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Annual Message from your President: Ron Nowell

Another winter has come and gone and a strange one it was. There were record warm temperatures until January with little snow fall, poor ice conditions and then extreme cold....."Oh Canada, eh!!!!!!!"

With spring, comes poor road conditions and our lake roads are no exception. The road crews have been out trying to repair some of the worst spots and it is getting better. I hear that there may be some relief on the way for Hughes Landing Road and we'll keep you posted. By having two lake reps, past reeve Ken Hook and re-elected councillor, Louise Scott, it has helped to bring some of our tax dollars back to work on our roads. Thank you!

It seems there is quite a change going around the lake. Numerous home and cottage owners are becoming "empty nesters". The amount of water sports has declined and more pontoon boats are out cruising. I am sure that some of you will have noticed this before, but this too will change as our grandchildren and newcomers come to the lake and create new activity for us to once again enjoy. I myself am going to be a grandfather in late fall and I know I will be the first to have that grandchild on the lake skiing or tubing!

With all the changes going on, I have decided that this will be my last year as President of the SDRA. It has been a great pleasure to serve one and all as best I could. I will always be here to help in any way I can, ie: potluck, fireworks, etc. But it is time to move on; it has been 13 years. My daughter, Melissa, may be following her Dad's footsteps, as she has shown an interest in becoming a director sometime in the future. We still need more people to volunteer as directors. Please take some time to consider this as this is a very worthwhile position. It only takes a small amount of your time and it is a great opportunity to meet the people around the lake. We, as an executive, have a lot fun and have had many great times together. If you have internet access, a lot of the communication and business details can be done on-line. We are always looking for new ideas and information to keep the SDRA fresh and active. Please keep this in mind as we are looking for new directors (3) to be nominated at the AGM in July.

Looking forward, let's all make an effort to attend our summer functions. Check your SDRA calendar for the dates. Come meet your neighbours and promote life on the lake. The potluck, in August, for example, is open to everyone including family and friends. Just bring your favourite dish(es), chairs and come over to relax, play games and enjoy a great evening. Rain or shine, it is a fun time.

Speaking of rain, last year's fireworks were rained out. There will be a double whammy this year. Please continue to support this event for, as usual, this year's show promises to be spectacular. Jim has promised a big "Bang" of a show!

Have a safe and happy summer. See you at the events and on the water!

A Message from your newly elected Reeve, Henry Hogg.....

The Township of Addington Highlands recently received the "Good News" that we had been granted Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative funding for \$900,000 to aid in the reconstruction of the Skootamatta Lake/Hughes Landing Road. This construction will start as soon as possible.

The Road Supervisor cautions that users of this road can expect delays as the work proceeds.

The Addington Highlands Public Libraries at Flinton and Denbigh now provide Service Ontario and Service Canada Outreach Services. For more information visit the Web site: www.addingtonhighlandspubliclibrary.ca

The Township Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws are now in place. Further information is available at our Web site: www.addingtonhighlands.ca or at the office in Flinton.

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E-Mail henryh@sympatico.ca

And, a message from your re-elected councillor, Louise Scott...

Hi folks,

First let me thank everyone for your support in re-electing me for another term, which I will serve to the best of my ability.

I am writing this on a cold and windy day, waiting for Spring and for the ice to go and the loons to call! I remember a great boat parade from last year and it was nice to see it start in our bay.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Summer and I hope to see you all at the AGM meeting and other SDRA events.

Your "Skooter Councillor"

Louise Scott

613-336-1133



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

The Dacuk Family (John)

The Young Family (Ken)

The Hooker Family (Ross)

The Fitzgerald Family (Bob)

The Chisholm Family (Robert)

The Eensild Family (Karin)

The Clark/Parker Families (Doug)

The Kerr Family (Ken)

The Kissman/Stevenson Families (Beth)

The Coward Family (Mom)

The Reiser Family (Hugh)

The Price Family (Dr...)

And a special "Cheers" to Norm—we will miss you!

