

# ❖ Shoreline News ❖

Spring 1996

Steenburg Lake Community Association  
Member of Crowe Valley Presidents Association &  
Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations

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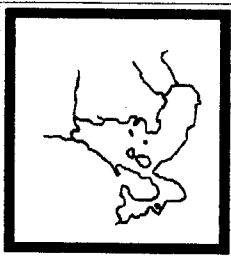
## WHERE DO WE COME FROM?

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Oshawa - 17  
Scarborough - 14  
Belleville - 13  
USA - 13  
Gilmour - 11  
Peterborough - 10  
Trenton - 4  
West Hill - 4  
Burlington - 4

Below these figures it is one and twos from numerous small communities. The 109 cottages above accounts for 54% of the cottages on the lake.



KEEP IT CLEAN



## From President Quinn

**WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?** It would probably take an entire newsletter for me to update you on all the issues that have taken place this past year. Since this is not possible, I will try to provide highlights on the most important items and acknowledge those Executive Members actively involved in the lake activities.

Several of the Executive members held a special joint council and association meeting on September 8th during which the following issues were raised:

- ♦ General lines of communication
- ♦ Sub-water shed plan
- ♦ Reason for council approving the severance on the lodge properties
- ♦ Dumping concerns, ie. dumping without permits and our renters, and so on.

After this meeting took place, I was hoping for a quiet fall and winter, getting back to the cottage this spring and looking forward to enjoying summer 1996.....as it turns out this was just a "pipe dream".

Along came the Association's fight once again on the *lodge severance* matter. Apparently, for no justifiable reason, the present Limerick Council decided to approve the lodge severance even though every previous council had rejected it. The records show that it has been rejected on prior occasions due to the results of a lake capacity study and restrictions on severances.

With the assistance of Tom Little we took our concerns to Hastings County Belleville Planning Department. After numerous FAXes, phone calls and various correspondence, Tom Little and I met with the new owner of the lodge property who, shortly thereafter, agreed to withdraw his request for severance. Now that this is finally over I do not anticipate further problems with lodge severance on the lake. However, the Association will need to be very watchful and monitor this situation closely with Limerick Council and Belleville Planning.....it is not going to go away!

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*President's Message*

Just when I was about to breathe a sigh of relief, we were hit with another major concern....**TAXATION!** This crept up on us quite suddenly when no one was looking. Once again off to Belleville to protest, on behalf of the Association, the method of assessment which would result in unfair and excessive tax increases on property owners in rural communities.

The following is what was said when I addressed the Hastings Council on Thursday, November 23, 1995:

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to say a few words regarding the proposed Market Value Assessment that will affect not only local residents but the cottage community of Steenburg Lake that I represent here today.

I am sure you are aware that the proposed reassessment concept is causing a major furor in other municipalities and as a resident taxpayer, I find this Market Value Assessment is totally unacceptable based on the current information available.

As you are no doubt aware our cottage properties constitute a significant portion of this count's Municipal taxes. Just what do we, the cottagers, receive for the taxes paid; we don't have our access road ploughed in the winter months, we don't send our children to the local schools, nor do we receive the benefits of garbage collection or call upon Social Services for welfare benefits should the need arise, nor do we receive the luxury of receiving town water or sewer services, or share in the protection of community policing. I am fortunate though, I can take my bag of garbage to the landfill when I leave on a Sunday - if the landfill just happens to be open!

I have been reading over the notes from a recent address by the Hon. Al Leach, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and I quote an excerpt from that address,

***"I think you all know by now what got us into this mess...a major fiscal problem".***

Well, who got us into this mess? Certainly not the taxpayer, but the taxpayers are the ones who will continue to pay and pay and pay.

Here is another excerpt from that same address:

***"We have to find solutions that work. The old tax and spend days are gone. We have to get away from simple coping strategies - like hiking taxes - and focus on structural reforms."***

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This statement is extremely confusing to me. In proposing the Market Value Assessment concept - is this not hiking taxes? This is not what is deemed as a simple coping strategy - a coping strategy for whom? A simple coping strategy in this instance by the Province was the major reduction of transfer payments to Municipalities.

