

# ◆ Shoreline News ◆

Summer 1996      Steenburg Lake Community Association      38 th Year  
 Member of Crowe Valley Presidents Association &  
 Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations



Madame Zodiac  
 please tell me the  
 best day to hold our  
 annual meeting ?

## Association Officers & Lead Directors

### Officers

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

### Lead Directors

Membership - Barb Rockwell  
 Social - Rick & Diane Burke  
 Municipal Affairs - Tom Little  
 Natural Resources & Environment -  
 Griff Lloyd

## **38th Annual Meeting-SLCA**

The day was sunny and the attendance was low which is axiomatic, but none-the-less discouraging to your association officers and directors. There were 33 members present representing about 20 cottages, less than a 10% turnout.. That translates into you really don't care so long as the work gets done.

After a welcoming by President Quinn, Steve Wilkins, a Stewardship Coordinator from MNR presented an overview of that functions responsibilities. He is paid by the MNR but actually works for the communities that make up his territory. There are 3 Stewardship Coordinators within the South Central Region of the MNR. This concept with the MNR is in its infant stages. The following diagram is how it is organized to function:

Stewardship Coordinator

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 Steering Committee

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 Stewardship Council \*

Water Mgt.-Loggers-Cottagers  
 Local Township Councils

Projects      Community Agendas

Water Quality  
 Lake Capacity  
 Zoning

Priority  
 Involvement  
 Expertise  
 Funding

Education through workshops, fact sheets,  
 and town meetings.

\*Selection in process, complete by fall.

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 Shoreline News  
 will be January  
 1997. Deadline  
 for input is  
 December 30th  
 Mail to: Tom  
 Hughes, 6  
 Highview Trail,  
 Pittsford, NY  
 14534

## **What's Inside :**

- 38th Annual Meeting & Dinner
- Regatta & Barbecue
- Lodge Property Severances
- Membership Status
- Rock Bass Derby
- "T" Shirts Still Available
- Presidents Message
- Fall FOCA Meeting

**Meeting Continued.....**

Next on the agenda Sharon Boomhour of the Limerick Township Ratepayers Association requested a meeting with the association to discuss candidates for the next local election. This is very important as you will find in Tom Little's write up on severances.

**2nd Order of Business:**

Elections for President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

- Recording Secretary - Scott McGinnis (#21.1) was nominated, accepted and was elected to replace Glenda Cox (who I might add did a terrific for her tenure of office.) Scott is the husband of the former Heather Lloyd.
- Treasurer - Colin Gaddis agreed to stand for another 3 year term. Ken Waddell was willing to be nominated if Colin stepped aside.
- President - No nominations were presented. A serious discussion ensued and Tom Quinn agreed to remain in the position for one more year. Tom Little agreed to the ipso facto position of VP in support of the President. Failure to elect a President next year could very well mean the end of the association.

Elections scheduled for 1997 - Corresponding Secretary, Social Director, and President

**Third Order of Business  
Directors Reports****Social - Diane Burke****Annual regatta - July 13th**

We had another year with great weather and good attendance. There were lots of old and new faces with lots of enthusiasm.

A new feature this year was face painting. A special thanks to Cathy Vanner for her artistic talents! In addition to the canoe and pedal boat races, the younger children searched for buried pennies.

The race results are outlined below. Thanks to  
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all of you who entered or cheered for the participants and for making the day a success.

**Canoe Races****Youth**

- 1st Justine Abu-Heif (16) & Andrew Valentine (16)  
2nd Justin Vanner (141) & Brandon Vanner (141)  
3rd Chris Candy (82) & Alex Candy (82)  
4th Amanda Burke (97) & Tyler Burke (152)  
5th Erika Langman (197.1) & Susannah Langman (197.1)

**Junior**

- 1st Adrian Neub (177) & Tyler Burke (152)  
2nd Isabelle Tzevelekis (67) & Margarita Antoniadis (67)  
3rd Erin Quinn (26) & Leanne Stayner (26)  
4th Tom McCarthy (83) & Katie Galloro (82)

**Adult**

- 1st Bud Burke (152) & Bill Landon (139)  
2nd Dave McCarthy (67) & Tim Olding (67)  
3rd Heather Lloyd 21.1) & Pamela Fraser (16)

