

Steenburg Lake

"SHORELINE NEWS"

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Steenburg Lake Community Assoc.

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW UP:

DUMP: Seven cottagers attended the Aug 2nd meeting of the Tudor & Cashel Town Council meeting. Discussions resulted in a letter to be written to the Limerick Council setting forth various suggestions. This letter was to be ready for the Sept. Limerick Council meeting.

66' ROAD ALLOWANCE: Tudor Council will look into the matter further. Correspondence from the Planning boards suggest leasing rather than outright sale. Limerick Township will sell and application forms may be obtained at the town office. Filing fee is \$275.00 and the first 150 feet or less would cost \$125.00 and \$.50 per foot thereafter.

MOORES LANDING: Tudor Township has a 70' wide right-of-way. Road maintenance will look into building a boat ramp and make a roadway wide enough to turn a car around.

POISON IVY ON NORTH STEENBURG LAKE RD.: A large infestation has been discovered between cottages #13 and #23. This area was sprayed in August but it rained for the next two days. Another spraying will be required to kill the ivy.

DEVELOPMENT ON THE LAKE: In 1975 a proposal to allow a trailer and camp grounds to be developed was defeated based on the impact such an installation would have on the water quality of the lake. That same report indicated that the lake was developed at that time to the extent of 270% beyond its safe limit of 76 units. In recent years there has been continued severing and development going on. During August there was an ad for water front property on Steenburg Lake, water access only. This appears to be along the north side of Batemans Island and then there are the lots along the cove still to be built on. At the meeting Tom Little and Judie Hughes were to look into the issues surrounding continued development. A copy of the 1975 report was made available to them and we have started a program of monitoring the quality of the lake water. Our efforts to contain development will have to be directed to the Ministry of Environment.

LAKE BUOYS

Donny Fitzgibbon is now the buoy tender. If it is deemed necessary to have additional buoys because of low water in the lake please contact Ron Rampton.

OVERSIGHT

Director Ward Smith of Environment (cottage #163) was omitted from the list of current association officers that was printed in the Aug 10th issue of "Shoreline News"

88 CANVASSERS- A WORD OF THANKS

Groups 1-Jane Muckelstone	Groups 10-Ken Waddell
2-Tina Lloyd	11- Karen Garvin
3- Judie Hughes	12- Robert Wells
5- Steve Wood	13- Blanche Zylka
6-Olga Smid	14- Bob Boyce
7-Keitha Ward	15- John O'Brien
8- Bill Ackehurst	16- Eldora Pucyk
9- Marg & Wayne Hadley	17- Eileen Walsh

A vote of thanks for their efforts in keeping our Association alive and well. During next years canvass you will be asked some questions to better provide direction to your elected officers.

WATER QUALITY OF THE LAKE

A limited number of water samples (11 in total) were pulled from various locations around the lake during August and sent to the Public Health laboratory in Peterborough for analysis. The results generally were disturbing but not surprising if you consider the extent of development on the lake. The average counts for those samples were as follows:

<u>Total Coliform</u>	<u>Faecal Coliform</u>
27	14

Interpretation of these numbers

11 to > 160

1 to > 60

UNSAFE FOR DRINKING UNLESS BOILED OR TREATED

(To treat lake water by boiling requires a rolling boil for 20 minutes.)

The following paragraphs are from the Cottage Country Environmental magazine, a Govt. publication:

Bacteriological test on water are made primarily to determine the presence of organisms of the coliform group. These exist in the intestines of some warm-blooded animals (including humans) and are used as an index of the presence of fecal material.

The presence in any significant amount in water samples is an indicator of pollution, and the presence of other harmful pathogenic bacteria must be assumed until proved otherwise.

Conversely, the absence of coliforms is considered sufficient evidence of absence of pollution and indicates the water is suitable for drinking, bathing, etc., AT THE TIME OF SAMPLING, HOWEVER, NO SURFACE WATER IS RECOMMENDED FOR DRINKING EVEN THOUGH COLIFORMS ARE ABSENT. Surface water is considered to be water above the 25' depth.

