



Highlights of the 2011 AGM

Fish Future Forecast Fair

The three dozen members attending the August 4th annual general meeting heard a fascinating presentation by Dr. Bruce Tufts that documented the dramatic depletion of the fish population in our oceans while offering hope for the future of fish in our lakes and rivers. For details, see page 2.

Report on Finances and Membership

A somewhat similar mixed message was evident in the financial and membership presentations by Association Treasurer Bob Fugler. As outlined on page 3, the Association's financial position remained strong since the 2010 AGM, but the number of members declined slightly. This apparent contradiction is explained by the wonderful support the Association receives from area businesses. Please look at their ads in this and other issues and patronize these businesses.

Changing of the Guard

We lost four members from the Board this year, two of whom had served for many years, and three new members were appointed at the AGM. Details on the full Board membership are found on page 6.

Learning More About Your Shore

Association President Nona Mariotti reported on steps underway to complete a pilot project with the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds that will produce shoreline assessments for a number of volunteer properties. These assessments will provide insights into how we can manage our properties and shoreline in the most lake-friendly manner.

Too Much of a Good Thing?

Some concerns were raised at the AGM about debris left behind by those ice fishing. The Ministry has re-introduced ice fishing and removed restrictions on fishing times on Loughborough Lake as part of a strategy to protect other lakes with natural stocks. Unfortunately, there don't appear to be enough Ministry staff to follow through in monitoring the results of this change in policy.

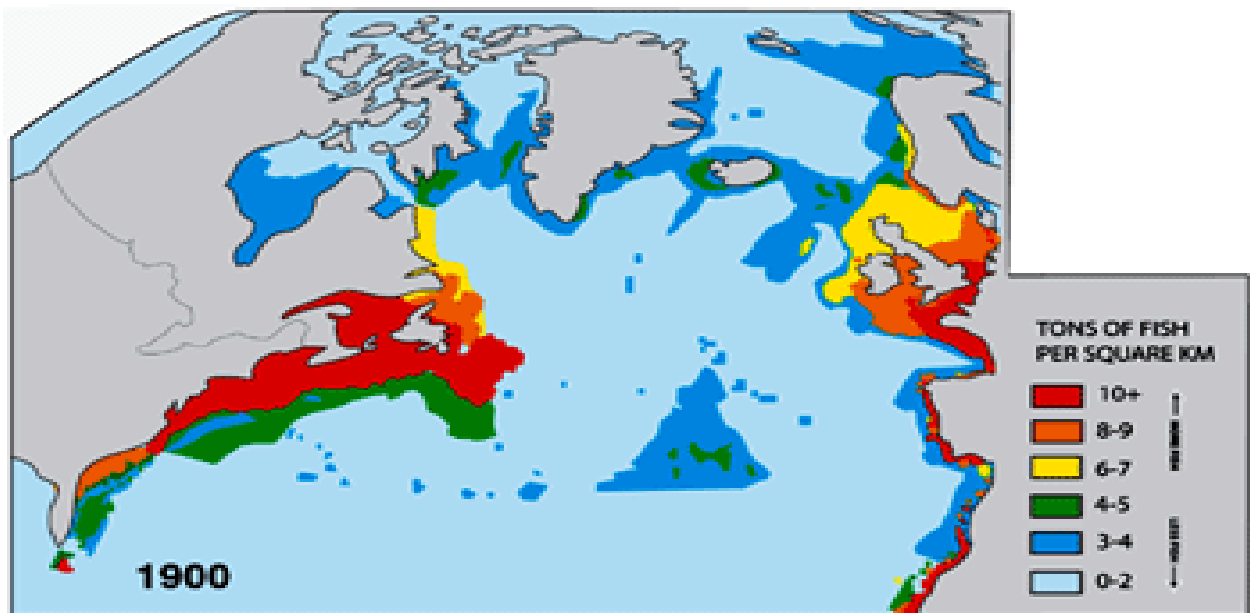
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Trout May Fade Out but Bass Will Surpass

Did you know that the optimum water temperature varies for different types of fish? As climate change increases the water temperature in Loughborough Lake, conditions may gradually become intolerable for trout but will stimulate increased growth of the bass population. This was one of the many interesting observations provided by Dr. Bruce Tufts, Queen's University Professor and Head of the Biological Station on Opinicon Lake, to the annual general meeting of the BLLA.

