

# Shoreline News

Steenburg Lake Community Association

Spring 2007

## 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.

Dear Residents of Steenburg Lake

If spring is here, can construction be far behind?

Most of you are all too familiar with endless construction in the city, but this year you will be treated to the same thing at the lake. In March, Limerick Township was successful in obtaining an Infrastructure grant from the Ontario Government. This will enable the Township to finish constructing the damaged sections of Steenburg Lake North road and to renew the existing pavement, and complete new paving from Maple Landing to Murphy's Corner. However, the work must all be under the direction of the Township roads department, with limited manpower, so it will consume most of this summer. Undoubtedly there will be dust and inconvenience while the work is in progress. Please drive with caution, especially when equipment and workmen are on the site. Once the job is completed this route should be greatly improved for everyone, so it is worth a little forbearance.

The Tee Shirt program was so successful that your Executive has decided to proceed with a second offering. You will find details elsewhere in your Spring newsletter, along with an order form. Get yours, and wear it with pride at the lake.

Once more, All Terrain Vehicles are raising concerns. The number of these vehicles coming to cottage country has grown exponentially over the last three or four years. We recognize that most operators are responsible and thoughtful people, but this is another case where the irresponsible actions of a few are likely to impact the rights and privileges of a majority. The problem which will prompt local governments to ban these vehicles from the roads arises from legal actions by those few individuals who harm themselves by driving carelessly, resulting in injuries. Improbably, these individuals then allege road conditions as the cause of their misfortune, and with the leanings of courts today, the municipalities face immediate impact on their insurance costs, and the probability that at least some portion of the damages claimed will be awarded. We share your disbelief that circumstances arising from the operation of these vehicles, which are literally designed and sold to be operated on all kinds of terrain, can be given credibility in the court, but those are the facts.

A ban on ATVs operated on the roads would damage local business people who rely on the income from this popular tourist activity. In our view, the only way such a ban can be prevented is if all responsible operators create a unified and effective effort to self regulate this activity, and to eliminate the irresponsible operators. The police have too few resources, and too little legal basis, to provide these controls.

Last, and a positive note, your Association Executive is working creatively and diligently on your behalf. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of this group as they tackle issues and events important to the lake. Please give them your support, and contribute your ideas. Many of this year's projects are described in detail elsewhere in this newsletter. While the Executive tries to represent the interests of the lake population as a whole, it can do this only if you share your thoughts. And finally, the best laid plans will fall flat unless you participate, so get out and get involved, and have a great summer at the lake.

Dave Golem

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## News from the Lake Steward

### Item 1:

This year we are going to try something different with the Rock Bass Derby. This year the derby is going to be a cottage event. Cottages will enter the derby and keep track of all the fish they catch on the Saturday of the August long weekend (on the Honor System) and report them to Rick Burke (613-474-2254 after 6 p.m.). The highest number of rock bass removed from the lake wins, with second and third place prizes also. For anyone who wonders why lakes do this, rock bass compete with small and large mouth bass for habitat in the lake and also rock bass eat the fry of large and small mouth bass thereby reducing the number of preferred game fish in the lake. It is important to remember that all the rock bass must be removed from the lake in order to count. Catch and release does not work for this fish derby.

### Item 2:

Having been up at the cottage early in the year it is interesting how many people are fishing the shallows and casting for what I can only assume are Bass. Splake and Bass are the only 2 game fish in our lake with the odd perch thrown in. Splake are deep water fish best angled by trolling. Bass are angled by trolling and also by casting. Splake season seems to be all year (with the exception of Dec 24 for some reason) and Bass fishing does not open until the fourth Saturday in June which this year is June 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends Nov 30th. If you suspect people are fishing out of season, do not have fishing licenses or are fishing with more than 1 fishing rod, MNR can be reached at 1-877-TIPS-MNR ( 847-7667 ). You can also call crime stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) If you would like to see the fishing regulations for our lake, we are Map B Division 7 at the following website <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fishing/>

### Item 3:

This year we will begin testing our lake for e-coli bacteria and a few other sources of contaminants. A lab has been found fairly locally which will do this for us. The results from last year's lake partnership program water testing have been received. The full report is a couple of hundred pages. If you want to view our lake results, you can go to [http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake\\_partner@ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner@ene.gov.on.ca) and scroll down to Steenburg Lake. The results are pretty much consistent year over year.

