

# Steenburg Lake

## "SHORELINE NEWS"

July 7, 1989 Editor - Tom Hughes

Steenburg Lake Community Assoc.

Events: Annual mtg. and dinner at Limerick Ctr. Aug. 6th

### New Neighbors Around the Lake

Bill & Ann Whiteside - Scarborough/ #132

Mrs Ann Ballagh - Port Henry / #78

Please update the listing you received from your canvasser  
**Association By-laws**

Attached to this newsletter is a revised copy of our by-laws. Changes are underlined and will be voted on at the annual meeting. Please review and come with your thoughts.

### **Association Elections**

To aid you in your thoughts concerning officers the present officers have been polled and the following have agreed to stand in for another term if nominated:

Ron Rampton - President

Tom Hughes- Secretary

Membership - Anita Waddell

Fish Mgt. - Wayne Hadley

All directors-at-large are open. Each Director-at-large will be assigned to a director to assist with activities in that area.

### **Annual Meeting Agenda**

Minutes of last meeting

Treasurer Report

Old Business - Development (Tom Little), By-Laws (Ron Rampton), Bulletin Board (Wes Moffat), Morris Landing (Ron Rampton), Dump (Anita Waddell)

New Business - Stocking of Lake, Self Help Program, Council Interface, Spraying Program, Membership fee.

Election - Chairperson must be elected to run election

### **GREEN**

Accompanying this newsletter is a brochure that was included with the last issue of "Cottage Life". We don't know how many member subscribe to that magazine so copies of the brochure were secured to make you aware of some of the environment oriented products that are available. Some controversy exists concerning some of the testing that some of the products have undergone, but it does point out the general concern of the environment and on our "headwater" lake anything that each of us can do to keep contaminants from the lake is a step in the right direction. The phosphate free soap on page 4 is worth noting. It is available at Churchills Vau-Mart in Bancroft.

### **Water Testing**

Included are the readings from the 10 locations around the lake. These readings have been discussed with the Ministry of the Environment in Kingston and we are quite typical of lakes in the Central Ontario Region. We can still be considered a good recreational lake, but with a wary eye to what we are doing, in the products we buy, the disposal of our waste, and our lake activities.

Water testing Continued.....

In the Toronto Star we have read about the closing of the Western beaches around Toronto because of the high coliform count. That count equals 1000 Total Coliform count and/or a fecal count of 100. Our worst reading has been 160/36 so we are a long way from catastrophic conditions. The lake however is not a pristine clear lake anymore. Incidentally the Health Bureau considers any water pulled out of the lake at or above 25 feet to be surface water and under no conditions should surface water be considered drinking water. I do not believe there is anybody on this lake whose foot valve is below 25 feet. All samples for testing are pulled at the 10 foot level. Please refer to your June newsletter for the map indicating the locations from which samples are taken.

### **OPENING DAY - BASS FISHING**

From observations, opening day produced some excellent bass catches. I saw a 4 1/2 Largemouth caught and released along with a goodly number of 2 - 3 lb. Smallmouth & Largemouth bass. During the week prior to official opening of the season there were at least 5 boats observed with fishing rods with fishermen getting in a little early illegal fishing.

### **SHORELINE NEWS DELIVERY**

Your copy of the "Shoreline" News will be delivered to your cottage this summer. A summer resident teenager has been hired to do the delivery. Last year we had both Trudys and the Marina for distribution points but the Marina will not be open for business until at least mid-August so this alternative seemed the best way to keep the communication line open.

### **DOUBLE DEE MARINE**

Mr. Wilson was contacted at the marina concerning its opening. He is doing very extensive renovations and does not anticipate being open for business until mid-August. The ramp is available for launching at a charge of \$3.00 in and \$3.00 out. The charge applies if Mr. Wilson is there. If he is not you may still launch at no charge.

### **LAKESHORE CAPACITY STUDY**

Through discussions with the Ministry of the Environment the availability of a recent study has come to light. The study was prompted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing to provide community planners and other professionals involved in the preparation of planning policies for lakeshore development. There has been a problem of how to objectively determine the impact of development on the natural environment. Our Bird & Hale Study of 1974 is a perfect example of that concern.

