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Yoho briefs

Free barbecue and AGM

There will be a free barbecue before the annual general meeting of the Yoho Lake Association on August 10, 2014, at the Yoho Scout Lodge.

The barbecue will be at 1 p.m. The AGM starts at 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Save on septic pump-outs

Yoho Lake residents can save money by signing up for a septic pump-out on July 29. Nicholson's Septic Service will offer a reduced, group rate if more than 10 people take part.

If there is enough interest, there will be a second pump-out on August 29.

Call Bonny Hoyt-Hallett at 366-3515 to sign up.

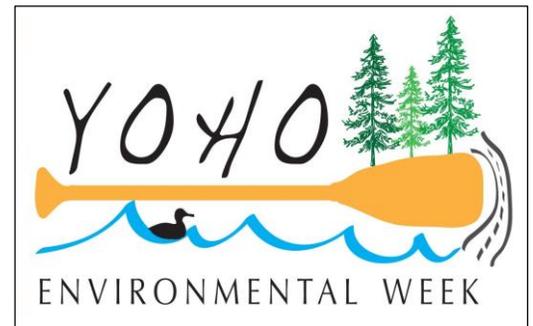
Yoho Environmental Week May 31 – June 7

By LEON QUICK

The first Yoho Environmental Week will run Saturday, May 31, to Saturday, June 7. There will be several events that all work toward improving our lake and the surrounding area, and making our home a better place to live.

The **Road Side Cleanup** will be held on Saturday, May 31. After losing support from the New Brunswick government, the Adopt-A-Highway program has been rebranded as the Road Side Cleanup. Each volunteer will walk along the side of a designated section of road and collect any garbage that has accumulated. All roads surrounding Yoho Lake will be included and broken down into small sections allowing for a quick cleanup by the volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the Road Side Cleanup please show up at the Yoho mail boxes at 10 a.m. on May 31 (Rain date will be Sunday, June 1) or email Leon Quick at lquick79@gmail.com to make alternate arrangements.

Yoho Dive Day will be on Saturday, June 7. Following the success seen last year when volunteer divers searched a section of the lake for garbage and foreign material, we are hoping to increase the number of divers exploring our lake and removing any additional debris. For information on the Dive Day, email Sean Haley at repurch@nb.aibn.com.



In order to protect the divers while they are in the water, and to promote healthy living, Saturday, June 7, will also be **Community Paddle Day**. We request that the use of motor boats be limited to the Dive Day operations. It would be fantastic to see as many people as possible cruising the lake in canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, paddleboats, sailboats, windsurfers, rafts or even blow-up lawn furniture! There truly is no better way to enjoy our lake!

The last event included in the Yoho Environmental Week will be the **Water Monitoring Training** for those taking part in the Water Monitoring Program. This program has funding from the New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund. Volunteers collect samples, check turbidity and conduct other tests to add to the growing database about the quality of our lake water. Although a date for the training has yet to be determined, anyone interested in helping out with this extremely worthwhile project should contact Kim Lipsett at kim.lipsett@gnb.ca.



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Join the YLA

Do you want to join the Yoho Lake Association? Or renew your membership? It's easy – go to the YLA website at <http://www.yoho-lake.com>. The membership form is in Section One, under Some Links of Interest. Membership dues are \$10 per household per year.

YLA President welcomes summer

By **BONNY HOYT-HALLETT**
Yoho Lake Association
President

Well what a winter and late spring. The ice finally went out May 5; one weekend we were shovelling snow and the



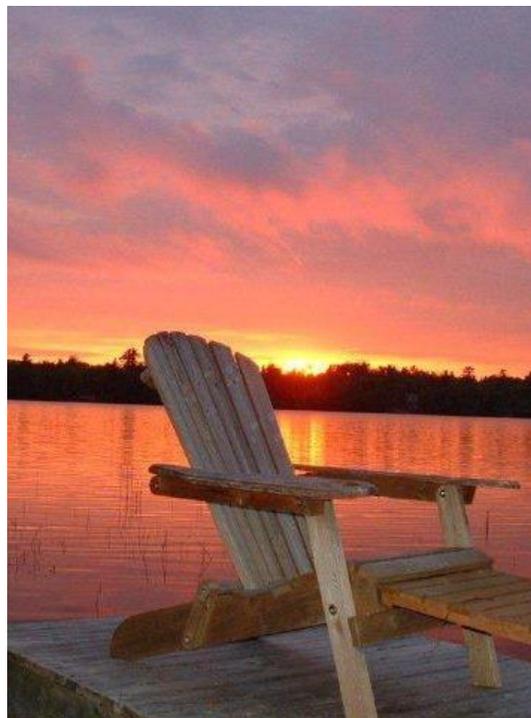
next we were picking up branches from the winter storms.

time to think summer.

Since our annual general meeting, your executive has continued to follow up on our water monitoring and liaison with the Department of Environment and with our lake colleagues on the lake collaborative.

As we start our summer season we need to ask for your assistance. We began our **Lake Monitoring** three years ago and Warren McLaughlin was our monitoring co-ordinator. Warren gave much to this position. But he is giving up his role and we need others to take up the challenge.

What we need are three teams of two. This would mean each team would need to go out once every two weeks. Please contact me at bonnyhh@gmail.com if you can assist. The more people



participating the more the workload is distributed. Training will be held this spring so all of us are novices, don't let that stop you from putting up your hand.

The executive has also applied for a third Environmental Trust Fund award and should hear soon if we were successful.

