

# NEWSLETTER

2018

SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

RECIPIENT OF THE  
2017 FOCA  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## WELCOME TO OUR 2018 SDRA NEWSLETTER!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SDRA FOR WINNING THE FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottager's Association) ACHIEVEMENT AWARD!

On Saturday, March 3, I had the honour of accepting the 2017 FOCA achievement award along with Paul Lindsay, our Vice President, and Nancy Kallina, our previous SDRA Treasurer, on behalf of the SDRA. Nancy and I had the opportunity to present how our SDRA board has enhanced communication and member engagement resulting in an increase from 176 members in 2012 to 207 SDRA members in 2017! Through the enhanced AGM format, newsletter, website, social media, and of course, Paul's Pops, we have provided improved communications to our members leading to these results. Since our presentation, several other lake associations have reached out to ask us for advice. I am so proud of what our small but mighty board has accomplished over these past years and would like to thank our current and past board members and volunteers for all of the work to get us to this level of achievement! Congratulations!



**Left to right: Paul Lindsay, Wendy Sue Lyttle, FOCA Board Director, Debbie Awde, Nancy Kallina, Terry Rees, FOCA Executive Director.**



Happy Spring everyone and welcome to the 2018 cottage season! As we kick off the cottage season, our board is feeling very proud to have been recognized by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers association with the 2017 FOCA Achievement award. This award represents the hard work and dedication of not only our current SDRA board but those that have served on the board before us. Each team along the way has made a difference to Skootamatta lake and the surrounding community. The efforts of our board and the many volunteers make our lake such a wonderful place to be! It will be my 9th year on the lake this year and my 8th year on the SDRA board. It has been such a great pleasure to serve this community and work with the many amazing people who donate their time and energy.

This year, our board is saying goodbye to Tricia Sinclair. Tricia kept close watch on the news about wind turbines and kept in touch with Bon Echo Area Residents Against Turbines (BEARAT) to ensure our members were kept informed. Tricia also brought us a record number of advertisers for the annual newsletter and several new advertisers joined the list. We would like to thank Tricia for her many contributions and bringing such positive energy to the SDRA board.

We encourage you to join our very active and now award winning SDRA board to continue the great work and the traditions that have kept the SDRA member community thriving. Please attend our SDRA AGM this year and consider joining this great team!

We hope you will enjoy the 2018 SDRA Newsletter! We have included stories about history on the lake, a spotlight on a very special athlete, and reviews of our events in 2017 just in case you missed them! Every year our great team of volunteers and board members bring events such as the Canada Day Boat Parade, AGM, Lake Festival, Pot Luck and Fireworks display. I hope to see you out at some of these events connecting with your neighbours and meeting new cottagers on the lake! Enjoy the summer of 2018 on Skoot!

 **PRESIDENT, SDRA**

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# 2017 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



## FIRST PRIZE!! 'IN FLIGHT'

by Adam Schiefer

## SECOND PRIZE! 'CHARLIE'S BOATHOUSE'

by Bill Suddick



## THIRD PRIZE! 'OCTOBER SUNRISE'

by Fritz Nussberger



# HONOURABLE MENTIONS



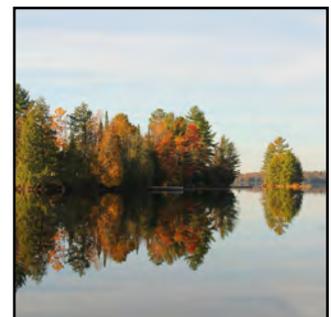
"Cottage Season Sunset"

by Joel Arthurs, submitted  
by Susan Arthurs



"Winter Thaw"

by Diane Hering



"Reflections"

by Jason Field

*Thanks so much to everyone who submitted photos to the contest this year! Congratulations to the prize winners! There were 51 photos submitted this year!*

*Thanks also to the 77 members who voted for the winners this year!*

# SDRA Annual General Meeting: July 7, 2018

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE CLOYNE FOOD BANK ARE WELCOMED!**

Join us at the SDRA Annual General Meeting on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at Pineview Methodist Church (Hwy. 41 and Skootamatta Lake Road).

Coffee and treats will be served from 9:30 a.m., with the meeting beginning at 10 a.m.

Local community representatives will be present to provide information on their organization and answer all of your questions. Fun door prizes and raffles too!

Join us afterward for a free BBQ hot dog lunch, courtesy of Northbrook Foodland. Don't miss this chance to meet your neighbours and hear all about the great work your SDRA board is doing!

**WHERE:** Pineview Free Methodist Church, Hwy 41, Cloyne (At the corner of Skootamatta Lake Road).

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 7, 2018

**START:** 9:30 a.m.

## AGENDA:

9:30 - 10:00 Meet and Greet with Coffee and Donuts

10:00 - 11:45 Formal meeting with Q&A

11:45 - 12:15 Visit AGM Booths

12:15 - 1:00 Barbecue Lunch

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## SDRA BOARD SLATE

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## AGM BOOTHS

- ▶ Addington Highlands Fire Dept
- ▶ The Cloyne Pioneer Museum & Archives
- ▶ Friends of Bon Echo
- ▶ Mazinaw Lanark Forestry Inc.
- ▶ Land 'O Lakes Quilters



We invite all SDRA members to our Annual General Meeting.

You can view updates to the agenda and also read the minutes from the 2017 AGM on: [www.skootamatta.ca](http://www.skootamatta.ca).



# THE KISSMAN COTTAGE

BY DARIEN KISSMAN

In the mid 1920s, our cottage, a 175 year old homestead log cabin, was disassembled in Northbrook and reassembled on the point at the bottom of the Narrows. My parents, Steve and Beth Stevenson, purchased it from the Harrington family, who had used the property as a hunting and fishing camp. The property consisted of 5 acres and over a 1000 feet of frontage. Besides the cottage building, there was a two slip, two storey boathouse with full living quarters, a two bedroom guest cabin, and two icehouses.

