant change in the executive to ensure that the Wolfe Lake Association can continue as a viable and effective organization and be prepared to deal with any future issues that could have an impact on Wolfe Lake.

By presenting you with this challenge well in advance of the AGM, it is my hope that some of you will come forward to fill these positions. As the future Past President, I will

be available to provide whatever advice and assistance is required.

The past three years have gone quickly, but during that time, I had the opportunity to meet many individuals who share the same enthusiasm for protecting the quality of our lakes. I look forward to maintaining that relationship through my continued involvement with the Wolfe Lake Association.

Nominations for Executive positions

The following positions will need to be filled at the Annual General Meeting, July 22, 2006.

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Newsletter Editor

Please contact the Secretary to put your name forward as a candidate.



Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association
Financial Report
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

Bank Balance: January 1, 2005	<u>\$2,499.96</u>	
Revenue:		
66 members @ \$20	\$1,320.00	
Donations	40.12	
Bank Interest	<u>.55</u>	
Total Revenue	<u>\$1,360.67</u>	
Investment with ING Direct, January 1, 2005	\$4,240.95	
Interest: 2005	<u>49.87</u>	
Subtotal: Moved to BMO	<u>\$4,290.82</u>	
Total Assets	<u>\$8,151.45</u>	
Expenses:		
Shoal markers	\$ 104.38	
Newsletter – production and printing	911.38	
Water testing	318.46	
FOCA membership	253.59	
Annual General Meeting	<u>120.00</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,707.81</u>	
Statement Balance	\$6,443.64	
Transferred to BMO GIC – November 3/05	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Balances: December 31, 2005	<u>\$1,443.64</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
BMO GIC accrued interest as of December 31/05		\$ 20.26

Treasurer: Marilyn Brown



WOLFE LAKE (WESTPORT) ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

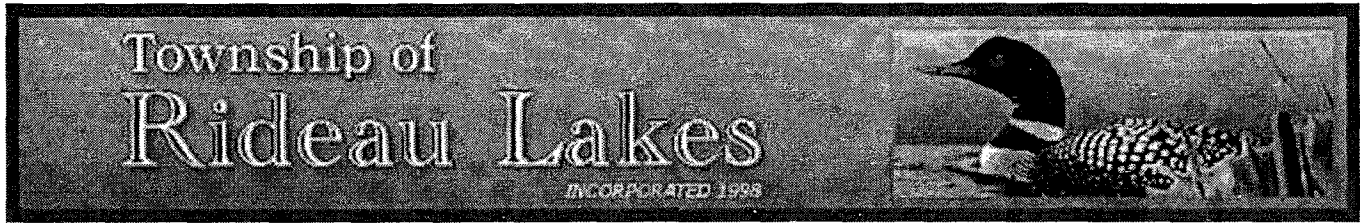
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SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006

CAMP IAWAH
WOLFE LAKE

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- ◆ REGISTRATION and REFRESHMENTS: 1:30 PM
 - ◆ BUSINESS MEETING: 2:00 PM
 - UPDATES FROM DIRECTORS
 - REVIEW OF 2005 AGM MINUTES
 - FINANCIAL REPORT
 - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS
 - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS
 - ◆ TABLE DISPLAYS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND COTTAGE ISSUES
 - ◆ OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND SPEAK WITH YOUR MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT TAXES, ZONING, ETC.
 - ◆ MEET YOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS AND OTHER WOLFE LAKE COTTAGERS

COFFEE ,TEA, JUICE ETC. WILL BE AVAILABLE



April 7, 2006

Greetings members of the Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association.

On behalf of the members of the Rideau Lakes Township Council, I extend best wishes for the 2006 season.

At this time of year, preparing our 2006 budget is our main focus. Completion is expected by mid April. Our final budget will be posted to our web site after our public meeting and Council approval.

Now that winter is over, which was very destructive to our road infrastructure, we are planning a very active construction program which will continue with our plan to improve as many km's of roads as quickly as possible.

Council is also planning two new services which will impact our residents. During the latter half of 2006, we will commence waste pickup in all Wards. As part of this expansion of services, recycling pickup will also be introduced in all Wards. This change is a significant service improvement both for residents and the environment.

Secondly, is a plan to reimburse residents on private roads serving multi residents on water with a contribution towards road maintenance costs. Details will follow as the policy is finalized.

