

Shoreline News

Steenburg Lake Community Association

Mission Statement

Fall 2007

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.

President's Message

How time flies!

July, just past, marks five years since we moved our household from Toronto to Steenburg Lake. We had been working to winterize our cottage for several years prior to that, but there were many things still to complete when we made the move. Included, was a central heating system to keep us toasty on those cold winter nights.

For many years, we had gathered information about Ground Source heat systems, especially drawing heat from a closed loop in the lake. There were many facts to consider, not the least of which was the attitude of Fisheries and Oceans to such an installation. We had concerns about the longevity of the system, the impact on the lake if something were to go wrong, the cost of installing, and a host of other factors.

Because of the cost, we also considered the possibility of installing a high efficiency oil furnace, which represented much more of a 'known quantity'.

One of the key concerns for us was the fact that our old cottage was built just after 1920, and could not be brought up to modern standards of heat retention, despite a lot of work to insulate and winterize. We knew we needed a system that would provide heat at the lowest possible cost.

At the time, oil prices were lower than they had been for years: a barrel of oil was selling below \$20. However, it did not require a crystal ball to predict that oil prices would increase significantly as the years went by. Even so, we did not foresee that within five years oil would be above \$80 a barrel.

In the end, we took a leap of faith and opted for the Ground Source system, despite the capital cost being about three times the cost of a conventional oil furnace. The system was

installed and operating on Thanksgiving weekend, 2002. A sudden cold snap made us very happy to have the availability of the new heat source, replacing our airtight stove as the main source of comfort.

During the first winter the furnace ran a lot, reflecting the heat lost through our existing single glazed windows, and through a couple of walls that still needed insulating. But we were warm. The following summer we did some major window installation, starting the conversion to double glazing (just now nearing completion).

January 9, 2004, saw the thermometer plunge to -28 degrees C, and it stayed pretty much there, or colder, through the rest of January, reaching -34 on the night of January 28. While the heating system seemed to be reaching its standard operating limits at these low temperatures, we were never required to utilize the electric plenum heater with which our unit is equipped. We did continue to burn a limited quantity of wood in the airtight stove, however.

We have no regrets. Our furnace has performed flawlessly since it was installed. One small drawback is that the air from the registers is not as warm as it would be from a flame source appliance, so warming yourself after coming in from the cold is best done over the wood stove. However, this is also a bonus, since it allows us to maintain higher humidity levels in the winter, with no condensation on the windows, and very little static electricity. The fact that the system operates in reverse during the hottest summer weather to provide air conditioning has added to our comfort.

Because we have no 'bench mark' against which to measure our cost of heating, we can only estimate our costs. The Ground Source system uses electricity to operate the heat exchanger, the circulating pumps, and of course the blower. Using our electrical power consumption during the summer as a base line, it appears the heating portion of our bill has averaged about \$1,700 annually, in spite of increases in the cost of electricity. We are convinced our bill would now be a lot higher if we had opted for the oil furnace.

And finally, we now find ourselves at the leading edge of the movement to battle global warming. Ground Source heat systems are being promoted as a way to reduce our fossil fuel consumption. In theory, the system produces three units of energy for every unit it consumes. No oil or gas furnace can achieve even a 1:1 ratio.

If you are thinking of installing a Ground Source system to save money, or to benefit the world around us, and you have questions, just call. We expect to be here, warm on the edge of the lake all winter.

David Golem

From the Vice President, Steve Churchill

If I look back at 2007 it was a year of poor weather and lack of opportunity to spend time at the lake. The cottage is my refuge my escape. For that reason I thought it was important to reflect on our history.

Fortunately for us, we have people that want to get involved to make a difference. We all share a common goal which is to get away from the city and spend quality time with friends and family.

Steenburg has a lot of history, people/families that have been on the lake for more than fifty years! It is important that we share stories and make friends with the people that share our refuge. We all have been blessed with the opportunity to own a piece of the place called Steenburg Lake.

Clearly the lake as an association can only be as strong as its members. So in that I ask that you make sure you get involved where possible. It is always easy to criticize but not as easy to get involved.

