

# 2015 Spring Sentinel

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- 2014 ended with 118 SDLCA members
- 2014 we had 59 members renew for 2 years—it seems to be the growing trend for 2015 renewals
- Help protect an asset of mutual value—the lake experience. Join or renew your SDLCA membership today!

## Greetings from the SDLCA Executive

Technology is rapidly changing the way that people communicate and cottage country is no exception.

Only fifteen years ago, driving to the Irondale store to use the Bell payphone, having to explain to your weekend guests how the party line worked, or wondering if your friend would arrive at the cottage in time for lunch, with no way to reach them, were an everyday occurrence on Salerno Lake.

Today we have almost uniform cell coverage, smart phones are always on hand to capture spontaneous cottage moments that we previously missed and high speed broadband is quickly making its way around the lake.

While there are certainly benefits to how technology has changed the cottage experience, there are drawbacks too, such as the boss always being able to find you (and that boss could be your work boss or spouse).

That often leaves us longing for the good 'ole days. No matter which side of the debate you are on, there is no denying that technology is allowing us to be connected to our lake in different ways. A great example is our active group and SDLCA Facebook pages that allows us to experience the cottage through the posts of others even when we are not at the lake ourselves.

You may have never seen the ice leave in person, but because of Facebook we knew the exact date this year that it happened and we were able to see the before and after pictures.

On a weekend when you wake up in the city, with the help of our shared photos and postings you are able to see that morning's sun glittering on Salerno Lake and just for a moment feel like you are there, feeling the breeze, smelling the lake, and hearing the water lapping up against the aluminum boat. Priceless!

So if you're not already a member of the group Facebook page then join and ensure to also LIKE our SDLCA Facebook page for up-to-date news and lake events!



For those that are already active on Facebook, keep the posts and pictures coming. On right, we have included some of our favorite pics posted this past winter and spring.

Enjoy!

Click the links below to view the Facebook pages:

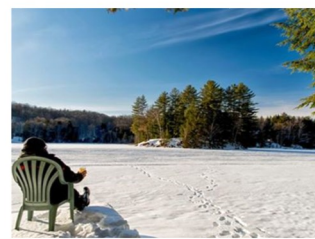
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[SDLCA Facebook Page](#)

**It's easy to stand still for the birds when you are frozen!**



**The Perfect Dock day!**



**The Lake starts to shed it's winter coat!**



**Spring is here!**



By Kevin Pepper—Lake Loon Whisperer

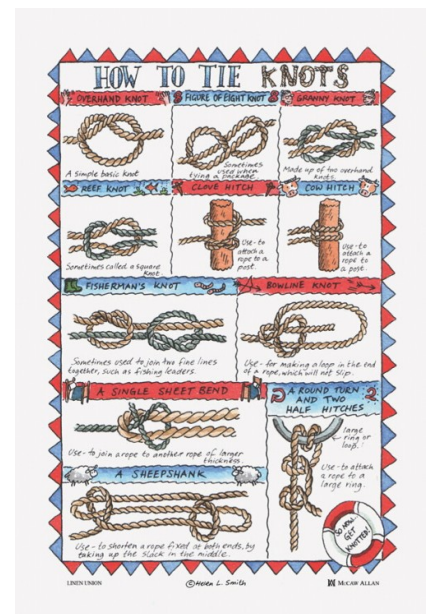
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## NEW THIS YEAR

- Salerno Apparel -- Orders being taken THIS month for delivery on July 1st long weekend
- Canada Day Fireworks -- Saturday, June 27th at 10 pm
- Shoreline Naturalization Workshop -- Saturday, July 4th from 9:30 am to noon
- Concert By The Lake -- Saturday, July 11th at 6:30 pm - Suzie Ungerleider
- Walk on the Wild Side at Salerno – Sunday, July 19th from 10:00 to 12:00 am
- Annual General Meeting -- Saturday, August 1st at 10:00am @ Irondale Community Centre
- 47th Annual Canoe Race, Childrens' Games and Barbecue -- Sunday, August 2nd at noon
- Invasive Awareness Species Week -- Monday Aug 3rd to Sunday 9th

