
SKOOT NEWS

Spring 2003

Is Winter Over Yet ????

Have we all had enough of winter yet..This has been undoubtedly the longest and the coldest in my memory. And of course it would also happen to be the first one my parents have experienced in 15 years. Serves them right for swanning off to warmer climates for all those years!

Many of us are anxiously preparing for the first sojourn to our piece of paradise at Skoot.

We will deal with overloaded cars, full of all the stuff we hauled home in the fall convinced we would never need at the cottage. The boxes will have sat in the same place, all winter taking residence with all the other stuff we have discovered at home that would also be perfect up north., No matter how you look at it there is always twice as much going back.

The drive will seem longer, the roads bumpier and the traffic

busier. But when we arrive..alas we will smell the air at Skoot. And Yes it does smell better there!

Then you discover that the one thing we have forgot is the ball to the hitch, to the trailer, to the boat, TO GET TO THE COTTAGE !!!

But when you do get there and all is as it was left..it will be just like opening a Christmas present....the best present of all.

SKOOTAMATTA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sat. July 5th 10:00 am

Please come to **YOUR** AGM. Bring any new cottagers and show them what a great Cottage Association we have

Volunteers needed again to cook . Please contact lgarnish@rogers.com Or 905-294-9438 We will have lots to discuss this year and promise to have a great day.

Our AGM will be held at the "usual spot" at the Horseshoe pits near Trails End.

" MARK YOUR ROCKS"

If you have any rocks near your shore please mark them

Your Executive

- ☺ Ron Nowell, President
- ☺ Lynn Acken, VP
- ☺ Lynn Garnish, Secretary/ Treasurer
- ☺ Kent Farrow, Director
- ☺ Jim Osborne, Director
- ☺ Laury Hitchcock, Director
- ☺ Don Hitchcock, Director
- ☺ Nancy Trimble, Lake Steward

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WEST NILE VIRUS ; A VERY REAL THREAT

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

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SKOOT SURVEY RESULTS and MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

SURVEY RESULTS

On what was the hottest day for the month of August we enlisted the help of several youth to deliver a survey. Over 250 surveys were delivered and yet we only had 22 responses.

The purpose was to allow your executive to better serve all of your interests.

We would like to add the survey again with this years newsletter and kindly ask that you return it with your membership dues.

So far the results showed a high interest in having a meet your neighbour/ pot luck evening. Any volunteers?

Membership Dues

Our receipt of members dues was way down last year !!

Only 48% paid

The member dues should be paid no later than the AGM. It is very time consuming for your executive to try to collect these dues throughout the summer.

Please try to remember to mail your dues upon receipt of your newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!

We are in desperate need of volunteers for events. Please let us know if you can spare us a few hours during July or August.

We also need the following

1) **ROCK SUPERVISOR**

Ensure all rocks are marked by the end of May

2) **FIRE PUMP CHUMP**

Spring check of all 3 fire pumps

EMERGENCY PLANNING and CPR TRAINING

Would you know what to do in an emergency at the cottage?

Most of us try to prevent accidents and our track record at Skoot is pretty good for water safety. But how many of us would really know what to do in an emergency situation?

The events of Sept. 11 have certainly made us all think about how communities can pull together in a crisis.

Our Association Insurance provider now requires at least one member of the executive be certified in CPR and First Aid.

We have complied with this but would like to take it one step further in order to be in a position to provide training to our members.

We need feedback to determine the level of interest and ask that you email lgarnish@rogers.com or indicate your interest on the survey

IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY

DIAL 911

Only 3% of the population has CPR & First Aid Training

BOATING OPERATOR'S CARD DEADLINE COMING SOON

Effective **now** all person's born after April 1, 1983 and operating a pleasure craft fitted with a motor

MUST have an operators card.

Effective **Sept. 15, 2002**

Any person operating a powered recreational vessel less than 4m in length (including Personal Watercraft) MUST have an operators card.