We have been fortunate to have a lot of people get involved and make a difference in our association and continue to have people who care and keep that tradition going. I have been on the lake for approximately 9 years and would not give up a minute of the time I have spent here. I have traveled to Bancroft and surrounding area since I was 15.

Your association is comprised of a supportive group of people focused on ensuring that our lake encourages responsible lake stewardship so that we can use its resources for many years to come.

A great example of the success the association has had in the last year is the turnout at the regatta. The weather was cold and rainy and to the association's surprise we had the largest turnout we have seen in years. Make sure you mark Saturday July 12, 2008 on your calendar.

Let's see if we can get the biggest turnout ever! It is also a great way to meet your association and the many people on your lake. Needless to say the children on the lake can make life long friends.

Enjoy your winter

From the Lake Steward, Rick Burke

Why are dark skies important?

Nature. Night migrating birds rely on dark skies to navigate. Mammals use the darkness to hunt, or to keep from being hunted. Many amphibians and reptiles call and breed at night. If the night is lit by artificial light, these creatures' natural habitats are disrupted and they suffer.

Health. If our surroundings never get dark, the body's internal 24-hour cycle is disrupted, which can lead to serious health effects. Some estrogen-related cancers, such as breast cancer, seem to be linked to a lack of nighttime darkness. Some sleep disorders and associated health conditions are also believed to be connected to excessive light at night.

Energy. Leaving lights on through the night is an inefficient use of energy resources and results in unnecessary pollution from energy production. With ongoing advances in dark sky friendly lighting technology, conservation is not only convenient and inexpensive, but it will save you money in the long term.

Imagination. For thousands of years the night sky has inspired artistry, storytelling, scientific exploration and spirituality. The sight of millions of stars is breathtaking and awe-inspiring. If we lose that, we lose a part of our history, culture and identity.

How can we reduce light pollution at Steenburg Lake?

Poorly designed lighting can be a nuisance to neighbours, drivers, or boaters. Lights that shine out rather than down create glare, which can severely hamper vision and create a hazard rather than increasing safety. And the glare from bright lights can trespass from one property to the next, which is definitely not neighbourly.

In contrast, dark sky friendly lighting can reduce energy consumption and provide just the right amount of light needed for safety around the home or cottage without ruining the view of the stars. Here are some ways you can reduce light pollution:

- Replace high wattage bulbs with low wattage bulbs. Ask yourself whether a smaller bulb would do the job just as well as a 100 or 150-watt bulb.
- Reduce light intensity by installing a dimmer switch on your outdoor lighting. This is a perfect solution for those places where you only occasionally need to use the light at full intensity.
- Use full cut-off or partial cut-off fixtures to minimize glare. Full cut-off fixtures are designed so that no light is emitted above the horizontal. They are actually more effective and increase safety, since they produce very little of the glare that can dazzle the eye and reduce our ability to see into shadow.

- Carriage or coach lamps which emit the light in all directions are not night-sky friendly. If you can't or don't wish to replace these fixtures, try replacing the bulbs with 25 watt chandelier bulbs.
- Retrofit existing fixtures with shields to reduce glare. (Any "do it yourself" electrical work should be followed by a safety inspection.)
- Avoid dusk-to-dawn security lights. A motion detector with a delayed reset is a more effective way to add lighting security.
- Aim lighting fixtures away from the water and neighbouring properties. Choose fixtures that aim or reflect light only on to the intended target area. Illuminate lanes or walkways from above, not from below.
- Provide adequate lighting for the task, but don't over-light. Choose lights that meet your needs without lighting the entire waterfront or yard. Look for good examples of sensible lighting, or consult a local lighting designer.

Considering Painting the Cottage or Boat House?

When you're choosing cottage colors (or colors for any dwelling that's buried deep in nature's colors), stick with colors that appear in nature. They don't have to be greens, but taupes and tans and natural stone colors work great. As do darker blues and browns. Keeping to colors you find in your landscape will leave the vista uninterrupted to the eye. The cottage will look like it belongs right where it is.

Consider dark coloured trims for practical reasons. The spider droppings are black and show up on light trim. With a dark color, you don't have to scrape the black spots off as often. Terrific. (I verified this by wandering over to a neighbor's cottage that had white trim. Yup. Black spots.) And the orange daylillies will really look sharp against the darker backdrop too.

