

# S.D.R.A 2005 NEWSLETTER



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THE AGM AND HORSE-  
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## Annual Message from your President: Ron Nowell

*Hello everyone,*

*The ice is all gone from our lake, the cry of the loons can be heard most nights, so beautiful!!.*

*Spring has finally sprung hope that this summer will bring much more sunshine than we had last year.*

*We have quite a few new neighbors on the lake, let's make them welcome and come one come all to the AGM, Sat July 2<sup>nd</sup>, horseshoe pit area on Jacques Bay road. Please come and see what goes on that day and all the rest of the summer.*

*We had a good turn out at the annual potluck held at our house, rain or shine, hopefully a few more will come again this year, its always fun to meet new people, and renew old acquaintances.*

*Our horseshoe tourney didn't go as well, rained out, but I'm sure that Kent is all geared up for it this year, lets give him a hand and make it a fantastic fun day.*

*Don't forget the season finale, Fireworks off the causeway bridge on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. See You on the Water, looking forward to a great season,*

*Ron*

*Our Condolences to the following families who have lost a loved one*

*The Hitchcock family*

*The Sheppard / Perkins Family*

*The Wyllie Family*

*The Vanness Family*

*The Meeks Family*

P.O. Box 146  
Cloyne, Ontario  
K0H 1K0 May—Sept  
Or after Sept. 3rd  
1543 Cherryhill Road  
Peterborough, Ontario  
K9K 1A7  
Email:  
lynn.garnish@sympatico.ca

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**YOUR NEWSLETTER***

## Meet Your S.D.R.A. Volunteer Executive

### **Ron Nowell President**

Ron was born and raised in the area. He bought his property on Skoot. in 1978 and lives there year round. Ron operates an excavation and snow-plowing business. He has 3 children, Melanie, bartender at Lone Star Texas Grill in Pickering, Ryan in his 1<sup>st</sup> year at Durham College enrolled in a Paramedic course, Melissa in grade 12 at Cloyne. New addition to the family is Bailey the dog ("horse", its an Akita), Ron has been on the Exec for over 10 years.

### **Kent Farrow Vice-President**

The Farrow family's presence on Skootamatta Lake dates back to the 1930's when Kent's Grandmother and Grandfather purchased property near the current public landing. Kent has been a frequent visitor to Skootamatta Lake beginning in 1955. His parents built the family cottage on the North Shore Rd., now owned by his brother Jim, in 1971. Kent built his own cottage on the adjacent lot in 1985 and along with his wife Jan and three children, Erin, Scott and Cory, has been making 'Skoot' their summer home.

Kent has followed his father's (Wilf's) steps as a member of the SDRA. Wilf was a founding member and President of the association dating back to the 1970's while Kent has served as a director for the past four years. (He's lost track) Kent has been teaching for 27 years. He was the Athletic Director at Central Technical School in Toronto for many years and is currently a Guidance Counsellor at Central Tech. Kent calls Skootamatta his 'decompression chamber' and is committed to making 'Skoot' a special place for residents and cottagers and encourages everyone to take an active role in preserving Skootamatta's heritage, beauty and future by becoming members of the SDRA

### **Lynn Garnish, Secretary/Treasurer**

This will be Lynn's 11th year on the executive. She has just finished her first winter living in Peterborough helping to care for her Mother. Both have survived well.

Lynn has also survived her first year of "the empty nest syndrome" and after the first few months can happily say it is not as bad as she thought.

Lynn works part-time for a nursing agency and is looking forward to this summer on her new deck. DO YOU HEAR THAT WILLY !

### **Esther Demczak Director**

Another year has quickly gone by which means I have been busy. I have been keeping a log of everything to keep me organized (somewhat). The garden has expanded and if all the asparagus come up, will be eating lots. I am looking forward to the nice weather to get back into gardening. I joined the gym this winter with hopes of feeling rejuvenated, only to find I'm more tired. This year will again be busy and look forward to a great summer on Skoot.