Your current SDR Executive Team are:

Karen Stacey - Director

Laury Hitchcock - Social Convener

Kent Farrow - Vice President

Ron Nowell - President

Heather Machan —Lake Steward

Lynn Garnish —Treasurer

Esther Demczak - Director

Gary Evans - Web Master

Rick Sears — Secretary

Gord McCullough —Area Rep Coordinator

Ann Chisholm — Newsletter

with much appreciated back up support from Jim Osborne

Treasurer's Report

In December 2006 Council approved to reduce the Liability amount that was required by the SDRA to carry for the lot insurance.

The amount was reduced from 5 million to 1 million thereby allowing us to manage our insurance costs. Our deductible will now be 1,000.00

2006 Report

COSTS

Lot Maintenance	650.00
AGM costs	76.52
Newsletter printing	1,983.75
Stamps	565.90
Decals	129.38
Executive shirts	235.46
COFA	100.00
Potty Rental	153.70
Insurance Premium and renewal extension	1,512.00
Banners	138.00
Office supplies	152.00
Accounting Software	114.00
Long distance charges	13.43
Insurance deductible on hold	1,000.00
TOTAL	6,824.14

INCOME

Paid members 127 X 50.	6,350.00
Advertising revenue	768.00
Ramp fees collected	118.00
Donations	100.00
Clothing Profit	93.00
Balance carried forward	757.00
TOTAL	8,186.00

<u>Net Balance</u>	1,361.86
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Waterfront Living

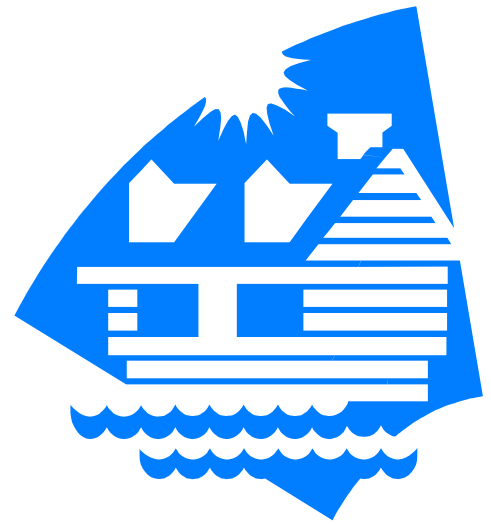
The shoreline, where land, water, and air meet is a vital link in providing plants and wildlife the resources they need for life. We too rely on shorelines for sustenance. Communities have grown up along the water's edge and we continue to return to the shore to rest and restore our spirits.

Those of us who live by water, even if only on a part-time basis, experience its magic every day. To keep this valuable resource, here are some things we can do to protect our shorelines:

- Keep your lot well treed - never clearcut;
- Protect shoreline vegetation; replant areas lacking shrubs and trees with, preferably, native species;
- Start a buffer strip by leaving some grass uncut near the water;
- Build at least 30 metres away from the shore;
- Avoid spilling fuels, antifreeze, paint thinner or other chemicals on land or water. If you do have a spill, clean it up fast;
- Don't use fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides near the water;
- Use only phosphate free soaps, detergents and cleaners in your cottage;
- Pump your septic tank regularly - every two to three years;
- Extend the life of your septic system by avoiding tank additives and minimizing water consumption;
- Refuel your boat with care;
- Watch your boat's wake - it causes erosion.

Check the new Township By-Laws before you plan any construction.
They are available on the Township web site or can be seen at the
Township Office in Finton

Macham : A family story....



Hi, we are Bill and Heather Machan and along with our large 'son dog' Sam, we live happily at 262 Osborne Point Road on lovely Skootamatta Lake.

In 1954 my parents bought the former Pearson property and my parents named it Skootamatta Lodge and ran it for some years as a tourist lodge. At the time of purchase there was no road to the 'lodge' so my father, Merrill Machan incurred the expense and endured the labour to extend a road from Loon Lake Lodge, so that the tourist could get to us.