Dr. Tufts captured everyone's attention with charts (reproduced below) that dramatically depict the precipitous decline in the density of fish population in our oceans over the past century.



Bad News and Good News

According to Dr. Tufts the future of the fish in our lakes and rivers is also at risk because of several threats. One of these is habitat degradation, which can occur on a grand scale (such as when a dam is built), or on a very minor basis (such as when cottagers remove weeds from the water in front of their property without realizing that these provide a habitat in which very young fish hide until large enough to venture forth). Invasive species are another threat, with zebra mussels being a familiar recent example. A third threat arises from climate change and was illustrated in the opening reference to the future prospects for trout and bass. Yet another threat arises from what Dr. Tufts termed “an addiction to stocking.” This is a tendency to overstock on the assumption that having more fish in a lake is always better. But sometimes new fish are not sufficiently similar genetically and cannot reproduce. New types of fish stock may pose threats to existing stocks – a concern voiced by some with respect to Ministry plans to re-introduce white fish into Loughborough Lake.

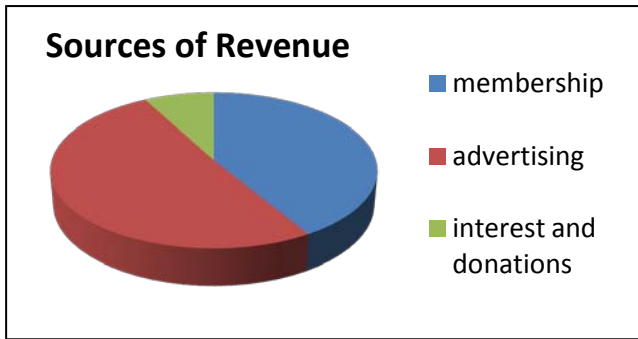
Fortunately, Dr. Tufts also saw grounds for some optimism about future prospects for the fish population of lakes and rivers because of increased educational efforts (including by lake associations) and more responsible practices on the part of anglers – notably those of catch and release and sustainable harvesting. He understandably emphasized the importance of education and scientific research and provided a number of interesting examples of the work being done by the Queen’s Biological Station, which over the past six decades has conducted research that has resulted in over 800 publications. Details can be found at www.queensu.ca/biology/qubs.html.

Remembering a Friend of the Lake

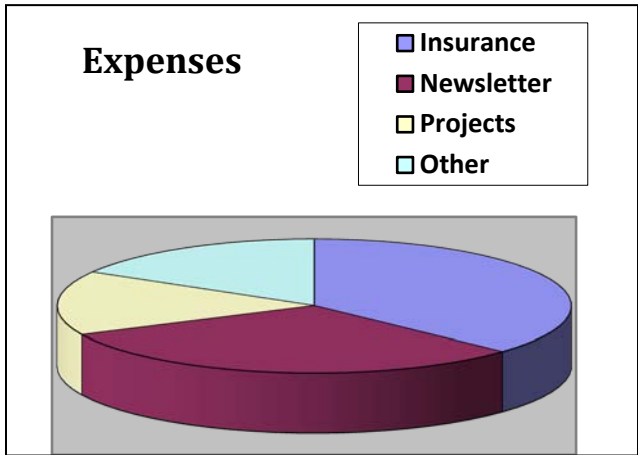
Loughborough Lake and surrounding area lost a good friend and community supporter with the recent death of Dalton Garrett , founder of Garrett’s Meat Shop. He prided himself on giving people exactly the cut of meat that they wanted and introduced many to the pleasures of beef jerky, corned beef, and many other specialized meats that he created. Dalton was a frequent sponsor of local sports teams and a contributor to local fund raising endeavours. He has advertised in our Association newsletters for many years and often remarked on how we all need to care for the lake. Our condolences to his wife Joyce, children Tabatha, D’Arcy, and Dawn, and extended family and friends.