The Muskoka-Haliburton area of Central Ontario was

Lakeshore Capacity continued....

chosen as the Study area. The study involved measuring the source of environment impact, in terms of the lakeshore cottages and their use, and the impact of cottage development in terms of water quality, fisheries,, and wildlife habitat. The methods of prediction derived from the reseach were linked in a simulation model, which is capable of predicting trends in the values of key indicators of impact. This Ontario Lakeshore Capacity Simulation Model can be made available to those trained in the use of such models and can predict the impact of cottage development when different management policies are selected. The application of this model to the data we have on the lake will be explored to see if what we have is adequate to exercise the model or whether additional information would have to be obtained.

The study has been documented in 7 different reports:

Committee Report           Trophic Status

Land Use                    Wildlife

Fisheries                   Integration

Microbiology

These reports are available from Ministry of Municipal Affairs, 777 Bay Street, 13th Floor, Toronto, M5G 2E5. We have a copy of the Trophic Status.

If we are able to secure the data and make use of this model it would be far more accurate method to determine what really is the safe level of development for Steenburg Lake than any study we might attempt to mount on our own. Engineering studies today run into big dollars.

#### COTTAGE TOILETS

We received a folder from the Sun-Mar Corp. of Burlington, Ont. & Buffalo , N.Y. advertsing a no septic system , no chemical toilet. They present a line of four composting systems which are designed to accomodate each and every requirement; from those who have no electricity or water supply to those who would prefer the big city comfort of a low flush toilet used in conjunction with a central composting unit. They make use of the Bio-Drum , which represents a leap forward in composting technology. The brochure and information will be at the annual meeting if you would care to look at it or call 474-5753 and arranged to pick the information up.

Classified:

**Wanted:** Playpen (Canadian Stds.) and Highchair Colin Gaddas (#143) or Oshawa 416-728-3357.

**For Sale:** Canoe Motor Mount - asking \$40.00  
Bathroom sink w/faucet & legs - asking \$15.00  
Deck chaise lounge - asking \$25.00  
Tom Hughes (#30) 474-5753

**DON'T FORGET  
EVERY SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON  
2:00 PM IN FRONT OF THE  
MARINA  
SAILBOAT RACES  
WINDSURFERS  
SUNFISHES  
SAILBOATS  
EVEN IF YOU DON'T SAIL  
THEY ARE FUN TO WATCH**

#### REPORTERS NEEDED

This Newsletter could contain more news from around the lake but first I have to know about it. It would be great if several people would step forward, like one from each main bay area and be a reporter for that area. I would love to hear from you.....

Tom Hughes 474-5753

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 Secretary when a vote is scheduled
- (b) In all other respects the entire membership shall enjoy equal privileges.

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## 5. Officers

- (a) The officers of the Association shall be president, vice-president I (previous president & ex officio), vice-president II (president preceeding VP I & ex officio), Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors.
- (b) Any officer may be suspended for cause by a two-thirds majority vote at any general meeting of the Association.
- (c) For purposes of representation, Steenburg Lake shall be divided into three geographical sections:
  - 1- That part of the shoreline of the lake from Sunset Point to the landing to and including Hunters Point and including Limerick Island.
  - 2- That part of the shoreline of the lake from Hunters Point to the westerly limits, including Crystal Island, Big Bill Island, Little Bill Island, and Crab Island.
  - 3- That part known as Austins Bay, including Loon Island.
- (d) Six directors will be elected, two from each of the geographical areas described in (c).

## 6. Elections

- (a) The officers shall be elected at a general meeting and shall hold office for two years.
- (b) Consent of each nominee must be obtained prior to voting.

## 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.

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- (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 property owner that is a member of the Association has one vote, and must be present to exercise that vote, or provide written authorization for another family member to register that 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

Committees shall be established by the Executive Committee with the Chairperson of each Committee appointed. The Committee chairperson may select the desired membership.

