

# Shoreline News

SPRING NEWSLETTER

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MAY 2011



## President's Message

This is always an exciting time of year for my family and me. As the summer approaches we anxiously await the chores and the bugs that come with the spring, knowing that the full splendor of summer is just around the corner. We are fortunate to spend our summers in one the best places I know, Steenburg Lake.

My name is Anthony Genovese, and as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, I will assume the role of President of the Steenburg Lake Community Association.

As a resident of Steenburg Lake since the spring of 2001, my involvement with the SLCA started in 2008 when I took responsibility for our website [www.steenburglake.com](http://www.steenburglake.com). I have also served as Vice-President of the SLCA since 2009, where I maintained regular communication

with both Limerick & Tudor/Cashel township, and more importantly, our members; whether through the website forum, email, or at the lake.

As an association, our focus will be to continue to bring you some of the best events available and we will work tirelessly to protect this precious gem, Steenburg Lake.

Enjoy a great summer 2011.

*Anthony Genovese  
President, SLCA*

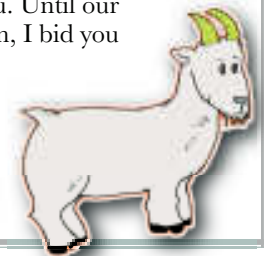
## A Message from Steve Churchill, President SLCA (2009-2011)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the lake. By the time you get the newsletter it will be very close to the closing on the sale of my cottage. Steenburg Lake will always be a special place that I will remember.

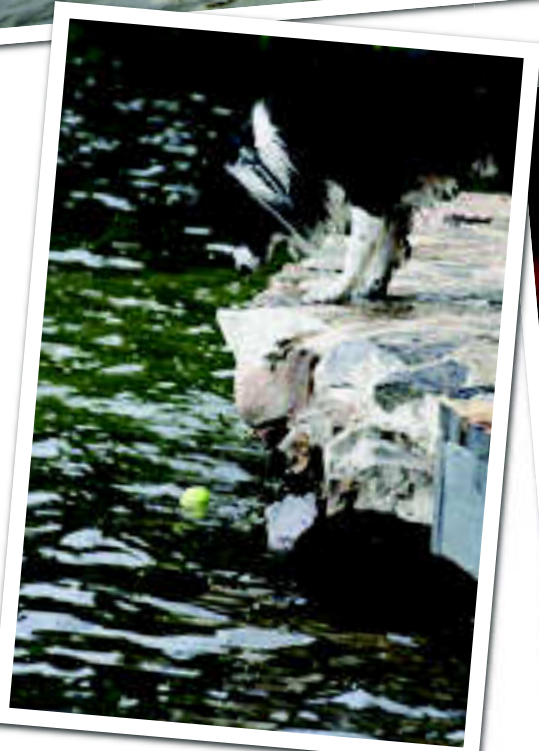
It is important that the lake continue to focus on the two primary issues at hand. That being zebra mussels and the headlands. The lake is in good hands with the executive and we can all be proud the accomplishments they have made.

Anthony will be taking over in my absence. You are in good hands, continue to support the association. Remember the lake is only as strong as the members that represent it. United the lake can be a strong voice in keeping the peacefulness we all know.

You have a very special place: look after it, and it will provide you continued years of enjoyment. It was a pleasure representing you. Until our paths cross again, I bid you farewell.



# 2011 STEENBURG LAKE PHOTO CONTEST SUBMISSIONS



# Membership Report

by *Marlene Pollard*

Wow has this been a long winter or what? I guess we were spoiled last spring. The official ice out date is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since moving here I have kept track of the dates and this year was the latest in 11 years. I imagine everyone is looking forward to this summer.

For the first time since taking over the memberships I can report that all the areas have canvassers. Our canvasser Sue Jarson does (2) sections and if anyone on the south road would like to give her a hand with one of them I am sure she would appreciate it. Let me know if you can help.

I would like to remind everyone that we do have the PAY PAL service on our website [www.steenburglake.com](http://www.steenburglake.com) . Fifteen (15) members used this service last year to pay their membership. How easy is that? If you choose to pay this way, your area canvasser will just drop off your info kit.

I know a few cottages have changed hands. I would like to take this time to welcome Marianne Loranger from Toronto. I will acknowledge the rest in the Fall newsletter.

I have new member kits for some of the new members that might have been missed last year. Please let me know and I will make sure you receive yours.