[Click here to launch the website with how-to demos for each knot.](#)



## Environmental Update

By Wendy Kidd—Lake Steward

Summer lake water testing has begun. Water samples have been sent in from both ends of the lake for calcium and phosphorus. Water clarity testing has also been done. It's a 5 min. test which needs to be done every two weeks at both ends of the lake in the deep spots. [Click here to learn more about the process.](#)

Environmental protection is one of the key focus areas of our Lake Association. In addition to our recurring initiatives such as water testing, this year we will be sponsoring a Shoreline Naturalization workshop on July 4<sup>th</sup> and will be holding an Invasive Species week from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> (look for details on our SDLCA Facebook page and website [www.SDLCA.ca](http://www.SDLCA.ca)).

We have included below a helpful article from Cottage Life to keep in mind when planning your yard work for this spring.

### *5 property maintenance techniques that harm the environment*

Chances are, you go to the cottage to be closer to nature—to get away from the smog and chaos of the city and spend a little time surrounded by peace and quiet. But what if your little piece of paradise is actually hurting the nature you depend on the recharge and refresh? Not such a good strategy. Property maintenance at your cottage has the potential to do serious environmental damage, and here are some of the biggest offenders.

- 1. Using pesticides and herbicides.** Anything you put on your lawn or garden eventually ends up somewhere else—in the lake, wildlife, and plants that surround your cottage. While some pesticides and herbicides aren't available any more, some still are, and many have pretty dire consequences for the environment.

**Solution:** Think about losing the lawn. Seriously. You're at the cottage, not in the suburbs, so embrace the natural landscape around you and work with what you've got—dramatic rock formations, native plants, and a wild charm. The average lawn uses six times more hazardous chemicals per acre than commercial farms. If you'd like a garden, encourage a meadow to grow, plant shrubs, or grow vegetables in raised beds. Wouldn't it be nice to take mowing the lawn off your never-ending cottage to-do list? [Click here for some ideas for what to plant instead.](#)

- 2. Using chemical fertilizers.** Even something seemingly innocuous like lawn fertilizer can encourage the growth of algae in lakes, leading to an upset in the ecosystem. If you fancy being able to fish for the foreseeable future, use an alternative to chemical fertilizers.

**Solution:** If you have to fertilize—though you should consider embracing the lawnless lifestyle instead—use homemade compost, which has the added benefit of keeping your table scraps out of landfills. If you're growing vegetables, investigate companion planting tips to keep veggies healthy and pests at bay.

- 3. Mowing your lawn with a gas mower.** Aside from being loud, gas mowers burn fuel inefficiently, belching pollution into the air.

**Solution:** Aside from getting rid of your lawn completely, think about investing in a good push mower. You'll cut noise, cut fuel use, and get a little exercise while you're doing your chores, meaning you'll really have earned that nap down on the dock. Also, leave your grass clippings where they are—they'll add nitrogen to the lawn and will encourage earthworms.

- 4. Using too much water in your garden.** Particularly if you're on a well system, watering the garden can be a real drain on your resources. Plus, watering takes up valuable time that could be spent reading, fishing or tackling that 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle.

**Solution:** Plant a hardy, low-maintenance garden with plants that won't wilt at the first feeling of drought. Daylilies, yucca, sedum, and lamb's ear offer colour, texture, and height. Relying on native plants like milkweed and black-eyed susans will provide food and shelter for butterflies and birds. Get a rain barrel to collect water for the garden if you don't want to give up your pots of impatiens completely.

- 5. Disposing of leftover paint, varnish or stain after a project.** You probably know better than to dump any leftovers down the drain or into the lake, but simply dropping off paint cans at the dump won't help the environment either.

**Solution:** Pack up leftover paint cans and bring them back to the city, where you can drop them off at a transfer station that's equipped to deal with toxic substances. If there's one on your way home, even better.



