



Shoreline News

Steenburg Lake Community Association

Fall 2003

Mission Statement

To source and make available relevant information to the Membership regarding political and environmental changes that impact cottage ownership and take appropriate action on behalf of the Association when deemed necessary by the executive; to promote, educate and encourage responsible lake stewardship and to provide opportunities to meet and socialize at events throughout the year with fellow cottage owners. 🏡

Your SLCA Board

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President's Report Fall 2003

Greetings from your new President.

Let me start by giving you a bit of background about myself.

I was born in Owen Sound, and raised on a farm in Grey County. When the time came, I was one of the lucky ones who went away to University at Waterloo, where I settled into a four-year program in Geography, History and English. I enjoyed everything about university, except the lack of sleep.

After university I went to work for an insurance company. I held various positions with four insurance companies and two brokerage houses during the course of the next thirty-five years. I gained experience in many different aspects of the property and liability business, but predominantly in sales. Few people in the general population realize how complex the field of insurance is. In fact, the opportunity to keep on learning was a major reason for keeping me involved in the industry for so many years.

Joyda and I met while she was immersed in her own career with the Federal Government. About four years ago, the progression of a childhood degenerative illness forced her to accept Medical Retirement, and we saw an opportunity to fulfil a dream by moving out of the city to establish ourselves permanently on Steenburg Lake. It was with this plan in mind that we had purchased our cottage early in 1992. We love it here in all seasons.

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As your President, I will try to be responsive to the wishes of you, the members. Obviously, the Association cannot do everything that every member wants, but we also cannot respond positively if you don't tell us clearly what you want. You, each of you, bear part of the responsibility to get involved at least to the degree of communicating your wishes, and making positive suggestions.

One last thought: people have been coming to this lake since about 1900 to enjoy the quiet, natural beauty of the setting. The purity of the water and air, the lush colours of the forest, and the abundance of wildlife in this special place has kept people coming here in increasing numbers over the intervening years. This is a simple truth, but it is easy to lose sight of it in our bustle to live life to the fullest. People did not come to the lake to see polluted water, or to suffer the noise and smell of city traffic, or to pave everything over so that nothing living remains. Each of us has a responsibility to help preserve the wonderful resources that drew us out of the cities in the first place. Please think about that in the context of the activities you plan for your time at the lake. 🏡

Sincerely,

Dave Golem

Thank You to the following businesses and people who contributed door prizes for the Annual General Meeting and Brunch on Sunday August 3, 2003 at the Limerick Centre.

Dairy Queen	York River Company
Office Nook	Jungle Imports
Market Café	Rona Cashway
Wilson's Timbermart	Home Hardware
Riverside Casuals	Burke's Jeweller's
Jean's Treads	Trudy's
Tom Hughes	See you all next year

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FYI

Re: Bruce Woodbek's cottage

All the work done on the retaining wall at his cottage was approved and done correctly according to the new restrictions.

Road Clean Up

The South Road clean up was done. Chris & Bill

Landon and Adam & Rick Burke did from Hwy. 62 to the first set of signs last Sat. On Sun. Gary Goodfellow & Fred Neub did from the 1st to the 2nd set of signs & Ken, Alana & Anita Waddell did from the 2nd set of signs to our cottage. (I did not receive any names of people who cleaned the North Road.)



Election Information

Limerick Township – Golem Runs For Council

And now for something totally different! In a moment of mental collapse I decided to put my name forward for councillor for Limerick in the November municipal election. We now have a slate of nominees including two for reeve, and seven for council.

Wayne Longmuir, the incumbent, is running against Pat Potter for reeve. Wayne has been very active as Chairman of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority for the last six years, and was on the Board two years before that. He has spent six years on council, three of those as reeve. I believe the interests of the Lake would be well served if we vote for Wayne.

The slate of candidates for councillor is as follows: Dawn Morrill, David Golem, Reta Evans, Nancy Hart, Dean McNeil, Clark Young and Dawn Macumber.

Reta Evans and Clark Young both are incumbent councillors. Their experience will provide important continuity so we suggest you support them.