Marlene Pollard  
**Membership, SLCA**

## SLCA Services

### Laminated Steenburg Lake Maps

\$10 - Contact Marlene Pollard

### SLCA Shirts

See attached order form

### Boat Launching

Mike's Boat Launch at the marina on the North Road \$15/launch. The beach launch site is available from mid October to mid - May.

### Steenburglake.com:

For news updates, lake information and fun photos visit [www.steenburglake.com](http://www.steenburglake.com)

### Lost and Found:

One of our Steenburg Lake members is looking for a book called "Angel of the North" about Aunt Mary Ann Powers/ Norton. If anyone knows the whereabouts of such book please contact any member of the SLCA.

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The SLCA could not exist without its members, and we need your help.

Please consider volunteering some of your time in the following areas:

### Assistance needed for Annual General Meeting BBQ Event

- Meal Preparation & Service
- Approx 3 hour on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

### SLCA Positions Available: Vice-President & Treasurer

- 3 year term
- VP will eventually assume role of president
- Treasurer should be comfortable working with numbers & banking

### New members needed

- Make sure your neighbours are members too!!
- No experience required.

# Membership Rewarded



## Membership Rewarded

Very soon, the canvassers will once again visit each resident of Steenburg Lake to deliver your annual SLCA information kit and collect the \$30 membership fee.

**Special Gift** - This year, each paid membership will also receive a special gift from the Steenburg Lake Community Association. Inside your 2011 package you will find a voucher for a limited edition Steenburg Lake Mug. Please accept this gift as our thank you for your on-going support of our association. Your voucher can be redeemed at any event throughout the 2011 season. Additional mugs can be purchased at \$5 each.

**Making Payments** - Your membership can be paid to the canvasser in cash or cheque.

Alternatively, cheques can be mailed to: Steenburg Lake Community Association, P.O. Box 326, Gilmour Ontario K0L 1W0

For those who wish to pay electronically using PayPal, this can be done through our website at <http://forms.steenburglake.com/Membership.html>

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From the Lake  
Steward: *Dave Langman*

## Zebra Mussel Report



Zebra

Mussel Larvae (Veligers) Found in Steenburg Lake. AS reported in the fall newsletter, a two litre water sample taken from various areas of steenburg lake was tested and found to contain two zebra mussel larvae. This confirms the long rumoured presence of zebra mussels in the lake. So far, no cottager has noticed the presence of adult zebra mussels. Cottagers who suspect that they have found adult zebra mussels on the lake bottom should contact the Lake Steward - Dave Langman (613 - 474 1169)..

## Headlands and Land Conservancy

At the annual general meeting last year, cottagers were informed that the headlands representing 73.87 acres and approx. 5800 ft. of frontage was for sale through Re/Max Country Classics Limited in Bancroft. The property was listed at \$749,900 in April and is still for sale. One way to keep the land in an undeveloped form is to purchase it and then donate it to a the Hastings and Prince Edward Land Conservancy. The Lake Steward, Dave Langman, will present information to land conservancy as written in the fall newsletter at the next AGM.



## 2010 Photo Contest

***The winners will be announced at the August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Annual General Meeting.***

In this newsletter you will find some of the photos that have received the most votes in their categories.

There is still time to vote for your favourite photos at the website [www.steenburglake.com](http://www.steenburglake.com)

At the Annual General Meeting (Aug 1<sup>st</sup>), the top three (3) photos in each category (as voted on our website) will be presented to the members attending the meeting. The members in attendance will vote for their favourite photo in each category. Winners will be announced, and prizes awarded.



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# Water Quality Report

**By Dave Langman**

Reports of blue-green algae in Ontario lakes are on the rise according to the Ministry of Environment. Cyanobacterial blooms result from oxygen deprivation in the lake. A lack of oxygen allows naturally occurring phosphorus to be chemically unlocked from the lake bottom. Phosphorus is fertilizer and the algae is a plant – hence a great increase in food (phosphorus results in a bloom of algae). Oxygen deprivation takes place when the warm oxygen rich surface water fails to adequately mix with the cold oxygen depleted deeper water in the lake every fall. Global warming might be hindering the mixing process by allowing the lake to stay ice free longer each year.

We cottagers exacerbate the problem by providing non-

natural sources of phosphates from our uses including: use of shampoo, dish washing soaps, clothes washing soaps, and lawn fertilizers that have been traditional sources of phosphates. Your Ontario government has been doing a good job at getting rid of phosphates. Have you noticed lawn fertilizers all have “0” for the middle number (no more phosphate!) and most cleaning products no longer contain phosphates. To keep Steenburg Lake’s water as clean as possible, we cottagers need good stewardship practices that include eliminating the use of fertilized lawns, letting the 15 meter shore zone “go back to nature”, pump out our septic systems on a regular basis, and replace the old washing soaps with new phosphate free products.



