



Join Us for the 2021 AGM July 14th

Virtual Annual General Meeting | 7:30pm

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President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

The light is shining brighter at the end of this long COVID tunnel as Canada's vaccination rate steadily increases, the Ontario lockdown restrictions ease, and some recent indication that, hopefully, we may finally see relaxation at the Canada-US border!! It has felt like 'forever', longing for the 'good old days', as we fought together, with the rest of the world, against the debilitating COVID virus and its multiple variants. And Crane Lake is SO ready for us, anxiously awaiting the return of her US cottagers and the resurgence of socialization amongst all her neighbours & friends!

Spring displayed nature's explosive capabilities once again with exceptional warm temperatures, excessive pollen count, and, of course, an abundance of mosquitoes, caterpillars, and flies! The lake water is already warm enough to be inviting to even those that are more timid spring swimmers! Of course, the downside is the significant lack of rainfall so far this spring. This has created EXTREME fire ratings and although recently downgraded to HIGH rating, if there is no additional rainfall soon we should anticipate the fire rating will quickly jump back up to EXTREME. It is on each one of us to remain cognizant and diligent of fire safety and avoid the devastation that accompanies fire. Please remember, there are NO FIREWORKS allowed in both HIGH and EXTREME fire ratings. The lack

of rainfall has also caused low water levels creating havoc for boaters, so be aware of submerged rocks and rock shelves during your boating travels! It's no surprise - Nature remains in control.

In our previous CLA E-blasts we alerted you to the 'fishing nets' project managed by MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) on Crane Lake this summer. The Ministry has agreed they will provide CLA with a report of their findings once the projects are all complete. But I'm very excited to share with you now the recent update we received from the Project Manager at MNRF just a few days ago!

"The initial portion of the project has been a tremendous success. We have tagged/marked over 1800 fish, the biggest group being smallmouth bass making up a very large portion of the catch. Other notable marking numbers include 15 tagged muskie. Other species captured and tagged/marked include largemouth bass, walleye, northern pike, rock bass, pumpkinseed (sunfish), brown bullhead, white sucker, and yellow perch.

At the height of the project, we had as many as 13 nets fishing each night. At this time all of the nets have been removed from the lake. No loons, ducks or other aquatic wildlife were harmed in the nets.

We currently plan on returning to Crane Lake for three smaller projects over the course of the summer. During these periods our goal will be to re-capture a portion of the tagged fish using our provincial standard Broadscale Monitoring fisheries gear.

June 21-25

July 26-30

August 23-27

It remains vitally important through the summer that if anyone catches a tagged fish and keeps it that they call the number on the tag (705-646-5543) and report its capture. We need to know as accurately as possible if a fish has been removed from the ecosystem."

This is fabulous feedback and speaks to the remarkable health of Crane Lake for our fish. I also think it makes for a difficult story when one returns from a fishing adventure with the sad story of 'no catch!' (LOL). You will have already received a recent E-Blast from the CLA with the details for the upcoming CLA AGM. **Please mark your calendars now to join us on July 14th at 7:30PM.** The Board is really excited to be with you (virtually) at our Summer 2021 virtual AGM! This is our opportunity as a community to 'come together' and learn about the exciting summer activities your CLA Board is planning for some 'fun in the sun' - and updates from the various board members on important and pertinent matters regarding our Crane Lake neighbourhood.

We are especially delighted to welcome Frank and Vivian as the new Owners of the marina! Let's all give a warm welcome to our new neighbours as they settle into their new and exciting venture on Crane Lake! And finally, maybe, just maybe, if we all wish upon the same star, no matter where we are, perhaps our wish will come true and we will all be together again soon on Crane Lake - free to socialize and enjoy our dock / deck gatherings with family and friends once again – just like those 'good old days'!