Effective **Sept. 15, 2009**

All operators MUST have an operators card



BOATING SAFETY
HOTLINE
1-800-267-6687

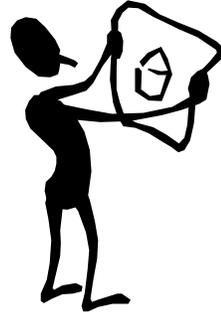
ADDINGTON HIGHLANDS WANTS AN OFFICIAL PLAN

Addington Highlands Township Council has commenced development of an Official Plan for the Township.

The following people have been appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee for the Official Plan:

Donna Anderson
Henry Hogg
Michael Benson
Ken Hook
Alex Chisholm
David Savigny
Ken Douglas
Bob Walroth
Ray Dumas

The first meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee was held on 11 March 2002 in Flinton. Officials of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs explained the process, in which the township will be assisted, under contract, by a professional planning firm. An issue, which has attracted some attention recently in neighbouring townships in their Official Plans, is the minimum lot size for a waterfront property. For example, Central Frontenac Township recently approved its Official Plan with a minimum waterfront lot size of 2 acres, and minimum frontage of 300 ft.



Where do all these roads lead to?

Alex Chisholm, who represents the SDRA, and lives year round on Skootamatta Lake, welcomes your input. He can be reached at 613-336-8967 or by email at a.chisholm@sympatico.ca

COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

The Community Policing Committee consists of four Skootamatta Lake residents who liaise with the Addington Highlands Police Services Board and the OPP. This group ensures police services are monitored and our concerns are being addressed. One major positive result of this group was ensuring the Kaladar office stay open

Any concerns or comments can be mailed to this group care of

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**Addington Highlands
Website is www.mazinaw.on.ca/addington/**

SKOOTAMATTA LAKE HISTORY BOOK

In the past we have discussed the idea of writing a history book about the families and events that help make Skootamatta special.

This project will be a huge undertaking but time is moving on and many of our history may be lost.

This project will require everyone's input for those who wish to participate.

Each member is asked to research their own history on Skoot and submit a story for inclusion into the book.

We also invite stories that you are aware of that may not be about your family but may be of interest to the reader. Humour is definitely needed.

We will start a "Memory Book" committee and plan to have a publish date by 2003.

This will make a great keepsake to pass on to future generations.

Take the time to tell us your history.



Start putting pen to paper

OBORNE FAMILY CELEBRATES 80 YEARS ON SKOOTAMATTA

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Osborne Acken..3rd generation

The Osborne family will celebrate 80 years at Skootamatta Lake this summer.

This association started in 1920 when A. Ross Osborne, "Tiny", purchased several lots from the Crown, including the island in Sheldrate Bay and the then "island", now "Osborne Point", in the Lower Lake.

Many of the first cottagers were hunting and business friends of Tiny's; the Bibles, Chaffees, Chittocks, Clarkes, Gibbs, Ingrams, Jacobs, Moores, Pearsons, Schwengers, Stevens and

the Williams. Many of these families still have cottages on the lake though many of them have since sold. These first property owners were required by law to build cottages worth at least \$500 on each lot purchased.

When the Osborne family first came for a summer in 1922, there were no other cottages on the lake. These "pioneers" traveled from Toronto, taking the better part of a day for the trip. They would stop in Belleville for a picnic and then continue on to Kaladar. From Kaladar onwards was a gravel road to the Landing.

Tiny and his wife, Clara, had a huge Newfoundland Whaler boat that was

used to transport the family, including sons Harry and Ross, and building supplies to the island. Years later, that Whaler was given a Viking funeral off of their Causeway.

This July 1st will mark the families 80th year at the lake and they will also celebrate the 87th birthday of **J. Ross Osborne, "the Colonel"**

It will also be the first time that a 5th generation Osborne will arrive where most of us consider....**"Home"**.

T SHIRT ORDERS

The response to our T-Shirt sales was astounding.

What great shirts, especially the Hoodies !!

We are trying to become proficient with the order process and thank you for your patience if you were unable to receive your order last fall

Order forms are attached to this newsletter and we ask that you return the order form with payment along with your membership dues **before June 15th** .