Luckily, I was 10 at the time and was totally exempt from the hard road work much less the trials and tribulations of running a tourist lodge. This left me lots of time for fishing and roaming the surrounding woods. This made for a fantastic childhood; I had a boat and motor of my own, a cook that packed shore lunches for me and much unsupervised time to really enjoy this wonderful area. And can you imagine being a kid and knowing that the Lone Ranger once lived next door?

Eventually my parents sold the lodge, we severed some lake front lots from the original property and on one of those, Heather and I built our permanent piece of Skootamatta heaven.

From my childhood until now there have certainly been changes, but many things have stayed the same, Skootamatta Lake still has clean water, wonderful nights with the smell of birch logs on the fire, mournful loons calling, pleasant sandy beaches, good fishing, lots of original shoreline and wonderful residents, some of whom we enjoy their memory and others we enjoy their company, but all of which make Skootamatta Lake our home.

Heather and Bill Machan

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CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH IN ADDINGTON HIGHLANDS

Dr. Robert McLeman, a geographer at the University of Ottawa, is studying the impacts of the past winter on Addington Highlands. This winter has been considerably different from the historical patterns for this region. Freezing temperatures did not arrive until mid-January, but then we suddenly went into a deep freeze for several weeks. The lakes did not freeze well, making them dangerous for ice-fishing. Snowmobile trails were in poor condition throughout our region due to lack of snow.

Dr. McLeman is interested in hearing from residents about both the positive and negative effects you experienced of these winter conditions. It is part of his broader interest in how communities adapt to climate change. We can expect to see more winters like this past one due to global warming. Understanding the impacts of milder, shorter and highly variable winter conditions on the economic and social activities of communities like Addington Highlands is becoming increasingly important.

If you have information you would be willing to share with Dr. McLeman, please e-mail him at rmcleman@uottawa.ca, phone 613-562-5800 x1051, or write to him at Department of Geography, University of Ottawa, K1N 6N5. He will also be visiting our area frequently in the coming months, and plans to attend our meeting on July 7.



All Boaters must hold proof of competency to operate a water craft by September 2009.

You must have successfully completed a boating safety course and taken a Canadian Coast Guard Accredited test.

SKOOTAMATTA.CA



Submitted by Gary Evans Web Master

Those of you already connected to the Internet will probably have seen the changes to our website. From rather modest beginnings, (as www.skootamatta.com), the new site is now set up and well on its way to becoming the major source of both current and historical information about the association.

The 21st century is already well-established as the information age. While books, newspapers and durable recording media will always be with us, current events are now reported by instant information sources like TV and the internet. The internet is a very graphic medium and is quickly displacing TV as a primary source of information because it is also *interactive*. You're not limited to channels of information that broadcasters design for mass consumption. The real power of the medium is the ability for *you*, the user, to search out information that *you* think is important or interesting- aided by powerful *search engine software*.

Why should a tiny group like ours even care about using the internet ? Empowerment ! "Knowledge is power", and the quickest way to share information across a large and scattered group like ours is via a central source. Our own website on the internet is the perfect mechanism for the job.

Ironically, the wonders of this marvelous tool are not always available where they would do the most good - in areas with low population density - like cottage country. While basic, (*dial-up*), service is available anywhere via conventional telephone circuits, the high speed versions of the service are only available in urban areas with special telephone equipment, or in areas already served by cable television.

Without high-speed access, content like high resolution photographs and music is far from instantaneous, but text, electronic mail and simple graphics work just fine. Electronic mail and the internet are closely related. Part of any hook up to the internet includes one or more email addresses so you can easily exchange information (letters, pictures, etc.), with friends and family anywhere else on the planet.

If you haven't yet tried 'surfing' the internet or believe that electronic mail is too complicated or expensive to be worthwhile, take another look around. When was the last time you actually wrote out anything longer than a shopping list ? Do you still use a film camera ? Have you filled out a paper form recently that did NOT have a space for your *email* address ?

Computers are now household appliances. If you don't have one, or don't have it connected to the internet, you're missing out on a world of knowledge, entertainment, and the opportunity to meet new friends along the way

Please visit www.skootamatta.ca soon, and check back regularly. The site is being updated frequently with information relevant to members and all area residents. Suggestions for features and submissions of any kind are always welcome, (Hint: Use the "Submit Stuff" link at the right side of the page). The more the site is used, the better resource it will become for all of us.