My mother wanted something more rustic than the Muskoka area where she had summered. Her only wish was for running water and a flush toilet. A gas water pump pumped water to a holding tank on the roof. Used water drained into a hole out back. There were no environmental agencies back then.

The kitchen had an icebox and kerosene stove and was soon upgraded to propane. Electric appliances arrived in 1969, a phone in '80, and a gas fireplace and satellite dish in 2000.

In the early years, there were only thirty cottages on the lake, so every boat was recognizable by its motor. In the late fifties and early sixties, the government sold off crown land and the lake population mushroomed. With this, young baby boomers



soon found each other and a gang of lake kids was formed. Many hours were spent fishing, swimming, boating, skiing, picking blueberries, picnics on the islands and beaches, and trips for treats to Mr. Maybe's Trail's End Store. As we became teens, our friendships strengthened, summer



dock of choice, always crowded with the gang. Another gathering spot was Wicket's beach where we spent hours skiing and trying to launch a skier and a parachute. It never worked.

Once we were driving, our summer friendships became year round ones. The summer of '68, I had a job in Algonquin Park. Thankfully, the lake kids made many trips to keep me up to date on lake happenings. I was able to have two

days at the lake where I was trying to impress a good-looking American with my skiing ability and skied into the Aass's sailboat. The American was Gordie Kissman, my husband

of 46 years. It was a fateful accident.

A most memorable moment for us was having our Uncle Doug Bible walk me down the aisle at our wedding. In the '70's and early '80's, we spent many nights playing endless hours of cards at the Bible cottage. Uncle Doug's birthday party in August was always a highlight.

In '76, we put a road into the cottage after more than twenty years of water access only. The road allowed my mother to subdivide her property to give her income for her retirement. In '83, we purchased the cottage from her.

We have gone from being lake kids to retirees still enjoying all that the lake has to offer. Remaining on the lake are myself, Jane Aass, John Teed, Steve Thompson, Gail Dicks-Dacuk, Bruce Schwenger, Mike Bible, Sherry Price, and Bill Blake. And leaving us much too soon; John Wicket, Bill Garnish, and Brad Heney.

Our cottage continues to be a place where friends gather for dinner parties or a quiet time on the front porch overlooking the lake. Gordie and I feel blessed that the lake has given us so much joy.



# ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT Jamie Lee Rattray



This past March, lifelong Skoot resident, Jamie Lee Rattray, the Assistant Captain for the Markham Thunder in the Canadian Womens Hockey League (CWHL), was instrumental in the team making history with the teams' first ever win of the Clarkson Cup Trophy. Jamie Lee was also recognized by the National Hockey League Players Association during the CWHL award show with the Jayna Hefford Trophy as the players-voted MVP. This award was given to Jamie Lee for leading her team with a 16-game scoring streak through the end of the 2017-2018 season!



Jamie Lee wrote about her hockey journey back in the 2015 SDRA Newsletter when she won the Patty Kazmaier award. Jamie held a leadership role as Assistant Captain for Clarkson University and the team went on to win the first US Division 1 NCAA National Championship for Clarkson in 2014! During a visit to Clarkson last year we were proud to see Jamie Lee's picture up at the University arena recognizing her All American status. We had the opportunity to see Jamie play in Toronto at the Air Canada Centre during the CWHL All Star game. It was so great to see so many young, aspiring hockey players out to watch these great athletes!



We are so proud to have such an inspiring athlete among us at Skootamatta! Congratulations Jamie Lee! See you at the lake!





# Mazinaw Lake Swim Program

## Summer 2018

Swim Registration at

### Open House

Thursday, May 10 2018

6:00 - 7:00 pm

New Foyer

North Addington

Education Centre

(if you are unable to make it to Open House please  
email Mary Kelly at yram@golden.net)

**July 2 – July 27**  
**\$100 per child**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Transportation is provided.
- MLSP began in Marble Lake in 1972 in response to the drowning deaths of two local youths.
- It is one of the largest outdoor waterfront programs in Eastern Ontario.
- MLSP moved to Bon Echo Provincial Park in 1989.
- It costs **\$300** per child to offer swimming lessons. The balance is made up through generous donations from local groups and businesses.

#### BENEFITS OF LERNING TO SWIM

- ✓ Assists children in learning to master agility, balance, coordination, speed and rhythmic movement.
- ✓ As a physical activity, it engages all muscle groups.
- ✓ Swimming improves circulation and respiration.
- ✓ Knowing how to swim can save lives.
- ✓ Swimming is a fun recreational activity to do with your family.

#### FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO STARTING LESSONS



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Swim



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# EG'S HOMECOMING

SUBMITTED BY MARY AND STEVE JOHNSTON

Early last January we were overjoyed to welcome the return of a flock of strikingly beautiful Evening Grosbeaks to the three bird feeders at our home in the Narrows on Lake Skootamatta. They had only visited us once before, in the winter of 2010.

Every day we were treated to up to a hundred of these raucous, stunning, infrequent and reclusive northern finch visitors. Until January 25. With a temperature of -17 and heavily gusting snow, in apparent confusion, four simultaneously collided with the unforgiving glass panel railing on our front deck. Sadly, one beautiful female succumbed on contact. The three remaining injured males were quickly placed in woolen sock-lined, covered shoeboxes. Of these, two revived to fly off within the hour but the remaining male could only flutter briefly before dropping back helplessly into the fluffy, deepening snow. Clearly he could not manage on his own, despite being carefully placed several times on nearby low cedar branches.

