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Steenburg Lake Community Association

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President Quinn's Message

The annual meeting provided a good interchange of opinions which is exactly why they are so important and they more cottagers that attend, the better the meeting.

As responsible cottagers, there are a few issues I would like to draw to your attention:

Environmental Awareness

- ♦ Tree cutting. It is important for you to remember about re-planting. If cutting down one tree then plant two. In this way you are contributing to regenerating the tree population

Safety Issues - Summer Activities

- ♦ Practice safe boating procedures
- ♦ Remember - sailboats have the right of-way.
- ♦ Exercise extreme caution with summer campfires, barbeques, etc.

Vandalism, Break-Ins

- ♦ Report acts of vandalism, break-ins, thefts, immediately to the local O.P.P. detachment
- ♦ Report any suspicious activities in and around unoccupied cottages. There have already been a few break-ins and thefts this past winter and late spring.

Just a reminder to contact any of your board members if you have any concerns. The next board meeting is on the Labour Day weekend. We will be planning for next year at that meeting. I extend a special vote of confidence and appreciation to the Executive Members of the Association as listed on the organisation chart you were provided with. They are the backbone of the Association.

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Obituaries

Mrs Ionson (#45) Permanent resident passed away in March of 1995

Ned Talmey's father (#30.1) 7/31/95

Ray Jacoby (#182) 7/25/95

Helen Orme Lloyd (17) 2/11/95

FROM THE DIRECTORS

Membership

by Barb Rockwell

As of August 10, 1995, 138 dues have been collected by our 17 canvassers for a total of \$2150 inc. a \$10.00 donation. Total members in 1994 were 154 so we should easily reach our target by the end of this summer season. So far the canvass has seen four new memberships in the association. We were fortunate to have 31 members mail in their dues over the winter and spring and I would ask all those, who have missed their canvassers, to mail in their dues. As well, letters of reminder will be sent. The membership fee is still \$20.00. Dues for 1996 will be \$25.00.

AThank you to all the canvassers: Lucille Luffman, Ian Fraser, Judie Hughes, Lee Burton, Fran Downing, Paul & Myrna McCullough, John & Elaine McCarthy, Ruth Harrison, Dell Watson, Cecile Berry, Sharon Cole, Cathy Vanner, Ken Cox, Ron Rampton, Tricia Neub, and Eileen Walsh. Have a safe summer!

Social

by Diane Burke

Steenburg Lake Annual Regatta - Sat. July 15th
The weather was great and the people enthusiastic. The annual races and barbeque at the beach went without a hitch

The new "abandon ship" canoe race presented a challenge (I wonder if some of the participants are still out there trying upright their canoes....) the younger ones filled up buckets with water soaked sponges. Overall the day was considered a success! Thanks to all participants and observers.

Canoe Races

Youth

- 1st Julie Zylka & Rachel Zylka (146)
- 2nd Brent Wilson (89) & Greg Pachulski (88)
- 3rd Amanda Burke (97) & Tyler Burke (152)

Junior

- 1st Art Williamson (87) & Chris Watson (89)

- 2nd Brandon Reil & Seth Hanes (14)
- sunk Brigid Duggan & Fred Bellegarde (165)

Adult

- 1st Randy Dowdall (98) & Bud Burke (152)
- 2nd Shawn Andros & Allan Proos (129)

Senior

- 1st Gord Douglas & Paul Douglas (152)
- 2nd Ken Waddell (103) & Ken Cox (164)
- 3rd Mike Duggan (165) & Eileen Walsh (194)

Pedal Boat Races

Junior

- 1st Amanda Burke (97) & Tyler Burke (152)
- 2nd Kristen Nevins (194) & Julie Zylka (146)
- 3rd Kris Landon & Kelly Landon (139)
- 4th Jimmy Nevins (194) & Rachel Zylka (146)
- 5th Adam Burke (97) & Alyson Burke (152)

Adult

- 1st Carol Landon (139) & Joanne Burke (152)
- 2nd Mike Duggan (165) & Eileen Walsh (194)
- 3rd Brigid Duggan (165) & Sean Bray (165)
- 4th Randy Dowdall (98) & Bud Burke (152)
- 5th Daena Douglas & Kathy Duglas (152)