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## Goat Report - Baaaaa!



Since the first sighting of a goat on the south road a few years back, we've seen more evidence of the horned mammals appearing in strange places. I always wondered about the presence of goats on the shores or in the waters of Steenburg Lake. Harking way back to 1972 or so, Rick Burke and his brother Bud had a red three point hydro with an old QD-10 on it – a very cool rig! The prop was only partially submerged and therefore made a lot of noise – which was really cool too. It went along pretty good. One day Rick submarined the boat into a monster wave (perhaps the result of Moby Dick) and was thrown out over the bow. Here is what I wonder about – was Rick distracted by a goat-sighting and hence unaware of the man made tidal wave approaching? Perhaps we should ask...



## Naturalize the Shore Line:

Although a fertilized, weed free lawn to the shore line with a nice man made sandy beach at the shore might be appealing to many cottages because it offers a great view of the lake and a place for the toddlers to play, it is devastating to the Steenburg Lake ecosystem. The water quality of our lake depends on us residents preventing debris, silt and sand from washing into the lake. The best shore line is a 15 meter (45 foot) buffer of natural vegetation that has been carefully “bonzaied” to permit a view of the lake. So fellow fishermen, take a look at your shoreline and think about the fish. The more natural the entire lake’s shoreline is, the better the fishing will be!



## Fishing Report:

### Fishermen – Stay away from the Shore before Bas Season Opens - Let the Bass Spawn!

The best way to develop and improve your fishery is to preserve the fish we already have including the just hatched fry. The male Bass is the nest defender. It protects the unhatched eggs and later the fry from natural predators like Rock Bass, Minnows and Sun Fish. It will strike out at anything that gets near its nest including fishing lures from fishermen that are fishing out of season. Once caught, the male Bass rarely returns to the nest leaving the eggs/fry to the

predators. This past spring, I was lying face down on the end of the dock on a bright sunny day watching all the life in the lake when I noticed a big black cloud moving near the surface. This was a real concern – I was thinking algae bloom or some new invasive scum. On close inspection this cloud was composed of thousands of very thin 2 mm long wiggling pin-shaped objects. I scooped up a handful of water with some of these wiggling things and discovered microscopic bass! Wow, a massive school of bass! I ask you fellow fishermen to stay away from the shores and weed beds of Steenburg lake until bass season opens in late June. Work on catching Splake out in the deep parts of the lake.



# Lake Stewardship

By: Dave Langman

## Green Boating – A stewardship approach to boating.

1. Getting the most out of your fuel. Start by removing water from the bilge, then load the boat so that it has weight well distributed – too much weight in the back will cause the boat to plane slowly. Trim down the engine, throttle up to get on plane, then throttle back to cruise and trim the boat “up” to get the bow out of the water. Too much trim up will cause the boat to porpoise (bounce).

planing or you spend a lot of time pulling skiers, wakeboarders, and tubers up on plane, consider changing the pitch of the prop to a lower pitch.

4. For a small boat that is underpowered and struggles to get up on plane, and doesn't go very fast while on plane, first check the weight distribution. Move the gas tank and anchor forward. I moved my battery forward on a 14' aluminum boat with a 15hp motor, and the “hole shot” dramatically improved. If weight distribution won't work, then consider changing the pitch of the propeller and/or adding a bolt on hydrofoil. The key to fuel conservation is to get on plane then be able to throttle back. The lower pitch propeller acts like dropping a gear on a mountain bike – lower pitch is like first gear – easy to accelerate.

5. Make sure your engine is properly tuned. It may need to have the carburetor cleaned or have new spark plugs installed.

6. Either run slow with minimal wake, or throttle up on plane. Don't run in between these speeds as it both uses more fuel and creates a potentially damaging wake that can impact the shore line.

7. Cruise along the shoreline at “no wake” speed, and in the middle of the lake when on plane.

8. To reduce noise, inspect the motor cowling for missing grommets, and poorly fitting seals. Fix the seals and reinstall the cowling.

9. If you are considering replacing your engine, new four stroke or direct fuel injected 2 stroke technology is impressively quiet and has negligible visible emissions. The new four strokes are about 30% more efficient than older 2

stroke engines. Do make sure that everyone that will be using the boat is able to pull start the engine, or opt for electric start. A slightly larger motor that gets on plane quickly and then can be throttled back will be more efficient than a smaller motor that has to run at or near wide open throttle to maintain the boat on plane.

