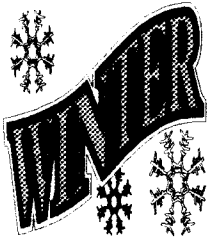


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Fall 1995

Steenburg Lake Community Association
Member of Crowe Valley Presidents Association &
Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations

37 th Year



Association
Membership - 163

8 New cottage owners
on the lake during the
95 season.

Members have not
responded to the
Survey or Waste
disposal update. Only
22 received to date.
The board needs this
information for its mid-
winter meeting, also
the forms add weight
for mailing which
means additional
expense. Please
complete and mail and
be done with it.
Thank you



Association Officers & Lead Directors

Officers

President - Tom Quinn
Treasurer - Colin Gaddas
Recording Secretary - Glenda Cox
Corresponding Sec. --Tom Hughes

Lead Directors

Membership - Barb Rockwell
Social - Rick & Diane Burke
Municipal Affairs - Tom Little
Natural Resources & Environment -
Griff Lloyd
Historians - Sandra & Bill Dafoe

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Membership Survey
Waste Disposal Survey
Facts On Cottagers
Environ. & Natural Resources
Dangers For Loons

DEATH NOTICE

Viola O'Krafka, (cottage #182) Tuesday,
September 12, 1995 at the Trenton Memorial
Hospital. She is survived by her sister Olive
Jacoby who also lost her husband this summer
at the lake. The "Bird" sisters are long time
summer residents of the lake. Viola will be
sadly missed. Memorials to the St. George's
Memorial Fund or the Heart and Stroke
Foundation.

A Message From The President

Winter 1995 - 1996

Two things we can all be certain of*death and taxes.* The proposed Market Value Assessment proposal to determine property taxes based on 1992 market value is of **immediate concern to all cottagers.** Representatives from various cottage and ratepayers associations attended a meeting for the County of Hastings in Belleville in mid-September when the council was asked to vote on the question of county-wide reassessment based on the 1992 market value assessment proposal. Council agreed to table the project at that time but it was noted that the issue may be introduced some time in the near future. According to the most recent reports, of the 27 municipalities in the county, 15 are in favor of proceeding, 11 are opposed and 1 is undecided. It would seem that a majority vote will be a certainty.

In reality this means that if Market Value Assessment for rural counties is approved, cottagers will be assessed at the same mill rate as the residential/farm/industrial properties based on the 1992 Market Value Assessment. This could have a serious financial impact on Steenburg Lake cottage dwellers. It could increase property taxes for cottagers up to as much as 12.1%. Although we would be assessed at the same mill rate as residential, farm and industrial properties, services (eg.: roading clearing, garbage pick-up, police protection services, etc.) would not be

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Presidents message continued.....

provided to the cottage areas. Cottagers are already paying substantial taxes in support of the county school system, welfare, etc. Where is the justification?

The proposal is a very unfair method of assessing vacation properties. What can we do? I guess we can demand equal services for equal payments. Can we expect this? Very unlikely ... just another tax grab with no funding available to provide the very services we should expect. Now is *the time to be proactive!* Call your Reeve-/MPP in Hastings County as well as your local MPP (your principal residence), and voice your opinion....take the initiative now or be prepared to pay more taxes in 1996! (More information on page 5)

• *Arnold Burkitt, Reeve, Township of Tudor Cashel - Tel (613) 474-2583.*

• *Clive Wilson, Reeve, Limerick Township- Tel. (613) 474-0478*

• *Harry Danford, .MPP Hastings County - Tel. (613) 473-2001*

You've heard the depressing news -- now, the good news! The leaves have turned, the Fall colours at the lake were spectacular, and the Christmas Season is just around the corner.

Please have a safe, happy, Holiday Season. See you next year!

Thomas J. Quinn
President

McGeachie Conservation Area *by Barb Rockwell*

The summer contract staff at the McGeachie Conservation area have been working on the Draft Master Plan. Completed to date is the "Background and Inventory"; the "Market Feasibility Study" should be completed by December.

Trails were developed and they are planning to construct a bridge over the creek. The steering committee will meet again when the above items are complete,

A walk through the trails this past summer convinced me of the heritage that is being passed on.

Welcome to Our New Neighbors on Steenburg Lake *by Barb Rockwell*

#17 - Rich & Margot Whitley from Kingston and their 2 children, ages 4 and 2 with a third due in January 1996.

#49.3 - Dave & Anne Voth from Ajax and their 2 children, Jacob 4 and Curtis 2 .

#49.4 - John & Pat Ayers from Newcastle and their family, 5 grandchildren ages 1 through 7.

#73 - Brian & Pat Taylor from Oshawa and their 2 adult sons.

#121 - Danny & Cathy Traicus from Toronto and their daughter 17 and son 10.

#125 - Cynthia Thompson & Garry Del Bel Belluz from Weston. *

#130 - Paul & Donna Fletcher from Scarborough *

#173 - 174 - Carl & June Seeley from Trenton and their three married children and 7 grandchildren ages 4 - 14.

To Those Who Rent Out Cottages On The Lake

Several concerns have surfaced relative to renters. The following information should be made available to your renter:

Provide them with a landfill permit and let them know where the landfill is located.