### **Heather Machan**

#### **Director**

At last summer's AGM Heather's husband Bill very kindly nominated her for this position. Happily married for 36 years, he knew she had a real interest in all things related to Skootamatta Lake. They built their home on Osborne Point Road in 1996 and have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandsons who all enjoy boating, swimming and ATVing at "the cottage". In the 50's Bill's grandfather and father owned the Skootamatta Lodge and ran it for tourists for a number of years. He has many memories of summer at the Skoot. Heather is a retired high tech worker - no stock options - and is happily working on her garden, learning to golf and volunteering on the SDRA board.

### **Laury Hitchcock Director**

As year round residents at Skootamatta, Laury and Don are able to enjoy a variety of activities in all seasons. They especially like to snowmobile in the winter and ATV ride in fall and spring. Of course, summer brings water sports and boat cruises with family and friends. They also enjoy walking with their Lab, Jessie in all seasons. Their son Dave is finishing his second year at the University of Ottawa and Bryan is heading into his last year of high school at North Addington in Cloyne. Laury continues to teach Grade 5 and enjoys the staff and students at the school. She is looking forward to joining Don in a couple of years as a retiree. This is Laury's fourth year as a director with the SDRA.

### **Karen Stacey Director**

Karen (nee McKay) has been coming to Skootamatta since 1958.

The first 28 years she called Jacques Bay home base.

Twenty years ago her husband Dave and her bought their own place near the bottom of the Narrows. Their kids David, Mike and Carly also love Skootamatta and someday hope to have their own place.

Lots of people may be already familiar with us (on Canada Day we are the ones with all of the water balloons!)

Most days you can find them cruising on their pontoon boat fishing and visiting with many new and old friends around the lake or just hanging out on their dock swapping funny stories. Drop by and say hi! They'd love to meet you!

### **Ben Koehler**

#### **Director**

Ben spent many summers at Skoot growing up and is now proud to own his own piece of heaven. Ben is faithful to his cause in life ....

**FISHING**



*What a great crowd we had at our Annual General Meeting !*





# 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SAT. JULY 2nd 10:00 a.m.

The 2004 AGM was attended by the largest crowd in many years.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING YOUR SUPPORT !

This year let's make it each attending members' goal to bring someone new . We have had many new cottagers join our lake. Let's show them our Associations hospitality.

The least we can do is treat them to lunch !

Go straight to the name tag table and get your tag.

This helps us know who to avoid. JUST KIDDING !!

We hope to have great info and lively banter .

RAIN DATE IS July 3rd

For those who are not aware the meeting is held at the Horseshoe Pit near Trails End.



**NORTHBROOK IGA**

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**We are once again taking orders for Skootamatta Designer Duds**

**This year we are introducing**

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**1/4 Zipped Sweatshirts AND Hoodie's in an array of designer colours**

**AND, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**'SKOOT' Hats made of brushed cotton**

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**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED no later than May 31st**

**Items must be picked up at the AGM**

## AGM HIGHLIGHTS and more.....

Meet your hard working executive.

Meet your neighbours.

Catch up with old friends

Enjoy lively conversation.

Get a sun tan..or not

Enjoy a FREE BBQ lunch !

Get free hand-outs

Visit the outhouse (Bring your own paper!)

### RAFFLE

Each member family attending the AGM will receive a raffle ticket when they verify their contact info. The prize will be a Gift Basket of Environmentally friendly products worth over \$75.00

REMEMBER TO GO TO THE CONTACT INFO TABLE PRIOR TO THE MEETING



### Contact Info

It is timely for us to review our contact information to ensure it is up to date and current. Please re-view your info , when you get your name tag at the AGM. Thanks.



What is **WRAFT** ? : A coalition of concerned waterfront associations in Ontario trying to achieve equity in waterfront property taxation.

**We will be voting at the AGM to decide if this coalition is something the SDRA members wish their Association to join.**

[www.wraft.com](http://www.wraft.com)

## Waterfront ratepayers after fair taxation

### From the Executive Director

The year 2005 is critical in our efforts to achieve property tax reform on behalf of our member associations across Ontario. We will report quarterly to our members on our progress. We are going to need them to be informed and we are going to need their help if we are to achieve success.

