


# Shoreline News

Steenburg Lake Community Association

November 2002

## *Mission Statement*

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. 

### **Your SLCA Board**

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Stewardship

Wendy Rudd and  
Kim Cranfield-  
Secretaries and  
Editors

## *President's Report Fall 2002*

*"Is it a bird?" "Is it a plane?"*

No, it's another summer gone at an alarming speed. Amazing how fast they go by.

This summer was a hot and dry one. Thanks to everyone's co-operation, the campfire problem during the fire ban was kept to a minimum.

Thank you to Association member Bruce Woodbeck and Crowe Valley Conservation Authority for assistance and supplies to improve the log dam. More improvements are planned for next summer.

Thank you to all the individuals who helped in the road clean-up, beach BBQ and other volunteer tasks.

There were some concerns expressed about my calling the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) in relation to some activity on the lake shoreline and my pursuant flyer. The DFO was contacted initially after several complaints were received about the legality of shoreline work being done without proper permits. Lakeshore owners need to realize that beyond the high water mark, the property belongs to the Federal Government. Any work done must have proper permits to ensure maintenance of the shoreline habitat and release the property owner of the liability of repairing unauthorized work. I spent several hours in discussion with people about these specific problems. At that point, I felt I had other things to spend my time on then on something that was out of my control.

I asked the DFO officers to return to the lake at this time. No complaint was "officially" filed and the officers were specifically asked not to lay charges or levy fines. They were there to inform people of their responsibilities to acquire permits, their liability for work being done without permits and the effect on the shoreline habitat. As for the flyer, it was strictly for information, was discussed and received favourably at the Annual General Meeting and I take responsibility for the printing and distribution of it.

Now that everyone has the info, **LET'S USE IT to keep Steenburg Lake alive and well!**

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## President's Report Fall 2002- Cont'd

Just a reminder:

### SHORELINE CHANGES INFO.

Ken Phillips 613-472-3137

### COMPLAINTS TO DFO

Steve Hayden 705-750-4004

A BIG THANKS goes out to all of the members who came out for the Annual General Meeting. We actually obtained a quorum but we need to try harder next year. At the next Annual General Meeting, August 2003, my term as President will be over. Some people have asked that I continue but I feel that since there are over 200 cottages on Steenburg Lake, we should have a new President every 3 years as per our own Association By-laws. So please consider using your skills to improve our Association and run for President next year!

### Items for Clarification as per your requests:

#### Fitzgibbon Boat Launch

Open to Cottagers from  
May 24 to June 15, 2003  
and from

#### Labour Day to September 30, 2003

#### Steenburg Marina

- Can't find any info. on "Pro Bass Tournaments".
- Fishing tournaments are usually run by local organization for raising funds.
- Limerick Twp. states that the property is zoned Commercial and they understand that the extent of the Marina would be a tuck shop for small groceries and ice cream.

#### Wollaston Bass Tournament

- Run by the Legion to include a 25-mile radius only and have had no complaints or problems so far
- A yearly function for fund raising.

#### Beach BBQ

- Twp. states that it is not necessary to secure a beach permit for the BBQ, as there is no such permit in place! (a by-law would have to be passed)

#### Water Testing

- Twp. does no water testing. Association will be testing the water this fall. Results in Spring Newsletter.

#### Wilson's Island

- Welcome to Ted Moffat, Wes and Peggy's son, who has bought and is working on the island property.

Have a Great Winter Season,  
Loy Rosati  
President

## Membership Report 2002

Such a hot summer, now for a cool autumn. A big WELCOME to all of our new members on Steenburg Lake and we hope you enjoyed your first summer. These new members include:

- #3 Mark and Mary Ann Bell from Tennessee, U.S.A.
- #18 Jill Fraser of Toronto
- #68 Dale and Sandra Taylor of Port Hope
- #85 Leszek and Ana Kaczmarek of Etobicoke
- #92 Phil and Sheila Conroy of Whitby
- #119 Brett Pearson and Erin Martin of Richmond Hill and Brampton
- #167 Brad and Nancy Houlden of Frankford

Again, a big THANK YOU to our committed canvassers who braved the bugs and heat to collect and chat. They are:

- Peggy Moffat
- Ian Fraser
- Judie Hughes
- Martha Lee Burton
- Myrna McCullough
- Kent Anderson
- Elaine & John McCarthy
- Judy Platt
- John O'Rourke
- Ken Waddell
- Eileen Hudson
- Sue Jarson
- Gord Douglas
- Gary Goodfellow (2 areas!)
- Eileen Walsh

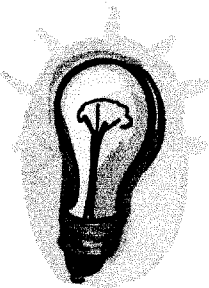
Have a wonderful winter and we'll see you in the spring.  
Barb Rockwell



If you go out in the woods today.... please be sure to wear bright colours!! There are many hunt camps in the area, be careful during hunting season.

**STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
SEPTEMBER 7/01 - SEPTEMBER 9/02**

BALANCE FORWARD		15,011.78
INCOME:		
Memberships	3,645.00	
Interest (GIC & Bank acct)	418.23	
Other income	50.00	
		4,113.23
		19,125.01
EXPENSES:		
Photocopies & postage	152.14	
Insurance (pending)		
Rock markers	469.10	
Dinner/Bar/Boat Test	996.17	
Fire Dept. Donations	665.00	
Newsletter	276.30	
Bank Service charges	6.25	
Recreation	114.40	
S.L.C.A. sign moved	50.00	
		2,729.36
		16,395.65
Balance		
RECONCILIATION		
Bank Account (Sept. 9/02)	2,577.55	
GIC Investments	+14,000.00	
Outstanding cheques	- 181.90	
		16,395.65

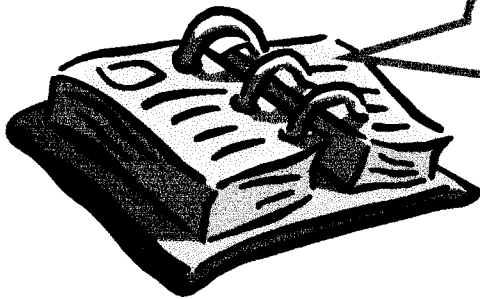


***Attention Permanent Residents?***

Are you interested in keeping a fire pump on your property?

You would be trained to operate it and possibly called to respond to a fire.


Please contact your Executive.



*Mark your calendars  
now!  
Beach BBQ - July 14,  
2003  
Road Clean up*

### *Lake Stewardship*

I have not received any results from the water testing at all so I have nothing to report in terms of water quality. I can tell you that the Sechi disk readings were not as good as previous years, but they were taken immediately following the tremendous rise in water we had which would have increased runoff into the lake and hence decreased water clarity. It is at times of great runoff into the lake that cottagers can see the effects of detrimental substances entering the water such as fertilizers etc. Also erosion is increased with the clearing of the buffer zone immediately surrounding the shore. Cottagers should be encouraged to leave a buffer zone close to the water to reduce the runoff into the lake which also stabilizes habitat for fish and frogs.

*Please* folks; if you see damaged or missing marker buoys let me know. This year we seemed to have a lot of damaged or disappearing buoys. They are expensive to replace. This year we added reflective tape with the symbol for a hazard on them. This made them more visible at night. 



Rick Burke

### *Logo Competition*

We are looking for a logo for the Steenburg Lake Cottage Assoc.

Entries are due on the 2003 May long weekend.

Specifications: 3 colours, any shape

Submit your designs to:  
Steenburg Lake Cottage Assoc.  
C/o Wendy Rudd  
272 Canterbury Drive  
Waterloo, ON, N2K 3C3



**Tell us how you feel about a Pro-Bass tournament on Steenburg Lake next summer.**

[w.rudd@rogers.com](mailto:w.rudd@rogers.com)

### *For Sale:*

Apartment size washing machine. Hoover - \$40.

Brown aluminium door, 35x82 - free

Call Ken or Anita Waddell  
(416) 264- 3295



## *New Waste Disposal By-law for Limerick Township*

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, please be advised that the Twp. of Limerick has established a new fee for disposal of **non-recyclable** waste.

As of that date, all users of the Limerick Twp. landfill site will be required to purchase, at a cost of \$1 each, **Bag Tags**. These tags must be affixed to each bag of **non-recyclable** waste or they will not be accepted at the site.

The bylaw is 6 pages in length and will be posted in the Steenburg Lake display case at Trudy's, by the New Year. This will detail fees for dumpage and definitions of what is or is not recyclable material. The only real change in dump fees is the Bag Tag fee for **non-recyclables**. The Twp feels that the change will promote recycling and lengthen the lifespan of the landfill site. 🏠

Loy Rosati

### *From the Editors*

Well, we had another great year at the cottage. It almost seems a distant memory now. I am hoping to get up there this winter at least once. I am looking forward to seeing your entries for the logo contest. I know there are some very creative people out there. This is your chance! 🏠

Wendy

If you think you saw a Pelican on the Lake this summer, you were right. Repeated sightings of brown pelicans in the area were confirmed by the MNR. Apparently, these birds are driven inland during violent storms. Each time I sit down to do this newsletter; I am committed to getting it out on time. Then life interrupts.

All the best this holiday season. 🏠

Kim

**This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody**

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Tom Hughes

### *Wanted: Social Committee Member*

We are looking for someone to volunteer for the position of Social Director.

Responsibilities include: Arrangements for the menu, style of service and prizes for the Annual Meeting dinner, social events for members during the cottage season (regattas, canoe races, weenie roasts, foot races), prepare newsletter article summarizing events over the summer for the fall newsletter and design, procure and arrange for the sale of agreed upon items of wear reflecting the lake name or association name.

Please contact any member of the Executive for additional information. 🏠