10. When choosing a small fishing/utility boat, a longer wider boat will be more efficient than a short narrow boat. I highly recommend the green duck boat/jon boat/ barge such as a 1448 or a 1648. I have been able to pull a 130 lb wakeboarder up behind a 16' 1668 jon boat with a 9.9 hp motor and two adults on board. The same boat will plane 4 adults with baggage. A 12' boat with the same motor would not be able to do that.

11. Having driven around the lake in various sea fleas, ski boats, and good old “Hidditt” for hundreds of hours since 1969, I can tell you that just a touch below full throttle makes a big difference on fuel economy and noise. Back off on the throttle a bit, no one will notice the drop in speed, enjoy the fuel savings and reduced noise.

12. Remember to wash your boat well away from the lake. Mid season scrubs work well with a little extra elbow grease and a sponge.

13. When in shallow water, make an effort to not disturb the bottom of the lake.



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The optimal use of fuel is when the boat is just holding its own on plane. Wide open throttle burns about double the amount of gas per hour compared to “nicely trimmed and up on plane”.

3. Start each season with fresh gear oil in the lower unit, fresh engine oil in four stroke crank cases then inspect and remove rough burrs and nicks off the skeg and propeller or replace damaged props as they can destroy a lower units bearings in a short period of time. Polish and wax the bottom of the hull and lower unit every spring. If you find your boat has trouble





## FireSmart Fire Safety Information – MNR

To find out if your property is at risk, look through the “Home Owners FireSmart Manual”. Then you can complete the home owner’s survey on your own property and assess the potential risk of loss due to a wildfire. You can use the risk assessment to show you where you may need to do some work to protect your home and property. (The above information was taken from the MNR official FireSmart website)

For more information please visit the MNR's FireSmart website at the link below

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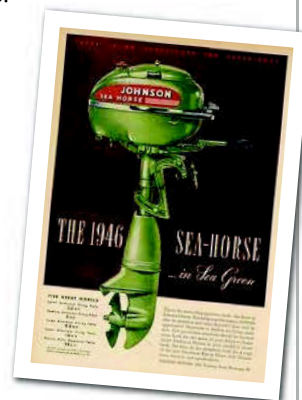
## How’s Your Johnson?

By Dave Langman, Birch Island



My wife has recently taken up the hobby of painting. She asks me on occasion if she can paint something for me to hang up in my workshop or at work. Being the boating enthusiast that I am, I always reply, “Paint my Johnson”. Of course I am talking about my grandfather’s Johnson - an old green one – actually a late 1940’s vintage TD-20. Talking about that old Johnson, I’ve had a lot of trouble with it. I pull and I pull and I pull on it, but it just doesn’t

seem to fire up. A friend of mine suggested a visit to the doctor to get a prescription. Funny, I never thought about prescription drugs as a solution for hard to start outboards. Maybe the doctor has some expertise on the care and maintenance of Johnsons that works better than new coils or a carb kit.



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## Statistically, Claims resulting from Animal Related Damage are Greater than Theft by Persons.

Humans aren't the only unwanted intruders against which you'll need to guard. Damage from mice and squirrels is also a concern for many cottage owners. To prevent these undesirable rodents from intruding, inspect both the interior and exterior of the cottage to make sure that there are no openings through which these pests may enter. Remove all sources of food from the cottage as well, which should further discourage these squatters from making your cottage their home. Chimneys provide another entranceway for many types of critters - including raccoons. Be sure to cover your chimneys tightly to both prevent them from entering and to prevent birds from falling down the chimney while you're away. Have you ever seen what a raccoon can do to your kitchen after it breaks open a few packs of left over Jello?

## Burglar-Proofing



**On Thurs., Feb. 17,** the Bancroft OPP were on the North Road when they spotted an ATV matching the description of a stolen vehicle. Two 17 year old males were arrested for stolen property, and the investigation revealed that they were involved with several break-in and thefts on Steenburg lake.

Police say that more thefts occur from cottages during the winter than at any other time of the year. Though burglary can be covered by your cottage insurance policy, theft cannot. In other words, there must be a forcible sign of entry and/or exit in order for your claim to be considered. To help prevent break-ins, you should completely cover the windows. This prevents passers-by from seeing inside and dissuades temptation. Of course, it is still good practise to take all of your valuables with you, just in case anything unfortunate does occur. For other items that cannot be transported home

with you, take special care to securely lock up anything that can be stolen. Take an inventory of these items and write down the serial numbers where applicable. It is also a good idea to take photographs of both your cottage and the items within, as this may be of great benefit to you during the claims process. If you don't have a friend who can routinely check on your investment, there are companies that specialize in cottage care. These companies can help shovel your driveway and, if you choose to leave your heat on during the winter, can check on your place to ensure that everything is in order. Remember, locks only keep the honest people out!