## Local History ... Did You Know?

By Margaret Clayton-Vice President

The County of Haliburton was created in 1874 by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and consisted of twenty-three townships with the Lieutenant Governor naming Minden Village as the County seat where the Council would meet and the registry office would be located. Twenty of the townships were ceded from Peterborough County including Snowdon and Glamorgan, and three from Victoria County. The settlers in the townships had requested separation from Peterborough County as the County had refused to grant their request to tax themselves so that a bonus or grant could be paid to the Victoria Railway Company to assist with the cost of expanding the railway from Lindsay into the northern townships of the County.

The first Haliburton County Council meeting took place in Minden on June 18, 1874, and following two meetings on July 2 and July 14, 1874, Council passed a by-law to be presented to the ratepayers approving taking on a debt of \$55,000 that would be gifted (granted) to the Victoria Railway Company. However, only the townships that were "immediately contiguous to the proposed line from Lindsay to Haliburton", would be responsible for payment of the debt, including Snowdon and Glamorgan. A vote was held on August 15, 1874 with 248 ratepayers voting in favour of the by-law and 60 against. The Railway opened in 1878. (Source: "History of the County of Peterborough" by Pelham Mulvaney and Charles M. Ryan, 1884)

## Salerno Lake Cottager and Haliburton School of The Arts

By Doug Rodger and Shelly Schell from Haliburton School of The Arts

John Leonard and his wife Marilyn have been cottagers on Salerno Lake for decades. Marilyn's parents, Pearl and Bob Hayes came here in the Fifties. John and Marilyn met at the Ontario College of Art and Design. They have two sons, Jamie and Jonathan and two grandchildren. Marilyn has a very unique store on Queen St, West in Toronto, Romni Wools. They live now in the village of Goodwood, where John also has his studio.

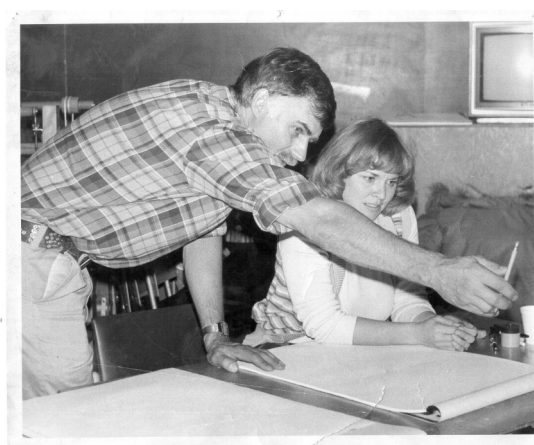
John is a graduate of the OCAD and a member of the Royal Canadian Academy. He has had more than 350 exhibitions in galleries across North America and abroad including the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg where he also teaches. Of course as you will see in the accompanying article, John has been an instructor at [Fleming College's Haliburton School of The Arts](#) for many years, specializing in many facets of landscape paintings. See some of the courses John still teaches today at the [Haliburton School of The Arts](#).

John is an 'old school' artist in a lot of ways. He makes lithographs by drawing on limestone blocks and then pulling prints, which is a technique that goes back to Germany in the late 1700s. And John eschews the internet - he has no website or Facebook page - he doesn't even use email. But don't think 'curmudgeon' - John is a very affable guy with a great smile.

And if you visit a Salerno Lake cottage and you see one of these gorgeous paddles on the wall, then you're looking at another of John's contributions. For decades, John has designed and created these iconic paddles as prizes for our Annual Canoe Race, a tradition on Salerno for the last 47 years. Thank you John and congratulations on your artistic endeavours. We are proud to have you as a member of our Salerno Lake community.

