

# ◆ Shoreline News ◆

Spring / Summer 1999

◆ Tom Little

## President's Message

Winter gives way to spring and summer, and our thoughts turn to the joys of Steenburg Lake - blackflies, pumps that won't start, furry little critters with big ears that think we built the cottage specially for them, and Seadoos, humanity's answer to the mosquito swarm.

What can I tell you about the last few months at Steenburg Lake? In some ways it was a less eventful time than others we've had in recent years. No break-ins to speak of, for example. But there continue to be concerns for your Association. By the time you read this the Ontario Municipal Board will have made a decision on the proposed subdivision for Limerick Lake. If approved, this development could produce a tax increase for those of us in Limerick, since it may require the municipality to increase spending on roads and other infrastructure needs, with no guarantee of an offsetting increase in revenue. Another pressing issue is the north road, which took a real beating and which is badly in need of resurfacing.

Over the summer your association will try to make your life at the cottage a little easier and a little better. Doing so includes:

Getting the buoys on the water so boating is safe for everyone.

Sponsoring the cleanup of roadside

garbage on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, the morning of the barbeque.

Holding the annual barbeque that same afternoon, complete with free food and boat races.

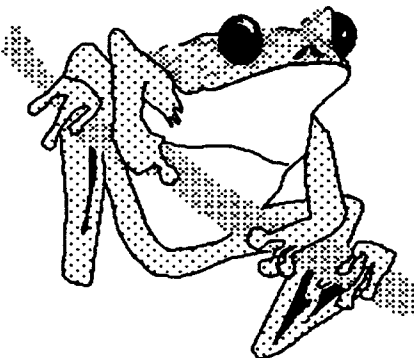
Organizing our annual meeting and dinner on August 1<sup>st</sup>. *Bring your favourite cottage picture for our new photo contest. Join us for the meeting and have the opportunity to win a beautiful hand-carved decoy by Roland Berry. Be at the dinner and take home a draw prize.*

Sponsoring a rock bass derby for all the kids.



Behind the scenes we will continue to put lake issues in front of the politicians, monitor water levels and water quality, promote safety and security, and stay in touch with organizations like Crowe Valley Conservation Authority and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations.

Enjoy everything the season has to offer. And may your Trudy's chelsea buns always be warm from the oven.



◆ Barb Rockwell

## Membership

What another fantastic winter on Steenburg Lake. For our spring season, we say good-bye to some of our canvassers, Ken Cox, Don Ward, Sharon Cole, and Heather Lloyd and BIG thank you from all of us for your years of dedicated canvassing.

In their place we have Gord Douglas (Area #14 Cottages 151-164), Kent Anderson (Area #6 Cottages 54-66), Janet Haggarty (Area #12 Cottages 123-136), and Ken Waddell / Griff Lloyd, who have some out of canvassing retirement! (Area #10 Cottages 97-109). Thank you so much for volunteering and Welcome.

Your canvassers will be ready and willing in late June, early July to start visiting so have your \$25.00 membership dues ready. Again, we are interested in any comments you may have and your canvasser will be asking for information updates, such as address changes, septic system upgrades, and handing out telephone listings (alphabetical), fish forms, and lake maps where needed. As well, social calendars and spring newsletters will be available if you forgot yours.

Please welcome these canvassers when they arrive:  
Lucille Luffman, Ian Fraser, Judie Hughes, Martha Lee Burton, Pat Ayers, Elaine and John McCarthy, Ruth Harrison, Dell Watson, Barb Rockwell, Carol Landon, Ron

Rampton, Tricia Neub, Eileen Walsh

If you wish to mail in your dues ahead of time, please send a cheque for \$25.00 to Steenburg Lake Community Association, c/o Barb Rockwell, Box 325, R.R. #2, Gilmour, Ontario, K0L 1W0.

**FOR SALE**

**Mistral 12 Sailboat**

This boat is easily handled by a crew of two. It has a good floatation reserved insuring security. Due to its light weight, this sailboat can be topped anywhere. It is also a row boat and a 1.5 - 6 HP motor can be adapted:

- Specifications: L.O.A - 12' 6"
- Beam - 5'
- Draft max - 40"
- Weight - 200 lbs
- Main sail - 69.5 sq ft
- Jib - 24 sq ft

Asking \$ 1500.00 or Best Offer. Contact Tom Quinn at (905) 839-4372 (home) or (613) 474-2657 (cottage).

**LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME**

Three pullout couches looking for a loving cottage (or three). If you would like to take a look at the specimens, please contact Ken or Anita Waddell at (416) 284-8098 (home) or (613) 474-5486 (cottage).