*What is success?* Our objective in 2005 is to halt any further shift of tax onto waterfront properties. *Why is 2005 critical?* **Because the province cancelled the 2004 assessment.** The 2005 assessment will, unless action is taken, shift even more tax onto the waterfront in 2006. *How do we know that?* Because taxes are distributed based on assessment and waterfront values across Ontario continue to rise faster than values off the water.

The first Annual Meeting of WRAFT was held on November 6. We sent our members the minutes of that meeting, as well as a copy of my speech to the FOCA annual meeting on the same day. The speech is posted under News on this web. It provides a review of the progress to that date. I will quickly update that report:

- Our membership now stands at 98 associations, close to our target of 100 by year-end.
- Our fundraising continues. By year end we had raised \$134,000 in donations, \$19,000 in membership fees and \$25,000 in contributions from the founding members. After expenditures of \$48,000 we had \$130,000 in the bank.
- Meetings with Queen's Park politicians and staff continue and we are identifying a professional lobbyist who can help us in our efforts.
- We are starting a campaign to build political support

Research has begun on precedents for property tax reform in other jurisdictions in Canada and the U.S.

### Official Plan Report for Addington Highlands

Currently there is little to report on the topic of the Official Plan. It has received Addington Highlands Council Approval --- and last heard (early in the New Year) it was awaiting approval (or not as the case may be) by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Following approval, the township, as we understand will commence work on a zoning bylaw. Slow moving , but progress is being made.

## Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Management Plan 2006—2026

Ontario's forests are managed for a broad range of uses and to conserve economic, social, environmental and cultural values. To achieve sustainability, forest ecosystems must be maintained in a healthy state, and the value of the forest to all users must be respected.

In Ontario, anyone operating in a Crown forest is required by law to manage for the long-term health of the forest. Through MNR's forest management planning process, forest managers plan to ensure that the forests of Ontario will remain healthy in the future, and sustainable benefits are provided for the province, such as timber and other commercial products, recreation opportunities, and wildlife habitat.

Although the management of Crown forests in Ontario is the responsibility of the provincial government, this responsibility is shared with forest products companies or groups of companies

Sixty-six percent of Ontario, or about 70.4 million hectares -- almost 174 million acres - is forested. About 90 percent of Ontario's forests are owned by the province. Of that area, some 31 percent, or about 22 million hectares, is classified as production forest - that is, forest managed for a full range of benefits, including timber production.

Crown land is the principal source of wood for Ontario's forest products industry. For management purposes, the Crown forest in Ontario is divided into management units. Most of these management units are managed by individual forest companies under a Sustainable Forest License (SFL). The SFL holder is responsible for carrying out the activities of forest management planning, harvest, access road construction, forest renewal and maintenance, monitoring and reporting, subject to MNR regulations and approvals. Before any forestry activities can take place in a management unit, there must be an approved forest

Public consultation is a key component of Ontario's forest management planning process, and includes the following provisions:

- stakeholder and interest group representation on a local citizens committee to assist the planning team with the preparation of a forest management plan;
- a formal public consultation process, including public notices, public information forums and opportunities to review and comment on planning documentation;
- provisions for special consultation efforts with Aboriginal people;
- direct consultation with stakeholders and interested and affected parties in the planning of forest operations;
- a formal process for the resolution of issues; and
- a final opportunity to request the Minister of Environment to order an individual environmental assessment of specific proposed forest management activities

As an integral part of the planning process, a local citizens committee is required to assist each planning team with the preparation of the forest management plan. The committees represent a range and balance of local interests, and ensure that these interests are communicated to the planning team. Each local citizens committee may nominate a member to participate on the planning team.

***WE DESPERATELY NEED 2 MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS PLANNING PROCESS. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR NAME TO ANY EXECUTIVE MEMBER***

***BY JULY 2nd***

# Public Inspection

## Approved 2005/2006 Annual Work Schedule

### Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Management Unit

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has approved the 2005/2006 annual work schedule prepared by Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc. for the Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Management Unit (Crown lands within Lanark County and parts of Frontenac, Lennox-Addington and Hastings Counties).