Spring is here....and some things are about to 'BUG' you!!

Submitted by Kent Farrow

I've been a cottager most of my life and I long for the spring season and a return to the lake. I enjoy everything about spring because it means that summer is not far off. Actually, I enjoy everything about spring with the exception of those dreaded flying, two winged, itch inducing, blood seeking pests... **MOSQUITOES!!!**

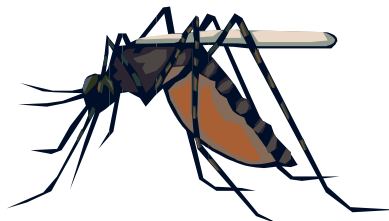
Mosquito (Diptera)..is a Spanish word for "little fly". I could handle the little darlings just fine if there were just a few of them but we all know that not to be the case. They must be insecure little devils because they seem to travel in large numbers, and why is it that they know when it's time for you to rake the leaves or...that you've got to get under the cottage to fix the plumbing? I did a little investigation on these little 'winged warriors'.

Did you know.....?

- Mosquitoes have been around for some 30 million years
- It seems that mosquitoes have a whole array of sensors that can be used to seek us out. Apparently, mosquitoes can detect heat and are good at finding it. So...if you're hot and what mammal isn't?...look out! Here's a good one....mosquitoes can also detect carbon dioxide and lactic acid up to 100 feet away and humans exhale both of these gases during normal breathing. So....no wonder they know where we are ! And, finally mosquitoes are attracted by certain chemicals in sweat. Those that sweat less are bothered less, so....don't sweat!
- All mosquitoes lay eggs in 'standing' water. This would include beaver ponds, swamps, puddles, gutters etc.. It is no coincidence that mosquito numbers decrease when we experience hot/dry summers.
- The first thing adult mosquitoes do in life is seek a mate, mate and then feed. Females continue with this cycle for many days or weeks. Males, on the other hand, only live for a few days after mating! (I'm looking for a line here!)
- Only female mosquitoes bite. . .
- Being male, being overweight and having 'O' blood type may increase the risk of being bitten.

OK....So what does one do?

1. Get the air moving, buy fans, pray for wind, anything! Mosquitoes only weigh 2.5mg so blow them away.
2. A repellent containing DEET is the best at confusing a mosquito's sensory ability although others containing citronella and catnip oil extract are available as well. (If 'kitty' seems to be waddling a little...you'll know why!)





WANTED!! Student:

Summer help to maintain SDRA property at the Boat Launch area.

For job information, please contact:

Ron Nowell 613-336-2751

The **Interior Zone** in Northbrook last year collected, on our behalf, some \$100, a percentage of their sales, and donated it back to our Association.

Please support this very worthwhile enterprise and participate in the "Earn Your Lake Association Extra Dollars" program.

We welcome new lake cottagers Mark and Sue Luxton and their daughters Samantha and Shelby!

welcome

Many thanks to the following families for those "extra" donations to the SDRA:

Doran Family

Chinnick Family

Teed Family

Schram Family

Rahm family

Interior Zone and

Doef Family

Thank You

COFA

The Conservationists of Frontenac Addington (COFA) is a non-profit volunteer group established in 1993 to represent local interests to government and government agencies. The mandate is to foster conservation, encourage the wise use of land and resources and maintain and enhance fish and wildlife populations. Some of the continuing projects are: a pickerel hatchery at Bishop Lake; stocking speckled trout in local lakes; feeding deer in the winter when necessary; improving pickerel spawning beds in Skootamatta and Mississagagon lakes; taking kids fishing every summer and giving a \$400 bursary to a local deserving student each year.