### Item 4:

The marker buoys have been put in place for another year. If you see one missing or find one of the markers please let Adam Burke know ASAP and he will replace them. Please do not take them away for any reason. If you are swimming near them leave them be. One marker missing can be very expensive for a boat owner.

March 10, 2007

### **North Hastings Family Health Team (FHT): Progress to Date**

Health Services in the North Hastings area have been considerably expanded through the activities at the Manor Lane facility, opposite the Hospital.

Staff: At present, the staff includes one full time (FT) Family Physician, Dr. Ravenscroft, and one part time (PT) Physician, Dr. McEnery, who also is acting in an advisory capacity to the team. There is one FT Nurse Practitioner, Jane Boudebab, one FT RN, one PT Dietician and one PT Social Worker, one FT Administrator, and secretarial and reception staff. In addition the team is partnering with the local branch of Loyalist College to have an RPN student finish her practical component with the FHT, and a high school co-op student (until June) working with the RN to learn the educational aspects of nursing.

#### **Health Promotion Programs:**

- 1) Women's Emotional Wellness group started on Feb 20/07 with 8 women in the initial group. With special speakers the program will run for 6 weeks under the direction of the Crisis Intervention worker.
- 2) The RN spoke to a women's group at Cloud 9 during the first week of March, taking the co-op student with her to introduce her to this component of nursing.
- 3) A survey is ready to be distributed to students at the senior elementary school, with principal and parent council endorsement, to evaluate the health needs of 13-15 year olds. Currently, no similar program is offered through the Public Health system: the school has welcomed this program, and may use this as a basis to develop information to add to their health courses.
- 4) The Dietician has been promoting nutrition and healthy eating to various community groups. The 'Take 5' promotion was successfully launched at a recent Bancroft Hawks hockey game, with the RN dressed in an enticing broccoli costume! The dietician is also doing 'super shopping' tours in grocery stores to teach healthy shopping selections.
- 5) A public 'Flu' clinic was held last fall.

#### **Special Services at the FHT:**

- 1) The Crisis Intervention Centre comes from Belleville 4-5 times per month, seeing about 25 patients each month.
- 2) A visiting Psychiatrist comes twice a month, seeing about 40 patients each month.
- 3) Cardiologists Dr. Hughes and Dr. Jurt from Peterborough operate a Vascular Network Clinic on a bi-weekly basis. With referrals from local Doctors, the Vascular Network offers testing/monitoring services to local patients, saving them a trip out of town to obtain such needed procedures

- 4) A joint project with Bancroft FHT has resulted in funds being raised from the community, to purchase a (\$10,000) defibrillator, necessary to the operation of the Vascular Network. On Feb 22 Dr. Hughes saw 105 patients, plus conducting 10 Echocardiograms.
- 5) Monthly, starting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Graham Gibb, surgeon specializing in colo-rectal screening is booked to see patients. Also in April Dr. Ken Malhotra, gastroenterologist, is scheduled to see local patients who have been referred.

Numbers of Patients Seen: (not including patients seen by specialists)

The family Physician sees approximately 85 patients weekly; the NP 75 patients weekly; the PT Dietician sees about 20 patients weekly; the PT Social Worker sees 6 patients weekly. Wait times to see the Dietician or Social Worker are now one month, so it is planned to expand their positions to full time in the near future.

The FHT continues to welcome patients without a family doctor. The patient roster now exceeds 600.

In an attempt to ease the volume in the QHC North Hospital (Bancroft) ER, the FHT currently operates a walk-in clinic most days from 3 to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but it is advisable to call ahead to make sure the walk-in clinic is operating that day. This time slot is reserved for registered North Hastings FHT patients only—with problems requiring immediate care. Chronic, ongoing problems and medication refills still require booked appointments.

The FHT is currently preparing a second year budget, to be effective April 1, which will be submitted to the Ministry Of Health and Long Term Care. Application will be made to add another family Doctor, another Nurse Practitioner, and an increase in hours for several of the part time positions.

This FHT project was originally sponsored by seven of the North Hastings municipal governments, with initial funding provided by them, along with donations from the public. The County of Hastings also worked with the Board to prepare and finance the modern facility which the team occupies. Through the last several years, volunteers from the community have donated countless hours to ensure that healthcare in the community is enhanced. Special thanks also is extended for the invaluable work of Dr. Peter McEnery, without whose assistance the FHT would not exist in its present form.