Another event is fast approaching, the 2007 International Plowing Match on September 18th-22nd, 2007. This will bring over 80,000 visitors to Crosby in our Township. This exciting event will showcase the many features of Rideau Lakes and area. Please add this event to your calendar for 2007.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings in your newsletter. As always, I can be reached at rholman@ripnet.com or 613-349-9355.

Looking forward to seeing you at your General Meeting.

Ronald E. Holman
Mayor

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"An Experience to Remember"



A Message from South Frontenac Township

Hello Everybody.

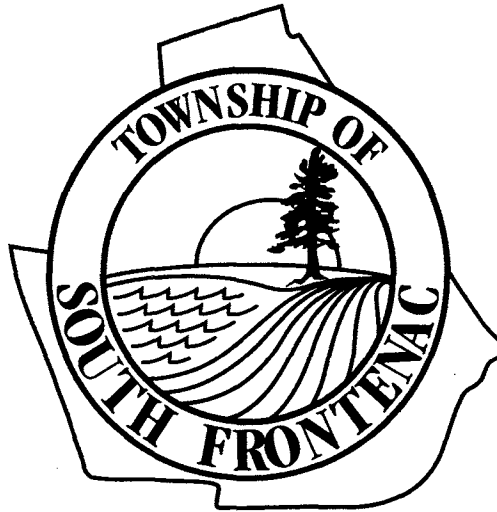
Spring is a wonderful time as all nature's glory starts a new cycle of life. We are very lucky to be in an area where we can enjoy spring, while looking forward to another wonderful summer on and around the lake.

Changes to the Ontario Building Code have caused some confusion. Any building or deck over 107 sq feet requires a building permit. All new structures must meet the current zoning regulations.

911 is very important to everybody; please report any missing numbers or inconsistencies in civic addressing to Allen Revell at the Township Office.

Cell phones tend to bounce the signal, so make sure you are talking to the dispatch for South Frontenac Township.

MPAC sets the market value assessment on properties and



then sends the County of Frontenac the bill for over half a million dollars.

'What do I get for property taxes?' is a question that is asked over and over again.

In Bedford District if your property has a market value assessment of \$150,000.00 your taxes for 2006 are \$1635.99.

From that amount, Bedford District would get \$348.85 for district roads and all other district services.

South Frontenac Township

would get \$433.05 to pay for O.P.P. services, South Frontenac Fire Department, Township roads, and the Building and Planning Department.

Frontenac County would get \$423.03 to help pay for Ambulance service, Welfare, Social Housing, the Health Unit, the Libraries and Fairmount Home.

The Public School Board would get \$396.00 for education.

There is also a \$20.00 Special Garbage Charge and \$15.07 Special Fire Charge.

I look forward to being at your Annual General Meeting on July 22, 2006.

Sincerely,

Bill Lake
Mayor,
South Frontenac Township



Minutes, Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association AGM July 17, 2005, 1:30 pm. Lions Club Beach Facility

President, Bob Smyth welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked for a show of hands to indicate a preference for the location for the AGM: Camp IA-WAH or the Lions Club Beach Facility. It was an even draw with 50% of those voting for each location. Bob drew attention to the handouts available, the draws for the subscription to "Cabin Life" and for the book "Cottage, Spider Brooch and Second Wife" and the display from the "Bedford Mining Alert".

Bob Vandenberg made the motion to approve the minutes of the 2004 AGM as recorded in "Newsletter 2005" and Maureen Edge seconded it. Carried.

The Financial Report for 2004 is recorded in the "Newsletter 2005" and Marilyn Brown gave an update. Expenses since that report were the membership for FOCA, production of the newsletter and the water testing. Forty-nine members have registered for 2005 and the financial balance to-date is \$6,156.96.

Duncan MacDougall, Director of Water Quality/Fishing, indicated that he had posted the Water Quality Report for 2004 and that it is in the "Newsletter 2005". In 2004, one possible Zebra Mussel larvae was found in lake water samples but the follow-up testing in 2005 showed no larvae. Three sets of water quality testing have been carried out so far in 2005. He also reported that the 'Cows in the Lake' issue at Barr's Creek has been resolved with the parties involved deciding to purchase an electric fence. When a question arose about the cows in the lake on the Hanna farm, it was reported that cows have not been seen in the lake for the past couple of years.

Duncan reported that there is a problem with policing the bass fishing when the walleye season opens. He recommended that a Director of Fishing be appointed and this role be separate from the Director of Water Quality.

Roy Chisamore, Director of Shoal Marking, stated that nineteen shoal markers were in position and

asked that anyone seeing one loose or recovering one to let him know or drop it off at his place.