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. These activities are consistent with the approved 2001-2006 Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Management Plan. Further information about tree planting jobs can be obtained from the Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc. office at the address below. Limited fuelwood opportunities are available consisting of tops and other woody debris left over from harvesting operations. A fuelwood permit must be purchased in advance from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Private land access, road closures, as well as other timing restrictions may affect the availability of fuelwood in specific areas.

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, is now available for public inspection and will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one year term at the MNR's Bancroft and Kemptville District offices and at the Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc. office (see addresses below).

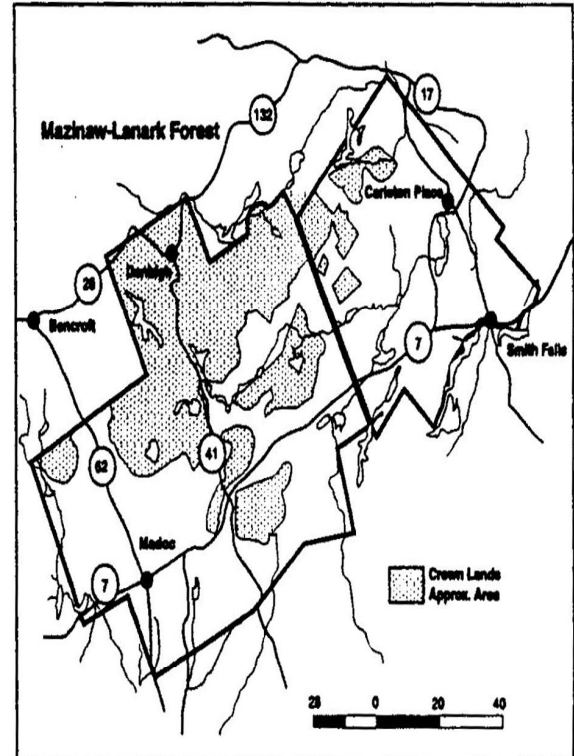
A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, location of potential fuelwood areas and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc. or the MNR at the addresses below:

**Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc.**  
P.O. Box 159  
Cloyne, ON K0H 1K0  
Contact: Travis Hossack  
Tel.: 613-336-0816

**Ministry of Natural Resources**  
Bancroft District Office  
Box 500  
Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0  
Contact: Arne Mikkelsen  
Tel.: 613-332-3940, ext. 248

**Ministry of Natural Resources**  
Kemptville District Office  
P.O. Bag 2002, Concession Rd.  
Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0  
Contact: Linda Touzin  
Tel.: 613-258-8268

Renseignements en français : (613) 258-8268.





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### Why is the shore foamy ?

What causes the foamy surface often found on some lake waters? This foamy is not a new phenomenon and nor does it indicate a problem. The foaming is a natural process that has been going on for a very long time. All lakes contain organic matter, such as algae, rooted aquatic plants and leaves. When this organic matter decomposes through natural bacterial action, it releases cellular products to the water, which form a surfactant, or surface agent. This surfactant lessens the surface tension of the water, making it susceptible to foaming.

### BEAR WISE



### Be Bear Wise:

Admire them. Respect them.  
But please, don't feed them.

### Let's Get the Lead Out !!!!!

"Save our  
Common Loons.  
Fish Lead Free"

5.5 million people fish in Canada **every** year.

Over 500 tones of lead from fishing sinkers and jigs may be lost **every** year

Lead poisoning from ingestion of sinkers and jigs is the leading cause of death reported in **Common Loons**

Lead poisoning does not have to happen. Sinkers and jigs are now available in other materials such as bismuth, clay, steel and tin that are not poisonous to birds.

**Let's all support lead-free fishing by switching to non-toxic tackle.**

**Who knows maybe the pickerel will even like it !**

### Permit Free Family Fishing Week-End July 8—10th

The Annual Permit Free Family Fishing week-end is July 8 -10th. This is a great opportunity to introduce young and old to the fun of fishing as a family.

**Catch limits remain the same** but the need for a fishing permit is waived.

This event only applies to residents of Ontario.

### YARD SALE

Sat. July 9th  
10:00 a.m.



