

Steenburg Lake

"SHORELINE NEWS"

November 1990 - Tom Hughes, Editor

Steenburg Lake Community Assoc.

Last Issue of 1990

Put the press to bed, take in the docks, pull the water, drain the lines, put on the shutters, the list seems endless....Where has the summer gone? It seems only yesterday when we opened up and brought life back into the cottage after a winters sleep and now here comes another winter. The fun of swimming, water skiing, canoeing, basking in the warm sun, renewing cottage friendships, catching a nice bass, all gone for this season. But for many of you the cottage takes on a winter roll. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a colder and snowier winter than normal, so those cross country skis, the fireplace and the snowmobile may get more use than last winter.

In October the Limerick Township will be bringing to an end the Lake Capacity Study, at least phase 1, that of gathering samples. The township will be using the results and the recommendations of this study to assist in the formation of a new "Town Plan". There will be public meetings held in late October to receive public input and the Association is trying to arrange to have several cottagers in attendance to bring forth issues that are important to the ongoing well-being of the lake. The

final report of the Lake Capacity Study should be completed by March of 1991 and the recommendations from that study will be included in the Spring issue of the "Shoreline News". That issue will also be mailed to your home address. All cottagers will receive that issue. Summer distribution around the lake will be limited to Association members only.

If you have any news items for the Spring issue please send them to Tom Hughes, 6 Highview Trail, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534. The classified section is available to members. Have a fine winter and see you all next year.....

Association Membership Drive for 1990/91

Anita Waddell reported that the current status of the membership drive is 167 members, 10 of which were 50 year members. Between lots and cottages there are 204 listed property owners around the lake. This makes 82% of owners members of the Association. Last year there were 168 members, so there was a net drop of 1 member. There are still letters outstanding to cottagers that the canvassers were unable to contact so membership could go up. Good job Anita and all her canvassers. Their efforts are appreciated.

Beaver Damage Around The Lake

There was much evidence of busy beavers around the lake this season. The MNR in Bancroft was contacted to see if they could assist in any way. Their reply was that all lakes are facing the same situation because the trappers are not running their lines. The price of beaver pelts is down to \$22.00 making it unprofitable to trap. The MNR suggested

Beaver damaged continued.....

that the owner experiencing the problem shoot the beaver, preferably with a shot gun as opposed to a 22. The best times to see the beaver is early morning and early evening.

Waste Disposal & Boat Launch Surveys

The survey forms will no longer be included as part of the newsletter. For those of you who have not completed one of the two forms or both, you will receive an insert with your newsletter along with a pre-addressed envelope. We hope you will take the time to complete and mail in the form. Below is a summary of both surveys as of the end of September.

Boat Launch Survey:

At the annual meeting the Secretary was directed to write to each township and inquire if there were any plans to construct a boat launch on Steenburg Lake. Limerick Township responded that the boat launching situation on Steenburg Lake is being looked into. Tudor/Cashel responded that they have no immediate plans to provide a public launch facility on Steenburg Lake.

Responses to date: 38

Of 24 people with boats to launch, 13 have no alternate launch site; 11 do have an alternate site. Of the 11 that do have an alternate site, 8 still favor an Association launch. Eight people responded who have no boat to launch but were in favor of an Association launch.

Financing:

One time assessment - 17

Dues - 9

No financing - 12 (not sure how you do this one)

Frequency of launch;

0 - 10

twice - 18

3 - 5 - 6

More than 5 - 4

Waste Disposal Survey;

STeenBURG LAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY SUMMARY

Systems Surveyed: 85 (9/90)

'Types and number in use

Septic	Privies*	Holding Tank	Chemical	Other
69	8	5	0	3

System upgrades under consideration 10

'Routing of Kitchen Waste

Septic	Dry Well	Leach	Fld.	Sand Bed	Hold Tank	None	Privy
58	14	2	6	2	2	1	

Septic systems installed prior to EPA (1974) : 19

* Privies used on a regular basis, not as back up (43% response level)

