## S.D.R.A 2006 NEWSLETTER



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Annual Message from your President: Ron Nowell

Hello all. Hope everyone had a good winter and are anxiously waiting to get back to the cottage, and out on the lake, ahh... those warm summer evenings....

Reflecting on last summers planned events, the "kickoff" boat parade started off well with great attendance, approximately 20 boats. But that was the best part, it went downhill fast. There were <u>way too many water fights.</u> We are going to <u>start at Sheldrake Bay this year</u>, then down by the causeway, over to the North Shore and then on to Jacques Bay. There will be no fire hose boat this year. Hoping we can have a lot of fun, see you there.

The Annual Horseshoe Tournament went well but we could always use a few more players and volunteers, many thanks to Kent Farrow for this event. I believe that we will be attending this year as the friends we always visit that weekend have purchased a cottage next door, welcome Bob and Dawn Reiser.

The Potluck afternoon and evening went very well. We had a great turnout of Members and friends. Remember anyone can come so if you have company, grab your food and join in; it's a great chance to mingle and get to know everyone in a very relaxed environment. Rain or Shine this event goes ahead, let's hope the weather is as good as last year.

Last but not least, once again the weather and Fireworks were fantastic.! What a way to spend the last holiday Saturday night of the summer. Thank you, to all who participated and <u>contributed</u>, Also, thanks to Jim Rose and staff from Star Fire Pyrotechnics of Frankford for an excellent job well done.

Again there have been quite a number of cottages sold, sorry to see the familiar faces go, but all the best to them in their new homes and communities. Let's go and greet our new neighbors and welcome them aboard!!.

Well ,I think that I've rambled on enough. It's an election year, let's get together at the AGM and come up with more representation from the lake. Ken Hook is not seeking re-election, Louise Scott is . SEE YOU THERE.

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#### A Message from the Reeve......

Dear SDRA Members:

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again at the next meeting. Council is in the midst of budget time and in the next township newsletter we will be able to bring you up to date on local initiatives.

We are working hard on bringing cell phonescoverage to the area and are actively engaged in discussions with Bell, Rogers and Telus. The 10,000 petition signatures received last fall really helped show there is a need for improved service. We will keep pressing this important issue.

Addington Highlands(AH) has never had a hazardous waste day to enable residents to dispose of hazardous goods. This is due to high costs (about \$11,000 per 1 day event). Councilor Eythel Grant has been working on involving AH as a partner with a group of other municipalities in the Renfrew area. Our costs to be a partner would be \$1600/year. It appears residents will soon be able to dispose of all their hazardous waste simply by taking it to Renfrew (at no additional cost) and yes, you can pool your neighbors waste too!

Councilor Louise Scott has been a strong advocate for improvements to all our roads including the roads around Skootamatta. With the Hartsmere project to be completed this year, new emphasis will be placed on Skootamatta Lake Road and the Hughes Landing Road.

Councilor Bill Cox has been busy being Chair of the Recreational Facilities Committee. Bill has been planning for office renovations in Flinton and a new furnace and fire alarm system in Denbigh Hall.

Deputy Reeve Lorraine Berger is the Chairman of the Library Board. If you haven't visited the Flinton or Denbigh library please make a point of it this summer. You will be impressed that high speed internet is available free of charge at both locations with the latest equipment for you to use. The Library Board and CEO have worked hard obtaining grants from Trillium to pay for the new improvements.

As Reeve, I have been working to "hold it all together". I have a great Council to work with and we work well together on our various projects.

This is an election year. I will be taking a breather and will not be running again for the next election, which is to be a 4 year term. It has been a pleasure serving for the last 6 years! If you wish to help to make your Township a better place to live and play, consider running for office or supporting someone that is up for the challenge! Contact Jack Pauhl, Clerk at 336-2286 for more details.

See you 'round the lake!

Ken Hook, Reeve 336-3211

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

The Nowell Family (Carl)

The Copeland Family (Harold)

The Schram Family (Bill Willoughby "Gramp")

The Oborne Family (Betty)

The Cumming Family (Edna)

The Johnson/Hughes Family (Michael Paudash)

The Povinsky Family (Mike)

The Wylie Family (Gerald)

The Farrow Family (Jack Skinner)

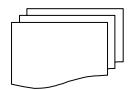
The Pearson/Jasuwan Family (George Pearson)



#### Your current SDRA Executive Team

Karen Stacey, Laury Hitchcock, Kent Farrow, Ron Nowell,
Heather Machan, Lynn Garnish, Esther Demczak

Absent: Kim Johnson and Ben Koehler



## Treasurer's Report: Why have the dues been raised from \$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00 ???

For those members who were unable to attend the AGM last year and in previous years ,it is timely to bring you up to speed on the situation with **INSURANCE** for the Association.

Our premium in 2000 was \$580.00 with Zurich Insurance. In 2001 it was increased to \$697.00. In 2002 it was \$740.00

In 2003 the policy was not renewed by our broker as the "industry" was trying to get out of the business of underwriting Cottage Association policies (or so we were told).