## Wear Your Personal Flotation Device



An article in the May Cottage Life magazine identified 59% of boaters believe that a PFD should be worn at all times while boating. Unfortunately only 20% of boaters wear a PFD. The article also mentions that 85% of deaths related to boating could have been prevented if the victims were wearing a PFD. Somehow men, outboard powered boats, alcohol and hypothermia are involved in most of the deaths. Maybe it is time to get to your local PFD shop and treat yourself to something safe, comfortable, and maybe even sexy.

## Emerald Ash Borer

Here is an informative website regarding the damage and spread of the Emerald Ash Borer. As you will note, there is a strong recommendation not to transport firewood from outside your own area.

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/pestrava/agrpla/agrplac.shtml>

Help save the ash trees in McGeachie!

## Have-a-Dock Jamboree

The Have-a-dock jamboree gang is rehearsing diligently for the fourth annual dock concert. The event will again be held at the waterfront at 727 North Steenburg Lake road. We hope to get more local talent involved in this year's concert so if anyone feels they want to strut their stuff for their lake neighbours, don't be shy. Please contact Fred Cotie by e-mail - [fcotie@hotmail.com](mailto:fcotie@hotmail.com) or at 905-985-2330. We plan to start the show at 7 pm on Saturday August 13 and hope to have a full slate of talent for you. Bring your boats, canoes or kayaks and settle in across from the marina for a night of quality entertainment. Hope to see you there.

Regards Fred

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## Working the Roads

On behalf of the residents of Steenburg Lake Road South, the SLCA would like to express our sincere 'Thank You' to the families of Schad, Tanner, O'Rourke, DeBoo, and the many others who have donated time and/or money towards the maintenance and betterment of the South Road.

The extra contribution of time and effort from these members has resulted in improvements and visibility of the road. Gord Schad is also an active member of the Tudor/Cashel Township Road Committee and has been working with both townships to the benefit of everyone who relies on roads such as ours.

And a reminder for all those who own property on the South Road who visit the lake between late fall and early spring, please note that this wouldn't be possible without financial support, and the extra effort of these members.

## Internet Update

by Anthony Genovese

Having reported so much progress in our quest for Internet on our lake, I truly expected to be able to report some good news as part of this newsletter. But not yet.

For now, we must patiently wait for Bell Canada to put their new Internet tower into service.

As of December 2010, a new cellular tower owned by Rogers and located on hwy62 at Millbridge Road was put into service. That tower is now providing Voice and Internet service between Eldorado heading north up hwy 62 until around Jordan Lake.

Bell Canada also has a new tower on Hwy 62 that is located just south of Jordan Lake South Road. This tower is fully built and powered, but is missing antennae, so it is not yet in service. I'm hopeful that this tower will provide our lake with Voice and Internet in time for Summer 2011. And since Bell & Rogers typically share towers, either carrier should be able to provide you with equipment and a service plan to meet your needs.

Of course, neither the Bell nor the Rogers business offices will confirm any dates or availability of their service for our area, so please keep checking the website [www.steenburglake.com](http://www.steenburglake.com) for updates.

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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in  boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

## Escape the City and find Steenburg Lake

Start Here

The Lake

# The Trail Next Door

**By: David Golem**

Steenburg Lake draws you here to enjoy nature and the tranquility of the great outdoors. But there is more than the lake available here for our enjoyment. We are right beside a wonderland of forest and hills and ponds and swamps that are begging you to visit. Whether you are interested in a brisk walk in the woods, or you have a special interest in forest plants, or if you are into birds and animals, you can see all this and more within the McGeachie Conservation Area, accessed by two entrances off the North road.

The McGeachie property was donated to Crowe Valley Conservation Authority by the McGeachie family. It comprises just about 500 acres of forest and swamp land, and includes two creeks, with beaver dams and other ponds. Records suggest that the property has not been logged since the original logging of pine in the 1870s, and recent checks have indicated many trees that are at least 100 years old. Because of differences in elevation on the property there are uplands with stands of oak, maple and basswood, intermixed with some birch, beech and ash. In the lower lands there are old stands of cedar and hemlock with the usual mix of tamarack and balsam. Along the creeks there are many varieties of shrubs and herbs, with wild flowers almost everywhere.

