

SDRA Newsletter

Spring 2008

President's Message—Sheldrake RFP Summary

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the SDRA Executive involves creating and maintaining accurate and efficient lines of communication with the membership. The executive utilized our website, www.skootamatta.ca, mass emails and Canada Post to keep the membership informed during the recent RFP process. In the event that some of you did not receive our communications and are not aware of the Sheldrake Lake RFP, I am providing a short summary of this project for your information in the paragraphs to follow.

In the first week of October 2007, after the Thanksgiving weekend, I received a copy of a letter that had been sent to the Sheldrake Lake Cottage Association (SLCA) from the Addington Highlands Council. This letter informed us of a formal RFP—Request for Proposal project that was being initiated by Addington Highlands, the County of Lennox & Addington and the Ministry of Natural Resources for a potential large scale EcoDevelopment/Lodge/Resort on Sheldrake Lake. Needless to say, this came as a complete surprise to both the Sheldrake and Skootamatta Lake Cottage Associations.

Research by the SDRA revealed the following information. Since 2001, the Addington Highlands Economic and Development Committee (AHEAD) had been looking for ways to enhance the economic base of the township. In 2003, the Addington Highlands 'Official Plan' was completed and a tourism brochure was produced, posted on their website and distributed to potential developers. In 2006 a potential developer was shown a parcel of Crown Land on Sheldrake Lake. A formal RFP document was drawn up by a real estate consultant who also managed the RFP throughout the process. The SDRA and SLCA were both invited to attend a 'Proponent Meeting' in Napanee on October 27, 2007 where we were allowed to ask questions of the various partners. On November 16, 2007, I was notified that **no** proponents had come forward and that the RFP project would **not** go forward. The SDRA has not received any further correspondence regarding proposed economic development since this date.

The entire RFP process was a learning experience for all of those involved and should serve as a 'wake-up call' to everyone. Your executive will continue to monitor AH Council activities and a letter has been sent to them requesting

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2007 Executive Meeting (L to R) Kent Farrow, Esther Demczak, Lynn Garnish, Ann Chisholm, Karen Stacey, Ron Nowell, Laury Hitchcock, Heather Machan, Cathy Hook, Rosemary Teed, Rick Sears, Gary Evans, Ken Hook (missing Gordon McCulloch, Jim Osborne) (August 11, 2007)



A little song and dance at the Pot Luck (August 11, 2007)

Don't miss any
of our 2008 SDRA
events!



Fireworks at the causeway (September 1, 2007). All photos this page Ken Hook

a meeting with them and insisting on improved future communications between themselves and the SDRA and other community partners.

I apologize for the briefness of this summary but adequate time is being provided for discussion at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, July 5, 2008 at 10:00am**. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another summer season and I would ask that you spread the word about the need to attend the AGM.

Kent Farrow—SDRA President


PASSAGES

Our condolences to the following families who have lost a loved one:

The McKay Family (Marg)
The Bible Family (Doug)
The England Family (Betty)

Editor's Note

I want to thank everyone who contributed information and articles to the newsletter.

We have included in this issue a calendar of events for you to put up on your fridge or bulletin board at the cottage. It has emergency numbers, contact numbers for the township office and dump hours. There is a spot to write your civic address. Fill this in so friends and family visiting your cottage will know what information to give the 911 operator in case of an emergency. Look for the loon from Karen Stacey's decal design to locate SDRA events on the calendar. 

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If you have stories and photos you would like to contribute to next year's newsletter please send them along to:

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An Invitation to our Sheldrake Neighbours

We are sending our newsletter to Sheldrake Lake residents this year and extending an invitation to become members. We believe we have a lot of common issues and a stronger association would be of mutual benefit. The \$50 dues help pay for the printing of the newsletter, insurance and association events and activities. This year we will be holding a septic seminar—we think that this is such an important issue for our lakes everyone is welcome.

In addition you have the option of paying \$25 for our end of season fireworks display. The display is financed entirely from our fireworks fund—no dues money is used so the more money contributed the bigger the bang.

Hope you can join us!

2007 Treasurer's Report

Lynn Garnish

The membership for the year 2007 has increased tremendously. We had 176 Paid Members! That is a 40% increase since last year.

Thank You for your continued support.

Here is a breakdown of our current financial status. A detailed accounting sheet will be made available to members at the AGM.

Our Income was	\$12,024.75
Our Costs were	\$ 7,534.69
Net	\$ 4,490.06
Plus balance forward	\$ 2,361.86
Bank Balance as of Feb 2008	\$ 6,851.92

Less our Insurance deductible of \$1,000.00 (on hold) we have a healthy balance of \$5,851.92 which is comprised of our Boat Ramp Fund (1,602.00) which has been collected since 2000 and an accumulated profit from clothing sales of (2,201.75) which has also been collected since 2000.

Water Testing 2008

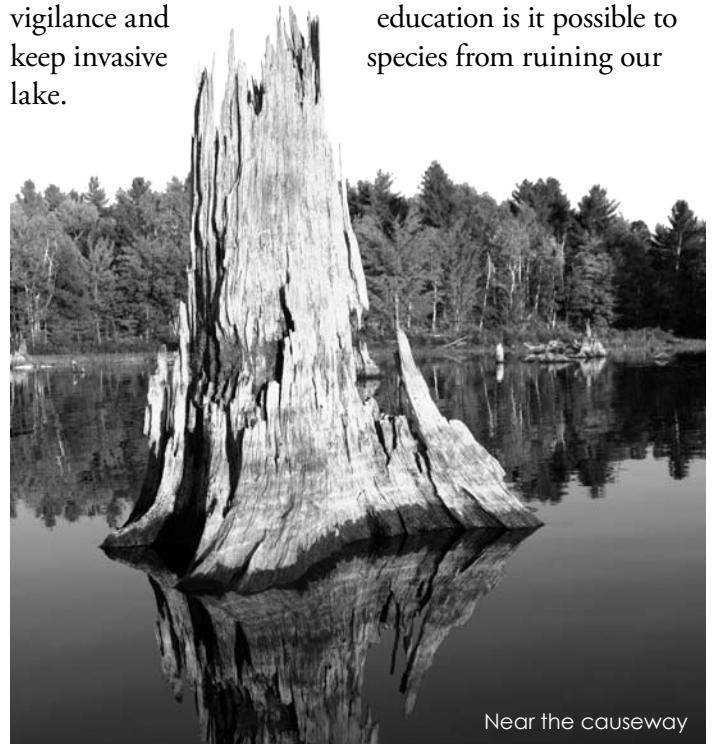
Gord McCulloch, Rosemary Teed and Ken Hook will be involved in the water testing program for 2008 in conjunction with the Area Reps. Your Executive agreed to undertake additional testing measures which will include *E. coli*, nitrogen and phosphorus testing from up to 9 different sites on the lake. In addition, the regular testing will continue coordinated by Gord McCulloch and involves taking 3 samples of water in 3 deep areas and submitting them to the Partners Program for analysis for phosphorus.

The samples are to be taken in May preferably early. The results may be available by our annual meeting. Previous results of this testing for the last few years should show on our web site. We are advised by the Ministry of the Environment that two or three tests in deep areas are sufficient to keep track of trends. Specific tests near shore lines are indicative of local

pollution. In addition we will be taking weekly secchi disk readings during the summer to give us a record of water clarity. These results are phoned in to the Partner Program but results will not be available until fall. To read the past results from any lake including Skootamatta, with a good explanation of the Partner Program go to www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/index.htm.