We brought him inside to a decorative but wholly inadequate antique birdcage, trying to keep him quiet with sunflower seeds, fresh water and the cage clean and well-secluded from five persistently curious pets. Five days later his closely supervised, twice

daily test flights still revealed no improvement and through his struggles, the wing and tail feathers were now alarmingly tattered. In despair and certainty that our glass railing had been vitally instrumental to the immobility and prospective death sentence of an otherwise fully alert wild bird, we knew he needed immediate, expert help.

A quick internet search led us to the Wild Bird Care Centre in Nepean just this side of Ottawa. We called them and headed out with EG (to which we were now referring him), in a soft, towel-lined, taped-shut shoe box on my lap. The WBCC proved easy to find; just south of Highway 417 and off the 416. A pleasant two and a quarter hour drive and open to receiving injured or ill wild birds almost every day in the year.

On arrival we were immediately impressed by the knowledgeable, caring, well-trained, and mostly volunteer staff, as well as the broad diversity of its rescued clients. EG was whisked to the infirmary for a complete examination, followed by treatment for a “badly bruised clavicle and wing joint in addition to badly bruised beak, chest and pelvic areas”. Further prescribed treatment there would include complete rest and quiet in the infirmary, anti-inflammatory and pain meds, an antibiotic, ongoing



monitoring and, all going well, flight rehab.

Before leaving, we enjoyed a quick tour and were amazed by the variety, efficiency, and complexity of this small WBCC facility, its staff and bird clientele including, though not limited to, a Canada Goose, Barred Owls, a Great Blue Heron, several hawks, ducks, a crow, raven, gull, and more, including many songbirds. There was a ‘flight rehab cage’ hosting a recovering Flicker, Robin, Downy and two Hairy Woodpeckers, a Cardinal and Blue Jay, plus several other rehab ‘rooms’ and specialized areas. The WBCC infirmary with its many cages for ill, injured or very young birds is where EG received his initial assessment and primary care. All bird residents were housed in clean, natural settings appropriate

to their needs and species. The facility spaces appeared well-designed and staff, universally knowledgeable, dedicated and helpful.

After a week, and with daily progress updates, EG had improved enough to be transferred from his protectively small infirmary cage to the flight cage with other compatible birds to practice natural flying acrobatics in a controlled space with his now slowly but surely healing wing and body.

With ongoing care and aided by his own resilient nature, EG continued to thrive, while here, on each successive day at the lake, we greeted his home flock with joy, hope and growing trepidation that they might suddenly move on as quickly as they had arrived. As a flocking bird it was imperative that EG be ultimately released to one. Ideally his own! Finally, after nearly four weeks of care, the Centre staff deemed him ready to return home. We drove back where he was waiting, safely tucked in a uniquely designed WBCC release box complete with soft towelling, twig perches, food, water (placed well away from the perches) and explicit instructions for his trip home, overnight care, and eagerly hoped-for successful release to his flock first thing the following morning.

**February 21, 2017**

### **EG's Homecoming Day**

Everything ensued as the ideal outcome! Thankfully still in-situ, our flock of visitors was, as usual, outside, noisily conversing and eager for their early morning sunflower seed snack. Steve carefully carried the still-enclosed box containing EG to the deck, (the

culpable railing now adorned by multiple streamers of bright yellow Caution tape zig-zagging across each of five large glass panels). The usual morning clamour was immediately joined from within the box! Its 'door' carefully opened, and, in an instant, EG soared to a large nearby branch! The gregarious chatterers responded even more noisily and a few flew straight away to join him on the branch ... then more ... and still more ...! Within moments we watched as he and a few bolder friends and family flew to the nearby feeder for noisy, quick snacks and more chatter ....! Then, an hour or so later, off into the snowy woods, where he and they will thrive and live, as they were meant to.

This was the gladdest of days!

Thank you Wild Bird Care Centre. Without your care, commitment and expertise this happy ending could not have resulted. Thank you Bayan, Jenn, Rochelle and Christine. Thank you WBCC Director, Mireille Goguen. Thank you also to the volunteer who so carefully crafted the release box.

**Thank you EG for your indomitable spirit and tenacity.**

*Post Script: If you or someone you know finds an ill or injured bird, call the WBCC at 1-613-828-2849 immediately. Don't wait as we did with EG.*

For helpful information anytime regarding injured or ill birds or fallen nestlings, check out the [wildbirdcarecentre.org](http://wildbirdcarecentre.org) website and please see the essential guidelines from the WBCC following this story for basic dos and don'ts for an injured or ill wild bird.

## **DETERRING BIRDS FROM COLLIDING WITH GLASS**

As a bird strike deterrent we purchased a product to apply onto our glass deck railing panels at the end of last winter.

"Feather Friendly" is readily available online and/or through bird stores. Ours came via a quick phone call to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Ottawa at 613-521-7333. Feather Friendly is a narrow role of highly adhesive, weatherproof transparent tape embedded with tiny, semi-transparent 'dots'. Easily applied in a closely-spaced grid design to windows or glass panels, these tiny dots become highly visible to birds, while the tape itself is peeled off by scraping with a credit card. The dots remain on the glass and are barely visible to human vision, and aren't unattractive.

Since applying Feather Friendly last spring we have not had one bird strike! Normally in an average year we could experience 8 (or more) adult wild bird fatalities against our glass, directly affecting the survival of possibly 30 and more young nestlings annually!

The cost to completely 'cover' all the glass on our deck railing was between \$100-125. and we still have some left over tape.

Satisfaction outcome:  
Immeasurable!

