


# Shoreline News

Steenburg Lake Community Association

May 2002

## Mission Statement

To source and make available relevant information to the Membership regarding political and environmental changes that impact cottage ownership and take appropriate action on behalf of the Association when deemed necessary by the executive; to promote, educate and encourage responsible lake stewardship and to provide opportunities to meet and socialize at events throughout the year with fellow cottage owners. 

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## President's Report Spring 2002

Dear Cottagers,

In the middle of January, spring seems so far away, then suddenly it's here and everything is in bloom again. The forest is alive and singing once again to welcome everyone back. I hope you had a good winter.

The water is fairly high now (April 17<sup>th</sup>) but total moisture fall was quite low for this winter season. The Ministry of the Environment prediction is for a hot, dry summer, similar to last year. After all the problems last year with open fires, things have changed somewhat. Now, when the open fire warning is high or extreme, there will be Fire Dept. response and ticketing if necessary. The fine is several hundred dollars to cover the Fire Dept. costs. Please be aware of this and watch for posted signs. Also, any one renting property should know that they are ultimately responsible for the action of their renters. Please advise them of fire regulations when you rent your premises.

Crowe Valley set up an air quality check at McGeachie Conservation last summer. Results came back that the levels of pollution at McGeachie were the SAME as downtown Toronto with the highest levels recorded in Peterborough. Things that might help our air are fewer campfires, reduced use of two cycle engines, etc. Everything helps.

The testing of water quality is going slowly. We had a delay on doing the test as the best time to take samples is right after Labour Day. I was late in getting the information so I hope that the testing will happen this Fall, more to follow as we progress.

I have been in contact with the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) regarding shoreline responsibilities. Please realize that anything we do that changes the shoreline affects the whole ecosystem of the lake. If you are doing shoreline work, please obtain the proper permits. This way, we ensure that the proper precautions are being taken to ensure the long term health of the lake. Also, the DFO can hold people responsible for costs if changes are done illegally. If you see work being done without permits, report it to the DFO.

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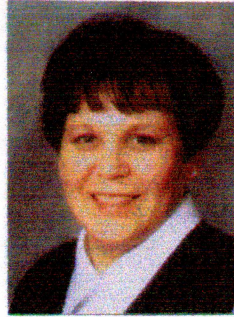
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**President's Report  
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On April 11, 2002, I attended a County Committee meeting in Belleville regarding the severance of Rich McCarthy's property on Maple Landing. An 8.5 acre waterfront cottage lot was severed off the larger lot. The large back lot is to be left as a managed forest, not to be further developed or severed. It has some water access. Mr. McCarthy did say that he may look for further severances on the property in the future.

I would also like to encourage members to come out to our **Annual General Meeting** on the first weekend in August. If we reach a quorum at the meeting, we won't have to vote on decisions at the dinner!!! So come on out and tell us your ideas and concerns and vote! Here's to a great summer for all. Play safe and have fun.  
Thank you,

**Loy Rosati, President**



**RE/MAX<sup>®</sup>**

Bonnie McLean-Dyas resides on North Steenburg Lake Road at Murphy's Corner's, and is a 10-year area resident.

If you are thinking of Buying, Selling or Relocating, call Bonnie for a **FREE** (no obligation) market evaluation of your property. Call 1 877 670 SOLD (7653) or (613) 474 2257

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**BOAT RACES SATURDAY JULY 13, 2002**

**\*\*\*SIGN UP TO WRITE YOUR TEST FOR THE SAFE BOATING CARD \*\*\*\*\***

**ANNUAL MEETING/DINNER**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2002**

**\*COME EARLY AND WRITE YOUR TEST. YOU WILL RECEIVE A TEMPORARY CARD THAT DAY  
IF YOU PASS. THE COST IS \$15.00  
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AT THE BEACH BBQ OR CALL CHRIS LANGMAN AT 613-474-1169**

## Your Choice Two Stroke vs. Four Stroke Outboard Motors

### EPA Requirements:

The Environmental Protection Agency has said that each outboard motor manufacturer must decrease overall emissions of its entire line by a certain percentage by the year 2006; this does not mean that all motors in a line must be replaced. Some manufacturers will have a combination of four strokes and two strokes, depending on what is best for each horsepower. How manufacturers decrease their engine line's emissions is up to them.

### How New EPA Requirements Affect Consumers:

New four stroke motors are designed to meet emission-reduction EPA requirements for 2006. However, engine owners are in no way responsible for making changes to existing engines to meet these requirements. Therefore, if you already have a two stroke engine or purchase a two stroke engine before 2006, you will be able to use that engine for as long as you like.