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Crane Lake Association AGM Agenda

Digital Event | 7:30pm July 14th, 2021

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For the second year, the Annual General Meeting will be hosted virtually. In advance of July 14th, please visit www.cranelakeassociation.ca/AGM in order to register for this event. We strongly encourage early registration. To be in good standing for the AGM, please ensure your 2021 membership dues payment is received by us at least two business days prior to the event. You may pay by Interac e-Transfer to Steven Neugebauer CLA.Steve1@gmail.com, or forward your cheque payable to the Crane Lake Association, to the Membership Secretary: **Steven Neugebauer, 81 Wrendale Crescent, Keswick, ON, L4P 4C7, Canada**

WELCOME

BUSINESS MEETING

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM

2. TREASURER'S REPORT / MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR 2021-2022 TERM

All but one existing Director has agreed to stand for another term on the Board. As such, there will be two positions available on the Board. Nominations should be emailed to the CLA Board at contactus@cranelakeassociation.ca at least 1 week before the AGM. Your nominee must approve and agree to the nomination and should be copied in your email.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

4. FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

5. UPCOMING CLA EVENTS FOR 2021 - Sailing Regatta & New Socially Distanced Programming

6. WATER QUALITY REPORT

7. CRANE LAKE VIDEO PROJECT UPDATE

8. LAKE MAP UPDATE

9. WOOD PLATTERS - A CRANE LAKE SPECIAL!

10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Ian Mead

ADJOURNMENT – THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!!

Map/Legend Update

Alysha Ferguson, Bruce Sanderson & Monica Gemeinhardt

The Map and Legend committee has been hard at work reviewing and updating our favourite Crane Lake Map and Legend. Having last been updated in 2006, collaborations with a volunteer are taking place to digitally add roads, new cottages, fine tune fire pump locations and accommodate the changes at the resort and marina on the Map.

Since the Legend was last produced in 2017 there have also been many changes in cottage ownership. To ensure we consider your privacy in updating the Legend, the committee is looking forward to sharing a new format for 2022 and beyond.

Our goal is to have an updated Map and Legend for distribution to you in 2022. We anticipate announcing future developments as there is a lot more to come on this exciting project.

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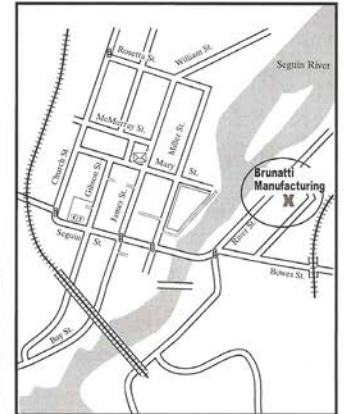
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Treasurer & Membership Report

Steven Neugebauer

Treasurer Report

As of December 31, 2020, our combined bank/savings balance was \$55,287. The 2020 fund activity is summarized below:

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund
Income	\$8,699	\$5,300
Expense	\$9,004	\$1,315
Net Gain (Loss)	(\$304)	\$3,985
Balance on 01-Jan-2020	\$9,718	\$40,790
Balance at 31-Dec-2020	\$9,414	\$44,774

As of May 18, 2021, our combined bank/savings balance was \$56,907. The fund activity is summarized below:

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund
Income	\$4,736	\$3,120
Expense	\$5,038	\$0
Net Gain (Loss)	(\$301)	\$3,120
Balance on 01-Jan-2021	\$9,414	\$44,774
Balance at 18-May-2021	\$9,112	\$47,894

Our financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 will be available at the 2021 Annual General Meeting in July, as well as an update to our financial position at that time.

Membership Report

As of May 18, 2021, 75 Members of the Crane Lake Association have paid their dues for 2021! Thank you to those members who continue to support the Crane Lake Association.

For those of you who have not yet sent in your 2021 dues, I hope you will join the membership in 2021. The association dues for 2021 are \$100. The benefits of membership in the Crane Lake Association include:

- Winter, Spring and Fall Newsletters highlighting upcoming events and current issues
- Entitlement to vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Participation in the Crane Lake Regatta
- Maintenance and renewal of our fire pumps, fire boat, defibrillators and other fire protection and life-saving equipment
- Representation in matters of mutual interest pertaining to the Crane Lake community.