The Ministry of Natural Resource (MNR), by their own admission, has spent millions of dollars on studies on the declining pickerel stock in lakes in southern Ontario. Yet, they have cut COFA's hatchery this year down to 400,000 eggs—the hatchery capacity is 3.3 million eggs. COFA will be taking the eggs from Skootamatta lake but guarantees that a big portion of those eggs will be returned to Skootamatta Lake as swim-up fry or summer fingerlings, the remainder to be distributed to other area lakes in trouble. For Skootamatta this means a much larger chance of fish surviving that in the natural habitat. COFA is still trying to persuade the MNR to allow us to have more eggs, but so far with no success.

Our hatchery is open to anyone who would like to see its operation. It will be operating (depending on weather) at some point during the 1st three weeks of May. Anybody who would like to know more about our hatchery or other programs is encouraged to call Ron Pethick (613-336-9400), JP Pare (613-336-1765) or Dave Dacuk (613-336-9625).

The SDRS Charter

The SDRS Charter, required under corporate law, has been reviewed this year by your Executive team with able and expert support from Jim Osborne,

We have made some changes to the by-laws - all intended to simplify and clarify the role of our executive and functions of our corporation.

We will be asking for your approval of the new Charter at the AGM. It will be available for you to review at the AGM and is now posted on our web site skootamatta.ca

Please review the charter and come prepared to vote!



An Invitation Into the Past

As you plan your upcoming summer vacation, be sure to include a visit to the Pioneer Museum in Cloyne. Operated by the Cloyne and District Historical Society, the Museum is home to over 1,000 artifacts which illustrate the history of the area, from its beginnings in the lumbering industry of the 1850's, through the ups and downs of the mining booms, to the long-held importance of tourism. Also included in the collection are clothing and household items from pioneer families, as well as books, photos, and documents which demonstrate their way of life. The collection grows and changes almost daily, so even if you were in last summer, it's well worth repeat visits.

To provide a showcase for the many collections which are owned by local people, a large case is dedicated to one collection per month. Don't forget to check out what's scheduled for this summer!

As well, because many people are working on family histories, genealogy files are being developed. If you are doing research, these files and other reference books are at your disposal while the museum is open.

Located in the centre of the village of Cloyne, on the east side of Highway 41, across from the Post Office, the Museum is open during July and August, 7 days a week, from 10 AM to 4 PM. During the shoulder seasons, times of opening are by chance or by appointment. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Please drop in to see the collection this summer!

A sure sign that spring is just around the corner is the song of the red-winged black-bird as he starts claiming his mating territory

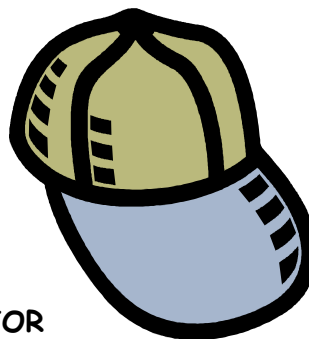
2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SAT. JULY 9th 10:00 a.m.
RAIN DATE IS July 10th

The 2006 AGM was attended by a good crowd, all of whom enjoyed the reports, speakers and great BBQ!

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.

We have lined up some great speakers for 2007 so...don't miss out!!



Again, MANY THANKS TO THE **FALBY GANG** FOR COOKING AT OUR AGM

Extra Volunteer "chefs" are always welcome!

Clothing Order Forms were sent out earlier this year in a separate mailing and by e-mail, 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

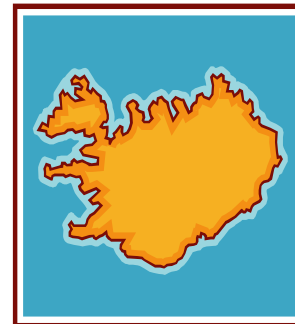
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Blake Island Commemorative Plaque....

Last year we told you the story of how Blake Island came to be named. This year a very special event will be held on Sunday, July 1st, the unveiling of a plaque in memory of Bill Blake, killed in action in 1944.