The testing sites will be identified by GPS coordinates so that future testing will occur in the same location if desired. Results will be forwarded to Gary Evans, our Webmaster, for posting when received. They will also be reported in the newsletter next year. The Executive has budgeted a maximum of \$500 for this extra water testing for 2008.

In addition, invasive species testing will occur through a program funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources and administered by the Ontario Anglers and Hunters Federation. Round Gobi, Spiny Water Flea and Zebra Mussels are all having an impact on our northern lakes. To identify if these species are already present, net collections are done throughout the lake. A lab analyzes the results and reports back to the SDRA. This is a free program for SDRA and is the best way to determine if these "undesirables" are in Skootamatta. Only through vigilance and education is it possible to keep invasive species from ruining our lake.



Near the causeway

Partners Program
www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/index.htm

Are we ready for a LMP?

Lake Steward Rosemary Teed

Q: *What is a LMP?*

A: A LMP (Lake Management Plan) is a long term plan of action, developed by the lake community, to reflect and preserve the special character of a lake.

Q: *Who is involved in developing a LMP?*

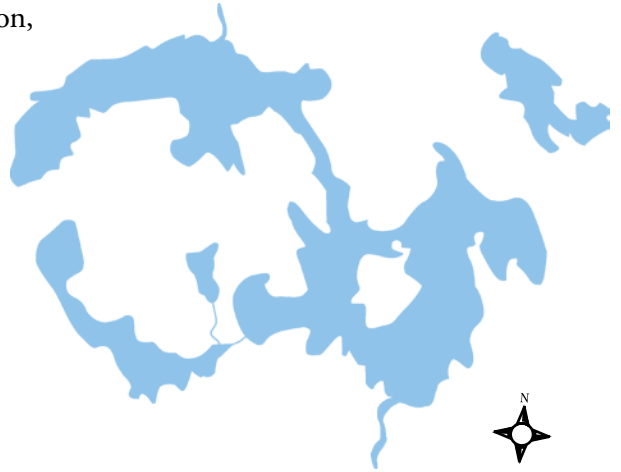
A: Everyone involved in the lake community is a potential participant in a LMP.

Q: *How useful is a LMP?*

A: With maximum community participation in a LMP we can protect and nurture our lake and community.

Q: *Do you want a LMP for our Lake Skootamatta?*

A: Come to the AGM and learn more about the proposal for a Lake Skootamatta LMP!



Cottage Area Reps

1. Upper Lake	Bill Garnish Bruce Goodale	bill.garnish@cogeco.ca goodale1966@earthlink.net 613-354-1326
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7. North Shore	Lynda Wheeler	
8. Wolf Creek	Rosemary Teed	teeds@hughes.net (613-336-0058)
9. Trail's End/Oberne Point	Bev Scott	

The main duty of the lake representatives is to keep the executive, through the Area Coordinator, 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 is coordinated by a Lake Steward who reports to our SDRA Executive.

The Coordinator of the Area Reps is
Gordon McCulloch. Reach Gordon at:

cargomac@hughes.net or
613-336-6858.

Are Skootamatta Loons in Danger?

By Ken & Cathy Hook

During a November visit to Sandbanks Provincial Park, we were surprised by finding not one but 3 dead loons along the shoreline. This was in the span of about 3 km. The lake level appeared low and the shoreline was covered with a gray sand of dead zebra mussels in some places a foot deep. Having never seen a dead loon before in all our hiking, the sighting prompted us to search the internet for an explanation.

In the fall, large numbers of migrating loons, mergansers and other diving ducks rest and feed offshore on the Great Lakes. In the fall of 1999 there were major outbreaks of Type E botulism on lakes Erie and Huron. At least 700 Common Loons died on Lake Huron and several thousand birds, mostly Red-Breasted Mergansers died on Lake Erie. Since 1999 Type E botulism has killed 75,000 fish eating birds representing 52 different species on the Great Lakes 9,000 of them loons. The bacteria has also claimed dozens of lake sturgeon and thousands of salamanders, known as mud puppies, in lakes Erie and Ontario.

Type E botulism is a form of food poisoning that occurs when animals digest toxin produced by the strain of bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*. There appears to be a link between this Type E botulism, zebra mussels, gobies and global warming. Research is ongoing, but biologists believe zebra mussels, quagga mussels and round gobies that hitchhiked into the Great Lakes in the 1980's in the ballast tanks of ocean freighters cre-

ated a new link in the food chain, one that delivers Type E botulism to fish and fish-eating birds. The naturally occurring bacteria is filtered from the bottoms of lakes by zebra and quagga mussels which are then consumed by round gobies. Loons and other fish-eating bird species become infected with the deadly bacteria when they eat the gobies. The toxin causes muscle paralysis. Water birds drown because they cannot hold their heads out of the water.

There are about 545,000 loons that nest each summer in Canada and while scientists do not believe they are in any immediate danger of being wiped out by Type E botulism there is concern that outbreaks could quickly reduce their numbers. Loons produce on average less than one chick per year.

What can we do to preserve our Loons and monitor invasive species?

We can ensure boaters and fisherman are informed about proper boat cleaning techniques prior to launching and proper use of baits (see next article).

Zebra mussels can be brought to our lake by boats, trailers, personal watercraft and seaplanes. Use of gobies as bait is illegal. In addition gobies eat bass and trout eggs and are very prolific.

We can undertake an Invasive Species Monitoring Program (see next article).

For more information on loons and botulism see: www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=203769



PHOTO Cathy Hook

Invading Species Monitoring

Your Executive voted in favour of participating in the Invasive Species Monitoring Program in 2008. This free program is in partnership with the MNR, OFAH and various other stakeholders including the University of Guelph and York University.

The purpose of the program is to monitor aquatic wildlife species in lakes to determine their spread and to give advance warning to residents that a lake may have these species present. The program may provide participants with early identification of the presence of aquatic invasive species, thus providing an opportunity to initiate protection systems to minimize impacts.

The sampling is done in the summer (June to September) and takes about 3–4 hours. A special net is shipped as part of the sampling kit to collect plankton (small plant and animal life) in the lake. Several sites are chosen in the lake based on the sampling criteria in the on-line volunteer manual at www.invadingspecies.com. OFAH staff examine the plankton samples under the microscope. In their early stages the species may be too small to see with the naked eye hence laboratory examination is required.

The early life stage of Zebra Mussels (veligers) are present at least 2 years in a lake before adult mussels become noticeable. Thus, if veligers are discovered in our lake it will give us a chance to heed the warning and prepare for the negative impacts of the zebra mussel. However, a negative result is not a guarantee that Zebra Mussels, Spiny Water Flea and other invading species do not exist in our lake. Proper precautions should always be taken in order to prevent the potential spread of invading aquatic species.

Boaters:

- Inspect your boat, motor, trailer, and boating equipment such as anchors and fishing gear, centerboards, rollers, and axles. Remove any zebra mussels and other animals and plants that are visible before leaving any waterbody.
- Drain water from the motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while on land immediately before leaving the waterbody.

