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**SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

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**Dear Members:**

I'm still convinced this letter should begin with *Season's Greetings !!* Is spring ever going to appear? Let's hope this means we will have a long hot summer to help us forget the long cold winter .

And now for the news.....

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

The response to our request for dues was phenomenal. Your executive can't thank you enough for your prompt replies.

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

The survey results were also impressive. It is definitely clear from the results received that we are all in agreement to continue with the lease for the association lands when it becomes due in 1998.

I will try to answer most of the general questions now so we do not have to spend time revisiting them at the Annual General Meeting

- The cost of the lease renewal was previously \$1.00. We don't expect it to change after speaking with the township.
- The lease specifically states that we must keep the boat access open to the public and we are not allowed to gate it or prevent access.
- The lease also states we are not allowed to charge a docking fee. However, when speaking with the township we are allowed to ask for donations. A sign will be erected above the existing donation box asking for \$5.00 minimum donations for boat launching. This request is aimed at non-association members and tourists only. We do not expect association members to make this donation unless they want to. The monies collected will be kept separate for repairs.

## **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

The executive met in early May to discuss how the nominations are handled. One of the problems we have encountered is the executive is nominated in July and the agenda is already set by the previous executive in the spring.

We would like to propose that we continue with the elections at the AGM and the outgoing executive stay on with the new executive to assist the person with what is involved. This would result in the executive term being three years instead of two, with the last year being an overlap.

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We would also like to propose that the Senior Executive positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer be filled if at all possible by an existing director. We feel this will help to keep the continuity and organization of the executive rather than spending a lot of time learning what is involved.

Anyone wishing to run for a position should ask a member to nominate them. Please do not nominate someone who has not yet been approached regarding the position.

The following is a list of your current executive and what positions are available for nomination. Existing executives whose term is up are not excluded for renomination should they so desire.

- PRESIDENT : Bill Garnish
- VICE-PRESIDENT : Lori Bessie \*\*\*
- SECRETARY TREASURER : Lynn Garnish
- DIRECTORS: Bill Rahm  
Daryl Thompson  
Kent Farrow  
Darian Kissman  
Ron Nowell \*\*\*  
Reva Nowell \*\*\*

\*\*\* These positions are up for nomination

We also have two new positions available.

- **LAKE STEWARD:** This position will involve working closely with the Federation of Cottagers' Association with respect to the protection of the lakes environment . FOCA will provide guidance and direction as to what is involved. If anyone is interested, we have a job description provided to us by FOCA and we would be delighted to mail it to those interested parties. Please let us know.
- **FOCA/COFA REPRESENTATIVE :** This position requires the representative to work as a continual liaison between FOCA/COFA and the executive regarding issues, meetings and events. It would be in the associations best interest if this representative was a permanent resident on Skootamatta Lake, since many of the activities are year round in the local area.

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## **FOCA/ COFA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

The SDRA has been a member of FOCA since 1989. Until this year \$1.00 of your dues was submitted towards membership in this organization. As of 1997 the fee was raised to \$1.25. In addition there is a flat fee of \$ 65.00.

We felt it was important for our members to know exactly what FOCA does. The mandate of FOCA is:

- to assist everyone, Cottager or not, in connection with the problems in rural recreation areas of Ontario.
- speak to Government, industry etc. on behalf of the owners of over ½ million recreation properties in Ontario
- be a volunteer, non-profit, non-Government Federation of over 450 Member Associations with over 50,000 members from every walk of life, every corner of the Province. The Federation also has over 650 Individual members and 60 Corporate Associates
- For over 25 years the Federation has been preparing briefs and resolutions to guide politicians and policy makers. Recent position papers are; a submission to the Fair Tax Commission on Taxation in Cottage Country, on Nuclear Waste Management, the acquisition of abandoned railway lines, Timber Management, the Mining Act, Wetlands and Aggregates and the report on the Trent-Severn Reservoir lakes and Waterways System. A report on the planning process in Ontario is currently under development for submission to the newly formed Commission on Planning and Development reform in Ontario.

The Federation is also concerned with the Environment and Natural Resources, Hydro Rates, Routes and Site Selection, Lake Planning and is continuously involved in these and many other issues.