Association Officers For 1991

Next years annual meeting will include election of officers for the Association. Every effort will be made to present a full slate to the members and then nominations from the floor would add to the slate. Unfortunately not too many of the officers and directors were able to attend the Labor Day Weekend meeting so I am unable to tell you how many plan to stand again for a 2 year term. The following have made their decisions known:

Colin Gaddas - Treasurer - Yes

Marion Duggan - Social Director - No

Tom Hughes - Secretary - No

Anita Waddell - Membership Director - Yes

Each officer that is not standing has been requested to secure a replacement over the winter months. If you are contacted, give the request careful consideration. There are many good points of being involved with the Association and new people bring an enthusiasm to the organisation that is very beneficial.

Limerick Christmas Dinner & Dance

Limerick Township Centre

Saturday, December 8th

Dinner 5:00 to 6:30

Dance 8:00PM

DJ - Gordie Creighton

Dinner & Dance \$10.00

Dinner - \$7.00

Dance - \$5.00

Dinner - Children 6-12 years old- \$4.00 Plus dance- \$2.50

125 Dinner Tickets Available

NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Contact Tina Lloyd (#19)

Cottage 474-2849

Residence 332-0160

Township Office - 474-2863

Veronica Michaud - 474-2509

MOE Report of Acid Sensitivity of Lakes

There are over 250,000 lakes in Ontario. Of these, a recent study indicates, at least 19,000 have been affected by acid rain, many of them in the Muskoka-Haliburton region where there is a substantial cottage and tourist industry. Lakes are categorized in five degrees of acidity. The top quality is level 5 (no acid sensitivity), 4 (low sensitivity and no biological damage), 3 (moderate sensitivity), 2 (extremely sensitive with biological damage), 1 (acidic). A summary indicates that 52% of Hastings (Bancroft area) lakes are class 4 or 5, 21% of Haliburton lakes and only 7% of Muskoka lakes. Steenburg, Dickey and Limerick are all level 5. This could be a significant factor for more pressure on these lakes for development in the future

Newsletter Delivery

When you are not at the cottage and your newsletter is delivered, it becomes a problem in some cases, as to where to leave the newsletter so the weather cannot get at it. If you could provide some type of protected location for the newsletter, you will be assured that it will be in good condition when you arrive.

A Belated Thank You.

Joe Cooper (#70) of Kraft Foods provided 3 wonderful gifts for the door prize drawings: a baseball jacket, a stadium cushion, and a travel bag. Many thanks, Joe, for thinking of us.

New Arrival

Colin & Karin Gaddas - A son, Ryan, born October 9th, 8lb. 9oz., 22" long. All doing well.

New Neighbors

Ron & Marlene Pollard from Uxbridge, Ontario have purchased Mr. McCarthy's cottage (#25). We certainly hope we will continue to see the McCarthys around the lake as they visit their two sons.

Peter & Myrtle Belfrey from Oshawa have purchased lot #49.6 from Neil Pryde.

Departures

George Stantial of cottage #128 passed away July 16th. Margaret, his wife plans to continue the use of the cottage. George had been on the lake for 30 years.

Toronto Star Delivery

Thanks to your patronage your carriers had a very successful experience with our first job.

Our deliveries ranged from 37 to 57 papers per weekend. Those contacts gave us the opportunity to meet new people and make more friends.

We're proud of the way some of our cottagers practiced the "3 r's" (re-use, re-cycle, re-duce) with the blue plastic bags. What will we think of next?

Thank you for your support,
Liane & Sean van Dompsele

Lake Water Testing

Other than our continued participation in the MOE's "Self Help" program and the town's Lake Capacity Study we were unable to continue the faecal coliform testing through the Health Unit for 1990. We were advised that with the existing resources of the Health Lab in Peterborough they were unable to do lake water testing, only drinking water was eligible for testing. A letter has been sent requesting a priority from MOE for continuing the testing of our lake samples for 1991.

The Health Unit in Belleville provided a comparative analysis between readings taken in 1964 and those taken in 1989. The following figures are a Geometric Mean Analysis of those readings:

1964 - 3 faecal coliform organisms per 100ml of water.