Dues may be paid by Interac e-Transfer to Steven Neugebauer – CLA.Steve1@gmail.com , or forward your cheque payable to the Crane Lake Association, to the Membership Secretary:

Steven Neugebauer
81 Wrendale Crescent, Keswick, ON, L4P 4C7, Canada

Please include your CLA account number on your e-Transfer/cheque; and please do not send cash by mail. We hope that all Crane Lake property owners will join us for the 2021 AGM in July.

Councilor's Corner

Ian Mead

Here it is June 3 2021 and real summer weather is finally here. Most everyone I know has had at least their first vaccine and if all goes well we should all have our second by the end of July. Better late than never! Personally, I can't wait till the hair salons are back in operation so I can get my usual super short summer haircut.

Fire Rating

As you all know, our fire rating went High a week or so ago. As of today it has been upgraded to Extreme which means a TOTAL FIRE BAN.

I share with most the disappointment of not being able to burn some brush or have a campfire in the evening. Please make it a habit to check the current fire rating on the TOA website before planning any burning. The good news is this dry spell has ended the black fly season and is slowing down the mosquitoes.

Blue Crane Marina

Crane Lake Marina has a new name – Blue Crane Marina. I'm not sure why the name was changed but I suspect the old name was not available. Please be patient as the new owners get all the necessary T's crossed and I's dotted. I'm sure it will be business as usual shortly. Please join me in welcoming the new owners Frank and Vivian Maestre to Crane Lake. Also please join me in doing whatever we can to help them become successful in their new business venture.

Clear Lake Subdivision

Unfortunately, it looks like all systems are go for the subdivision on the Seguin portion of Clear Lake. For some background, this subdivision was proposed back in 1998 when that neck of the woods was under control by Foley Township which has since become part of Seguin. At the time, the proposal was denied and fell to the OMB for resolution. The TOA at that time became involved but unfortunately the proposal was approved by the OMB with some revisions. On Clear Lake, the number of lots was reduced from 28 to 20. Still far too many for that lake.

Over the years, the subdivision plan sat dormant until a couple of years ago when they started to put in the roads to service the lots. When that happened, the MNRF was called in to check for Rattlesnake habitat destruction. As a result, the developer was charged and everything came to a halt. The charge has never been

resolved but in the interim, the Provincial Government took the responsibility for Endangered Species out of MNR control and gave it to the Ministry of the Environment. In MOE's infinite wisdom, they granted an OK to continue with the subdivision even though the charge by MNR has not been resolved – go figure?

So, the Clear Lake lots have been created and all that are ready have been sold. Our main fear on Crane is that the little creek that connects Clear to Crane becomes well used and perhaps altered to handle boats other than a canoe or kayak. The TOA has sent a letter of concern regarding this to the MNR and Seguin. It will be up to us to keep an eye on that little creek and report any alterations going forward.

Are you on my E-mail List?

If you currently are not on my E-mail list and would like to be, just send me an E-mail at ianm@vianet.ca and ask me to add you.

Cheers
Ian

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2021 Regatta Update

Oliver Woodburn

REGATTA REPLACEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR A PHYSICALLY DISTANCED SUMMER (HOPEFULLY OUR LAST)

As we enter the summer with hopes of less virus and therefore fewer societal restrictions to prevent the spread, we realize that for the second year in a row we still cannot gather for the traditional Crane Lake Association Regatta.

The annual Regatta is a great event for many reasons. We get to gather as a community and socialize with neighbours we may not see otherwise. We can participate in some friendly races and competitions to win ribbons and maybe more importantly, bragging rights for the next 12 months. Along with all the fun, we also have an important opportunity to learn about Fire Safety at the cottage. During the fire pump relay, we learn how to operate the Association's Fire Pumps where the winning team is the first to assemble and start the pump and then blast a plastic goose off a ladder!

