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<u>FOCA's May Long Weekend Update</u>: Cottage opening tips, cottage succession seminar, FOCA & the provincial election & more

Healthy shorelines: The annual spring runoff and high water levels can cause damage to our shorelines, particularly shorelines with insufficient vegetation to prevent erosion. Check out the FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) "<u>Shoreline Owner's Guide to Healthy</u> <u>Waterfronts</u>". 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.

2018 BLCA Newsletter

The BLCA's volunteer "Road Rep" team will begin distributing the 2018 BLCA Newsletter this weekend. This amazing group of volunteers (wearing their new, bright yellow "volunteer" shirts) will also be collecting 2018 BLCA Membership fees. Membership fees and volunteer support are key to our ongoing programs as a lake association. Once again we will have **Early Membership prizes**, including dinners at local restaurants, music, cinema and live theatre tickets with prizes totalling over \$800!

This year we will also be distributing a "Welcome Package" to new cottagers. Please let your road rep know if there are new cottagers in your area.

The BLCA is able to accept membership fees via Interac e-transfer. Please see our <u>BLCA</u> <u>Membership page</u> for instructions.

Road Rep Volunteers needed: We are lookng for volunteers for FR11, Bowen Rd, and Fish Hatchery Rd.

2018 Pike Tournament

Saturday May 26 8:00AM Belmont Lake Marina

Contact Brandon van Asten for details (<u>brandon@canadiancoldblood.com</u>) or see the <u>BLCA 2018</u> <u>Pike Derby Flyer.</u>

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 26 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.

Bass spawning about to begin

Belmont Lake's bass will start spawning soon. 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.

Lost and Found

High water levels during spring runoff has likely resulted in a few lost docks and other items. If you have a "Lost and Found" item, please post it to our Facebook page. If you are not on Facebook please <u>email</u> the information to us and we'll get it posted.

Even if you are not on Facebook you are still able to view our page at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/BelmontBLCA</u>. There are already a few posts on the page with lost and found items from the recent high water.

Your BLCA Board of Directors,

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

General Concerns & Comments: <u>blca@blca.ca</u> Membership & Address Info: <u>membership@blca.ca</u> Rock Markers: <u>rockhead@blca.ca</u>



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The BLCA is a member of FOCA. Visit <u>www.foca.on.ca</u> and sign up for "FOCA Elerts" to receive updates on issues that affect all waterfront property owners in Ontario.

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