Many of you may already be aware of FOCA's involvement if you subscribe to Cottage Life as they have a monthly submission to the magazine regarding current issues.

We hope you feel as we do that your \$1.25 is wisely spent.

The SDRA has just joined COFA at a cost of \$30.00 for the year. COFA stands for Conservationists of Frontenac Addington and their objectives are:

- foster conservation in the Frontenac Addington area
- encourage the wise use of land and resources
- maintain and enhance fish and wildlife populations and habitats on a local basis for the equal opportunity and optimum benefit of all residents
- recognize the need for sound conservation practices with respect to natural resource management and access.

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COFA was responsible for organizing the rubble placed at the causeway in 1993 to encourage spawning .

The MNR commented that the rubble placement was one of the best they had seen for awhile. Even better news is the spring run this year was one of the best seen in over 20 years. Hopefully this will keep our fishing enthusiasts happy.

Ron Pethick from COFA will be one of our guest speakers at our AGM and we look forward to hearing from him.

### **COMMUNITY POLICING/ “ BAY WATCH “**

The Napanee Community Policing Committee and the Ontario Provincial Police have created a service called “Bay Watch”. This service is designed to ensure the following objectives:

- promote boat safety
- observe and report boat safety violations- excessive speed, impaired boating, lack of proper safety equipment
- assist in search and rescue efforts when called upon to do so
- promote environmental enhancement programs as a joint exercise with the MNR
- promote wildlife and fisheries conservation programs as a joint venture with the MNR

Our younger members are especially encouraged to attend this session

PC R.S. (Bob) Clapp will also be one of our guest speakers at our AGM.

### **ONTARIO LAKE ASSESSMENTS ( OLA)**

The OLA was founded this year to fill the gap left by the Provincial Government regarding the protection of water quality on our lakes. The MNR no longer have the capability to undertake water quality surveys, assist in septic system inspections, severances, or carry out shoreline development impact studies.

Reg Genge, Principal and Senior Evaluator of OLA will also be speaking at our AGM.

### **ALGONQUINS OF GOLDEN LAKE LAND CLAIM**

Ontario is currently in the process of negotiating a land claim with the Algonquins of Golden Lake. Carol Philp from FOCA is also a member of the Committee of External Advisors (CEA) and has given our Associations name as we are located in the land claim area.

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We have contacted the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat and FOCA requesting some representation at our AGM to answer any concerns we may have. Any members interested in receiving the land claim map package can write to :

Ontario Native Affairs  
Algonquins of Golden Lake Land Claim  
P.O. Box 220, Riverside Drive  
Pembroke, Ontario  
K8A 6X4                      Attn: Sheely J. Dumouchel

Scott Lee, Community Liaison, Ontario Native Affairs will also be a guest speaker at our AGM.

## **EVENTS**

We are attaching a calendar noting the event dates. As previously advised we have made a few changes. The Sailing Regatta will not be held on the same day as the Horseshoe Tournament. The Sailing Regatta entrance fee for SDRA members will be \$5.00 and non-members \$10.00. We plan to invite surrounding lake associations to join this annual event. The fees from SDRA entrants can be paid to any member of your executive.

Our Horseshoe Tournament will start earlier this year so we don't end the game at midnight. We will be charging a TWOONIE per player. This will help to cover the costs of trophies and refreshments.

We are also introducing an annual "Beach Clean-Up" day. This benefits everyone that uses the beaches at the upper lake or on Big Island. All we ask is that you bring a garbage bag and rake to the beach you prefer on Saturday June 21 from 10:30 - 11:30 and help clean the beach from the debris left from winter.

Our **FISHING DERBY** will now be held for the entire months of July and August. You can take your fish to the Marina Store to be weighed and it will be recorded in the log book. Each weigh entry will cost a LOONIE. The winners will be presented with their trophies on August 30th at 11:00 at the marina. We will also have a children's derby up to age 13 . The derby will also be for the months of July & August but their will be no fee charged to be weighed and entered in the log book. The children's categories will be the following:

- largest pike
- largest pickerel
- largest bass
- highest number of rock bass caught

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## **BASEBALL GAME**

The annual baseball game will be held at the Cloyne Baseball Diamond at 3PM on Saturday July 5 after the AGM. Adults and children will play together.