#### 9. Finances

Annual dues to be set by the Executive Committee shall be collected at the annual canvass. Payment of dues by the property owner shall constitute membership in the Association.

- 10. Dues are payable in advance and are considered in arrears if not paid on or before July 15th. Non payment of dues automatically forfeits membership.
  - (a) The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies and shall render an accounting at each General Meeting.
  - (b) Cheques or cash covering disbursements of the Association shall be signed by the Treasurer and the funds maintained in a trust account in a chartered bank or post office.

#### 11. Advisory Council

An Advisory Council shall be made up of those of the last five former Presidents of the Association who are still members of the Association whose duties it shall be to advise the President.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership

Arrange, and organize annual canvass of lake for membership and distribute literature provided to lake residents. Provide Secretary with a membership list and any changes in cottage ownership and address information as a result of the annual canvass. Turn over monies collected in the canvass to the Treasurer.

Social

This committee will arrange for the annual meeting in all aspects and have the power to appoint sub-committees for such things as: catering, entertainment, door prizes. Other social or sporting events that the members desire will also be organized and run by this committee, ie picnics, sailing regattas, canoe races, etc.

Water Quality

Take samples of lake water to Health Bureau for analysis and publish results to lake residents. Participate in the Ministry of the Environment's Cottage Self Help Program. Encourage shoreline restoration via MAPLE. Monitor public beach area and bring problems to the Town Council.

Fish Management

Encourage good fishing practices on the lake. Promote activities to rid the lake of trash fish. Keep current with the Ministry of Natural Resources on stocking activities and promotional aids, and any new legislation that could impact the fishery.

Environment

Coordinate any special studies deemed necessary for the protection of the environment around the lake, ie. waste disposal of all types, pest control. Make available to members current information on land and forest management practices.

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Last amendments to by-laws was approved at a general meeting, August 8, 1964

Changes to these by-laws must be submitted to the members in writing 30 days prior to a vote and must be approved by a majority of the quorum present.



# STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement 1987 - 88

JUNE 6, 1988

| <u>ACTIVITY</u>   | <u>DEBITS</u>     | <u>CREDITS</u>    | <u>BALANCE</u>    |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Transfer of funds from 1987   |                   | \$1181.63         |                   |
| Stationary  | \$448.64          |                   |                   |
| F.O.C.A. Membership 1988 (\$50 + 50 per member of Assoc.) We paid \$50.00 + \$98.00 (196 members) + \$52 to fight acid rain | \$200.00          |                   |                   |
| F.O.C.A membership for 1989 (\$55.00 + .50 per member). We paid \$55.00 + 93.50 (187 members) + \$51.50 to fight acid rain. | \$200.00          |                   |                   |
| Rental of Limerick Centre + license   | \$126.00          |                   |                   |
| Fishing Derby prizes  | \$40.92           |                   |                   |
| Starting Horn(sail boat races)  | \$21.28           |                   |                   |
| Trophies & engraving  | \$115.73          |                   |                   |
| Marker buoys and anchor line  | \$142.99          |                   |                   |
| Regatta batteries   | \$8.62            |                   |                   |
| Lake Marker buoys(install & remove 1988)  | \$225.00          |                   |                   |
| Ron & G's attendance at F.O.C.A. meeting  | \$20.00           |                   |                   |
| Photocopying  | \$30.24           |                   |                   |
| Bank Service Charges  | \$6.50            |                   |                   |
| Copy of Zoning By-Laws  | \$7.00            |                   |                   |
| Memberships(1988)   |                   | \$1620.00         |                   |
|   | <u>\$1,592.92</u> | <u>\$2,801.63</u> | <u>\$1,208.71</u> |