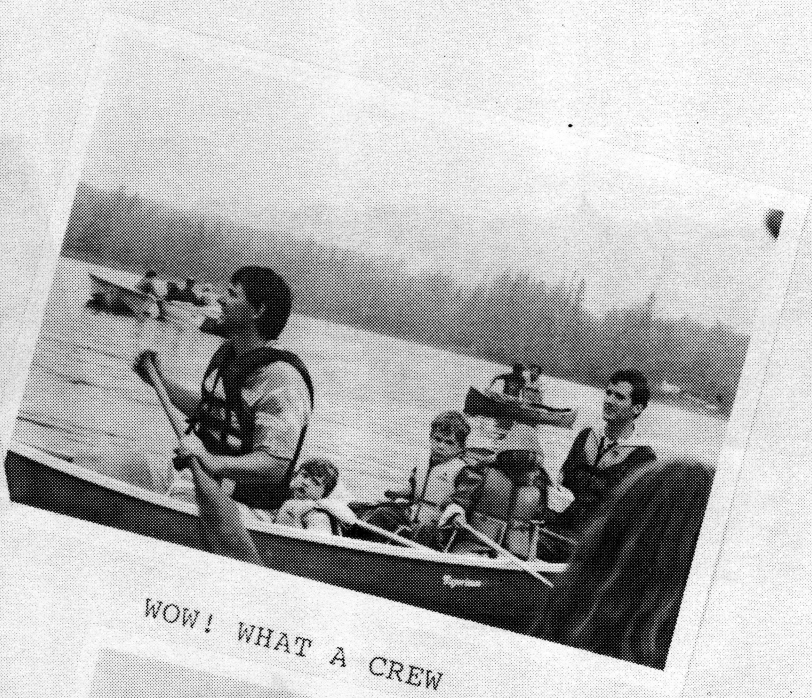
1989 - 9 faecal coliform organisms per 100 ml of water.

The Health Unit states that the 1964 analysis indicates excellent water for recreation, as does the 1989 analysis. What can we draw from this? Yes there has been an increase in coliform count but at what rate and when did it accelerate? Unknown. Should you drink the water directly? Definitely no. At this point we can only hope we get the authority to continue the water sample analysis for next year so that we can have a year to year comparison and in that way monitor the rate of change.