Every attempt will be made to have your order ready for pick-up at the AGM

**PLEASE CHECK OUT
OUR ADVERTISING
SECTION AND HELP
SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS**

We're on the WEB...www.skootamatta.com

We are on the web !!

After a lot of hard work by David Hitchcock we are up and running.

Still in the early stages so we need all of your ideas and input.

We hope to have a message board soon and eventually some advertising

Story and photo contributions would be greatly appreciated along with anything newsworthy you can add.

Let's get CHATTING.....



LAKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

This committee was formed at the 2001 Annual General Meeting, in order to assess and monitor the quality of our lake water and the state of septic systems on our lake.

Some of the initiatives taken to date were:

Distribution on the August long weekend of 260 information packages to the Skootamatta Lake residents which included pamphlets on “**Waterfront Living**” and “**Operating & Maintaining Your Septic System**”. I hope you have read these pamphlets and given serious thought to implementing the suggestions contained in them.

Two of the Committee members, Dave Trimble and Don Hitchcock, purchased and donated Phosphorus Water Test Kits from FOCA and did the actual work of sampling the lake over the course of last summer. You’ll be happy to know that the results were very good and our lake water quality is acceptable. Results will be presented at the Annual meeting this year. We also tested water clarity, and the results are the same as they were in 1971!

Contact was made with Brian Black of the Health Unit and we persuaded him to do additional water testing for bacterial contaminants. The results of these tests were also good and you can see them on the website.

Our committee made a presentation in August at the Township of Addington Highlands council meeting in August. At that meeting we expressed our concerns, outlined our actions taken to date and future plans. At the end of our presentation, we asked for their support of our initiatives and a council liaison person for our association. They appointed Ken Hook as our contact with the township council. It was a very positive meeting.

I can’t let this opportunity pass without mentioning that although our lake is in good condition, it won’t stay that way unless we constantly work to keep our actions from contaminating the lake. **Septic systems that are older than 25 years old should be upgraded.** If you haven’t had the system pumped out for 2 or 3 years, consider having that done now. Get together with a few of your neighbours and make the call together – maybe you can talk the company you choose into a group rate! Check out your boat motors – are they leaking gas into the lake?

Just a few suggestions to think about, folks!

As you can see, we have a very active and committed team at work. We welcome new volunteers and input at any time. Come talk to us at the Annual Meeting and voice your interests and concerns.

Your Committee Includes

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July 2002

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>BOAT</i> <i>PARADE</i> 11 am	<i>2</i> <i>Town</i> <i>Council</i> <i>Flinton 7p</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>AGM</i> 10 am
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>DOCK</i> <i>SALE</i> 10 am
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Full</i> <i>Moon</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

☺ July 1st: 11 am in the Narrows

Skooty Flooty Boat Parade

☺ July 6th 10 am Horseshoe Pit
Annual General Meeting

☺ July 20th 10 am

10th Annual Dock Sale at
"your Own Dock"

EVENT NEWS



This year we are adding a new social event called the

"Annual Skooty Flooty"

Actually, it's a Boat Parade....

On CANADA DAY

Let's all meet in

the Narrows on July 1st at 11am

with our best decorated boats and tour the lake.

Bring your music, bring your horns and lets be proud to be at Skoot on Canada's Birthday

Get a better understanding of an oft-ignored country by celebrating Canada Day. On this holiday, we commemorate the 1867 confederation of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The maple leaf has been the centerpiece of the Canadian flag since 1965 and remains the most prominent international symbol of the country. There are 10 native maple tree species dispersed throughout Canada, and their sweet-water sap is used to make syrup.

ACTIVITY: To make frozen maple squares, boil two cups of syrup over low heat, stirring continuously. Remove it from the stove top and let it cool a little. Blend in one teaspoon of vanilla and a pinch of salt. Pour the syrup into an ice cube tray. The next day, pop out the cool candies. Tastes good, eh?

We would also like to explore the "POT LUCK" idea as it was the # 2 hit on our survey.

Any ideas of when and where to have it would be appreciated
Maybe the Barrie Township Hall ?

