

Shoreline News

Steenburg Lake Cottage Association

November 2000

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Summer *President's Report* - by Loy Rosati

Dear Cottagers,

As your new president, I would like to introduce myself, even though we have probably met at Trudy's or around the lake. I am Loy Rosati and with my wife, Barb Rockwell, and our two dogs, Pee Wee and Rosie, we have been full time permanent residents on the lake for eight years. We reside at 727 North Steenburg Lake Road. I work as a contractor in the area while Barb works at Loyalist College in Bancroft.

In the short time that I have been in office, several issues have arisen. Problems such as road conditions, lake levels and water quality have been brought to my attention. The most serious of these is effluent pollution due to septic tank inefficiencies. Although people often speak of their concern for water quality, when the topic of septic arises, everyone stops talking and backs out of the room slowly. Well, the issue has now come home to roost. On September 30, 2000, Kent Anderson and I attended the "Lake Land Stewardship Workshop" in Apsley. This seminar was part of the **Lands for Life** program established by the province to open up more wilderness areas and download the expenses to the municipalities. The meeting was attended by Chris Hodgson, the MPP for Victoria and Peterborough Counties. He explained that changes have been made in the responsibility of septic system care and maintenance. Septic systems have been added to the building code and are now the responsibility of the municipalities. The province once again shirks its responsibility.

Other people attending the meeting were from lakes mostly in the Haliburton Highlands. Their stories were heart breaking as they told of their lakes being over run by weed infestation and green algae. Speakers from the MOE and MNR spoke of how high nutrient levels, primarily caused by faulty septic, are killing or substantially affecting several lakes in the area. We all noticed significantly higher amounts of weeds in our lake this year. Some municipalities have started a *Septic Re-Inspection Program*. This program ensures that each household has a properly installed and maintained septic system. Steenburg Lake has an effluent problem caused by inefficient septic systems. This is the major reason for the high weeds in our lake. As responsible property owners, we should all be concerned about the health of the lake. If the water is not safe, neither are the people using it. Although this opens a proverbial "can of worms", the fear on the faces of the people at the meeting caused me great concern.

I believe that the Association, working in conjunction with the municipality, can and should work together to organize a program that over time, would help to alleviate the damage already done to the lake. Steenburg Lake has the enviable position of being the top lake in the chain that stretches from here to Lake Ontario. This means that the water coming into Steenburg is not directly affected by other human sources. This considered, it is our duty to keep the water as clean as possible, not only for ourselves but for all the people on the lakes below us.

I would like to hear as much input, suggestions and possible solutions to this and other problems around our lake. I can be reached at (613) 474-2348, Box 325, R.R. #2, Gilmour, K0L 1W0 or e-mail at bjrockwell@hotmail.com. Any comments would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Loy Rosati, SLCA President 

Membership Report -Fall 2000
by Barb Rockwell

What an interesting year for the Steenburg Lake Community Association canvass! Many canvassers reported that their members were never there!! Small wonder with the weather as it was. For those of you who were not available to meet your canvasser, a letter of reminder has been sent to you to remit your membership dues. The fee is still \$25.00 so mail it in today!!

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The committee members of the Steenburg Lake Community Association would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new members around the lake. They are as follows:

- #45 Carl & Anne Wartman, Cambridge, ON
- #49.4 Eric Sigurdson & Karen Spalding, Thornhill, ON
- #62 Jeff & Lisa Hurst, Courtice, ON
- #63 Pam Piercey & Marilyn Smillie, Toronto, ON
- #86 Dean & Caroline Dobson, Markham, ON
- #109 Karl & Rosanne Stow, Toronto, ON

And again, I would like to thank all the canvassers who braved the rain, cool temps and record population of mosquitoes to get the canvass done.

Lucille Luffman, Ian Fraser, Lee Burton, Judie Hughes, Myrna McCullough, Kent Anderson, Elaine McCarthy, Ruth Harrison, Dell Watson, Ken Waddell, Sue Jarson, Janet Haggarty, Missy Haggarty, Gord Douglas, Gary Goodfellow, Eileen Walsh and myself. THANK YOU

I would also like to extend a welcome to Judy Platt #77, who has offered to assist us next year. If you are interested in joining our canvass team, meet your neighbours around the lake and see the sights, please do not hesitate to call me at (613) 474-2348 (year round) or e-mail me at bjrockwell@hotmail.com. It only takes a few hours of your time and is a great way to get cottage ideas!
Have a happy winter season.