After confirming with many other cottage associations that they were in the same dilemma ,and some were even having to cease operations, we looked to FOCA for a resource. You will recall it was voted at the 2000 AGM to opt out of being FOCA members as it was becoming cost prohibitive.

In order for us to obtain insurance through the FOCA resource we were required to join FOCA again. At the time this was our only option. The cost of Insurance for Directors & Officers was \$1,893.00 plus the FOCA membership of \$493.00.

This was underwritten by Pro-line Insurance.

Last year, we had more time to investigate getting quotes for insurance with the intention of not being "tied" to FOCA as we could only see the costs going up.

Our quote last year from Pro Line was \$2,100.00 plus the cost of FOCA membership.

We were able to obtain insurance with Sovereign General at a cost of \$2,430.00

This policy becomes renewable in July 2006 and at this point we do not have a premium amount.

It has been very difficult to get insurance in the past 5 years and that is why we made the decision to increase the dues to an amount that will hopefully cover any increases.

We have been included on the township policy for the land we maintain and the fireworks insurance is carried by the licensed pyrotechnic company we hire.

<u>In addition</u> to the rising cost of insurance, postage rates have increased and other maintenance costs are also increasing every year.

This analysis is based on 5 years (2000-2005)

The average number of Paid members each year is 115 out of a potential 225



Cost to each member (approximate)	
Insurance	22.00
Newsletter	8.75
Lot maintenance	5.50
COFA	2.00
AGM	1.00
Portable toilets for events	2.00
Office supplies	1.00
Website	1.00
Seminars, meeting attendance	1.25
TOTAL	44.50

Annual Cost (approximate)		
Insurance	2,500.00	
Newsletter	1000.00	
Lot maintenance	650.00	
COFA	250.00	
AGM	110.00	
Portable toilets for events	237.00	
Office supplies	120.00	
Website	150.00	
Seminars, meeting attendance	150.00	
TOTAL	5,117.00	

It is obvious we can no longer keep the dues at \$ 25.00.

It was unanimously voted at the AGM of 2005 to raise them to

\$ 50.00 to cover current costs and hopefully any increases.

We would not have been able to continue operating last year had it not been for the members who attended the AGM last year. The members "dug deep" into their pockets and filled our "help" pail with over \$ 650.00 in extra donations so we could pay the insurance bill.

The additional deficit "ate up" any surplus fund we had available to us.

The SDRA Members and Executive wish to extend a special thanks to Jim Oborne for getting the "donations rolling" with his starting donation of \$250.00



Excerpt of an article submitted by Bob Blatchford. Written by J. Ross Oborne



### Festubert: A Wistful Memory of an Earlier Time

During the 1930's all that remained of the first Festubert seasonal post office on a tiny Ontario island in Loon Lake (now known as Skootamatta Lake), was the building's granite fireplace and foundation. The post office had been located in Mike Schwager's frame house. The house, with it's three verandas and an outhouse, took up all the available space on the island. Mike became the first postmaster of Festubert when the post office opened on July 1, 1927. The girl that Mike intended to marry made it known that she did not want to live on a tiny island, especially one with no title to the island. Mike could not secure title to his island because of a problem with the outhouse. Even in those days pollution control was important. When the summer season ended in September 1927 Mike sold the frame house and post office. It was towed away on the ice during the winter months. No longer could the cottagers tie up their boats to the post office's verandah when they came for their mail.

In 1927 the Festubert post office served about 28 cottage families and several permanent residents. Although Festubert was located near Bon Echo, in the township of Lennox/Addington County, the mail was exchanged with Cloyne, about three miles away. Mike picked up the mail at Stanley Wheeler's General Store and post office in Cloyne. The mail came to Cloyne via the postal courier, Harry Levere, who had the mail contract between the railway station in Kaladar (17 miles away) and Cloyne.

Back in 1926 when an application for a post office was made to Mike Schwager, the question of a name was raised. It was the author's late father, A. Ross Oborne, who suggested the name of Festubert.Mr. Oborne, whose family cottage was in the area, remembered the village of Festubert in France. It had been the scene of heavy fighting between the French and British and the German forces during WW1. The village gave it's name to the battle fought in the immediate area on May 9 1915. The British made a forward move to relieve pressure on the French as well as to prevent the Germans sending reinforcements to Lens. The battle ended with a disastrous loss to the British although the Canadian army fighting alongside the British achieved "great distinction".

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#### SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

All over the province, cottagers and municipalities are getting together to have septic systems re-inspected.

You can be ready for re-inspection by checking your system yourself.

#### YOU OWE IT TO YOUR LAKE!

The name Skootamatta is an Ojibway word representing the trail leading out of a big  $^{
ightrightarrow}$  open lake. From there further direction was obtained from the stars. Therefore the right meaning of "The Star Spilling Lake" or "The River of Spilled Stars."  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\square}$ 

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Submitted by Joanne Volpe

### IT'S NOW THE LAW IN ONTARIO!

Smoke Detectors are now a mandatory requirement in your cottage.