# Interim care for injured wild birds

## INFORMATION FROM THE WILD BIRD CARE CENTRE

by Mary & Steve Johnston

One of the most common reasons for patients to be admitted into the Wild Bird Care Centre year round is window collisions. The most effective method to keep our wild birds safe is prevention; however, being prepared when coming into contact with a bird who has suffered trauma due to impact will significantly increase their chances of survival.

Keep flowering boxes and hanging basket planters well away from glass windows, doors and panels: at least 8 feet. Try not to include pink, orange and red flowers anywhere near windows or anything with glass: Hummingbirds are especially vulnerable.

Often if the initial impact was not witnessed, rescuers will notice a lethargic bird, with raised feathers near the impact injury site. Closed or swollen eyes, broken beaks, and lethargic, unaware or even collapsed birds are all common symptoms of impact trauma.

As a rule of thumb, if an adult wild bird allows humans to approach it, it almost assuredly needs your help.

At this point, your priority is to keep the bird as calm as possible during the rescue. A cardboard box a little larger than the bird and lined with a towel on the bottom and sides to provide both protective padding and grip for its feet is an adequate temporary container.

When picking up wild birds, the safest method is to use a towel, sweater, t-shirt or jacket to completely cover it before lifting up. This helps keep the bird immobile to prevent worsening of injuries. Gently covering its eyes will prevent additional stress. If the bird is very large it may be practical to have it confined in a laundry basket or other large container, trying to keep it gently confined inside with a towel or t-shirt; again with its eyes covered. \*NOTE: Always keep a secure, breathable lid or covering over any injured bird container!

Keep the bird in a dark, quiet environment while it is recovering. Stress can easily kill a bird that has

sustained internal injuries or head trauma. After 2 hours, check up on the patient to see how it is doing. If the bird appears lively and no trauma can be seen, open the box outside and give it the chance to attempt to fly away. \*Have a towel or butterfly net ready in case the release is unsuccessful

If you are now stuck with an injured bird, the best option is to take them to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator within 24 hours. Although this is the ideal situation, busy lives can make this difficult. To increase chances of survival until the bird can be brought in, keep it in the same safe, dark, quiet enclosure. \*Commercial bird cages are not good for most wild birds and the bars can severely damage their plumage. A covered box just larger than the bird itself and lined with soft toweling or cloth is always best for temporary care and/or transport

Call a wildlife rehabilitator immediately; they will be able to give you information about the species and specific care. The WBCC is at 1-613-828-2849. If there is no response leave a message. \*During off-hours detailed injured bird or nestling care is available online at [wildbirdcarecentre.org](http://wildbirdcarecentre.org)

To an injured bird, food can be quite dangerous, even if the diet is correct. Especially in case of internal injuries, food can disturb the healing process and lead to shock and death. A typical otherwise healthy bird can easily survive without food for 48 hours. Foods like bread, sugar, dry cereal, meat, milk, dog and cat food can be harmful to even healthy birds and can lead to dehydration and death

After the initial few hours a small shallow water dish (like a container lid) can be offered to an alert bird as long as it isn't a drowning hazard. If, while confined, the bird is able to perch on a small twig, keep the water dish away from the perch so as to keep the water clean of feces

Thank you for caring about wildlife and rescuing our beautiful birds!

The Wild Bird Care Centre is located at  
734 Moodie Drive, Nepean, Ontario, K2R 1H4

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

In a bird emergency call 1-613-828-2849  
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# 2018 WEBSITE REPORT

## **HAVE YOU VISITED THE FORUMS AREA OF OUR WEBSITE?**

The Skoot Forums allow you to post items to the website under categories such as For Sale, For Rent, Free Stuff, Wanted, Lost & Found. There is even a General Discussion area! Do you have a boat, a dock, or furniture you would like to sell? It's as easy as filling out the form and clicking 'Submit'. You can even upload images with your post – and it's all FREE! Be sure to check the Skoot Forums regularly for new listings and updates! For maximum exposure, the most recent Forum posts are automatically featured front and centre on the homepage of the website.

## **DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN USE PAYPAL TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL SDRA MEMBERSHIP ONLINE?**

More of our members than ever before have chosen to use this popular, secure, and convenient online option! If you haven't tried it yet, check it out!

Visit <http://skootamatta.ca/membership/>

## **HAVE YOU MISSED ANY OF PAUL'S IMPORTANT EMAIL POPS?**

Don't stress! You can find them ALL archived chronologically in the Blog area on the website.

# Facebook Update

For nearly five years, the SDRA has been using Facebook to keep members up-to-date on news, events, and other tidbits of information. In 2017, the number of followers on the SDRA Facebook page has increased by 28% (up by 69 people to a total of 246 followers). Some of our posts have reached more than 1,000 people! Ice conditions, pictures of sunsets, and a great video of the Canada 150 boat parade were the most popular posts. On average, 91 people check the Facebook page everyday! We look forward to sharing all sorts of great information in the year to come.

## **VOLUNTEERING IS FUN!**

Volunteers are needed every year for the Annual General Meeting in July, the Lake Festival in August and the Labour Day Weekend Fireworks Finale. Assistance with the Annual SDRA Newsletter and the Labour Day and Thanksgiving Weekend Food Drives would be most welcome. Think about it! It's a great way to meet your cottage neighbours and it's FUN! Simply visit the Volunteers section of the website to bring your name forward by completing the short online form. Students can use their spare time at the lake to volunteer with the SDRA! This volunteer time will count toward their required 40 hours of community involvement!

## **ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**

There is SO much creative talent on our lake! We were amazed at the calibre of the 56 photos that were submitted for our 2017 Photo Contest last fall. Thanks so much to the 73 member families who voted to help choose the winners. The top 12 photos are featured in the beautiful SDRA Wall Calendar. The 2019 calendar will be available for order shortly after the close of this year's photo contest in late fall.