- Wash or dry your boat, tackle, downriggers, trailer, and other boating equipment to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch. Some aquatic species can survive more than two weeks out of water. Therefore, it is important to:
 - ◆ Rinse your boat and equipment that normally gets wet with hot tap water (greater than 40° C), or
 - ◆ Spray your boat and trailer with high pressure water (250 psi), or
 - ◆ Dry your boat and equipment in the sun for at least 5 days before transporting them to another body of water.
- Empty your bait bucket on land before leaving any body of water. Never release live bait into water, or release aquatic animals from one water body into another. **It is illegal to use gobies, ruffe or rudd for bait!**

Personal watercraft owners, float plane operators, waterfowl hunters & scuba divers: Visit the website for more information on what you can do to prevent the spread of invading species if you move between lakes.

Remember—Don't dump fish or plants from your aquarium or garden pond into the lake. A good rule of thumb is—if it didn't come out of Skootamatta don't put it into Skootamatta.

Several lakes nearby have participated in the monitoring program and results posted on the invading species website:

2004—Big Gull Lake in North Frontenac—spiny water flea (swf)

2005—Ashby Lake in Addington Highlands—neither swf nor zebra mussels

—Crotch Lake in North Frontenac—swf but no zebra mussels

—Fawn, Grindstone, Palmerston and Sunday Lakes in North Frontenac—neither swf nor zebra mussels

Rice Lake near Peterborough is the first inland lake in the province to have round goby reported.

www.invadingspecies.com

Cracking in dam brought to Quinte Conservation and MNR attention

Director Report
Lake Steward Ken Hook

Last fall I was at the Skootamatta dam and noticed that one of the 3 concrete buttresses which supports the dam is cracked and deteriorating. If the dam were to fail the water level in the lake would drop by 5 feet and there would be the potential for extensive flooding downstream.

I sent emails with photos to Quinte Conservation and the MNR (Bancroft) to alert them of a future potential problem. Mr. Bob Walroth, the Mazinaw Area Supervisor (Bancroft Office), was particularly interested in the dam condition and stated they would be sending an engineer out to inspect the dam.

Skootamatta Lake and river are part of the Quinte Conservation Watershed system. Some of our municipal tax money goes to Quinte Conservation—an authority responsible for the environmental protection of our watershed.

Terry Murphy, the General Manager at Quinte Conservation in Belleville responded to general questions about the watershed and the dam.

Q *The Quinte Conservation website explains the purpose and rationale for lowering/raising lake levels. Who exactly pulls or inserts the logs?*

A: The dam operations are carried out by Quinte Conservation staff.

Q: *The summer/fall 2007 showed very low lake levels. How do the wa-*

ter requirements downstream determine pulling of the logs?

A: We have never taken logs out of the dam to increase flows downstream.

Q: *At the AGM in the summer of 2007 you stated that water generation requirements in Belleville or other areas have no impact on our upstream water levels at Skootamatta. Can you confirm this?*

A The hydro project in Belleville is a 'run of the river system' that simply means that the operation of the site is based on whatever water is naturally available, there will be no operation of dams upstream for the hydro project. I know that is hard to understand but if we pulled a log at the Skootamatta dam to let water out, by the time that water got through the system it would not be noticeable in Belleville. There would be no benefit to such an operation.

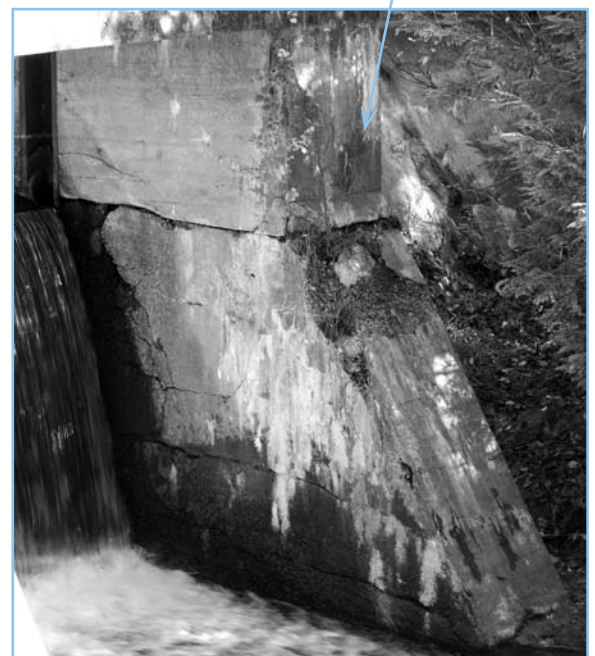
Q: *As the level of the Great Lakes continues to fall have you received any direction from the Province to alter water flow in the Quinte catchment area?*

A: We have not and never will receive direction from the Province to alter the management of our watersheds to improve levels in the Great Lakes. The amount of water flowing

through systems is so small that it would have very little if any impact on Lake Ontario. We would never agree to any such move because our responsibility is to our own watersheds.

Q: *The website talks about the "regulated summer water level". Can you explain?*

A: The regular summer water level is between 3.1 and 3.3 metres on the gauge at the Skootamatta dam.



One of 3 cement buttresses supporting the dam showing signs of cracking

This level was agreed to by the MNR several years ago.

Here is some additional information regarding the Skootamatta dam from the Quinte Conservation website:

Dam 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 VI Township of Addington Highlands

Purpose: The primary purpose of the dam is the control of the lake water levels for recreational and fish/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 (3.1-3.3 metres on the gauge).

During the summer months the water level on 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 levels and to prepare for the spring runoff.

Note: The dam is owned by the MNR and is operated by Quinte Conservation.

www.quinteconservation.ca

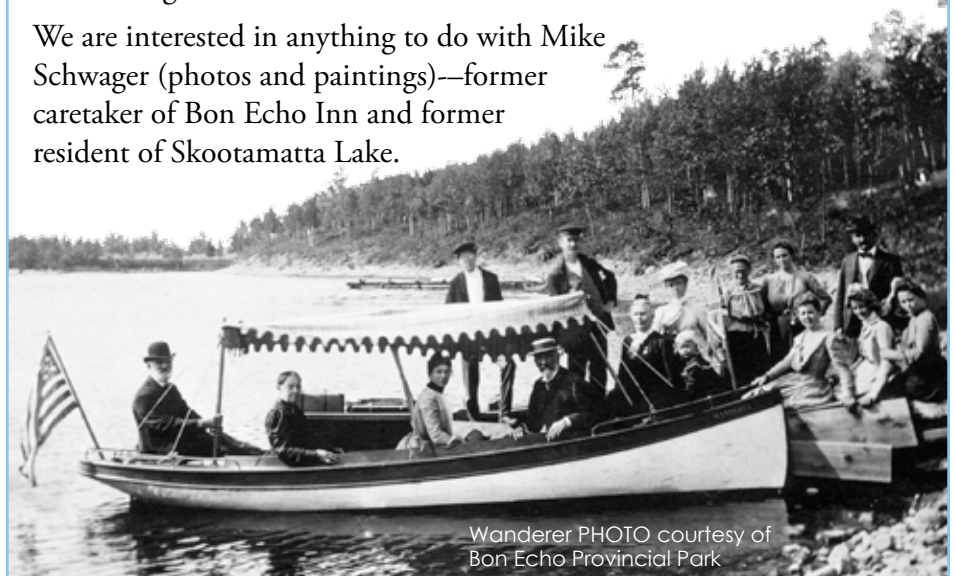
History of Bon Echo Documentary

Ken and Cathy Hook are undertaking a video documentary on Bon Echo's history. The project which will span over 3 years will examine discovery and development of this area from aboriginal visitation to current day activities. A collection of historical photos, documents and interviews will be used in the film. The production will be digitally filmed in high-definition and available on DVD at local retailers.