### Four Stroke vs. Two Stroke Cost Factors:

**Purchase costs:** In general, four stroke motors cost about 25% more upfront to purchase than two stroke engines.

**Operating costs:** Four stroke motors are more fuel efficient than two stroke engines, so fuel costs are lower. Over time, the savings in fuel expenses may compensate for the higher purchase cost of the four stroke engines.

**Maintenance costs:** For basic maintenance, four stroke engines use fewer spark plugs than two strokes but need periodic checking of crankcase oil level, and regular oil and filter changes. For larger repair issues, four stroke repairs are generally more expensive and involved than for two stroke engines, simply because there are more components in a four stroke engine.

### Four Stroke vs. Two Stroke Performance:

- \* Four stroke engines are quieter and smoother running.
- \* Four stroke engine exhaust is cleaner and basically smokeless, because unlike two stroke engines, no oil is mixed with gas.
- \* Two stroke engines generally weigh less than four stroke engines of comparable horsepower.
- \* Power is not an issue because horsepower ratings are standard regardless of the technology being used.

### Specific Four Stroke Issues:

There are specific features of four strokes that need to be addressed, such as proper storage with head up, periodic maintenance, and initial set-up (four strokes are shipped without oil in the crankcase and oil must be added before operation). As with any outboard motor, we encourage you to read your owner's manual before operating a four stroke.

"Should I buy a four stroke or a two stroke outboard motor?"

More and more boaters are asking this question, and there is no simple answer. Instead, you need to evaluate your circumstances, needs and priorities. The information included here should give you a clearer understanding of the advantages of both four stroke and two stroke engines and help you make your decision based on the facts.

Which choice is right for you?

If up-front cost and engine weight are important to you, a two stroke could be your best option. However, if the pros of four stroke engines outweigh these factors, you might want to purchase a four stroke engine. Whichever you buy, you'll be able to continue to use it for as long as it lasts.

After reviewing this information, you should ask your salesperson questions based on your specific boat and motor requirements.

Submitted By Dave Langman

**Steenburg Lake  
Community  
Association Needs  
You!**

***Become a Volunteer  
Canvasser***

- ◆ Meet your Fellow Steenburg Lake Residents
- ◆ Get Some Fresh Air and Exercise
- ◆ Help SLCA in just a few hours.

We are in need of 2 canvassers to cover the following areas:

#123-136

#165-174

If you can help, call Barb at (613) 474-2348 or e-mail

[bjrockwell@hotmail.com](mailto:bjrockwell@hotmail.com)

Thank you

Check out this Biodegradable Outboard Motor Oil:

***SHELL NAUTILUS® BIODEGRADABLE OUTBOARD MOTOR OIL***

Nautilus Biodegradable Outboard Motor Oil is a unique formulation designed to meet the recertification requirements of the NMMA's TC-W3 specification. This formulation also meets the biodegradability and toxicological requirements of the Environmental Choice Program's Guideline 72. Meeting this guideline means that Nautilus Biodegradable Outboard Motor Oil can carry the three dove Eco Logo, which is a Canadian first. Nautilus Biodegradable Outboard Motor Oil meets the biodegradability requirements of CEC L-33 T-82 and also surpasses the biodegradability requirements of the Modified Sturm Test. For more information Link to this Website

<http://www.shell.ca/code/products/commercial/lubricants/tips/tips-header/1-4>



*Limerick Landfill Times and Hours*

**May ~ August**

Sat. 10:00 – 5:00,

Sun 10:00 – 8:00

Wed., Sun. & Holiday Mon.

Saturday Only 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\*\*\* Bring your card \*\*\*

**Sept. ~ April**

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wed., Sat., Sun. & Holiday Mon.

[www.township.limerick.on.ca](http://www.township.limerick.on.ca)