Let them know what the hours of the landfill are ie. LimerickTownship:

Wed., Sat., Sun. and Holidays

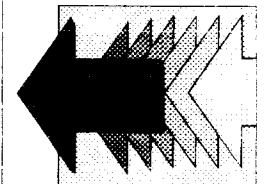
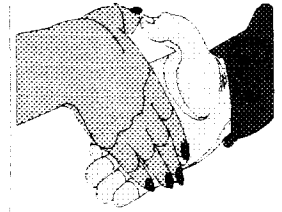
May through August - 1pm - 8pm

Sept. through April - 11:00am - 4:30pm

Advise them that Bass season does not open up until the last Saturday in June. Too many pre-season anglers this past season and the majority were identified as being renters.

Explain the "NO FIRE" advisory relative to camp fires and burning brush.

Most people if so notified will appreciate the information .





Life On A Small Lake

Bancroft Times - Sept. 1995

by Betty Ross

Many prospective cottagers are drawn to property on small lakes. Often the price is right - less than on large bodies of water. The scenery is appealing, and there is the comfort of safety, knowing you are never far from land when storms ruffle the water.

Some cottagers then forget that it is a small lake. Promptly they will buy an impressive boat powered by a motor suitable for Lake Ontario or Georgian Bay, not for a lake less than two miles long and one quarter to one half mile wide.

Sea doos and jet skis are fast and fun. Cottagers, if they have the money and the inclination, can legally buy or rent as many of these as they want for family and visitors. Personal watercraft speeding up and down and around the lake, shattering the peace, eroding the shoreline, may be tremendous fun, but not so safe for small boats and swimmers and they are comparable to blackflies and mosquitoes to sane and considerate cottagers on the shore.

Of ninety cottagers on a lake, perhaps only five or ten will abuse the lake in the above fashion. All cottagers have the right to safety, the proper use of the water and a reasonable measure of quiet.

Why couldn't a safe, permissible rate of speed and power be determined by the number of acres or hectares of a lake's surface?

Cottages For Sale Around The Lake

- #5 - Hamm
- #6 - Madden
- #49.2 - Haroutunian (lot)
- #117 - Nadeau/Landry
- #131 - Wells
- #137 - Braccia
- #140 - Suthers
- #148 - Fitzgibbon
- #181 - Pucyk
- #204 - Wynn (Island)

Deer Mice and Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) in Canada

Dead deer mice, their nests, droppings and items contaminated by droppings or urine can harbour a virus, causing a disease in humans. Safe cleanup procedures will become increasingly important for cottagers who often cohabit with mice. Disinfect items with household bleach and place in a plastic bag before disposing by burying or burning. If disinfecting an area (for example, a nesting site), soak the area with disinfectant, cover with paper towels and leave for 30 minutes before removal. Wear rubber gloves for protection and dispose of the gloves and any utensils in the same manner. Wash hands with soap and water to catch any residual contamination.

Human infection is thought to occur through inhaling infective saliva or droppings as well as from the disturbance of dried materials already contaminated by mice excreta. Therefore, try to limit the amount of dust created when cleaning up.

The disease, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) is serious with a 52% fatality rate. In Canada, only 7 cases have been diagnosed (103 cases in the U.S.). The cases are in Western Canada and two were fatal. However, infected deer mice (with the *Sin nombre* virus) have recently been identified in Ontario - near Algonquin Park. The same disease is also caused by another virus found in white-footed mice who exist in Ontario (although infected mice have not been reported).

It is recommended that cottagers take the suggested precautions, seriously. Good cleanup practices will be important for the future should the virus spread among the mice populations.

(Source: Jim Taylor, FOCA Environment Committee and *Fatal Disease Spread By Rodents*, OH&S Canada, March/April 1995)

Environment & Natural Resources

by Griff Lloyd

Water Clarity - Self Help Program of MOE

14 testings were done on a weekly basis this summer, checking water clarity and chlorophyll count. Results for 1995 will not be available until 1996. The 1994 results are as follows: (All readings are mean average)

Water clarity	Chlorophyll A
4.2 meters (1994)	2.6 (1994)
4.0 meters (1993)	1.8 (1993)
4.6 meters (1992)	3.2 (1992)
4.2 meters (1991)	2.1 (1991)

Steenburg has participated in this program since 1976.

Recreational Water Quality (Public Beach)

Checked weekly by the County Health Unit from May 24th through the end of August.

Again figures are mean average and represent E Coli parts per 100ml with 10 being the lowest reportable value.

1995 - 11.91	1993 - 10.32
1994 - 14.74	1992 - 11.12

Fishing

The MNR have no plans for future stocking of Steenburg Lake. It is a large and small mouth fishing lake and this past summer did produce some excellent catches although the number were down. Your canvasser provided you with a form to record the catches made by your fishermen so the fishery can be monitored. It was quite discouraging to receive only 3 records from around the lake. You will receive the form again in 1996 - please try to be a little more helpful and zealous in recording your catches.

Splake have been seen but not often. The MNR states that there is sufficient natural food in Steenburg that Splake are not taking the lures.