Abandon Ship Canoe Race

- 1st Randy Dowdall (98) & Bud Burke (152)
- 2nd (Under water) Fred Bellegarde & Brigid Duggan (165)
- Sunk Seth Hanes & Brandon Reil (14)
- Sunk Brent Watson (89) & Greg Pachulski (88)
- Sunk Chris Watson (89) & Chris Camileri (90)
- Sunk Shawn Andrus & Allan Proos (129)

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Helen Orme (Brett) Lloyd
Sept. 6, 1903 - Feb. 11, 1995

Helen grew up in Trenton where her father, Dick Brett was a market gardener. She was a graduate of Victoria College, U of T in 1926. On graduation she and other university graduates toured Great Britain, Belgium, and France. On returning home she gave a talk about her trip at the Orange Hall in St. Ola. Enough funds were raised to purchase the bell for the church at St. Ola.

Helen's cottage property (#17) was a wedding gift to Warren and herself from her parents, Dick & Liza. A cottage was shortly built on the property by Joe Lidiat (#45). Her love of nature, people, and swimming was quite evident. First the children, then the grandchildren learned to swim from her dock and later climaxed their swimming abilities by a marathon swim to Teddy Adams (#193) island and back.

She and Warren were responsible for introducing Keith and Mary Little (#15), Russ and Vivian Prowse (#122) to Bass Lake, having rented a cottage to them.

Helen was an excellent cook and Pat and Griff remember the first big meal of the cottage season being the 24th of May weekend and the last was either partridge or turkey dinner at Thanksgiving. In those days there was no electricity on the lake so the meals were cooked on the wood stove and the refrigerator was an ice box with ice from our ice house. (Oscar Phillips cut the ice from the lake in mid-winter, supplying enough ice for the summer season).

Milk was bought at Dafoe's farm, unpasturized, carried to the foot of the lake, transported by boat, boiled on the cottage wood stove, refrigerated in the ice box and finally consumed. In the late 40's, each weekend, Warren would bring 9 quarts of pasturized milk from Madoc (this quantity of milk fit neatly into a butter box), and buried in the ice house. As Helen needed a quart of milk, Griff was dispatched to the ice house to fetch a quart. Modernization arrived in 1952 with the introduction of hydro.

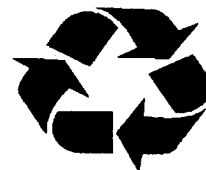
Helen was the third generation of Bretts to spend time at Steenburg Lake. Her father was Reeve of Limerick Township in the 30's. Now her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren continue to enjoy their leisure at "The Lake".

Waste Disposal Survey
An Update

Some years back we attended an OMB hearing in Belleville and our presentation was put on the defensive as we were unable to show what we were doing as a lake society to maintain the quality of the water. Out of that embarrassment came our efforts to determine the profile of the lake. The response has been slow but the participation including members and non-members of the association now stands at 91%. It is time to update our data base so we could present if the need arose, in summary form, just what has happened around the lake by our concerned seasonal dwellers. There is no intent to pressure anyone into doing anything to their system nor do we share this information with anyone.

Included in this issue of the newsletters is a tear out, pre-addressed mail in form which should only take you a few minutes to complete. It covers all areas of waste disposal including recycling. While you are at the cottage please take the time to complete and mail the form.

If you are participating in all phases of disposing of your waste: recycling, a good operating septic system, a burn barrel for paper, and a compost pile your trip to the landfill should be a light one which over the long haul will help keep the taxes from rising too rapidly.



Rate Payers Association

A correction from Spring 95 newsletter

Limerick Municipal taxes are one of the highest in Hastings County and comparable to the city of Scarborough. Residents want to organize a protest as increases of 10-15% are possible over the next couple of years. Some other municipalities are lowering or at least not increasing taxes. Local residents would like support from the Limerick taxpayers on Steenburg Lake. For more information call Loy Rosati 474-2348.

An Editorial
Cottage Security
Tom Hughes

The problem simply will not go away. Not being a permanent resident leaves the cottager wide open to the perversities of a segment of our society that we are not very proud of. Neighborhood Watch works better in suburban settings where there are more people around and police response time is within 15 minutes.

The unemployment situation in North Hastings County is quite high and this compounds the problem. A number of current break-ins strongly suggests that the thieves are young offenders, in that the break-ins were accompanied by vandalism. Professional thieves want in and out fast with a minimal amount of noise.