Bring your stuff to the Horseshoe Pit near Trail's End and just watch the profits roll in.

**P.S. No hijacking of passing cars**

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### FAST FACTS ABOUT ONTARIO FISHING LICENCES



Most Canadian residents need an **Outdoors Card** to fish in Ontario if they are at least 18 years old but have not reached their 65th birthday.

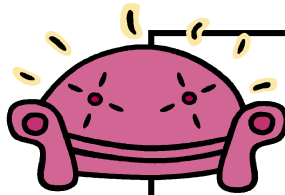
**If you have never had an Outdoors Card**, you can request an application form be mailed to you by phoning the Outdoors Card Centre from anywhere in Canada at **1-800-387-7011**.

Your Outdoors Card is good for three calendar years. You must have a **fishing licence tag** on the back of a plastic Outdoors Card OR a "**Resident Fishing Licence and Outdoors Card Application**" in order to have a complete and valid licence for fishing.

If you are a Canadian resident between 18 and 65 years of age and **you want to fish in Ontario right away**, you can buy a "**Resident Fishing Licence and Outdoors Card Application**" from one of more than 2,000 licence issuers across the province. A temporary paper license is effective immediately and valid until December 31 of the year in which it was purchased.

The fee for a temporary paper license **includes** the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card.

If your Outdoors Card will soon expire, or has already expired, the fastest and easiest ways to **renew your Outdoors Card** are a three year renewal by credit card with a call to **1-800-288-1155** or online at the [MNR Store](#).



#### Sofa Cover Tip

Need to recover that "cottage" sofa?

Use a new sheet and a piece of ABS pipe tucked in the cushion back. Presto the sheet stays put and your old sofa is new again !

## Handy Links

#### Township Website

[www.addingtonhighlandstwp.ca](http://www.addingtonhighlandstwp.ca)

#### Mazinaw On-Line

[www.mazinaw.on.ca](http://www.mazinaw.on.ca)

#### Federation of Cottagers Association

[www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca)

#### Lank O' Lakes News

[www.newsweb.ca/](http://www.newsweb.ca/)

#### Reeve—Ken Hook

613-336-3211

[kennethwhook@aol.com](mailto:kennethwhook@aol.com)

#### Conservation Ontario

[www.conservation-ontario.on.ca](http://www.conservation-ontario.on.ca)

#### Centre for Sustainable Watersheds

[www.watersheds.ca](http://www.watersheds.ca)

#### Boat Safety

[www.tc.gc.ca/boating/safety](http://www.tc.gc.ca/boating/safety)

#### Waterfront Living

[www.livingbywater.ca](http://www.livingbywater.ca)

#### Septic Tanks

[www.inspectny.com](http://www.inspectny.com) or

[www.ontariosoilcrop.org](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org)

#### Land O' Lakes Tourist Association

[www.lol.on.ca](http://www.lol.on.ca)

## ANNUAL CANADA DAY BOAT PARADE FRIDAY JULY 1ST

11:00 a.m. start from Jacques Bay



The 2004 Boat Parade was well attended considering it was held mid-week. This year let's start the holiday week-end off with a BANG and have the biggest yet parade. Get your boats "decked" out in Canada Day finery (Dollarama has great stuff!) and tour the lake.

O'Canada starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. with **Granny Nominated** Lead singer Frank Schram and the Schramettes.

You won't want to miss this event.

## PERSEID METEOR SHOWER AUGUST 13—15TH 2:00 a.m.



*Look at last years meteor shower !!*

*Imagine being able to see this from your own dock...no libations required.*

*This is well worth staying up for...or in some cases setting the alarm to get up for..*

## And for the greatest night sky show....Skootamatta's Annual Fireworks Display Saturday Sept. 3rd at "Dusk"



Dress warm and prepare to see the best lake fireworks ever.

Still a bargain at \$ 25.00 per family.

*Corporate donations always  
welcome !*





Minutes of Lake Steward Committee MeetingJuly 18, 2004**Action Items:**

Laury Hitchcock to write the ministry for 2004 water quality results for publication on website.