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**DUMP CLOSURE** SKOOTAMATTA LAKE SITE

Plans are to close the site the Thanksgiving Weekend 2006. There will be a joint Council public meeting about the closure sometime in the summer-date yet to be determined. The site is "at capacity" and the MOE has determined it must be closed. The site may be used (application has to be made to the MOE and permission granted ) as a transfer site although this would be done at great cost. Options and costs will be discussed at the public meeting. Watch the next township newsletter for the date/time/location of the meeting.

Did you know ?

Spiders build their webs
where air is leaking into
your home! So a spider web
is a good indicator of a spot
that may need caulking.



Web site hosting provided by Mazinaw On-Line

#### Skootamatta Lake Dam

Many thanks to Bill Machan who kept the MNR on their toes by letting them know the dam(n) logs had not been put in!

Constructed:

1955

#### Location:

The Skootamatta Lake Dam is located on the Skootamatta River system, which is a tributary of the Moira River. Lot 10, Concession 6 in the former Anglesea Township, now the Township of Addington Highlands.

#### Purpose:

The primary purpose of the dam is the control of the lake water levels for recreational, and fish and wildlife benefits. It also provides low-flow augmentation and flood control in the Skootamatta River.

#### Operation:

Following the spring runoff, the stop logs are replaced in order to achieve the regulated summer water level on the lake.

During the summer months, the water level on the Skootamatta Lake is regulated according to a staff gauge. As required ,one stop log is removed from one of the sluiceways, in order to maintain a minimal flow. In the fall, three stop logs in each of the two sluiceways are removed to accomplish a gradual drawdown of the lake water level, in order to reach winter holding level and to prepare for the spring runoff.

NOTE: This dam is owned by MNR and is operated by Quinte Conservation

Due to Insurance "Regulations" we are no longer able to mark rocks for fear we miss marking one and incurring liability in the event of an accident

So PLEASE mark any rocks near your shore.



#### DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIRDS?

What bird is a royal fisherman?

What woodpecker should visit the barber's?

What bird has a girl's name?

What bird was our lake originally named after?

What bird uses this kind of bar?

What bird gives milk?

What bird needs a wig?

What bird would you find in a church?

What bird gulped down a mountain?

What bird avoids a hit at all times?

What bird is named after a baseball team?

What finch is the richest bird in the whole world?

What do you call a bird that is popular with the squirrels?

What bird carries a tune by itself?

What bird watches you intently?

What do you call a dove at a funeral?

The Answers can be found on Page 21

#### Deer Repellent Recipe:

Those of us who enjoy gardens at our summer retreats, or year round residences, have often been plagued by hungry deer who enjoy feeding on the new growth and flowers in the gardens. The following deer repellent recipe really does work. It was given to me by Jan Foy who lives at the top of the Mazinaw. She and her husband Richard feed a herd of deer for much of the year, but she was upset when they began to feed on her small trees, shrubs and flowers. It is smelly, but it's effective. It should be used up, then discarded in one season. I recommend that you store the mixture in an outbuilding.

1 tsp. Dish soap

1 tsp. Vegetable oil

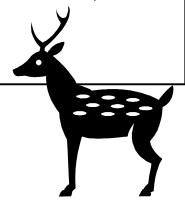
1 egg

½ cup of milk.

Whisk these items together until well blended. You may want to use a hand blender. Add a gallon (4-5 litres) of water and spray directly onto the plants with a spray bottle. After a few days, it will get quite smelly, but it works when it is fresh, too.

I hope this is useful to some of you!

Laury Hitchcock





#### Help Protect Ontario's Natural Heritage: Report Resource Abuse

The new toll-free TIPS-MNR reporting line number **1-877-TIPS-MNR** (1-877-847-7667), provides a direct line for the public to report resource violations to the ministry 24 hours a day, seven days a week from anywhere in Ontario.

Did you know that the MNR provides many **Online Services**? For example:

Reserve a campsite or locate a park

Renew your Outdoors Card

Shop for maps, clothing and other MNR products online

Download free publications

Find a summer job with Youth Programs

Check low water levels in your area



The Annual Ontario Permit Free Family Fishing week-end is **July 7-9 2006**. 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 <u>waived</u>.

This event only applies to residents of Ontario.





Bon Echo's Cabin on the Hill

Call 1-888-ONT-PARK to book

# FIREWORKS

Just a short "bio" on the company that puts the fireworks together for our association each year.