Dean McNeill has a cottage on Limerick Lake. I have spoken with Linda Sheppard, president of the Limerick Waterways Ratepayers Association. She believes that Dean would be effective in supporting the interests of those of us who own lake properties.

I am asking you to support me in the election. The most important issue at this time is the waste disposal site. All options identified up to now appear to be costly, and the life of the site is being described as “short”. This is a problem which should have been solved years ago. Now it is time to identify the best remaining options, and to quantify the costs. I will work to get a plan in place to provide convenient waste disposal at a cost that is as low as possible over the longer term. I will also work to preserve the quiet enjoyment, and the purity of our lake environment. My view of lakeside living does not include huge and costly developments such as the Limerick Lake Estates proposal. I am hearing whispers that the developer is trying to revisit this proposal without complying with the original agreement. I will oppose this initiative. The township cannot afford it.

I want to make one point clear. I am not opposed to development. In fact, I believe Limerick Township needs aggressively to seek out ways in which to increase revenues without simply increasing taxes. Downloading of services over the last few years has strained the ability of the township to cover its expenses. Locally, there are demands for more services. The waste disposal site, and any alternative waste disposal plan, will cost us big dollars over the coming few years. Without additional sources of revenue your taxes, and mine, will rise. I don't want to see that happen. If we can develop our resources intelligently, so that our revenues from non-residential sources are increased at a pace we can afford, we can avoid drastic tax increases.

For those of you who cannot come to vote in person, voting by mail is the easy option. You will be receiving your kits about October 22. If you don't get one by October 27 please contact me. Replacement kits are available. Please make your voice count. Mark your ballot and mail it no later than November 3rd. There are no advance poles, and there is no longer any proxy voting.

About half of the voters in the township are lake property owners. You can act to get effective representation of your interests on council by sending in your vote.

Membership Report 2003


Hope everyone had a great summer. This is my first report for the newsletter so I hope it is OK. I would like to welcome all of our new members on Steenburg Lake and hope you enjoy the lake as much as I do. It's a great lake. These new members are:

#6	John and Amber Case
#193	Andre Philpot from Marmora
#13	Arthur Rago from Chatsworth NJ
#41	LaPalm from Stirling
#49.1	Mike and Carol Dryden from Burlington
#102	John and Ann Marmara from Oshawa
#111	Rob and Sharon Boyle from Whitby
#120	George and Adele Butcher from Richmond Hill
#153	Sherri and Cash Levere from Toronto
#201	Bob and Cathy Henderson from Workworth

Again a big THANK YOU to our canvassers who braved the bugs etc to collect the dues. Looking forward to working with you in 2004. They are

Peggy Moffat	Ian Fraser
Judie Hughes	Martha Lee Burton
Myrna McCullough	Judy Platt
John and Elaine McCarthy	Eileen Hudson
John O'Rourke	Ken Waddell
Barb Rockwell	Sue Jarson
Joe Camerson	Amy Truscott
Garry Goodfellow	Eileen Walsh

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and winter. See you all in the Spring.

Marlene Pollard. 



Plan your holidays around these dates!

Schedule of Events for 2004

Road Clean Up/ Beach BBQ - Saturday July 17, 2004

Rain date July 24, 2004

Annual Meeting/Brunch - Sunday August 1, 2004

Food - bacon, eggs etc. plus muffins and fruit

Wanted - Babysitters

Do you babysit at home but want to earn some extra money at the cottage?

I would like to compile a list of possible babysitters for the next newsletter (Spring 2003)

Please email me w.rudd@rogers.com with your name, cottage phone number and the weeks you would be available to babysit and we will post it in the next newsletter.

Fall Election Date November 10, 2003
to ensure you are on the voters list call 1-866-296-6722 have you roll
number handy



For Sale:

Dock support welded frames, adjustable to three widths up to 42". Takes 2 1/2 pipe. Four available at \$60 each. Feet also available at \$5.00 each.

Cottage #30 474-5753 next spring or 585-248-5192.