If you wish to contribute historical photos which might be applicable to early development of the area we would be pleased to hear from you. All photos are carefully digitally scanned, returned to you, and appropriately credited in the film. For more information go to:

www.45degreeslatitude.com/html/bonecho_doc.html

We are interested in anything to do with Mike Schwager (photos and paintings)—former caretaker of Bon Echo Inn and former resident of Skootamatta Lake.



Wanderer PHOTO courtesy of Bon Echo Provincial Park

Give us your best shot(s)! Photo contest



- Picture must be of the lake or immediate surroundings (west side of #41)
- Picture must be taken by a local resident, SDRA member or guest (non-professional)
- original size, digital files are preferred, but good quality prints are also accepted (will be returned)
- (2) age categories—"Adult" and "14 and under"
- all entries will be displayed on the website
- for more details and a list of prizes visit the website: www.skootamatta.ca

Labour day

deadline

Flora Macdonald (1867-1921)

"The Sunset of Bon Echo" in 6 issues (1916-20), dedicated to the teachings of Walt Whitman

Submitted by
James G. Osborne

Many years ago, Bob Blatchford, the unofficial historian of the Skootamatta Lake area, met the Ottawa neighbour and friend of Ross and Bette Osborne, Dr. Franklin ('Duff') Hicks, who had a significant library of rare books. Shortly before his death (and with anticipation of such), Dr. Hicks 'bound' Bob with an assignment—accept his sole copy of one of the above booklets, find the other five issues and republish the series. Bob made a promise to Dr. Hicks to do this very thing, and Duff passed on shortly afterward. This was a matter of considerable seriousness for both of them.

Over the next several years, and after an extensive search of area antique book stores and internet book dealers, he found three of the missing issues, including one from Cleveland. During this period, after discussions with Bob, Ian Brumell and Margaret Axford also commenced a search and later in 2005 found a complete set at Queens University, in the papers donated by Mary Savigny, who had been secretary to Flora's son, Merrill Denison. The collaboration between Bob and area people—Ian and Margaret, Stuart MacKinnon, university archivist and poet, continued, and Bob agreed to finance the cost and to arrange for republication through George Logan at Actinolite Graphics.

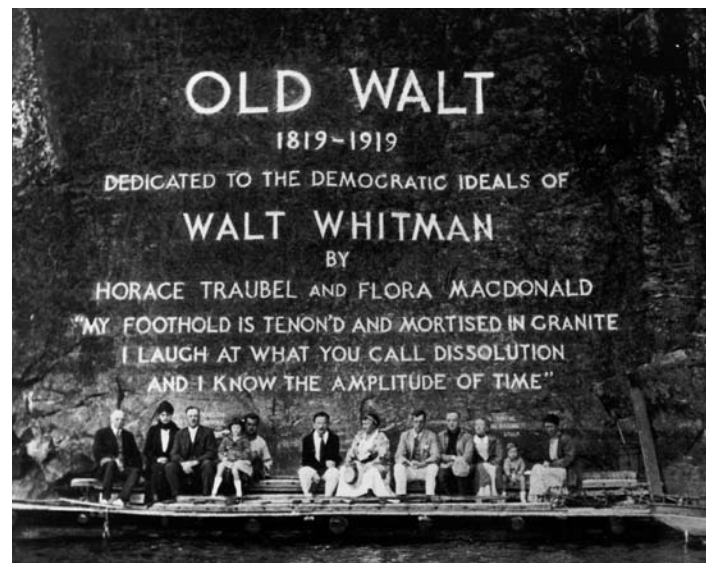
In the Summer of 2006, with a lead order from Helen Yanch of The Friends of Bon Echo and the Greystones Gift and Book Shop, and with smaller orders from the Cloyne and District Historical Society, Bob and myself, the 6 reprinted issues became available for sale at the Greystones Shop at Bon Echo and at the Cloyne Museum—and are still available at a modest cost, due to the unpaid, unreimbursed and the volunteer efforts of those above people. Flora's 90 year old activities are no longer lost with the passage of time.



Flora Macdonald may be one of the most talented persons born in Lennox and Addington, whose life achievements are singularly remarkable—born in poverty on the Skootamatta River near Actinolite, teacher, seamstress for Simpsons, entrepreneur, reporter/writer in Toronto and Detroit, international leader of Women's Suffrage, author and almost fanatical devotee of Walt Whitman, as evidenced by her purchase and operation of the hotel and property on the Mazinaw, dedicated to Walt, and the original site of what became Bon Echo Provincial Park. The Bon Echo Rock area has been a sacred place for hundreds of years and, no question, Flora understood this.

My family's interest in this effort relates in part to the visits by my grandfather, A. Ross Osborne (the son of an executive of the CPR, which had the train run to Kaladar—the 'jumping off' point to Bon Echo), who also visited Skootamatta Lake. As a result of such visits, he started buying land in 1920, commenced cottage building in 1922 and encouraged several of his friends to do likewise, many built under his direction assisted by Mike Schwager and the Bey brothers, in the early '20s—which became the majority of the first 15–20 cottages on the Lake.

Please visit Bon Echo and the Cloyne Museum to see the changes—and buy a set of Flora's "The Sunset of Bon Echo". The small profit contributes to their worthy deeds—and your soul, in reading her works about Walt Whitman, may profit immensely.



Flora Macdonald commissioned Scottish stonemasons to carve the Walt Whitman dedication into the granite face of Bon Echo Rock. It could be seen from the veranda of the Inn. (Photo courtesy of the Cloyne & District Historical Society)

Reeve's Message

Construction of the Hughes Landing/Skootamatta Road will continue in the spring with the objective of complete Tar & Chip Surface treatment as far as the causeway this year.

All residents are reminded that outdoor burning is only permitted from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM. Please check the Township Web site or the office for further information.

The County of Lennox & Addington Economic Development Coalition, the Township of Addington Highlands and Ministry of Natural Resources staff will continue to pursue the release of Crown Land for Tourism related Commercial development.

Henry Hogg

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For Fire Ban Information call **613-336-1851**

If a fire ban has been issued, no burning of campfires or incinerators is allowed. (Only propane or charcoal BBQ's can be used for outdoor cooking but must be within 100 m of an occupied dwelling).

Between April 1 and October 31, burning of brush can only be done after 7 pm and before 7 am.



Causeway PHOTO Cathy Hook

SDRA Events for 2008

July

Canada Day Boat Parade

Tuesday July 1

Leaves at 11:00 a.m. from Jacques Bay and ends at Sheldrake Bay

No Rain date

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and BBQ

Saturday July 5

Start time 10:00 a.m. at the Horseshoe Pit near Trails End

Rain Date July 6

Septic Seminar

Saturday July 26

10:00 a.m. at the Barrie Township Hall
Cloyne

August

Pot Luck

Saturday August 9

4:00 p.m. at Ron Nowell's.