Water Quality continued.....

A program will be set up next year wherein the lake water will be tested at various locations and intervals and the results published in the "Shoreline News".

TORONTO STAR DELIVERY

Sandra Waddell thanks her customers for their support during July and August. If Sandra does not continue the service next year she will try to find a replacement.

OPP JURISDICTION

Limerick Township is covered out of Bancroft while Tudor & Cashel is covered out the Madoc station.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

It is important the a large section of the voting public be heard from in the local elections, and that is the cottagers. It is possible for us to make an impact on the issues that affect us if we as a bloc can get to our local councils by getting people on those councils that will address our issues.

Paul Whittaker is running for Reeve in Tudor & Cashel Township. Your officers had a meeting with Paul and he has some very good thoughts on the issues that are before us right now. Paul has been a resident since 1974 and has had 3 years of previous experience on the council. Other involvements of Paul are:

- 10 year member of Pollution Probe
- 15 year member of Amnesty International
- Member of Moria River Authority

Please call him about your concerns at 474-2941. He will be pleased to hear from you and you can get a better feel for the quality of person that he is.

Attached are forms to be used for proxy voting and to register if you have never voted in the area before. Also listed are current member of both town councils and the polling dates. Let's get out the vote.

LABOR DAY EVENTS

Even though the weather was not great there was a good turn out for the three events:

Rock Bass Derby - 11 entered for a total of 161 fish taken. This makes a total of 395 trash fish removed from the lake this year by sponsored derbies.

1st place - Arthur Williamson (42) - prize- a Garcia pole

2nd place - Lorie Williamson(38) - prize - fish net

3rd place - Patrick Espeut(25) - prize - hook disgorger

Canoe Sprint Races: A total of ten entries

Junior Class - 1st - Team of Bridgett Dugan & Jeff Ray

Adult Class - 1st - Team of David & Jon Hughes

Senior Class - 1st - Team of Wayne & Jackie Rudd

Sailing Regatta: Total of 9 entries

Windsurfers - 1st place - Jeff Ray

Sailboats - 1st place - Lynda Williamson

Sunfish - 1st place - Jon Hughes

These events will be continued next year, earlier in the season and the possibility of an endurance canoe race to be included. Trophies were awarded for 1st place only.

Classified:

For Sale:

Electric Stove - 22", 4 burner Bond McClary good condition, asking price \$50.00.

Basement Windows, total of 9 - make an offer.

John Savage (#24) 474-5532.

Windows - French window 48" x 42" with screen and shutter - \$15.00. Attic or basement window, 20" x 37 1/4" with screen and shutter - \$10.00.

Bathroom sink with faucet and legs and wall mtg. brkt. \$15.00. **Medicine cabinet** - \$3.00, 2 folding boat seats, swivel - both for \$10.00.

Tom Hughes (#30) 474-5753.

Wanted:

Crib (to Canadian safety standards)

Colin Gadas 416-728-3357

Editors Note.....

This is our last issue for 1988. It was a great summer and the weather was perfect. It is a sad time when close-up rolls around and you have to put everything away for another year. Some lucky ones continue cottage joy right into the winter and I for one am going to get up at least once to see what the lake looks like in the middle of winter. If you have items of interest that you would like to be included in the 1989 issues please mail them to :Thomas Hughes, 6 Highview Trail, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534. Our first issue next year will be in June. See ya all next year.....