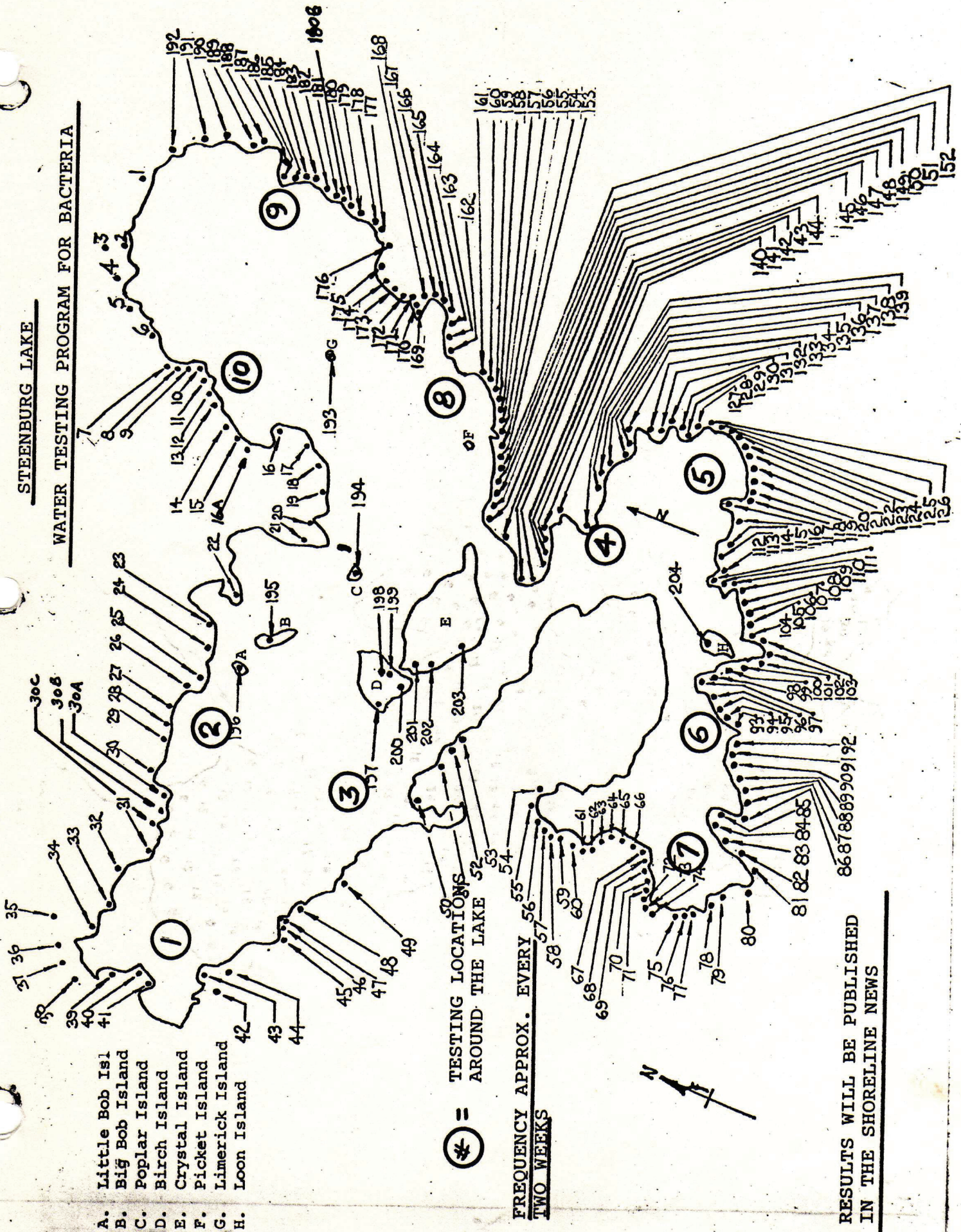
Respectfully submitted:

Colin Gaddas, Treasurer - Steenburg Lake Community Association



STEENBURG LAKE

WATER TESTING PROGRAM FOR BACTERIA



- 1. Little Bob Isl
- 2. Big Bob Island
- 3. Poplar Island
- 4. Birch Island
- 5. Crystal Island
- 6. Picket Island
- 7. Limerick Island
- 8. Loon Island