Be sure and mark Aug. 10 as the date for our **Annual General Meeting**.

Remember the **Septic Pump-out** date of July 29. Please contact me at 366-3515 and leave a message if you wish to participate.

Remember keeping our septic fields clean is one more step in preserving a healthy lake.

Two new executive members from last year's AGM have been working hard.

Community Cleanup chair Leon Quick is organizing this year's road side cleanup, to be held Saturday, May 31, and workin on the first Yoho Environmental Week set for Saturday, May 31, to Saturday, June 7.

The Yoho Echo and other communications are part of the work of Forrest Orser, our new communications chair. He has been a great addition.

So we begin another year. Happy summer.



Yoho Scout Lodge plans busy summer

By DEAN MUNDEE

The Yoho Scout Reserve plans another full summer of activity with five camps scheduled during July and August.

Bookings are coming in for family reunions and weddings at the Yoho Scout Lodge but some weekends are still available at the time of writing this. The lodge can accommodate two large groups. The Main Wing has full kitchen facilities and the Chad O'Quinn Wing has a kitchenette. Both wings are complete with showers and washrooms, and dining areas.

We ask the residents of Yoho to please drive carefully on both the lake and road. You can expect to see lots of young people in canoes on the lake and you will see young people crossing the Yoho Lake Road. Please ask your guests to exercise caution. We thank you for keeping an eye out for the young campers last year both on the lake and on the road.

We very much appreciate four-wheeler drivers (and in the winter snowmobilers) respecting our policy of not using the machines on the reserve. This is critical for the safety of our youth and adult leaders. Thank you, we appreciate it.

With spring comes the return of Canada Geese. This is a very big health issue on the reserve property near the lake so goose management is a priority for us. We plan to implement a few geese management initiatives to discourage them from nesting and grazing where children play on the Scout property. If our initiatives work, we will have a safer and cleaner environment over the summer for the enjoyment of all.

For more information, or to contact the Yoho Scout Reserve, visit:
<http://www.yohoscoutreserve.com/>

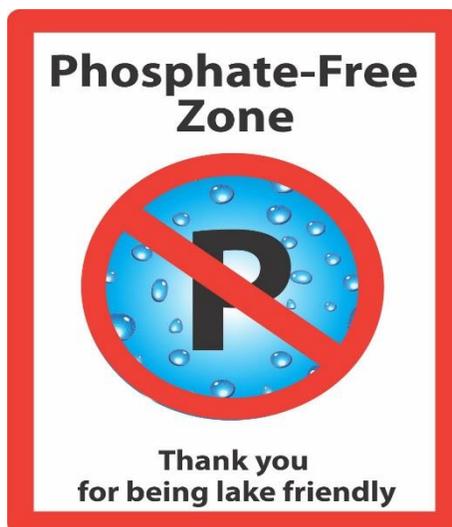
From our Scouting family to yours, we wish you a wonderful, fun-filled summer.

Join the fight against blue-green algae

After blue-green algae blooms cloud the water, no one wants to go swimming in it or even boating on it. It can cause major health risks. It kills all the fish. Property values plummet.

There is strong evidence that phosphates are the main cause of blue-green algae in lakes.

One way to cut down on the amount of phosphates going into the lake is to use phosphate-free household products, everything from detergents to shampoos. If



there are phosphates in a product, it will often say so on the label.

And if it is phosphate free, the label will almost always say it.

Other ways to reduce phosphates are to keep a well-maintained septic system and avoid using fertilizer anyway near the water.

The Yoho Lake Association has been working to decrease phosphates since the annual general meeting in August 2012, when residents voted to make Yoho a phosphate-free zone.

Lake Stewardship 101 Series: “Quick, Company’s Coming”

Editor’s note: This is the seventh article in the Lake Stewardship 101 series. It will also be the last. Michèle and her husband are moving. We thank Michèle for her contributions to The Yoho Echo.

Article prepared by MICHÈLE ROUSSEL

As you may recall, the last article in the Lake Stewardship 101 series was entitled: “Less is more”.

In keeping with this theme, let’s discuss one of the realities of owning a property on a lake, whether it be a permanent residence or a summer cottage, chances are you will find yourself saying: “Quick, let’s clean the house, company is coming!”

Okay, since this is one of the things you really can count on, especially on a gorgeous summer day, let’s try and be “practical” about this.

Here are a few tricks by *Home and Garden Television* that I’d like to share with you. It may not get your place sparkling clean, but it will make the house presentable and, more importantly, get you out of the house in an hour or less, promise. After all, let’s be honest, who wants to be stuck indoors doing housecleaning?

Here are a few of the suggestions from *Home and Garden Television*:

Set priorities, decide what will make the house presentable; at least one clean bathroom is a must; shake out the bathroom rug and hang some fresh towels.

Clear clutter, especially where guests will come; grab a basket and tuck “stuff” away out of sight; you can always sort this later.

Dust any horizontal surface, the rest can wait.

Wipe obvious food spills, clumps of pet hair or giant “dust bunnies”.

No time to clean the kitchen; wipe down the counters, faucets and refrigerator door, **plan to barbecue!**

Don’t want to end up with a load of beach towels after your company leaves? Tell them all your towels are in the laundry. Trust me, next time **they will bring their own beach towels**. Not only does this save you extra work, it also means less soap and water in your septic and/or holding tank! A win-win for all.

Less housecleaning means more time to enjoy your company and the cottage life!