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CLERK-TREASURER

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ST. OLA ROAD

R.R.2, GILMOUR, ONTARIO K0L 1W0
PHONE (613)474-2863
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

REEVE & COUNCILLORS - TOWNSHIP OF LIMERICK

Wes Moffat	RR#2 Gilmour, Ont. KOL 1W0	COUNCILLOR
Reta Evans	RR#1 Coe Hill, Ont. KOL 1PO	COUNCILLOR
Ron Chapman	549 Sidney St. Belleville, Ont. K8P 484	COUNCILLOR
Gwen King	RR#2 Gilmour, Ont. KOL 1W0	COUNCILLOR
Clive Wilson	P.O. Box 38 RR#1 Coe Hill, Ont. KOL 1PO	REEVE

ADVANCE POLLS - November 5th (Saturday) 10:00 - 8:00 PM

November 10th (Thursday) 10:00 - 8:00 PM

ELECTION DAY - November 14th (Monday) 10:00 - 8:00 PM

2 Polling locations - Municipal Office & Limerick Community Ctr.

For the Municipality of TUDOR & CASHIEL

Municipality: _____ Name _____ Mailing Address _____ Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____

GILMOUR ONT. KOL 1WO

Reeve:

ARNOLD BURKITT

" " 474 5436

Deputy-Reeve:

GLENN COONEY

RR#1 " " 474 5495

Councillor:

JOHN GLENN

RR#1 " " 474 2649 ✓

Councillor:

DANNY PHILLIPS

RR#2 " " 474 2642

Councillor:

WANDA DONALDSON

RR#1 ELDORADO ONT KOK 1YO 473 4806

Clerk-Treasurer:

Andrew J. McInurey

RR#2 Gilmour Ont. KOL 1WO 474 2269 474 2583

Road Super:

T. BOYDE WALKER

RR#1 Gilmour Ont. KOL 1WO 474 5420 474 2798

C.V.C.A. Rep.

Edie Phillips - Gilmour Ont. 474-2928

Form 24

Municipal Elections Act (Section 67 (2))

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING PROXY

(Prepare in duplicate)

A person whose name is entered on the polling list for a polling subdivision in the municipality, using this form, may appoint as his voting proxy a person who is entitled to vote in the same municipality. Such proxies must be appointed and certified during the period after nomination day and up to and including polling day.

Municipality	
Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Surname of person appointing the proxy	Given Names
Full address of residence	Apt. No.

PERSON APPOINTED AS PROXY

Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Surname of Person Appointed	Given Names
Full address of residence	Apt. No.

I, the undersigned, a person whose name is entered on the polling list for the said polling subdivision in this municipality, do hereby appoint the person named above as my voting proxy at the elections now pending in this municipality.

.....
Name of witness print)

.....
(signature of person appointing the proxy)

.....
(signature of witness)

.....
(date appointed)

A PROXY MUST NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE POLL UNLESS CERTIFIED BY THE CLERK, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON POLLING DAY.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the person named above as appointing the proxy is qualified to vote in the first named polling subdivision and that the person so appointed is a duly qualified elector in this municipality and is authorized to act for the said person appointing him.

.....
(signature of clerk)

.....
(date certified)

Copy Distribution: original to be taken to the poll by proxy voter; copy to be retained by clerk

ORAL OATH OF VOTING PROXY AT THE POLL

I swear or solemnly affirm:

That I am the person named as voting proxy in this appointment presented at the said poll; and

That I am voting in good faith on behalf of the person named above who made the appointment.

APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION of name or CORRECTION of entry

ON THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS

Indicate (X) in the appropriate boxes above and below beside the facts applicable to the applicant.

Ward No.	Polling Subdivision No.
Municipality	
Surname of Applicant	Given Names
Full Address of Residence	Apt. No.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident in municipality | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of owner of land in municipality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner of land in municipality | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of tenant of land in municipality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant of land in municipality | <input type="checkbox"/> Public school elector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separate school elector | |

If application is for corrections — state correct information:

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If non-resident — state location or description of property in municipality:

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I, the undersigned applicant, hereby state that I am a Canadian Citizen or other British Subject, that I have attained the age of eighteen years or on or before polling day will attain the age of eighteen years, and that I was during the qualification period for electors entitled to be an elector in accordance with the facts or information submitted above which I believe to be true and I hereby apply to have my name included or the corrections made in the preliminary list of electors in accordance with such facts or information.