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Treasurer's Report (Bob Fugler)





In the 12 months since the August 2010 AGM, the Battersea Loughborough Lake Association (BLLA) had another financially successful year. Total revenues amounted to \$2,985 and exceeded expenses by almost \$679. Major sources of income were membership income at \$1,235 and newsletter advertising was \$1,515.



Total expenses were \$2,306, with the largest category being Directors and Officers Insurance at \$853. Newsletter costs for paper, postage and copying were almost \$714. We spent \$357 on projects, including the shoreline video and a survey. A number of costs were accumulated into an "administration" cost of \$272 - this included last year's (2010) AGM food and copying costs and membership in FOCA (Federation of Cottager Associations). We also had an expenditure of \$111 to secure our website domain name for another five years.

Total assets now stand at \$15,103. We have no liabilities.

Membership in the BLLA is currently 157, with a dozen renewals currently outstanding. We ask all past members to renew and we would appreciate it if current members would encourage their friends and neighbours to join the Association. Membership is open not only to full and part time residents of the Loughborough Lake area but also to any others who support the objectives of the Association.

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Changing of the Guard (Board Membership)

There has been a significant turnover on the Board as we enter the 2011-2012 year, with the departure of four members. Kent Labbett, who has lived in the West Basin for 17 years, was unable to continue with his term, but we are hopeful that he will be able to rejoin us before too long. Mike Hulley, also from the West Basin, was on the Board only for this past year, before other demands on his time required him to step down – for what we hope is a temporary absence. His consulting and academic experience and expertise with water quality issues were a great asset to the Board and we are delighted that he will continue to provide us with analysis and commentary on the results of our annual water testing. The remaining two departures were members of long standing as detailed below.

Sally Blasko

Sally's life has always centered on the Loughborough area, especially her early years at her grandparents' cottage – which is still in the family and is where she parks her pontoon boat. If you asked her how long she has been on the Board, all she would say is *"oh I can't remember, but a LONG time."* The fact that Sally (and continuing Board member Karl Montgomery) seemed to know at least 90% of the people and properties on the lake provided historical background that many other members lacked. Sally played a key role in maintaining the Crown islands in Loughborough Lake, removing debris and garbage left behind by some campers. Somehow, somewhere she was always able to get rid of it for us! As a volunteer at Fairmount, Sally helped to raise funds for Alzheimer patients, especially through annual pontoon boat poker runs on the lake. She enjoys helping to build community spirit and we will miss her.

Diane Marantz

Diane moved from Toronto about a decade ago and immediately took on the role of being stewardess of the lake. Every May through October she assisted with the monthly testing of lake water for phosphorus and water clarity for the MOE Lake Partnership Programme. She also trained others to do it correctly! Diane's law office skills were invaluable in helping the Association to maintain proper procedures for conducting meetings, voting, making decisions, and recording information. Her calm approach to sharing her knowledge was much appreciated. Already beginning her second year as a city dweller, Diane has immersed herself into making sure Kingston's Community Gardens continue to deliver great pleasure to all. We hope to continue seeing Diane and her husband Gord (a former long time Board member) on the lake, since their boat is still in a slip at Battersea.

Our heartfelt thanks to all four departing Board members for the time, energies, spirit of sharing, and contribution to Loughborough Lake and those who enjoy it.

Three new members were appointed at the 2011 AGM and they are Philippa Fugler, Chris Nicholson, and Greg Shannon. Brief bios on these new members are found below, along with those of the other Board members.