So what are we to do? How do we prevent the thief from selecting our cottage to do his dirty work? A simple approach would be to leave nothing of value in the cottage and leave the doors unlocked. Let them look around for themselves. Well we all have our toys and comforts that make our time at the cottage pleasant and enjoyable. There-in is our weakness. Someone must be observing what goes on around the cottages to know what is contained therein and either are the thieves or pass the information on to the actual thieves. It is impossible to take everything home with you and bring it all back with you the next weekend.

Normal cottage entry by a thief is usually through a door that is kicked open with a heavy boot. One big kick and the door flies open. In and out in a few minutes, close the door and no one is the wiser until the owner returns. Paying someone to watch your cottage is assurance that the breakin will be found within a reasonable time but no assurance that it will not be broken into.

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Cottage Security Continued.....

Again where does that leave you? You cannot rely on your neighbor or your watch person. The only person that can take the proper action is you, you are the one....

The main thing that you can do is make foreseeable entry more difficult. Stronger doors (metal clad) with dead bolts(keyed both inside and out). Stops in all the sliding windows. Plywood shutters on all your windows (close up time) and locked in place from the inside.

Will this do the trick? Not proof positive....if they really want to get in a way will be found. Will it slow them down and force more noise to be made gaining entry? Yes it will. Without instant success they may decide to move on to an easier situation

You could also install a noise feature on your cottage. Should they be able to force the door, breaking contact of the magnetic sensors, your noise maker would instantly sound the alarm. This a thief does not like at all, and if under battery power he is unable to turn the unit off by shutting the main switch. He now must find the power source and that will take time. By this time he has departed.

The cost of these items is not trivial. A steel clad door with a good dead bolt plus installation will run you around \$300. A noise maker installed will run in the area of \$600 including a battery and a trickle charger.

For an investment of around \$\$1,200 (assuming two doors) you could dramatically improve the security of your cottage and give yourself greater peace of mind. Even with insurance, by the time the items stolen are amortized, your out of pocket costs could very easily exceed the \$1,200.

On the other hand you can play the percentage game, save the \$1,200 and continue to take your chances. The ball is in your court.



The wise old owl would do it!

McGeachie Conservation Area
Official Opening
July 1, 1995
by Barb Rockwell

Jack and Ethel McGeachie and their sons were greeted by beautiful sunshine and a large, enthusiastic crowd for the official opening and dedication of the McGeachie Conservation Area. Jack and Ethel's donation, to the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority in October 1994 of their 358 acre parcel of land, was the culmination of a life time of concern for the environment and the natural order of our watershed. The many guests and dignitaries met to show the McGeachie's our deepest appreciation for their kind donation. Some of these guests included Harry Danford MPP, Cameron Brett, who gave the blessing and spoke of his years on the lake, Elfie Charles, Township of Limerick Counsellor and Marvin Cooney, former Chair of the CVCA. Kelly Pender, Manager of the CVCA, officiated the event and spoke of the sheer excitement when Jack approached the CVCA about this donation. The young student staff members, decked out in purple T's, assisted in the organization.

Bonnie Taylor, Chair of the CVCA presented the McGeachie's with a beautifully engraved, handmade, wooden plaque commemorating their donation and this momentous day. Jack then spoke of his tenure on the lake, and thanked all those friends and relatives who volunteered their time, over these many years, to help construct the cottage, the buildings and the trails. He has full support for his actions from his sons and their families and feels that they have given up nothing, knowing that the property that he strove to maintain will be cared for in perpetuity.

Harry Danford and Bonnie Taylor, joined with Jack and Ethel, in the unveiling of the Official Plaque, situated beside one of Jack's lovely flower beds. The plaque reads: "This beautiful 358 acre parcel of land has been donated to the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority by Jack and Ethel McGeachie. Their love of North Hastings County and their respect for nature and beauty has guided their lives. This generous donation will remain

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an act of kindness for generations to come. The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is committed to this tradition. Dedicated July 1, 1995. Bonnie Taylor, Chairperson; Al French, Vice Chairperson; Marvin C. Cooney, Past Chairperson."

The McGeachie Conservation Area is currently being researched by the summer students and is available for walk-about's if arranged with the CVCA in advance.