Are you and ALL members of your cottage aware that CLA has 5 portable fire pumps located throughout the lake? (6 if you include the one on the Fire Boat.) Do you also know that along with each fire pump there is a portable AED? Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are portable, life-saving devices designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, a medical condition in which the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. Most importantly do you and ALL members of your cottage know where these are located on the lake in case you needed to use one?

Well, in lieu of our regatta, CLA has decided to host a couple of fun 'physically distanced' activities around the August long-weekend this year.

The first will be the Crane Lake Online Fire Safety Quiz that you can complete as a family and submit for the chance to win PRIZES; no ribbons, but useful things like Fire Extinguishers – because you can't have too many. **STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS IN JULY.**

The second will be the Crane Lake Fire Pump Poker Run, that you can also participate in with your cottage family! **This event will be held on Saturday July 31st. SAVE THE DATE.**

We look forward to these activities as a way to support our association's goals of community, education and safety, and we hope you will all participate this summer. See you on the lake!

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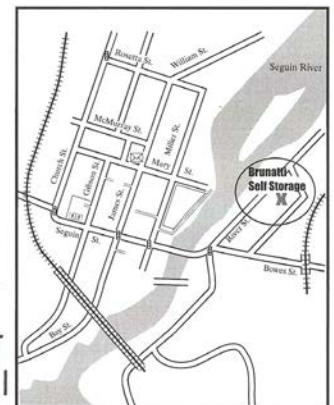
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Hi, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Tyler Slade and my family has been Muskoka bound since 1973. I have known this area as home my whole life and my business is based on Crane Lake.

In 2012, while helping rebuild the family cottage, I had the opportunity to watch a man take down two huge trees. I was absolutely fascinated by this event. I knew then, that was what I wanted to do as a career! In 2013, I started working in Muskoka for a local tree service company and learned everything I could about becoming an arborist. The more I did, the more I loved every aspect of arboriculture. I started my apprenticeship and I attended and graduated with Honours from Humber College. I now have 8+ years serving Muskoka, Simcoe County and Parry Sound Districts. I am also happy to be giving back to my trade with my first apprentice Zach, going into his final year.

We are all aware, there is a "NEW" normal we've seen come into existence. Myself and Zach in 2020, created a successful and controlled business plan as laid out by the Province of Ontario. We would appreciate an opportunity to give you, a family member or a friend a free quote regarding any of these services,

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- Hazardous/Dangerous Tree Removals
- Emergency Services
- Pruning
- Water access only / Barge debris removal
- Chipping and Ground Clearing
- Lot Clearing
- Tree Health Care
- Disease Analysis
- Tree Preservation
- Cabling and Bracing
- Split Aged Firewood

My company is fully insured. I am a member of the International Society of Arboriculture, both International Chapter and the Ontario Chapter. I can present Insurance Documents upon request.

With the understanding of "Social Distancing" and the rules of the Province, we are happy to have another season starting up and my team and I are eager to get going.

Please feel free to call, text or email me for a free estimate, or even just an opinion.

Sincerely

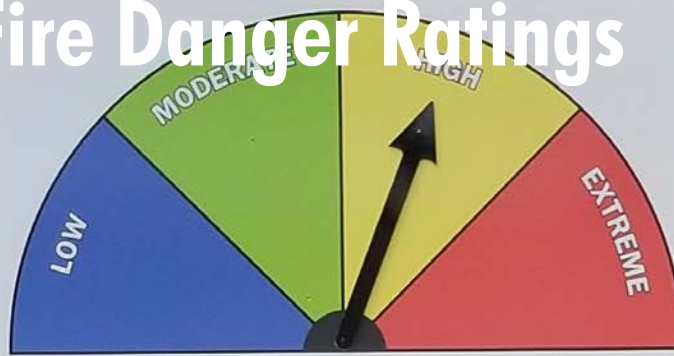
Tyler Slade

Be safe and be healthy.