Glen Ewen, Past President, recommended the Wolfe lake Association website; www.rideau-info.com/associations/wolfe/ and suggested all could benefit from the information on the www.rideau-info.com website. He also reported that the executive have decided not to pursue the CEP (Community Environmental Partnership) application because neither of the municipalities, South Frontenac or Rideau Lakes, planned to adopt the system and thus would offer only limited support to CEP data bases due to privacy and other concerns. In addition, the Directors experienced difficulty in accessing the system by dial-up, members had concerns with privacy issues and the proposed CEP information was available from other websites including our own, other lake associations and www.rideau-info.com.

No New Business was brought forward.

Nominations were opened for the positions of Secretary, VP, and the new position of Director of Fishing, but no one was nominated or volunteered. Bob Vandenberg moved that the Board of Directors be authorized to appoint persons to these positions on an interim basis following the meeting. Seconded by Duncan MacDougall. Carried.

Glen Ewen moved that the present officers and directors for the 2005-2006 year be confirmed. Seconded by Roy Chisamore. Carried.

Bob introduced Susan O'Brien Mactaggart, President of the Bob and Crows Lake Association, who invited all to attend their AGM on July 31, from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Bedford Town Hall.

Ron Pollard, Councilor, brought greetings from Rideau Lakes Township and an update on the current activities.

David Hahn, Deputy Mayor, brought greetings from Frontenac Township and gave an informative and interesting update from the township.

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Minutes, Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association AGM 2005 continued

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Betty-Jo MacDougall, member of the Bedford Mining Alert, reported on the status of this organization and stated that some progress has been made in protecting those who own only surface rights to the property. All are invited to the AGM on Aug. 6, 10:00 am at the Bedford Town Hall. The question was raised if our association could assist by providing some funds for their work and Duncan MacDougall will check into this.

Maureen Edge moved the meeting be closed. Carried.

Sherry Ferguson won the draw for the subscription to "Cabin Life" and Maureen Edge, the draw for the book "Cottage, Spider Brooch and Second Wife".

President, Bob Smyth
Secretary, Shirley Ewen

Delivery bags courtesy of Westport Fresh Mart.

*Please see the membership
application form on the
back page of this newsletter.*

Lost and Found

If you find a buoy that has been set adrift, please give it to Roy Chisamore (273-5352)

He will return it to its place marking rocks and shoals.

Waste Water Workshops

Help protect the natural process on which life depends

1 PM to 3 PM June 18 Bedford Hall
1381 Westport Rd. at Glendower

10 AM to noon July 8 Kennebec Hall
5988 Arden Rd. in Arden

9 AM to 1 PM August 12 Farrell Hall
186 Gore Street in Perth

Join us for a free workshop to learn :

- ◆ How septic systems work
- ◆ What can go wrong
- ◆ How to know if something is wrong with your system
- ◆ How to maintain your system
- ◆ Why a healthy system matters
- ◆ What alternatives are out there
- ◆ What regulations apply
- ◆ What is involved in re-inspection programs