To reach the FHT, phone reception at (613) 332-5692 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and most Saturday mornings.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 2007

Hope everyone survived the winter without any problems. Steenburg Lake saw many ice fishermen this year. Spring is here. The first hummingbird arrived at our place on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Some cottages have changed hands over the winter and will put a list in the fall shoreline News. There are a few of the areas needing canvassers. Section #1 (membership #'s 1-12 and 190-193 this is north road/Section 6 membership #'s 54-65 Maple Landing north road/Section 8 membership #'s 79-85 Maple Landing north road/and possibly a couple more. Please help us get the word around the lake. Canvassing can be a lot of fun and what a better way to meet the members. The Association needs members to survive and without members this can not happen. If you would like to help, please give me a call 613-474-2392 or email me at [rmpollard@bancom.net](mailto:rmpollard@bancom.net).

Canvassers will be asking members a few questions for a survey this year. We would like to know approximately the number of children and ages at the cottage and if members would like their newsletters emailed to them. Make sure to update your email address when the canvasser visits. Of course members with no email will still have their newsletters mailed to them.

If you have any suggestions or questions please feel free to give me a call.

It was decided at the 2006 Annual Meeting that there will no longer be exemptions of membership fees for members with greater than 50 year membership. Please inform your canvasser if you have been a member for 50 years. Certificates for previous members of 50 years or more will be handed out at the 2007 Annual Meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. There are 11 of them so far. They will be issued to the "Family Cottage Name".

## STORIES OF STEENBURG LAKE

Yes I am still looking for stories. First I would like to apologize to Irene Horne for the errors in her story. They were not hers. They were all ours. Irene does not have 22 girls, could you ever imagine having 22 girls. Wow!!!! Sorry Irene. We enjoyed your story and hopefully more will send them to me. Lots of members thought it was a good idea but as we all know everyone is so busy. Maybe some members could take the time to write their story while sitting on the dock, looking at the lake and remembering the good times at Steenburg and remembering how they got here. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Marlene [rmpollard@bancom.net](mailto:rmpollard@bancom.net)  
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## LOST MEMBERS

Since our last newsletter we have lost a few members of the lake.

Wayne Rudd - cottage membership # 107  
Elsa Baltzer formerly - cottage membership # 205  
Bill Whiteside - cottage membership # 132  
Raymond Muckelstone formerly - cottage membership # 190

Our sympathy goes out to their families.

## NEW THIS YEAR

The executive has decided to laminate a map of Steenburg Lake that shows the 911#'s of the cottages, the road around the lake, townships plus the buoy markers which signify the rocks on the lake (boaters will be happy to see this). These will be for sale at the AGM in August.



**STEENBURG LAKE ANNUAL  
ROAD CLEAN UP, REGATTA & BARBECUE**

**Saturday, July 14, 2007**

STEENBURG LAKE IS YOUR LAKE. PLEASE TAKE PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP IN YOUR NORTHERN GETAWAY BY HELPING KEEP THE ROADS AND BEACH FREE OF GARBAGE.

**Clean Up - 9:30**

North Road – meet at the beach

South Road – meet at the first fork in the road

COME AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURING COTTAGERS AT THE REGATTA. HAVE A HOT DOG AND A DRINK AND JOIN IN THE FUN ACTIVITIES AT THE REGATTA.

**Regatta – 11:00 at the beach (north road)**

Bring paddle boats, canoes and lifejackets

Activities for all ages will include:

- paddleboat and canoe races-
- swimming races
- on shore games & activities

Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Barbecue – immediately following the Regatta**

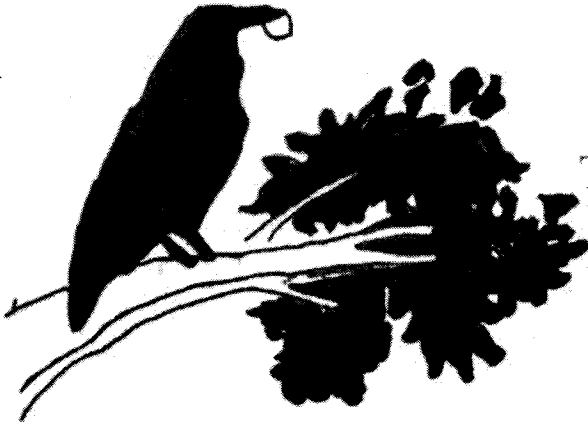
BBQ will be hosted by No Frills. Lots of burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks for all, so bring your appetite.