**Senior**

- 1st Rich McCarthy (83) & Wayne Candy (82)  
2nd Ken Waddell (103) & Ken Cox (164)  
3rd Griff Lloyd (19) & Eileen Walsh (194)  
4th Fred Neub (177) & Gord Douglas (152)  
5th Charlie Quinn (26) & Tom Quinn (26)

**Pedal Boat Races****Youth**

- 1st Adam Burke (97) & Kris Landon (138)  
2nd Jimmy Nevins (194) & Kristen Nevins (194)  
3rd Amanda Burke (97) & Tyler Burke (152)  
4th Kelly Landon (139) & Alyson Burke (152)  
5th Karen Hayes (30.1) & Brian Talmey (30.1)

**Adult**

- 1st Joanne Burke (152) & Carol Landon (139)  
2nd Heather Talmey (30.1) & Alicia Munshaw (30.1)  
3rd Anne Marie Duggan (165) & Angie Duggan (165)  
4th Bud Burke (152) & Dave Langman (197.1)  
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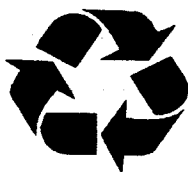
**Abandon Ship Canoe Race**

- 1st Wayne Candy (82) & Rich McCarthy (83)  
2nd Bud Burke (152) & Bill Landon (139)  
3rd Dave McCarthy (67) & Brandon Vanner (141)  
4th Justin Vanner (141) & Brandon Vanner (141)  
5th Justine Abu-Heif (16) & Andrew Valentine (16)

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR !**



A cottage by a lovely lake. That is living



Participate It makes sense

*Annual Mtg. - Social Continued.....*

**Annual Dinner - August 4th  
Limerick Community Centre**

The annual dinner was a sell out again this year with 110 tickets sold. The dinner was catered by the Limerick Friends Club.

There were approximately 50 door prizes which gave everyone a good opportunity to take something home. Thanks to all the local merchants that donated prizes and a special thank you to all the cottagers who donated either a corporate or handcrafted door prize. Tricia Neub did a great job organizing this effort.

Thank you to those who joined in this event. It is certainly a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances, talk with fellow cottagers and make some new friends. I look forward to your continued support next year !

**1996 Membership Canvass  
Barb Rockwell**

The canvassers have almost finished their 1996 rounds and so far we have had 148 memberships received. If you have a Sorry I Missed You card, stating your canvassers name and phone # at your door, please give them a call and they will be pleased to drop by with your package of information and collect your dues. They may have a few questions to ask you and we hope that you have the time to give this pertinent information. The canvass is still the very best way for the association to gain you valuable thoughts and concerns. As well, your canvasser has the current telephone listings, fish charts, lake maps, etc. for your use. If you find you will not be able to meet your canvasser, please mail your \$25.00 cheque, made out to SLCA, to Barb Rockwell, Box 325, RR#2, Gilmour, Ont. K0L 1W0

Thank you very much for all the continuing support many of you have given to your association and a BIG THANK YOU goes out to our loyal canvassers::

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| Lucille Luffman(#2)  | Ian Fraser(#16)    |
| Judie Hughes(#30)    | Martha Burton(#28) |
| Fran Downing(#49.1)  | Don Ward(#61)      |
| The McCarthys(#67)   | Ruth Harrison(#79) |
| Dell Watson(#89)     | Cecile Berry(#105) |
| Nancy Stantial(#128) | Sharon Cole(\$126) |
| Cathy Vanner(#141)   | Ken Cox(#164)      |

*Membership Continued.....*

Ron Rampton(#157) Tricia Neub(#177)  
Eileen Walsh(#194)

**Lake Stewardship  
Griff Lloyd**

The July 13th road clean up effort saw 6 teams show up at the public beach. The North Road trash was mainly random bits of trash thrown out the window of passing cars, pop cans, fast food wrappers and cups, cigarette wrappers, etc. This was not rue of the South Road. It was the opinion of those that participated that it is the cottagers themselves that account for the trash that was picked up, some of it being garbage.

Several complaints have been received relative to poor functioning septic systems. Where deemed appropriate the complaint is turned over to the M.O.E.