A special commemoration will be taking place this summer on Blake Island! As you may recall from last year's Skoot Newsletter, Blake Island is named after William Vincent Blake (DFC), brother of Skootamatta's own Dick Blake. William Vincent Blake received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "great gallantry in the performance of his duty" on a mission over Germany while serving with No. 428 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII. On his final Mining Sortie over the Keil Canal, night fighters badly damaged his aircraft rendering the inter-communication system inoperative and cutting off the supply of oxygen to the rear of the aircraft. Although the aircraft became difficult to control, Flying Officer Blake completed his mission but was unable to return to base. He chose Solvesberg, Sweden as the nearest point where his crew could parachute to safety and POW Camp. After safely dropping his men, he turned out to sea as he had mines on board and wanted to avoid causing civilian casualties. Perhaps he thought he could get out, but once he left the controls, that was no longer possible. In the letter that accompanied his DFC, it is written that "This officer displayed skill, courage and resolution of high order." Divers later reported seeing a body in his aircraft, but when they tried to recover the craft, the mines inside exploded, ending any opportunity to bring him "home".

As was the custom after the war, the Canadian Government honoured its fallen heroes by naming geographic features after them. There is a lake in the North West Territories named after William, and, on Dick Blake's request, Skootamatta Island #6 was renamed "Blake Island" in his honour. The Cloyne and District Historical Society, upon learning of the story behind the naming of Blake Island, commissioned the creation of a plaque that will be affixed to an island rock later this summer. Since William has no known resting place, the plaque will be a treasured reminder of a dear son and brother lost to war, whose courage will forever be remembered here on Blake Island, Skootamatta Lake. Many thanks go to the Cloyne and District Historical Society - with special mention to Margaret Axford for taking on this very special tribute and to Eleanor St. Amand for putting the wheels in motion for this to happen!

Closing Your Cottage... Tips from Hydro One

There are a few areas you should check off every time you open and close your cottage. In general, it's important to look at security, your electrical system and your water system.

Security

There are a number of steps you can take to help protect your cottage and its contents:

- If you have any year round neighbours ask them to watch your home. An idea would be to park a car in your driveway to make the cottage look occupied;
- Use timers to turn the lights on and off at specific times;
- Install outdoor motion sensors or install photoelectric cells to have the light go on automatically at night;
- Consider a security system, monitored by a reputable firm;
- Tightly close your fireplace damper to prevent animals from getting in through the chimney.

Electrical System

Some people choose to shut off electricity to their cottage in the off-season by throwing the main switch at the fuse box. If you do this, be sure to turn off all major appliances, your water heater and electrical room heaters before you turn off the main switch. This will ensure a smoother and safer start-up when you re-open your cottage.

If you leave your electricity on to operate security systems or lighting you should:

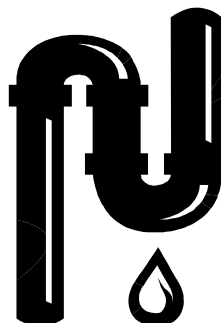
- Turn off the power supply to your major appliances at the main panel;
- Turn off the power supply to any space heaters. Otherwise they may turn on during cold weather.

Water Supply

Turn off the power to your hot water tank and drain it. Here are the steps to follow:

- Remove fuses or shut off main breaker to disconnect power to your water heater;
- Open hot water tap at the sink;
- Attach a hose to the tank's drain valve located at the bottom of the tank and direct hose toward basement drain or outdoors. Opening to drain or outdoors must be lower than drain valve to siphon out the water;
- Open the drain valve and drain tank completely. Once tank is remove hose and close drain valve;

If you are closing the house for the winter, shut off the water to the cold water from all the taps. This will prevent your pipes from freezing



completely drained,
house and drain the
and bursting.



WE NEED HELP !

There are changes coming to the SDR Executive!

Ron Nowell, and Esther Demzcek are definitely retiring this year after many years of great service. So.....we need you to come forward and offer to help. The role of Director is not an onerous but must be done if we are to continue and flourish as an Association. Some of the director positions which may be available are that of President, Lake Steward and Newsletter writer.

We will be holding elections at our AGM for the vacant positions, and will be pleased to take nominations for vacancies at that time or you can contact any of the SDR executive prior to the meeting. if you can be of help

We can't be your voice if you don't speak up!!