**HEY KIDS WANT TO MAKE EARTH DAY EVERYDAY AT STEENBURG LAKE???**

We are having a contest!!! Can you come up with an invention or a waste management program or ways to reduce, reuse and recycle everyday items at your cottage??? We want to hear about it. Bring your invention to the Regatta and show it off. Prizes will be awarded at the Regatta for the best invention. All entries will be included in the next newsletter and a story will be sent to Cottage Life with pictures. So get creative and have fun. I bet you can teach your parents how to preserve our environment!!!



Julius G. Bognar



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*If you are interested in helping out or for more information contact Wayne Pickard at 613 4742075 or Pauline Bilodeau at 613-474-0588*

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## LAKE WEB SITE

Make sure to check out our web site. We now have a **PHOTO ALBUM** section and a **BULLETIN BOARD** which has important news and up dates.

[www.steenburglakeassoc.ca](http://www.steenburglakeassoc.ca)

Please contact Susan Nevins at [steenburglake@aol.com](mailto:steenburglake@aol.com) if you have any suggestions or comments.



## Upcoming Events for 2007

Road Clean-up--July 14, 2007--9:30 a.m.

Canoe Races and Barb-e-que--July 14--11:00 a.m.

Annual General Meeting for SLC  
August 5, 2007-9:30 a.m.

Bass Derby--August 4, 2007

## For Sale

**Sailboat**-10 ft fibreglass dinghy-barely used. Asking \$500.00.

If interested please contact cottage 203 (under) Charlie Bateman 519-885-5885. Thanks.

## Household Hazardous Waste Days

June 16

July 21

August 18

Sept 22

From **9:00 am to 2:00 pm** at the Bancroft Works yard at 125 Monck Road, Bancroft (out Hwy 28 past Hydro One offices).

The following is the latest appeal for concerned members of the SLCA to write our MPPs on this issue:

**Report to WRAFT Members  
April 2007**

***ITS NOW OR NEVER***

**Recent developments**

The next six months leading up to the provincial election is the most critical period in our ongoing quest for property tax reform. **In the past month we have made major strides towards reform. The Ontario PC party has put the 5% cap in their election platform. We strongly endorsed this initiative. In response, the Liberal government has included a four year assessment cycle and four year phase-in in the recent spring Budget. While we support the PC plan at the same time we will continue to push the government to include capping in their proposal. Without that change the Liberal plan is only a short term fix to a long term inequity.**

We recently distributed an op ed piece to newspapers across Ontario and have attached a copy. It provides useful background on these recent property tax initiatives by the major political parties..

**What can you and your members do to help?**

- Firstly contact your MPP where you live, if they are Liberals. Tell them the Liberal plan is not enough and does not deal in any real way with the volatility inherent in a system based on fluctuating real estate markets. Instructions for contacting MPPs are on **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid..** If your MPP is PC or NDP write directly to the Finance Minister at [gsorbara.mpp@liberal.ola.org](mailto:gsorbara.mpp@liberal.ola.org).
- Secondly please send a donation to WRAFT at 131 Bloor St W Suite 200 Box 263 Toronto M5S 1R8 to help defray our costs over this critical six month period leading up to the October provincial election.
- Finally we recommend you include property tax reform on your agenda for your annual meeting this summer. We would be pleased to supply a report and handout you can use at your meeting. If you are prepared to hold a joint meeting with other associations in your area, we would at your request, try to send a speaker to represent WRAFT/CAPTR at your meeting.

Please distribute this report to your members. It is our intention to contact as many of you as possible by telephone in the coming weeks to follow up on this report and see how we can assist in activating your membership over the critical months ahead. Let us know if you are no longer the contact for your association and provide the new contact information.

**ITS SIX MONTHS TILL ELECTION DAY. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FINISH THE JOB**

Bob Topp Executive Director WRAFT [wraft@sympatico.ca](mailto:wraft@sympatico.ca)

*WRAFT is a founding member of the Coalition After Property Tax Reform (CAPTR), a coalition which through 700 ratepayer organizations and two major senior citizens' groups, represents over one million Ontarians*

## Sorbara budget fails homeowners: Why we need a cap on assessment increases

Ontario Finance Minister Greg Sorbara's plans to spread property assessment hikes over four year cycles is just tinkering: it doesn't fix the unfairness and it prolongs the tax increase agony.