Jim Rose got his license in 1982 but did not venture out on his own until 1990 when he started Starfire Pyrotechnics. In 1992 Jim joined the Canadian Olympic Team to represent Canada at the Benson and Hedges fireworks competition in British Columbia. They brought home the Gold, first time ever for Canada. In 1997 he landed a three year contract with the Niagara Parks Commission doing the largest shows in Canada. They performed about 600 shows during that period. Jim says he has slowed down a lot now and only does about 60 odd shows a year. If anyone has the time to go down to Gananoque on the third Sunday of August, about 5:30pm they can meet Jim or his wife Wendy and they will give you a pass to go out on one of the Island cruise boats for a tour of the Thousand Islands and then a real boat side "view" of a great fireworks display. Jim has done this Festival of the Islands display for the last three years, some of us have taken it in, it is very worth while. Maybe we could organize a bus if there is enough interest.

Jim's Business is located in Frankford, Ontario. 613-398-6908. Jim wholesales and retails fireworks.

#### Skunk Recipe

There are a number of remedies that truly do work.

Almost all the remedies that truly work include hydrogen peroxide, baking soda, and a binding agent. The combina-

tion of the peroxide and the baking soda oxidizes the affected area and lifts out the odor causing elements. Repeated use simply loosens the smells and washes it away.

Most recipes differ slightly, but this one is a good starting point. You can play with the recipe by adding a commercial odor eliminator, shampoo or other ingredients. The most important elements, however, are the baking soda and peroxide.

In a bucket, mix 1 Quart of FRESH Hydrogen Peroxide, 1/4 cup of Baking Soda, and 1 teaspoon of Liquid Soap. The mixture will bubble. Wash the dog with the mixture as if it were shampoo while it is bubbling. Rinse the dog and repeat. Be careful not to contaminate the water. If you are applying the mixture to your dog with a wash cloth, do not re-dip the wash cloth into the bucket. (Do not premix the solution. A premixed solution may be less potent in reducing the odor. A premixed solution stored in a sealed container also has a tendency to explode.)





We would like to invite you to visit our Museum, which is located in the village of Cloyne across Highway 41 from the post office.

Admission is FREE, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Here you will find artifacts from the pioneer days of our immediate area, including tools, clothing, kitchen and other household effects. Glass bottles, flat irons, a rolling pin made from a block of solid maple, photos and old catalogues are just some of the interesting items in this display.

We are developing a genealogical archive as well. Any additions to it would be gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

Our book collection features the 4th edition of the Oxen and the Axe, a collection of reminiscence of the area by local people which is for sale. The collection also includes other books about the area, as well as documents, newspapers, and magazines from bygone days.

The Museum is owned and operated by The Cloyne & District Historical Society, a group of individuals who are dedicated to preserving the history of the area. If you live locally you might be interested in joining. If you're going to be in the area, we would love to see you.

#### <u>Lake Steward Update</u> submitted by Heather Machan

There were some challenges with the change in Lake Steward's last year but we are now on track for the lake testing this May. There are five sites on the lake that will be tested and we hope to have the results back from the Ministry in time for the AGM in July.

#### Here are a few comments to ensure the continued health of our Lake:

- 1. It has now been determined that all soap even most marketed as "enviro-friendly" are not healthy for lakes. Please do your washing up and shampooing in your bathroom.
- 2. Septic Systems is your septic system in good working order?
- 3. Shore Line Stewards. Everyone does their part. When using the beaches or just out for a boat tour, bring along a garbage bag and pick up any cans or bottles you might find.

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## 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SAT. JULY 8th 10:00 a.m. RAIN DATE IS July 9th

The 2005 AGM was attended by the largest crowd in many years. Over 120 people were there!

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING YOUR SUPPORT!

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

Bring your lawn chairs, sun screen and meet your lake neighbours.

Bring your <u>cheque book</u> as we will be selling "SKOOT HATS"

MANY THANKS TO THE FALBY GANG FOR COOKING AT OUR AGM

Volunteer "chefs" are needed for this years AGM

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Proud sponsor of the SDRA AGM
for over 12 Years

Clothing Order Forms were sent out earlier this year in a separate mailing, so we could ensure delivery in time for the AGM.

Please make sure you pick up your clothing order at the AGM and if you are unable to attend have someone get it for you. We are unable to deliver orders.

We will not be taking orders at the AGM.

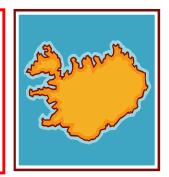
Only pick-up orders will be available that day , AFTER the meeting

#### How Blake Island Came to Be ....

Blake Island, Skootamatta Lake has been an important part of my life for over 30 years. I think fondly of the people here and am thankful for the memories I've been lucky enough to have had here. The people who are here now were the first inhabitants, save the native Indians. They will always be a part of this island, but I was afraid that the details of their story might get lost if not documented. So here is their story ....with many thanks to Ken Meikle and Dick Blake for sharing their stories with me...

.... this is the abridged version of events...

...... Joanne Volpe December, 2002



The year was 1956 - Mr. Richard (Dick) Blake went from the Royal Navy to an appointment at Carde in the Weapons Wing, There he met one Mr. Robert (Bob) Chinnick who was in the Electronics Wing. They became fast friends, sharing many common interests and thoughts for the future - including retirement.