**"I am totally against raising taxes to compensate for cuts."** I wholeheartedly agree with this statment. I am tired of being taxed to death at the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal levels of government. Where is it going to end? Again, this seems to be a two sided statment - where are Municipalities to find the funds to cover the loss of transfer payment — seems to me we are right back to raising taxes — what better way than to have the county introduce MVA. A neat way to just hit the taxpayer.

There is also talk of changing municipal boundaries, and moving to a one-tier arrangement for municipal government. How effective would this be? No one knows. Would it be more cost efficient? No one knows. Would such a radical move affect our tax structure and delivery of services — you can rest assured that in some measure this move will affect us all and more than likely it will be the taxpayer who will be forced to pay.

**Mr. Leach further states....."You will have to reaffirm your commitment to local taxpayers. You'll have to take ownership of your own municipal destiny. And — ultimately — you will have to be responsible and accountable for your own actions.**

As a taxpayer, a part time resident of this community, or if you will a "a cottager" who cares about the land, cares about preserving the environment, cares that he supports the local business establishments, I am asking that you, as a council, be responsible and accountable,**VOTE "NO"ON THIS ISSUE.**

Steenburg Lake cottage residents are strongly opposed to the unjust and inequitable concept of the proposed reassessment. It is suggested to you that the level of service be cut to hold and/or bring down the level taxation to everyone, and not to target one group.

This was followed up by a letter on January 24, 1996, to the County of Hastings Reeves for an emergency meeting held on that day ( see on next page). The issue has received considerable coverage as I also appeared on television and radio to take the fight to the public domain on behalf of our lake association.

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Annual Association Meeting - August 4th - L.C.C.

January 24, 1996

To: The Reeves, County of Hastings  
Re: Emergency Meeting - January 24, 1996 at Wollastan Township.  
Subject: Market Value Assessment

On behalf of the Steenburg Lake Community Association I would like to let you know that we are strongly opposed to the recent Market Value Assessment. We feel that it is grossly unfair and inequitable, especially given the fact that cottage properties constitute a significant portion of the county's municipal taxes and the cottagers receive very few, if any, services in return (no town water or sewer services, garbage collection, snow removal from access roads, etc.) It should also be noted that the 1992 assessment figures which were used for this year's reassessment were extremely high because properties were at the top end of the market at that time.

It is extremely disturbing to us that we are being penalized with excessive tax increases, (disguised as Market Value Assessment) in order to compensate for the Government's lack of fiscal restraint over the past years. Many of our cottage residents, including myself, have been reassessed up to 100% more than in the prior year, and we are understandably outraged by this situation. Further, we feel that the members of Council who voted "YES" on this issue acted in a very irresponsible manner and without considering all of the ramifications involved.

We are tired of being taxed to death and will do everything possible to ensure that this matter is reconsidered. The Steenburg Lake Community Association will be holding a special meeting on February 16, 1996 to review its options and determine what steps could be taken to help resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Thomas J. Quinn  
President

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Given the tremendous amount of effort that was required to accomplish as much as we did this year, I feel I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the members who have been actively involved in matters of concern to the association and who are responsible for the success we have had as an organization.

I would like to thank Garry Goodfellow for providing assistance with Belleville when it became apparent that the taxation issue was taking on a "life of its own" and Griff Lloyd for all the hard work and support during this difficult period. Thanks also to Tom Little who worked tirelessly to help resolve the lake severance issue, Rick & Diane Burke for putting together outstanding summer programs, Sandra and Bill Dafoe, Lake Historians, Glenda Cox, Recording Secretary, who has patiently listened to me ramble on for hours on end. Thanks to Barb Rockwell for keeping us solvent by working hard to collect dues and encourage new membership, and to our Treasurer, Colin Gaddas for his "financial wizardry". And, lest I forget, I owe a debt of gratitude to Tom Hughes for patiently waiting for me to get the "Presidents Message" to him for the newsletter each issue. The sub-committee members have continued to play an important role in our organization and I thank them for their efforts. Special thanks to past president, Ron Rampton, and to Eugene Tracy for many years of dedication and commitment (Eugene sold his cottage spring 1996).

