

◆ Shoreline News ◆

Fall / Winter 1997

◆ Tom Little

President's Message

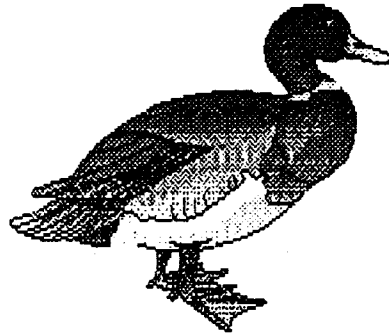
What does your association hope to accomplish in the year ahead? Plenty!

First, we want to continue to give you the opportunity to get to know your neighbours around the lake. So we will again sponsor the annual barbeque on Saturday, July 11th, 1998, along with our annual dinner on Sunday August 2nd. Mark them both on your calendar and bring the whole gang.



Second, we want to ensure the lake stays as it is --- a wonderful place to spend time, any time of the year. This means protecting the environment by monitoring water quality, organizing our annual road cleanup, and encouraging the replacement of inefficient septic systems. It also means ensuring we don't damage the lake when making changes to our waterfront properties. We hope to initiate action in each of these areas over the next twelve months.

Third, we want to ensure that political decisions are made in the best interests of association members. This means communicating our needs to local township councils, helping our neighbouring association to fight the proposed Limerick Lake Estates, and liaising with other organizations such as the Conservation Authority and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers



Associations (FOCA).

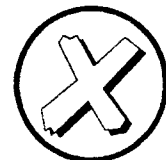
Fourth, we will be undertaking some special projects on your behalf. These including providing you a better sense of the history of Steenburg Lake, looking for ways to encourage safety on the water and on the local roads, and investigating the feasibility of a web site for the association.

Fifth and last, we want to keep you informed of all developments that have significance to us as Steenburg Lake property owners. So you will receive both this Fall / Winter edition of the newsletter along with one for the Spring / Summer 1998.

This is a lot of work for a volunteer organization. To accomplish our goals we need to spread the load as much as possible. Please help when you are asked. And if your aren't asked , but think you can be of assistance, contact anyone of the executive. Remember, *many hands make light work.*



Municipal Elections



Municipal elections were held on November 10, 1997. Election results are as follows:

Limerick Township

Reeve:

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| - Wes Moffat | 266 votes | ◆ |
| - Dorothy Sallans | 20 votes | |
| - Clive Wilson | 193 votes | |

Councillor:

- | | | |
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| - Elfi Charles | 134 votes | |
| - Dick Downing | 166 votes | |
| - Rita Evans | 332 votes | ◆ |
| - David Fraser | 125 votes | |
| - Carolyn Glendenning | 40 votes | |
| - Al Hill | 284 votes | ◆ |
| - Wayne Longmuir | 240 votes | ◆ |
| - Pat Potter | 58 votes | |
| - Clark Young | 279 votes | ◆ |



Turdor Cashel Township

Reeve:

- | | |
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| - Arnold Burkitt | Acclaimed |
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Councillor:

- | | |
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| - Stead Couvert | Acclaimed |
| - Wanda Donaldson | Acclaimed |
| - Dennis Foster | Acclaimed |
| - Raymond Henley | Acclaimed |

◆ Diane Burke

Social Committee

Beach Games and Barbeque
Saturday July 12 was the day for the annual beach games and barbeque. This year the pedal boats outnumbered the canoes. Approximately 80 people turned out for the events with an enjoyable time had by all. There were hotdogs, drinks, and trophies for 1st and 2nd places in the canoe and pedal boat races. There was a water balloon toss for the younger children with candy for all. Final results of the races follow:

Canoe Races**Youth (up to 12)**

- 1st - Susanna and Erica Langman (#197.1)
2nd - Amanda Burke (#97) and Tyler Burke (#152)

Junior (13 to 21)

No entries in this age group.