From The Directors
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Annual Association Dinner
Sunday, August 6th

Dinner attendance was at capacity for the Limerick Community Centre with 100 adults and 21 children attending.

Dinner was catered by Trudy Heersink and friends. There were 50 door prizes awarded this year. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the collection of door prizes (special mention to Tricia Neub for arrangements with the merchants). Ken Waddell arranged the bar and as usual was a fine bar tender. See you next year!

Note: Several association members donated some of their handiwork as door prizes. If you would care to do that please let me know at 474-2254. They really add to the excitement of the event.

S.L.C.A. 37th Annual Meeting
by Glenda Cox

The annual meeting and dinner was held on Sunday August 6th at the Limerick Community Centre. Tom Quinn, president of the association presided over the meeting. Two guest speakers were present. Kelly Pender from the Crowe Valley Water Authority and Murray Montrose, the road supervisor for Limerick Township. Clive Wilson, Reeve of Limerick Township was

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Fish stocking now form of pollution

Critics say practice displaces wild fish, creates infertile breeds and masks major loss of habitat

By Mary MacNutt (Special to the Star)

A spring ritual many fishermen consider good conservation may actually be doing more harm than good.

Fish stocking, now under way across the province, is an unsustainable practice wreaking havoc with aquatic eco-systems and damaging nature's regenerative powers, according to an increasing number of fisheries experts.

"There is a growing consensus that stocking is not the way to go," says Mart Gross, a University of Toronto biologist who recently released a study indicating salmon stocking programs could threaten the entire species. "We can never duplicate nature, which is more complex than we can ever hope to understand".

Specific concerns centre on displacement of wild stocks, the creation of infertile artificial breeds and - most ominously - the masking of serious habitat loss.

Some experts prescribe an almost complete phase-out of stocking.

"We're at the same place with stocking that we were with smoking 20 years ago: a dialogue has begun and a few steps to stop it," says Bernie May, a fish geneticist at Cornell University who has studied stocking across North America. "Gradually people will realize we will have to change".

But convincing fishermen to give up stocking may be harder than convincing smokers to throw away their cigarettes.

In Ontario, stocking is a well entrenched, well-loved tradition, enthusiastically supported by anglers who spend hundreds of volunteer hours running hatcheries.

The practice dates back to the 1880's when attempts were made to bring back Lake Ontario's Atlantic Salmon, decimated by overharvest and habitat destruction.

As sport fishing increased and anglers' expectations rose, stocking spread. Today the province spends more than \$4 million per year running its own programs and supporting those of local fishing clubs.

"We're wrestling with two forces: maintaining the integrity of our waters and providing an

economy around the resources," says Brain Potter, the provincial ecologist charged with the politically sensitive task of shaping policy in response to scientific concerns. "Changes are necessary but we have a huge marketing job on our hands."

Potter says the province is already reducing some kinds of stocking. In the Kawartha Lakes, his department recently resisted angler demands for supplemental walleye stocking.

But the practice continues in waters where steady stocking has a long history. Sport fishing in the Bruce Peninsula, for example is almost completely dependent on stocking.

Ojibwa fishermen on the peninsula have long complained about the practice. Among them is Eric Johnston who recently organized a First Nations fishing conference where there were repeated demands to reduce reliance on hatchery grown fish.

"If we are really conservation minded we should restore habitat, stop pollution and let natural forces heal our waters," he says. "But people are always after the quick fix."

Gross's research on hatchery salmon supports Ojibwa beliefs that natural sustainability works best. Gross discovered young salmon living in plastic tanks, receiving regular doses of manufactured fish food do not become the "lean and mean" adults that nature produces. "They're just like domesticated cows, pigs, and sheep. They don't have what it takes to win in the wild."

These problems already plague Ontario's lake trout rehabilitation effort. Studies show that continued stocking of hatchery lake trout has led to significant losses in wild populations. Meanwhile, the hatchery grown fish generally fail to reproduce.

"So far our engineering process just isn't working," says David Evans, a provincial biologist at the forefront of the research effort. "We thought this would be simple but it's very difficult to interfere with biology."

Evans and other biologists say improved small-scale techniques may still be suitable for endangered native stocks. But they have much harsher words for the introduction of non-native species.