**ATTENTION!!!**

Residents of  
North Steenburg Lake Road  
Submitted by Loy Rosati

Due to neglect and disregard by this and previous councils, the main thoroughfare of Limerick Township, North Steenburg Lake Road has become almost impassable.

This road and the St. Ola Road are so mired with potholes that it has made it a driving skill test just to avoid said holes. Sections of the road will need extensive and expensive repairs before re-surfacing.

Through some extensive investigation, I have found that once the road is repaired and re-surfaced, the cost of maintenance is far less than a gravel road. Although proper maintenance in the past would have saved us a large percentage of these repair costs, said councils deemed, in their wisdom, to avoid these repairs and instead, tried to do a patch job on the potholes. Patching for 1998 cost approximately \$8000.00!! This is slightly less than the resurfacing cost for 1 kilometre.

The Reeve and council have said that some repairs will occur this spring if money is available. IF???? My concern is that for safety alone, this road needs to be repaired properly and soon. Secondly, we need a commitment from council for future upkeep and maintenance so that we can avoid these extra costs again down the road. (No pun intended!)

I feel, as I am sure you do, that for the amount of taxes that we are forced to pay, the least we can demand is a safe and properly maintained roadway through our township. PLEASE VOICE YOUR OPINION to your council. Let them know how you feel about this problem. Below are listed the names and numbers of the Reeve and Councillors. I implore you to call soon so all of us can travel safely

together.

Reeve - Wes Moffat  
613-474-0761

Councillors :

- Rita Evans 613-474-5530 (\*)
  - Wayne Longmuir 613-474-5534 (\*)
  - Clark Young 613-966-2317
  - Al Hill 613-284-0728
- (\*) Roads Committee Representative

If you do find a problem at a specific spot on the road, you can make a formal complaint by call Carlene at the Township office (613) 474-2863..

Please call me for more information. Loy Rosati (permanent resident) Steenburg Lake North Road, #30B (#727) 613-474-2348.

*Editor's Note: Submissions from outside the SLCA Executive do not necessarily reflect the views or position of the SCLA.*



**PHOTO CONTEST**

That's right! This summer, the Steenburg Lake Community Association is sponsoring a photo contest. The rules are pretty simple:

The contest is open to anyone who is immediate family to a current member of the SLCA. The photo must be an original 5 x 7 photograph and taken within the 1998 or 1999 calendar year. (Colour or Black & White is acceptable). Entrants may bring their photos to the reception preceeding the Annual Dinner on August 1, 1999. Entries will be posted and voted upon by the attendees to the dinner. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries at the dinner.

**PAUL WHITTAKER**

General Contractor

R.R. #1

Gilmour, Ontario

KOL 1W0

(613) 474-2941

The Association of  
Registered Wood Energy  
Technicians of OntarioCertificate  
Holder**Boat railways built to order. References upon request.**

## ◆ In Memoriam

**ETHEL McGEACHIE  
1913 - 1999**

As a student at the Lindsay Collegiate, Ethel was valedictorian for her graduating class, excelling in academics, athletics and theatre. After graduation, Ethel took 5 years of voice training and was a soloist at the Lindsay Baptist Church and a member of the Lindsay Madrigal choir.

Marriage in wartime and a shortage of skills in many fields found her undertaking the job of Secretary and nursing assistant for her brother Dr. A. Lloyd Morgan's eye practice.

At the end of the war and resulting from a lack of accommodation, Ethel and her husband took a series of night courses at the University of Toronto that covered all aspects of building a house. That resulted in her first family home, much of which was fashioned with her own hands.

Ethel's literary skills were also very helpful in the writing of three books.

Ethel was enthusiastic over the establishment of the McGeachie Conservation Area and the largest beaver pond is named and always will be, "Ethel's Pond".

## ◆ Scott McGinnis

**Editorial**

So passes another winter  
and bringeth forth  
another spring.  
Forgive me, my prose is  
not Shakespearean

quality, however, I think you get the idea - **SUMMER IS ON THE WAY!** And if the sunny and 25 degree celcius weekend of May 1 is any indication, then we should be in for another beautiful summer at Steenburg Lake. But really, let's face it, any summer at Steenburg Lake is beautiful.

As you can see on the attached calendars, this summer appears to be shaping up very well for the SLCA membership with another cleanup day, beach BBQ and Canoe and Paddle Boat races, a photo contest, as well as the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting (see how carefully I set up this next part), my position of Secretary of the SLCA is up for election. Unfortunately, due to an unexpected increase in both professional and personal commitments, I will not be

seeking re-election. So for all you budding journalists out there, the position is open for nominations. Actually, it is quite fun because you get to meet a lot of people on the lake, the meetings are usually short and few in number, and you can create the newsletter. And I must say that publishing the newsletter is very rewarding, especially if you don't think about the fact that somebody out there probably uses the old copies to line the bottom of their bird cage. Anyway, think about it (the Secretary position I mean, not the birdcage). If you would like more information, you can contact me at home (905) 728-0109.