BYOB, lawn chairs and your favourite dish

Fireworks

Saturday August 30

By boat or road to the causeway at dusk

Rain date August 31

Canada Day Boat Parade

Laury Hitchcock

It is hard to imagine floating around on our lake, decorated with our flags and balloons on this last day of March. We have just come home from another spectacular day of snowmobiling and there is still nearly 80 to 90 cm of snow in the bush. The lake still has more than 30 cm of ice in most places, the sun is shining and, when we look at the huge piles of snow on our property, we find it hard to believe that summer will ever come!

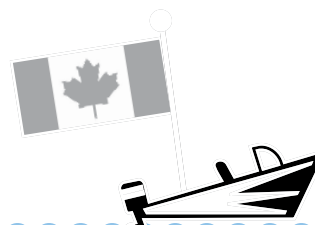
I think that our weather today is actually nicer than the weather that we had for last year's boat parade. Some of us were wearing winter coats in our boats due to the cold, wet and windy weather. However, in the true spirit of fun and adventure that most cottagers have, we had 27 boats participate in our annual Skootamatta Lake Canada Day Boat Parade.

We started out in the Trail's End bay at 11:00 a.m., after our usual off-key version of "O Canada". Our course took us around most of the lower lake and into Sheldrake Bay. However, the parade seemed to break up when we crossed the lower lake to head up

the Narrows. Justifiably, many participants headed home early due to the hostile weather. We do commend the die-hards for coming out and thank all of the "onshore" fans who cheered, waved flags and helped to make the parade a success once again.

This year our parade will begin in Jacques Bay at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1st and we will proceed down the Narrows, along the North Shore cottage area, into Trail's End Bay, along the Lower Lake shores past the Causeway and into Sheldrake Bay. The parade will end in Sheldrake Bay this year and begin there and end in Jacques Bay next year. We hope to stick to this basic route from now on as it passes the majority of the cottages on the lake. Please plan to join us at any point along the route or cheer the parade on from shore. We look forward to better weather this year and another successful Canada Day Boat Parade!

See you there.



Community Events for 2008

May

Historical Society Yard Sale &
Land O'Lakes Garden Club
Perennial Sale

Saturday, May 17
9 a.m. on



Barrie Township parking lot
Cloyne (moves inside the hall in
the event of rain)

Donations of household goods,
furniture, books etc. accepted
To arrange for collection contact
Carolyn McCulloch
613-336-6858

June

Historical Society BBQ,
Museum Opening and Book
Launch

Saturday June 21
Cloyne

July

Turkey Supper
Saturday July 5
Township Recreation Centre
Flinton

Time: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$10.00
Children aged 6-12 \$4.00
Children under 6 eat free

Cloyne Studio Tour
Saturday July 11, 12, 13
For more information email:
ursula@ursulaoilpaintings.com

Roast Beef Supper
Wednesday July 16
Harlowe Community Centre
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$10.00
Children 12 & under \$5.00
preschoolers free

Roast Pork Supper
Wednesday July 23
Harlowe Community Centre
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$10.00
Children 12 & under \$5.00
preschoolers free

Bon Echo 13th Annual Art
Exhibition and Sale
Friday July 25 from 11-5
Saturday July 26 from 10-5
Sunday July 27 from 10-4
Bon Echo Park
www.mazinaw.on.ca/fobecho

August

Flinton Country Bluegrass
Jamboree
August 1, 2, 3
Township Recreation Centre
Flinton
See local newspapers and posters for
details or visit the website for a list
of performers, admission fees and
ticket information
www.flintonrecreationclub.ca

Roast Beef Supper
Wednesday August 6
Harlowe Community Centre
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$10.00
Children 12 & under \$5.00
preschoolers free

Cloyne Showcase 2008
Friday, August 8 from 10-5
Saturday August 9 from 10-5
Sunday August 10 from 10-4
Arts and Crafts Show and Sale
North Addington Education Centre
Cloyne, for more information email:
ursula@ursulaoilpaintings.com

October

Historical Society
Thanksgiving Bake Sale
Saturday October 11
Barrie Hall, Cloyne



Thanksgiving Turkey Supper
Saturday October 11
Township Recreation Centre,
Flinton
Time: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$10.00
Children aged 6-12 \$4.00
Children under 6 eat free

Regular Events

Bingo
Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Northbrook Lions Hall
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Flinton Recreation Centre
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Must be 18 to play.

Adult Drop-in
Every Tuesday from 10:00
a.m. to 2:00 pm
Northbrook Lions Hall
Come for lunch, exercises, games,
crafts or for a social outing

In the Community

Northbrook Skatepark now completed



Last year a skatepark was constructed in Northbrook, designed by Canada's premier designer from British Columbia—Spectrum Skatepark Creations. The newly dedicated Tracy Park is a joint effort between the Township of Addington Highlands, the Lions Club and the AH Recreation Club. The unique concrete and stainless steel boomerang surface gives skateboarders of all levels some interesting challenges. It is modular in design with a bowl to be added some time in the future. This year topsoil and seeding will take place to give the skatepark a more finished appearance.

A new playground and 2 basketball hoops are planned for 2008. It is hoped that public washrooms will be added in conjunction with the new radio station. The radio station is planned to be built next to the Northbrook Firehall.

Close to \$20,000 has been raised through public charitable donations for construction of the Park. The Ontario Trillium Foundation generously contributed another \$75,000. A permanent donor board recognizes all donations over \$100. Further information is available through the township office: 613-336-2286

All are welcome at the free skatepark. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an older responsible person. Roller blades and BMX

bikes with a maximum 20" wheels with pegs removed are welcome. A complete list of rules is posted at the skatepark.

Cloyne and District Historical Society

The Cloyne 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. Plan a visit to the museum and discover local photographs, tools, implements and displays from our past.

The Cloyne Historical Society made application for and has received a grant from the Trillium Foundation to fund two key projects:

1. Printing of the 5th edition of *The Oxen and the Axe*, a book of local reminiscence. The new edition will include an index, biographies of the authors, and some new or renewed photographs. The exciting launch of this new edition will coincide with the opening of the museum on Saturday, June 21. Everyone is invited.

2. Archiving of their historical assets including photographs and family histories so that anyone doing research will have access.

SUMMER
Hours of
Operation:
July and August
Daily: 10am - 4pm



Flinton Library

Residents of Addington Highlands can obtain a membership to the Flinton (or Denbigh) library at no charge.

The library offers:

- A large selection of Large Print books and DVD's
- New Releases arriving weekly
- Inter-Library loans allowing access to books from any library in Ontario
- Inter-Branch loans access to the books at the Denbigh library
- Children's programs the second Tuesday of the month from September to June
- The Children's TD Summer Reading program weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6pm – 7pm in July and August. This year's theme is *Laugh out Loud*.
- CAP site with high speed internet and wireless networking
- Service Canada Outreach services and Service Ontario services offering access to government forms and information.

Hours

Mon.	5 pm – 8 pm
Tues.	12 pm – 7 pm
Wed.	9 am – 1 pm
Thurs.	4 pm – 7 pm
Sat.	9 am – noon

Flinton Library
927 Flinton Rd
613-336-1091



www.addingtonhighlandspubliclibrary.ca

In the Community

Climate Change



Dr. Robert McLeman of the University of Ottawa spoke at last years AGM about his Climate Change research project—how the changes in climate impact the economic and social well-being of Addington Highlands.

