



What a great summer we had!!
We enjoyed record temperatures
and the highest number of sunny
days in over 10 years.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Our AGM was held on Sat. July 4
despite the inclement weather. Our
appreciation goes to Skootamatta
Marina for allowing us to relocate
the meeting to their facilities. The
turn-out was a great show of
support. Many thanks to
Northbrook IGA for once again
donating the food for our BBQ
held after the meeting.

Compliments to our "chef" Ryan
Nowell who cooked over 120
burgers!!

In response to our members
requests, a sign was erected to try
and keep the boat launch and
adjoining beach clear of boats left
for long periods of time. Since
that time the area has been kept
clear for the most part. We did
meet with council regarding this
situation and were advised that
this area is located on the "66 Ft
Road Allowance"

on the 66 Ft Road Allowance and should
be kept clear. The MNR and Council were
in agreement to our sign and ask that
we advise them if the problem persists.
Jim Osborne kindly donated \$500
towards the purchase of a new fire pump
in appreciation for the efforts made when
his island had a fire in the spring.
FOCA directed us to Mr. Don Payne who
builds fire pumps as a hobby. We are
hopeful he will be able to have one made
for us in the spring. The existing pump
is located at Ron Nowells (336-2751)
residence and the new pump will be
located at Frank Laws (336-8490)
Please familiarize yourselves with these
locations. The map at the marina is
clearly marked and Fire Pump signs
will be erected.

Doug Clark provided us with current statistics on the quality of our lake water and wildlife issues. We all appreciate his commitment to being our Lake Steward and look forward to his report next year. We all have a vested interest in the quality of our lake and once again STRESS the importance to have your septic system checked on a regular basis. Our lake surveys indicate that certain areas on the lake are prone to poor quality water and we hope to concentrate our efforts next year to addressing this issue. If you are aware of any area that may have anything toxic leaking into the lake please contact Doug Clark or anyone on your executive.

Dave Dacuk also provided us with an update on the Lands for Life issue with an update of COFA's position on this matter. COFA is supporting Scenario Five which addressing a broad range on conservationist issues. Your executive fully supports COFA on this issue and we look forward to the proposal being incorporated into the legislation. A copy of this scenario is available from COFA. If you have any concerns with the proposal please contact Dave Dacuk or COFA.

The executive had been approached in the spring to address Community Policing issues and to prepare a report on the demographics of our lake community. It was great to have so many volunteers offer to help with this initiative. However, we were subsequently advised by the Community Policing Department in Napanee that their department would be identifying a liaison officer to complete the report. As of late August there had not been anyone assigned .We will keep members apprised as information becomes available.

Yvonne Heney kindly called the election for new executive and we advise that the following members have agreed to donate their time to the executive:

Bill Garnish	President
Ron Nowell	Vice- President
Lynn Garnish	Secty/Treasurer
Reva Nowell	Director
Bill Rahm	Director
Lynn Acken	Director
Kent Farrow	Director
Donna Smith	Director
Anne Chisholm	Director
Dave Dacuk	
FOCA/Cofa Representative	
Doug Clark	Lake Steward

SUMMER EVENTS

Our horseshoe tournament was another great success with the following winners:

**Dacuk & Bible 1st Place
Nowell & Nowell 2nd Place
Rattray & Rattray 3rd Place**

The Sailing Regatta was the highlight of the summer thanks to John Teed and his enormous efforts to promote the interest in sailing to the kids.

The executive along with it's members are very appreciative to all of John's efforts. A special thank you also to Brad Heney for helping John run the sailing course. The Regatta winners were as follows:

Adults

**1st Place John Teed/
 Brad Heney
2nd Place Fred Simpson/
 Bob Simpson**

Youth

**1st Place Ryan Nowell/
 Michael Miniota
2nd Place Evan Laws/
 Charlie Schwenger
3rd Place David Hitchcock**

The Fishing Derby certainly attracted a lot of entrants. Does that mean there really is fish in Skootamatta.?

Roy Chesney won with a 9lb Pike

Ron LeCavalier won with a 7 1/4lb Pickeral and

Frank Tommasona won with a 5 1/8lb Bass

Our Fireworks were once again spectacular and we owe it all to Brian Rumbles and all of those who helped him. Brian does a wonderful job for us and we all can't thank him enough.

Several people approached us expressing a desire to have a longer show in future. This would be a great thing to do however we are fairly limited to cost and work involved.

Currently the cost of fireworks for a show of the size we currently have is approximately \$1,000. Thanks to Brians efforts we have been able to keep the cost to under \$2,000. for the entire show (which lasted 6 minutes this year) In addition the ramps used to set off the show are filled to the maximum with the appropriate number of people to man them. If we went to a larger show it would require hiring additional licensed pyrotenichs which is a cost we

cannot support with the ticket sales.

We will address the issue of picking up any debris the next day by organizing a group of volunteers to help clean up.

BOAT LAUNCH

The boat launch fee has been very successful with over \$ 475. Collected this year. Although the fee is an honor system, most people have contributed to it's success.

Our last meeting with council once again presented the request for funds to do structural repairs. To date we have not had a formal response although a follow-up was sent in September. We urge all ratepayers to write your council and insist they address this issue as a safe and accessible access to our lake is a benefit to us all.

GOOD-BYE COUNTRY ROADS

A sad farewell to our Country Roads Restaurant. We are all sad to see a business close especially one that so many of us enjoyed. We want to wish Donna & Barry Smith well as they begin to enjoy their new "cottage". The Smith's will continue to run the Marina &

Store and we wish them every success.

CONGRATULATIONS

A belated congratulations to long time cottagers George & Betty Pearson on their 50th wedding anniversary.

If any members are aware of any social announcement they would like to see in the Spring Newsletter please contact Lynn Garnish.

Please find attached contact lists for members to get in touch with their executive.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.