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**Association Officers  
& Lead Directors**

**Officers**  
 President - Tom Quinn  
 Treasurer - Colin Gaddas  
 Recording Secretary - Open position  
 Corresponding Sec. - Tom Hughes

**Lead Directors**  
 Membership - Barb Rockwell  
 Social - Rick & Diane Burke  
 Municipal Affairs - Tom Little  
 Lake Stewardship - Griff Lloyd  
 Historians - Sandra & Bill Dafoe

**ICE OUT  
DATE 96**

**Sunday  
April 28th**

## McGeachie Conservation Area

by Barb Rockwell

Thanks to Kodak and new technology, we are able to share some photos with you of the official opening of the McGeachie Conservation Area from July 1, 1995. See picture page.

Kelly Pender welcomed the keen gathering on a beautiful summer's day. Jack McGeachie spoke of his love and concern for the environment and outlined the fascinating history of his property. Bonnie Taylor, Chair and Al French, Vice Chair of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority presented an elegant wood etched on a maple plaque to Jack & Ethel, commemorating their thought and timeless donation as well as unveiling a commemorative plaque installed on the site. The St. Ola United Church Women offered a delicious lunch to all those who gathered for this occasion. A wonderful time was had by all and we wish to thank Jack, Ethel and their family for this unique opportunity.

The inventory report of the property has been completed by the CVCA summer staff. At this point not much else is moving forward due to limited support from the province.

## SPRING 96 F.O.C.A.

Griff Lloyd was our sole attendee at the F.O.C.A. meeting, held on Saturday April 13th in Toronto. The meeting was well attended by representatives from all over the Province. Main topics covered were:

Environmental Bill of Rights & the Cottager  
Control of Cottage Country  
Untangling shoreline ownership & rights  
Lake Stewardship (water quality monitoring)  
Tax Reform

Tax Reform:

This was very good. They had a panel of 4 directors who spoke for 10 minutes each followed by a question and answer period.

**Director #1** was from the appraisal institute of Canada, (a realtor) who had mixed feelings of the Province of Ontario's assessment department and their numerous irregularities on Market Value

Assessment.

**Director #2** was a retired reeve (of 20 years experience) who had spent a great deal of time trying to convince the province to properly assess trailers and trailer campsite on a user fee basis. Most trailer owners do not pay sufficient fees, yet they end up with voting rights in the community.

**Director #3** was a retired economics professor who spoke of her participation in the fight against Market Value Assessment in the Muskokas. Their exhaustive efforts of collecting data from the assessment department, analyzing it to determine the irregularities therein was instrumental in forcing an appeal to be heard at an O.M.B. hearing to take place the first week of May 1996. The outcome of this hearing could set a precedence for the rest of Ontario.

**Director #4** was a councilor from the township of Tiny in Simcoe County and he reviewed over a years details on how this small township with their continuous efforts were able to turn around other townships in Simcoe County to finally cancel Market Value Assessment for Simcoe County.

I have written F.O.C.A. taxation committee chair on M.V.A. and spoken to him personally as well concerning an all Ontario petition by the respective cottage associations and monitored by F.O.C.A.. This proposal is being given serious consideration. The F.O.C.A. representative has had a meeting with our P.C. Government so this is the beginning of a dialogue with our latest government.

I was personally disappointed to see that I was the only person from our association at the meeting. It is open to all not just association directors and officers.