MNR confirmed that they did an analysis on the 10 lb. lake trout caught last summer in the lake. They are unable to determine if trout are reproducing or not, but there have been sightings of trout spawning and if this is true MNR will be monitoring for the next few years to see if they are able to reproduce after years of dormancy.

Septic Systems

We appreciate the time some of you have taken to submit up-to-date information on your sewage and drainage systems. This information enables us to update our data base. This information allows us to show what the community effort is to maintain the quality of the lake water. Dave Montrose is the Hastings & Price Edward Health inspector out of Bancroft and is most co-operative and reasonable should you be having a problem with your system.

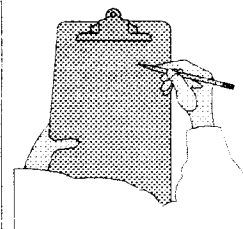
Membership

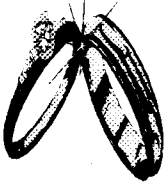
by Barb Rockwell

Association dues were discussed at the September meeting of the Association Board and it was voted to **increase dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00 starting with the 1996 season.** This was done with reluctance but unfortunately our expenses warrant it (see the financial statement with this newsletter). You are encouraged to mail in your dues over the winter. It greatly helps with the cash flow situation and the canvassers in that it eliminates them carrying around money, having change and getting it back to me. Please consider prepaying your dues. Mail to: Barb Rockwell, RR#2, PO Box 325, Gilmour, Ont., K0L 1W0.

I am always looking for canvassers to assist in the visiting of each cottage over the summer. There is simply no other positive way of accomplishing this important task. The scope is to visit ten cottages. I provide all the information and forms that you will need. Please consider volunteering as a canvasser.

Mug shot of the board after the September meeting. It may help you recognize us.





Another Marriage for Stecnburg Cottagers

Bob & Gabe Punkari (#60) were married July 12, 1995 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Ed & Doris Punkari (previous owners) attended the ceremony and our daughter Amanda enjoyed munching on Fruit Loops while rings were

Vandalism/Breakins

Punkari's (#60) - A Johnson 9.9HP outboard stolen just before Thanksgiving closing weekend. Model CJ10RESC. Serial # C8484387.73085-1. Reward offered! Motor was locked on boat and forced off! Beware! Robert Punkari, 418 Wilson Rd. N., Oshawa, Ont. , (905) 433-1189 .

Reil (#14) - Cottage & work shop broken into, 2nd time this year.

Little (#15) - Cottage broken into - TV and fans stolen, 2nd time this year. (*see note below)

CLASSIFIED

For Sale

1988 Ski-Doo Citation
Excellent condition, electric start, hand & thumb warmers, back rest - \$1,500

1987 Ski-Doo Citation
Good condition, rebuilt engine, excellent running, electric start, hand warmers, backrest - \$1,200

1987 Ski-Doo Citation
Electric Start, hand warmers, in running condition - \$600

Above at cottage #129, 474-2815 or home
613-962-9896

Meyers Shallow well pump and tank -
\$125.00. 716-248-5192 (winter)
613-474-5753 (summer)

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From the Bancroft Times, Tues. Sept. 19, 1995

County Wide Market Value Assessment

Were all the 1984 market values in the townships not the same? What then accounts for the great differences in the catch-up rates from the same base year? What assurances do ratepayers have that the new 1992 figures reflect a true market value on their properties - given the locales with greater services versus the limited access to services in rural communities? Are part time home or cottage owners equally assessed with permanent dwellings, even though their properties may be inaccessible in the winter?

Many have not had time to analyse the study enough to know what questions to ask.

The one constant that seems to appear to anyone who has taken the time to wade through these figures, is that rate increases in the higher density areas, have been slight or gone down, while the rates have risen disproportionately in the lower populated areas of the north which take in about seventeen of the twenty-seven Townships in the County.

Add your voice of dissent before it is too late!!!!

* By the way , if you hear of anyone who came up with a new 20" Citizen colour TV, or three fans in September, they may have been stolen from my cottage. My neighbours, the Reils, also lost an electric koutboard motor, chain saw and other equipment at the same time. Maybe after 40 years on the lake with no incidents something like this is bound to occur. At least whoever did it shut the doors before leaving.

Tom Little

DANGERS FOR LOONS

by Kit Chubb

Toxic lead sinkers

Our highest priority is loons, and our greatest concern is their encounters with fishing equipment. The fatal ingestion of lead sinkers is particularly disturbing, as this unpleasant death can be completely eliminated by the use of non-toxic weights. Loons get the sinker by striking at bait minnows or swallowing "the fish that got away" bedangled with fisherman's adornments; they gulp their prey swiftly, and in the gizzards we often find accompanying hardware. The soft lead is eroded in the muscular, acidic gizzard and absorbed into the bloodstream, giving the loon a continuous infusion of toxin till it is too weak to fly, then too weak to dive, and finally too moribund to resist being picked up. Believe me, a healthy loon resists being handled!

Over 35 species of birds have been killed by lead sinkers. It is estimated that at least 368 metric tonnes of fishing lead is lost in Canadian marine and freshwater each year.

