

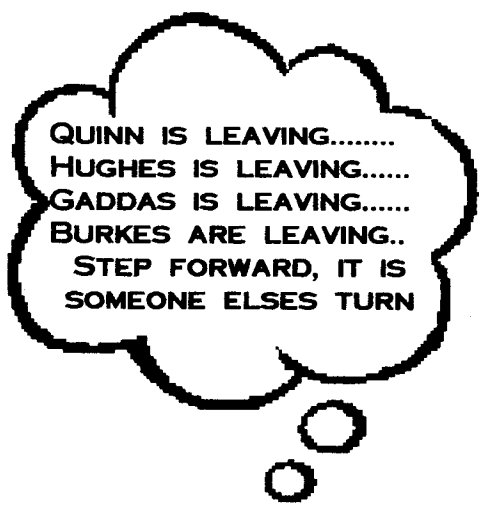
Shoreline News

Spring 1997 Steenburg Lake Community Association 39th Year
Member of Crowe Valley Presidents Association



Practice it in every
way & every day:
in the cottage, on
the boat, on the
dock, in the car.

**Next Issue of
Shoreline
News will be
Nov. 1997.
Deadline for
input is
Sept. 30th-
Mail to:
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McGinnis
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Pl.
Whitby, Ont.
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QUINN IS LEAVING.....
HUGHES IS LEAVING.....
GADDAS IS LEAVING.....
BURKES ARE LEAVING..
STEP FORWARD, IT IS
SOMEONE ELSE'S TURN

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SPRING NUANCES FROM TOM QUINN (MY LAST)

As you are probably aware, this past year brings to an end my tenure as president of the association. Generally speaking, the year has been relatively "normal" and most of the calls that I responded to related to local/regular cottage issues. Having said that, the following are some important items of interest that I would like to share with you.

On March 26th, Griff Lloyd and I attended a Crowe Valley Symposium. This one day workshop focused on such issues as the new provincial mandates, cost cutting measures, impending changes to legislation. In my opinion, the workshop was a worthwhile endeavor. I believe that discussions generated during this session were interesting and extremely informative, providing a rare opportunity to gain a better understanding of government initiatives and their effect on the residents of the cottage community.

In early March, I attended a meeting of the Limerick Lakes Association with respect to the proposed housing development and its impact on that community. As you know, our association has dealt with similar issues from time to time over the past 25 years. Recently with the Hastings Estates development, which proved to be a successful undertaking. I am very pleased that I was able to share my knowledge and experience with the members of the Limerick Lakes Association.

The struggle is ongoing with respect to what we
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Municipal Affairs - Tom Little, Director

The word to describe the general situation in municipal affairs is - confused. As noted by Tom Quinn in the last newsletter, amalgamations of many municipalities across Ontario are currently being discussed. Whether any will occur beyond the Greater Toronto Area is anyone's guess.

A number of municipalities are trying to be proactive by rationalizing some services. This strategy works in an urban environment, but is unlikely to be feasible on a significant scale in Limerick or Tudor Cashel.

Of more importance to members of the Steenburg Lake Community Association perhaps is the coming November election. It will be important to have strong leadership from council to deal with the province on issues like amalgamation. In addition, the reduction in provincial involvement in many areas such as natural resources and the environment means we will have to be even more careful in protecting the welfare of our community.

Local concerns such as development around the lake continue to loom. While nothing appears imminent right now on Steenburg, the battle on Limerick Lake over the reintroduction of an old subdivision proposal suggests that it is just a matter of time until we have to deal with it again. We are fortunate the general economic environment is not favorable to the entrepreneurs of this world.

If you want to be sure your interests are defended, then consider running for reeve or councillor. If this is not possible, be sure you **get out and vote in November!**

One possible change to the way voting is done would help those of us who live elsewhere and only come to Steenburg Lake for the summer season. Casting your vote by telephone may become a reality in the next election. If so, it is reasonable to expect a considerably larger turnout, since many voters are seasonal residents only.