.....
 Signature of applicant

.....
 Date of application

If this signed application is submitted by an agent of the applicant, the agent shall endorse as follows:

I hereby declare that I am the agent for the applicant named herein and on his behalf I submit this application signed by him.

.....
 Signature of agent — if applicable

THE FOLLOWING TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CLERK OR ASSISTANT REVISING OFFICER

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

I hereby certify that the preliminary list of electors for the said polling subdivision in this municipality has been amended in accordance with the above statement of facts.

.....
 Signature of clerk

.....
 Date certified

OR
 Assistant Revising Officer

Indicate (X) if application refused — state reasons

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Refused by — Initials

Date

67(5) Proxy - certificate - to receive from Clerk

A person who has been appointed a voting proxy may apply to the clerk not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of polling day to receive a certificate to vote by proxy for the polling subdivision in which the person appointing the voting proxy is entitled to vote.

Polling day - Monday, November 14, 1988 (ss. 11(1)).

67(6) Proxy - evidence - oath may be required - certificate issued

The clerk may take evidence on oath as the right of the person appointing the voting proxy to vote in the polling subdivision upon the list for which his name is entered and as to the qualification of the voting proxy, and, if he finds that the person appointing the voting proxy is duly qualified and that the voting proxy is authorized to act for the person appointing him, he shall give a certificate in prescribed form across the face of the appointment of the voting proxy to that effect.

67(7) Proxy - one only - per person - per election

Not more than one voting proxy may be appointed on behalf of any person at any election.

67(8) Proxy - to take oath - before voting

A ballot shall not be delivered to a person who claims to vote as a voting proxy unless he produces his appointment as a voting proxy to the deputy returning officer with the certificate of the clerk thereon as provided in subsection (6) and takes the prescribed oath.

67(9) Proxy - certificate - filed with Clerk

Where a voting proxy has voted, the deputy returning officer shall file the appointment of the voting proxy and the certificate of his appointment given by the clerk with the election papers and return them to the clerk in the envelope provided for that purpose.

Municipal World Form 1267, Envelope for voting proxy.

67(10) Proxy - may vote in own right

A person who has been appointed as a voting proxy is entitled to vote in his own right in the municipality notwithstanding that he has voted as a voting proxy. R.S.O. 1980, c. 308, s. 67.

affix his seal to the ballot box in such a manner that it cannot be opened and any ballots be deposited in it without breaking the seals and the deputy returning officer shall forthwith deliver it, along with all other election documents used at the poll, personally to the clerk for safekeeping.

67(4) Ballot box - opening - on regular polling day

On the regular polling day for an election, after the close of polling, the deputy returning officer shall, in the presence of such candidates for office at the election or their scrutineers as are present at the hour fixed for the closing of the poll, open the ballot boxes for the advance poll, count the votes and perform all other duties required of deputy returning officers by this Act. R.S.O. 1980, c. 308, s. 66.

PROXY VOTING**67(1) Any qualified person - may vote by proxy**

Any person whose name is entered in the polling list for a polling subdivision who has obtained a certificate under section 33 may vote by proxy in the polling subdivision. 1988, c. 33, s. 6.

67(2) Proxy - appointment - persons eligible

Any person who is entitled to vote by proxy under subsection (1) may appoint in writing in the prescribed form as his voting proxy any other person who is eligible as an elector in the municipality. R.S.O. 1980, c. 308, s. 67.

Municipal World Form 1220, Form 24, Appointment of voting proxy; Municipal World Formule 1220F, Formule 24A, Nomination d'un mandataire.

67(3) Proxy - to act for one person only - exception

A voting proxy may not act as a voting proxy for more than one person voting by proxy except where the person voting by proxy is the parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister or spouse of the voting proxy, in which case a voting proxy may act for more than one such person voting by proxy. 1985, c. 4, ss. 9(2).

67(4) Proxy - appointment - time for

An appointment of a person as a voting proxy is not valid unless it is made after nomination day and does not remain in force after polling day.