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Township Fire Danger Ratings

Bruce Sanderson



thearchipelago.on.ca Township of The Archipelago District of Parry Sound

The Fire Danger Ratings in the Township of the Archipelago are developed based on the past weather conditions (dryness of the forest), the current response capability of the MNR Fire Fighting teams (what other fires are they currently fighting and where are the crews located) and in consult with neighbouring townships. Properties on Crane Lake are part of the Township of the Archipelago and are subject to these Fire Danger Ratings. These ratings are posted prominently on the TOA website at www.thearchipelago.on.ca and on roads throughout the township and must be strictly followed. You will find signs on both Blackstone Crane Lake Road and Healey Lake Road, which provide access to Crane Lake properties. These signs are updated as the fire danger rating changes, but you can find out the current rating at any time by quickly checking the website at the link above from your computer or cell phone. A picture of one of these signs is above.

Fire Danger Ratings are not set arbitrarily and are meant for the safety and protection of all residents, cottagers and their guests. Starting an outdoor fire or setting off fireworks contrary to the By-Laws is not only subject to heavy fines, but can also endanger lives and risk major damage to the forest and our buildings.

The Fire Danger Rating has 4 levels / colours and each one has its own allowances and restrictions. Here's what the levels and colours mean:

- **Blue (Low) and Green (Moderate)** – Campfires and Fireworks are permitted, but only at the times / dates allowed in the applicable by-laws. Specifically,
 - Campfires can only be started after 6 pm and

must be extinguished by 2 am the following day. For more details, including allowed sizes of fires, safety precautions and responsibilities, see By-Law No. 2017-21 on the TOA website.

- Fireworks can only be set off on 3 specific dates during the year (May 24th, July 1st and July 4th), and the days immediately preceding or following these dates. Fireworks are prohibited at all other times of the year. For more details on types of Fireworks allowed, safety precautions and responsibilities, see By-Law No. 2017-20 on the TOA website.
- **Yellow (High)** – The Fire Danger is SERIOUS and Campfires and Fireworks are prohibited, except as follows:
 - Persons camping outdoors may light a fire for the purposes of cooking or personal warmth. This provision is not intended for use by cottagers that have access to contained cooking appliances or means to escape the cold. For more details refer to the By-Law No. 2017-21 on the TOA website.
- **Red (Extreme)** – The Fire Danger is EXTREMELY HIGH / Total Fire Ban Declared – Fireworks and Open Burning of any kind is prohibited. No exceptions.

Because of a dryer than usual winter and an extremely dry spring, the Township of the Archipelago went to a Fire Danger Rating of "HIGH" just before the May 24th holiday weekend this spring, then proceeding into the "EXTREME" level, which unfortunately prohibits all outdoor fires and fireworks. While there has been some welcome rainfall, at the time of this writing we remain in "HIGH" ratings, and with a high heat summer in the forecast, we are likely

to stay in this range of ratings for the foreseeable future.

If you see anyone enjoying a campfire or setting off fireworks when not allowed, a friendly reminder to them might be in order, as sometimes cottage guests or renters might not be aware of the By-Laws or the current Fire Danger Rating. You can also report the incident to By-Law enforcement at 705-746-4243, ext. 324 (office), 705-774-3630 (mobile) or fire@vianet.ca, if you know the municipal address or can describe the exact location of the offending property. Depending on the availability of the enforcement officers, response could be immediate.

If you have any questions about this information or any other fire safety related issues, you can contact us at firesafety@cranelakeassociation.ca.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer!

Protect Our Loons

Ross Fraser

Loons are nesting on Crane Lake once more and we all have a part to play in ensuring a safe environment for the new families. Loons nests are built very close to the water, making them susceptible to damage from boat wake. Minimizing boat wake when close to shore is always an important consideration, but it is even more vital during the nesting season to protect these young loons.