CANOE RACES ON SUNDAY
A MIST, MOIST, CALM DAY



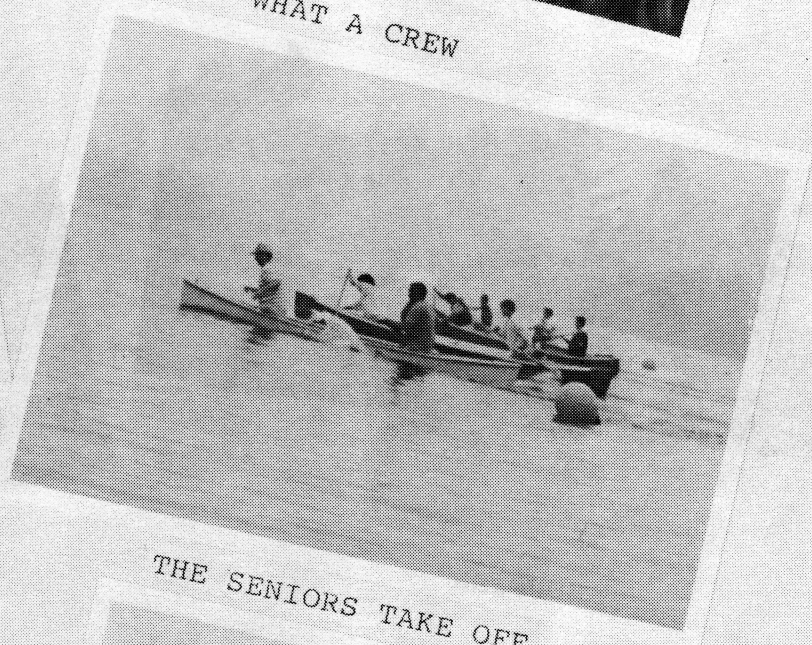
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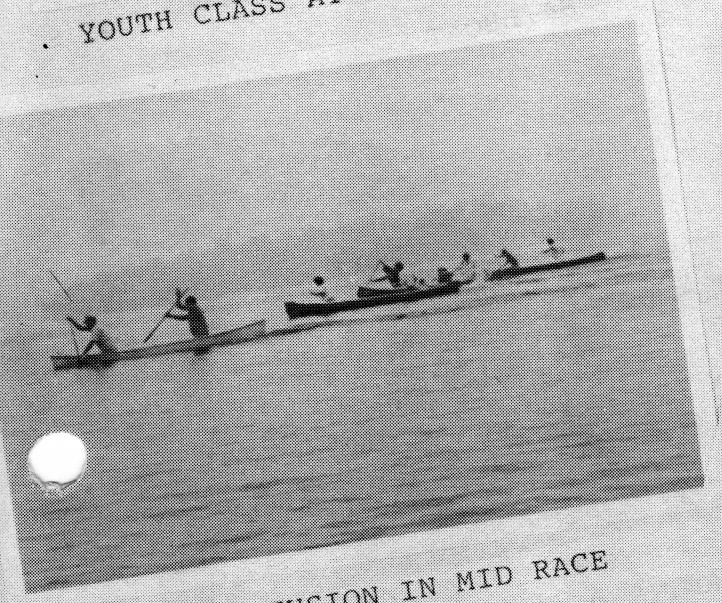
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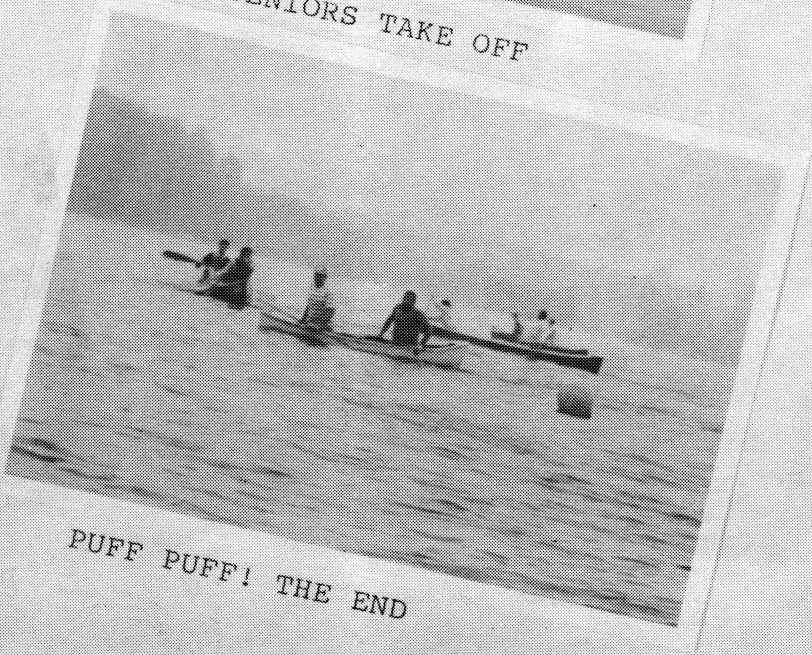
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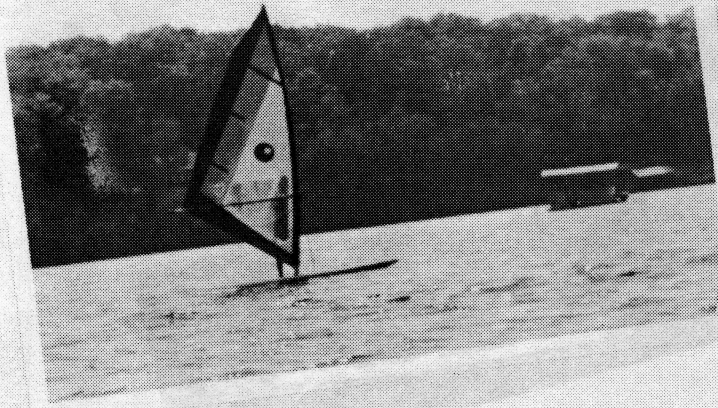