Barb Rockwell
Membership Chair
Box 325, R. R. #2, Gilmour, ON K0L 1W0 🏠

Bad Jokes

What is a snake's favourite meal?

-Hiss and chips!

What is a mouse's favourite game?

-Hide and squeak!

What does a bald rabbit wear?

-A hare piece!!

From The Archives:

August 1964: There was a Junior Cottagers Association. In their report they wanted a Dance Hall built at the Marina and a lot cleared for sing-songs, BBQs and corn roasts. Does anyone remember being part of this dream?

From August 1966 - 196 people were at the Annual Dinner! 🏠

Lake Stewardship

By Kent Anderson


We are pleased to be able to report that there has finally been success in getting the lake level lowered. Due to continuing efforts of your Executive, as well as help from several cottagers co-operation was obtained from some of the involved groups. With the removal of a beaver dam on the east side of Hwy.62, as well as clearing out of the water course through the McGeachie Conservation Area the water level has been reduced to a more acceptable level for this time of year. We will continue to monitor the water level. A letter has been sent to Crowe Valley Conservation Authority from your President. The purpose of this letter was to again express our ongoing concern with the fluctuation of the water level, and to reconfirm our intent to work with Crowe Valley on this subject.

Water Quality

Results from water sampling in 1999 were received this past summer. Results indicated that water quality is being maintained. Your Executive will continue to strive to improve the quality of your lake. Signs were posted this summer, and notices included in the Canvassers' Kits. With funding limited from Government sources more efforts must be forthcoming from all of us.

Rock Bass Derby

While the number of participants was lower than last year, the number of Rock Bass caught was higher this year. A big "thank-you" from your Executive to all participants.

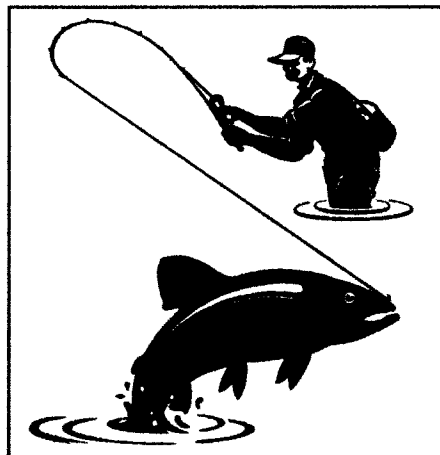
Kent Anderson
Lake Steward
Oct. 2000 

WORD SEARCH

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M R S Y O T I U Q S O M
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W S U V S E T I M R E T
E S T I E N H E A C O E
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| Bee | Ladybug |
| Butterfly | Locust |
| Dragonfly | Mantis |
| Flea | Mosquito |
| Gnat | Moth |
| Grasshopper | Roach |
| Hornet | Termite |
| Horsefly | Wasp |
| Katydid | Yellow Jacket |



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

By Ken Waddell Treasurer

SEPTEMBER 7/99 - SEPTEMBER 8/00

Balance Forward		10,030.06
Income:		
Memberships (139 x \$25)	3,475.00	
Interest (GIC & Bank acct)	393.84	
		3,868.84
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		13,898.90
Expenses:		
Photocopies & postage	361.14	
Insurance	432.00	
Rock markers	200.00	
Association meetings	590.84	
Donations	50.00	
		1,633.98
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Balance		12,264.92
Reconcillation		
Bank Account (Sept. 8/00)	1,264.92	
GIC Investments	11,000.00	
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Balance		12,264.92

From the Editors:

This newsletter is late due to the simple reason that Wendy and I both suffered from a case of "What do you mean have I started the newsletter?"

Was that a cold Thanksgiving or what? I am not sure what the almanac says but the leaves were certainly down early this year. For those of you who enjoy winters at the cottage, here's to a good snowfall. This summer Wendy's daughter had a tick on her. We had it identified and it was *Ixodes cookei*. This species of tick does not carry Lyme disease but does carry another disease called Powassan disease. If you find a tick on you; using a pair of tweezers *not* your bare hands, pull it out slowly and keep the tick to be identified (old film canisters are good for this sort of thing).

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We also welcome your views, comments and submissions. 📧