**"OOPS"**

by  
**Tom Hughes**

The copy of the by-laws that were printed in the fall newsletter were in fact the old version, not the version that was passed at the annual meeting last August. The revised by-laws modified the associate member section. The correct version of the by-laws is included with this newsletter.

**McGeachie Conservation Area Dedication - July 1995**



L-R Jack & Ethel McGeachie, Al French (Vice Chair CVCA), Lola & Harry Danford(MPP), Bonnie Taylor (Chair CVCA), Lloyd & Robert (McGeachie's sons)

Kelly Pender - Exec. Director of CVCA addresses gathering.

Beautiful wood etched plaque (on configured maple) Presented to Jack & Ethel McGeachie



Jack McGeachie speaking of the wonderful years he and his family have spent on Steenburg Lake



Delicious lunch provided by St. Ola U.C. women - it was delicious



## SURVEY SUMMARY OF 1995

*by Tom Hughes*

The summer and fall issues of the Shoreline News included a survey form encompassing issues around the lake as well as the ability to update your waste disposal systems' status for the data base that is maintained of the lake as a whole.

As of February, 39 responses to this survey had been completed and returned which is a 24% response. Not all that bad and not all that good. The following conclusions can be drawn from the returns:

**Fire Pumps:** About a 50/50 response so it would appear that it is up to small groups of cottagers to band together and combine their resources for the purchase of a pump. The response certainly would not indicate that it is an effort for the association to pursue and manage. The Fall 1994 issue of Shoreline had a flyer in it for the Wajax pump or contact Griff Lloyd.

**Well:** The association will not pursue the well issue. Out of 39 responses only 11 indicated support for such a source of drinking water. Limerick Township Council has not been cooperative in providing an outside tap for such a source.

**Annual Meeting:** Overwhelming response was to leave the annual meeting as it is, first Sunday in August in conjunction with a dinner.

**Request for volunteers:** Out of the 39 surveys returned, 14 volunteered. Of the 14, 9 were already assisting in some way which provided the potential of 5 new volunteers.

**Composting of Garbage:** A total of 13 indicated composting was a routine, 26 do not or did not respond to the question. If the sample is representative of the lake, roughly 1/3 of the cottagers are composting.

**Burning of paper:** About 62% of the cottages burn their junk paper rather than take it to the landfill.

**Concerns about the future of the lake:** Without question water quality is the prime concern followed by development which impacts water quality.

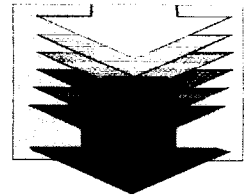
**Is the association effective in meeting these concerns:** Cottagers appear to have a lot of confidence in what the association is capable of doing with 75% responding 'yes' to this question.

**What is the optimum water level of the lake:** The responses it would appear depend entirely where you are on the lake. If we assume that the no responses indicate satisfaction of the status quo, then 72% are satisfied with the lake as it is, 23% prefer it to be maintained at a lower level, and 5% would like to see it higher. This response would make it unfeasible to request the Crow Valley Water Authority to modify their current practices relative to Steenburg Lake.

It is difficult to share all the comments that were included on the survey forms in the newsletter but they will be shared with the Executive at the June meeting. Thank you to all who took the time to respond to the survey. This survey is terminated but we continue to look for updated information about your waste disposal systems. That effort will be carried on through the canvassers. Again thank you.



You read it in the  
Shoreline News



### IMPORTANT

There are two very important positions on the association board that are going to be vacated by the incumbents:

**President  
&  
Recording  
Secretary**

These positions must be filled if the association is to survive. Please consider yourself as a candidate or if there is someone you feel has the interest and willingness, bring that person to the annual meeting and present as a candidate.

# DIRECTORS

FROM YOUR

## Lake Stewardship

by Griff Lloyd

A reminder to those that fish. BASS FISHING ON STEENBURG LAKE OPENS JUNE 29TH AND GOES THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH. Spawning season could very well be delayed this year and on those warm days in May it is a great temptation to get the rod out. Even though you catch and release, once you have pulled a bass off its bed the odds are very slim it will go back on it. That becomes a loss to the future bass population of the lake.