*Update: information received in a format undecipherable to the common man.*

A suggestion was made to write a letter to the residents of Jacques Bay relating to the recent water quality result.

Nancy and Heather agreed to meet in August.

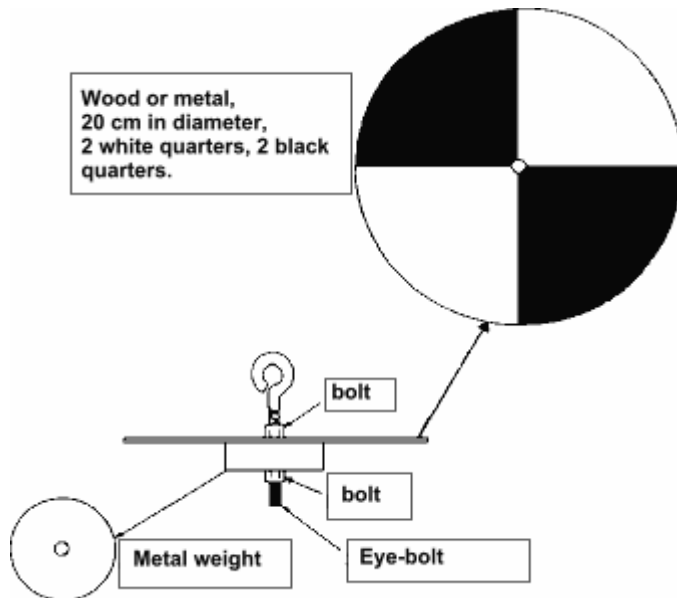
*Update: Nancy turned over all Lake Steward and FOCA information to Heather.*

Louise to source "eco friendly" products for cleaning and personal use.

Malcolm suggested a "Shoreline Steward" program to be discussed at the next AGM.

*Update: Item will be added to AGM Agenda.*

## How to make a Secchi disk



## How to measure the transparency

**Readings.** To obtain a reading, lower the disk into the water until it disappears. Take a reading from the rope and make a note of it. Lower the disk even deeper and bring it back up until it reappears and take another reading. Repeat this operation 3 times and take the average of the readings. All readings should be taken on the shaded side of the boat.

**Number of measures per season.** It is highly recommended that readings be taken 4 times, spaced out during the period from the middle of July to the middle of August. Never before, never after that period! Secchi readings as well as temperature and oxygen concentration readings must be taken during that critical period of time. Moreover, all Secchi readings must be taken from the same place on the lake, the place where temperature and oxygen measurements are taken.

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### SOUNDS TRAVEL ON WATER .....

We all love to socialize and have fun, especially when we leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind.

We also love the quiet , peaceful surroundings of being "away" from it all.

Let us all try and **RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS** by always being conscious of how sounds travel, especially near water.



#### *Did you know ?*

5,000 clean freshwater lakes, many spring fed, splash across the 2,500 square miles of Land O' Lakes

#### *Did you know ?*

Skootamatta Lake has 3,028 acres big with 30.9 miles of shoreline. The average depth of the lake is 24 feet with the maximum depth being 99 feet.

Jeez..I wonder why those cottagers are yelling and waving at me so early ?



#### Attention ALL Fishermen..

Please do not fish close to cottage shores and show some respect for their property . Every year this problem seems to get worse and spoils it for both fishermen and cottagers



Available to friends and relatives of Skootamatta and Sheldrake Lake residents only

A very livable sandstone cottage on Sheldrake Bay with lots of shoreline and an aluminum fishing boat with a dependable 9.9 engine.

Cottage includes 3 bedrooms, whole cottage fully carpeted, fireplace, outdoor shower, indoor full bathroom, full kitchen and an acre of woods.

Times and price negotiable.

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## *The Pearson Family Memories*

This is the story of Skootamata Lodge and my father **George Pearson**. My Grandfather, George Albert Pearson Sr. owned a radio company in Indianapolis ,Indiana and later in Chicago, Ill. He had a salesman in Canada who was Ross Obornes' father. Ross's father came to my grandfather one winter day all bundled up and my grandfather said it must be cold where you come from. Ross's Dad said yes, but the summers were beautiful and he thought my grandfather should build a cabin for his family on Skootamatta lake. It was called Loon Lake then but was later changed because there were to many loon lakes.

