
SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

FALL NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

I hope you all enjoyed our tropical summer. The following will bring you up to date on the activities around the lake over the past few months.

Treasurers Report

As at November 25th, 1988, Diane Tate, the treasurer, reported we had \$2,571.21 in our savings account and \$529.88 in our chequing account. We have 128 members paid to date.

Membership

To date, we have received dues from 128 members.

This newsletter is going out to all landowners on the lake, members and non-members alike. If we have not received your annual dues for 1988-89, you will also find enclosed a pink reminder slip encouraging you to support the association. Please, - your \$10.00 is both appreciated and needed to further the interests of all landowners on the lake. This will also assure you of receiving future newsletters. We ask you to fill out the coupon at the end of this newsletter and return it, along with your dues, to our Cloyne address. Thank you.

Emergency Fire Pump

At the 1988 annual general meeting, a motion was passed to investigate and, if practical, purchase an emergency fire pump for the use and protection of our members. At the conclusion of the meeting, a generous donation to cover the cost of the pump (\$675.00) was received from Sean Hancock, a relative of the Tates. A Honda fire pump was then purchased locally. Also, 375 feet of fire hose was donated by one of our directors, Marty Carson. On behalf of the entire membership, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to both Sean and Marty for their generosity and concern for the wellbeing of our lake.

A sealed, self contained, carrying case has been constructed to hold the pump, 20 feet of suction hose, five 75-foot lengths of fire hose, and a spray nozzle (and marshmallows just in case). Two people are required to easily carry this unit and it can be transported in a small aluminum boat. Easy to follow instructions, for use, will be included in the case. A demonstration will be conducted at the 1989 annual general meeting.

Brian Boys, the new owner of Trails End Cottages, has agreed to house the unit at the store. If required after store hours, Brian will be living in the house just up the road from Trails End store across from the phone booth. Brian's phone number (store and house) is 336-2644. Enclosed in this newsletter is a sticker which we suggest be displayed in a conspicuous location in your cottage.

Lake Level

Many of you may have been surprised in October to see that the water level had dropped considerably. This was the result of the stop log replacement at the dam being carried out by the Moira Conservation Authority. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we did not know the date nor the extent of the drop in lake levels. We have expressed our concern to the Moira Conservation Authority that the water level be restored to normal fall levels prior to winter freeze-up to reduce the possibility of ice damage and have now been assured that the stop log heights have been set to the normal historical fall level.

Madawaska Regional Trust

At our 1988 annual general meeting, three representatives from the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (sponsor of the Madawaska Trust) spoke to us on the merits of implementing the Trust. We also heard from a representative from the Ministry of Natural Resources who expressed his opinions on the effects of the Trust. We feel that the general consensus was that the majority of the members in attendance were against the implementation of the Trust and felt that the Ministry of Natural Resources is doing an adequate job of environmental control and will continue to do so.

It is our understanding that our local M.P.P. Larry South, is opposed to the implementation of the Trust and since this issue would require a special act of provincial parliament, it would appear to be a dead issue. We will keep you advised.

Announcement Boards

A committee has been formed to investigate, purchase and erect two announcement boards. These will be located at the fork to Sheldrake Lake Road and across from the phone booth near Trails End. The purpose of these signs will be threefold:

- 1) to increase the awareness of our association among lake residents
- 2) post upcoming events and dates
- 3) list key contact people

Watch for them this spring ! !

REGATTA WEEKEND

Sailing

They came . . . they raced . . . they survived!

As many of you may recall, the weatherman was his usual uncooperative self. Saturday, July 30th, the sailboat races were started under reasonable winds and a turbulent sky. After the racers had turned the first marker the skies grew worse and the race was called. A special thanks to all the bystanders in boats who pitched in and helped to get all the stranded sailors to safety, until the storm had passed.

On Sunday, we had the opposite problem. The race was started at one o'clock and had to be shortened due to the lack of wind. Patience was a definite asset on the course that day.

In the sailboat category:

1st place:	Mr. Haakon Aass
2nd place:	Mr. Bruce Heney
3rd place:	Marlene & George Kojro
4th place:	Mr. Lawrence Cazally

In the sailboard category:

1st place:	Mr. Eric Clark
2nd place:	Mr. Wayne Arthurs
3rd place:	Mr. Ken Meikle

An honorable mention goes to Lawrence Cazally and crew, who on Saturday, in the rough waters, cartwheeled his catamaran, breaking a stay and damaging a rudder, but persevered and was back to compete on Sunday (minus his crew)!

Baseball

The annual baseball game was well attended on Saturday evening, under the lights at the Cloyne ball diamond. After seven innings, victory was taken by Team 1 under the guidance of Captain Dave (Worm) Tate. Team 2 was headed up by Coach Bob Morais. The final score was 28 to 22. A good time was had by all!

Skootamatta Sno Fest '89

For those winter enthusiasts among us, the second annual Skootamatta Sno Fest will take place on Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 pm in front of Trails End Store. This is a joint effort between your Association and the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club. Come on out with your family and friends and make a day of it!

Miscellaneous

Congratulations are in order to local cottage owner Wayne Arthurs on the occasion of his election to Mayor of Pickering.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of three long time lake residents who passed away since our last newsletter. We remember Fred Bessie, Stan Hughes, and Art Dunbar.

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On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish you a safe and enjoyable winter season and look forward to seeing you on and around Skootamatta next summer.

Yours truly,



Doug Jones
President

If you have not already done so, please send your dues of \$10.00 for 1988/89 to:

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