Last year those that were observed fishing out of season appeared to be renters, so for those of you that rent out your cottage be sure to advise your renters about the legal dates of the season.

After Labour Day weekend there will be two prizes awarded for the following:

- The largest Largemouth Bass caught
- The largest Smallmouth Bass caught (between 6/29 and 9/2)

### HOWEVER TO BE ELIGIBLE

You must complete and hand in a fish record form for the 1996 summer season. It must be submitted by the end of the Labour Day weekend to either Griff Lloyd (19) or Bill Willmore (151). Weight and length of fish must be measured by Griff or Bill. The fish recoding forms are available from Griff or Bill. The canvassers will also carry a supply.

### Environmental Activities Scheduled

Loosestrife cutting and road clean up is scheduled for July 13th. Captains are: North Road - Griff Lloyd, South Road - Garry Goodfellow. See the events schedule page for details. Worthwhile events and a good way to meet your neighbors and build a good community spirit around the lake.

A member of our committee who has been on the lake for many years is leaving. Gene Tracy will be missed and we need someone to step forward and replace him. Give me a call.

## Membership

by Barb Rockwell

The 1996 Membership Campaign will be starting in June. The membership fee for 1996 will be \$25.00, increased last annual meeting after many years with no increase. Your local canvasser will be calling on you with numerous pass outs including the spring issue of the newsletter.

Without these canvassers we would be in trouble. The newsletter is good but impersonal, their contact is warm and personal. We keep our data base of the lake current through their contacts and through their conversations and feed back get a better feel for the concerns around the lake.

### YOUR CANVASSER IS

<u>Name &amp; Cottage #</u>	<u>Cottages covered</u>
Lucille Luffman (#2)	190-192 & 1 - 12
Ian Fraser (#16)	13-22, 193-195
Judie Hughes- (#30)	23 - 30C
Lee Burton - (#28)	31 41
Fran Downing - (#49)	42 - 53
Don Ward (#61)	54 66
The McCarthys - (#67)	67 - 78
Ruth Harrison - (#79)	79 - 85
Dell Watson - (#89)	86 - 96
Cecile Berry - (#105)	97-109 & 204
Nancy Stantial (#128)	110 - 122
Sharon Cole - (#126)	123 - 136
Cathy Vanner - (#141)	137 - 149
Ken Cox - (#164)	150 - 165
Ron Rampton - (#157)	166 - 178
Tricia Neub - (#177)	179 - 189 & 194
Eileen Walsh - (#194)	196 - 203

It becomes very difficult to contact each cottage as people are in residence at different times and continued call backs are very inconvenient for the canvasser. If you find an "I was here" note in your door from your canvasser, please call and let that person know you are in so contact can be made. It will be appreciated.

This year, we welcome our Associate Members, those who live not directly on the lake. I will be inviting those residents to join SLCA, in June during the regular canvass. WELCOME



# MORE FROM THE DIRECTORS

## Municipal Affairs

by Tom Little

The big issue around the lake this year is Market Value Assessment, which has the potential to push our taxes even farther beyond any relationship to the services we receive in return. Fortunately Tom Quinn, our president and Griff Lloyd are taking an aggressive role on our behalf, and I know they will represent our interests well.

There are no new developments to report regarding the old lodge property on the North Rd.. It is our understanding that the parcel back of the road remains for sale, but the owner Bill Daniell has not taken further steps to sever it into smaller parcels. It is also our understanding that the lake-front portion is owned by another gentleman, Steve Blasiack who rents out the one existing cottage for most of the summer. As noted earlier, your Association is opposed to any severance or other change within 1000 feet of the water, **unless it can be clearly demonstrated that it will not be injurious to the lake.**

With summer coming up fast, here are a couple of reminders. First do not start a fire without permit to do so. These are easily obtained through people like Wes Moffatt or either township office. Second, always take your card if you are going to the Limerick landfill. In addition, if you rent your cottage or have visitors, make sure they know about these requirements as well.