MNR Splake Stocking Program

The Ministry of Natural Resources put 26,600 Splake in Steenburg Lake from 2002 to 2006. Splake play no second fiddle to other fish on the table. Your fishing license fees helped pay for our put-and-take Splake fishery, so don't feel guilty about keeping a good feed of them now and then, up to regulatory limits, of course. Forget about rumours you might have heard about splake being lame-duck game fish. They're aggressive. Try splake fishing this winter if you are up at the lake. When fishing for Splake in the summer, bring a net. Read about splake fishing techniques at Ontario Out of Doors here:

http://www.fishontario.com/icefishing/article.jsp?content=20060309_112729_3992&page=2

The Little Brown Bat



The little brown bat is the most widespread and common of Canada's 19 species of bats. They are found across Canada to the northern edge of the boreal forest. As their name suggests, little brown bats are small and brown. They are only about 8.5 centimetres in length with a wingspan of 22-27 cm, and weigh only seven to 14 grams.

The little brown bat is the species most closely associated with humans, as it is the most likely to take up residence in buildings. If you are wondering if you have bats in your neighbourhood, watch for them winging through the sky at dusk.

Although not always thought of with affection, the little brown bat is an incredibly useful creature to have around. It is a very important predator of night-flying insects, preferring aquatic species such as midges, mosquitoes and mayflies. Efficient predators with a great appetite, they help to control populations of these and other insects.

In the winter, little brown bats move to caves and mines for hibernation. Forced to survive the winter on their stores of fat, bats slow their heartbeat from approximately 200 beats per minute to as low as 20 to conserve energy. It is important that they are not disturbed while hibernating as this causes them to waste precious fat reserves.

If you would like to learn more about bats, how to build a bat house, or how to deal with problems, go to the What's New section at www.wildaboutgardening.org. You can also order a free copy of our Wild About Bats poster or handout by calling 1-800-563-9453 or by e-mail at info@cwf-fcf.org.

Rock Bass Derby:

Thus year's winning cottage - The Foley's. Runners Up: The Simmons.

Unusual Wildlife Sightings Reported:

Reported frequently in the mid 1970's, sightings of Aqua Porks appear to have stopped. Members are encouraged to report sightings to the Lake Steward. Photos' would be helpful.

Reported once, a goat on the south road. Please contact the Lake Steward for any further activity.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT October 2007

What a busy summer! We have seen so much activity on the lake. More kayaks, personal watercraft, canoes, and paddle boats. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

To date we have 166 members. I have sent 14 "Sorry we missed you" letters and have heard back from 3 already. I would like to thank the following canvassers for all their help. Without them it would be very difficult to contact everyone. They are as follows:- Ian Fraser, Lee Burton, Peter Belsey, Dave Anderson, Elaine McCarthy, Irene Horne, Sue Jarson, Dave McDonald, Ralph Cole, Joanne Boyce, Joe Cameron, Amy Truscott, Gary Goodfellow, Eileen Walsh and Christina Candy. Again THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Certificates were present to the families who have been on the lake 50 or more years. The following are the families:- Member # 139 Landon, #14 Reil, #15 Little, #16 Fraser, #181 Opsahl, #19 Lloyd, #190 Mucklestone, #194 Walsh, #197 Langman, #203 Bateman, #29 Johncox, #30 Hughes, #31 Flavelle, #42 Fitzgibbon, #47 Frey and #7 Vivian. If I have missed anyone please let me know.

New Members

I would like to welcome our new members:

#6 Anna and Jim Makarowycz from Oakville, and
#30.2 Fred and Karen Cotie,
#59 Lesley and Doug Starr from Pickering,
#78 Robert and Patricia Sills from Whitby .
#85.1 Shirley and Allistair Gorman from Georgetown,
#99 Randy and Patrice Simmons from Toronto,
#136 Eric and Terri Smith from Newmarket,
#157 Jeff and Sandra Knox from Hampton,

Marlene Pollard
613-474-2392-rmpollard@bancom.net

Web Site

www.steenburglakeassoc.ca

Susan Nevins at steenburglake@aol.com if you have any suggestions or comments.