### The Story of the Haliburton School of (Fine) The Arts

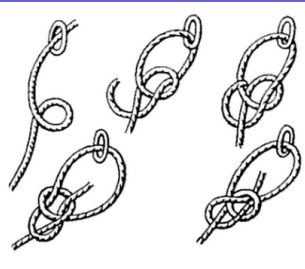
As is the case with many great things, the Haliburton School of The Arts is borne of humble beginnings. What began with 53 students in 1967 has become more than 2500 students studying art full and part-time annually. It's been a great journey with no shortage of determination, challenge and joy. [See full story here.](#)



### Did You Know

*When your soap or shampoo says 'biodegradable' it means biodegradable in soil. The product has to pass through the soil for it to breakdown properly. Even then, it may take months to degrade. Ergo, washing with anything directly in the lake is still a very bad idea.*

### Bowline



*This versatile knot, which is strong enough to support body weight, creates a loop at the end of a rope that won't shrink or expand. It's used by sailors to tie up their boats and by rock climbers to secure their harnesses. For those who are more into relaxing, this one's perfect for easily stringing up and taking down a hammock. Backwoods campers can use this knot to hang bear bags from trees in order to keep their food safe.*

## Concert by the Lake

By Doug Rodger—Past President

This year marks the fifth annual Concert By The Lake, an event that began when Barbara and I had the idea to engage Katherine Wheatley to do a private 'house concert' at our cottage after seeing her perform at Wintergreen on County Road 1 near Gelert. (House concerts have become an important element in maintaining a successful career for Canadian musicians.

When I approached my neighbour Rob Brown about attending, he generously suggested that we have her perform on his lakeside deck and invite the entire lake to attend - by water. This was a big challenge but the Executive of the SDLCA agreed to support the concert. We agreed that it should be a family friendly event and that the ticket costs should be low. (Kids under 16 are free, adults are \$10.) The effort has paid off - with wonderful performances - and the event has paid for itself. Despite the lack of a 'box office', we have managed to earn enough by ticket sales to cover the costs without draining the SDLCA treasury. One of the more gratifying aspects of the Concert By The Lake is that many folks have contacted me after the show to pay for tickets, saying that they had enjoyed it from their dock because the sound carries so well.



This year we are presenting 'Oh Susanna', which is the stage name of singer/songwriter Suzie Ungerleider, a Canadian alt-country performer with a taste for stark, haunting balladry that's earned her comparisons to the likes of Gillian Welch. Born in the U.S., Ungerleider moved with her family to Vancouver as a child, and grew up listening to all kinds of music (she was especially fond of the Rolling Stones). She studied history and hosted a radio show at Concordia University, which helped intensify her already burgeoning interest in American roots music, and began writing her own songs in a country-folk vein during her college years. Ungerleider's first public performance as Oh Susanna came in 1995 (by which time she was working as a library clerk), and in 1997 she recorded a self-titled, seven-song EP, releasing it on her own Stella imprint. Her dark, often morbid narratives helped her win a contest as the best unsigned act in Canada; that summer, she attracted more buzz by playing selected dates on the Lilith Fair tour, and subsequently hitting the road in Canada with like-minded artists Veda Hille and Kinnie Starr as the Scrappy Bitches Tour. Oh Susanna's first full-length album, Johnstown, was released on Square Dog in 1999, and continued to display a gothic fascination with murder ballads and the darker side of folk and country. The gentler melancholy of Sleepy Little Sailor followed in 2001 on the Catamount label, and it was supported by numerous tour dates.

Oh Susanna subsequently recorded four more CDs, the most recent being Namedropper. (Her songs are often heard on CBC Radio and campus stations across Canada.) Suzie has recorded with the likes of Justin Rutledge, Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo, Kathleen Edwards, Luke Doucet of Whitehorse and guitarist Jim Bryson who also produced Namedropper. Jim Bryson will be accompanying Suzie at this year's concert, July 11th at 6:30 pm.

I truly hope people will come to enjoy this immensely talented young woman who has overcome many obstacles to build a career in a very tough Canadian market. You can listen to her music, see videos etc. at [ohsusanna.com](http://ohsusanna.com). I first saw Oh Susanna perform at the iconic Hugh's Room in Toronto and I was blown away by her voice and her original songs. (On a personal note, Suzie is also a cancer survivor, having undergone successful treatment for breast cancer last year. You can't keep a good gal down - she was back onstage as soon as she was able.)

