

## **Lake Rosalind Bits and Bytes**

***“Of all the paths you take in life...may some lead you to the Lake ”***

**Our President:** Derrick Ross Rd.1 #163

**Vice President:** Casey Shewfelt Rd. 2 #215A

**Secretary:** Robyn Nocilla

**Treasurer:** Pamela Shaver #497

**Road Directors:** All Directors listed below have boat ramp keys

Rd. 1 (#101-#140) Scott Kunkel #218, Rd. 1 (#141-#161) Darryl Gray #521, Rd. 1 (#164-#196) Kari Detzler #196, Rd. 2 (#201 - #213, #217- #219, #221- #231) Jamie Culliton 218A, Rd. 2/ 2A (#215, #216, #218A, #233 - #251, #302 - #306) Ruth Levitt #306, Rd. 4 (#401- #431) Laura Hopkins #456, Rd. 4 (#432 - #463) Gar Lawrence #432, Rd. 4 (#464 - #497) Scott Miller #437, Rd. 5 Darryl Gray #521, Rd. 6 Rob Hackbart #642

The 2026 LRPOA Annual General Meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 12pm and will be held at the Lion's Den at the P&H Centre.

**Lake Rosalind Golf Classic and Social is Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Homestead Golf, Durham (same place as last year). Buffet Lunch at 12pm, Tee off shot gun start at 1pm. Potluck at 4:30 pm located at #521 Lake Rosalind Road 5. Nine holes of golf, one half cart, buffet lunch and potluck...\$110.00 each. Pot Luck only \$35.00**

Anyone wishing to register/volunteer with this fun event, please contact Darryl Gray at 519-590-3120 or email at [darrylgray008@gmail.com](mailto:darrylgray008@gmail.com). **DEADLINE is July 3rd!** All information for this event is located at the Bulletin Board by the mailboxes! Contact Sheri Huber for Potluck contributions 519-589-2269 or email [sheri\\_huber@hotmail.com](mailto:sheri_huber@hotmail.com) Potluck will be another awesome, gourmet BBQ meal as well as Tony Langs famous French fries! Lots of raffle prizes to be won and 50/50 for LRPOA.

Be sure to check the information board at the mailboxes for the upcoming **Labour Day Lake Party and Highly Anticipated Rib Off Event, Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at MacDonald's Dock (#228 Rd. 2)**

**Lake Rosalind New Years Community Skate** at the P&H Centre, Hanover. Details to follow.

Our Lakes are very fortunate to have a Lake Water Quality Committee made up of Ken Coleman, Rick Kalte, John Stadlander, Scott Miller, Diana Goodwin, John McDougall, Laura Hopkins and all other volunteers who assist this committee. A **HUGE** thank you for caring and donating all your time to ensure the Highest Quality of our Lake is sustained.

The Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association is looking for residents to join the Lake Rosalind Water Volunteer Force beginning in 2026. As a volunteer member, you'll have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the health and enjoyment of Lake Rosalind while connecting with your neighbours and building a stronger sense of community. No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to lend a hand and a passion for preserving our beautiful lake environment supporting the Association's 4W Strategy : Weed Management, Waterfowl Management, Water Quality and Safety and Community Wellness.

We are looking for residents who will commit 1 day per year . Please contact Derrick Ross @ [derrick.ross@slaight.com](mailto:derrick.ross@slaight.com) to add your name to the volunteer force.

## Updated Good Neighbour Policy

In order to protect the lake and prevent shoreline erosion, our lake community strongly supports the following Good Neighbour Policy:

- 1) All watercraft operators are responsible for their wake.
- 2) Operators of Wake Enhancing Boats should refrain from filling ballasts, using wave shapers or weight loading.
- 3) Operators wishing to participate in wake board activities please surf in the largest water zone in Lake 1 only and do not surf into or out of the surf zone.

Thanks and sincere appreciation to Pauline Sargent (Rd.1) and Betty Ann Cobean (Rd.4) who do all of the amazing work at each of our Gateway entrances.

A very special Thankyou to the Culliton family for volunteering to care for the Doggie Doo station on Rd. 1.

If you have goose droppings on your dock, please **DO NOT** sweep into the lake water. Please dispose into garbage. People drink, shower and swim with this lake water. Goose droppings are also linked to outbreaks of swimmer's itch.

Newsletter created by Bonnie Shewfelt, Debi Coleman and Linda MacDonald

.....  
*A DAY AT THE LAKE RESTORES THE SOUL*  
.....