Board of Directors for 2011-2012

Bob and Philippa Fugler	Bob is an ex-accountant and Philippa is an almost ex-physiotherapist. New to the live-by-the-lake scene, they built a home on the East Basin in 2007. They are now on the lake year-round, wondering why they didn't do something like this sooner.
Nona and Al Mariotti	Al and Nona took up fulltime residency on Loughborough almost ten years ago after being summer residents for decades. Every summer of Nona's life has been on Loughborough. There is no other place to be according to them both.
Karl Montgomery	Has Loughborough Lake water in his veins! Karl grew up on the lake and worked in natural resource and recreation management for the public and private sectors until his recent retirement to Battersea.
Chris Nicholson	Chris and his family moved to Battersea in 2006, with a passion for "back lake" life. He has learned to appreciate the delicate environment which we all enjoy so much. While building family, business, and personal relationships with the residents of Loughborough Lake and surrounding area, Chris hopes to help the Association to keep a clean, healthy, and safe lake environment.
Greg Shannon	Being a third generation Loughborough Lake cottager and having two sons who love the lake too, Greg was inclined to join the association a few years ago. Greg and his wife Allison own and operate Sun Harvest Greenhouses in Glenburnie. Their cottage is in the East Basin.
Susan & Richard Tindal	Susan is a retired lawyer who has spent most of her life on the lake, first as a summer resident, then for 26 years as a permanent resident, and now as a summer resident again after a recent move into Kingston. Richard (who moved with her, in case anyone is wondering) is a retired Professor, author or co-author (with Susan) of several text books, and long time municipal consultant.
Brian and Judy Ward	Found paradise on Loughborough Lake in 2002 and thoroughly enjoy the peaceful waters of Battersea Bay. They moved from Kingston where Judy was born and Brian escaped from Toronto many years ago.



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An Update on Shoreline Surveys (Nona Mariotti)

In our Spring 2011 Newsletter and at the August AGM, I indicated that we were planning a pilot programme of shoreline assessments this year. By the time you see this Newsletter the pilot shoreline surveys will be completed. Our 14 lakefront property volunteers will soon have their personal reports, with additional information to follow by the spring. The surveys and assessments are being completed by the staff of the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CWS) based in Portland, Ontario. An Association member will deliver each completed binder in person to our volunteer participants.

Your Association has been working with the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds to engage us all in water protection. Their professional involvement with many lake associations and lake property owners to the east and north of us has provided valuable research and insight into how we, on Loughborough, can become more personally involved with our lake. The programme, should we proceed beyond this pilot stage, will help us to determine better the overall lake health, track land use changes, direct naturalization projects to areas in need, increase our lake association membership, and develop even more community spirit on the lake. The pilot volunteers will share their information and we will seek direction from the membership at our Annual General Meeting in 2012.

Should the Association decide to move forward with this project, the Sustainable Watersheds staff will complete a datasheet from the water for each lakefront property with observations on the following:

- Classification of the shoreline;
- Structural development such as docks, stairs, decks, boathouses and retaining wall;
- Terrestrial and aquatic habitat;
- Presence of vegetation or areas where it has been removed or inhibited;
- Type and Degree of erosion;
- Restoration or protection opportunities; and
- Recommendations to improve shoreline health.

Each of us will, in time, be given a personalized binder which will have a report of 2-3 pages about our specific property based on the survey data collected. To complement the report, property owners will also be provided with a 50+ page guidebook containing up to date information on shoreline health, erosion, buffers, wells and septic systems, and native /invasive species. We would hope this excellent resource will stay with the property should there ever be a change of ownership.

Association members will assist the CSW staff by providing boat transportation, binder preparation, and delivery and other support activities.

The shoreline survey is to engage you in helping to protect the lake. The survey data will NOT be used for any regulatory purposes and the project partners will not share information on individual properties with anyone. The information collected for your shoreline is for you, the property owner. The purpose of collecting data is to provide you with some simple actions you can take on your property to continue to help protect the health of the lake. The CSW writes your report for your property alone. CSW is not a regulatory body and your report is intended to provide recommendations only.