I would love to see us reach sales of 100 tickets this year. I believe these intimate concerts are unique in cottage country. Another reason to love Salerno Lake!

PS: We would love to present someone from the lake or connected with the lake as an opening act. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me through our SDLCA website under [Our Association/Contact Us](#)



## June 30 at Dusk—Planetary Pairings

Beautiful pairings of planets are always eye-catching. This year there are two duets to watch. First, on June 30 at dusk, look toward the low western sky for superbright Venus parked next to the largest planet in the solar system, Jupiter. These two brightest planets in Earth's sky will shine very close together, separated by only 0.3 degrees of distance in the sky. That is close enough to cover the pair with just your pinky finger held at arm's length. As a bonus, 11 days earlier the moon will join the cosmic duo to form a triangle.



## Creating a Cottage Flower Garden

By Sydney Clark

Gardening at Salerno presents a number of challenges that we don't face in the city. For example, in west Toronto where we lived, our biggest animal challenge was the black squirrels who loved to feast on tulip, crocus and hyacinth bulbs after planting in the fall. Liberal use of a terrific product called Ropel (now no longer available in Canada) rescued my spring garden on numerous occasions. The squirrels, however, paid no attention to the hostas that I had planted and they flourished to such an extent that I decided to split them and move them up to the lake. The transplant operation was a huge success. The hostas loved their new home up by our log cabin where they enjoyed a good mixture of sun and shade. I was thrilled with the way they increased in size and multiplied in just one season and I looked forward to splitting them again and having even greater success the following year.

Imagine my shock and dismay when we arrived in the early summer to see my beautiful hostas shorn almost to their roots. I cried at the thought that some terrible vandal had taken a scythe to my innocent plants and cut them down in their prime. After sharing my tale of hosta woe with a number of people in the hopes of apprehending the culprit, my visiting niece solved the case. She lives in Huntsville and has a beautiful country garden there.

"Aunt Sydney," she patiently explained, "Nobody vandalised your hosta. They are a favourite delicacy of the deer. They especially love to eat them when the leaves are just emerging. You basically planted a deer salad!" My niece went on to explain that although deer love to eat hosta with plain green leaves, they are less attracted to variegated hostas and she has had good success with those varieties in Huntsville, which, like Salerno, is well populated with deer.

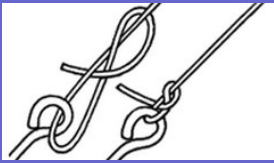
Another plant that deer do not enjoy that makes a colourful display in any garden is the Asiatic lily. These gorgeous summer perennials are perfect for cutting and do very well in sunny spots. It's a good idea, though, to keep their feet cool by overplanting something short, such as a perennial geranium. Any hellebore or day lily is also great for adding continuous colour all season. Once these are established, there is very little that you need to do. Perfect for the cottage where we don't want to be slaves to our gardens!

I was just reading in Harrowsmith's 2014 edition of *Gardening Digest* that if you wish to attract butterflies to your garden there are a number of species you can plant. We all love the showy orange and black monarch butterfly so planting common milkweed will certainly do the trick for attracting them. Milkweed is the only larval food source for the monarch. Other perennial plants that attract different species are bee balm, black-eyed susan, aster, thistle and coneflower. The best annual for attracting butterflies is the humble marigold.

Gardening at the lake presents many joys and challenges. My focus here has been on flowering plants. Maybe another cottager can write about growing herbs and vegetables at the lake. I know I'd love to learn about that!

Check out our SDLCA website under [Your Property/ Go Native](#) for a list of native plant options for your cottage garden!



**Figure 8**

*The figure 8 knot creates a stopper at the end of any rope. Sailors find it useful to prevent their lines from sliding up under their mast. It's also a great way to keep the ends of a rope from fraying.*



*A double version of the knot, the figure 8 follow-through is considered the safest, most secure knot for rock climbers, especially when they're climbing outdoors in dangerous conditions. The great thing about a figure 8 is that even when it's jammed up against something, it rarely tightens to the point that it has to be cut.*

## Recruiting for a new SDLCA President

By Doug Rodger—Past President

Below is a formal description of the job of being President of the SDLCA. I would like to add to it some informal comments based on my ten years in the position.

