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# **SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

## **YEAR 2001 NEWSLETTER**

**Welcome to the Year 2001!**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Hello All! Well we've almost made it through another winter season – April 1 and it's snowing – not even a good joke! For anyone who was able to get to the cottage this winter, it was an exceptional one for all outdoor activities, best snowmobiling in years, on perfect trails, great skiing or tobogganing on the slopes and even the skating on the lake was great! At this time, there is still 20" of ice on the lake and 2' of snow on your docks and yards! But, it is slowly melting and making way for boats and spring flowers. All in all, it's been a pretty good, though long, winter and I am really looking forward to those long summer evenings by the campfire, squatting mosquitoes!**

**As everyone knows, our BOAT RAMP at Trail's End has been a bone of contention for many years. In November 2000, the Ministry of Natural Resources, through the support of staff member Bob Millar, came through with approximately \$6000 for repairs - to place new concrete ramps, re-grade and gravel the hill, and provide drainage away from the road. This work has now been completed and the plan is to continue the paving to the top of**

**the hill. The Township has agreed to give us \$2500 towards these further improvements and we will have to try and raise the funds for any shortfall – expected to be in the \$2000 range. Hopefully non-members will continue to use the donation box and we can keep up the regular maintenance with those funds. The Executive, as I am sure you will agree, are very pleased to have this project just about put to rest.**

**A great big THANK YOU to all who have helped out with all the activities on the lake. Whether seen or not, it is these volunteers who make Skootamatta a safe and fun place to be!**

**As we look forward to a long, sunny and warm summer season, I urge you to please come to the AGM, bring your neighbour and show your support/concern about any issues which may be out there. We will try to give or get answers to all your questions. Please help, TOGETHER we make Skootamatta a great place to live and cottage.**

**Thank you  
Ron Nowell, President**

**And now the NEWS! You will note that there are several important new issues being**

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addressed as well as updates on old items.

Please read your newsletter carefully and provide us with your feedback or comments in the space provided on the back of the dues sheet. Your input is needed to keep our Association strong and relevant.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**NOTE:** The date for the AGM has again reverted to its usual pattern, the *first Saturday in July*.

**Date:** Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Place:** horseshoe pits, on our property, by Trail's End Cottages.

**Rain date:** Sunday, July 8th at 10:00, again at the horseshoe pits.

We hope to have one of Addington Highlands' elected municipal officials as our guest speaker. This will be your opportunity to discuss issues such as amalgamation, "downloading" and taxes!

Please join us!! This is *your* day and meeting! And, don't forget your chairs, hat and sunscreen!

After the meeting, we will have a fabulous Lake Lunch BBQ, generously sponsored by the Northbrook IGA, and we welcome you and your entire family, your guests, and your new neighbours.

### **WEB SITE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS**

In keeping with the new 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we are delighted to let you know that we are working on our own Web Site! We will have it well under way this spring and we hope to be able to provide you with an address at the AGM.

Please note that we are again requesting your e-mail address. An SDRA mailing list will facilitate getting important information to you in a much more timely fashion.

To some of you who have already provided us with e-mail addresses, you will receive this newsletter electronically! We would appreciate feedback on whether or not you like this format.

### **FIRE PUMPS**

Our three fire pumps are in operation, signed and installed. The pumps are located at:

**Sheldrake Bay** – Ron Nowell's dock,

**Upper Lake** – Blake Island, and  
**Narrows** – Frank Law's dock

If you are not sure of the location of the above properties, please call any of your executive for further directions.

For those of you with road access, particularly on Jacques Bay, don't forget to call 911 for help from the Township volunteer fire department.

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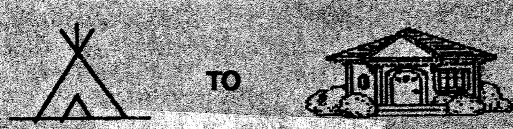
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In addition, have your drinking water tested regularly. To pick up test kits and for further information, contact the Health Unit in Cloyne at:  
336-8989

## FIREWORKS

The fireworks were *GREAT* last year – despite the misty weather. We hope to again have a great show for you this year.

**Fireworks:** Saturday, Sept. 1st  
**Rain Date:** Sunday, Sept. 2nd  
**Time:** Dusk  
**Where:** Causeway Beach

## FISH SURVEY

MNR representatives spoke at our last AGM in regard to the 1999 fish survey. For those of you who missed out on their presentation but would still like to know what its results were, we will have a copy of the final report available for you at this year's AGM.

## COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

This committee, consisting of four lake residents, continues to meet regularly and liaise with the Addington Highlands Police Services Board (PSB) and OPP. Attendance at the Board meetings gives us a voice, which enables us to continue to press for effective policing in this area.

We have actively lobbied for more visibility by the Marine Unit, skidoo training of local OPP officers and more road patrols. Within the cost constraints of the municipality, we feel that our concerns have been reasonably addressed.

If you have any particular policing concerns that you feel should be brought forward to the Police Services Board, please feel free to comment or drop us a line at our mailing address:

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## COMMUNITY ISSUES:

### Elections 2000

The results of the Fall 2000 elections for this area were:

**Reeve:** Henry Hogg  
**Deputy Reeve:** Ken Hook  
**Councillors:** Ibra Cuddy,  
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### Cloyne & District Historical Society

The Cloyne & District Historical Society, born out of the Pioneer Club, operates the Pioneer Museum in Cloyne. This Museum is home to over 900 artifacts from the early days of settlement in the Land O'Lakes area. Included in the collection are tools from the logging industry, clothing and household items from pioneer families, books, photos, and documents, which illustrate the way of life of the early settlers. The Museum is open 6 days a week during July and August and admission is free!

If you have information about the history of the Skootamatta Lake area, which you would like to share, please let the Society know. Any contributions, which will allow the Society to have a more complete picture of life in the area, would be very much appreciated. Too often, priceless photos or memorabilia are consigned to the trash bin when attics and basements are cleaned out. Call "before you throw" and remember those items you want to keep can be scanned. Please help to preserve the past for the future.

Contact the Society by dropping by the Museum or by calling: Margaret Axford at: 336-2203 or, Ruth Burley at: 336-8517

### Health Fair

Have you ever wondered what you need to do to access health services in our area? If so, plan on attending the Health Fair, sponsored by the KFL&A Community Care Access Centre.

Date: Saturday, June 2

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Place: Northbrook Lions Hall

Please drop in and find out about the services that are available to all of us, whether cottager or permanent resident.

### SOCIAL EVENTS:

#### Family Day

Our social events (and participation in them) are dwindling!! We, as your executive, have agonized over what to do about it and whether, in fact, it is our mandate to continue sponsoring these events. So... we need your help and commitment if we are to continue.

In addition to the Horseshoe Tournament and Dock Sale, being held on Saturday, August 4, we would like to hold a:

#### Family Day

Date: Sunday, August 5

Place: all activities will be held on our property by Trails End and at the dock and beach.

Time: 10am to 3 pm

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propose an agenda; if you wish to participate in this event, your input and time commitment is imperative. Sign up at the AGM if you are interested.

We are envisioning a fun packed day for youngsters and the young at heart. We hope to have both land and water events – races, kids horseshoes, face painting, a BBQ, teen and adult canoe races and much more.

Sounds good? Then please get involved!!

### Horseshoe Tournament

This popular event attracted 8 teams last year, generating some \$45.00 in fees.

*Winners were:*

**1<sup>st</sup> place team:**

**Wayne & John Dacuk**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place team:**

**Glen Bible & Dave Dacuk**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place team:**

**Kent & Grant Farrow**

Thanks to Mike and Mark at Trails End Cottages for their help in rebuilding the pits and to Kent Farrow for donating the lumber and running the event.

**Date: Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Horseshoe pits – Trails End**

**Entry fee: \$2.00/person**

We have a new trophy for this event, generously donated by the Aquino family: the *Aquino/Coward Trophy*

### Dock Sale:

The dock sale is planned for:

**Date: Saturday, August 4**

**Time: from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.**

This is your chance to make your “cast off” someone else’s “treasure”. And a great opportunity to meet your neighbours!

### DIRECTORS

There will be three vacancies this year on the Board of Directors.

This is your Board. Please give very serious consideration to serving a term (2 years). Being a Director is not a particularly onerous job but it is a vital one if we are to continue being able to serve your interests.

Many of our current Directors have served three and more consecutive terms and they need a break! If you have never served on the Board of Directors or have not done so recently, why not make this year your year to “take a turn”!

### CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences are sent to the Fraser, Wardman, Stokes and Aass families in their recent loss of loved ones: Betty, Charles, James and Haakon.



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In addition, our condolences to the Jones family on the death of Willy Stevens. Long time cottagers will remember that the Stevens family was one of the "originals" on the lake.

**CLOSING**

To all of you, we wish you a safe and happy summer. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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