We at ACRF anticipate lead. Over 20% of our Common Loon admissions are lead - poisoned. In collaboration with the National Wildlife Research Centre of the Canadian Wildlife Service, we take bloods for lead and mercury assays. Our loon protocol: X-ray, weight & measure & exam, waterproofing check in indoor pool, photographs. Then treat, or band & release immediately, or euthanasia & post-mortem, saving gizzard contents.

Hooks and lines

All fishing equipment kills. Trailing line tangles wings or legs, cutting off circulation, knots around beaks, causing starvation, or pulls unmercifully on hooks that are imbedded in the esophagus or gizzard, causing ruptures that spill decomposing fish and pebbles into the inner body cavities. Hooks, made with iron, rust and break up reasonably quickly in the strong gastric acid; if a line is trailing

from the beak and a hook, but no sinker, is seen on X-ray, we just cut the line short. However, hooks do sometimes kill by piercing the gizzard, or by "migrating", causing abscesses.

Other causes of trauma:

Loons are shot in all seasons: they get run over by motorboat propellers: and occasionally, we suspect that some stab-like wounds are caused by territorial aggression. Most of the dreadful suffering we see here are attributable to recreational fishing. Sometimes the injuries are old, and in their turn those injuries kill by causing infection, starvation, pneumonia and opportunistic diseases such as aspergillosis, a fungal infection fatal to birds.

Other hazards to the loon family:

Besides oil spills, mercury, acid rain, botulism, pesticide pollution, artificial waterlevel changes, and commercial nets, human encroachment is destructive. Boats may separate parents from a chick, causing its loss, and frequent interruption may prevent the transfer of small fish from parent to chick, leading to malnutrition. Motorboat wakes can roll eggs out of those low-lying nests. Boaters, even canoeists, may frighten brooding adults into the water, leaving eggs unprotected from overheating, chilling or predators.

Natural predators

Crows and Herring-gulls take eggs and small chicks opportunistically (i.e. when the parents are distracted, usually by humans) but the worst ravager is the raccoon on its nocturnal rambles, for even the best defence of the loon is no match for this creature. The floating artificial nest-raft often prevents raccoon predation, because though they can swim, they don't usually go that far.

Effect of pollutant toxins

All fish-eaters are affected to some degree by mercury, DDE, DDT, PCBs, Mirex etc. because it is concentrated in

the fish. A quarter of ACRF loons are "land-landers", crashing on highways, dirt roads, orchards, skating-rings, ditches, fields and even the Peace Bridge. These loons *appear* reasonably healthy, but what made them chose a potential death-sentence when they can only fly from a large tract of water? It suggests they are troubled by something unrecognized - impaired visio, co-ordination or judgement, perhaps caused by sublethal levels of pollutants.

Eggs and hatchlings

About loons eggs and hatchlings apparently "abandoned." Sometimes, a separated chick can be reunited with its parents by a person, but the safest course is usually to leave it undisturbed. Trust loon parents to know what they are doing! A truly deserted egg may be infertile or the chick too ill to survive. *To be normally, imprinted loon chicks can only be raised by loons.*

How You Can Help.

Educate! Call, write, visit: school, local newspapers, Scouts, Cubs and Guides, fishing resorts, family campgrounds, Rod & Reel Clubs, local fishing guides, women's groups: ladies don't fish much but they have clout with those that do! Buy & distribute non-toxic samples. Promote non-toxic sinkers in local bait shops / hardware. Buy or make waterproof signs & post at popular fishing sites. Encourage the use of barbless hooks for return-the-catch fishermen. Patrol shores and beaches to gather and destroy monofilament line. Build a floating raft (consult local naturalists, find plans in a library, or ask us.)

(Note from the Editor: Kit Chubb runs the Avian Care & Research Foundation in Verona, Ontario 1-613-374-2923. It is a charitable organization that looks after injured wild birds - birds of prey, loons and herons [not other waterfowl]. Kit also writes a nature column for the Kingston Whi Standard newspaper and has published *The Avian Ark*, detailing her early experiences with wildlife.)

WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

FAST FACTS ON COTTAGERS AND COTTAGING

Recreational properties in Ontario have a long tradition that goes back to the turn of this century and beyond. These second homes include water front properties, hobby farms, hunt camps, woodland retreats and trailer parks - almost any rural habitat used as a getaway from a primary residence.

Water front properties are scattered across the province. They include seasonal residences, permanent homes, trailers and camps. An increasing number are used year round. Collectively and colloquially their owners are referred to as "cottagers" and they contribute significantly to the character and economy of this province.

A number of studies have been done on cottagers

and cottaging trends. In 1951, Roy Wolfe completed a study for his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Toronto titled: "Summer Cottagers In Ontario". Wolfe's findings were confirmed and updated in a 1979 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources study titled: "Cottages and Cottagers".

To provide current information, The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) has compiled the following figures, based on recent data available from Ontario Hydro, Stats Can and Cottage Life Magazine and a 1988 "Profile of FOCA & Cottagers" paper prepared by the FOCA Taxation Committee as well as regional studies conducted by two of Ontario's largest water front property owner associations, Lake of The Woods and Muskoka Lakes.