## LAND O'LAKES COMMUNITY SERVICES

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*Each year, the SDRA makes  
a donation to a local  
community organization.*

*This year, we chose the  
LOLCS because of their  
demonstrated commitment  
to making a difference in  
the local community,  
through their dedicated  
efforts and wide ranging  
programs aimed at serving  
local residents.*



# COMMUNITY DONATION 2018



## THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY DONATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO LAND O'LAKES COMMUNITY SERVICES IN NORTHBROOK

LOLCS is a community-based, non-profit, multi-service organization that provides access to a full array of health and social services to the residents of Addington Highlands and North Frontenac Ward 1. This includes the five distinct villages of Kaladar, Flinton, Northbrook, Cloyne, Denbigh, and their surrounding populations. Over 150 community volunteers assist in delivering many of the agency's services.

The Land O'Lakes Women's Program is a mobile outreach service (counsellors will travel to women's homes) which also services all of North Frontenac Township. This women's domestic violence program provides a continuum of crisis and support services to women experiencing abuse and violence in their lives, offers safety planning, crisis support, legal and medical information, transportation, counselling, and referrals.

Community Support Programs help Seniors and people with physical disabilities remain in their homes longer. Services include Meals on Wheels, adult drop-in, diners club, medical transportation, caregiver support, assessments, counselling and education, and a homemaking program.

The Adult Protective Services Program provides advocacy, counselling, encouragement, and life skills training to adults with developmental disabilities. Clients are linked to services which ensure that appropriate supports are provided and coordinated to maximize the client's potential for living in the community as independently as possible.

For more information about Land O'Lakes Community Services, please go to their website, [www.lolcs.com](http://www.lolcs.com) or visit them on Facebook.

**2017-18 Treasurer's Report**

Prepared by Bill Blake

**Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association**

Operating Statement for year ending March 31

	Notes:	2018	2017
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Membership Revenue	1	8,280	10,150
Newsletter Advertising	2	2,290	1,940
Boat Launch Intake		635	691
Interest		152	161
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>11,357</b>	<b>12,942</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Communication	3	2,824	3,045
Member Events	4	2,520	3,360
Stewardship	5	1,720	906
Community Relations		500	500
Lot and Launch Maintenance		832	800
Administration		331	300
Insurance		1,942	1,903
Assets	6	520	2,091
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>11,188</b>	<b>12,905</b>
<b>Net Revenue over Expenses (Surplus/Deficit)</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>37</b>

Opening Cash Position (excluding Fireworks fund)

19,640

Closing Cash Position (excluding Fireworks fund)

19,809

**Fireworks Fund**

Opening

934

Contributions

5,280

Event cost

7 (5,989)

Closing Fireworks Fund

225

**Closing Cash including Fireworks Fund****20,034****Notes:**

- 1) 207 paid memberships received during the year compared to 203 the prior year. Annual membership fee reduced from \$50 to \$40 for first of three year period.
- 2) Increased canvassing, new advertisers
- 3) Newsletter printing costs increased due to larger volume ordered. Additional charge for on-line publishing software.
- 4) Costs for pot luck dinner reduced from prior year
- 5) Water testing costs higher than prior year due to bi-annual testing
- 6) Prior year cost were higher due to the purchase of a storage shed. Shelves for shed purchased during this fiscal year.
- 7) Costs were higher due to special Canada 150 fireworks display

# LAKE STEWARD REPORT

Over the last few years, water levels, dam operations, water quality, and the everlasting search for a boat washing solution have all been priority items, and the focus of much attention. Here's a brief update on each item.

## **WATER LEVELS AND DAM OPERATIONS**

As you may recall, in spring of 2016, the water levels were uncharacteristically low, and remained low throughout the season. Fast forward to the spring of 2017, and there was a sharp contrast. Following an early snow melt and several large rainfalls, water levels increased dramatically, and remained high throughout the spring. Additionally, the ice had not yet melted, resulting in sheets of ice being pushed against the shore, shifting shorelines and causing damage to some docks.

In the late fall of 2017, Quinte Conservation arranged to have the log lifts at the dam replaced. The

log lifts are used to place logs in the dam in order to control water flow in the watershed. Over the winter, through ongoing conversations with Quinte, the SDRA learned that this log lift replacement will be completed sometime this spring, but that the logs can be installed either way.

## **WATER QUALITY**

Beginning in 2013, the SDRA has conducted water testing every two years on Skootamatta Lake. Last year, the testing was done in such a way that it mimicked the testing that the Ministry of Natural Resources had done in 1974. This meant that we could compare the 1974 levels of nitrogen, calcium, e-coli, phosphorus, and other chemicals, to current levels.

Although there were no drastic variations between the two sample sets, despite a 40 year difference, it is important to note that we need to be diligent to maintain this

balance. Continuous monitoring of septic systems and reduction of lawn maintenance chemicals (such as fertilizers) is vital to the continued health of the lakes.

## **BOAT WASHING**

The SDRA has continued to research boat washing options, despite ongoing difficulties. A permanent location for the station could not be secured, and a large-scale boat washing station created logistical problems with storage and maintenance.

The latest consideration is to use a large water storage tank on a trailer, along with a gas powered pressure washer to create a mobile unit. This non-elegant solution would be cost-effective, could be easily stored and maintained, and could be used at different locations around the lakes, or at our various lake events.

## **BASEBALL ANYONE?**

The Cloyne Senior's CO-ED Softball Team wants YOU! We play pick-up ball at the Cloyne ball diamond (off Hwy. 41 behind the tennis courts) Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. and Fridays at 9:00 am. We are mostly plus-50 years old, but this is flexible. Come out and have some fun! Just show up, or contact Mike at [mike.cramer3@gmail.com](mailto:mike.cramer3@gmail.com).

