

BLCA General Mailbox

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Upcoming Events:

Pike Tournament

Saturday, May 28 (8AM - 3PM)
Belmont Lake Marina

Fireworks!

Saturday, July 2 (dusk)
South of Big Island



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Highlighted Links:

The annual spring runoff and high water levels cause damage to our shorelines, particularly shorelines with insufficient vegetation to prevent erosion. FOCA has recently re-published their "[Shoreline Owner's Guide to Healthy Waterfronts](#)". This guide is an excellent resource for cottagers looking to improve and stabilize their shorelines, and also includes ideas for cottagers on control of invasive species, fish habitat and healthy septic systems.

While on the subject of water levels and runoff, Crowe Valley Conservation's [Spring Newsletter](#) gives some insights as to why a mild, low snowpack winter led to some very high water levels in the watershed in early April.

2016 BLCA Newsletter

The BLCA's volunteer "Road Rep" team will begin distributing the 2016 BLCA Newsletter this weekend. This amazing group of volunteers will also be collecting 2016 BLCA Membership fees. Membership fees and volunteer support are key to our ongoing programs as a lake association. This year our modest \$30 membership fee will also include a free copy of the Belmont Lake calendar. Additional copies of the calendar can be purchased for \$5.

Send us an email to membership@blca.ca if you would like to request a copy of the newsletter via regular mail.

We are able to accept membership fees via Interac e-transfer. Please see our [BLCA Membership page](#) for instructions.

Road Rep Volunteers needed: We are looking for new volunteers for FR18, FR20, FR22, and additional help on FR33.

2016 Pike Tournament

Saturday May 28 8:00AM

Belmont Lake Marina

Contact Brandon van Asten for details (brandon@canadiancoldblood.com) or see the [BLCA 2016 Pike Derby Flyer](#).

Belmont Lake has always been regarded as an excellent fishery where anglers could experience the excitement of some of Ontario's premiere sport fish. Within the last fifteen years all species of native game and bait fish have experienced tremendous pressures due to the introduction of Northern Pike. Northern Pike are not indigenous to Belmont Lake and surrounding bodies of water.

The goal of this tournament is to help control the Northern Pike population within Belmont Lake and raise funds for future stocking programs and habitat management. Meet your fellow anglers at the Belmont Lake Marina on Saturday, May 28 for the Annual BLCA Pike Tournament. The tournament is open from 8AM to 3PM; anglers may weigh fish at any time during this time. Awards at 3:30PM.

Rock markers

The rock markers are now in place for the summer. Thank-you to Greg Clements for taking care of the markers for this season. Please email rockhead@blca.ca if you notice any markers that have floated away or moved.

Markers that have floated into shore can be returned to Greg Clements (705-778-5479) or Greg Alexander (N end of Big Island 705-778-1870)

Bass Spawning Time!

Belmont Lake's smallmouth bass are spawning now. Established nests can be seen along our shorelines, usually within a few feet of shore. The nests are approximately 2' in diameter and are kept clear of silt and debris by the male. Try to avoid these nests if you are working in the water over the next few weeks.

Your BLCA Board of Directors,

Peter White (President), Katherine Deas, Larry Pick, Greg Alexander, Evan Meyers, Brian Deas, Donna Peeling and Wendy Vuyk

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