SECOND HOMES

- The number of recreational/vacation properties in Ontario: about 500,000.
- This means that to 1 in 20 Ontario homes are 2nd homes.
- Total number of electors with 2nd homes: about 1 million.

WATER FRONT/COTTAGE PROPERTIES

- There are an estimated 250,000 permanent/seasonal water front properties in Ontario.
- Estimated *minimum* average expenditure per cottage family: **\$5,000 per annum** (includes only dollars spent in that locality: taxes, groceries, gas, construction, maintenance & repairs, purchase of capital goods, entertainment, etc.)
- Estimated annual economic impact of water front property owners on rural Ontario communities: at least **\$1 billion to \$1.25 billion**.
- Water front property owners are taxpayers who have chosen to spend a large portion of their discretionary income in Ontario rather than taking it out of the country.

COTTAGER STATS

- 91.3% of cottagers own their own principle residence with a combined value of home and cottage averaging \$520,000.
- the average annual household income is \$77,500.
- the average number of family members who use the cottage regularly is 6.5.
- cottagers own over 500,000 boats of all kinds, making them the largest single boating group in the province.
- cottager's spend \$177 million on outboards and recreational vehicles each year.
- each year, 27.7% of non-commercial trips in Ontario are to a private cottage.
- cottagers, friends & relatives spend more than 33 million nights/year at Ontario cottages.
- over 50% of cottagers use them in the winter and own over 84,000 snowmobiles.
- 70.4% of cottagers own more than one automotive vehicle.

TREASURE'S REPORT FOR
4TH NOVEMBER 1995

Balance: \$3,976.69

Income:

Memberships (165)	3,300.00	
Donations to Assoc.	16.76	
Sale of T Shirst & Hats	148.50	
Bar Profit - Annual Mtg.	29.45	
Interest	3.20	
(1) 1994 membership	20.00	
Donations-Hastings Est.		
Development effort	<u>650.00</u>	
Total		\$4,107.91

Expenses:

Shipping & Postage (including newsletters)	745.55	
Phone calls	52.95	
Copying & Printing	40.76	
Stationery	167.44	
F.O.C.A. Memberships	300.00	
Mtg. attendance - FOCA	60.00	
Hall Rental for Mtg.	100.00	
Prizes: Fishing Derby & Regatta	237.27	
Rock Markers (In & Out)	200.00	
BBQ Expenses	65.70	
Association Insurance	490.32	
Registration of Assoc. with Prov. Govt.	25.00	
Annual dinner tickets for Murray Mountney	9.00	
Shorline News Delivery	60.00	
Bank Charges	16.32	
Payment for Hastings development effort	4,073.47	

Total Expenses: \$5,643.82

Balance on Hand: \$1,440.78

I state this to be an accurate Statement

Colin Gaddas

Social Committee

by Diane Burke

Thank you for your support over the past year. We look forward to your continued participation in the 1996 season - watch for details of upcoming events in the spring newsletter. Wishing all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Municipal Affairs

by Tom Little

We are now one year into life with our new council in Limerick Township, and in general are pleased with the relationship established between the association and council. In September we had the opportunity to meet with councillors informally and review issues of importance to our members. This information - sharing identified a wide range of concerns, from possible development of the old lodge property to the need for a source of drinking water. We emphasized that we will work with council over the next two years to produce as many solutions as possible. We did express our disappointment on one point - that council did not oppose a severance application to Hastings County for the back part of the old lodge property - and hope that we were able to make it clear that the Association will use the approved lake capacity study to fight any severance within 1000 feet of the water unless it can be clearly demonstrated that it poses no injury to the lake. Our thanks go to Barb Rockwell for volunteering to attend Limerick Council meetings over the fall, winter and spring to monitor discussions on our behalf. (If anyone has knowledge of what is happening in Tudor Cashel which is relevant to Steenburg Lake, I would appreciate knowing about it.)

Our focal point in Municipal Affairs remains the monitoring of possible development of the old lodge property on the north road. The ownership has changed, the property continues to be listed for sale, and we are still committed to ensuring that no action is taken which endangers our lake and the surrounding environment. As long as the waterfront part of the property is zoned commercial, and the back part rural, we face the prospect of something happening which is contrary to the interest of our members. The new owner, Bill Daniels, has indicated that he wants to work co-operatively with the Association, and your president Tom Quinn and I have had a chance to meet with him and set out the Association's position. (To his credit, Mr. Daniels did not proceed with his severance application for the back part of the lodge property when advised by Hastings County of our opposition.) We will keep you posted regarding further development.

Your committee also continues to promote the completion of a sub-watershed study through the Crowe Valley Conservation authority as another potential avenue for protecting the lake and its environs.

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAWS

This organization shall be known as the Steenburg Lake Community Association and is organized for the following purposes, to wit:

- A. To protect the interests of Steenburg Lake property owners and to foster co-operation with township officials.**
- B. For mutual assistance of its members and to better social relationships.**

1. Membership

Membership in the Association shall be available to all property owners and their immediate families whose property borders on Steenburg Lake.

2. Associate Membership

Individuals and their families who rent cottages on Steenburg Lake and are interested in the aims and objectives of the association may apply for associate membership after 3 years of consecutive summer residence (two weeks per summer minimum) at Steenburg Lake.