Bob Chinnick regaled Dick with stories of fishing and camping at Skootamatta Lake as a child with his father. Bob had many happy recollections of those earlier days. There came a time when Bob, as an adult, returned to Skootamatta from Quebec, marked the spot he wanted for his "retirement" lot with pieces of wood nailed to the trees, and traveled to the Land Registry Office in Tweed, Ontario to make his purchase. The Crown sold it to him and it was finally his - what is now known as Chinnick Point on the south side of Jacques Bay. There was a great deal of informality in those early days and certainly less rigour than in the years that followed. They shipped the wood for Chinnick's cottage from Trail's End and they lived in an Army Bell tent with babies in diapers. Don Little remembers one such trip up from Trail's End during the winter. Don swore that it was "uphill all the way" as the rear wheels of his truck kept breaking through the top layer of ice.

In those days Dick and Edna Blake and their family enjoyed their family holidays by camping. In the summer of 1959 Bob Chinnick invited Dick and Edna to "camp through" on his lot on their way back from Algonquin Park. It was to be the Blake's last camping holiday, and they spent about a week with the Chinnicks. There was no McNevin Road and they parked at the top where the road now starts and carried all the tents, etc., down to camp on Chinnick's beach. While there, they explored the lake in the Chinnick's "40" (40 hp motorboat, which, incidentally, is now Volpe's, after having migrated from Chinnick to Blake to Meikle to Volpe family). Dick and Edna fell in love with Skootamatta Lake and put in an offer on the Balfor's cottage which Audrey Lemmon, by virtue of an earlier offer, came to own.

Bruce Heney, then a Pilot in the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force), was stationed at Ancienne Lorette, Quebec, flying in support of Carde programs. While Bruce and Yvonne Heney had not yet met Dick and Edna Blake, their son Paul was a schoolmate of Bill Blake's at the Ste. Foye school. In 1956, the husband of a friend of Yvonne's heard that Heney's had some camping equipment and asked if he could borrow it to go up to a lake he had visited as a child with his parents. This individual turned out to be one Bob Chinnick. He and Yvonne and Bruce subsequently became fast friends and they heard many accounts of this wonderful place - Skootamatta Lake.

The following year Bruce and Yvonne were invited to visit the property that Bob had staked on Skootamatta Lake and they immediately fell in love with the area. In fact, before their weekend stay was finished, they had toured the whole Lake and had decided on a lot on Jacques Bay. They marked the spot they wanted with beer bottles on stakes as markers for the surveyors to verify. Upon approval by the Department of Lands and Forests, Yvonne and Bruce became the second land owners on Jacques Bay - the Littles having previously obtained property at the eastern end of the Bay.

#### How Blake Island Came to Be ....cont.

In 1957 Ernie Tully and sons constructed a 24 by 36 foot shell which gradually became livable as a cottage. From then on, Yvonne, Paul, Brad and Gail spent summers there while father commuted on weekends and holidays. Bruce and Yvonne maintained residence at their cottage in Jacques Bay until the summer of 2004.

During and after this period, the Chinnicks had a succession of guests at their cottage, one of the earliest being the Blakes, who were summarily introduced to the Heneys.

Once the Blake family became summer residents of the Island, Bill, Chris and Jen were often down in the Bay with the Heney kids, and as a teenager Bill and a friend helped build a stone BBQ in front of Heney's cottage, that is still standing. Yvonne Heney's Aunt Lillian Bell also built a cottage on Jacques Bay - the property now owned by Don and Laury Hitchcock.

In the summer of 1960 Miki and Ken Meikle took up camping with four of their five children. That summer, while camping at Cavendish Beach, P.E.I. they met up with Dick and Edna Blake and their four children. Ken and Dick's mutual backgrounds of Naval Service and Queen's University as well as a love of water and family composition led to a lasting friendship.

Miki and Ken and family had moved to Ottawa, Ontario in the summer of 1960. The Blakes were also living in Ottawa at that time and their friendship grew. Miki and Ken had been camping on an island in Dam Lake in Quebec for several summers when Dick invited them to take a look at the property on Skootamatta Lake. Both Dick and Edna and Ken and Miki were becoming disillusioned with camping life and the uninvited intrusions it sometimes brought. After an end-to-end walking tour of Island #6, they all agreed that they preferred the eastern end of the Island despite the view down the lake from the western end. The Registry Office people strongly recommended the west end of the Island.

One Mr. Ronald Benn was retained to do the survey of the island lots. Once the survey was done, the applicants could proceed in unison as soon as there were 3 applicants for the lots; the problem then was to find a compatible someone to be the 3rd applicant. Dick and Edna were now living in Washington, D.C. in the United States. Their neighbours were one Dr. Johan W.H. Cammermeyer and his wife, Margret. Johan had stopped by for a visit one day as Dick was showing a home movie of Blake Island on Skootamatta Lake. He fell in love with it immediately, as it reminded him of his native Norway. Johan hitched a ride to the Island with the Blakes. When they reached Skootamatta, they rowed across the lake and landed on the banks of Lot #5. They had a picnic lunch sitting on the western beach of the back bay. Johan was immediately smitten and their trip quickly encompassed a trip to the Land Registry Office in Tweed to put in an offer. After a number of delays, notification was issued in October 1970. The applicants had two years to erect a cottage with a minimum floor area of 320 sq.ft. and a minimum value of \$1800 on each lot to obtain full title When the Wicketts and Chinnicks had bought their Crown lots, a boathouse could serve as a minimum structure, but that was no longer the case.

