

FALL NEWSLETTER

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THE TRUST SECURES 12 ISLANDS IN NEWBORO LAKE

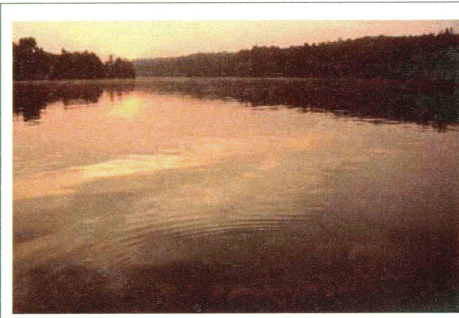
The fundraising campaign to acquire the 12 remaining unprotected Islands in the Bog has been a success. Kicked off by an anonymous donation of \$10,000, and with the support of over 80 members and donors, the Trust has completed the acquisition of these ecologically sensitive islands.

Now all 34 islands in the Newboro Bog have been preserved. To all of the volunteers, donors and supporters of the Trust, you are to be congratulated for the success of this project. Everyone can rest assured that this important waterfowl habitat has been preserved.



THE TRUST RECEIVES DONATION OF \$9,000 TO KICK OFF ACQUISITION FUND

The members present at the Annual General Meeting voted unanimously to approve a by-law to set up a reserve fund to be used to acquire and maintain properties in the Rideau Corridor. The Trust is now ready to accept special donations to this fund from its supporters.



A long time cottager on Clear Lake and a member of the Land Trust since 1997, Mr. Don Ferguson was the first member to make a donation. Mr. Ferguson donated \$9,000 in securities to Trust. On behalf of the Board of Directors and volunteers of the Trust we would like to thank Mr. Ferguson for his generous donation.



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TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES OFFICIAL PLAN

On Monday, October 20, Rideau Waterway Land Trust made a final appeal to the Township of Rideau Lakes asking them to consider adding a policy to their new Official Plan that would allow property owners to obtain severances for conservation lands. Although the Township has recognized the importance of preserving conservation lands, the current policies will not allow generous landowners to voluntarily sever these lands and donate them to non-government organizations like the Land Trust or Ducks Unlimited. The Trust feels strongly that the inclusion of such a policy will enable more landowners to donate their lands to a conservation organization for long term preservation and enjoyment by all.

Despite correspondence, dating back to September 2002, in which the Land Trust offered to work with the Township on this matter, the Township would not incorporate this policy and proceeded to adopt the Official Plan as tabled. Reeve Holman suggested that if the Trust wanted to pursue this matter they could do so at the provincial level through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and possibly the OMB.

The Trust has always prided itself on its ability to work in a cooperative manner with all levels of government and it is unfortunate that the Township has put us in this position. However, the Trust is encouraged to learn from fellow land trusts that they have been successful in getting similar policies incorporated in their local official plans. In addition, the Trust is grateful for the support it is receiving from professional planners and lawyers who have come forward and offered the donation of their time and expertise as we move ahead to try to solve this issue through the Minister's office. The Trust will keep our members aware of the progress regarding this important issue.

DONATION OF SECURITIES

If you would like to make a special gift to the Trust consider a gift of publicly traded securities. These could include stocks, bonds and mutual funds. If you have publicly traded securities that have appreciated over the years you may want to consider donating these to the Trust. The advantage in transferring appreciated securities directly to the Trust, versus selling them, is that you need only report 25% of the capital gain on disposition. You will receive an immediate donation receipt for the full market value of the donated securities. If you were to sell the securities and then make a donation, you would be responsible for 50% of the capital gain on disposition.

The process is simple, you just instruct your broker to transfer the securities directly from your account to the Trust's investment account. This transfer is carried out electronically. Give Dave Walker a call at the RWLT office, 613-284-2010, for more information.