3. Honorary Membership

By action of the Executive Committee, honorary membership may be awarded to a member of the association who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, has rendered valuable assistance or worthy enterprise to the lake community, or who has been in residence for 50 consecutive years (two weeks per summer minimum).

4. Privileges

A. Any member of the family of a property owner shall be eligible for any office in the association, save that of President. This office shall be held by a property owner. Property owners shall have the only voting rights but may confer proxy privileges on a member of their family or may express their wishes by mail to the Recording Secretary when a vote is scheduled.

B. In all other respects the entire membership shall enjoy equal privileges.

5. Officers

a) The officers of the association shall be President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Lead Directors.

b) Any officer may be suspended for cause by a two-thirds majority vote at any general meeting of the association.

c) There shall be four standing committees, each chaired by an elected Lead Director. Membership on those committees shall be composed of volunteers from association members. Committee size shall be determined by Lead Director of that committee. Those committees are: Membership, Social, Municipal Affairs, and Natural Resources/Environment.

6. Elections

a) The officers shall be elected at a general meeting and shall hold office for three years. Elections shall be staggered with up to three new officers elected each year.

b) Candidates may volunteer from the floor. Nominations from the floor must have consent of the individual prior to being nominated.

c) No officer may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office.

7. Meetings

a) A general meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time but not less than once each fiscal year.

b) Specific meetings for specific purposes may be held at any time and place at the call of the President or on written demand of at least ten percent of the property owners.

c) A quorum for the purpose of transacting business at a general meeting of the association shall consist of a majority of officers plus members (or their authorized representatives) of not less than 20 percent of the total membership. Each cottage has one vote by a property owner or a written authorization for another family member to register that cottage's vote.

d) Motions shall be passed by a majority vote of all authorized members present or in written proxy at a general meeting.

e) Accepted parliamentary procedure shall be followed at all general, executive or committee meetings of the association.

8. Committees

Special committees shall be established by the Executive Committee with a chairperson for each such committee appointed. The committee chairperson may select the desired membership.

9. Finances

Annual dues are to be set by the Executive Committee and shall be collected by mail and completed through the annual canvass. Payment of dues by the property owner shall constitute membership in the association and must be paid by the date of the annual meeting. Non payment of dues automatically forfeits membership.

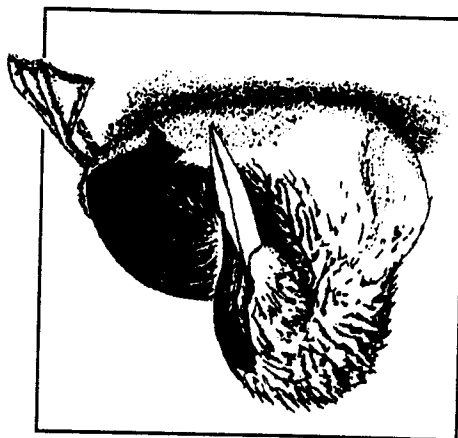
a) The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys and shall publish an annual accounting of the fiscal position of the association in the fall newsletter.

b) Cheques or cash-covering disbursements of the association shall be signed by the Treasurer and funds maintained in a trust account in a chartered bank.

10. Insurance

An insurance policy will be maintained covering liability for all officers, committee members and association member participants in authorized association events.

Amendments to the by-laws were approved at general meetings on August 8, 1964, August 6, 1989, August 1, 1993 & August 6, 1995



From: _____

Stamp

Steenburg Lake Community Association
R. R. #2, P.O. Box 325
Gilmour, Ont. K0L 1W0

Steenburg Lake Community Association

Membership Survey

Help your association plan for the 1996 Summer season. Take a minute to give us your ideas, comments and information on the following topics. The board needs your input.

FIRE PUMPS

Strategically install 1 to 3 fire pumps, around the lake, to be operated by designated cottagers to control fire outbreaks until the Limerick Fire Dept. arrives. Cost Approx. \$25.00/Cottage

Yes No

COMMENTS: _____

DRINKING WATER WELL

At an estimated cost of \$65.00/Cottage, arrange with the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, to sink a drinking water well, for cottagers use, at the proposed McGeachie Conservation Site.(now being donated by Mr. McGeachie)

Yes No

COMMENTS: _____

PURPLE LOOSTRIFE CLEAN UP

Interested in participating in a Purple Loosestrife Clean Up Day the first Saturday/Sunday in August?

Yes No

COMMENTS: _____

ANNUAL MEETING

Is the Sunday of the August Civic Holiday Weekend still a good choice for our Annual Meeting/Dinner? If not, please comment:

Yes No

Date: _____
Time: _____
COMMENTS: _____

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

VOLUNTEERING

Interested in Helping the SLCA organize, plan, help with activities or be on the Association Board?

Yes No

Social Committee _____ Canvass _____

Membership _____ Environment _____

Officer _____ Other _____

COMMENTS: _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NEW OWNERS

If you have changed your address or have sold your Steenburg Lake Property, please complete the following for our files.