"Ecologically placeless" or "biological
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Controlled Development Through Water Shed Management

The following cottages have each contributed \$100 in support of this effort. The Association wishes to express its appreciation to the following cottages for their moral & financial backing in this effort to assure a fine recreational lake into the future. This is a final report on this effort to recognize those that supported

Cottage#	Cottage Resident		
11.1	Brett/Denomy		
14	Reil	100	Wright
15	Little	102	Wilcox
16	Fraser	103	Crook
19	Lloyd	103	Waddell
20	Mathieson	104	Galloway
21	Mathieson	105	Berry
22	Andrews & McMain	106	van Dompsele
23	Tracey	107	Rudd
24	Savage	114	Baudo
25	Pollard	116	Ray
26	Quinn	121	Jones
27	Comuzzi	122	Prowse
27	Tessler	123	Moore
28	Burton	124	Moore
29	Johncox	126	Cole
30	Hughes	128	Stantial
30.1	Talmey	129	Dafoe
30.2	Rosati/Rockwell	130	Boardman
31	Flavelle	132	Whiteside
33	Brown	133	Crook & Hennessey
36	Savard	135	Hussey
37	Pinder	139	Landon
39	Haddock	141	Vanner
40	Wood	142	Clare
41	Smit	143	Gaddas
47	Frey	144	De Foa
49.1	Downing	145	Boswell
49.5	Johnson	146	Zylka
49.6	Belsey	151	Willmore
52	Smid	154	Haigh
54	Kelly	155	Tomkins
56	Simon/Dean	156	Wallace
57	McCullough	157	Rampton
59	Pickard	158	McLaughlin
61	Ward	158	Rusaw
64	Mudge	159	Boyce
68	Cooper	160	Horne
69	Dawson	161	Hill
70	Cooper	164	Cox
74	McCullough	165	Duggan
76	Anderson	166	Ferguson
77	Specht/Platt	168	O'Brien
82	Candy	170	Truscott
86	Major	175	Goodfellow
91	Corner	177	Neub
96	Barnes	179	Opsahl
97	Burke	180.1	Fischer
97	Burke	182	Jacoby
		183	Sinning
		185	Cornish
		190	Mucklestone
7th Oshawa Venturers		191	Golem & Rueggeberg
contributed \$50.00		194	Walsh
		197	Langman
		197	Langman
		198	Alyea
		200	Langman
		201	Kosonic & Sirois
		202	White
		203	Bateman

McGeachie Conservation Area Official!



Jack and Ethel McGeachie display their gift from the 13 municipalities in the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority.

Fold in half on line and tape shut for mailing

From: _____

Steenburg Lake Community Association
R. R. #2, P.O. Box 325
Gilmour, Ont. K0L 1W0

WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY FORM - AN UPDATE EFFORT

Cottage # _____ Name: _____

Do you know what type of system you have? Yes ___ No ___ If yes what type is it? _____
Approximately when was it installed? _____

Have you responded to this survey previously? Yes ___ No ___ If yes have you done anything to the system since that time? Yes ___ No ___ If yes what was done and when was it done?

If no do you plan any changes in the future ? Yes ___ No ___ If yes what is planned and when do you outlook it will be done? _____

Where do you route your gray water? _____

Do you participate in the recycling of plastic, cans, bottles, and newspapers? Yes ___ No ___

Do you compost your appropriate garbage? Yes ___ No ___

Do you burn your papers (other than newspaper) ? Yes ___ No ___

Do you maintain an active privy? Yes ___ No ___

Approximately what is its setback from the lake? _____

When is the last time it was moved? _____

What is your prime concern about the future of Steenburg Lake? _____

Do you feel that the lake association can be effective in meeting the challenge of this concern?

The heart of the association is the willingness of cottagers to volunteer as either an officer, a lead director or a director on one of the committees. Is there anyone in your family that is willing to serve on the board? _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and mailing it .

Rowboat Philosophy

by
Mary Mathieson

It was certainly a reluctant spring this year but, as of this writing in mid-June, glorious summer is here at last...and Bass Lake (never mind Steenburg !) is just one gruesome three-hour drive away along highway 401.

Summer.... as one who is a Doer rather than a Quiet Contemplater by nature, I have come over the years to appreciate being forced out of my busy fall/winter/spring routine into the challenges presented by the unscheduled hours of cottage life (Scratch from that the times when son Will and his Borden Gang are in residence !). Suddenly the choice of how that long lovely leisure time will be used is entirely mine... particularly the gift of daylight hours stretching late into the quiet evenings.