\* = TESTING LOCATIONS  
AROUND THE LAKE

FREQUENCY APPROX. EVERY  
TWO WEEKS

RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED  
IN THE SHORELINE NEWS

Summer '89

# Bancroft and District Calendar of Events

- June 10 & 11: **Baptiste to Bancroft Marathon Canoe Races.** Marathoners and amateurs. Contact: John Pavey [613] 334-2027 or Joan Barrett [613] 332-4456.
- June 11: **Rocky Hills Horse Club Show, Paudash.** Contact: Evelyn Harris [613] 339-2939.
- June 24 & 25: **Horse Manoeuvres, Gooderham.** Contact: Clive Taylor [705] 447-2507.
- July 1: **Strawberry Supper/Dance, Wilberforce.** Contact Township of Monmouth [705] 448-2981.
- July 1, 2, 3: **Canada Day Celebrations, Downtown Bancroft.** Events all week-end.
- July 2: **Rock Bass Derby, Baptiste L.** All ages. Contact Wayne Jackson [613] 332-1586.
- July 2: **Homecoming Sunday, St. John's Anglican Church, Flint St. Bancroft.** Congregational lun-  
ch. Contact: St. John's Centennial Committee [613] 332-2622.
- July 16: **Rocky Hills Horse Club Show, Paudash.** Contact Evelyn Harris [613] 339-2939.
- July 21, 22, 23: **Country Good Times, Wilberforce.** Contact Sharon Stoughton [705] 448-2981.
- July 27-30: **Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree, Bancroft.** Contact: Chamber of Commerce [613] 332-1513.
- July 29: **Summer Crafts Fair, Bancroft.** Contact: Lyla Welsh [613] 338-2030.
- Aug. 4, 5: **Monmouth Agricultural Fair, Wilberforce.** Contact Marg Harrison [705] 448-2368.
- Aug. 4, 5, 6: **Horseshoe Days, Gooderham.** Contact: Doug Andrews [705] 447-2092.
- Aug. 5 & 6: **Annual Bathub Races Combermere.** Contact: Sandra Phanenhour [613] 756-2878.
- Aug. 6: **Baptiste Lake Regatta and Bancroft & District Wooden Boat Show, Camp Ponacka, Baptiste Lake.** Regatta: Contact Carol Coulter [416] 889-2265 or [613] 332-4247. Boat Show: Contact: Joan Barrett [613] 332-4456.
- Aug. 11 & 12: **Monmouth Agricultural Fair, Wilberforce.** Contact: Marg Harrison [705] 448-2368.
- Aug. 20: **Rocky Hills Horse Club Show, Paudash.** Contact: Evelyn Harris [613] 339-2939.
- Aug. 25, 26: **Coe Hill Agricultural Fair, Coe Hill.** Contact: Albert Vader [613] 337-5504.
- Sept. 16: **Harvest Festival, Fall Fair, Gooderham.** Contact: Doug Andrews [705] 447-2092.

## FISHING FOR LIVE RELEASE

The angler who is concerned about overfishing in his favourite lake or isn't interested in eating his catch, should learn and practice proper techniques for live release. Some pointers:

- Land fish as quickly as possible, don't play them out.
- Wear wet cotton gloves while handling fish and release as soon as possible.
- If practical, don't remove fish from water.
- Don't let it thrash around in the boat.
- Don't touch the insides of its gills or hold it by the eye sockets.

- Use needlenose pliers for efficient hook removal
- If fish is deeply hooked, cut the line and leave the hook in; it will eventually dissolve.



Ministry of  
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Resources



# Good Fishing - and Good Fishing Habits

Protect our Fishing Resources for the Future

## SHORELINE ALTERNATIVES

Are You Also Destroying Valuable Fish Habitat?

If someone appeared in your back yard and started bulldozing down your vegetable garden (which you relied upon for food), and then collapsed the walls of your house, you might be upset about the invasion - to say the least.

But strangely, when people decide to build docks, remove weeds and rocks, or create beaches on existing shorelines, which are home to spawning and developing fish as well as other wildlife, few of them give any thought to the resulting destruction.