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Other comments :

NAME: _____ Cottage # _____

Please remove this page from your newsletter and include it with the waste disposal survey form that includes a mailer for your convenience. Thank you .

This form has been included with the last two newsletters as the response from the membership has been so low that the board has been unwilling to make decisions based on the numbers. Please respond so it no longer needs to be included with the newsletter.

WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY FORM - AN UPDATE EFFORT

Cottage# _____ Name: _____

Are you a new owner? yes No

Do you know what type of system you have? Yes No If yes what type is it? _____ Approximately when was it installed? _____

Have you responded to this survey previously? Yes No If yes have you done anything to the system since that time? Yes No If yes, what was done and when was it done?

If no, do you plan any changes in the future? Yes No If yes what is planned and when do you outlook it will be done?

Where do you route your gray water? _____

Do you participate in the recycling of plastic, cans, bottles, and newspapers? Yes No

Do you burn your papers (other than newspaper)? Yes No

Do you maintain an active privy? Yes No

What is your prime concern about the future of Steenburg Lake?

Do you feel that the lake association can be effective in meeting the challenge of this concern?

What do you view the optimum water level of Steenburg Lake to be ?

Higher than presently maintained .

Lower than presently maintained .

As it presently is maintained .

Reason for your choice?_ _____

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and mailing it .
Your opinions are very important to the board . We want to make decisions that reflect the desires
of the membership.**

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Annual dinner arrangements
Secure door prizes
Youth activities
Regattas
Canoe races

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RESPONSIBILITY

Water quality monitoring
The lake fishery
Shoreline preservation
Buoy markers
Lake Stewardship Program

Water level of lake
Spraying programs
Water safety
Boat launch
Directory signs

OF

Interface w/local councils
Attend OMB hearings
Review official town plan
Get-out-the-vote
By-law requests

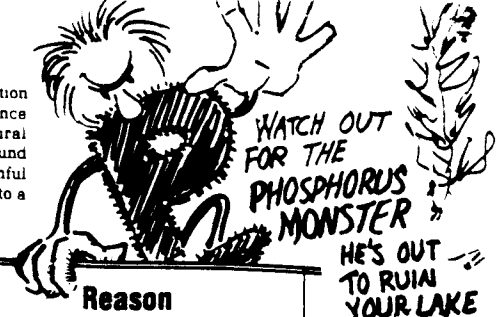
Organize annual canvass
Prepare canvasser folders
Secure canvassers
Information to Corr. Sec.
Membership \$ to Treasurer

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For Your Lake's Sake...

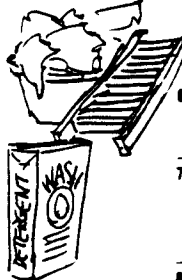
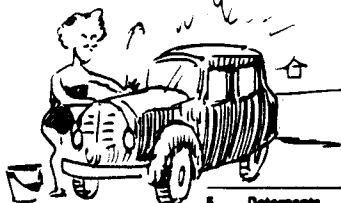
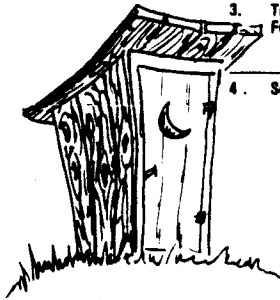
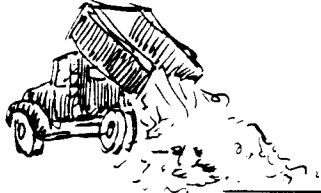
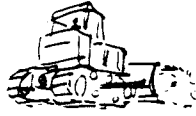
What can be done? Everyone can contribute by following the suggestions listed below. The goal is to preserve or mimic as many natural processes in the watershed as possible; let nature do the purification which it does so well. For example, leave buffer strips along the edges of lakes, tributary streams, and

seasonal, intermittent streams or plant vegetation which will slow surface runoff; minimize disturbance of natural soil; direct surface runoff into natural depressions where the water can seep into the ground slowly, and keep use of chemicals and other harmful substances which cannot be removed by nature to a minimum.



Land Use/Land Area

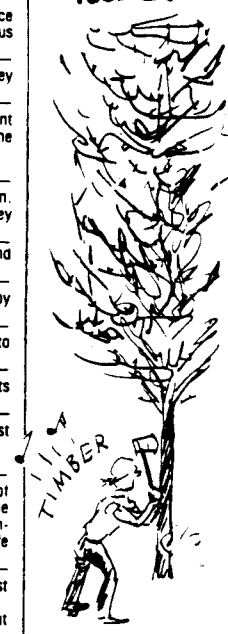
1. Site Disturbance, Yardwork, Clearing, Landscaping.