I think the essential prerequisite for the office is a deep-seated commitment to the preservation and enhancement of the Salerno Lake community. And part of the work is indeed community building; re-searching, questioning, listening, trying to find and forge a consensus as we move ahead, particularly around environmental and development issues. If you enjoy meeting people and working with them collaboratively, you will enjoy the position immensely as I have.

### President Role:

- Presides at all meetings of the SDLCA Executive and at the Annual General Meeting of the membership. In collaboration with the members of the Executive set the agenda for every meeting.
- Makes an annual report to be given at the AGM.
- In keeping with the role of the President, (or Chairman as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order) the President must remain impartial and strive to ensure fair and civil debate on every question before the Executive or the membership of the Association. The President only casts his or her vote in case of a tie.
- Other duties include;
  - Notifying the membership of meetings
  - Reviewing & approving all correspondence sent on behalf of the Association
  - Acting as spokesperson for the Association
  - Attend FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations & CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations) meetings or arrange for someone to attend in their place

## Recruiting for a new Lake Steward

By Wendy Kidd—Lake Steward

### What does a Lake Steward do?

Being an effective Lake Steward involves learning about environmental subjects by attending Lake Steward meetings and Seminars and then communicating that knowledge to others for the betterment of the health of the lake. These subjects include:

- Water Testing; How to conduct different types of testing, how to understand and interpret the results.
- Shoreline Naturalization; Learning the importance of the 'riparian zone' to the health of the lake. Learning methods to control the erosion of soil into the lake (via boat wakes, runoff, construction etc.) to prevent nutrient pollution and ultimately excessive algae blooms.
- Invasive Species; Identifying invasive plant and animal species and tracking their presence in our lake and river systems. Communicating that information to our lake community and other organizations concerned with the spread of damaging species.
- Biodiversity: Understanding the necessity of biodiversity and why we need to live in harmony with wildlife.
- Septic systems; The 'dos' and 'don'ts' of septic systems which are the #1 cause of nutrient pollution in lakes like Salerno.

Ultimately as a Lake Steward you want to create a positive impact on lake health by sharing this information at the AGM, or on the SDLCA website, newsletters etc. You work with a devoted group of people on the Executive and with volunteers who serve on the Environmental Committee. There is so much more to do – let us know if you would be interested in joining our Environmental team to help make our lake healthier, meet new friends and to feel good about contributing!

Author of  
**Keeping our Pets  
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Dr. Jenn Morrow

The new Owner of the  
Minden Animal Hospi-  
tal, Day Camp and Pet  
Resort

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## Square knot/ reef knot



*This classic knot has likely played a part in your life since you learned to lace up your own shoes. But it's also quite handy for simple tasks around the cottage. You can use it to tie up packages, like bundles of firewood, or secure something in place, like the cover on your sail. But while this knot is nice and easy, it should never be used to ensure safety.*

## Keeping our Pets Safe at the Cottage

It's been a long winter but now it's finally come time to open up the cottage! As exciting as it is to come back up north and get outside, there are a few extra hazards in this area that are important to consider.

Here are some of the hazards and ways to avoid them.

### Household hazards:

We often we put out mouse bait or traps and antifreeze in our toilets and drains prior to closing up the cottage. Some of the newer generations of bait are very poisonous to our pets. For some dogs and cats, after a long car-ride up north, a drink from the toilet is the first on the list of things to do. Antifreeze is sweet tasting and can cause kidney failure in a dog or cat within hours.



**Prevention Key:** Take a walk-through the cottage and garages to clear out any potential toxins or hazards for your pet before letting them come and do their own inspection.