*Tudor/ Cashel Landfill Times and Hours*

**Victoria Day - Thanksgiving**

Sat. 10:00 – 5:00, Sun 10:00 – 8:00

Wed. 1:00 – 8:00

Holidays 10:00 – 8:00

**Thanksgiving – Victoria Day**

Sat and Sun 10:00 – 5:00

Wed. 1:00 – 5:00

Holidays 10:00 – 5:00 if on Mondays

1:00 – 5:00 on Friday

### Plans for the Property at the "farmhouse".

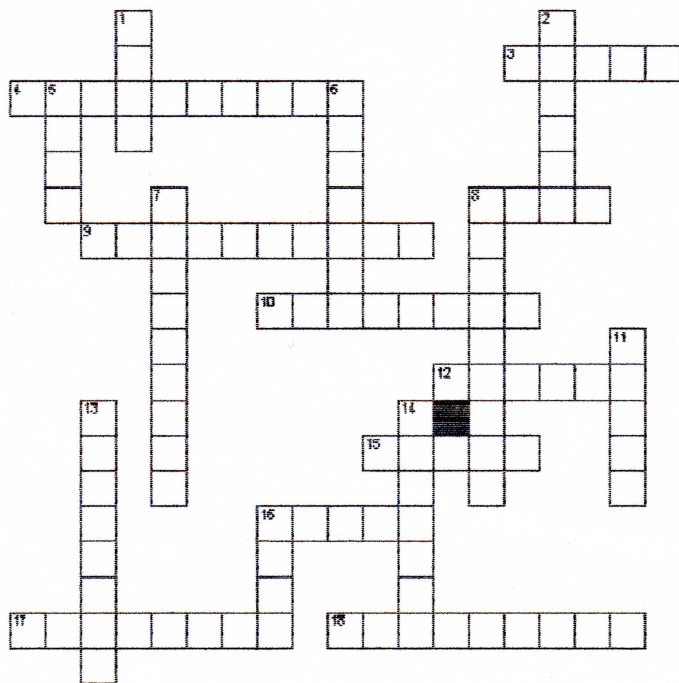
As one of the newest members of the Lake Association, my fiancé Jim and I would like to write a few words to introduce ourselves. Originally from Tillsonburg in Southwestern Ontario, I am a Registered Nurse and am studying naturopathic medicine. Jim, also from the area, is an experienced flooring specialist. He is also knowledgeable in residential construction and finish carpentry. We couldn't be happier than to be opening our doors on the shores of the naturally beautiful Steenburg Lake. It will be especially fulfilling to us as we have long family histories of summers on the water, as far north as Lake Dore near Eganville, on the Moira River in Madoc and as near by as Lake St. Peter where Jim's grandfather once owned and operated a cottage resort.

Our plan for our property at the "farmhouse" on North Steenburg Lake Road, which is zoned C-3 resort commercial, is to develop it into an environmentally friendly family retreat. We recently began construction on two existing water front cabins and hope to have them completed for this summer season. The large house is ideal for family reunions and other large gatherings.

We would like to invite anyone who may have questions or concerns to please stop by in person or feel free to call us at home (519) 842-3909 or at the cottage at (613) 474-1164.

We look forward to meeting our new neighbour. Thank you to Loy Rosati for giving us this opportunity to introduce ourselves.

### Steenburg Lake



#### Across

3. Kids love to catch these.
4. Visitors to the landfill sites
8. Old Name of Lake
9. Winter Transporter
10. Summer Vampire
12. You need one of these in your Boat.
15. Bancroft's Newspaper
16. Favourite firestarter
17. These fish are Heavy
18. Conservation Area on Lake

#### Down

1. Park your boat here
2. Place to get Treats
5. Crazy Evening singer
6. Is Yours Up To Standard?
7. Association President
8. Have Fun at This
11. Birds Don't Sit on These Fish
13. Township Name
14. Fun for Young and Old
16. Night time Fliers

# **Island View Cottages**

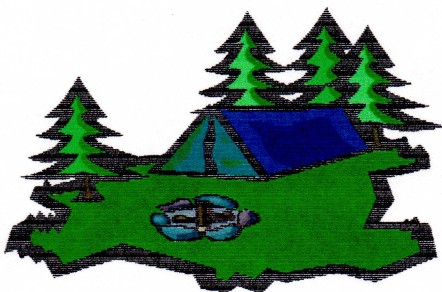
*Wollaston Lake*

*Fishing and Hunting Licenses*

*Variety Store ♦ Gas & Oil*

*Gifts & Toys ♦ Bait & Tackle*

*Camping*



**Ridge Road, Coe Hill, ON**

**(613) 337-5533**

From the Editors,

Well I was up to my cottage at Easter. We walked across the ice to Loon Island and stayed there. The mice had been pretty busy over the winter, but judging by the amount of toilet paper and soap that is missing, I think they are very hygienic mice! We are looking forward to the summer at the cottage, my 5 year old is determined to water-ski this year. My only plans are to finish a craft project that I started about 10 years ago! The answers to the crossword will posted at Trudy's in our Association notice board.

Wendy

Well, a few more snowmobile weekends this year than last. I am looking forward to those hot August days, lounging on the dock and listening to the lake come alive.

Have a safe summer. Please remember to take a boating course this summer so you will have your Pleasure Craft Operator Card

Kim

Please Be Patient, don't fish in May, it is for the benefit of the fish.