## **PINE MEADOW GOLF CLASSIC**

This year marks the sixteenth year for the annual Pine Meadow Golf Classic, raising funds for Pine Meadow Nursing Home.

It will be held on Saturday June 23, 2018, at Hunter's Creek. If you'd like to join in the fun, please contact Eleanor at Nowell Motors (336-2394), or if you'd like to sponsor the event, email Laury at [donald.lauryhitchcock@gmail.com](mailto:donald.lauryhitchcock@gmail.com)

# 2017 LAKE FESTIVAL MEMORIES



included a bouncer and an interesting rock painting craft led by Katherine Grennell and Claire Tennant.

Once again, the delicious food was hosted and prepared by Susanne and Mike Stevens, with the scrumptious homemade desserts provided by Jill Cote – what a combination! We are so lucky to have these generous people be a

The summer of 2017 was the year that the sun forgot, and it encouraged many to dust off their board games and crafts as the weather kept us indoors. Last summer certainly was a soaker, and according to records that date back to the 1800s, it was the second wettest on record.

Mother Nature did not spare our lake festival. After a turbulent weather forecast the week before, suggesting the possibility of a sunny Saturday, the forecast turned the day prior to high probabilities of thunderstorms. After much dialogue and speculation, we waited until the last possible moment to postpone the event until the following day. To our great relief, most volunteers were able to adjust their schedules to accommodate the Sunday event.

part of our community.

Thank you to our many regular volunteers who help us each year! If you're thinking about helping out, we always need assistance because



not all of our volunteers are available each year. If you are a high school student, or know one, this is a wonderful

opportunity to get some community hours.

The schedule for 2018 will be modified slightly to allow our volunteers to participate and cheer on their family members during the races. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and to welcoming new participants. It is worth a visit for sure! Come check it out.



We kept the 5 KM run on the Saturday, and it drew an impressive turnout given the

looming grey skies. Shortly after packing up from the run, the beautiful blue skies broke through suggesting we erred in our decision to move the games and races. But after a couple of hours, it poured relentlessly.

By Sunday, the volunteers were recharged and put on a wonderful day for everyone. The races were exciting and well run thanks to our announcer Daphne Williams. The children games



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 FESTIVAL EVENT WINNERS!

<b>5 K Run</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Boys under 16	Tom Birnie-Wortly	Tavish Aass	Peter Birnie-Wortley
Girls under 16	Laura Smith	Léa Brossier Anika Credico	Mataya Aass
Men 16 -39	Adrien Brossier	Craig Mock	
Women 16 – 39	Hannah Frazer	Tara Brossier	Solstice Saliba
Men 40 – 59	Struan Robertson	Luke Aass	Steve Birnie-Wortley
Women 40 – 59	Katherine Grennell		
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Children under 7	Abby Koehler	Aurelie Brossier	Elyse Winslow
7 – 8 girls	Lylah Cummings	Kaycea Winslow	Mika Barker Zahra Batteh
7 – 8 boys	Luke Koehler		
9 – 10 girls	Sarah Milani	Stella McBride	Sydney Winslow
9 – 10 boys	Aidan Robertson	Loic Barker	James Murray
11 – 12 girls	Mackenzie Wilson	Jet McBride	
11 - 12 boys	Tom Birnie-Wortley	Aidan Salivan	Logan Johnston
13 – 14 girls	Molly Robertson		
13 – 14 boys			
15 – 19 girls	Haley Grennell	Solstice Saliba	Hannah Frazer
15 – 19 boys	Jack Robertson		
20 – 29 men and women			
30 - 39 men and women	Adrien Brossier		
40 – 59 women	Katherine Grennell	Daphne Williams	Nancy Kallina
40 – 59 men	Struan Robertson	Steve Birnie-Wortley	
60 + men and women	Gord Kissman	Darien Kissman	
<b>Kayaking</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
12 and under girls	Jet McBride	Claire Tennant	Stella McBride
12 and under boys	Adam New	Tom Birnie-Wortley	Aidan Robertson Aidan Salivan
13 – 17 girls	Laura Smith	Molly Robertson	
13 – 17 boys	Sebastian Loreti	Jack Robertson	Isaac Campmans
18 – 40 women	Erin Grennell	Haley Grennell	
18 – 40 men	Ryan Nowell	Steven Birnie-Wortley	
41 – 64 women	Nancy Kallina	Jennifer Robertson	Susie Blatchford
41 – 64 men	Brian Johnston	Bill Suddick	Sean Barker
65 + men and women	Paul Lindsay		
<b>Laddergolf</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Youth	Jessica Cummings Rachael Cummings	Jack Robertson Allison Smith	Laura Smith Nicky Weyrich Ethan Buckareff Rory Kallina
Adult	Jillian Barker-Blais Stéphane Blais	Pat Stafford Don Stafford	Cathy Hook Ken Hook
<b>Tri-Generation TRY-athlon</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Kayak	Jack Robertson	Bill Suddick	Anne Thompson
Run	Struan Robertson	Susie Blatchford	Kylee Campmans
Swim	Gord Kissman	Aidan Salivan	Laurie Campmans

# 7th ANNUAL LAKE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2018

TRAILS END GROUNDS

## Event Schedule:

- 9:00 am – 9:15 am Set up
- 9:15 am 5 KM registration only
- 9:30 am 5 KM run
- 10:00 am – 11:15 am Event registration
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am \* Children fun games and bouncer
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am Youth Ladder Golf tournament
- 11:30 am – 2:00 pm Swim and Kayak races
- 11:30 pm – 2:00 pm Barbecue lunch



After 11:30 am, volunteers will be relieved and the games will be parent-run for those who come late. The bouncer will continue to be supervised and the craft materials available. This is to allow the volunteers the opportunity to participate in the races and to cheer on their own children.