It means the property tax pain for hundreds of thousands of Ontarians will be inflicted over a longer period when their double-digit assessment hikes lead to higher property taxes.

There is nothing in the budget that will prevent a return to dramatic, double-digit increases in property assessments, nothing to stem the tide of volatility.

And the Finance Minister is way off base when he says that a property assessment cap would benefit "the more affluent" as he claimed in his budget speech.

The cute "spin line" that Toronto's expensive "Rosedale" would benefit at the expense of working class "Rexdale" just doesn't happen to be true.

It is the existing *uncapped system* that remains in place that favoured Rosedale over Rexdale in the last assessment: the highest increases in Toronto were on the Danforth and in Parkdale. Those folks got clobbered. The *lowest* increase was in Rosedale and it was half as much as the assessment hike in Rexdale.

The *Coalition After Property Tax Reform*, which represents about a million Ontario property owners, believes assessment hikes must be limited to no more than 5 per cent annually. Otherwise, the combination of hot real estate markets in some areas and a crude assessment methodology will continue to lead to massive volatility in valuation and hence in property taxes.

We chose a five per cent annual cap because it is the average annual increase in residential real estate prices in Ontario over the past 25 years. It is therefore a fair and realistic cap which will allow assessments to rise in line with past trends and not with overheated current market conditions

In the last assessment in 2005, more than 100,000 properties in Ontario were up between 30% and 150% compared to the average provincial increase of 12%. In Toronto, increases by ward averaged from 5% to 19%.

The Sorbara four-year cycle will not change this unfair system: It just means the person who gets the 100 per cent assessment increase in 2009 will have four years to deal with the heavy tax impact. Then the next assessment notice will arrive.

This is a completely unfair system and the province has failed to fix it. When the assessments start landing in mailing boxes in 2009, they will still wreak havoc with many homeowners.

The promise the McGuinty government made in 2004 to fix the volatile assessment and property tax regime which has been in place across Ontario for nine years remains unfulfilled.

Ironically, it is John Tory, leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party, who recently announced a 5% cap on annual assessment increases as part of his election platform; after all, it was a former PC leader, Mike Harris, who made the system mandatory that we are burdened with today.

To their credit, the Ontario New Democrats set up a task force and held hearings across the province on the assessment system, and they too have recognized the need to end its volatility and unfairness.

If Mr. Sorbara had combined his new four-year assessment cycle with our five per cent assessment increase, he would have solved the problem.

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Financial Report  
For the Period September 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007

	2007 YTD 9 Mo	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Assets:</b>					
Bank BNS #62422 002 00957 88	2,411.21	4,179.46	3,473.38	2,556.64	3,772.35
GIC - 1 Yr Cashable @ 2.75%	929.63	0.00	1,055.57	2,045.12	870.00
GIC - 1 Yr Non-redeemable	12,000.00	12,672.70	12,466.05	12,300.00	12,000.00
Prepaid Ins Sep\06-May\07	1,938.68	969.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>17,279.52</b>	<b>17,821.50</b>	<b>16,995.00</b>	<b>16,901.76</b>	<b>16,642.35</b>
<b>Net Assets represented by:</b>					
Reserve for Future Expenditure	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund, Unrestricted	5,821.50	4,995.00	16,901.76	16,642.35	16,395.65
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>17,821.50</b>	<b>16,995.00</b>	<b>16,901.76</b>	<b>16,642.35</b>	<b>16,395.65</b>
<b>Excess (Loss), Current Year</b>	<b>-541.98</b>	<b>826.50</b>	<b>93.24</b>	<b>259.41</b>	<b>246.70</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>17,279.52</b>	<b>17,821.50</b>	<b>16,995.00</b>	<b>16,901.76</b>	<b>16,642.35</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>					
Membership Fees	270.00	4,845.00	4,067.00	3,778.00	3,295.00
Advertising Income	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Income	0.00	29.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising - T-Shirt Sales	880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	257.58	216.97	181.50	686.96	22.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,457.58</b>	<b>5,090.97</b>	<b>4,248.50</b>	<b>4,464.96</b>	<b>3,317.44</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
Fundraising Costs - T-Shirts	410.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AGM, Barbeque, Meetings	0.00	457.38	607.42	845.86	1,021.36
FOCA Dues & Expenses	508.26	489.53	489.53	386.87	0.00
Insurance (Sept-Aug)	326.66	1,732.60	1,863.00	1,431.00	896.40
Newsletter, Postage\Supplies	375.79	787.44	579.11	557.30	232.70
Members Handbook	0.00	0.00	0.00	562.23	0.00
Bank Charges	1.25	5.00	15.72	1.25	2.50
Rock Markers, Fishing Derby	250.00	314.12	297.73	371.04	264.61
Decals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	632.50
Sign Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.67
Donations\Gifts\Memberships	0.00	350.00	135.90	50.00	0.00
Web	127.20	128.40	166.85	0.00	0.00
Water Testing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,999.56</b>	<b>4,264.47</b>	<b>4,155.26</b>	<b>4,205.55</b>	<b>3,070.74</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) for period</b>	<b>-541.98</b>	<b>826.50</b>	<b>93.24</b>	<b>259.41</b>	<b>246.70</b>