I will try to update you on these and other issues in the fall edition of the newsletter. The long winter and late spring have left me in a non-cottage mood but hopefully this will change shortly. Before closing I would like to note one thing. Not many of you know the amount of time Tom Quinn has put in on our behalf over his years as president of SLCA. His real job as the senior administrator for the Town of Pickering would give him a genuine excuse for missing many of the meetings he has attended. But he has not taken the easy way out, and I think he deserves our collective thanks.

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believe are unfair and excessive government taxation policies for property owners in rural counties. In this regard, Griff Lloyd and I have met on several occasions with government officials and have made various presentations on behalf of the association and the residents of our community. I suspect that the fight is far from over!

A final note to the Executive of the Steenburg Lake Community Association, as I conclude my tenure as president, I wish to thank everyone whom I have had the privilege of working with for making this one of the most challenging and enjoyable experiences. Your support over the years is truly appreciated. Although I am relinquishing the Presidency, you can be assured that I will continue to be actively involved in all cottage matters and I will be available to provide assistance when asked.

I believe the secret of our success is the splendid people that have participated in this association throughout the years. At this time I wish to take the opportunity to express my personal gratitude to:

Tom Little who succeeded me as Director of Municipal Affairs, and who again succeeds me as President of S.L.C.A. Thank you for agreeing to accept this new responsibility and I wish you success in the years ahead.

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Membership Report '97

Barb Rockwell

As we all think about another fun filled summer on Steenburg Lake, please remember a very important part of our community. YOUR SLCA MEMBERSHIP DUES. At \$25.00 per year, your dues enhance your summer stay in many ways. They ensure the on-going environmental work of the Association, the up to date newsletters for information sharing, the exciting summer activities (please see activities calendar) and the continuing resolution of issues that affect us all.

Your canvasser will be dropping by, beginning in June, to collect your dues. The canvasser will have fishing charts, phone # lists and will ask you if you have any updates for our data base. (ie. address changes, ownership changes, etc.) This personal contact is VERY IMPORTANT for us to keep abreast of up to date information, and we welcome ANY ideas or concerns you may have.

Your canvassers for 1997 are:

CANVASSER		COTTAGES	CANVASSER		COTTAGES
Lucille Luffman	#2	1-12,190-192	Dell Watson	#89	86 - 89
Ian Fraser	#16	13-22,193,195	Barb Rockwell	#30B	97 - 109
Judie Hughes	#30	23-30C	Nancy Stantial	#128	110 - 12 2
Martha Lee Burton	#28	31-41	Sharon Cole	#126	123 - 136
Fran Downing	#49A	42-53	Cathy Vanner	#141	137 - 150
Don Ward	# 61	54-66	Ken Cox	#164	151 - 164
The McCarthys	#67	67-78	Ron Rampton	#157	165 - 174
Ruth Harrison	#79	79-85	Tricia Neub	#177	175 - 189
			Eileen Walsh	#194	194, 196 - 203

If you and your canvasser are playing "canvasser tag", please use the handy "Sorry I Missed You" card, left by your canvasser, to contact them for a personal visit. Call backs are important but we can't wear out the volunteers! AND, if you think that your cottage time may be limited this year, drop a cheque in the mail to: STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

c/o Box 325, R.R. #2, Gilmour. K0L 1W0

NEW OWNERS AROUND STEENBURG LAKE

The old lodge property, on the North Road, was severed in 1996 into 3, rural residential lots. These lots have been sold and the new property owners are:

West Lot: Shawn LaPalm from Stirling

Lodge Lot: Mr. H. Twilt and Family from Tweed.

East Lot: Mr. & Mrs. Carl & MaryLou Stefanski from Scarborough..

Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & HAVE A SAFE SUMMER SEASON!

New Editor for Shoreline News

This is my last issue of our newsletter. In total there have been 36 issues starting with the spring issue of 1988. Scott McGinnis will take over with the fall 1997 issue. I am very encouraged by Scott's willingness to assume the task. I really thought we might see the end of the newsletter for it can consume quite a bit of your time putting it all together.