The Centre for Sustainable Watershed will also be helping us apply for extra funding to make this all happen if we decide on this direction. They have included our Association in their applications for funding. We encourage you to visit the Centre for Sustainable Watershed's website (www.watersheds.ca) to learn even more!

Commune with a Loon (Cynthia Fibre, summer resident on Loughborough Lake)



In the unlikely event that anyone needs an excuse to spend more time on the lake, why not become a Canadian Lakes Loon Survey Participant? It's an informative and fun way to help the Common Loon, water bird research, and conservation. And your lake.

For many, myself included, the loon is the symbol of the Canadian wilderness, the voice of the northern lakes. You hear a wail in the night. Then an answering wail. Again and again. Back and forth. You have heard a loon and you are forever captivated.

The Common Loon, (which is the loon we have on Loughborough Lake) actually has four calls. The wail is a location call and the most frequently heard. The tremolo is an alarm call, the yodel a territorial call, and the hoot a private call between mates and chicks. Anyone who has listened to their wild call echoing across a tranquil northern lake can appreciate why loons have a special place in the hearts of lakeside residents and visitors.

The Common Loon is anything but common, and becoming even less common in many parts. The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, a long term, volunteer-based project, was first initiated in Ontario in 1981 to assess the health and productivity of Common Loons, and the lakes on which they depend. Loons breed on lakes throughout most of Canada, and as top predators, their survival reflects broader lake health. Each year, hundreds of volunteer participants spend time observing loons on lakes where they breed in Canada. This information is used to monitor loon chick survival over time, and is an important indicator of loon and lake health.

IT'S FUN, EASY, AND REWARDING TO BE A LOON SURVEYOR

Survey any Canadian lake or section of lake at least once in June (for loon pairs), once in July (for newly hatched chicks), and once in August (for the number of young that survive). Fill in the form with what you observe. It's that easy. If you would like to participate please contact Nona Mariotti at nona@mariotti.ca.

We welcome volunteers from any part of the lake, even areas already being surveyed as the more eyes the better. We particularly need surveyors for the West Basin and the North part of the East basin. Spending time on the lake is a wonderful experience...and here's a way to make it even more rewarding. And I say that after 19 years as a loon surveyor!

Invasive Plant Species (Judy Ward)

I recently attended a workshop on invasive species in our area presented by Fraser Smith of the Invasive Species Awareness program. It was hosted by the Frontenac Stewardship Council in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources. The following are some items of information that I felt would be of interest to our members.

An invasive species is a species that is not native to the area and was introduced by human or other activities such as shipping, tourism, travel, or trade. The species are then spread by natural pathways such as wind, water, and animals. A species becomes invasive when it has few predators, prolific reproduction, is adaptable in many areas, and competes with other plants for food, nutrients, space, and habitat.

Invasive species compete with natural vegetation, threaten native plant communities, and as well can disturb entire ecosystems. They can take over to such an extent that many of our wildflower species are prevented from reproducing. Some examples follow.

Garlic Mustard

One of the most common invasive species is Garlic Mustard. This plant is a shade tolerant species and can be found in forests, along streams and roadsides, and even in your own gardens and backyards. Once established it can take over and reduce the natural regeneration of wild flowers such as trillium. The roots of garlic mustard produce a toxic chemical that prevents the growth of microscopic fungi needed for the growth of native plants and trees. Although it is unlikely to kill trees on its own, it can be the final straw in the case of a tree that is already stressed in some other way.



Garlic Mustard self-pollinates and produces thousands of seeds in long tubular pods. I have long known that Garlic Mustard was an invasive species and used to pull it out by the roots and leave it on the road to dry up. This was my mistake as I learned from the workshop that the seeds can live for five years in those pods – so I was only doing half the job. A single pod can produce up to five thousand seeds and the seed is its only way of reproducing. The seeds are released in July and August and germinate the following spring.