****August 12 will also include information about wells with Marty Moir, Health Unit.****

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Marilyn at 613 273 4511

In partnership with

Frontenac Environmental Partnership,

Lake Networking Group,

Stewardship Councils of Frontenac,

Leeds and Lanark,

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Cataraqui,

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit

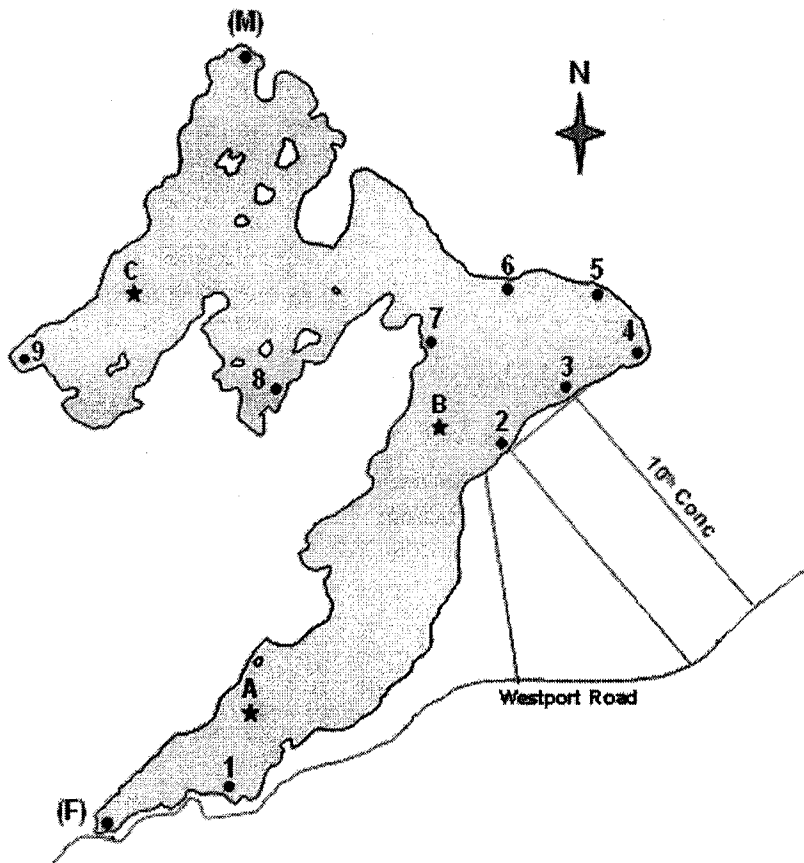
Township of Central Fontenac



Water Quality

by Duncan MacDougall

Water quality was tested in June, July and August of 2005. Samples were taken at near-shore sites 1 to 9 (see map) and at deep-water sites A, B and C. Samples were also taken at Mire Bay (M) and the Fermoy inflow culvert (F) in June and at sites A, B and C as part of the Lake Partners Program. The laboratory analysis results for total phosphorus concentrations (TP) are summarized in Figure 1 and Table 1. July Secchi disc readings for water clarity are presented in Figure 2.

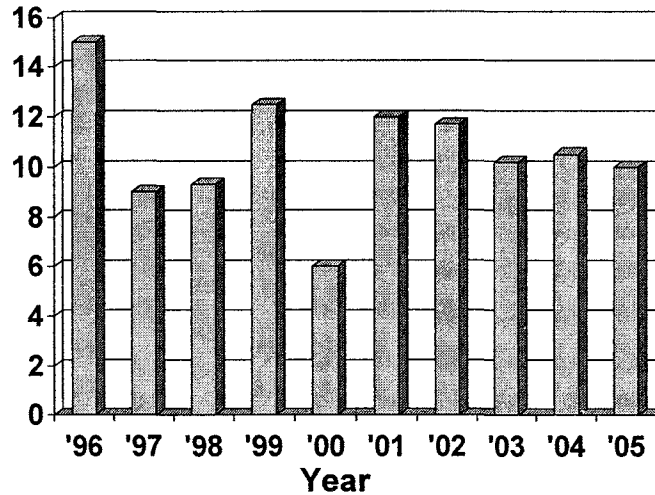


Deep-Water Phosphorus Concentrations

TP concentrations at our 3 deep-water sites averaged 10.0 µg/L in July and 9.0 µg/L in August. The July value is graphically presented in Figure 1, along with July data dating back to 1996 (the earliest results that we have).



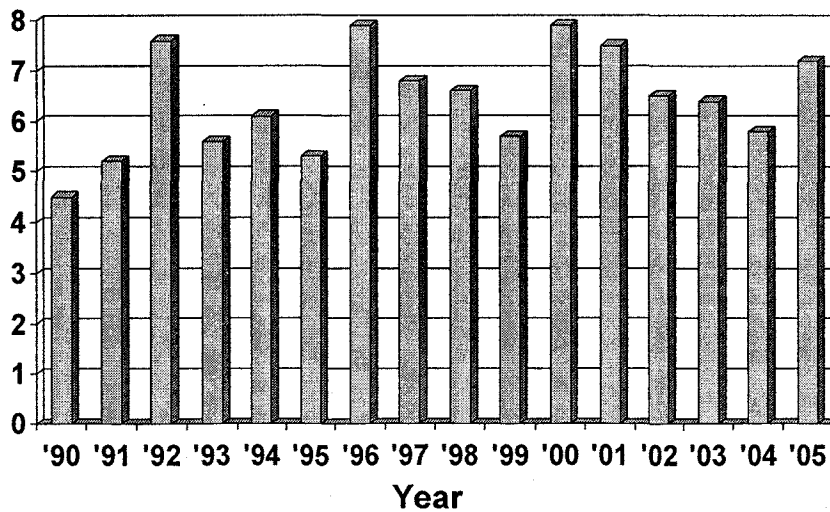
FIGURE 1
Deep-Water Total Phosphorus Concentrations (July), $\mu\text{g/L}$



Water Clarity

The average July Secchi disc reading for the 3 deep-water sites was 7.1 m. This value is graphically presented in Figure 2 along with results for the past 15 years.