I have been on the association's board for 10 years and by our by-laws I am ineligible for another 3 year term. That provision has strength in it for the intent is to inject new blood with new ideas on the board. I have every intention of being active in whatever way I can, so its not really a total good bye, just a passing of the pen. ~ ~



**Association Officers
& Lead Directors**

Officers

President - Tom Quinn
 Treasurer - Colin Gaddas
 Recording Secretary - Scott McGinnis
 Corresponding Sec. --Tom Hughes

Lead Directors

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

**Hastings County Ratepayers
Association**

(Not connected with Limerick Ratepayers)

Griff Lloyd

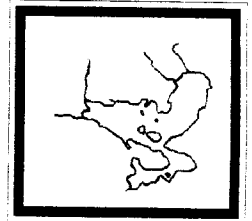
Executive members of this ratepayers association represented over 225 appeals for taxes for the years 1996 and 1997 and there were reductions on around 45% of the appeals that were heard with adjustments anywhere from \$2500 to \$15,000. I found in most appeals the assessors and the adjudicator were all quite approachable and in some cases adjustments had been made prior to the appeal.

Should you have queries concerning your cottage property assessment, contact the local assessment office in Bancroft (332-1440) and refer to your assessment roll number. Assessment people only deal with property values and equities, NOT TAXES. Tax problems are with your township municipal office.

Prepare yourselves for taxation year 1998 as the Province of Ontario is to use Actual Value Assessment in the 1998 tax year based on 1996 values. Market values for 1996 are lower than 1992 values, but don't expect a drop in your taxes because the province has taken \$6.2 billion of education tax off property taxes. The province's downsizing to the municipalities is increasing local councils' responsibilities in areas such as Social Programs, highway maintenance, etc. Finance Minister Ernie Eves said we could see a 10% reduction in your tax bill in 5 years??????Don't believe it!

**Annual Meeting
Door Prizes**

The local merchants have been quite generous in giving merchandise that is drawn for as door prizes at the annual meeting. In the past few years some of the cottagers have been donating items of their handywork for inclusion as a door prize. These items reflect a willingness to share their skills with their neighbors and are cherished items to those lucky enough to receive them. Display your handywork at the annual meeting!!!!!!



Keep it clean

CORRECTION

Under New Owners - Not Memebers

Wayne & Marilyn Pickard (49.2) - Courtice, Ont.
 (This was an error in the winter issue. The Pickards are moving from 59 to 49.2 and they have been members for years. (A big oops!!)

Death of Carol (Nee Powers) Murphy Nov. 3, 1996

Carol developed the marina which included a summer post office. She sold this in 1972 to the Millers. Carol is survived by Audrey York of Toronto and Adrienne Flavelle (cottage #31). Relatives at the lake include: J.B. Alyea, Fleming, Frey, Fitzgibbon, Langman, Brett, Fraser, Lloyd, Smith and Reil.

PAUL WHITTAKER

General Contractor

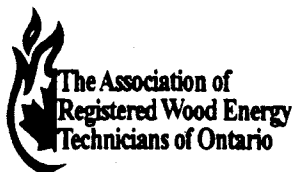
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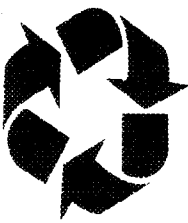

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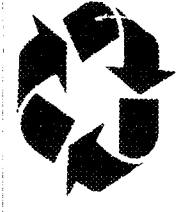

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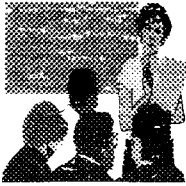
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bass season opens June 29th	 Swim safely	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Trash pick up - Public beach at 9:30am. & Beach Barbeque 1:00pm
13 SLCA Exec. Mtg - Quinn's 10:00am	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Rock Hound Gemboree starts	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Rock Hound Gemboree ends		

Steenburg Lake August Community Association

1997

Post on your refrigerator door

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Boat Safety Watch out for others No speeding near shore Two in the boat when pulling skiers				1	2 Rock Bass Derby up to 10 yrs of age
3 Annual Dinner & Meeting Limerick Center	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Coe Hill Fair	23 Coe Hill Fair
24 Coe Hill Fair	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 SLCA Board Meeting	Reminder to turn in your Fish Recording forms to Bill or Griff					



Agenda Items
for the
annual meeting

If there is an item you would like discussed please let us know early in case we need to secure a speaker.

