

## PLRA 2026 Start of Summer

- Hot & wet
- Golf date
- Fishing tournament
- Tower lights
- Murray Fearrey Remembrance
- Giant insect

### Weather Forecast:

For next two weeks: Hot [27C+], mostly dry [under a mm in the morning/afternoon/evening segments], and lots of sun.

### Save the Dates:

#### September 15

Lakeside Golf Club [ON118 just past West Guilford]



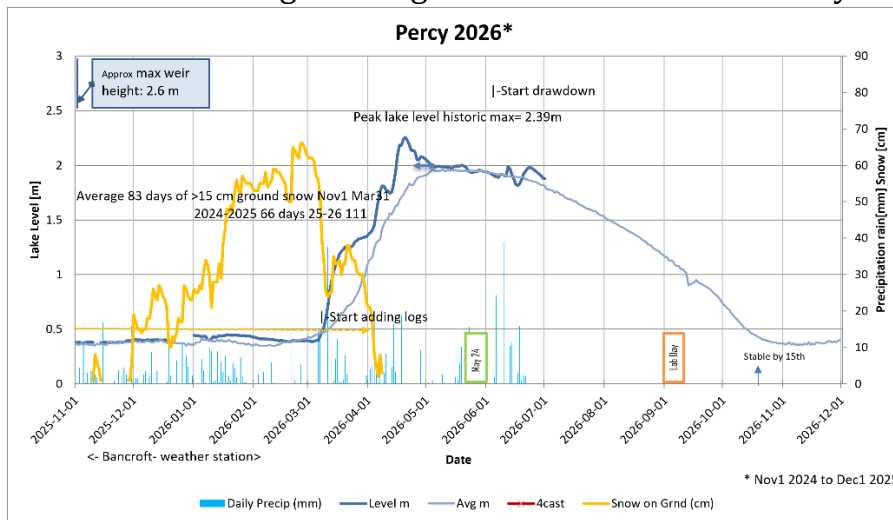
August 15

Bass Fishing Tournament in the morning, AGM at the FIRA Hall in the afternoon.

Full season Youth fishing [Awards, trophies] Under 16

Reminder to take pic/measure for youth fishing entries (if your (grand)son/daughter had entered....)

Should soon see logs coming out and the lake level slowly receding:



## Tower Lights

Peter Mills managed to get in touch with the people from Rogers that maintain the towers. After at least 3 site visits, they have made some improvements. The issue is acute when the day/night lighting get confused and annoying if your dock/deck/main room faces the light at night.

## Murray Fearrey remembrance – Anna

### Murray Fearrey - A life devoted to Haliburton

Many of us in Haliburton and Percy Lake have fond and long memories of Murray. This is my personal family story and memory of Murray.

We (my late husband, Jules, and I) first met Murray at the Haliburton Lumber back in 1978, when we were looking for a plot of land to build a cottage. We had drawn up our cottage plans, looked at various properties in the Haliburton area and began the ultimate and extensive search for a location to build a small cottage. I was familiar with some of the area near Haliburton, having worked at a camp on Haliburton Lake for a few years as a teenager and loved the area (e.g., Eagle and Moose Lakes).

It was Murray who directed us to an area of new development about 16 kilometers from the town of Haliburton and that lead us to the newish development Percy Lake!

There were already some cottages built on the lake, but otherwise, it really seemed like untamed land and lake, so natural, peaceful, affordable, and a place to worth considering to explore and build our cottage, and so we began to plan, and draft a cottage – from scratch, if you like!

There was no electricity, (no running water) so this was going to be a challenge – constructing a road (or pathway) from what was called Johnson Bay Road to the site for a cottage. But with Murray's help, providing assistance to us as to what workers would be used, we got our road

done and our cottage built within the first year, and eventually, electricity and plumbing was available!

Within a year, we purchased the lot next to us, to preserve the peace that Percy Lake offered. Over time, additional lots opened up and cottages were built, but the essence of the lake after

40 plus years, remains, and above all, our appreciation and thanks to the advice and assistance that Murray provided.

Murray left his position at Haliburton Lumber, and in 1971, took his first official step into elected office, winning a seat on the Dysart council. It didn't take long for his leadership qualities to be recognized. In 1975, he was elected Reeve of Dysart, a position he held for twelve terms. Murray recognized early on that a strong Haliburton village required a strong Haliburton County. He served as County Warden in 1974, 1981, and 1987, earning widespread respect for his diplomacy and his persistent championing of the entire county ahead of narrow, parochial concerns.

His service was never just about Dysart, but also about the well-being of the community in which he served for nearly five decades of dedicated public service to the people of Haliburton as Reeve, Warden, Mayor, and above all, a man who loved his community. He left behind a legacy built on a lifetime of doing the work, and caring deeply for the place he called home. In his honour, you may consider planting a tree in Haliburton.

<https://www.communityfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Murray-Fearrey/1072246/memorial-tree>

<https://www.echovita.com/ca/obituaries/trees/21612874>

And just to keep everyone on their toes:



This giant 'toe-biter' water bug can cause 'excruciating pain' — Sightings of one of Canada's largest insects are popping up from Kitchener to Muskoka to Thunder Bay. While they usually steer clear of swimmers, stepping on one can lead to a very painful surprise.

[https://www.durhamregion.com/news/canada-giant-insect-ontario-waters/article\\_3ab2917e-49a5-59a1-98f9-faa71e0af0d0.html](https://www.durhamregion.com/news/canada-giant-insect-ontario-waters/article_3ab2917e-49a5-59a1-98f9-faa71e0af0d0.html)

And of course, a membership fee reminder. [to enter Bass Tournament, vote at AGM, Golf tournament]. Thanks for a great response to last email!

[Membership Form 2026.docx](#)