### Skunks and Porcupines:

These creatures enjoying the warmer weather and longer daylight are most often found in the bushes early in the morning and later at night. Dogs for some reason can't resist these potentially dangerous critters. A summer of skunk smell or a face-full of porcupine quills can ruin anyone's vacation plans!

**Prevention Key:** Keep dogs on a leash at dusk and dawn. For porcupine quills, it is best to have these pulled by a vet under sedation so that a thorough examination can be performed, including the top of the mouth and back of the throat. Get quills professionally pulled as soon as possible!

### Other Wildlife:

One of the things we love about cottage country is all the wildlife right in our backyard! However, there can be issues when our dogs and wildlife come in contact. Sometimes the wildlife can carry diseases such as Distemper, Rabies and Leptospirosis. Even indoor cats can be at risk if a bat flies into the house.

**Prevention Key:** Ensure your pets are properly vaccinated for the added risk factors of living in the country.

### Ticks:

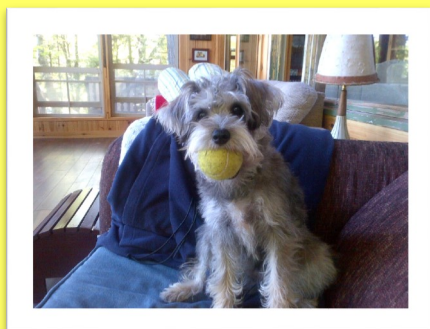
In the country we are more likely to be hiking through brush and long grass, which is exactly the type of environment these eight-legged spider-like monsters like to live in. Once they bite, they can transmit diseases to both you and your pets, most notably Lyme disease. Good to note, disease transmission for most things takes greater than 12 hours.

**Prevention Key:** There are products, namely K9 Advantix from Bayer, that are excellent products for killing ticks. Good tick prevention is important. As well, it is a very good practice to thoroughly examine your pets daily and remove any ticks immediately since the chances are good they haven't yet transmitted disease. It's also a good practice to check yourself.

### Blue Green Algae:

If the water appears to have a gray or green tinge or has sludge on it, there is a chance this could be Blue Green Algae. This type of algae can produce a deadly toxin with very low survival rates.

**Prevention Key:** Better safe than sorry - If there is any concern, do not let your pet drink or swim in this water. Report blue green algae outbreaks by calling 416-325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060 & let your lake association know so that they can let everyone on the lake know not to swim in or use the lake water.



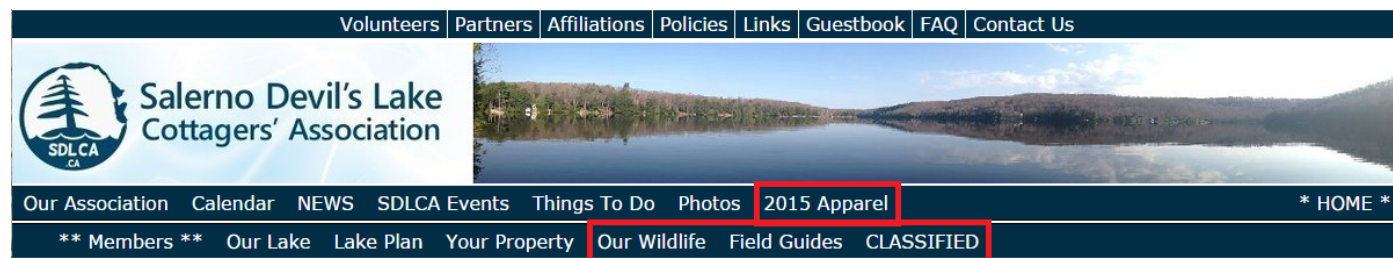
### Fishing hooks:

Every year our man's best friend gets stuck hooked on these rather than the scaly amphibians we are aiming for. The smell of fish is very attractive to the dogs and before you know it there's a hook sticking through the mouth.

**Prevention Key:** Place all rods and hooks well out of reach from the inquiring tongues of dogs. If your dog does get hooked, call the vet immediately and get it dealt with. Be prepared that most dogs will need to be sedated to remove the hook safely.