A LITTLE CONFUSION IN MID RACE



PUFF PUFF! THE END

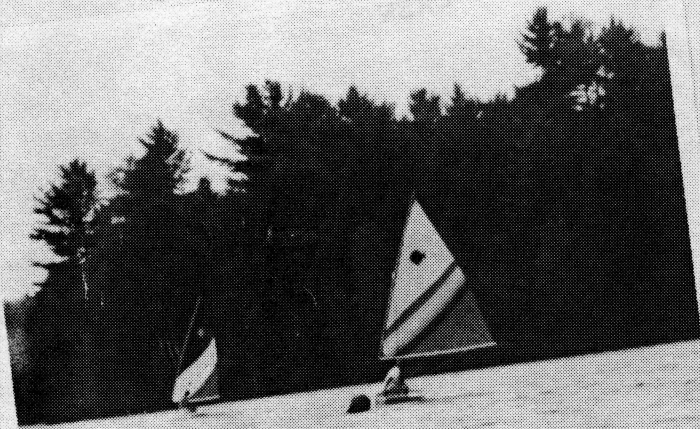
WATER FUN ON STEENBURG LAKE
THE LONG WEEKEND , AUGUST 1990



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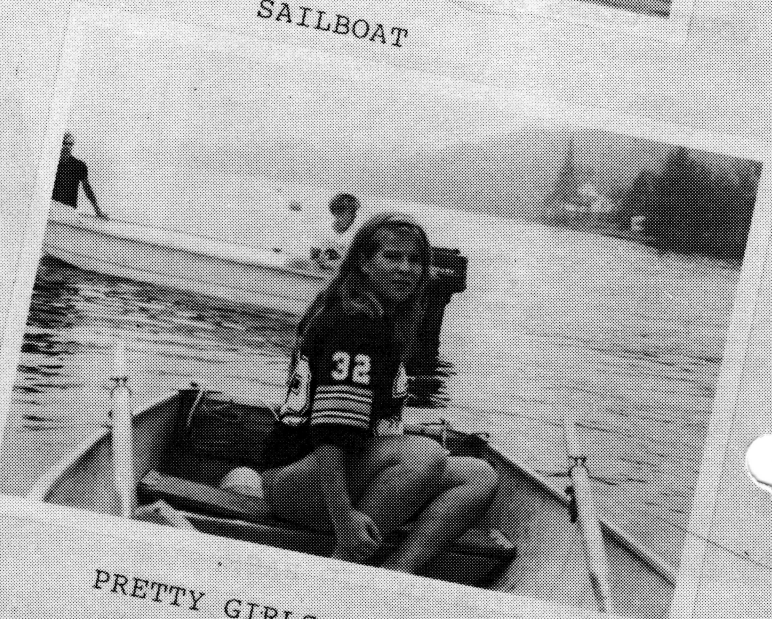
SUNFISH



SAILBOAT



WE EVEN HAD



PRETTY GIRLS

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP RECYCLING PROGRAM

If you are a Limerick Township cottager, a recycling questionnaire is included with this newsletter. Please complete it and mail it to:

Veronica Michaud

R.R. #2

Wilmour, Ont. K0L 1W0

The outlook is to have the start of a program in place by mid 1991. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

HEALTH UNIT DATA BASE

The Health Unit in Belleville is currently building a data base of existing sewage system records. The outlook for completion of this data base is late summer 1991. Once in place this system will allow a records search to determine the existence of approvals based on lot, concession, applicant, year, etc...

You, as a cottager, possibly not knowing what you have for a waste disposal system could request a search of that data base to secure information about the system. This is only applicable to systems installed since 1974. A system installed prior to 1974 was "Grandfathered" by the EPA, meaning it is forgiven forever, unless it can be shown that there are problems ie. ponding of sewage, identified polluting of other wells or water courses.