That's how the forefathers (and mothers) of Blake Island came to be. The Island is named after Dick Blake's brother, Bill. He was a decorated World War II casualty who died in 1944 on a mission as an RCAF bomber pilot over Europe. When Dick heard that unnamed geographic features could be named after decorated casualties, he wrote to the Federal Government seeking permission to name the Island after his brother, giving them the details of his DFC. They came back with approval, naming the Island, the latitude and longitude and putting his name on the topographic map.



### WE NEED FRESH BODIES!

Your current SDRA Executive Team has been "volunteering" for many years past their initial "term of office" due to a severe lack of turnover. None of us wants to see the Association disband due to a lack of volunteers.

Many are on their 10th year and we have all surpassed our initial commitment. Now it is time to have a new team. !!

We are not expecting the entire team to be replaced but let's have some nominations put forward this year PLEASE.

This will be my (Lynn Garnish) <u>last newsletter</u>, so we definitely need a new Secretary. The position requires a basic knowledge of Microsoft Publisher and we will train you on the rest. It does involve a lot of "collecting" of information throughout the year but it is a very rewarding job.

#### Must be, I have done it for 14 years!

Please let me know if you intend to put your name forward for nomination for any position by calling Lynn Garnish 705-743-0693 or email lynn.garnish@cogeco.ca



### Díd You Know?

The average meal travels about 2,500 kilometers to our plates. !

To find out about buying seasonal and local goods visit www.climatechangesolutions.com

Township Website

www.addingtonhighlandstwp.ca

Mazinaw On-Line

www.mazinaw.on.ca

Federation of Cottagers Association

www.foca.on.ca

Lank O 'Lakes News www.newsweb.ca/

Centre for Sustainable

Watersheds

www.watersheds.ca

**Boat Safety** 

www.tc.gc.ca/boating

safety

Septic Tanks

www.inspectny.com

Land O" Lakes Tourist Association

www.lol.on.ca

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## Cottage Area Reps

On April 1st your current executive met to discuss the upcoming year and to think of ways to bring the lake "together".

We have decided to put forward an idea of having "Cottage Area Reps"

Our lake is so big and spread out it is sometimes hard to reach everyone. New people arrive and sometimes we don't know for years!

If each area had a "rep" to report to the executive of any "happening events", newcomers or general concerns it would help keep us all on track.

All that would be required is attendance at the Executive meetings and open dialogue between the Rep and the Executive.

#### We need Reps from the following areas:

Trails End/Loon Lake Lodge Bay

Causeway Lower Lake

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North Shore

Jacques Bay

Sheldrake Bay

The Narrows

Upper Lake

If we have missed your area please let us know.

If you are able to take on this "small" volunteer task please let the executive know before the AGM.

It would be great to have Reps from all areas and be able to introduce them to the members at the AGM

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#### Where Does Lake Ice Go?

By: Kent Farrow



Have you ever wondered where lake ice goes? Have you ever seen lake ice 'go'? As both a child and an adult I've spent considerable time at the cottage during the summer months as a lot of our cottagers undoubtedly have. My winter experiences, however, in comparison, have been limited to only a hand full of trips each year. One of the wonders of nature I've always wanted to see but have never managed to witness, is the Spring 'break-up' of Skootamatta Lake ice. All that ice and snow....how and where does it go?

Local residents have told me that the ice is there one hour and gone the next...amazing! Sounds good to me! See, for years I had this vision of all the fish in our lake donning white hard hats the second or third week in April in anticipation of this enormous block of ice sinking to the bottom eventually crushing the skulls of anything in its way. I did know enough, however, that this theory had to be false. After all, ice is buoyant and should float until it eventually all melts....right? Well, I decided to end all this speculation and consult my science colleagues so that I could once and for all put the mystery of the 'Spring Break-up' behind me. Here is the 'Spring Break-up for Dummies' version of what actually happens....sort of.

In the winter, both the ground around a lake and the air above a lake gets colder as the sun's rays become less intense and eventually the surface water freezes once the water temperature reaches 0 degrees Celsius. The colder the air above and the colder the water below, the thicker the ice!