## New Website Features...

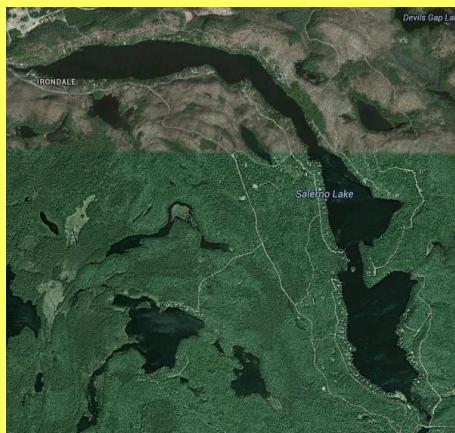


### CLASSIFIED

Did you get everything organized on the May long weekend? Do you have things you would like to sell? Are you looking for something to buy? or have you found or lost something?

SDLCA members can have a free advertisement posted for 60 days.

## Tracking our Salerno Lake Wildlife



Help us track it!! Salerno Lake Wildlife. A new initiative to track our wildlife in and around our Lake.

Join in and help us keep our wildlife statistics updated. Send us a picture and a description of where and what you have found to [sdca.membership@gmail.com](mailto:sdca.membership@gmail.com)

We'll post your entry, date it and track your findings on our Salerno Lake Map.

## Monitoring our Salerno Lake Loons

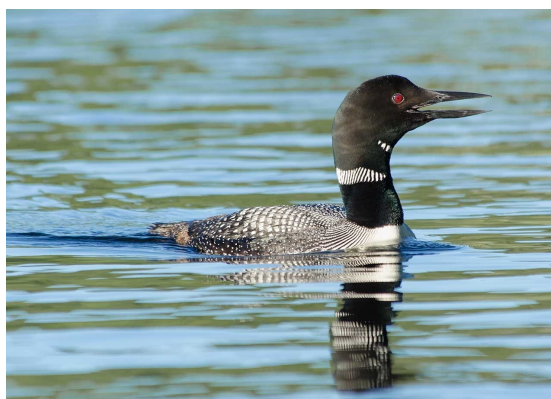
Our one and only **Kevin Pepper** is our Salerno Lake Loon Whisperer!

Tracking, monitoring and reporting on Canada's most iconic and beloved inhabitant of our lakes - Common Loon. Learn more by reading [Kevin's blog on the Common Loon](#).

Kevin surveys our lake at least three times per year, once in June (to see if loon pairs are on territory), once in July (to see if chicks hatch) and once in August (to see if chicks survive long enough to fledge). He records the number of Common Loon pairs, and tracks the number of chicks each pair raises to adult size. He also records other bird species seen nearby. After the season is complete, he returns his forms to Bird Studies Canada or the information is entered online. The results are analyzed to help assess loon and lake health.

If you wish to join Kevin on his early morning outings this season [drop him an email](#) or wave him down as he passes by your dock. It would be a pleasure for him to have you join. Don't forget to bring your camera for some incredible photos.

Click here to keep-up-to date on our latest [Salerno Lake Loon Reports](#).



## 12 Simple Steps Toward Shoreline Harmony

Courtesy The Living By Water Project

1. Keep your lot well-treed - never clear cut
2. Protect shoreline vegetation - replant areas lacking shrubs and trees with natural species
3. Start a buffer strip by leaving some grass uncut near the water
4. Build at least 30 metres away from the shore
5. Give clear instructions to your contractors and monitor their work
6. Avoid spilling fuels, antifreeze, paint thinner or other chemicals on land or water - clean up fast!
7. Don't use fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides near the water
8. Use only phosphate-free soaps, detergents and cleaners at your cottage
9. Pump out your septic tank regularly - every three to five years
10. Extend the life of your septic systems by avoiding tank additives and minimizing water consumption
11. Refuel your boat with care - don't spill a drop
12. Watch your boat's wake - it causes erosion



### Do you need a Membership Sign or 2015 Sticker

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