The Self-Help program with M.O.E. continues under a somewhat reduced effort. The lake will only be sampled in one location for 6 readings and only analyzed for nutrients. A report for 1995 will be included in the winter newsletter as will the Health Units monitoring efforts of the public beach.

The Rock Bass Derby was held again over the Civic long weekend and participation was much better this year.

<u>Name &amp; Cottage#</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u># of Bass</u>
Alex McVey #30	8	81(2nd pl.)
Victor Traicus #121	10	10
Katie Drohan #168	9	10
Michael Drohan #168	10	19
Dylan Whethaker #102	5	92(1st pl.)
Ian Reil #14	5	3
Brian Reil #14	8	29 (3rd pl.)
Doug Luffman #2	10	8

**Total Trash fish pulled 242  
Good Job by the youth of the lake**

**Interim Treasurers Report  
Colin Gaddas**

**Current balance is \$1,250.00**

*(Complete statement in the winter newsletter)*

*Annual Meeting Continued.....*

**Corresponding Secretary**  
**Tom Hughes**

Due to canvassers schedules and cottagers not being in residence it has been decided to mail all future newsletters to your home address. Two news letters are planned for the coming year, winter and late spring.

The summer calendar and the alphabetical listing of residences were well received.

**Municipal Affairs**  
**Tom Little**

The proposed severance of the lodge property into 3 parcels has been accepted as a reasonable way for resolving the use of the property. Through the Hastings County Planning Board we are requesting a 1000 feet set back for any dwelling, one dwelling per parcel, and no further severances to be considered. Two of the parcels have limited access to the lake. The property on the lake side of the road is not part of this action. There is a meeting on August 7th in Belleville concerning this proposal.

◆ Meeting was adjourned on schedule at 5:30 by President Quinn and the social hour got into swing. Gene Tracy and his wife were guests of the association at the dinner.



**Presidents Message**  
**Tom Quinn**

The summer is fading....the leaves are just starting to turn, and we have all turned our thoughts toward normal schedules. Although we did not experience the best of weather this *Summer of 96*, we are fortunate to have been able to leave behind the hustle and bustle of our "city" lives for a short period and share some good times, appreciating nature, our families, and our neighbors.

Reflecting on my involvement with the  
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association over the past few years, it has indeed been my pleasure to have worked with some very dedicated and professional individuals. *We also had fun!* These volunteers have devoted their time and efforts to help preserve our lake and lands so that we can continue to enjoy this natural environment for the future.

At the annual meeting an election of the executive should have taken place. I have served as President of the cottage association for the past three years and was a member of the executive for two years. I have certainly enjoyed my terms of office, in conjunction with a very arduous job and the pressures of an active family life. I had hoped that a new President would have been elected, and my congratulations would be in order, however, there was no one who came forward and I have agreed to assume the role for one additional year.

It is important that you, the association members, attend the annual meeting to express your views and opinions and to share your insights with your officers. The association can only be as strong as its membership.

I wish you good health through the months ahead and hope you and yours enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving - hopefully right here on the lake.

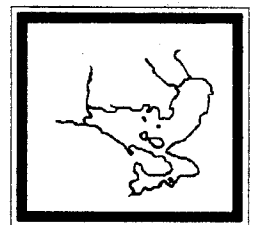
**Lodge Property Divided**  
**Tom Little**

On Wednesday, August 7th the Hastings County Planning Advisory and Land Division Committee approved the application to divide part of the old lodge property into three lots. The bulk of the property in question lies beyond the municipal road, although two of the lots include a small amount of shoreline and therefore have water access. The new lots will be just under 100 acres each. Zoning remains rural, which I understand means only one dwelling can be constructed on each property. Any new construction must be 1000 feet back from the shoreline, although I also understand that the derelict lodge building may be renovated (or possibly replaced) by its new owners in its current location, which is roughly 500 feet from the lake.

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*Keep in mind that next year we need to elect a president. Some one must step forward. The association is too important to fail.*

**A gem of a lake**



**Keep it clean**

*Lodge property divided.....*

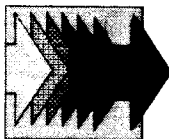
The bright side of this decision for the Steenburg Lake Community Association is that we are now less exposed to another trailer camp or Hasting Estates concept. The smaller the individual properties around the lake, the less likely it is that the owner will come up with some grand business scheme.