DO'S AND DON'TS

Reason

DO keep site disturbance to a minimum, especially removal of natural vegetation and exposure of bare soil.	Site disturbance dramatically increases surface runoff and erosion which contributes phosphorus to lakes.
DO seed and mulch bare soil within two weeks of clearing and install hay bales downslope of cleared areas.	Hay bales trap sediments and the phosphorus they carry.
DO leave naturally vegetated areas (buffer strips) along lake shores, streambeds, road ditches, intermittent streams. Leave at least 25 feet of undisturbed buffer with more on poor soils or steep slopes.	Buffer strips intercept runoff and filter sediment and phosphorus from water before it reaches the lake or stream.
DO plant deep-rooted, woody vegetation along lake shores, streambeds, road ditches.	Plant roots stabilize shoreline, prevent erosion, and take up nutrients carried by water before they reach the lake.
DO preserve natural topography and natural drainage systems.	Natural drainage systems evolve over years and effectively control sediment and phosphorus.
DO use fertilizer sparingly and in multiple applications. Hay mulch is preferable.	Solid, inorganic fertilizers are readily dissolved by water and transported in runoff.
DON'T use herbicides and pesticides in excess on your garden and lawn. Avoid their use if possible.	Many of these products are toxic and can get into the water.
DON'T put leaves, branches or any kind of organic matter into the lake.	Plant debris adds phosphorus and other nutrients directly to the lake.
DO leave existing rocks in place along shore. Add no rap if erosion control is necessary (DEP permit required).	Large rocks are the most effective buffer against erosion because they diffuse wave action.
DO minimize shoreline alteration, such as removal of vegetation, construction of piers, breakwaters, etc. (Shoreline alteration on Great Ponds requires a DEP permit).	Shorelines are generally stable due to years of wind, wave, and ice action. Alteration of the natural shoreline de-stabilizes the shoreline, increases erosion and impairs fish and wildlife habitat.
DO leave trees along the shoreline or streamfront. Consult with Shoreland Zoning laws before cutting -harvesting limitations may apply.	Trees and natural cover best protect against shoreline erosion and sedimentation of lakes. Trees take years to grow and only minutes to cut down.
DO check sludge level in septic tank every year. Pump when sludge fills half of the tank (average is every 2-3 years for year-round residents, 5-6 years for seasonal residents).	Septic systems must be maintained if they are to function properly; if settled solids are not removed from the tank, they will wash into and clog the leachfield.
DO organize neighborhood septic tank pumping.	Pumpers usually reduce the price for large volume jobs.
DO conserve water, and give the septic system time to 'rest' after heavy use.	The less water you use, the better your septic system will work.
DON'T flush strong cleaning agents (drain cleaner, bleach) into your septic system.	Septic tanks are living systems. Strong cleaners kill the microorganisms that break down the waste.
DON'T flush cigarette butts, paper towels, etc. down the toilet.	These items fill up the septic tank quickly and cannot be broken down by microorganisms.
DON'T install or use an in-sink garbage disposal.	Ground up garbage overburdens your septic tank and slows its functions.
DON'T use commercial products that claim to clean your septic tank without pumping.	These products can cause clogging of your leachfield, and many contain chemicals which can contaminate groundwater.
DON'T put paint or chemicals into the septic system.	These hazardous products kill microorganisms in the septic tank, and contaminate drinking and lakewater.
DO use non-phosphate detergents. (Lists of products to use are available from Lake Associations and DEP.)	Phosphate detergents add more phosphorus to the lake, and thus contribute to algal growth.
DON'T wash cars near lakes, streams, or drainage ditches.	Runoff containing phosphorus will put phosphorus directly into the water. Runoff should be diverted to vegetated surfaces and allowed to seep into the ground where phosphorus can be removed.
DO prevent water from running directly into lakes and streams. Detain in depressions or divert flow to flat, wooded areas.	Flowing water carries sediment and phosphorus. Detaining or dispersing water allows it to filter into the soil where sediment and phosphorus are filtered out.
DO plant vegetative buffer strips along roads and stabilize road ditches by seeding or mounding.	Plants slow runoff from roads and help to remove sediment and phosphorus before they reach lakes or streams.
DON'T allow water to run directly off roads into lakes or streams.	Water running off roads contains sediment, phosphorus, and pollutants from cars.
DON'T belong close to the water. All structures must meet the required setback from the water.	State Shoreland Zoning Statute requires setback from shore because shoreline disturbance dramatically increases sedimentation of the lake.
DON'T build new beaches (new beaches require a DEP permit). Use temporary docks as an alternative.	Sand contains phosphorus. Sand which is not stabilized by vegetation washes into the lake, where it accelerates filling of the lake and provides poor bottom habitat for fish and wildlife.
DON'T fill or dredge unless necessary. Both activities require a permit from DEP.	Fill and dredge stir up sediment and impair natural habitat.
DO store hazardous materials in a contained area.	Containment prevents contamination of water supplies and lake waters by undetected leaks.
DON'T dispose of paint thinners or chemical products on the ground.	These products cannot be removed by soil and can contaminate groundwater and lake water.



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Historical Bass Lake

(Picture taken around 1918)



Location of picture on Bass Lake is unknown

Back row left to right:

Robert Bateman(Charles Bateman's grandfather), Maria (Bull) Powers,
and Bob Powers Senior.

Front row left to right:

Edgar Bateman (Charles's father), Lina (McClure) Powers (Bruce's wife)
Blanche Bateman (Charles's grandmother), in shadow Laura (Arnett)
Powers (Wilfred's wife holding their first born Audrey on her lap), Bernice
(Powers) Alyea, last boy unaccounted for.

Picture taken by Evelyn (Powers) McClung