Finally, cottage security remains a major problem, especially over the spring to fall period when the roads are clear. Keep an eye out for anyone you don't know, note the license plate number and check your neighbors buildings as well as your own. If you leave for any length of time, take what you can with you. This includes small outboard motors, tools, chain saws, VCRs, and waterskis.

There is a concern relative to the Planning Legislation which was introduced through Bill 20 on November 16, 1995 and by new policy statements in January 1996. These legislative amendments reduce notification requirements for planning applications and reduce appeal rights, reduced notice, fewer requirements for public hearings and the empowerment of rural municipalities that lack planning expertise. Taken together they do not provide for a fair, creditable or effective planning process. F.O.C.A. is lobbying for changes.

## Social Activities - 1996

by Diane Burke

Enclosed with this newsletter is a social calendar highlighting events around the lake and the community for the summer 1996. Please post this calendar on your refrigerator for handy reference.

Beach games and a barbeque will be held July 13th. There will be food, canoe races, paddle boat races for all ages and we will have some beach games for the young ones. Please join the fun!

August 4th is the annual meeting and dinner at the Limerick Community Centre. Tickets will be on sale at the beach barbeque or contact Diane or Rick Burke at cottage # 97, 474-2254. Cost of tickets is \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 ages 5 - 12, under 5 - free.. Don't forget - we are always looking for donations for door prizes at the annual dinner. If you have a special craft or a corporate donation it will be greatly appreciated. Call 474-2254 and let us know details. Thanks!

Watch the bulletin board at Trudy's for further details and activities and have a happy and safe summer!

## Village Playhouse

Hastings St. S., Bancroft

All performances at the Village Playhouse - curtain time 8:00pm. Tickets \$12.00- season ticket: \$30.00. Theatrics hotline 332-4464. Tickets available at: **The Great Escape Bookstore: Harvest Moon Whole Foods:**

### "Lend Me A Tenor"

by Ken Ludwig

...Zany Comedy!!

Sponsored by:

**Harvest Moon Whole Foods**

July 3-6 and 10-13

### "Shirley Valentine"

by Willy Russell

Shirley Valentine Longs For Escape...

\* Adult Language

Sponsored by:

**The CRAFTSMAN RESTAURANT**  
"An affordable Country Diner"

July 24-27 & 31- Aug. 3



### "The Long Week-End"

by Norm Foster

"A Comedy of Relationships..."

\* Adult Themes

Sponsored by:  
**WILSON HOMECARE**  
Building Centre

August 14-17 & 21-24



**To Be Or Not To Be  
A Lake Community  
(An Editorial From The Executive)**

Webster defines a community as :

A group of people living together as a smaller social unit within a larger one and having interest, work, etc. in common.

That seems to fit us, a lake community with common interests (the lake and its environment) living within the Townships of Limerick and Tudor/Cashel. The definition implies that there is more to it than just living together and therein is where our lake community ends. A common feeling is that the association works in our behalf therefore I can sit back and let them take care of it. The association can plead, cajole, attempt to define, suggest to our local councils but that is as far as it goes. It has no power to enforce or enact. If the councils chose to be polite to us and then ignore us there is little the association can do.

There is however a lot you as a voter can do to provide a council that treats the cottagers as well as it treats its year-round residents. You pay your taxes, you receive precious little in services yet when it comes to the show down, election day, you are not there and that is when it counts, exercising your franchise at the polling booth. That is the only way we as a lake community can achieve the goals we need to protect the long term health and vitality of the lake property the assessor feels is worth a lot of dollars.