Adult (22 to 45)

- 1st - Steve Crummey and Kevin Birss (#165)
2nd - Bud Burke (#152) and Allan Conquer (#139)
3rd - Brigid Duggan and Paul Early (#165)
4th - Bob Stacey and Barb Rockwell (#30.2)
5th - Chris Langman (#197.1) and Joanne Burke (#152)

Senior (46+)

- Photo finish between 1st and 2nd!
1st - Ken and Anita Waddell (#103)
2nd - Mike Duggan (#165) and Eileen Walsh (#194)
3rd - Glenda Opsahl (#179) and Fred Neub (#177)

Pedal Boat Races**Youth (up to 12)**

- 1st - Brock and Zach Stacey (#30.2)
2nd - Kelly Landon (#139) and Alyson Burke (#152)
3rd - Kristen and Jimmy Nevins (#194)
4th - Eric and Susanna Langman (#197.1) (pushed over the line)
5th - Adam Burke (#97) and Kris Landon (#139)
6th - Tyler Burke (#152) and Amanda Burke (#97)

Adult (13+)

- 1st - Bob and Joanne Stacey (#30.2)
2nd - Allan and Geoffrey Conquer (#152)
3rd - Eric and Marina Opsahl (#179)
4th - Mike Duggan (#165) and Eileen Walsh (#194)
5th - Joanne Burke (#152) and Diane Burke (#97)
6th - Len White and Colleen Sharpe (#95)
DNF - Bud Burke (#152) and Chris Langman (#197.1)

Annual Dinner

The annual dinner followed the annual general meeting on August 3 at the Limerick Community Centre and was attended by 100 people. The family style dinner was catered by "Friends of Limerick" and the bar was hosted by Ken and Anita Waddell. There were 44 door prizes donated by local merchants and talented cottagers.



This was my last year as Social Director and, as I turn my duties over to Carol Landon, I want to thank everyone for their participation and assistance over the past three years. Special thanks goes to Trish and Fred Neub for their tremendous help, Ken Waddell for his bartending, Bill Landon and Rick Burke for manning the anchor boat, Tom and Judie Hughes

for selling tickets and posting signs, Gary Goodfellow for sharing his barbeque, and my children, Amanda and Adam, for running the kid's games and everyone who assisted by donating or picking up door prizes.

◆ Barb Rockwell

Membership

The trees on Steenburg Lake are at their most beautiful now, marking another summer season past. I hope that the summer of '97 was unforgettable for all and I know that our members will be eager to plan for next year! I would like to thank all our canvassers who visited to collect dues, drop off info and chat with our neighbours around the lake. With 167 members, including our 50 year members, it was a job well done. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I would like to introduce all our readers to the new members of SLCA for '97. They are:

- #5: Lorne and June Hamm - Gilmour, Ont.
#59: Phil and Denise Green - Bowmanville, Ont.
#61: Scott and Donna Ward - Belleville, Ont.
#142: Floyd and Susan Calverley - West Hill, Ont.
North Road: Jan Chladek and Elsa Balzer - Gilmour, Ont.

WELCOME!

If any cottagers are interested in meeting your neighbours, consider becoming a canvasser! Your territory would include only 10-12 properties and most expect your arrival. Please call Barb at (613) 474-2348 or drop me a line at Box 325, R.R. #2, Gilmour, Ont. K0L 1W0.

◆ Ken Waddell

Treasurer's Report

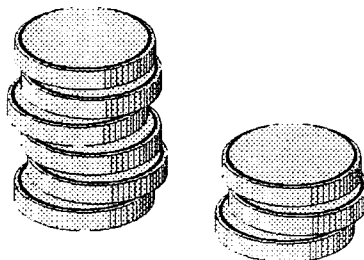
August 1, 1996 - July 31, 1997

INCOME:

1996 Memberships (162)	\$ 4050.00	
1997 Memberships (57)	\$ 1425.00	
1998 Memberships (1)	\$ 25.00	
Sale of T-shirts & hats	\$ 43.00	
1996 Annual Dinner Bar sales	\$ 29.13	
Interest	\$ 0.85	
Donations to SCLA	<u>\$ 26.32</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 5599.30	----> \$ 5599.30

EXPENSES:

Shipping & Postage	\$ 654.25	
Phone Calls	\$ 153.54	
Copying & Printing	\$ 11.65	
Stationary	\$ 242.20	
96/97 Fishing/Regatta Prizes	\$ 154.05	
Rock Marker install/remove	\$ 200.00	
BBQ expenses (96/97)	\$ 152.86	
Membership to Amora/Trent Action Committee	\$ 95.00	
Expenses to attend Limerick Lake Assoc. Mtgs & Moira River Cottage Association Mtgs	\$ 116.00	
Donation to Limerick Firefighters	\$ 100.00	
Cheques for new bank acct	\$ 16.27	
Bank charges	\$ 4.20	
Expenses to oppose Hasting Estate Development	\$ 758.29	
Maps for OPP	\$ 4.38	
Dinner tickets for Eugene Tracey and spouse	\$ 18.00	
TOTAL	\$ 2680.69	----> \$ 2680.69
		BALANCE \$ 3815.54



It's been a "Mice" summer, hasn't it?