From *Harrowsmith*, a definition of "North of 7":

Refers to Highway 7, which crosses southern Ontario between Ottawa and Peterborough and marks the unofficial boundary between the countryside and the boonies. To admit to living "horth of 7" distinguishes you as an independent spirit who doesn't get to town much.

And, a definition of "Urban Refugee":

A highly descriptive term assigned to city-raised folks who have fled the concrete jungle for greener pastures

Cottage Area Reps

We need a few more volunteers be "Area Reps" for the Lake. The identified areas are as follows and current volunteers are listed. Please offer your help if you live in an area not yet represented:

1. Trail's End/Oberne Pt.
2. North Shore
3. Wolf Creek/Henninger Rd
4. The Narrows - Maureen Mahoney - themahoney1@aol.com
5. Jacques Bay - Suzanne Stevens - 613-354-1326
6. Upper Lake
7. Sheldrake Bay - Bill Doef - doef@on.aibn.com
8. Causeway/Lower Lake - Ann Chisholm - a.chisholm@sympatico.ca
9. East Shore - Gail Dicks - 613-336-2352

Lake Rep Duties

The main duty of the lake representative is to keep the executive, through the Area Co-ordinator, informed about special events (deaths, fires), new owners, member milestones, problems affecting the lake or residents, and other relevant information. This information is needed for our annual newsletter and for your executive to react to items which may affect our lake or members. Quite often items come up at our AGM which, if reported earlier, could have been investigated and solved or at least reported to our membership at an earlier date. The second duty, which we also see as an area responsibility, is water sampling to ensure the quality of our lake water. This duty would be co-ordinated by a Lake Steward who would report to our SDRA Executive. Please volunteer, for the position of either Steward or "Rep", by contacting Gordon McCulloch at cargomac@sympatico.ca or 613- 336- 6858 or any other member of your executive. Your feedback or comments concerning this issue would be appreciated.

Events Calendar

SDRA Events:

Sunday, July 1, 2007: **Canada Day Boat Parade**

Starting in Trail's End Bay at 11:00 am

Saturday, July 7, 2007: **Annual General Meeting and BBQ**

Starting at the Horseshoe Pits at 10:00 am. Rain date is Sunday July 8, 2007

Saturday, August 11, 2007: **Annual Pot Luck Dinner at Ron Nowell's**

This is a great social event! Come and have some fun! Bring your guests, chairs, your favourite food dish (es) and prepare to enjoy!! BYOB at 1191 Hughes Landing Road.

Saturday, September 4, 2007: **Annual Fireworks**

At dusk at the causeway. Rain date is Sunday, September 5, 2007. Please be sure to include your fireworks payment with your dues.

They keep going and going

Some of our favourite cottage ornamentals are known for their ability to outlast the gardeners who plant them:

Lilacs

Hollyhocks

Poppies

Lady's mantle and

Peonies



Canada Day Boat PARADE

July 1st at 11:00 am
Starting in Trail's End Bay



ANNUAL CANADA DAY BOAT PARADE:

We had a wonderful response to our boat parade on Canada Day last year. We counted about 27 boats of all sizes and with some very patriotic decorations. We left Sheldrake Bay just after 11:00 a.m. and cruised the lower lake and the Narrows, finishing up in Jacques Bay. Despite the windy weather, we enjoyed our annual tour and had some very enthusiastic support from the cottagers on shore.

We are hopeful that more boats will join us in this year's parade on Sunday, July 1st, 2007. This year we will form up in the bay near Trail's End at 11:00 a.m. Come on out and celebrate with us!

A reminder to all participants:

Please refrain from throwing water bottles and shooting water guns and be sure to maintain slow speeds and a steady course while you are "on parade"!

□□ Events Calendar 2007

Community Events:

May 2007

Saturday, May 19 Historical Society Yard Sale

Barrie Township parking Lot—Cloyne

June 2007

Saturday, June 24 Historical Society Museum Opening and BBQ

Cloyne

Saturday, June 23 Pine Meadow Nursing Home—Annual Yard Sale

Call Kim Cusick at Pine Meadow—613-336-9120

July 2007

Saturday, July 14 Cloyne Studio Tour

For more information contact ursula@ursulaoilpaintings.com

Thursday, July 19 @ 6:30 pm Designer Night for ladies only!!