CORN ROAST SETS ANOTHER RECORD

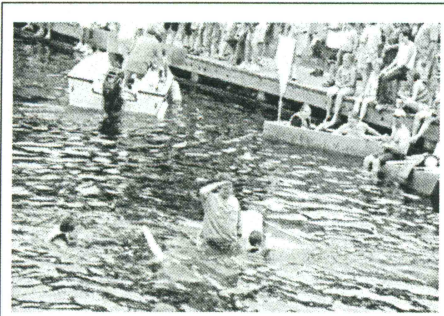


Photo courtesy of Review Mirror

August 2nd marked the fifth year for the Chaffey's Lock Corn Roast. Vince Watters and his committee raised the bar again, raising a record \$13,000 at this one day event. The beef barbeque hosted by Alec McKinney sold out and the Enbridge Gas Team cooked up 3000 cobs of corn, in addition to hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages.

The Carlson family won the Prestigious *Rideau Cup* in the Fast and Furious Sea Trials with their entry REDNOSE III and in doing so raised almost \$1,000 for the Islands in the Bog campaign.

Vince Watters is already talking about next year, and Barry McCorquodale is promising an even better Fast and Furious Sea Trial ...JOIN US.

NEWEST PROJECT

A generous Donor has agreed to donate a conservation easement on their property that includes 180 acres of land with 1600 feet of shoreline on the Rideau. This property includes a significant wetland ringed by a hardwood forest inland from the lakefront. When land trust volunteers visited the site, in addition to viewing the abundant waterfowl and wildlife that make the wetland their home, a red shouldered hawk was circling over head. These birds are a threatened species in Ontario and the preservation of their habitat is important. The Trust is working with Environment Canada to have this property certified under the Ecological Gift Program. We hope to be able to announce more details in an upcoming newsletter.

ANNUAL DINNER MAJOR SUCCESS

The 2003 Annual Dinner was a sell-out with 71 members and their guests attending. The Dinner was held on September 12 at the Queen's University Biological Station at Chaffey's Lock.

The guest speaker for the evening was Doug Stewart, the Eastern Ontario Field Unit Manager for Parks Canada. In addition to pledging Parks Canada's support for the preservation of the wetlands in the Corridor, Doug enthusiastically predicted that the Rideau would have UNESCO World Heritage Status by 2007, the Waterway's 175th anniversary.

This year's "highly energetic" auction of seven decadent cakes raised \$1,412. That's quite an endorsement of the culinary skills of the bakers of these cakes donated for the event.



We thank the bidders and commend them on their good taste and their generosity.

ANNUAL FALL DRIVE

It is that time of year when many of you have closed your cottage and left the splendour of the Rideau for another year. For those of us who make the Rideau Corridor our year round home, we begin to look forward to the return of spring and the joys of nature that the season brings. Many of our waterfowl friends are leaving to make that trip south knowing they can return next year and the supporters of the Trust will be working to preserve their natural habitat.

Every year at this time we ask our supporters to consider making a special gift to the Trust. Through your continuing generosity, and that of over 500 of your friends and neighbours, the Trust has been able to secure 7 properties, over 160 acres and 10,000 feet of shoreline, and has conservation easement on another. You can take credit knowing that you have done your part to preserve some of the natural spaces in the Rideau Corridor.

But there will always be more to do. Your Trust is working hard to secure additional property including the 180 acres mentioned above. Please consider making a special gift and take a minute to mail back the enclosed donor card so this work can continue. I am sure you agree that the Rideau Corridor is a special place and is worth preserving so that you and your children can continue to enjoy this extraordinary area of Canada.



Photos courtesy of Simon Lunn

THE TRUST WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the Annual General Meeting, Simon Lunn and Brian Gold joined four returning members of the RWLT Board of Directors. Simon is the Chief Biologist with Parks Canada responsible for the Rideau Canal. Simon has worked professionally in the Rideau Corridor for many years. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge of the ecological sites throughout the Rideau corridor area. Simon and his wife Carolyn live near Smiths Falls.

After joining the Board, Simon immediately began applying his expertise and is working with one of our donors to qualify their land for the Ecological Gift Program.

Brian Gold has joined the Board of the Trust and is looking forward to working with the landowners of the Tay watershed to implement the land trust programs in that area. Brian is a lawyer and is currently Vice-President of Credicore Ltd and brings a strong financial management background to the Board. Brian and his wife, Susan, spend their summers at their cottage on Christie Lake.

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