By Tom Hughes

Lots of sunny days- you could plan on it, really. But oh those little four legged furry rascals seemed to literally come out of the woodwork. At first I thought it was just me, but after talking with my neighbours, I found that I was not alone. They had not singled me out.

There was a difference though. There was ample evidence of mice in the cottage over the winter, but no co-habitation once we arrived. I had a few traps set in the boat house and garage and caught mice in those locations. Then an idea came to me; why not catch the little fellows outside before they get inside? What a great idea and it bore fruit. By Labour Day weekend my count was in the 40's. Some nights I got five at a clip.

I cannot really tell if I seriously impacted the population but I do know the count is higher than I ever remember. The news about the deer mice being the carrier of the "Hanta" virus prompted me to get serious about minimizing the number around our cottage.

I want to continue the elimination of mice in the cottage over the winter so I have invested in an electronic pest repeller called "Transonic 100" manufactured by Weitech. The device just plugs into an outlet and is effective against fleas, spiders and mice. We will see. Stay tuned for further information next spring.



Did you know?

In 1973, federal legislation in Canada restricted the amount of phosphate in detergents to less than 5% by weight to protect lakes and streams.

Although the amount of phosphorous in laundry detergents is limited, it is still significant when one considers the sheer volume of products used.

Further, automatic dishwasher detergent are not subject to the government regulation and consequently, may be high in phosphorus content. For these reasons, it is important to make informed decisions regarding the detergents you use. When doing your laundry or the dishes:

- Use pure soaps (eg: Ivory Snow) for washing dishes.

- Use 250 mL pure soap (1 cup) per full load of laundry and only do full loads.

- If necessary, add 25 to 50 mL washing soda (2-3 tbsp) per full load to soften the water.

- Do not use bleach. Chlorine bleaches release dioxin into the water. To whiten your laundry, add 125 mL of borax (1/2 cup) or 125 mL of white vinegar (1/2 cup) to a full wash load.

- Avoid phosphate substitutes such as NTA (nitrolotri-acetic acid), ETA (ethylene diaminotetra-acetic acid) and polycarbo-oxylates. These chemicals join with heavy metals in the water to form compounds that do not biodegrade well, are difficult to remove, and may have other adverse environmental effects.

- Do not use detergents since they usually contain a variety of chemical agents that contribute to water pollution including surfactants, alkaline builders, sodium silicate, soil suspending agents, whiteners, optical brighteners, bleaches, enzymes, blueing agents, foam stabilizers, corrosion inhibitors, colours, perfumes and dyeing agents. Use biodegradable pure soaps instead.

*from "The Waterside Guide" produced by the Kawartha Water Quality Partnership

◆ Griff Lloyd

Lake Stewardship



H₂O Clarity

We again took part in the water clarity program and we were getting better readings this year. Could this be a result of people being more environmentally conscious and also updating of some older septic systems on our lake?

Water Levels

Some time ago the writer sent a letter to the MTO complaining of our lake water level. The usual "pass the buck" letter was received, which said nothing. However, pressure from various groups has enabled us to receive a more recent response indicating that the MTO intend to remove the beaver dam along #62 highway at Steenburg Creek. The dam is on the highway property adjacent to the Potter property. A meeting is being held October 22 by all concerned organizations to discuss and prepare for the removal of this dam.

Fish Forms

Thanks to those who took the time to complete and return the fish forms. Last year we had a trophy for the those who caught the largest Largemouth Bass and the largest Smallmouth Bass. We did the same thing this year and the winner was Steve Hughes (Cottage #30). Steve caught the largest Largemouth (5 3/4 lbs, 21") and the largest Smallmouth Bass (5 1/4 lbs, 22"). We plan to have the contest for

for the Summer 1998. Remember all you have to do to qualify is to complete a fish form and return to me at end of Labour Day weekend. The MNR use this information for their records so we appreciate receiving your forms.