Please minimize your wake close to shore.

Loons make their nests with a mix of mud, grass, moss, pine needles and clubs of vegetation. These nests are typically built in small nooks in lake inlets close to the water, offering privacy and protection from predators. Occasionally, loons will build their nests on open water to offer even more protection from predators, putting them out of reach of foxes, raccoons, coyotes, and similar threats.

Loons gestate for four weeks and typically lay one to two eggs, with only one nesting per year. The male and female loons will co-parent the chicks for around three months, then leave the now-young adult loons to find their own way. The average common loon can live up to 30 years!

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2020 Sailing Race Report

Steven Neugebauer



The 2020 Sailing Race was held in the central part of the lake. It was a cloudy day, and for the third year in a row, the winds were almost non-existent. This proved quite challenging for the sailors!

Due to Covid-19, and less participation, we chose not to run the Junior Sailing race – only the Championship Sailing Race was run this year.

The final stats on the Championship Sailing race:

Place	Skipper	Vessel	Elapsed
1	Mark Istvan	Lazer	1:57:15
2	John Collins	Lazer	2:17:40
3	Dylan Follett	Zuma	3:38:15
	Patrick Vibien	Pico	DNF





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Hi, Everyone,

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2021 Sailing Race - Sailors & Volunteers!

Steven Neugebauer

We look forward to seeing all sailors out for this year's sailing races. Although we expect some Covid-19 restrictions may still be in effect, we believe the races can proceed safely as sailors will be maintaining physical distance just by being in separate vessels. We shall have to wait and see if it can be possible to have a safe get-together after the races to have some refreshments, and award the trophies, medals and ribbons.

It would be really great if we could get some assistance with the races. I have been the sole commodore for several consecutive years now, and could use some assistance. As you may know, we are now running two races – the usual Championship race, and a Junior Championship race for our up-and-coming sailors (those under 18). For the last junior race, the winds, though extremely feeble, were in a favourable direction such that I could arrange the two race courses in a way that allowed me to commodore both simultaneously. That may not always be possible, so it would be really great if we could get another volunteer to commodore at least one of the two races. And heck, if we can get two commodores, I would be quite happy to take other available volunteer roles. E.g. Sailors have to go around the buoys/markers of the course, and they have to do it in the proper manner – "buoys to port" or "buoys to starboard." The commodore cannot always watch all the buoys at all times, and usually at least one of the buoys is quite some distance away. I have been managing using binoculars, but it is not easy. Additional volunteers to monitor the sailors at the buoys would be wonderful.

To volunteer, please contact me in advance by email at CLA.Steve1@gmail.com.

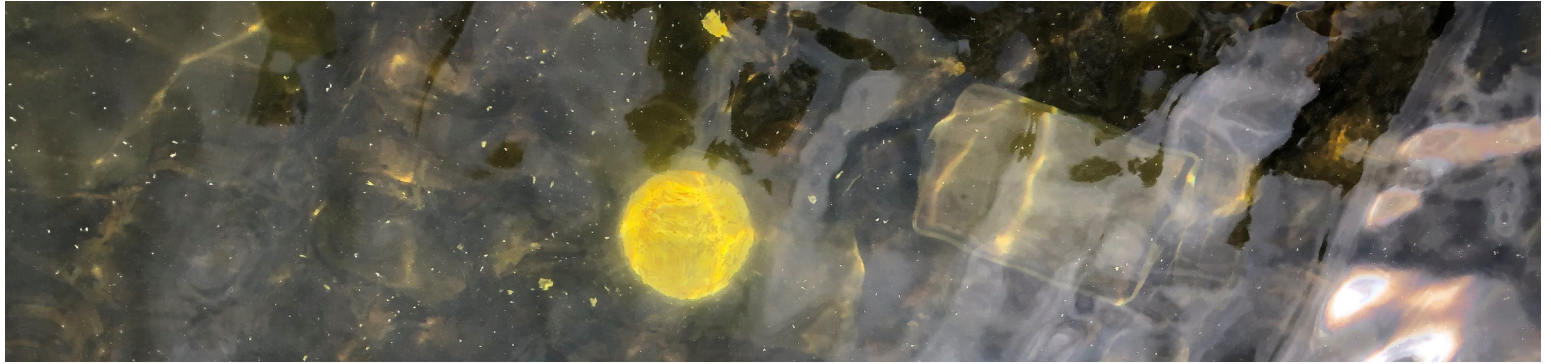
This year the sailing races will be on Sunday, August 1st at 2:00pm. The races will be in the north end of the lake. I hope to see everyone again this year, and more. And let us all think good thoughts for a sunny day and some good amount of wind.