Anyone planning work that may have some impact on lakes, marshes, riverbeds or other shorelines should contact the Ministry of Natural Resources. They will explain how the Federal Fisheries Act, which protects fish and their habitat, might affect your plans.

In addition to harming important fisheries habitat, improperly planned shoreline alterations can cause other problems. For instance, dredging or putting fill in the water may effect water levels (flooding) and the direction of water flow. In addition, the beds of most of our waterways are Crown or public land. This means you may be working on

someone else's land.

Approvals for shoreline alteration work are required under the Public Lands Act and The Lake's and Rivers Improvement Act. Application may be made through the local MNR District Office, Lands and Waters Branch.

Once your application is received, it is reviewed by staff from the Lands and Waters and Fisheries programs to ensure any potential problems are avoided. Sometimes, there are no problems; however, in many instances, changes to the project are required to ensure that both the needs of the property owner and the needs of the fisheries resource are considered.

By planning ahead and contacting MNR well before you want to do the work, you avoid costly delays during the construction phase and help ensure that critical fish habitat is protected.

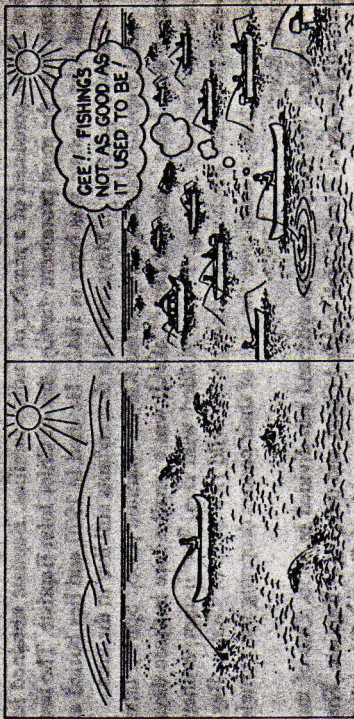
For further information, please contact: Ministry of Natural Resources, Box 500, Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0; [613] 332-3940.

## Stresses On Fisheries

The most serious stresses in Bancroft district are:

- Fishing Pressure
  - Habitat Deterioration
- You can help reduce the effects of fishing pressure by...

1. Obeying the Regulations
  - limits
  - seasons
  - gear and bait restrictions
2. Releasing part of your catch
3. Informing MNR
  - how fishing is
  - about fishing infractions



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## Preparing Your Catch!

### CLEANING

To get the most in food value and eating pleasure out of your catch, it is essential to clean it promptly and thoroughly. Here's how to do it for smaller fish:

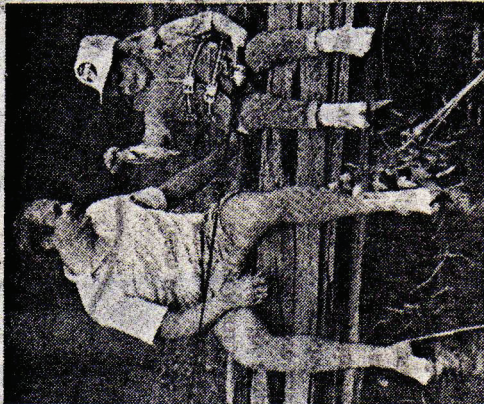
1. Kill the fish by hitting it on the head.
2. Scrape off scales, towards head.
3. Insert knife point in anal vent and slit belly to head. Remove entrails, open and clean backbone blood trail.
4. Cut off fins, wash cavity.



### FILLETING

Larger fish can be cut into two boneless filets:

1. Cut along fish's back to behind dorsal fin, then clear through body to tail.
2. Cut down side just behind gills from back cut to belly.
3. Holding fish by tail, slice down side of backbone to remove fillet from ribcage.
4. Separate skin from meat by working knife between them.
5. Repeat process for other side.



A LEISURELY FISHING TRIP can be one of the most enjoyable experiences a parent and child share. Teaching children appreciation for the outdoors is a gift that will remain with them a lifetime.



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