Along comes the spring when the air temperatures begin to rise. The shallow waters along the edge of the lake begin to melt first because of runoff and the sun's radiation. Now here's where I have to introduce a little scientific data. Water you see is most dense at 4 degrees Celsius (don't ask me why...it has to do with molecules or something) and we all know that the more dense an object is the heavier it is...right? So, as the warm runoff melt waters of the land flow into the lake around its edges, the denser warm water sinks forcing the deeper cold water to rise. As it rises it gets warmer and melts the under side of the frozen lake ice. At the same time, the surface snow and ice is melted by the sun's warm rays, turns to water which warms...becomes denser and heavier forcing the less dense frozen ice down......this happens as the ice temperature gets closer to zero.....phew!! This ice slowly sinks under the surface of the water suspended until it eventually all melts as it comes in contact with the warmer denser water thus alleviating the need for 'fish helmets'. See,... I told you it all makes sense! Oh, by the way, this 'Spring and Fall Turnover' of the lake water is vital in the lives of our aquatic life as this is the process that provides all the aquatic species with nutrients! Now you know the whole of the story......sort of!!

Canada Day Boat PARADE

July 1st 11:00 am Starting in Sheldrake Bay

#### ANNUAL CANADA DAY BOAT PARADE: SATURDAY JULY 1ST,

This will be our fifth annual Canada Day Boat Parade. We have been happy to see the numbers of participants increase each year and have enjoyed the variety of decorations on boats and occupants!

Over the past four years the boat parade has gradually become a floating water fight with boats altering courses and increasing speeds during the parade. This results in larger wakes which causes difficulty for smaller boats. Course changes greatly increase the probability of collisions. We are hoping to get the parade back to a "parade" this year.

While this is not an S.D.R.A. sponsored event, (i.e. not covered under our liability insurance.) the S.D.R.A. Executive is requesting that all boats entering the parade refrain from throwing water balloons and shooting water guns. We are also asking that all boat operators maintain slow speeds and a steady course while involved in the parade.

Another change to our annual parade is that we will begin in <u>Sheldrake Bay</u> this year so that the lower end of the lake sees the parade first. Start time is 11:00 a.m. in Sheldrake Bay or you can join the parade as it passes by your cottage. (Raindate will be Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, same time and same place.)

#### Events Calendar 2006

#### July 1, 2006: Canada Day Boat Parade

Our fifth annual boat parade will take place starting in Sheldrake Bay at 11:00 am. Decorate your watercraft with Canada colours and flags and come on out.

#### July 8, 2006: Annual General Meeting and BBQ.

Please join us for the AGM and BBQ at the Horseshoe pits at Trail's End on July 8th<sup>d</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 29th, 2006: 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 4:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

#### August 12th 2006: Annual SDRA Horseshoe tournament:

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. This event is Adult only (16+)

#### 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. 2nd, 2006: 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.

### Horseshoe Tournament in Jeopardy!

Last years Horseshoe Tournament only had 8 participants!

Rod Trimble took the prize and Kent Farrow once again organized the day. This year we <u>must have</u> 2 volunteers to run this event and we need to have a bigger attendance to make it worthwhile.

Let us know if you plan to participate and/or are able to help with this tournament or we may have to consider cancelling this event.

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ANSWERS to Questions on page 9

WRAFT is organized to get fairer tax for waterfront owners (cottage owners and residents). If it succeeds the local populations would see further tax increases on their property. Any municipal funds not collected from waterfront owners would have to come from other local residents. The problem was caused by the previous provincial government downloading the tax burden (township and county) in rural areas onto local residents. Most provincial highways became county roads. This action caused municipalities to tax property owners to pay for many things previously paid by income taxes. This fact has hurt the poorest rural areas much greater than cities or more developed parts of Ontario. In a low population density such as ours, where due to distances everything costs more per person (schooling costs ,road costs and social services). I believe WRAFT has a point but the greater injustice is downloading cost onto property taxes rather than keeping services relatively the same in prosperous densely populated areas as in poorer sparsely populated areas.

#### SDRA can't solve these issues.

I strongly recommend that anyone with any interest in trying to keep taxes under control should go to WRAFT's web site (www.wraft.com)

Submitted by Gord McCulloch SDRA Wraft Representative

### Ratepayers Group Supports Ombudsman's Report, Calls for Moratorium on Property Assessments

<u>Toronto</u>, <u>March 28</u>, <u>2006</u> — The 100,000-member "Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation", (WRAFT), today welcomed the 22 recommendations for reforming Ontario's property assessment system made by Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin. In view of the serious problems uncovered by the Ombudsman, WRAFT also called on Queen's Park to put a moratorium on the use of the 2005 property assessments in determining property taxes.

"The Ombudsman's recommendations, aimed at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, (MPAC), will make the whole assessment process more comprehensible and fairer to the property owner," says WRAFT spokesperson Bob Topp.

While agreeing with the many MPAC reforms suggested by the Ombudsman, Topp notes that they do not touch the fundamental issues of equity in the residential property tax system. Topp wants the Ontario government to step in and refuse to permit the flawed 2005 property assessments carried out by MPAC to be used in determining property taxes.

"We now have proof that the assessment process is seriously flawed. As a result, the government should not implement the 2005 assessment." says the WRAFT spokesperson.