Rock Bass Derby

This summer we had 11 entrants and the top 3 catchers were:

FIRST PLACE - D. Whitaker (Cottage #102) caught 187 Rock Bass
SECOND PLACE - A. McVEY (Cottage #30) caught 70 Rock Bass
THIRD PLACE - S. Whitaker (Cottage #102) caught 37 Rock Bass

Congratulations to ALL who participated and next year we will do the same. I hope we can have more kids participate and we are raising the age to 14 (inclusive).

HELP STOP THEFT ON THE LAKE!

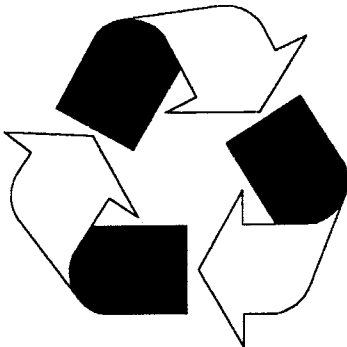
If you are coming up to the lake this winter, take the time to look around the area of your cottage for tell tale footprints left in the snow by trespassers and look for any signs of break and enter. Report anything suspicious to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). If you are not coming up to the lake regularly, why not call one of your cottage neighbours who will be here and request that they check on your cottage for you.





Just the facts:

- ◆ The average Canadian household produces 20 - 40 litres of hazardous wastes each year.
- ◆ Canadians use 225-260 litres of water each day to run our economy and households - second only to the USA.
- ◆ By the year 2000, almost one quarter of freshwater could be unfit for use.
- ◆ Only 3% of the earth's water is freshwater. Only 1% is drinkable, the rest is frozen.



**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

Did you know?

Sewage released into the lake poses a potential health hazard since sewage contains many disease causing bacteria. Sewage also contains a great deal of organic material which decays in the lake, hastening eutrophication and choking aquatic organisms.

If you are on septic, make sure your septic systems conforms to provincial standards and operates to maximum efficiency. Watch for signs of septic tank malfunctions including bright green spots on the lawn, puddles of sewage on the lawn, soft and spongy sections of ground and sewage odour in the basement. If they occur, arrange for prompt repairs.

The area over the septic tile beds should be planted with grass and left open to the sun and wind so that maximum evaporation can take place. Never plant shrubs or trees near your system's drain tiles. Their roots can clog drain lines and even damage them requiring you to replace the entire septic bed.

Never pour antibiotics or household chemical products down your toilet or drains, since they destroy the bacteria which are essential to your septic system. Excessive water use can flush solids from the tank to the leaching bed, so using less water will extend the bed's life and reduce the chance of nutrients reaching the lake.

*taken from "The Waterside Guide" produced by the Kawartha Water Quality Partnership



◆ Scott McGinnis

Editorial



This is my first issue of Shoreline News as the new editor, and I hope you like it. As with any change of editor,

so too are there some minor changes in the newsletter format. Probably to the chagrin of some readers, the typeface has been reduced to regular newspaper size (10 point). This change alone has resulted in fewer pages being required and has cut the mailing costs in half! In future, I hope to scan photos into the newsletter. I tried to have it done for this issue, however, the end product left something to be desired. Should I succeed in this endeavour, I will solicit readers to send in good quality photos depicting life on the lake.

I can tell you from the work involved in putting together the Shoreline News that the Association owes former editor, Tom Hughes, a great debt of gratitude for the enormous amount of time he spent over the last several years in getting the newsletter out. Thanks Tom!

The continued success of the newsletter depends on reader involvement. If you want to write a short article and see it in print, I will certainly try to fit it into future editions. Legible handwritten submissions are acceptable. For those using a computer, I am still stuck in the Bronze Age and use WordPerfect 5.2 and Microsoft Publisher 1.0. Therefore, I ask that if you send an article on diskette, please attach a printed copy as well. Submissions can be sent to Scott McGinnis, 40 Lowder Place, Whitby ON, L1N 8B7.

Remember, this is **YOUR** newsletter!

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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Organize annual canvass
Prepare canvasser's folders
Enlist canvassers as needed
Member info to Secy.
Member dues to Treasurer

Annual dinner arrangements
Secure door prizes
Youth activities
Regettas
Canoe races

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

Water quality monitoring
The lake fishery
Shoreline preservation
Rock & shoal markers
Lake Stewardship Program
Loosestrife control
Water Level of lake
Spraying programs
Lake Directory signs

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