This may be a little early to start harping on "Getting Out The Vote" but if constant reminders to you about what our councils do and don't do will help on the next go around, then it is time to start. The last election was a dismal failure in getting the cottage owners to cast their ballots. On Steenburg Lake alone there are 90 cottages in Limerick Township, and 114 in Tudor Cashel Townships. Combine those with the other lakes in the townships and you have a sizable voting block. Enough power to impact the make up of the councils.

As seasonal residents our loyalties and hearts are where our permanent home is. We come to the lake to get away from the hustle and bustle and pressure of those communities, to be at ease and rest and forget. That does not mean that you should let people run roughshod over you. You know the old saying "There are no free lunches" in the end you pay one way or another. As a community let us keep this in mind and see if we can operate as a cohesive community. For the good of all of us.

Your comments & opinions are encouraged.....

The *Shoreline News* is published by the Steenburg Lake Community Association, 3 times annually. Members, Associate Members, & Executive are invited to submit written news items to the editor by the deadline. Articles submitted must relate to the lake or be informative to those owning property around the lake. Items for the classified section are free to members & associate members. Late submissions will be held for future publication dates.

**NEXT DEADLINE**

**August 11**

**Deliver to cottage #30 or mail  
to: Tom Hughes, 6 Highview  
Trail, Pittsford, NY 14534**

# 1996 Steenburg Lake Community Association Events Calendar

Post this schedule on your cottage bulletin board

## June

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## June

29th - Opening day for bass season

Don't forget - The canvassers will be dropping by to provide you with updated information and to collect your annual association dues of \$25.00. Contact Barb Rockwell (#30.B), 474-2348, if you need further information. Thank you for your support.

Join in - Biggest bass contest! Complete a fish form throughout the summer and we will be awarding prizes for the biggest smallmouth and largemouth bass catches. Contact Griff Lloyd (#19) or Bill Wilmore (#151).

## July

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## July

1st - Canada Day

7th - Board meeting at Quinn's cottage (10:00am to 2:00pm). Bring a lunch and interested guests, beverages provided. Agenda - finalize summer events and annual meeting agenda.

13th - Purple Loosetrife and garbage clean up. Meet at the public beach at 9:30. Bring gloves, a cold drink, rubber boots and friends - bags and pick are provided. We promise to be done by 11:30 so you can join in the beach games. South Road Captain - Rick Burke (#97)

North Road Captain - Griff Lloyd (19)

13th - Beach barbeque and activities. Canoe races, paddle boat races, face painting and games for the kids. Races start at 1:00pm. Please join us at the beach for an afternoon of fun! Annual dinner tickets will be available

## August

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## August

1st to 4th - 33rd Annual Rockhound Gemboree, North Hastings Community Centre, Bancroft (332-1513).

3rd - Rock Bass Derby, ages 5 through 10. Register by 9:00am with Griff Lloyd (#19), 474-2849. Goes all day Saturday and ends at 12:00 noon on Sunday. Call in your total to Griff no later than 12:30 on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded at the annual dinner. Remember this one is catch and destroy.

4th - Annual association meeting. Limerick Community Centre (3:00 - 5:00)

4th - Annual Dinner, Limerick Community Centre. Socail hour 5:30 - 6:30, door prize draws, family style dinner at 6:30. Tickets \$9.00 adult, \$5.00 ages 5 - 12, under 5 free.

16th to 18th - Mineral Capital Rodeo, Bancroft (332-1513)

23 and 24th - Coe Hill Agricultural Fair (332-1513)

## September

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## September

1st - Board meeting at Quinn's cottage 10:00am - 2:00pm. Bring your lunch beverages provided. Planning for 1997

2nd - Labor Day - Sailing Regatta on the Beach Bay (only if enough pre-register in each class by August 24th). Windsurfers start at 2:00.

single sail at 3:00 and Two sail at 3:30. **Call Tom Hughes to register.** Meet at beach for trophies and some goodies after the race.

Wind Surfers

Single Sail

Two sail

7th - Silent Auction - Limerick Community Centre.