Birds and animals are in evidence throughout the property. Among the many animals are deer and moose, coyote, otter, with the occasional visit by North Hastings elk.

The trail system is laid out in loops which allow hikers and skiers to choose the length and

difficulty that suits their individual preferences. At present there are approximately 8 kilometres of marked trails. Please note that all motorized vehicles are prohibited, but cyclists are welcome. There are two parking areas both of which are accessible off North Steenburg Lake Road about one kilometre west of Trudy's store and gas on Highway 62. The first parking area allows access to the century old cabin which is rented to the public by Crowe Valley Conservation, and is the start of the original trail system established by Jack McGeachie many years ago. This is a short and fairly level loop that is a good starter for a family outing. The second parking area is marked with a sign "McGeachie Conservation Area Hiking Trails" at the road. This is the entrance to the much larger and more challenging portion of the trail system. We suggest good quality footwear for hikers, especially during the winter and spring, when you will probably encounter some deep snow and wet or muddy spots in the trail. During the winter, snow shoes are an excellent way to get around.

The blue trail winds its way from the west entrance along the side of a rocky ridge, then down through a dark and swampy lowland, then up to the top of a plateau about 100 feet above the valley. From there it

progresses northerly to end at a huge beaver pond created by a dam that must be seven feet high. This trail is a bit less than three kilometres, one way, and there are several small stream crossings, as well as a few hills, so it could be a challenge for your first effort.

The orange trail is another route to the north of the property, hooking into the blue trail twice, so you can take an alternate route back if you wish. The southern portion of the orange route parallels a high rocky ridge where you might discover a bear's winter den tucked in a small cave, or dug in under a fallen tree root.

The green trail is a beautiful side trail looping off the blue trail and back. It parallels the creek that flows from the big beaver dam down to Steenburg Lake. There are places where you can step out onto one of the original "beaver meadows" where settlers harvested hay to feed their animals. You will see some very large and old hemlock trees along this trail, and they overhang to make the trail almost spooky in places. Near the north end of the green trail is a short purple trail which leads directly to a notch in the rocks where the beavers used to have a dam. The remains are still there, along with the stumps left by the beavers. That dam burst in the



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fall of 2003, resulting in quite a bit of flooding over North Steenburg Lake Road. From the parking lot, the distance up the green trail and then returning on the blue trail is about one kilometre, so it is a fairly easy track for anyone who enjoys walking.

There is a short and pretty black trail which links the blue trail and the orange trail about half way up its length, meandering through the maple forest near to a big swamp. There is a very good chance you can see the tracks of moose in the mud where the black and orange trails meet. This also is an easy way to cut your walk short if you are pressed for time, or if you are gradually working toward better physical conditioning.

Future plans include expanding the trails into a couple of areas not accessible at the present, and in the longer term we hope to raise funds to build a bridge across Steenburg Creek to link the two areas within the property. Crowe Valley Conservation has also been working on creating a couple of state-of-the-art Yurts which could be used for educational purposes, and perhaps rented out to those who want a basic outdoor camp experience.

Since this is a Conservation area we ask that people who use the trails respect the natural environment by refraining from cutting trees, picking flowers or depositing garbage, and hunting is forbidden except if authorized during the fall deer hunt.

We are in the debt of various people who have helped to create this recreational area, and who continue to provide additional assistance and development on a volunteer basis: we want to especially thank Terry Bradt, Ian and Pat Fraser, John Harnett, Tim Pidduck (CVCA), Cindy Cassidy (EOTA), and Limerick Township for their support and assistance. If you wish to assist, we need money to continue with improvements to the trails. Any donations of \$25 or more will qualify for a tax credit receipt. Cheques should be made payable to Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Foundation, and mailed to the attention of David Golem, Box 331, Gilmour K0L 1W0. Become one of "The Friends of McGeachie".