Garlic Mustard is a biennial plant. The first year you only see a kidney shaped green leaves and it does not flower or produce seeds. It establishes a root system and then the second year it produces the flower and seeds. The white flowers are at the top of the plant and the seed pods are located along the stem pointing upwards.

One of the best ways to control Garlic Mustard is to pull it out while making sure that you get the root. They pull out easily after a rain. If the manifestation is too large for pulling, spraying can be used, but permission from the MNR would be required. Do not (as I did) leave them on the side of the road or path, or put them in your compost, or the compost sites at the dump. The best method of disposal of these plants, especially those containing seed pods, to put the plants in a black garbage bag, tightly sealed, and leave them on your driveway in full sun for at least five to seven days to cook the seeds. Then put them in the normal garbage disposal at the landfill sites. This way the seeds are destroyed for good. If you see the first year kidney shaped leaves, pull them out before they get established. It may take some time to pull them once established, so start early with the removal process.

GIANT HOGWEED



Giant Hogweed is also a biennial/perennial plant and takes several years to germinate. It is designated as a noxious weed in Ontario and can be hazardous to your health. This plant can survive in many habitats and can grow as high as 15 feet high. It likes moisture and streams and each plant can produce up to 100,000 seeds which are waterproof. The Giant Hogweed is related to the Cow Parsnip plant (which is also considered a noxious plant) and telling these plants apart is not always easy. A Giant Hogweed has leaves that are up to 1 meter or 40 inches wide and the stem has distinct bristles and purple spots on it. The white clusters of flowers appear similar to Queen Anne's Lace. Cow Parsnip resembles Giant Hogweed but does not have the purple spots on the stem and the flowers are yellow instead of white.



The stems of Giant Hogweed contain a sap which on your skin reacts to UV light (the sun) and can cause severe burns and blisters, as in the accompanying photo. These burns and blisters can leave black or purple scars which can last for years. If the sap gets into your eyes it can cause temporary or permanent blindness. NEVER BURN the plant to get rid of it because the sap can get into the smoke and cause blindness to anyone who is near it and the smoke can travel some distance. Removal of the Giant Hogweed can be very dangerous and it is a task best left to professionals. Call the Invasive Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 for help.

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My husband and I were hiking the Cataraqi Trail from Perth Road Village toward Sydenham and we saw ample evidence of this invasive species alongside the trail, so it is definitely in our area. For removal you can hand pull, cut, place a black tarp over them or dig them out. If the manifestation is too large, spraying may be necessary, which requires permission from the MNR.

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

While there was much concern about Purple Loosestrife a few years ago, it is no longer as prevalent. A beetle was introduced that only eats Purple Loosestrife and nothing else. As the amount of the Purple Loosestrife decreases the beetles die off and nature stays in balance. This type of biological control is being researched for the other invasive species as well, but extensive testing must be done to be sure that fixing one problem doesn't create another. Until there are biological controls, the best approach is pulling them out or informing the invasive species hotline at 1-800-563-7711.

Battersea Pumpkin Festival

The 17th Annual Battersea Pumpkin Festival will be held on **Saturday October 15, 2011** at the Battersea Ballpark.

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Don't forget to look at your Association's website (www.loughboroughlake.org) from time to time. We use it to try and keep people up to date with what is happening around the lake, upcoming meeting dates, and other topics of interest. The website welcomes submissions of pictures or stories about the lake. Please send these to webmaster@loughboroughlake.org.

Another useful website is that of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA). Considerable information is available at the website at www.foca.on.ca, and there are additional resources available to those who become members. The current fee is \$37.50 and one can register on line.

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Battersea Loughborough Lake Association Membership Application

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- Your voice will be heard
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For further information about the Association, contact the President, Nona Mariotti, at 613-353-6589 or the Treasurer, Bob Fugler, at 613-353-7797. They can also be reached by email at president@loughboroughlake.org or treasurer@loughboroughlake.org.

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