Over the course of the year Dr. McLeman met with local residents, held townhall meetings and collected weather data. His results were presented at public meetings held in Denbigh and Flinton this past March.

Our winters tend to be milder, shorter and less snowy; our summers are regularly hotter and dryer and we have seen increases in windiness. These trends will negatively impact winter tourism, retailers, forestry, road maintenance and repair while increasing risks of road accidents, property damage, power outages and fires. The benefits include lower home-heating costs in some winters, greater access to seasonal properties and more reliably warm summer conditions for tourists.

Dr. McLeman lists the following as non-climatic barriers to adapting to these weather trends: lack of cell-phone and broadband internet service, inadequate health care service, rising energy costs, rising Canadian dollar, offloading of infrastructure and service costs to municipalities, winter closure of Bon Echo Park

and the unresolved First Nations land claim.

The full report is at the website. A few printed copies will be available at this years AGM.

Dr. Bob Retires

Dr. Bob and Marjorie Ubukata recently retired and the Green Bay Veterinary Hospital is now closed.

If one of your pets needs to see a Vet, Dr. Ubukata is suggesting you contact the Richmond Veterinary Clinic in Napanee. They have all Dr. Bob's patient records.

Appointment & Emergency number is 613-354-2330.

Land O'Lakes Garden Club



The recently formed Land O'Lakes Garden Club has been busy working on a fundraising beautification project for our area. With the help of the community, cedar flower boxes have been built, filled and will be distributed to businesses in Kaladar, Northbrook, Cloyne and Denbigh who have purchased this service.

Another project of the Garden Club is the Cloyne Pioneer Cemetery on Little Pond Road. With a grant secured by the County of North Frontenac a major face-lift was undertaken on this weed filled cemetery. Now there are walkways, benches and gardens. Still to be completed are a watering system and another bench with signage.

Slow Down or Move Over—it's the Law

I heard this story in our local post office recently and thought I should pass it along.

A motorist drove by a police car that had its lights flashing parked along the side of Highway 41 north of Napanee. Further up the road the motorist was pulled over by this police officer and fined \$400. The motorist had no idea why.

He was pulled over because of the "move over law". Motorists are required to slow down and, where possible and safe to do so, move to a lane not adjacent to the one in which the emergency vehicle is situated. The law is meant to protect police, fire fighters and ambulance personnel against injury when stopped along the road providing emergency assistance.

For the first offence the fine is not less than \$400 and not more than \$2000. For second and subsequent convictions, the fine is a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$4,000, six months in jail or both a fine and jail sentence. All convictions will result in three demerit points. The court can also suspend a motorist's driver's licence for up to two years.

In case the motorist might be tempted to challenge the fine in court—this is not a new law but has been on the books since 2003. SDRAs members should know there are similar laws in several US states including Florida. (Ontario Traffic Act section 159).

www.addington.uottawa.ca

Walleye in Skootamatta

Background

The Mazinaw Area of the Bancroft District MNR contains approximately 50 walleye lakes. Walleye were primarily introduced in the Mazinaw Area through stocking practices in the 1920s through 1950s, and were often introduced into lake trout lakes which provide marginal walleye habitat. Between 1997 and 2002 14 lakes in the Mazinaw Area were assessed using the provincial standard Fall Walleye Index Netting (FWIN) survey. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec use this method to measure the following as an indicator of walleye sustainability.

- Relative Abundance
- Size Distribution
- Relative Stock Density
- Age Distribution and Mortality
- Growth
- Condition
- Sex Ratio by Size
- Maturity Schedule by Size & Age
- Reproductive Characteristics

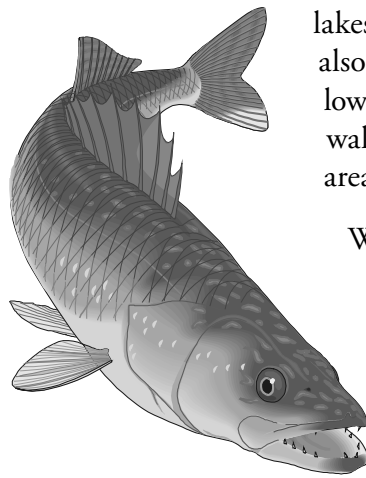
How are we doing?

The majority of walleye populations in the Mazinaw Area that have been assessed using the FWIN method are below the regional average in abundance.

Six of the fourteen lakes are considered poor abundance, three are below average, four are above average and one is excellent when compared to the regional average (Figure 1).

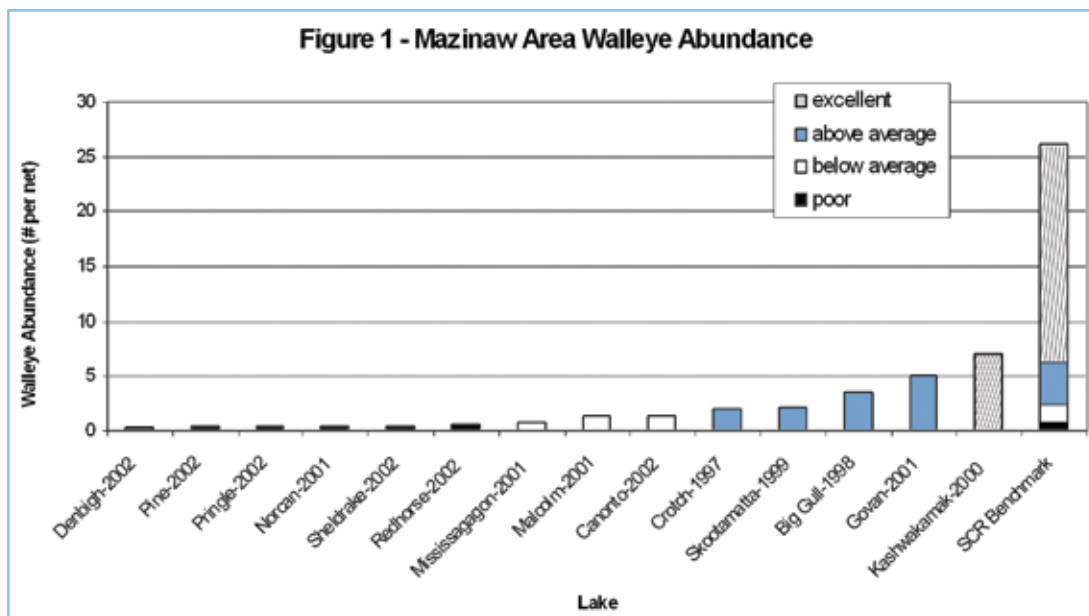
There are several stressors on walleye populations in the region that may account for low relative abundance including: high exploitation (harvest rates), shoreline development and alterations, decreased water quality, invasive species introductions (both exotics such as zebra mussels and native introductions such as rock bass, crappie, smallmouth bass), excessive water level fluctuations, and changes in fish community structures (eg more predators or less prey). The majority of lakes that are presently managed for walleye also contain marginal walleye habitat with low productivity; therefore highly abundant walleye populations are not common in the area.

Walleye populations respond to stress in a number of ways including increased growth rates, higher egg production, earlier age at maturity, lower catch per unit effort (CUE), decreased mean age, length and relative abundance of the population.