For further information please contact David Golem at 613-474-0803 or by email at [davidgolem@explornet.com](mailto:davidgolem@explornet.com)

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Assets:	YTD 9 Mo	2010	INCOME:	YTD 9 Mo	2010
Bank Account	466	6,324	Membership Fees	180	5,160
PayPal	145	87	Advertising Income	0	1,444
GIC - 1 Yr .02% (Cashable)	2,001	1,006	Fundraising - Maps	0	30
GIC - 2 Yr 2.00% Oct 2012	3,029	0	Fundraising -T-Shirts	793	1,768
GIC - 2 Yr 1.75% Sep 2011	5,047	5,084	Fundraising - Fun Run	0	495
GIC - 2.5 Yr 2.45% Nov 2013	13,270	12,877	Interest Income	475	602
Prepaid Ins Sep\11-May\12	1,030	1,030	<b>Total Income</b>	1,448	9,499
Inventory - T-Shirts etc.	400	400	<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>25,389</b>	<b>26,808</b>	Cost - T-Shirts	355	1,203
Reserve for Future Expenditure	20,000	12,000	Cost - Fun Run	0	585
General Fund, Unrestricted	6,808	13,176	AGM/Regatta/MovieNight	0	755
Net Assets, Beg of Year	26,808	25,176	FOCA Dues & Expenses	545	575
Excess (Loss), Current Year	-1,419	1,632	Insurance	1,377	1,361
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>25,389</b>	<b>26,808</b>	Newsletter Expenses	587	905
			Members Handout	0	616
			Bank\Paypal Charges	2	27
			Rock Markers/Fishing Derby	0	250
			Sign Maintenance	0	1,068
			Web\Webcams	0	378
			Water Testing	0	143
			<b>Total Expenses</b>	2,867	7,867
			Excess (Deficit) for period	(1,419)	1,632

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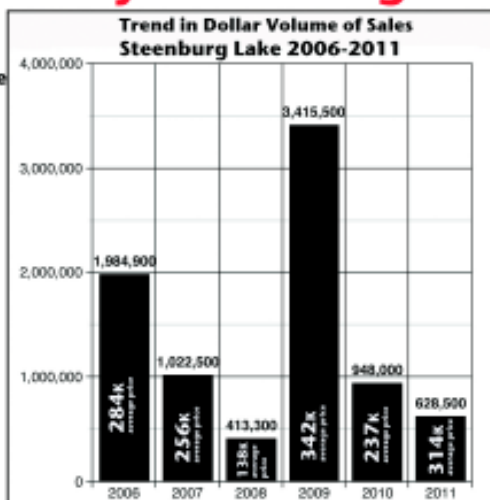
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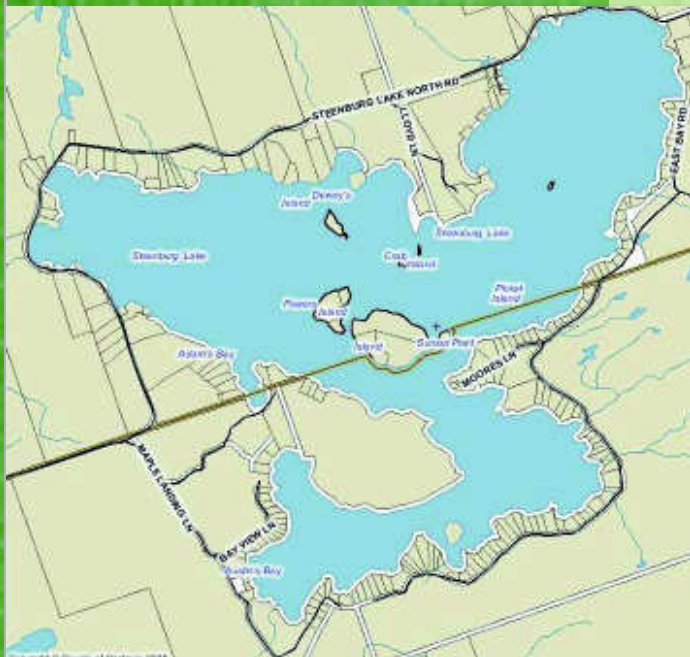
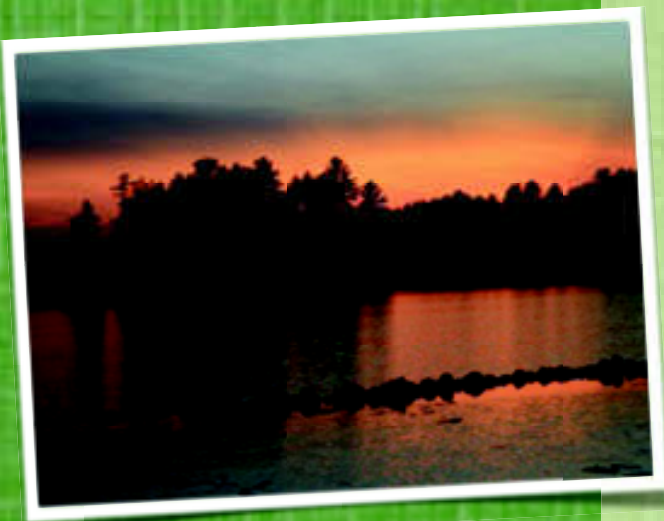
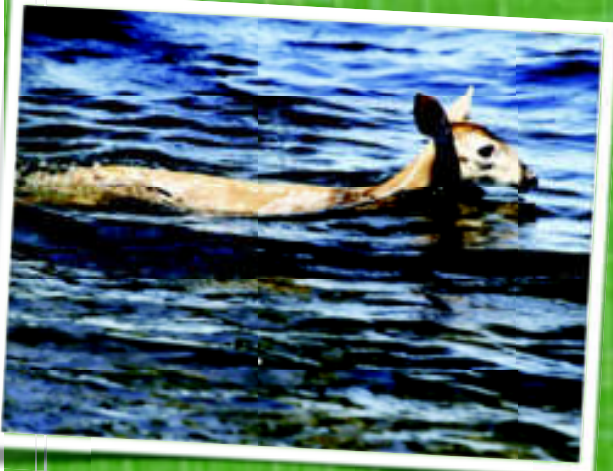
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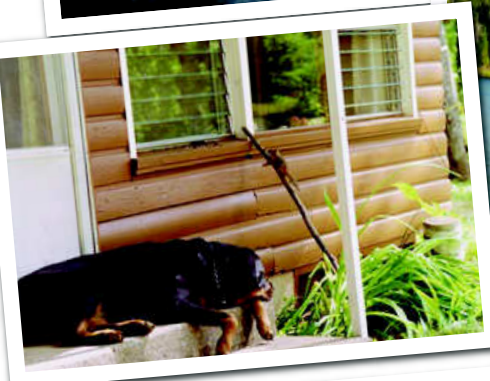
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# Steenburg Lake Summer Events