The Limerick Township requires a set back of the tank from the lakeshore of 100'. The MOE requirement is a 50' setback. The Health Bureau will issue a certificate of approval if the 50' setback is in place but the system could subsequently be rejected by the local building inspector because the installation did not comply with the local requirement. It is in your best interests to be sure you contract with a contractor that is familiar with the local requirements. Rejection by the township could result in a very expensive situation for the cottage owner.

This situation of a dual standard prompted the Limerick Township to write a letter to the Health Unit requesting that the town be informed of the request for installation of a waste disposal system prior to its installation and final inspection. In this way the problems for the cottage owner could be resolved prior to installation of the system. As of this date we are not aware of what the Health Unit's response to this request has been.

Increased load on a systems:

If you are renovating your cottage in way that could potentially impact the current sewage system, you can ask the Health Unit for suggestions and recommendations concerning those changes and the septic system capacity to handle the change.

Adding an extra bathroom does not necessarily increase the load on the system if the total number of people living there does not change. Adding bedrooms, on the other hand, presumes an addition of two people per bedroom and is factored into the output equation.

When adding large additions to small cottages with small systems the owners are in a "pay me now or pay me later" situation. Their systems could conceivably handle the load initially but then could fail and have to be replaced. The onus is on the owner to seek a Certificate of Approval

Increased load continued.....

if it is felt that the change might impact the system. The Health Unit does not take an enforcement role in this situation. The local Building Inspector could request a Certificate of Approval, if it was felt appropriate, when issuing a Building Permit.

Buyers of cottages have the right of stipulating a site survey as part of the offer to purchase.

Classified Section:

Not included with this issue, but will be part of the Spring issue. If, over the winter, you decide to make some changes that result in some useable items to be disposed of, send the list to:

Tom Hughes, 6 Highview Trail, Pittsford, NY 14534

And To Wind It All Up

Hello Fellow Cottagers:

Well here we are with another summer behind us, and some of us looking forward to a good winter season.

A couple of reminders - If you are up at the cottage any weekends during the off season, check your neighbors place for damage, vandalism, break-ins, etc. We can all help look out for each other.

The second thing is that all the committee positions are up for election this year (1991). If you would like to nominate someone for election, please make sure that person will run before submitting their name. This will save time at the annual meeting in August 1991.

I would like to thank the committee for the job they have done this past season and the Limerick Township for the position and action they have taken on resolving the capacity of the lakes in the township.

On behalf of the committee I would like to extend a

Merry Christmas

and a

Prosperous

New Year

Yours truly

Ron Rampton

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1989 - 90
October 1990

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Transfer of funds from 1989	\$3,162.53	\$5,664.31	\$2,501.81
Stationary	\$552.56		
Photocopies	27.95		
F.O.C.A. Membership 1990	\$200.00		
Donation for F.O.C.A. forms-Taxation	20.00		
Attendance at F.O.C.A. meetings	80.00		
Ron Rampton attend Crowe Valley Assoc.	10.00		
Membership of Assoc. in BACA	42.60		
Rock Bass Derby Prizes	48.41		
Trophies & Engravings	104.41		
Shoreline News Delivery(summer)	60.00		
Rock marker buoys install & removal for 1989 & 1990	400.00		
Construction of Reuseable Dinner signs	237.33		
Construction of Assoc. Bulletin Board (partial)	91.23		
Memberships (157 x \$20.00)		\$3,140.00	
Limerick Hall rental & licence	185.00		
Purchase of beer, wine & glasses	283.67		
Sale of beer & wine		364.32	
Sale of tickets for dinner		764.00	
Cost of dinner & service	764.00		
Purchase of dinner tickets for 2 reeves and their guest	32.00		
Interest on account		44.97	
Totals	----- \$3,139.16	----- \$4,313.24	\$1,174.13
Current Balance			<u>\$3,675.94</u>

Respectfully submitted by Colin Gaddas, Treasurer S.L.C.A.