Pringle and Sheldrake Lakes were sampled in 2002 and are poor in walleye abundance as compared with the South Central (SC) averages. Skootamatta Lake was

sampled in 1999 and is listed as above average in walleye abundance although some of the parameters do indicate stress.



(This information summarized from reports received from Erin MacDonald, Area Biologist, MNR Bancroft District)

Walleye Stock Status Report Card 1999

These are indicators of strong sustainability

These are indicators of concern for sustainability

These are red flag indicators of stresses on sustainability

Parameter	Skootamatta Lake
Relative Abundance	Above Average
Recruitment	Three strong year-classes
Relative Stock Density	Mostly preferred size fish (some quality and memorable size fish but no trophy size)
Adult Mortality	15% (sustainable)
Growth	Higher than SC average
Condition	Good condition
Age Structure	Weak and missing age classes
Sex Ratio	Imbalanced (few females under 580 mm, males are maturing rapidly when measuring maturity by size)
Maturity	Maturing young and rapidly (when measuring maturity by age)
Fecundity (egg production)	Much higher than SC average

(This information summarized from reports received from Erin MacDonald, Area Biologist, MNR Bancroft District)

What this means

Erin MacDonald explained why the MNR made changes to the walleye regulations, how these changes affect Skootamatta Lake and then answered some questions.

“The assessment (of Skootamatta) was completed in 1999, which unfortunately is more recent than most others! Some may argue that a nine-year old assessment is no longer valid and not adequate to base management decisions on. However, there have been no regulation changes for walleye in the last ten years and no drastic changes in weather or fishing pressure that would alter the general status of the population. Also, as you may have read in the Southern Region Walleye State of the Resource Report part of today’s fisheries management framework is to manage on an ecological and landscape basis. We do have information that as a whole the walleye populations in southern Ontario are not doing so well even though a handful of lakes (Skootamatta being one of them) are doing relatively okay. This was the reason behind the new walleye regulations.”

Q: *Are you saying in the above chart that when walleye are stressed they lay more eggs and grow faster?*

A: When many fish populations are stressed, their growth rates increase and they produce more eggs. This has to do with density in the lake: if more fish are removed through fishing or other mortality, there are less in the lake meaning each individual fish has more of the lake resources to itself so it can grow faster (less competition for food) and produce more eggs. They also start to produce eggs earlier; if in a healthy population, a fish usually reproduces by age 5, in a stressed population they may start reproducing at age 3. Again, it’s a compensatory reaction to less fish being in the lake.

Q: *What can we do as a lake association? We are looking at developing a lake management plan.*

A: As a lake association, developing a lake plan is a great idea. You could look at things like public education, the invading species watch program is also a good one, the water quality monitoring partner program with Ministry of Environment; you can do any number of volunteer monitoring programs with MNR (walleye spawning shoal monitoring, angler creels, etc). There are new

regulations in effect this year (only one fish may be over 18 inches and the limit is reduced to 4). I think simply educating and spreading the word about the importance of conservation is a huge step in working towards something positive.

Q: *There are some members of the association who don't fish. Can you make a case for why they should be concerned about the walleye fishery.*

A: The reasons anyone should be concerned about the walleye fishery are endless. Firstly, it is a very important fishery economically (tourism industry, people visiting the area to fish, spending money in local communities, etc). It is important to the cottage or lake resident folks who simply enjoy fishing, traditionally take their kids and grand kids. Fishing has huge social and economic impacts. The state of the population is important biologically (through maintaining ecological balance, an indicator of ecosystem health, maintaining a strong food web, etc). Skootamatta has already seen one species disappear (lake trout), so it's definitely important to be concerned about the fishery resource from an ecological point of view. Everyone shares a right to enjoy and a responsibility to conserve natural resources.

Q: *There were reports that a lake trout was caught in Skoot last year.*

A: There were historically lake trout in Skootamatta. We have records of them being caught into the 1970s but the population was in decline at that time and they have been considered extirpated from Skootamatta for a while now. If someone is catching or has caught lake trout recently we would be extremely interested to hear about it, get pictures and take some samples if we could (just small flesh sample for genetic analysis and a bone structure to determine age).

COFA, the MNR and stocking policies

COFA (Conservationists of Frontenac Addington) was created in 1993 with the goal of promoting and supporting wise use of the land and its resources. Over the years the MNR has worked with clubs like COFA on projects ranging from rehabilitation of the spawning beds—a few years ago COFA spread nearly 70 tons of rock at the Skootamatta causeway to help the walleye spawning—to the rearing and stocking of

walleye. The MNR encouraged COFA to build a walleye hatchery for the purpose of stocking fry and smaller numbers of summer fingerlings into local lakes. The hatchery, built in 1995, can handle 3.3 million eggs.

In 2005 the MNR published the “Walleye State of the Resource Report”. It indicated a rethinking of walleye stocking policies in the Southern Region of Ontario. The MNR now feels that stocking on top of an existing population is ineffective at increasing walleye populations. Walleye become cannibalistic within weeks of hatching and whichever is bigger in size—the stocked or natural—preys on the smaller. They also feel stocking doesn't address the reason the walleye populations have declined in the first place. The focus now is to raise summer fingerlings which they feel are more likely to survive when stocked into lakes than fry and to reduce the fishing pressure through changes to the fishing regulations.

COFA does not agree with this approach and believes fry stocking makes more sense financially—there is very little cost to the ministry and some organizations would be willing to do it free of charge. They also believe that years of cut backs by the MNR have resulted in fewer field officers to enforce the new regulations.

Since 2005 the number of eggs COFA has been able to take is limited by the number of fingerlings they can grow in their ponds. This number is 200,000. For 2008 the allotment of eggs that COFA has been given for Skootamatta Lake is again 400,000. The MNR bases this on a 50% hatch success. The fingerlings will be stocked into a couple of lakes with struggling populations. COFA typically has an 80% hatch success so the “surplus” fry will be put back into Skootamatta. COFA is confident that their method of release into the lake guarantees a greater chance of survival—they take the fry by boat to several weed bed locations and dump about 25,000 fry at each. The MNR says stocking a lake generally increases fishing pressure so they do not consider the surplus fry going back into the lake of origin as “stocking” and they do not advertise it on public stocking lists.

In case lake residents have concern over walleye eggs being taken from the lake, COFA nets very few fish to get the 400,000 eggs for the hatchery. They can get 25,000 eggs per lb. of fish weight (a 4 lb. walleye will produce about 100,000 eggs). The adults are then returned to

the lake unharmed—COFA has never lost an adult fish during their egg/sperm harvest. According to the MNR “1999 Stock Status Report Card” the walleye in Skootamatta produce more eggs than the South Central average so there is no negative impact on our walleye population from the number of eggs taken by COFA.

In addition to walleye stocking and lake rehabilitation, COFA’s main activities include providing shelter and food for orphaned fawns, providing food for deer during

harsh winter months, stocking of speckled trout, taking kids fishing and giving a \$400 bursary to an NAEC student.

To arrange for a visit to the hatchery call Ron Pethick (613-336-9400), JP Pare (613-336-1765) or Dave Dacuk (613-336-9625)

The SDRA makes an annual donation to COFA.