### Do Your Part Lake Stewardship

**D**o not put any chemicals in the lake even if manufacturers state it is safe to do so (i.e. muck pucks).

**O**bserve the Clean, Drain and Dry your boat protocols when bringing your watercraft from another lake.

**Y**early septic inspections and regular pump outs will ensure that septic systems are in good working order.

**O**bserve and follow Municipal By-laws preventing the use of fertilizers and the feeding of waterfowl.

**U**nused and expired prescriptions, solvents and bleach must be kept out of septic systems.

**R**efrain from using pesticides and herbicides and avoid pollutants from leaking watercraft motors.

**P**reserve natural vegetation and consider planting native plants along the shoreline.

**A**lways collect pet and goose droppings to avoid nutrients from entering the lake.

**R**eplace failing septic systems when necessary.

**T**ake steps to prevent any disturbance of the lake bottom by being responsible for your wake and point jets and aerator pumps upwards.

## **Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake Joint Water Quality Committee Update**

The Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake Joint Water Quality Committee remains firmly committed to its mandate of protecting and enhancing our lakes' water quality, ensuring it is both environmentally safe and aesthetically pleasing. The Committee continues to focus its efforts on several key priority areas outlined below.

- **Ongoing Toxin Testing:** Our dedicated team of "water testers" conducts toxin (microcystin) testing as conditions require. Tests results are communicated to residents on a timely and transparent manner. In addition, the Committee participates in the Provincial Lake Partner Testing Program with annual results shared with participating lake associations across the province.
- **Biochar Installation Program:** Over the past several years, the Committee has implemented an extensive and well-researched biochar installation program with demonstrated positive outcomes. Biochar functions as an absorbent material removing nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen which are the primary contributors to excessive blue/green algae and aquatic weed growth. The Joint Water Quality Committee has been a pioneer in the application of biochar as an environmentally responsible, carbon-rich method of water restoration and we are proud to share our findings with other lake associations who are seeking best practices. There are many online articles and videos on the benefits of biochar in lakes if you are interested in further reading on this topic.

**Each year the Lake Association purchases 36 new bags to install in the 6 cages spaced throughout the lake. Bags are also placed in the various small streams that enter the lake. The bags from the previous year are removed and are available at the boat launch for anyone who wishes to install one at their waterfront. The bags are available for pick-up on a first-come first-served basis outside of the gate after May 15<sup>th</sup>. The more biochar bags in our lake the better!**

- **Waterfowl Management:** The Lake Associations have been granted authorization to manage waterfowl populations through the removal of goose eggs from nests. Geese may defecate up to 92 times a day, and a population of 50 geese can produce approximately two and a half tons of excrement in a year!!! This waste introduces significant amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus into the lake contributing to water quality concerns including reported cases of swimmers itch.

In addition to goose management efforts, members of the Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association (LRPOA) and the Water Quality Committee continue to collaborate with Hanover and Brockton municipal staff to explore strategies aimed at reducing gull populations at both the Hanover Landfill and our lakes.

**Invasive Weed Management:** The Water Quality Committee works closely with the LRPOA to research and assess effective aquatic weed management strategies. While some proposed approaches such as weed mats have produced mixed results depending on shoreline conditions, other methods including individual weed cutting have achieved limited success due to rapid regrowth and unintended spread of cuttings. The Water Quality Committee will continue to work alongside the LRPOA in efforts to identify viable, sustainable solutions. The LRPOA has approved a weed extraction strategy for 2026 with details to be communicated to residents at the Annual General Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Partner Involvement:** Over the past 10 years the Joint Water Quality Committee has collaborated with numerous community and governmental partners including Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Source Water Protection, the Municipality of Brockton, Federation of Cottagers' Association, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), and the Lake Partner Program. These partnerships support the adoption of best practices for maintaining safe, healthy, and recreationally enjoyable lakes.

Currently, the Committee is working with the Municipality of Brockton to develop an effective Discretionary Septic Inspection Program, modeled after successful programs implemented in other municipalities, to address potential risks to lake water quality.

We encourage all residents to visit the Lake Rosalind website at [www.lakerosalind.ca](http://www.lakerosalind.ca) for up-to-date test results, standards, by-laws, recommendations and guidelines. The site also contains practical actions residents can take to protect our lakes, including proper septic system maintenance, shoreline stewardship, and adherence to by-laws preventing fertilizer use and feeding of wildlife.

Your cooperation and continued support play a vital role in preserving the long-term health and enjoyment of our precious lakes.