Crane Lake Quiche Recipe

Monica Gemeinhardt

Part 1

1. Make and bake whatever quiche you fancy. I made Quiche Lorraine for the volunteers at the Native Plant Giveaway on June 12th.
2. Put the hot quiche on a baking tray for easy transportation in car to dock.
3. Slowly dump quiche into lake at 80 degrees Fahrenheit and leave at 8 feet underwater for about 30 minutes.



Part 2

4. Drink a delicious mimosa to get over the shock and embarrassment.
5. Then, ask someone younger to dive in the lake and retrieve the glass pie plate.



Part 3

6. 1. Tip the water off the quiche and set in the sun for another 30 minutes.
7. 2. Trim edges off soggy crust and serve.

It was surprisingly delicious, even if I do say so myself!



Georgian Bay Biosphere Upcoming Events

Georgian Bay Biosphere | www.gbbr.ca

The Crane Lake Association is a member of the Georgian Bay Biosphere, a non-profit registered Canadian charity and community-based organization that works with partners in the region to protect the environment, create vibrant communities and support a healthy economy by building capacity through education and culture. During the pandemic, they have continued to offer Webinars for items of local importance. Please take the opportunity to read and join some of these free programs. The following information and links to register for the events is located at: www.gbbr.ca/events/list/. For those of you reading our newsletter digitally, we have included the registration links in the paragraphs below.

June 23rd - Septic Health & You

In this free webinar, we're joined by Danielle Ward from Adams Brothers Construction as she shares information on grey water pits, composting toilets, septic inspections, and more! Learn how important and simple it can be to keep your septic in tip top shape. Short term care can mean long term savings and peace of mind! [Click here to register!](#) This webinar is offered in partnership with the Township of the Archipelago.

July 14th - Lessons from an Ontario Biosphere in Phragmites Management & Habitat Restoration

In this exciting webinar, we're joined by Heather Braun from Environment and Climate Change Canada as she shares her work on the management of Phragmites and the recovery of native species in the Long Point region of Ontario. Phragmites is an invasive aquatic plant which spreads very quickly and has damaged Ontario's shoreline ecosystems for decades. Learn how to spot phragmites and what you can do to control the spread. [Register here for this webinar!](#)

August 26th - Climate Action: Project SPEEDIER

Project SPEEDIER (Smart, Proactive, Enabled, Energy Distribution – Intelligently, Efficiently and Responsive) aims to create a grid that builds towards a net zero smart community in the Town of Parry Sound. This is a unique opportunity where a rural municipality of 6,000 residents is pledging to be net zero in partnership with Bracebridge Generation. In partnership with the Georgian College Research and Innovation Department the project's greenhouse gas emissions impacts have been calculated. This research will be critical to the future exploration of Carbon Credits for this and other projects. [Click here to register.](#)

About The Biosphere

Our biosphere encompasses the eastern coast of Georgian Bay and stretches approximately 175 kilometres from the Severn River to the French River. This part of Lake Huron contains the largest collection of freshwater islands in the world.

Learn more about the Georgian Bay Biosphere and the work they do by visiting their website at:

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