FIGURE 2
Secchi Disc Readings (July), m





Near-Shore Phosphorus Concentrations

Table 1 summarizes TP concentrations for our 9 near-shore sites for the June, July and August testing dates. Values ranged from 8 to 13 µg/L. On June 19th, TP concentration was 16 µg/L at the Fermoy culvert and 10 µg/L at Mire Bay.

Table 1: TP Concentration, µg/L

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site #</u>								
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
June 19	10	10	10	9	8	9	8	10	9
July 18	13	10	9	10	10	10	9	10	12
Aug. 11	9	9	10	10	10	10	9	9	9

Interpretation of Results

Our deep-water samples are taken at a depth that is twice that of the Secchi disc reading (approximately 14 m). As a result, they are minimally affected by water at the surface and are considered to reflect the general phosphorus status of the lake. Based upon their phosphorus content, lakes in Ontario are typically classified as Oligotrophic (where TP concentration is less than 10 µg/L), Mesotrophic (where TP concentration is between 10 and 20 µg/L) or Eutrophic (where TP concentration is greater than 20 µg/L). From Figure 1, it can be seen that Wolfe Lake can be classified at either the extreme upper limit for an oligotrophic lake or the extreme lower limit for a mesotrophic lake. Thus we can probably be considered as having the best of both worlds. Oligotrophic lakes are normally very clear and algae-free, but, because of their low phosphorus levels, they have minimal aquatic organism and plant life and cannot support the same fish population as more enriched lakes. Mesotrophic lakes, on the other hand, have a greater density of fish and aquatic invertebrates but are less clear and are prone to having a “weedy” odour. We are thus blessed with generally clean, clear water, with just enough nutrient enrichment and biodiversity to make our lake interesting and to keep our fishermen relatively happy.

Last summer’s deep-water TP concentration was as low as it has been in the past 5 years. Similarly, near-shore readings at any given site, were as low as, or lower than, any recorded over the past 5 years. Much of this can probably be attributed to the weather conditions that we enjoyed last summer. Just as 2004 was wetter, cloudier and cooler than normal, 2005 was warmer, drier and sunnier than normal. My guess is that, because of the low rainfall, less phosphorus entered the lake as runoff and, because of more sunlight, a greater amount of phosphorus was taken up as a nutrient by aquatic weeds.

Since water clarity generally tends to track TP concentrations inversely, it is not surprising that last summer’s Secchi disc readings were also higher than they have been in the past several years. According to Ministry guidelines, Secchi disc readings greater than 5 m are considered to indicate “excellent” water clarity. We can thus conclude that Wolfe Lake continues to be one of the clearest lakes in Southern Ontario.



Water Levels

As water steward, the most common complaint that I receive relates to the drop in water levels that occurs each summer, and the most common question is “what can we do about it?” Unfortunately, the answer is “not much”. According to legislation that dates back to the 1800’s, Wolfe Lake is classified as a reservoir lake for the Rideau Canal system. As a result, outflow from the lake is under the control of Parks Canada. By adjusting flow through the dam at the East end of the lake (near sampling site #4), the water level can be raised or lowered. Water level is constantly recorded by the new electronic monitoring system that can be seen near sampling site #2. Through a process that begins in February and continues through March, Wolfe Lake is brought up to what is considered to be its normal operating level – the “high water mark” that you see in April, just after the ice has gone out. Water is then gradually released over the summer at a rate that ensures a relatively constant water level in the Rideau Canal and its associated lakes. According to Parks Canada, this means that, on average, our water level drops by about 0.7 m (2.3 ft) over the course of the summer. This is, however, an “average” figure and in hotter and/or drier summers we can expect considerably greater differences in water levels.

Zebra Mussels

You may recall that, in 2004, a single net sample was found to contain a single veliger (larva), but none were found in subsequent testing. Testing was repeated on 3 occasions over the summer of 2005 and all samples were found to be negative for the presence of zebra mussels. Let’s hope that this status continues.



WOLFE LAKE (WESTPORT) ASSOCIATION

WHO WE ARE

Lakes are special, but fragile places which often deteriorate through abuse. The Association is comprised of registered lot owners on Wolfe Lake dedicated to the care, vitality and enhancement of Wolfe Lake, its natural areas, and its fish and wildlife. Interested others who do not own lots may join as non-voting members.