Include local voting on your agenda

Lake Stewardship Natural Resources & Environment Griff Lloyd

**WHO'S GOING TO CATCH
THE BIG ONE THIS YEAR ?**



Bass season opens on the 29th of June. Pre season fishing is frowned upon by avid anglers as it is detrimental to the propagating of the species in the lake. If you see someone fishing prior to that date remind them of June 29th. In most cases they know only too well that what they are doing is illegal even though they claim innocence. We have a good bass lake, let's keep it that way.

There will be a prize again this year for the largest small mouth and large mouth bass caught in the lake. To be eligible you must register your fish with Griff Lloyd or Bill Wilmore and turn in a **fish record form** after Labour Day weekend. Your canvasser will provide you with the form. The form is a cottage form not an individual form. The statistics obtained are of interest to the MNR and to those cottagers around the lake that fish.

Annual Rock Bass Derby

August 2nd will see the annual **Rock Bass Derby** in full swing. Contestants must be no older than 10 and register with either Bill Passmore or me. Fishing period ends at 12:00am on Sunday and you must call in your total catch by 1:00pm. Prizes will be presented at the annual dinner. The youth do the lake a great service by participating as they pull out trash fish that prey on the bass fry. There is competition involved also which makes it exciting for those that participate. Dad or Mom is expected to assist and Trudy 's will have a nice stock of worms ready.



Oh Boy! Did I fill out the form today?

In March, Tom Quinn and I spent a day at a meeting hosted by the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority at Marmora. Those in attendance heard from the M.N.R. and M.O.E., other cottage associations and Steve Wilkens, coordinator of the new Stewardship Program (he spoke last year at our annual meeting). It is quite evident that with the downsizing of governmental responsibilities and staff, that greater responsibility of our cottage country is being thrust upon you the cottager and the cottage associations. We urge you to be active in your association, we need your help and your ideas and at election time we need your vote.

Programs

Water Clarity - (Secchi Disc) - The M.O.E. will again be changing their revised plan of last year. We have not yet received correspondence for the coming season of testing.

Public Beach Water Testing - This effort has been discontinued. Any complaints should be taken directly to Dave Montrose of the Hastings Prince Edward Health Unit at Bancroft (332 - 4555).

Septic Tank Inspection - After October 1, 1997 the M.O.E. will be out of the tank inspection program. At that time it becomes the responsibility of the township.

Fish Forms - Your canvasser will leave a copy of this form with you and we ask that all those that fish please record their catch on this form. You may also secure these forms from either Bill Passmore or me. Either one of us need to confirm the length and weight of a candidate fish. Participation in this effort has been scant, let's do better this year.

Presidents message continued.....

Tom Hughes for your unfailing commitment to the association and the cottage community and for editing the a quality newsletter in a very professional manner. Thank you Tom for your willingness to assist in any situation whenever called upon.

Griff Lloyd who has been my contact in the north with regards to taxation, natural resources and environment concerns. Who has provided the many dinners and a place for me to sleep whenever I was caught in a snow storm! Your assistance has been invaluable.

Diane Burke for coordinating and maintaining the social calendar and events (with the assistance of Tricia Neub, Fran Downing and Ken Waddell). I appreciate your continued efforts to ensure that we are kept updated on cottage/community events.

Colin Gaddas for taking care of the association's finances which is probably one of the more challenging positions. Colin will be resigning this position in August and will be succeeded by Ken Waddell. *Good luck Colin and welcome Ken (again).*

Barb Rockwell for working so diligently to increase the membership and working with all the canvassers and the treasurer. Her followup has been superb.

Sincere thanks also to **Sandra and Bill Dafoe, Tricia and Fred Neub, Ron Rampton, Rick Burke, Bill Willmore, Gary Goodfellow, and Scott McGinnis** (who will be taking over from Tom Hughes in preparing/coordinating the newsletter and filling the role of Recording Secretary). Keep up the good work!

As we prepare for the summer months ahead, let us take some time to reflect on our accomplishments and on the lasting relationships that we have developed over the years. I wish each and every one of you a safe and happy summer. I look forward to seeing you in July.

Tom Quinn, President (soon to be past-president)

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