## 2018 EVENTS

\*these categories and their numbers may be adjusted, depending on participant numbers.

### KAYAK RACES:

- 12 and younger Girls and boys separately
- 13 – 17 Girls and boys separately
- 18 – 40 Women and men together
- 41 – 60 Women and men separately
- 60 + Women and men together

### SWIM RACES:

- 6 and younger Participation ribbon
- 7 – 8 Girls and boys separately
- 9 – 10 Girls and boys separately
- 11 – 12 Girls and boys separately
- 13 – 14 Girls and boys separately
- 15 – 19 Girls and boys separately
- 20 – 29 Men and Women together
- 30 – 39 Men and Women together
- 40 – 59 Men and women separately
- 60 + Men and women together

### LADDERGOLF:

- 10 – 18 Youth
- Adult laddergolf tournament will be held at Ron and Esther's pot luck on August 18th

### TRI-GENERATION TRYATHLON

Three generations compete in a short, run, swim and kayak. Teams must consist of a member from each age group, (15 and under, 16 to 59, 60+) cumulative age of team must be greater than 100 years.

### BARBECUE:

Food generously provided by the Stevens family and their business Country Traditions.



# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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**Ryan Nowell**

**Molly, Jack, Jennifer, and Struan Robertson**

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**Katherine Grennell**

**Daphne Williams**

**Haley and Erin Grennell**

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**Sandra Clark**

**Mike Cramer**

**Nancy Kallina**

**Greg New**

**Wayne and Susan Arthurs**

**Ken Hook**

**Rod Trimble**

**Gwynneth Morais**

**Gord McCulloch**

**Jill Coté**

**Anders Holder**

**Bob Hasler**

**Sean Geddes**

It is our volunteers that make our SDRA events and projects so successful! Because of our amazing volunteers, we are able to have fantastic events like the Annual Lake Festival, the Potluck, the AGM, and more. For those of you who help us in so many ways, we thank you for your ongoing assistance and support!

If you'd like to volunteer with the SDRA in any of the many ways, or if you're interested in joining the board, please visit our website at <http://skootamatta.ca/volunteers>

We have lots of opportunities that fit a variety of interests and skill sets. If you have any questions about different ways to volunteer, what's involved in volunteering, or any other questions about how you can become more active in the SDRA, please reach out to any of our board members. They'd all be happy to chat with you about potential involvement.

# 2018 DATES AND SDRA EVENTS

**July 1, 2018**



## CANADA DAY BOAT PARADE

Our 2017 Canada Day Boat Parade winner Ron Nowell will lead the boat parade this year!  
Leaving at **11:00 a.m.** from Kissman's cottage at end of Deer Ridge Road.

**July 7, 2018**



## SDRA AGM

I wonder who will win the ice out contest this year? Paul Lindsay always has some surprises for the winner! Hope to see you at the AGM, and please bring a non-perishable food item for Cloyne Food Bank.  
**9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts**

**August 11, 2018**



## SKOOTAMATTA LAKE FESTIVAL

Ready, set, go! For another fun Lake Festival. Nancy Kallina and her team of amazing volunteers have been preparing for another great day this year! Hope to see you all there!  
**9:15 a.m.** 5K registration.  
**10:00 a.m.** Festival registration begins!

**August 18, 2018  
anytime after 3:00**



## ANNUAL POT LUCK

Last year it was Red & White, the year before a Hawaiian Luau! What will Ron and Esther think of this year? Lots of great ideas are cooking - watch for the Pops for details!  
**1191 Hughes Landing Road**

**September 1, 2018  
8:30 sharp!**



## ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Last year was extra special to Celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday! The show still promises to be a great way to end the summer. Rain Date - Sunday, Sept 2. **8:30 p.m. Start**

**September 3 and  
October. 8, 2018**



## FOOD DRIVE FOR CLOYNE FOODBANK

At the end of last summer we collected lots of great food items for those in need. Please make it an annual tradition to give to those in need.

# LOGGING TRAMWAY

BY PAUL LINDSAY

There is an incredible history of logging in this area that began in the 1850s when Gilmour & Co. came to the area. Logs were sent from Mazinaw Lake down the Mississippi system to mills further down the Ottawa River, and even further down the Mississippi system UP to Pringle Lake and then down the Skootamatta/Moira system to Lake Ontario. In 1882, the Gilmours rebuilt their mill in Trenton. It was one of the largest mills in North America, capable of cutting one million board feet of lumber per day, and needed a supply of logs. The Gilmours built a 70-metre long Jack-Ladder and a 2.2 km long horse-drawn Tramway from Mazinaw Lake to Pringle Lake to supply the mill. At the highest point the logs were raised to 53 metres above Mazinaw's water level to get over the Watershed Divide.

The Jack-Ladder and Tramway were built around 1881 and operated for 8-10 years until most of the areas prime pine had been harvested.

Steve Manders and Kevin Goodfellow have unearthed numerous artifacts from the Tramway that are on display at the Cloyne Pioneer Museum along with a model of the Jack-Ladder. Definitely worth a visit!

Factual data from Kevin Goodfellow and Steve Manders.



# LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The primary goal of the Skootamatta District Lakes Management Plan (hereafter referred to as LMP) is to establish meaningful discussion among residents and local community members to preserve the environmental, social, and recreational well being of the Skootamatta District Lakes and the surrounding community. It has been, and continues to be, an ongoing project and a living document, subject to change as the needs of the lakes change.

