

Spring 2013
Volume 8

Three Mile Lake Barnacle

Your "In-Depth" Lake News

Annual General Meeting Agenda
(Sunday, June 30 @ 10:00am)

- Water quality
- Three Mile Lake Community Events
- Update regarding local healthcare concerns
- TMLCC Membership

Pay On-Line!

You can pay your annual Membership on-Line securely through PayPal / credit card on our web site, www.3milelake.org ! Go to the 'Members' link...

Over the past year, we have averaged 1,783 visits each month (or roughly 60 visits per day) to our web site...let us know what you would like to see added...

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What Does \$25 A Year Buy You?

Membership numbers for the Three Mile Lake Community Club are down quite significantly and we're not sure why. We suspect that it is simply that people forget...or perhaps they don't know where and how to pay. Or it could be that some Three Mile Lakers don't see the value in their \$25 per year investment. Maybe there's something you're not telling us that we need to know...

The Three Mile Lake Community Club is run by a small group of dedicated volunteers. We have been providing services for many years, and some of these services cost money to provide. We hope you see value in what we provide; unfortunately, sometimes value isn't noticed until the service can no longer be provided due to cost. Here is a summary of some of the services:

- On-going water quality testing from May to Sept
- Lake hazard markers
- Web site hosting

and maintenance

- Annual events such as golf tourney and picnic
- Updates and local news
- Lake and road signage
- Participation in local initiatives which impact Three Mile Lake
- Monitoring of local planning and by-laws.

We always seek to run these services in the most cost-effective manner. For example, we leverage students from the Huntsville campus of the University of Waterloo for some of our water testing. All of our activities are provided by volunteers wherever possible. For just a little more than a toonie per month, please help us keep these services going...and keep Three Mile Lake connected! You can pay on-line at www.3milelake.org, mail us a cheque, or drop cash or cheque at any event or meeting.

Upcoming Events!

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 30, 2013 @ 10:00 am at the Katrine Community Centre.

Annual Picnic

Thanks to the generous offer of one of our members in lending us their property, the wildly successful Picnic and BBQ is back!! But we need help – **please volunteer by contacting us at info@3milelake.org**

Tentative: Saturday, August 3, 2013 @ 11:00am

Location: Horizon Road

Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 4, 2013. Shotgun start @ 8:30am at the Katrine Golf Course...\$30, including BBQ and prizes...what a deal!

For reservations or to donate prizes, email danleonard97@gmail.com or call 705-382-1602...

To reserve carts call 705-349-8337.

Payment will be available On-Line!

Email: info@3milelake.org

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Contact Information to Keep Close-By...

Emergency Services (Fire, Police, Ambulance)...911

Non-emergency local O.P.P. detachment (Almaguin / Burk's Falls)...705-382-2015

Armour Township (building permits, by-laws, local roads, snow removal, landfill, etc)...705-382-3332

Ministry of Natural Resources (wildlife / fishing concerns) ... 705-645-8747

The Burk's Falls Towne Theatre needs new projector technology or it will have to shut down after this season...the old technology is no longer supported. Fundraising is beginning now to raise the needed \$50,000...Pick an evening and go to the movies to show your support! Summer 2013 line-up is on our web site.

Your TMLCC Executives and Directors:

Rod Ward (President)
Barb Leonard (Treasurer)
Arlene Vujacic (Secretary)
Arnie Pundsack (Steward)

Directors:

Albert Bollenbach
Jim Douey
Steve Foster
Gord Isbister
Gary McFarlane
Sharon Sheils
Tim Taylor

Our Lake & Environment: Water Testing Results from 2012

Most would agree that the best thing about Three Mile Lake is the lake itself. The TMLCC constantly monitors the quality of the lake water so that we can avoid unpleasant surprises and changes as best we can. We certainly can't control nature, but we can monitor what is going on, educate our residents and visitors, and change some of our human practices to better fit with our surroundings. Our Lake Steward, Arnie Pundsack, and his group

of volunteers collect samples and observe changes throughout the year. E.coli, coliform, temperature, clarity, and phosphorus levels are measured monthly from May through September at five test points on the Lake. And starting in 2012, we joined a partnership with the University of Waterloo campus in Huntsville to perform additional tests at a very reasonable cost. These tests cover dissolved oxygen, pH

levels, conductivity, and turbidity. When we observe something a little unusual, we now have additional resources to investigate further. Fortunately, our results from 2012 are overall normal and positive (results can be found at the Your Lake & Environment link at www.3milelake.org). But we need to remain vigilant! And we need to keep these important tests going with support from our membership.

Supporting the Food Bank

Each year, the TMLCC provides support and donations to the Burk's Falls & District Food Bank. This worthwhile organization and its tireless volunteers provide healthy food to those in the community who cannot always afford it. As a result of fund-raising at the 2012 Three Mile Lake Golf Tournament, we provided the Food Bank with a \$342 donation.

This year, we hope to raise even more at the annual golf tournament. In addition, we will be accepting donations of food and money at the annual picnic. Please help us support our community and the good work of the Food Bank.

How Can You Help?

You don't have to join the TMLCC executive committee to help out around the Lake. And any help is greatly appreciated! Help us make sure our picnic is a 'go' by volunteering to run games for the kids, set up the site, or gather the food we'll need. Go for a walk around the lake and clean up litter. Or perhaps your whole family can take on the shoal marking for one area each year...and if you have high-schoolers in the cottage, we'll happily sign off on volunteer hours toward their graduating requirements.

The more people are involved, the more our sense of community grows!

We continue the on-going efforts to return and expand healthcare services to the Almaguin region...see www.almaguin-health.org

What would the kids in your cottage be interested in seeing from our web site? A "Kids Corner"? Competitions and games? Let us know by emailing the TMLCC at info@3milelake.org ...

Don't Forget to Visit www.3milelake.org every day! Follow us on Twitter...join our Facebook page...get up-to-date news and information...take our informal polls...tell your kids!

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