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**

a) Dwellings within the drainage basin of the lake but not located directly on the lake may apply for Associate Membership by directing a written request for this status to the current Lead Director for Membership along with a check in the amount of the current annual association dues.

b) 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. A letter of request shall be directed to the current Lead Director for Membership along with a check in the amount of the current annual association dues.

**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 Recording Secretary when a vote is scheduled. Associate Members do not have voting privileges, nor may they hold an elected office.

b) In all other respects the entire membership shall enjoy equal privileges.

**5. Officers**

a) The officers of the association shall be President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Lead Directors.

b) Any officer may be suspended for cause by a two-thirds majority vote at any general meeting of the association.

c) There shall be four standing committees, each chaired by an elected Lead Director. Membership on those committees shall be composed of volunteers from Association members and Associate members. Committee size shall be determined by Lead Director of that committee. Those committees are: Membership, Social, Municipal Affairs, and Lake Stewardship (environment & natural resources).

## 6. Elections

- a) The officers shall be elected at a general meeting and shall hold office for three years. Elections shall be staggered with up to three new officers elected each year.
- b) Candidates may volunteer from the floor. Nominations from the floor must have consent of the individual prior to being nominated.
- c) No officer may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office.

## 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.
- 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 cottage has one vote by a property owner or a written authorization for another family member to register that cottage's 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

Special committees shall be established by the Executive Committee with a chairperson for each such committee appointed. The committee chairperson may select the desired membership.

## 9. Finances

Annual dues are to be set by the Executive Committee and shall be collected by mail and completed through the annual canvass. Payment of dues by the property owner shall constitute membership in the association and must be paid by the date of the annual meeting. Non payment of dues automatically forfeits membership.

- a) The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys and shall publish an annual accounting of the fiscal position of the association in the fall newsletter.
- b) Cheques or cash-covering disbursements of the association shall be signed by the Treasurer and funds maintained in a trust account in a chartered bank.

## 10. Insurance

An insurance policy will be maintained covering liability for all officers, committee members and association member participants in authorized association events.

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**Amendments to the by-laws were approved at general meetings on August 8, 1964, August 6, 1989, August 1, 1993 and August 6, 1995**

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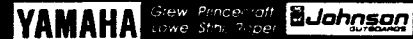
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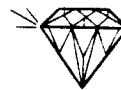
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# STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 1996

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### AREAS

Organize annual canvass  
Prepare canvasser folders  
Secure canvassers  
Information to Corr. Sec.  
Membership \$ to Treasurer

### OF

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

### RESPONSIBILITY

Water quality monitoring  
The lake fishery  
Shoreline preservation  
Buoy markers  
Lake Stewardship Program

Water level of lake  
Spraying programs  
Water safety  
Boat launch  
Directory signs



*President's Message*

For your information our association met on April 12, 1996 at the Town of Pickering City Hall to prepare for the summer 1996 and review other issues of concern. Another meeting is scheduled for July 7th, 10:00 a.m., at my cottage and again on Labor Day weekend in September.

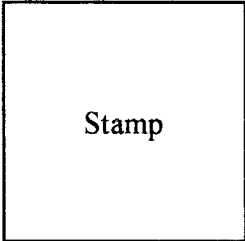
There are many issues that still need to be addressed. Remember that I am just a phone call away so do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Executives to discuss your concerns. We may not be able to resolve all of the problems but we are here to lend an ear and offer assistance whenever possible.

One final note, my term of office will end in August (annual meeting). The Steenburg Lake Community Association is an outstanding organization and I have been fortunate throughout the years, to work with a wonderful group of people. However, I believe that it is time to pass the torch to another dedicated individual who is willing to accept the leadership role and continue the good work that has been going on. I encourage anyone interested in the position of president to contact me as soon as possible to discuss the responsibilities of this position and the expectations of our lake association.

*Spring has finally sprung, enjoy it.....see you in July!*

Thomas J. Quinn  
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