See our website at:

www.rideau-info.com/associations/wolfe/

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Maintain and enhance the natural beauty and pristine state of Wolfe Lake and its shoreline
- Provide information on the environmental aspects of cottage life to reduce pollution
- Encourage measures to prevent and reduce pollution
- Encourage measures to improve fishing
- Ensure that all future lake development is orderly and is not harmful to the lake, the surrounding area or to wildlife
- Present the wishes of its members to the townships of South Frontenac and Rideau Lakes
- Engage in activities to attain the above objectives

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since its formation in 1988, the Association has:

- Made representation to the Ontario Municipal Board which resulted in the cancellation of an approval to develop a high density complex at Lee Bay
- Joined the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) to better promote the interests of cottagers to the Ontario government
- Maintained and set out marker buoys each spring to warn boaters of dangerous shoals
- Published an annual newsletter to keep all members informed on Association and lake activities and concerns
- Prepared a map of Wolfe Lake with a numerical index listing of all lake property owners
- Conducted water clarity checks throughout the summer for submission to MNR
- Made a video tape survey of the entire Wolfe Lake shore line for reference purposes
- Obtained a \$2,800 grant and used Association volunteer labour to rehabilitate Scanlan Creek for fish spawning
- Continues to seek partnerships for monitoring the health of the water in Wolfe Lake



Summer Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Mondays**
Wednesdays (July-Aug.)
Wednesdays (July-Aug.)
- Thursdays**
Thursdays from June 8
- Fridays from June 16**
Weekend evenings
Various dates
- May 13 (Sat.)**
- May 19 (Fri.)**
- May 19 (Fri.)**
May 20 (Sat.)
- May 20 (Sat.)**
May 20 (Sat.)
- May 27-28 (Sat.-Sun.)**
- June 1 (Thurs.)**
- June 3-4 (Sat.-Sun.)**
- June 16 (Fri.)**
June 17 (Sat.)
- June 22 (Thurs.)**
June 25 (Sun.)
- July 1 (Sat.)**
- July 1 (Sat.)**
- July 1 (Sat.)**
- July 1-2 (Sat.-Sun.)**
- Bingo** at the Legion, 7:30 pm
Lions' Bingo at the Westport Arena, 7:15 pm
Foley Mountain Children's Program, 2-3:30
Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
Euchre at the Legion, 7:30 pm
Spencer Evans Trio at the Cove Country Inn – high-energy jazz and great dancing from 9 pm. Information: 613-273-3636
Lunchtime barbecue at the Legion
Live music at the Cove Country Inn. Information: 613-273-3636
Live music at Upstage, 22 Bedford Street (above Wordsmith) throughout the summer. Information: 613-273-3222, or watch the paper and notices around town.
Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society plant sale
Hadden's Greenhouse, 3237 Hwy 15, Elgin, 9-12
Blues on the Rideau – buffet dinner and concert featuring Morgan Davis, The Cove Country Inn, Westport
Reservations: 613-273-3636
Spaghetti dinner at the Legion, 6-7:30
Westport Public Library plant sale – 9 am (come early for best selection). Information: 613-273-3223
Yard sales throughout Westport and at the Legion
Delta Old Stone Mill and Museum opens for the season, 10-5 daily
Information: www.rideau-info.com/stonemill or 613-928-2584
Dandelion Gardens Studio Tour
Brochures available at the Welcome Centres in Westport and Portland and in area stores. Information: Ray Scott @ 613-273-6712
Rideau District Museum opens for the summer
Mon.-Sat. 10-4:30, Sun. 1-4:30. Information: 613-273-2502
14th Annual Westport Antique Show and Sale, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. Featuring eastern and central Ontario dealers in early Canadian pine, pottery, glassware, furniture, wicker and collectibles. Victorian Tea Room sponsored by Rideau District Museum.
Information: Jen Kelly @ 613-272-5404 or wrlcc@rideau.net
Spaghetti dinner at the Legion, 6-7:30
Lob Ball Tournament. Shillington Park, 9 am. Canteen and child care. Information: Rachel Knapp @ 613-273-4371 or knapp@rideau.net
Anglican Church Women's Strawberry Social at the Legion
Family Fun Day at Shillington Park. Free musical entertainment, kids' entertainment, shuffleboard. Fee for BBQ meals and pony rides. Information: Lyla DeVreeze @ 613-273-6480 or devreeze@rideau.net
Friends of the Library yard sale, Westport Public Library, 9-12
Plus Year-Round Bargain Book Sale, downstairs at the library
Canada Day celebrations, Westport – starting at the Rideau District Museum at 1 pm, continuing with a fun-filled day for the whole family at the Lion's Club Beach and concluding with a spectacular fireworks display at dusk
Canada Day celebrations in Newboro, Chaffey's Lock and Portland – see local papers for details
Rideau Lakes Studio and Garden Tour, 10-5
Information: Jim Rowatt @ 613-359-5947