Being utterly disinterested in roaring motors, skimming water skies (a few years too late for that anyway), or even the mysterious pleasures of fishing, my chosen venue has always been on the business end of the oars of our trusty rowboat, preferably alone. By now I know the quiet bays and backwaters, more likley to provide sightings of loons, herons, and less frequently swimming otters and beavers. Mostly though I have come to enjoy just snooping along the cottageless shoreline, contemplating the outwardly changeless, but actually constantly evolving life of the woods.

There was a time when I felt guilty about dead trees left sticking out into the water and all the rest of the untidy tangle along the shore line. Vindication has come from the environmentalists who deplore the compulsion of humans to tidy up and "citify" their lots.... a process that destroys many of the habitats and much of the life support of our precious lake creatures.

I drift pass beautiful mid-life trees of all varieties that tower over their fledglings and the thickness of shrubbery. Dead trunks, long since branchless, lie half buried among the ferns and mosses, their rotting lives supporting a new generation of forest life. At the shore I particularly favor the masses of silvery weathered roots protruding from trees that have fallen inland... and each

Rowboat Continued.....

year now I pause to ponder changes that time has made in the mighty pine whose trunk was shattered by lightning a few years back, leaving stark white spears of wood pointing skyward and torn branches as painful-looking as a shattered human frame. Now the colours have mellowed and the branches are mercifully buried among the new green shoots. Impossible not to think of this gradually evolving process in terms of our own lives. Children are born humans in their prime thrive and do great things; the elderly gradually slow down and withdraw, while still, like the fallen trees, using their wisdom and experience to nurture the young; death comes naturally... or often shatteringly to those still young and strong.. so like the raw trunk left lifeless by the lightning. And through it all God's wisdom and plan for his creation prevail...even though the disastrous events to both nature and humans are often too much for us to understand.

Rowboat Philosophy enough ! May you all have a share in some of nature's soothing summertime.

Library Available In Coe Hill "Walston & Limerick Library"

There are no charges (tax supported) to avail yourself of the services of this library. It is located in Coe Hill in a "Portable Unit" behind the Coe Hill Public School.

Books and videos are available as is a personal computer. There is a catalog listing on the PC which lists books available county wide. Books not available at Coe Hill can be brought in.

The hours of the library are as follows:

Wednesday - 10:00am to 4:30pm

Thursday - 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Friday - 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Thanks to Barb Hicks in Coe-Hill for this information.



Pre-Season Angling For Bass

There was so much pre-season fishing on the lake this year it seemed appropriate to include a portion of an article published by the MNR on a study they have undertaken on the Eastern Ontario Fishery. I contacted the MNR in Bancroft and their efforts are being devoted to education rather than enforcement.

The Nesting Male Survey is being conducted by Dr. Mark Ridgway at the Natural Resources Harkness Research Facility in Algonquin Park. His study reflects behaviour of nesting bass on Lake Opeongo. The major findings of this study are:

- ♦ Nesting male fish which survive to the following year often nest close to their previous site.
 - ♦ Only an estimated 30-35% of adult males in the population nest in any given year. This low percentage of nesters is not the result of limited nesting habitat but appears to be the result of spatial behaviour and movements during the non-reproductive season.
 - ♦ Large nesting males have more young in their nest than small nesting males (good reason for catch and release of those 16" plus bass).
 - ♦ Large nesters survive better than small nesters from one year to the next.
 - ♦ Most male bass reproduce only once in their lives.
 - ♦ Nesters range in age from 4 to 14 years of age with most fish between 5 and 10 years old.
 - ♦ The age of first reproduction for males can range from 5 to 9 years old.
- Knowing this about the bass, just what are the impacts of pre-season angling?

- ♦ A significant proportion of nesting male bass displayed hook wounds. Almost all of this activity occurred before the opening day of angling season.

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Pre-Season Angling Continued.....

- ♦ Most hookwounded (73%) bass abandoned their nest shortly after the incident. Nest abandonment subsequently resulted in the predation and loss of the brood.
- ♦ Nesting success was much lower in sites where angling occurred as compared to sanctuary sites where no angling took place.
- ♦ Smallmouth bass seem much more susceptible to disturbance cause by angling than were large-mouth bass.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ♦ Do not angle for nesting bass
- ♦ Release your catch
- ♦ Avoid transfers and releases away from their capture site.
- ♦ Advise poachers that they are fishing illegally if observed prior to the last Saturday in June.