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Regular Events

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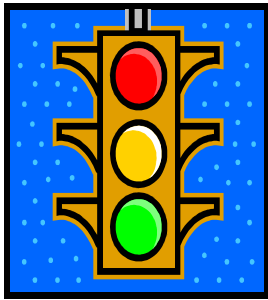
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A Skate Board Park is coming to Northbrook!!

Construction of a professional skate board park is to begin this summer, with the financial support of the Trillium Foundation. Plans include a playground and basketball court. The park is to be located on land generously donated by the Northbrook Lions Club Branch.



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Be aware that a new set of lights has been installed at the main intersection, in Northbrook. Traffic lanes have also been changed.

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Taxes, Taxes!!

WRAFT (Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation) has forced the Ombudsman and the Provincial government to review the current assessment process (MPAC). Currently, assessments are frozen until 2009.

Rather than relax until assessments are again an issue, the time is right to keep the pressure on our elected MPPs, as this is an election year. The MPP in your home riding is suggested as the target of a continued lobbying campaign.

With a computer, the process is very simple. Go to the home page of WRAFT (www.wraft.com). On the left side of the page select "E-Mail Your MPP". At the bottom of the message there are two boxes. Click on the upper drop box to find your riding. This will give you all of your MPPs particulars. Now click on "prepare a message". At this point, type in your name and address and the message you wish to send. If you want to get help with how to word your concern with waterfront evaluations, go back to the home page and look in the "members toolbox" or in "news". Once your message is compiled, hit "send". A copy to the Ombudsman would also be wise to get full effect. The Ombudsman's address is also in the "toolbox".

Alternatively, send your MPP a letter and voice your concern. If you need help with any of this, please contact me, Gord McCulloch at 613-339-6858 or by e-mail at cargomac@sympatico.ca

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Submitted by Gord McCulloch SDRA Wraft Representative

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Preparations for the 2007 tournament are now under way. Since this tournament began, this group, along with our Loyal Sponsors & Enthusiastic Golfers have raised (net funds) in excess of \$45,000 for resident's special needs at Pine Meadow. Any corporations or residents requiring information relating to sponsorship or golfing please contact Heather Machan (613 336 0689), Len Tufford (613 336 0017, or Sandi Brown (613 336 8522) .

We are considering holding a "Skoot" Golf Tournament this year but... we need a volunteer to co-ordinate the event.

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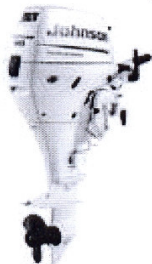


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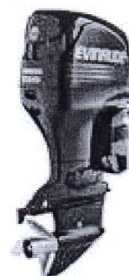


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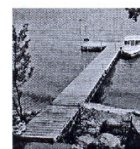
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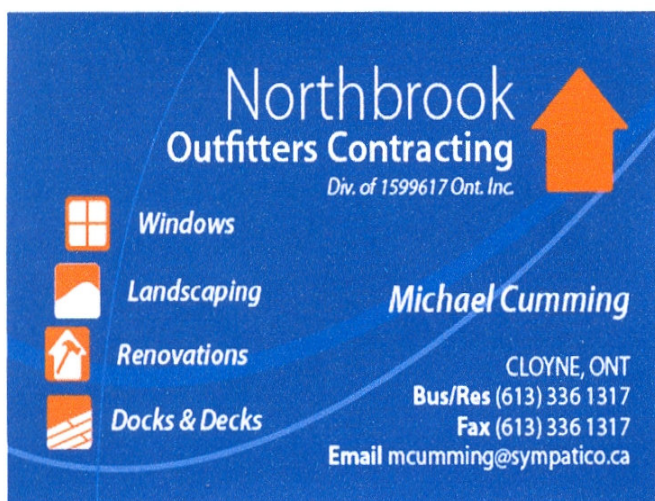
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