Have a SAFE and FUN summer on the lake.

**Stop the presses.....**

Brian and Irene Clark from Kitchener, Ontario, are hoping to take over Trudy's Place in June 1999. If the sale goes through, Marg Watson will be moving to Marmora while continuing to teach in Madoc. SLCA says thanks to Marg and family for their years of service.

**STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 1998/99**

**OFFICERS**

<b><u>President</u></b> <i>Loy ROSATI</i> Tom Little (15) 97 Sherwood Ave. Oshawa, L1G 3L7 905-576-5220 613-474-5653	<b><u>Part-President</u></b> <i>TOM WITZE</i> Tom Quinn (26) 1248 Barnwood Sq. Pickering, L1X 1C7 905-839-4372 613-474-2657	<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> Ken Waddell (103) 5 Charles Tupper Dr. West Hill, M1C 2A8 416-284-8098 613-474-5486	<b><u>Record/Correspond Secretary</u></b> Scott McGinnis (21.1) 40 Lowder Place Whitby, L1N 8B7 905-728-0109 613-474-2849 <i>WENDY RUDD (107)</i> <i>KIM CRAWFIELD</i>
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**DIRECTORS**

\* = Lead Director

Elected by the membership for a three year term.

If you would care to assist in one of the following areas, please call the Lead Director of the committee.

**Membership**

Barb Rockwell (30.2)\*  
RR #2 P.O. Box 325  
P.O. Box 1687  
Gilmour, K0L 1W0  
613-474-2348

**Social**

Carol Landon (139)\*  
12 Patriot Ct.  
Markham, L3P 6B3  
905-472-5346  
613-474-5360

**Municipal Affairs**

Gary Goodfellow (175)\*  
23 Joyce Cres.  
Belleville, K8N 1Y6  
613-967-0873  
613-474-2341

**Lake Stewardship**

Kent Anderson (76)\*  
165 Maple Landing Lane  
RR #2  
Gilmour, K0L 1W0  
613-474-2031

Tricia Neub (177)  
92 Waverly Road  
Toronto, M4L 3T1  
416-698-3544  
613-474-2377

Ian Fraser (16)  
95 Glenview Ave.  
Toronto, M4R 1P9  
416-481-4192  
613-474-2777

**Natural Resources**  
Rick Burke (97)  
666 Sultana Sq.  
Pickering, L1V 3Y3  
905-831-2908  
613-474-2254

Diane Burke (97)  
666 Sultana Sq.  
Pickering, L1V 3Y3  
905-831-2908  
613-474-2254

**Environment**  
Fred Neub (177)  
92 Waverly Road  
Toronto, M4L 3T1  
416-698-3544  
613-474-2377

**AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Organize annual canvass  
Prepare canvasser folders  
Enlist canvassers as needed  
Member info to Secy.  
Member dues to Treasurer

Annual dinner arrangements  
Secure door prizes  
Youth activities  
Regattas  
Canoe races

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

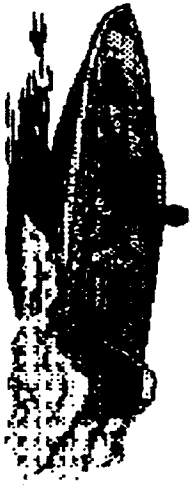
Water quality monitoring  
The lake fishery  
Shoreline preservation  
Rock & shoal markers  
Lake Stewardship Program  
Loosestrife control  
Water Level of lake  
Spraying programs  
Lake Directory signs

**Lake Historian**

Bill Langman  
48 Garnoch Ave  
Toronto, M4K 1M4  
416-461-3558  
613-474-5435

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# July 1999

July 1 - Canada Day





July 4 - Independence Day

July 10-9:30 am: Annual Road Clean Up

1 pm: Canoe and Paddle Boat Races at the  
public beach (bring your own canoe or  
paddle boat, and life jacket);

Beach BBQ (hotdogs and pop)

July 31 - Aug 2 : Rockhound Jamboree - Bancroft

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# August 1999

July 31 - Aug 2 : Rockhound Jamboree - Bancroft

Aug 1 : SLCA Annual General Meeting & Dinner

Aug 2: Civic Holiday

Aug 27 & 28: Coe Hill Fair

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