The darker side is that it was clear to me as I represented SLCA at the August 7th meeting that the Hastings County Planning Committee is clearly pro-development. Members of the committee were anxious to allow the severance to proceed. The fact that the approval meant two more lots with lake access was not an issue. Some members indicated they felt that the lake capacity study, which concluded that Steenburg Lake was already over built, was of limited value, and questioned such requirements as no construction with 1000 feet of the lake. At least one member commented that in his view organizations like our community association are anti-development and opposed to any change.

Second, Limerick Township Council is also pro-development. Our town council had the opportunity to comment on the severance application and to propose restrictions in the interest of Steenburg Lake property owners. For example, Council could have requested, as we did, that no further severance of the properties be allowed. To my knowledge, Council chose not to suggest any restrictions. I believe this influenced the decision-making of the Planning Committee, including its unwillingness to impose a condition that no further severances of these properties be allowed.

The ultimate outcome is that if any of us needed reminding, we are going to have to be extremely vigilant in defending Steenburg Lake and its environment, at both the county and the township levels, this meeting served such a purpose. We cannot count on either level of government to defend the best interests of our lake. If we don't do it, no one will.

Again, we remind you that the ballot is very powerful. Getting a council that keeps the lakes constantly in mind is ours and the permanent residents best assurance that what we have will continue to be a source of pleasure and income.



### 'T' Shirts

Diane Burke reminds us that there are still some SLCA 'T' shirts available at \$11.00 in sizes youth/large and adult/extra large. When they are gone they are gone.

#### CLASSIFIED

Nothing to sell in this issue. Send in your items for the Winter issue, it costs you nothing except the stamp to mail it.

### Comments Collected From the Canvassers

Dumpsters or some sort of garbage containers at the entrance of both the North and South roads to be collected by the township.

Sea-Doos - a real nuisance on weekends, many acting in a very irresponsible way. Some lakes have banned them. Can we?

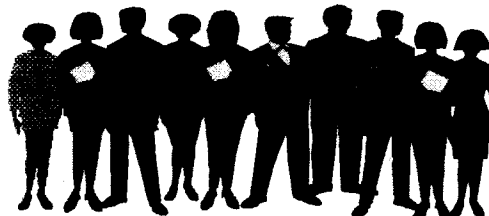
Unsightly name signs at the Y junctions. Why not go back to numbers with your name sign at your property.

Do not want to fill out another Waste Disposal Survey form (Note: Only complete a survey form when you have made a change to your system.)

Many complaints about the increase in taxes with no added services..

Would like to see the standard \$62,000 assessment challenged on lots.

Entirely too many breakins around the lake. Can anything be done?



Hope you had a great season on the lake  
From all of us on the board

**LOON SURVEY**

by  
Anita Waddell

Once again Mr. & Mrs Loon were blessed with a baby chic, born July 2nd. A "thank you" to the Walshses for keeping me informed for the C.L.L.S. (Canadian Lakes Loon Survey).

There were two eggs but the second one did not hatch and unfortunately was too damaged to be sent in for testing (acid, lead, etc.)

If anyone is able to identify with certainty whether or not the loons on the lake are banded please advise me. I would like the following information: which leg is banded, what is the color sequence of the band, and what date was this observed. The bands are visable with binoculars when the y bring up their legs, which they do quite often.

My report is sent in at the end of August. My phone number is 474-5486.

**F.O.C.A. FALL MEETING**

**Annual general meeting, Saturday, November 23rd at the Sheraton East Hotel & Towers in Toronto. Meeting starts at 9:00am.**

Please add this date to your home calendar and make an effort to attend. Taxes, MVA, Boating safety, Environment will all be topics on the agenda. You will see many displays and meet other cottagers from all over the Province of Ontario. It really is a worthwhile morning, for the meeting is over by 1:00PM so you won't have lost the enire day.

**Obituary**

Frank Abou (#16), husband of Alison (Fraser), father of Justine and Charolotte, died suddenly in December of 1995. Alison is a daughter of Pat & Ian Fraser.

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