My grandfather agreed and said that Ross's father should buy a large parcel of land and start construction of a summer home for his wife Wilhelmina and his son George Jr. my Dad. My father and grandmother took the train into Kaladar back then and were driven to the area known as Trails end. They then had to take a boat to their new summer home. This is the cottage currently owned by the Halperines. My father was 14 at the time which would have made it 1925.

Another family from Indianapolis who were friends of my grandparents were also building next door by the name of Moore. Their son Clayton would go on to play the **Lone Ranger on television for many years**. Unfortunately their cottage was burned to the ground some years later and all that can be seen today is the boat house next door to the Halperines boat house. Both buildings are as they were when originally built for the most part. My Dad's father hired local people to help with the running of our cottage. There was Jim Meeks who worked around the property and would hunt and fish with my Dad frequently. Nancy and Charlie Spencer helped with cooking and other chores around the place. There were numerous fireplaces in the main cabin and adjoining guest quarters such as the stone room. No electricity except what was provided by a generator brought up later. No direct phone lines although my father rigged his own line to connect to the landing to send messages. Ice was cut in the winter for use the next summer and stored in the ice house at the foot of the hill. My Dad would carry the large blocks himself up the hill to the kitchen. Beer was always left in the saw dust for the men who would come to cut the ice each year. Eventually electricity did come to the lake and everything was updated.

My father also told stories about taking the local children he would see standing by the side of the road to school in his car. That was when the school was one room. He became so attached to the students of the local school that he later setup an award fund for graduating eighth graders that **still exists today**. My grandfather died around 1949. My Dad was stationed in Denver, during the war so did not have much time to go to Canada. After marrying my mother in 1948 there was not much time for the lake either. My Dad sold the cabin which was neglected for many years except for a brief claim to fame when it was used by a Canadian Movie company for one of it's movies. Eventually the Halperin's purchased it and returned it to it's previous use as a warm and happy family retreat. My father also owned most of what is known as the North shore gradually selling off all except for the shoreline we currently call home.

This year will be the **80<sup>th</sup> year** for the Pearson and now Jasuwan family to have been on the lake. We have come to know the people on the lake over the years and the people in Cloyne as well.and hope that many generations will come to know and enjoy this beautiful lake as my father and grandfather did before us.



*When was the last time you had your septic checked? If you can't remember, it's time NOW !  
Let's make sure future generations can enjoy a clean lake as we have been able to. It is a small price to pay for the lakes' health.*

## SEPTIC FAILURES LEADING CAUSE OF LAKE POLLUTION

A failure of a septic system can cause serious problems. Sewage can pond on the ground near the drainfield or back up into buildings. Animals and people may become ill from contact with these discharges. Pollution from failing septic systems can contaminate ditches, creeks and shallow drinking water supplies.

Waste material from the house enters the septic tank where:

- Heavier solids settle to the bottom and form a sludge layer.
- Lighter wastes such as oil and grease rise to the top and form a scum layer.

When waste enters the tank, bacteria begin to break down the solid materials. This break down reduces solids, but also leaves a residue behind in the tank. As time passes, this residue builds up, and must be removed to prevent it from entering the drainfield and clogging the system. The center liquid layer flows slowly from the tank into the drainfield. Perforated pipes allow the liquid to be equally distributed in a gravel-filled disposal field. Once the liquid reaches the disposal field, it soaks into the soil. The soil then acts as the final filter for treatment of waste received from the septic system.

### Do's if you are on a septic system

- Connect laundry and kitchen water to septic tank.
- Have your septic tank pumped out by a licensed operator every 2-3 years.
- Learn the location of your septic tank, drainfield and well. Keep a sketch of it handy with your maintenance record for service visits. Obtain a copy of your septic permit and map inspection, if possible.
- Divert other sources of water, like roof drains, house footing drains, and sump pumps to lawn areas away from the septic system. Excessive water floods the system, keeping the soil in the drainfield saturated and unable to adequately treat the wastewater.
- Take leftover hazardous household chemicals to your approved hazardous waste collection center for disposal. Use bleach disinfectants, and toilet bowl cleaners sparingly and in accordance with product labels.
- Cut the grass over the disposal field. Shorter grass (around 2-3 inches) increases plant activity called evapotranspiration. This process removes nutrients from the disposal field through the root system, and increases evaporation.