Remember these facts next May/June when the temptation is to get out that rod and do a little fishing on Steenburg Lake. It wasn't called Bass Lake for nothing. Help preserve our fishery.

From The Directors

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Annual Meeting continued.....

present and provided a general status of township affairs.

First Mr. Pender discussed the significance of the Beaver Creek Watershed plan and the Subwatershed Plan for Steenburg Lake in terms of development and the environment. Secondly, he outlined plans for the McGeachie Conservation Area. Next Mr. Montrose explained how work on the roads has been affected by government cutbacks.

Next Reeve Wilson answered questions from the cottagers on taxes, drinking water, and the severance of the Hastings Estate property (this severance has since been withdrawn). Since

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Annual Meeting Continued.....

Reeve Wilson has only recently become familiar with the McDermott report he expressed an interest in meeting with the Executive concerning our proposals.

During the business meeting both Tom Little and Griff Lloyd were re-elected to their present positions as Lead-Directors of Municipal Affairs and Lake Stewardship respectively. Next year the Association will be holding elections for the positions of President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

The fall issue of Shoreline News outlined proposed bylaw changes for Associate Membership in the association. It was decided by the members present to allow associate membership without the approval of the executive and will not be permitted to hold an elected office or to vote on issues.

Following the presentations from the Lead Directors over 120 cottagers attended the dinner organized by Diane Burke and shared in the drawings for 50 door prizes provided by local merchants and members.

A total of 68 people attended the meeting representing 39 cottages on the lake.

Lake Stewardship

by GriffLloyd

Trash Pick Up - On July 15th some of the executive along with Sean Neub, Mrs Stantial and Ken Waddell met at the public beach and dispersed along the North Rd. from the beach westward to cut Purple Loosestrife and pick up garbage. In two hours enough Loosestrife and garbage had been collected to fill a trailer and the trunk of a car. I look to expand this effort next year. Please advise me of locations around the lake where Loosestrife is growing.

Water Level- The Crowe Valley Water Authority has assumed the responsibility of checking the lake level as they have an employee living at the McGeachie Conservation Area. Up to this point this task was accomplished by myself and Loy Rosati. As you know water level was very high in June as a result of beaver dams which have been removed.

Lake Stewardship continued.....

Fire Pumps - Only 26 surveys were completed and returned (17 yes, 9 nos). Too small a sample to make a decision on. The form is included again with this newsletter. Remember the idea was to contain the fire early until the volunteer fire department arrives. If individual cottagers prefer to purchase their own equipment, contact me.

Drinking Water Well - Insufficient responses to make a decision. It will be assumed that few responses would put this project in the "dead issue" file. The Limerick Township continues to show no enthusiasm for an outside tap at the town hall.

Water Clarity - Water continues to be monitored weekly under the MNR's "Self Help" programme. Results are always a year behind so look for 1994 results in the Fall issue of the news letter. This also applies to the public beach monitoring by the Health Unit.

Fishing - You are encourage to maintain a log of your fishing time and catches. Your canvasser provided you with the form. If you do not have one contact Gene Tracy (23), Bill Willmore (151) or myself. These forms are tabulate in the fall and given to the MNR who use this data as part of the survey of the fish and their habits in Steenburg Lake.

Cottage Directory Signs - If you notice that any of the signs are in need of repairs, please notify Garry Goodfellow (175), Bill Willmore (150) or myself. They will be repaired over the winter.

Septic Systems - The form for input to the Waste Disposal Survey has not been included in the newsletter for some time. This does not mean we are no longer interested. Included with this newsletter is a survey form and please take the time to complete it. We will use this infomation to update our data base. If your system is giving you problems let us know and we can get the Health Unit to come in and provide consulatation and guidance to rectify the problem. Our goal is to maintain a healthy lake with water as pure as our as our communal efforts can make it. The data base is also part of our strategy to convince the powers that be that the cottagers are doing their part in maintaining the lake.