Changes to Fishing Regulations 2008-2009

- ☞ Ontario has gone from 37 to 20 Fisheries Management Zones. **We are in Zone 18.** The previous fisheries management approach was becoming too complex with individual lake regulations that were confusing to anglers and difficult to enforce.
- ☞ There is now a non resident licence fee for Canadian residents from other provinces.
- ☞ Ice huts will have to be registered.
- ☞ Zones 15,16, 17 and our Zone 18 have new walleye regulations because of declining populations as follows:
 - A reduction in catch and possession from 6 to 4 (2 for Conservation licence).
 - Only 1 fish greater than 46 cm (18 inches).
 - Reduction in winter season by up to 8 weeks in some areas with a new March 1st closure in Zones 18 and 20.
- ☞ The MNR has eliminated the lake trout winter season on natural lake trout lakes in some parts of Zone 18 because the fishery is at risk from winter harvest.
- ☞ There are new catch limits for Panfish: 50 perch, 30 crappie, 50 sunfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed) and for a Conservation Licence: 25 perch, 10 crappie and 25 sunfish. The limits on perch and crappie are province wide—the limits on sunfish apply to all the province except zone 17.
- ☞ Since bait purchased or used is usually not from the body of water being fished there is a very serious danger of spreading invasive species and fish diseases into new water bodies by emptying bait buckets when done fishing. A new regulation requires baitfish to be disposed of by pouring them on the ground at least 30 m (100 ft) from the water.

Fishing Season Opening Dates

Large and Smallmouth Bass
Opens the 4th Saturday in June
and closes Nov. 30

Walleye
January 1 - March 1
2nd Saturday in May - Dec. 31

Family Fishing Weekend

Canadian residents can fish without a licence during the annual Ontario Family Fishing Weekend. Opens Friday July 4 at 12:01 a.m. and closes Sunday July 6 at 11:59 p.m. Conservation licence limits apply.



Fishing Regulations & corrections to the printed version
www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/Publication/STEL02_163615.html

Proof of Competency, Licensing and Safe Boating

By September 2009 everyone operating a pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes will need to have proof of competency on board at all times. Right now proof of competency is required for operators born after April 1, 1983, and all operators of craft under 4 m (13 feet) in length including personal watercraft. Proof of operator competency can take one of three forms:

1. A Pleasure Craft Operator Card;
2. Proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1, 1999; or,
3. A completed rental-boat safety checklist.

To obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card you need to get 75% on an accredited test. You don't have to take a course to write the test although it is recommended. Transport Canada publishes a Safe Boating Guide which can be ordered online or picked up at most marinas and is great as a reference.

Some courses are offered online. Check out the website www.freecourse.ca. This site has online modules with test questions and when you are ready you can write the exam by mail, email or at one of their testing centres (locally Smart's Marina is a testing centre. Call 613-336-2222 to make an appointment to write the exam). The cost to write a freecourse exam is \$25.00

For additional information on boating, to order the Safe Boating Guide or to find an accredited course provider, go to Transport Canada's website:

www.boatingsafety.gc.ca

In addition to a proof of competency card, all pleasure craft powered by an engine 10 horsepower (7.5 kW) or more must be licensed or registered. Proof of competency is not the same as a licence. Proof of competency is for the operator, a licence is for the boat. A pleasure craft licence is the set of identification numbers displayed on a boat and is used to help law-enforcement and search-and-rescue organizations identify the owner

of an individual pleasure craft.

A licence does not prove ownership of your boat. You must carry separate ownership documents with you. Pauline Smart of Smart's Marina suggests you photocopy and laminate your ownership document to carry in the boat glove box and put the original in a safe place (do not laminate the original—if you sell the boat it will need to be filled in to transfer ownership).

To obtain a Pleasure Craft Licence or for additional licensing information including what you should know before buying, selling or giving away a used pleasure craft go to the Service Canada website:

www.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/sc/boats/pcl.shtml

There is no charge for a Pleasure Craft Licence.

Fines for common boating offences

Operating a vessel in a careless manner	\$250
Speeding	\$100
Underage operation of a personal watercraft	\$100
Operating a power driven pleasure craft without the required Pleasure Craft Operator Card	\$250
Operating a vessel powered by an engine over 10 hp without a Pleasure Craft licence	\$250
Insufficient number of approved appropriately sized flotation devices (for each absent device)	\$200



Annual General Meeting & BBQ Saturday July 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting is held at the Horseshoe Pit near Trails End.
Bring a lawn chair, sun screen and a hat.

We had a good crowd at the 2007 AGM. Thanks go to our BBQ crew, Gordon and Carolyn McCulloch and Pat Falby and to Gary Evans for providing equipment so our speakers could be heard.

2008 Agenda items include:

- A discussion of the Sheldrake Lake RFP
- What is a Lake Management plan and should we have one on Skootamatta?
- Water testing
- Guest Speaker Fire Chief Casey Cuddy
- Draw prizes including the *Sunset of Bon Echo* series

We will have information sheets so you can learn more about Zebra Mussels, and other invading species.

Clothing Order Forms were sent out earlier this year in a separate mailing and by email, so we could ensure delivery in time for the AGM. (No orders are taken during the AGM)

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

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

Thanks

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Recipe Contest!

We are looking for a meat recipe to rival the "Mazinaw Monster" and "Bon Echo Broil" in the Cloyne Village Foods meat case.

Contest date
extended to
June 21st

GRAND PRIZE: The grand prizewinner will receive a **SDRA sweatshirt, complimentary meat order, BBQ Tool set** and meat case notoriety.

Entries must be based on fresh cuts of meat, (beef, veal, pork, chicken, turkey or lamb), for the oven, fry pan, roasting pan, stew pot, Dutch oven, grill or BBQ. NOTE: Ontario regulations make it impractical for small retailers to 'process' meats on-site with marinades, stuffing, etc. Entries, however, may include these steps as part of the recipe. Recipes will be prepared and judged on taste, creative appeal, ease and practicality of preparation and adherence to category. (More details at the website).

Enter as many recipes as you like and Email your name, address, phone number, email address and recipe to:

recipecontest@skootamatta.ca

Contest sponsored by the SDRA in association with Cloyne Village Foods.

Land O'Lakes Food Bank

When you are closing your cottage for the season consider donating canned and unopened food to the Land O' Lakes Food Bank in the Public Health Unit building south of the Barrie Township Hall.

Call Land O' Lakes Community Services to arrange a drop off.

613-336-8934



Septic Seminar

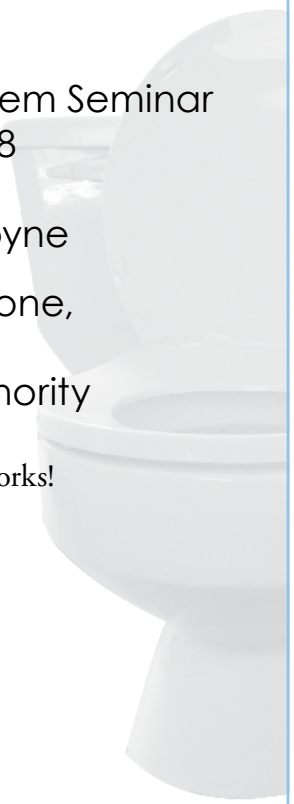
The SDRA is hosting a Septic System Seminar
Saturday July 26, 2008

10:00 a.m to noon

Barrie Township Hall, Cloyne

Guest Speaker: Mark Boone,
Hydro-geologist
Quinte Conservation Authority

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