STORIES OF STEENBURG LAKE

Believe it or not I am still looking for STORIES. I am not giving up on this idea. Hopefully some members will have more time on their hands this winter and will send me their stories. New members can write too. Question:- Why did you buy a cottage on Steenburg Lake?

Who to Report Concern Items To

<u>Concern</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Speeding on Roads	Ontario Provincial Police
Noise	Raise Concern (politely) with Neighbour then OPP
Boating Safety	Ontario Provincial Police
Taxes	Limerick or Tudor & Cashel Township Reeve
Garbage Services	Limerick or Tudor & Cashel Township Reeve
Snow Plowing South Road	Limerick or Tudor & Cashel Township Reeve
Bright Lights at Night	Raise concern (politely) with your neighbour.
Invasive Species	Ministry of Natural Resources
Water Levels	Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

Services available through the Steenburg Lake Cottager's Association

Laminated Steenburg Lake Maps -\$10.00. Contact Marlene Pollard.

SLCA Shirts - See attached order form. Contact Barb Lavalle

Boat Launching - In addition to the spring and fall public boat launch at the beach, Don Fitzgibbon has kindly made his *private* boat launch available to members of SLCA.

RULES:-

Rules are strictly enforced. Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS.

Four wheel drive vehicles only (no cars or vans).

Maximum duration of launch time - 5 minutes.

Dates{ May 17, June 14, June 28, Aug 30, Sept 20, October 11) only.

Time: Noon to 5 PM.

STEENBURG LAKE REGATTA 2007

Many, many thanks to all who participated in the 2007 Steenburg Lake Regatta. We had a tremendous turn out and lots of fun was had by all despite the less than perfect weather.

AND THE WINNERS WERE....

Junior Canoe Races (ages 6 – 10)

1st Place – Sam Miller & Carter King
2nd Place – Hamish MacDonald & Ashley Cameron
3rd Place – Brendan Cameron & Alister MacDonald

Intermediate Canoe Races (ages 11 – 13)

1st Place – Grant Starr & Tyler Lapinski
2nd Place – Madison Chin & Scott Bridger
3rd Place – Megan Dobson & Hanna Butler

Senior Canoe Races (ages 14 – 17)

1st Place – Carley Butler & Megan Starr
2nd Place – Amy Kerr & Zachary Kerr

Adult Canoe Races (ages 18+)

1st Place – Dave Langman & Chris Langman
2nd Place – Scott Bennett & Deanna Bennett
3rd Place – Michelle Starr & Karen Lapinski

Junior Paddleboat Races (ages 6 – 10)

1st Place – Sam Miller & Carter King
2nd Place – Ryan Boyle & Caitlin Boyle
3rd Place – Hamish MacDonald & Brendan Cameron

Intermediate Paddleboat Races (ages 11 – 13)

1st Place – Hanna Butler & Megan Dobson
2nd Place – Connor Miller & Devin King
3rd Place – Emily Anderson & Katie Anderson

Senior Paddleboat Races (ages 14 -17)

1st Place – Marisa Driscoll & Jenna Fancy
2nd Place – Amy Kerr & Zach Kerr

Adult Paddleboat Races (ages 18+)

1st Place – Scott Bennett & Deanna Bennett
2nd Place – Chris Langman & Dave Langman
3rd Place – Joe Cameron & Bob Woodcock

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STEENBURG LAKE ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER 2008

Road Clean Up

The annual road clean up is **Saturday, July 12, 2008** at 9:30 am. North Road meets at the Beach and South Road meets at the 1st "Y" in the Road.

Regatta & Barbecue

The Annual Steenburg Lake Regatta will take place **Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 11am**, followed by a Barbecue.

The activities at the Regatta are CANOE & PADDLEBOAT races. PLEASE BRING YOUR CANOES AND PADDLEBOATS!!!!

Rock Bass Derby

The Annual Rock Bass Derby is **Saturday, August 2, 2008**.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is **Sunday, August 3, 2008**. Coffee at 9:30; meeting commences at 10 am.


Steenburg Lake Fun RUN/WALK

For those runners and walkers, we are looking to do a Fun Run/Walk at the Lake on **Saturday, August 16, 2008**. We have not confirmed a route yet, but we need volunteers to help plan the event. Anyone wishing to get involved with the planning of such an event, please email Carolyn Dobson at carolyndobson@rogers.com.