HAVE A GOOD FALL

Lake Historian Report

by Bill & Sandra Dafoe

The book "Bass Lake", written by Jack McGeachie has now been distributed to those who ordered them. We were pleased to see the number of people who were interested in a history of Steenburg Lake. Unfortunately this book was a limited offer that will not be repeated.

A thank-you to those who take the time to contribute and share information about past events on and around the lake.

**10 LB Lake Trout
From Steenburg**

Russ Holden, son-in-law of the Dawsons (69) landed a 10 lb. 30" Lake Trout on August 9th at 10:30am in the Marina Bay about 200 yards east of Birch Island. It took Russ 20 minutes to land the laker.

He noticed that the fish was badly disfigured on the sides. When those areas were wiped with slight finger pressure, they bled. The fish was transported to the MNR office in Bancroft for analysis.

This is encouraging as it indicates that there is adequate oxygen in that deep area of the lake to support trout. A fish that size has been around for quite a few years.

A Secret Marriage

News Flash.....Marlyn & Wayne Pickard (59) thought they would fool thier friends and fellow cottagers by secretly getting married May 26, 1995. Didn't tell a soul.....not such a big secret now - is it?. This is to get even for them putting a sign on the end of our (Mudges, #64) dock when we were married in 1993.

**Steenburg Lake Water
Temperatures**

Monday, August 7, 1995 - 11:45 am

Depth	Marina Bay	Austins Bay	Beach Bay
Lake Depth	70'	68'	30'
Measured Depth (in feet)	Water Temperature (F)		
Surface	73	74	74
5	72.5	72.5	72.5
10	71	72	72.5
15	71	72	72.5
	-----thermocline-----		
20	66	61	66
25	57.5	48.5	56
30	52.5	44	52
35	43	43	---
Bottom	45	41	52

Water Temperatures fish seek
 Bass 65 - 75
 Perch 55 - 70
 Trout 55 - 65
 Water clarity - excellent (16")

CLASSIFIED

For Sale

1988 Ski-Doo Citation
 Excellent condition, electric start, hand & thumb warmers, back rest - \$1,500

1987 Ski-Doo Citation
 Good condition, rebuilt engine, excellent running, electric start, hand warmers, backrest - \$1,200

1987 Ski-Doo Citation
 Electric Start, hand warmers, in running condition - \$600

Above at cottage #129, 474-3815 or home 613-962-9896

Meyers Shallow well pump and tank - \$125.00. Cottage #30 474-5753

Steenburg Lake Community Association

Membership Survey

Help your association plan for the 1996 Summer season. Take a minute to give us your ideas, comments and information on the following topics. The board needs your input.

FIRE PUMPS

Strategically install 1 to 3 fire pumps, around the lake, to be operated by designated cottagers to control fire outbreaks until the Limerick Fire Dept. arrives. Cost Approx. \$25.00/Cottage

Yes No

COMMENTS: _____

DRINKING WATER WELL

At an estimated cost of \$65.00/Cottage, arrange with the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, to sink a drinking water well, for cottagers use, at the proposed McGeachie Conservation Site.(now being donated by Mr. McGeachie)

Yes No

COMMENTS: _____

PURPLE LOOSTRIFE CLEAN UP

Interested in participating in a Purple Loosestrife Clean Up Day the first Saturday/Sunday in August?

Yes No

COMMENTS: _____

ANNUAL MEETING

Is the Sunday of the August Civic Holiday Weekend still a good choice for our Annual Meeting/Dinner? If not, please comment:

Yes No

Date: _____
Time: _____
COMMENTS: _____

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

VOLUNTEERING

Interested in Helping the SLCA organize, plan, help with activities or be on the Association Board?

Yes No

Social Committee _____ Canvass _____

Membership _____ Environment _____

Officer _____ Other _____

COMMENTS: _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NEW OWNERS

If you have changed your address or have sold your Steenburg Lake Property, please complete the following for our files.

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

NAME : _____ COTTAGE # _____

PLEASE TEAR THIS PAGE OUT OF THE NEWSLETTER AND INCLUDE IT WITH THE WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY THAT IS A TEAR OUT AS WELL WITH A MAILER.

This survey form was included in the fall 1994 issue of the newsletter and is repeated now as only 25 association members completed the survey and sent it in. This is not a good enough response for your executive to use to make a decision about the items included. Please take the time to complete this and assist your exective in making decisions that reflect the members wishes.