Nomination day - Monday October 17, 1988 (ss. 35(1)). Polling day - Monday November 14, 1988 (ss. 11(1)).

GENERAL INFORMATION ON COMMON LOONS

There are four species of loons. Of the three that breed in Ontario, only the Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) is found south of James Bay. Common Loons breed on freshwater lakes, but spend the winter mainly along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States.

The Common Loon is larger than most ducks. Its dark head is large, and its bill is heavy and straight. A vertically shaped band marks the neck. The back is boldly speckled white on black, the breast is white, and the eyes are red. The loon's shape is quite similar to that of other ducks called mergansers, but the plumage of the Common Loon and its dark head identify it from other species.



Breeding distribution
of the Common Loon.



Common Loon in flight.

Loons eat mainly fish. Favoured prey are perch, suckers, bullheads, sunfish, smelt and minnows. When fish are few or not present, loons will eat frogs, salamanders, crayfish, snails, clams, leeches and aquatic plants. Loons capture their food underwater. Their legs are placed far back on their body making them very fast swimmers, but clumsy on land. The nest is usually located right next to the water, on a small island or on a mound of vegetation in a marsh. One or two eggs are laid, and the young leave the nest within a day of hatching.

Some other interesting facts about Common Loons are:

- 1) Loons are solitary nesters and small lakes never hold more than one pair. On a larger lake, pairs may take over different bays.
- 2) Birds are paired when they arrive at breeding grounds in May. They possibly mate for life. There is a strong fidelity to the nest site, with a loon pair probably returning to the same site each year. If a member of the pair dies, the other will most likely find a new mate.
- 3) It is very difficult to tell male loons from females. If you observe a pair mating, the male will be on top. If you hear a loon giving the distinctive yodel call, that is also a male. There are no differences in plumage and only very slight differences in size.
- 4) The average life expectancy of the loon is 15 to 30 years.
- 5) Loons have been clocked flying at speeds over 160 km per hour. There are reports of dives by loons in excess of 61 metres, but they are more likely to dive up to about 30 metres.

6) Loons have solid bones (most birds have hollow bones) to enable them to dive deeply. Common Loons average 4.5 kg in weight. The typical loon is about 0.8 metres in length with a wingspread of 1.3 metres.

7) Loons incubate their eggs an average of 28 days, but incubation can run from 25 to 33 days. The eggs are turned with the loon's bill at irregular intervals. Both male and female take part in nest building and incubation.

8) Predators on loon eggs include raccoons, muskrats, gulls and bears. Loons may lay another clutch of eggs if the first is lost to predators.

9) Small chicks will ride on the parents back. This is primarily to protect against heat loss in the water, but also serves as protection from underwater predators (snapping turtles and large fish) or overwater predators (gulls and eagles).

The Status of the Common Loon in North America

Most of the breeding range of the Common Loon is in Canada, and it is absent here only in the High Arctic, the open plains of the prairie provinces and the heavily settled parts of Ontario. Most of the breeding range overlaps with the less-populated parts of the country which have many lakes suitable for breeding. Therefore, the Common Loon is not threatened or endangered in Canada as a whole. It does however face a variety of threats locally.

The breeding population of the Common Loon in the United States is much smaller than that of Canada. The Common Loon is generally considered extirpated (or no longer found) as a breeding species in Washington, Oregon, California, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania. In the Pacific northwest states there have been increasing reports of summer sightings of Common Loons. It is believed that in Washington, Oregon and California they may be beginning to, or are already nesting in areas of historical occupancy.

In Minnesota, the Common Loon population is estimated at 10,000 loons, but some lakes have shown declines in loon presence. A volunteer survey in Wisconsin in 1985 counted 180 adults and 38 chicks on 190 lakes. The population of Common Loons in the state was estimated to be approximately 2334 adults and 491 young. Surveys in Michigan have estimated that the number of loon pairs has risen from 225 to 275 in the last four years.