The LMP covers many topics relevant to lake health, including invasive species, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, shoreline health, and boating/recreation. This information was gathered, using resident and cottager surveys, water quality testing, fishery data collection, and discussions with external stakeholders.

In an effort to understand what may impact both the environmental health of the lake, and the continual enjoyment by residents, the LMP includes past, present, and future considerations. For example, historic water quality testing and fishery monitoring provides a benchmark for analysis to compare to the current status of these indicators of lake health. Additionally, impacts of recreational activities on the lakes have increased, as more people are enjoying the lakes in new and different, more technologically

advanced, ways. The major theme throughout the LMP is lake health, as it relates to water quality, dam operations, and development.

Open communication with government, non-profit organizations, and businesses serves to align the LMP with other programs that may influence the lakes and their residents. Discussions with the Quinte Conservation Authority about water levels and dam operations provide a deeper understanding of challenges associated with maintaining the overall watershed and how the local lakes may be impacted. Regular communication with Mazinaw-Lanark Forestry Inc. allows residents to be informed about both the extent and type of logging activities that may be taking place. Resources provided by the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA) helped to develop and shape this LMP to align with the standards and examples set by other Ontario associations.

As mentioned, the key theme of the LMP is the health of our lakes, with the goal of keeping the lakes in a state that leaves them in good shape for future generations. Keeping this in mind, as the lake communities grow and change, this document is designed to grow and change as well, to reflect the current needs and priorities.

## ADDINGTON HIGHLANDS WASTE SITE HOURS

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- Sat: 8-4

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- Wed: 9-1 Fri: 9-1
- Sat: 9-2

\*\*Holiday Mon: 9-1 & 1:30-4:30\*\*

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[landolakesgardenclub.com](http://landolakesgardenclub.com)



The Land O' Lakes Garden Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (except for December, January, February and March) at the Pineview Free Methodist Church in Cloyne. We have a wonderful lineup of speakers this year, and you are welcome to join us to hear what they have to say.

We will be having our annual plant sale on Saturday May 26 at 9:00 a.m. sharp at the Barrie Community Hall in Cloyne. The Cuddy family in Harlowe have been most generous, and are growing tomato, herbs and other veggie plants for us in their greenhouse. The heirloom tomatoes and other veggies are responsibly grown in a special soil mix that is pesticide free.

So don't shop at the big box stores this year, buy local and support our community Garden Club for its community projects. There will also be a great variety of perennials for sale. These plants are donated each year by the Garden Club members so you can be sure they will do well in your gardens!

# Trails End News

You may have noticed a new addition to Trails End last summer! Our SDRA board was hard at work leveling the ground and making way for the new shed that will be used to house all of the assets for the SDRA: supplies for the Lake Festival, bins for the Food Bank collection and, most recently purchased, shelves for the inside to keep everything organized.



This project removed the need to store bits and pieces at board members cottages and garages and allows us to keep everything located in one place for easy asset tracking. Thank you to Nancy

Kallina, Greg New, Mike Cramer, Joel Arthurs, Wayne Arthurs, Jackie Bleecker, Ellen Copeland, and Bill Blake for putting the shed up, and to Yourway for providing the shed assembled for a reduced cost.

The Township has also arranged for a contractor to repair the Trails End Dock! The SDRA will be sharing the cost with the Township to complete the much needed repairs. Timing of the repairs will be weather dependent! We will be sure to send a Pop out when the work is complete!

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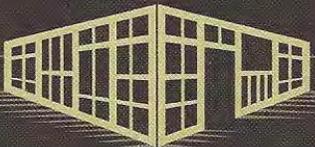


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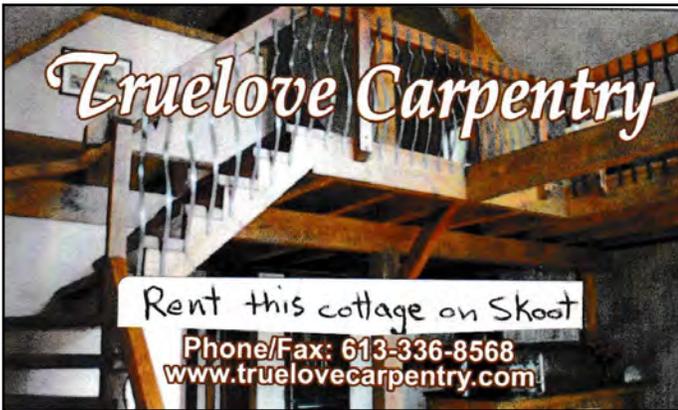
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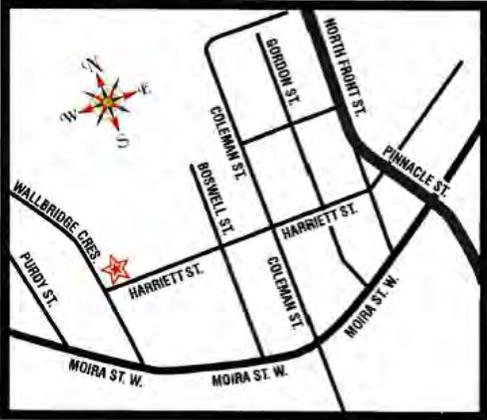
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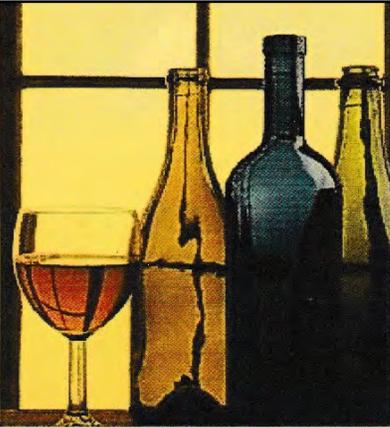
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