### Limit water entering your tank:

- Use water-saving faucets, showers, and toilets.
- Drain appliances one at a time.

### Don'ts if you are on a septic system

- Don't go down into a septic tank. Toxic gases are produced by the natural treatment processes in septic tanks and can kill humans in minutes. Extreme care should be taken when inspecting a septic tank, even when just looking in the lid opening.
- Don't allow heavy vehicles to drive over or park on the drainfield.
- Don't plant trees or shrubs on the drainfield. The roots from the plants could damage the system.
- Don't cover the drainfield with a hard surface such as concrete, asphalt above ground pools or decks. The area should have only a grass cover.
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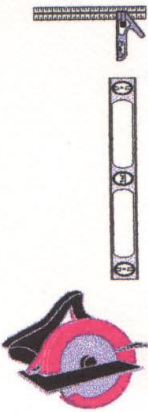
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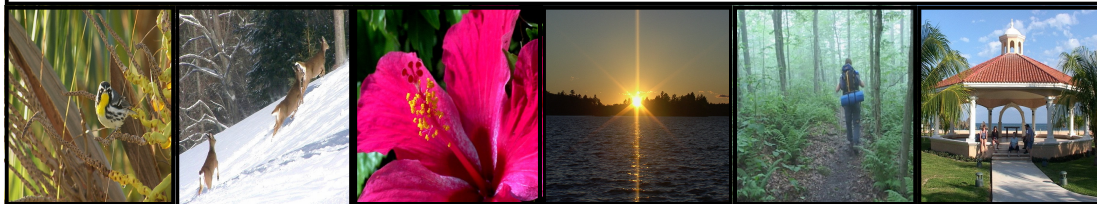
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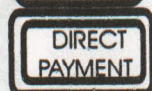
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### July 2, 2005: Annual General Meeting and BBQ.

Please join us for the AGM and BBQ at the Horseshoe pits at Trail's End on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Topics of interest to all cottagers are raised and we do enjoy the social gathering and barbecue afterwards. Bring your lawn chairs and join us.

### July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Yard Sale at the Horseshoe Pits:

We've decided to try a yard sale this year instead of a dock sale. If you are interested in setting up a table, please contact Lynn Garnish. The sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. Perhaps some enterprising youngsters might like to try selling lemonade?

### August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Annual SDRS Horseshoe tournament:

Hopefully this year's event will not be rained out! Come on out to the pits at Trail's End for this very popular event. Competition is friendly and fun is the name of the game. See you there at 10:00 a.m. for registration. Contact Kent Farrow if you have any questions.

### August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Annual Pot Luck dinner at Ron Nowell's:

Come out for an enjoyable evening of socializing, food and games with other Skoot cottagers. The socializing starts at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

### August 13—15: Perseid Meteor Showers:

Nature lights up our skies and gives us a perfect excuse to take the boats out for a night cruise. It is worth staying up for.

### Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005: Annual Fireworks

It is always hard to say good-bye to summer. The fireworks display at the Causeway is a wonderful way to celebrate our last long weekend. Each year the show seems to get more spectacular. Please include your fireworks payment along with your annual dues.

### ??September SDRS golf tournament:

We are hoping to get enough interested participants to have our first SDRS golf tournament at Hunter's Creek Golf Course on Hwy. 506 in September. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Garnish.



# JULY 2005

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				<b>1</b> Boat Parade	<b>2</b> AGM	<b>3</b> AGM Rain date
4	5	6	7	8	<b>9</b> Yard Sale	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b> Horseshoes	31

# AUGUST 2005

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>1</b> Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	<b>6</b> Pot Luck	7
8	9	<b>10</b> Perseid Meteor	<b>11</b> Perseid Meteor	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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