## **ST. JOHN AMBULANCE COURSE**

We will be hosting a St. John Ambulance course on CPR for anyone who is interested on Saturday July 19 from 9:00 - 5:00 at the Barrie Township Hall . Bring your own lunch . This is a certificate course and is available to everyone 16 yrs and older. The cost is \$50.00 per person payable to St. John's Ambulance. We need a minimum of 8 people for this course to host it. We can handle at least 20 people. Please sign up with Darian Kissman along with your fee at the AGM.

## **FIREWORKS**

Our ticket sales have been a great success. Tickets will be available at Skootamatta Marina during the summer. If you have not already purchased one, please do so. It's a great end of summer event. Skootamatta Marina has again made a substantial donation to our fireworks display and we wish to thank them for their generosity and support.

## **MAINTENANCE**

- We are obtaining quotes to fix the dock ramp and hope to present at the AGM.
- Please remember to take your garbage home with you when you leave the beach.
- The light in the narrows will be fixed within the coming weeks.
- We would kindly ask if you are aware of any dangerous rocks on your shoreline that have not been marked by June 21 please mark them or contact the executive to have them marked.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM will be held on July 5 at 10:00 at the horseshoe pits. There will be no rain date required as Skootamatta Marina has graciously offered their premises should we have bad weather. Let's have a good turn out.

We will have SDRA T-shirts and caps for sale. Bring your money as these sell fast!!

We will be having our guest speakers first so they may leave should they need to. **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS !!!**

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

The executive and it's members wish to extend their condolences to the Jones and LeCavalier families on the passing of their family members.

**CLASSIFIED SECTION**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>JUNE 21</b>	<b>10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Beach Clean-Up Day</b>
<b>JULY 5</b>	<b>10:00 3:00</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting Annual Baseball Game Cloyne Baseball Field</b>
<b>JULY 12</b>	<b>10:00 - 2:00</b>	<b>Dock Sale ( on your dock )</b>
<b>JULY 19</b>	<b>9:00 - 5:00</b>	<b>ST. John Ambulance Course</b>
<b>JULY 26</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Horseshoe Tournament Sign Up at the tournament</b>
<b>AUG 9</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>SAILING REGATTA</b>
<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Fishing Derby Trophies At the marina.</b>
	<b>8:30</b>	<b>Fireworks near the marina bay</b>

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## We will be Opening May Long Weekend!

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Sun. May 18	9:00 - 9:00	Mon. May 19	9:00 - 6:00

## May 24 to June 22 open every Saturday & Sunday!

Saturday's	9:00 - 9:00	Sunday's	9:00 - 6:00
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## Store Hours June 23 to September 1

Monday - Thurs.	9:00 - 9:00PM	Friday	9:00AM - 10:00PM
Saturday	8:00 - 10:00PM	Sunday	8:00AM - 6:00PM

On Long weekends during the summer months we will be open until 10:00PM  
on Sunday's and closing at 6:00PM on Monday's.

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Saturday	8:00AM - 10:00PM	Sunday	8:00AM - 6:00PM

## Restaurant Specials Everyday!!

Wacky Monday's	1/2 Price Wings - Dine In Only	All Day
Italian Tuesday's	\$5.00 Pasta - Dine In Only	All Day
Wednesdays	Progressive Euchre Night	6:00PM - 9:00PM
(\$5.00Ea. Highest Score Get's All!! Minimum 20 People)		
Thursday's Seafood Bonanza	Dine In Only	4:00PM - 8:00PM
Friday's Pizza Day	1st Pizza Full Price, 2nd Pizza \$5.00 (Toppings Extra)	Dine In/Out
Saturday's Prime Rib with Yorkshire Pudding	\$9.95	4:00PM - 8:00PM Dine In

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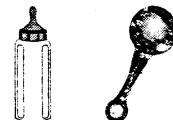
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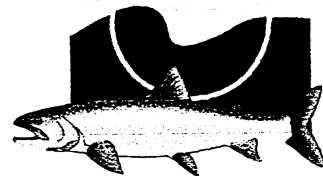
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