The following letter was sent to Limerick Township in response to the possibility of a public boat launch being built on Steenburg Lake.

For reasons that are clearly outlined below a unanimous decision was reached by the executive members of the Steenburg Lake Cottage Association not to support this endeavor. The S.L.C.A. will continue to keep its' members informed of any new developments.

Boats may currently be launched at the public beach on Steenburg Lake up until the guardrail is put in place on June 15. The guardrail remains in place until September 15.

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RR#2 Gilmour Ontario  
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I am writing you on behalf of the Steenburg Lake Cottage Association. It has been brought to our attention that council has expressed interest in having a boat launch available for public use on Steenburg Lake. Steenburg is one of the cleanest lakes in the area but we too are at risk. Zebra Mussels could and can be a threat if we are not cautious. I recall reading and I quote what I found on the townships Web Page "Welcome to the blue waters of Limerick Township Ontario, Canada"

Steenburg does not have a process nor do they have the manpower to monitor boats going in and out of the lake. We do not have wash stations and or proper areas to launch boats. The beach is open from Labour Day to May 24th but access is closed for the summer as this is a dangerous area during swimming season.

If we look at the composition of Limerick Township 2/3 are seasonal rate payers and if we do not protect our resources these seasonal ratepayers will disappear. This may sound selfish but we all have a responsibility to protect our resources. Zebra mussels have been detected in the lakes around Steenburg and we too have identified the larvae in our lake. Clearly unsupervised access can only add to the potential problem

As such we ask that you not consider opening our lake up and putting it at risk. If you would like to further discuss this issue I can be reached at [schurchill@sympatico.ca](mailto:schurchill@sympatico.ca) 416-221-8833

We are committed to our 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.

The growing tourist industry revolves around the network of 15 sparkling lakes which provide for year round recreation, if we put it at risk we also risk the dollars this tourist industry brings to the local communities.

Steve Churchill  
Vice President  
Steenburg Lake Cottage Association

# Steenburg Lake Clothing Order Form

**Once again, in the true tradition of Cottage life at Steenburg Lake, we can proudly wear some great clothing. Brought to you by the Steenburg Lake Cottage Association.**

**As promised, we are now able to offer a few more colours for our T shirts.**

**Please make cheque to Steenburg Lake Association mail to Barb Lavallee (Brooklin) at address below.**

**Orders must be submitted by June 20/07 for delivery for the July long weekend. Not available again until the regatta in August**

**IMPORTANT: Please circle the appropriate size and choice of logo and pick up location.**

Note the youth sizes **S(4-5), M(6-8), L(10-12), XL(12)**

Description	Colour	Size	Quantity	Cost	Total
T - Shirt Adult	Brown, Navy	S M L XL XXL XXXL		X \$20.00	
T - Shirt Youth	Red, Camo, Pacific Blue	S M L XL		X \$20.00	
T - Shirt Ladies	Brown, Navy, Iris	S M L XL XXL		X \$20.00	

(to view these shirt colours go to [www.technosport.com](http://www.technosport.com), click catalog, go to page 5 to view)

# of items ordered _____	taxes included	Total
<b>Circle Choice:</b>	Embroidered logo	Puffed (raised,printed)

**Circle choice of pick up location:**

(Orders must be picked up)

**Barbara Lavallee**

4 Downey Drive  
Brooklin, Ontario L1M 1J3  
905-655-9743

**Barbara Lavallee**

76 Moores Lane, South Road  
Gilmour, Ontario K0L 1W0  
613-474-1565



Youth Camo design. (Logo will be subtle)



NAME	
ADDRESS	
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