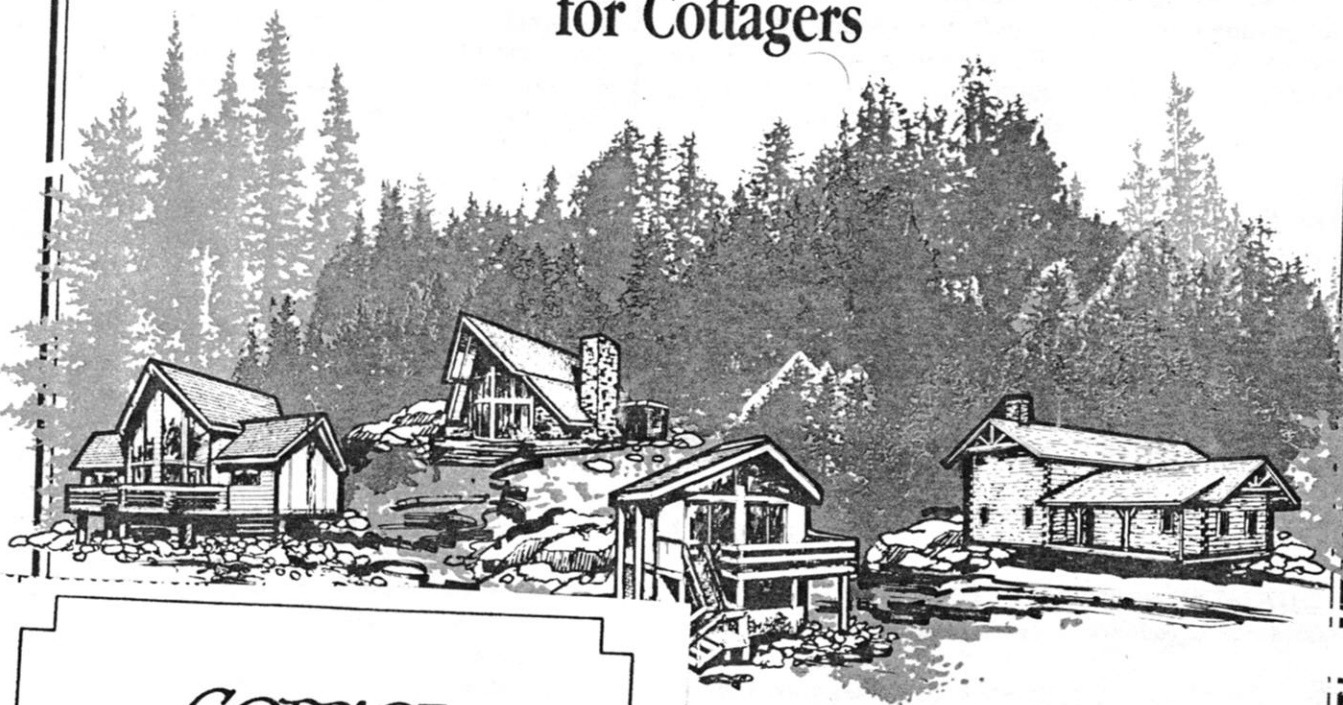
In the state of New York the Common Loon population has been restricted to the Adirondack region since the early 1900's, with a 1963 population estimate of 240 pairs. Recent data suggests that the population is stationary or slightly increasing with approximately 216-220 breeding pairs.

The Common Loon is an endangered species in Vermont with 12 nesting pairs found in 1987, and a population of approximately 69 loons. In New Hampshire, the Loon Preservation Committee has been working to stop the state's loon population decline. In 1987, 410 loons were counted. The committee has a volunteer network of 4000 people!

The Maine Common Loon population estimate is 3498 adults, but this is probably an underestimate. And, in Massachusetts, Common Loons have recolonized parts of the state after extirpation nearly a century ago. In 1987, 10 territorial pairs were reported in the state.

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for Cottagers



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