The 2005 assessment alone gave rise to assessment increases in excess of 30% for over 150,000 properties of which 2/3 were on waterfront. These increases were well in excess of real estate trends over the year and a half since the previous assessment and point to serious flaws in the MPAC assessment methodology.

"WRAFT believes that the capping of assessment increases, as proposed recently in a private members bill, and as used in many other jurisdictions in North America, would bring control and predictability to the property tax system," concludes Topp.

WRAFT is a coalition of 225 waterfront ratepayer associations across the province. It was formed two years ago to fight for a more equitable property tax system in Ontario.

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If the SDRA wishes to continue to be a member of WRAFT we will need to pay a \$ 200.00 Annual fee.

We will be presenting this to vote at the AGM.

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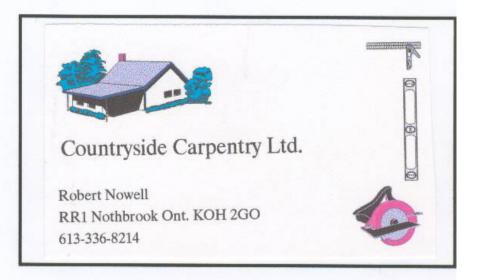


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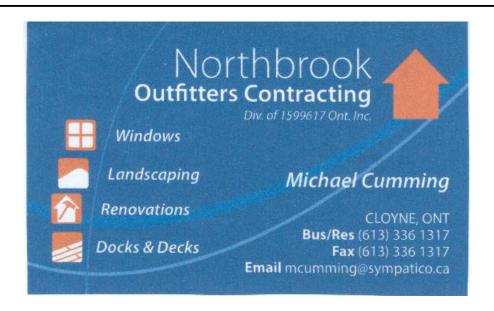
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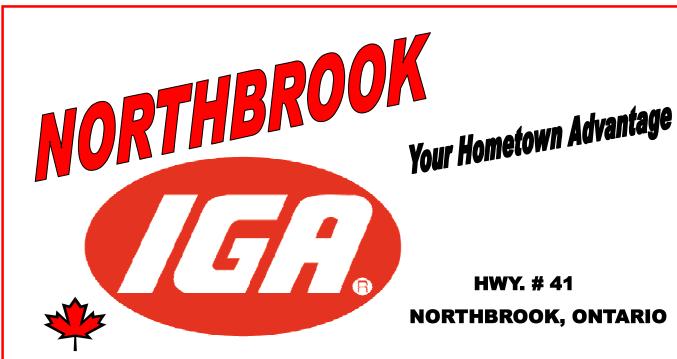
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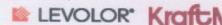
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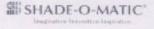
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Hello.

My name is Don Naduriak, pronounced without the "i", "Nadurak". My wife Diane, son Darren and I purchased Loon Lake Lodge from the Giles' in the spring of 2005 and ran the lodge for the first time last year. What a learning curve! We had never done anything like it before, and were very surprised at what was involved.

Among the happiest surprises were the many, many fine people we met, both local and guests. We were blessed with help at critical times by, among others, the Ballars, the Nowells, the Kellars and the Smarts. We are so grateful for the help we've received and the way we have been accepted into the community. We look forward to meeting many others of you, and we hope to contribute to the community.

Another wonderful thing was the quality of our guests. They were mainly American and were, almost without exception, gracious, kind and thoughtful. I would say that about 90% were dedicated "catch and release" fishers, with a profound regard for nature and its bounty. Of course there are people who want to take fish, but they are basically ostracized by the other guests, many of whom are proud that they will not help those who are not catch and release. Many of our guests have been returning to the lodge for 20/30 or more years. I feel a real responsibility to these people, something I never anticipated.

My wife Diane's background is in human resources where she worked for many years first as a personnel officer and then in Human Resources for the Ontario Government where, among other duties, she developed programs for persons looking for employment. She also specialized in helping those who were outsourced. Then she ran her own successful HR business for about 5 years.

Darren is now in college, learning to be a chef. He will finish the first stage this fall.

My background is in the music and entertainment industries. I had many roles including pianist, conductor, musical director, arranger, band leader, composer and educator. I produced a number of shows including the first Latin music show at Harbourfront in Toronto.

As we met people around the community last year we were constantly asked 2 questions: "are you going to serve gas to the lake" and "will you open the dining room to the lake"?

I am aware that the previous owner did not like to do either of these. As a service to the community, we are prepared to provide gas to those on the lake. We hope to provide a real convenience as well as helping to diminish the amount of gas spilled in the lake. I ask that you <u>arrive between 9 - 11 or 1:30 - 3:30</u> as we have a number of duties that we have to provide to our guests, and we are obligated to help them first.

As to the dining room, we would like to open it up, but we are determined to run the lodge on the up-and-up, and at this time it is questionable as to whether or not we can provide the necessary washroom facilities. We are working on this, and if and when we are able to provide a quality experience to you, we will then open the dining room.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the community. We look forward to meeting many new friends.

Don, Diane and Darren Naduriak

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