Steenburg Lake Unplugged Poker Run


Watch out, your Executive is determined to get you out and about on Steenburg Lake. An Unplugged (no power boats) Poker Run is coming. Details to follow.

If you have any prizes you can donate to any of our activities, we would greatly appreciate it. Contact carolyndobson@rogers.com.



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Your SLCA Executive

If anyone has any suggestions or concerns that you would like the SLCA Board to address at the Annual Meeting you may do so by contacting us:

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Treasurer's Report

Steenburg Lake Community Association
Financial Report
for the year ended August 31, 2007

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Assets:					
Bank BNS #62422 002 00957 88	5,878.51	4,179.46	3,473.38	2,556.64	3,772.35
GIC - 1 Yr Cashable @ 2.8%	1,007.29	0.00	1,055.57	2,045.12	870.00
GIC - 18Mo Non-redeemable 4.4%	12,176.47	12,672.70	12,466.05	12,300.00	12,000.00
Prepaid Ins Sep107-May108	969.34	969.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	20,031.61	17,821.50	16,995.00	16,901.76	16,642.35
Net Assets represented by:					
Reserve for Future Expenditure	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund, Unrestricted	5,821.50	4,995.00	16,901.76	16,642.35	16,395.65
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	17,821.50	16,995.00	16,901.76	16,642.35	16,395.65
Excess (Loss), Current Year	2,210.11	826.50	93.24	259.41	246.70
Net Assets, End of Year	20,031.61	17,821.50	16,995.00	16,901.76	16,642.35
INCOME:					
Membership Fees	4,590.00	4,845.00	4,067.00	3,778.00	3,295.00
Advertising Income	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Income, Maps	320.00	29.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Income, T-Shirts	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	441.45	216.97	181.50	686.96	22.44
Total Income	7,326.45	5,090.97	4,248.50	4,464.96	3,317.44
EXPENSES:					
Fundraising Costs, Maps	324.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Costs, T-Shirts	811.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AGM, Barbeque, Meetings	360.89	457.38	607.42	845.86	1,021.36
FOCA Dues & Expenses	508.26	489.53	489.53	386.87	0.00
Insurance	1,296.00	1,732.60	1,863.00	1,431.00	896.40
Newsletter Expenses	765.21	682.66	455.48	557.30	232.70
Members Handout	128.63	104.78	123.63	562.23	0.00
Bank Charges, Cheques	30.93	5.00	15.72	1.25	2.50
Rock Markers, Fishing Derby	601.63	314.12	297.73	371.04	264.61
Decals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	632.50
Sign Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.67
Donations\Gifts\Memberships	0.00	350.00	135.90	50.00	0.00
Web	169.49	128.40	166.85	0.00	0.00
Water Testing	118.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	5,116.34	4,264.47	4,155.26	4,205.55	3,070.74
Excess (Deficit) for period	2,210.11	826.50	93.24	259.41	246.70

Steenburg Lake Clothing Order Form



Once again, in the true tradition of Cottage life at Steenburg Lake, we can proudly wear some great clothing. Brought to you by the Steenburg Lake Cottage Association.

As promised, we are now able to offer a few more colours for our T shirts.
Please make cheque to Steenburg Lake Association mail to Barb Lavallee (Now Oshawa) at address below.

IMPORTANT: Please circle the appropriate size and choice of logo and pick up location.

Note the youth sizes. S(4-5), M(6-8), L(10-12), XL(12)

Description	Colour	Size	Quantity	Cost	Total
T - Shirt Adult	Brown, Navy,	S M L XL XXL XXXL	X	\$20.00	
T - Shirt, Adult LONG Sleeve Cardinal Red, White		S M L XL XXL XXXL	X	\$25.00	
T - Shirt Youth	Red, Camo, Pacific Blue	S M L XL	X	\$20.00	
T - Shirt Ladies	Brown, Navy, Iris	S M L XL XXL	X	\$20.00	

(to view these shirt colours go to www.technosport.com, click catalog, go to page 5 to view)

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(Orders must be picked up)



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