Any guesses what was # 1 on the survey

Email your answer to lgarnish@rogers.com and **the first winning response will win a prize !**

August 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Blueberry Jamboree</i>	3 <i>Horseshoes 10 am</i>
4	5	6 <i>Town Council Denbigh 7p</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Meteor Shower</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Sailing Regatta</i>
18	19	20	21 <i>Full Moon</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Fireworks 8 pm</i>

Schedule of Events

☺ Aug 3rd 10 am

Annual Horseshoe Tournament
and BBQ

☺ Aug 31st 8pm

10th Annual Fireworks Display

METEOR SHOWER and FIREWORKS

August 12 Meteor Shower

For more than 1,000 years, the Perseid meteor shower has dazzled viewers around the world. "Shooting stars" appear as cascades of light in the night sky. They are actually chunks of ice and dust that enter Earth's atmosphere and disintegrate dramatically. The meteor shower is named for the constellation Perseus, from where it seems to originate. To get the best view of this astral display, go someplace dark, away from any lights. People have seen as many as 100 shooting stars an hour.

This date is "tentative" from Astronomy Canada.

Fireworks Display Aug 31

We have been very lucky to manage to put this show on year after year at such a reasonable cost.

We will not be raising the price but please bear in mind that we only spend what we collect and we **MUST** determine what we can spend by July so the supplies can be purchased

**DONATIONS ARE
GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED**



**August 31
8 PM**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS....

Every year we ask, and we some-times beg.

This year is no different....

WE REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS

We know members do not want to make a commitment to be on the Executive,,,we understand. We have managed over the years to get things running pretty smooth and with the help of some volunteers it would sure take some pressure off.

So

Here is a list of “**DUTIES**” we could use some volunteers for

Rock Marking
Fire Pump Check-up
AGM BBQ : Food pick-up and set-up
Horseshoe Tournament: BBQ Set-up
Fireworks: Ticket sales

**Sign up at the AGM..these
“Positions” will go quickly !!!**

SAILING REGATTA

This longstanding Annual event has been put on “hold” until we can find some new volunteers to organise and run the event.

John Teed and Brad Heney gave us many years of their time to run this event and now we need some fresh people.

This event is very time consuming but well worth the effort.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR EXECUTIVE...Box 146, Cloyne KOH 1K0

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OUR CONDOLENCES...

This section is always the hardest to write.

The SDRA Executive and all it's members offer their deepest condolences to the following families who have lost a loved one since we last published our newsletter.

The **TEED FAMILY** on the loss of
Jim Teed

The **DURNO FAMILY** on the loss of
Janine Durno

The **HOUSTON FAMILY** on the loss of
Rita Houston



Summer 2002

SUMMER ADDRESS: May to Sept
Box 146
Cloyne, Ontario
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WINTER ADDRESS: Oct to April
50 Hawkridge Ave
Markham Ontario
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The Skootamatta District Ratepayers Association, known as the S.D.R.A. has been around since the 1920's to achieve objectives for the common good of our lake. The S.D.R.A. has been wholly or partially responsible for:

Bringing Hydro ,road and telephone service to the community

911 Service, Community Policing, and local Fire Response service

Fish stocking, and the development of hatching sites

Property, dock, and boat launch maintenance at the Landing

Annual General Meeting

Social events and Firework Display

Annual Newsletter and Website

YOUR DUES "DO" MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The S.D.R.A.'s most important function is to monitor local and regional government potential and actual decisions that affect our area. The S.D.R.A. acts as a lobby group on it's members behalf to protect their interests.

Your \$20.00 annual dues help to make this happen.

All of your executive freely volunteers their time to research, review and attend meetings requiring their attention.

Your annual dues represent the "best value" insurance policy available to preserve the quality of your cottage life and allow for your interests to be

Many times we are asked "where do our dues go"

This is just a small list of the many ways we spend the funds collected for annual dues.

Researching, preparing and distributing information materials
Boat launch property maintenance
Insurance
Long distance phone calls incurred
Gas costs to attend meetings requiring our attendance
Web hosting



Please remember to pay your dues on time!