Summer Events - continued

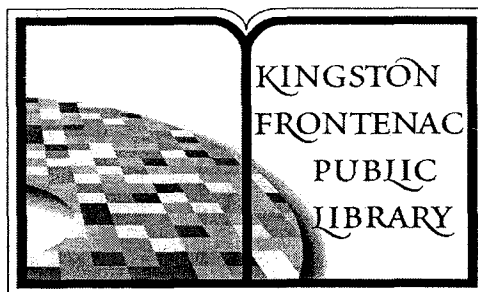
- July 7-9 (Fri.-Sun.)** Elgin Days. Information: Warren Goving @ 613-359-9948
July 8 (Sat.) **Foley Mountain Family Hike**, 1-2:30
 Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
- July 14 (Fri.)** **Rideau District Museum Chicken Barbecue**, 5-7 pm, Legion
 Take-out and delivery available. Tickets sold in advance
- July 14 (Fri.)** **Foley Mountain Night Hike**, 8:30-9:30
 Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
- July 21 (Fri.)** **Spaghetti dinner at the Legion**, 6-7:30
July 22 (Sat.) **Foley Mountain Public Hike**, 1-2:30
 Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
- July 27-30 (Thurs.-Sun.)** **176th annual Delta Fair**
 Information: 613-928-2800 or deltafair@ripnet.com
- August 4-7 (Fri.-Mon.)** **140th Lombardy Fair**
 Information: 613-284-2640 or www.lasfair.ca
- August 5 (Sat.)** **Chaffey's Lock Craft Fair and Corn Roast** at the Opinicon Hotel Information:
 Cindy Rotar @ 613-359-5820
- August 11 (Fri.)** **Foley Mountain Perseid Meteor Showers**, 9-11 pm
 Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
- August 12 (Sat.)** **Foley Mountain Family Hike**, 1-2:30
 Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
- August 18 (Fri.)** **Spaghetti dinner at the Legion**, 6-7:30
August 25 (Fri.) **Foley Mountain Night Hike**, 8:30-9:30
 Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
- August 25-27 (Fri.-Sun.)** **Magic Castle Chamber Music Festival**, featuring some of Canada's top young professional chamber musicians – refreshments included
 Fri., 7:30, Westport United Church, Program #1 (TBA)
 Sat., 2 pm, Upstage, 2 Bedford St., Program #1
 Sat., 7:30 pm, Westport United Church, Program #2 (TBA)
 Sun., 2 pm, Upstage, 22 Bedford St., Program #2
 1 performance: \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door
 2 performances: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door
 Reservations: Tickets@MagicCastle.ca
- August 25-27 (Fri.-Sun.)** **Rideau Valley Art Festival** at the Westport Arena – one of eastern Ontario's most popular art shows and sales. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Adults \$5, seniors & students \$4, under 12 free.
 Information: rideauvalleyartfestival.com or 613-273-2260
- August 26 (Sat.)** **Foley Mountain Public Hike**, 1-2:30
 Free with \$5 gate fee or season pass. Information: 613-273-3255
- September 15 (Fri.)** **Spaghetti dinner at the Legion**, 6-7:30
September 16 (Sat.) **Rideau District Museum & Doors Open Ontario**
September 17 (Sun.) **Westports of the World brunch** at the Legion
 Open to the public – 11 am. Information: 613-273-7848
- September 21 (Thurs.)** **Anglican Church Women's Harvest Dinner** at the Legion
September 22 (Fri.) **Rideau District Museum silent auction** at the Legion
October 7-8 (Sat.-Sun.) **Fall Colours Studio Tour**. Brochures available at the Welcome Centres in Westport and Portland.
 Information: Jack Lapointe @ 613-273-3530



Cottage Web Sites 2006

Here are a few WEB sites, which are particularly relevant to our Wolfe Lake community:

- www.rideau-info.com/associations/wolfe/** - the prime Wolfe lake WEB site that gives our latest news, newsletter, vision, AGM Minutes and objectives of the Wolfe lake Association.
- www.foca.on.ca** - the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) WEB Site This site includes much useful information on water quality, environmental issues, municipal and provincial issues affecting cottage owners such as taxes, the latest boating and property regulations and much more.
- www.rideau.info.com** - gives a wide variety of practical and useful information ranging from wild life, care of septic systems, rabies in Ontario, boating and fishing regulations, water quality, hiking trails and much more. It has a comprehensive index as well as links to other relevant WEB sites including other cottage associations in our area.
- www.township.southfrontenac.on.ca** - for those in the Bedford district this site will give you some information on municipal by-laws, building codes etc. The site also gives the minutes of the latest council meeting and the agenda for the next. **www.twprideaulakes.on.ca** - for those on the Rideau Lakes side of Wolfe Lake, this is a first class source for detailed municipal information on the official plan, roads, building codes, by-laws etc.
- www.westportrideaulakes.on.ca** - if you want to know what is going on in Westport or where you can get goods and services convenient to Wolfe Lake this is the WEB site for you. It also gives useful listing of daily to annual events, such as the Wolfe Lake Howl.
- <http://bedfordminingalert.ca>** - gives you the latest information on mining claims in the Wolfe lake area, why they are of concern, what the Bedford Mining Alert folks are doing about it and how you can help.
- www.parkscanada.pch.gc.ca** – This site lists all Canada's National Parks and historic sites and much more. You can even make camp ground reservations.
- www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca** - What is the weather forecast for Wolfe Lake over the next few days? Kingston weather is the closest you can obtain, but given the variables in weather forecasting the Kingston forecast is about as good as it gets. Just click on the map near Kingston and a more detailed map will appear.
- www.claimsmaps.mndm.gov.on.ca** – Has a mining claim been staked on your property? Check out this site to find out.



Something for You @ Your Library

By Janice Coles, KFPL Rural Branches Librarian

As you may know, back in 1998, the Frontenac County Library and the Kingston Public Library amalgamated to form the seventeen-branch Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL). What you may not know is that if you pay property taxes in any Frontenac County township, you are eligible for a free KFPL library card, whether you live here year-round or not.

To get your card, simply visit any KFPL branch with ID that shows your name and current address (like a driver's licence or recent mail). Seasonal residents should also bring their most recent property tax receipt. Children under 16 can get a free card when a parent or legal guardian shows ID.

KFPL branches cover a vast geographic area. Owners of property on the west (Frontenac County) side of Wolfe Lake are geographically closest to the branch in Parham. There are also branches in Sharbot Lake, Hartington, Sydenham and Sunbury, if you are out for a drive. (The Sunbury branch is named after the former township, Storrington.) We realize that none are as close as the Westport Library, but Frontenac County taxpayers have to pay a fee to borrow items from the Westport Library, while borrowing is free for those taxpayers at any KFPL branch.

The Parham branch is housed in a portable behind Hinchinbrooke Public School, at 1021 Long Lake Road. Phone 375-6400. We are considering changes to the hours at a number of our rural branches, to take effect in May. Exact addresses, a map, and hours for all branches can be found on our website, www.kfpl.ca, under "About us/Hours and locations", or call 549-8888, ext. 1120.

All KFPL branches have a wide variety of books, movies, documentaries, CDs, books on tape, and magazines for everyone. You can request that items at any KFPL branch be sent to the KFPL branch closest to you for pickup. We regret that we can't deliver items to the Westport Public Library. Items borrowed from a KFPL branch can be returned to any KFPL branch, but cannot be returned to Westport.

We also offer free Internet access and word processing. Printouts are available for a nominal fee. In the summer, KFPL offers children's programmes such as the Summer Reading Club, puppet shows, and children's entertainers.

Check our website www.kfpl.ca for more details about what your library has to offer you!

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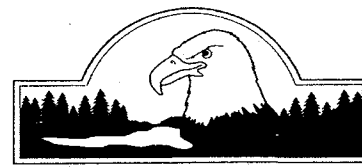
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THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND WILDLIFE
OF WOLFE LAKE
SO EVERYONE MAY ENJOY NATURE AT ITS BEST**

- It is illegal to fish for bass until the last Saturday in June, even if you plan to release them. (Unguarded eggs can be eaten in minutes by other fish)
- Discard all unused bait on dry land,
- Keep well offshore when water skiing or using PWCs - they drive others nuts,
- Watch out for swimmers within 100 feet of all shorelines,
- Do not throw any garbage in the lake or on shore (it is illegal),
- Clean all boat surfaces of Zebra Mussels and other creatures before launching,
- Be considerate of the welfare and enjoyment of other lake users.
- Use phosphate-free soaps, detergents and shampoo.

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