## Regatta & Barbecue:

Saturday, July 9th 2011, 11 a.m. @ the Beach

The Annual Steenburg Lake Regatta will take place on at the beach, followed by a Barbecue. PLEASE BRING YOUR CANOES, KAYAKS, AND APPETITES!!! New activities, it's going to be fun for everyone!

## Road Clean Up:

Sunday, July 10th 2011, 9:30a.m. - 11a.m.

Help make Steenburg Lake shine! North Road residents meet at the Beach and South Road residents meet at the 1<sup>st</sup> "Y" in the Road.

## Lakeside Movie Night:

Saturday, July 30st 2011 8:45 p.m.

You are invited to come out and join your neighbours for an outdoor movie. Anchor your boat across from Loon Island on the evening of the event, and please remember to keep safety in mind. It will be dark at the end of the event, so have a strong flashlight for the ride home. FM Radios are optional for that full drive-in experience. **Weather permitting, no rain, no wind.** Cottage #98 South Rd.



## Annual General Meeting & Steak Barbecue: Limerick Community Centre

Sunday July 31st 2011, 9:30a.m.

The Annual General Meeting is on **Sunday, July 31st, 2011. Coffee at 9:30, meeting commences at 10am. Barbecue follows the meeting.** (Steak and Potatoes and Corn on the Cob!)

Please note that this barbecue is for cottagers with active membership in the SLCA who attend the Annual General Meeting. Guests of SLCA members are welcome, but will be asked for a donation to the association.

**Please Call 613-474-1032 to confirm attendance or RSVP Online**

Volunteers are requested to assist with this event. Please contact [Carolyn.Dobson@steenburglake.com](mailto:Carolyn.Dobson@steenburglake.com) or [Marlene.Pollard@steenburglake.com](mailto:Marlene.Pollard@steenburglake.com)

## Fun Run:

Saturday, August 13th, 2011 9:30a.m.

Registration (\$5/participant): Race Starts: 10:00 am  
Distance: 5km for runners and walkers...(or walk until you've had enough)  
Where: Start/Finish will be at the South Road and Hwy 62. See the website to sign up.

*Includes a t-shirt and snack and prizes awarded to both males and females who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their age categories.*

## "Have-A-Dock" Jamboree, Dockside Concert:

Saturday Aug 13th 2011, 7:00p.m.

The musical group "Claidhmor" will perform Scottish, Irish and east coast songs. This waterfront concert will be held at the dock of Fred and Karen Cotie (Cottage #30B North Road, across from the old marina). Feel free to anchor your boats out front and enjoy the entertainment.