

SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

YEAR 2000 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 2000!
You will be happy to know that we have weathered the start of the new Millennium with no difficulty! Yes, your hydro is still on and the bank machines are all working!

So onward to summer – boating, swimming, fishing and relaxation beckon. We, who are fortunate enough to live on the lake year round, look forward to welcoming you back. We miss you and are always pleased to see the twinkling lights of your cottages and boats back on the lake!!

And now the News! You will note that there are several important new issues being addressed as well as updates on old items.

Please read your newsletter carefully and take the time, as well, to complete the reader survey on the back of your dues sheet. We would really like to have your input on issues that affect us all.

FIREWORKS

What happened to the fireworks?? Unfortunately, as you all know, the past summer was very dry. When the time came for us to hold this event, we were advised, by the Fire Marshall, that it would be very risky to undertake

the planned firework display. The risk of accidentally starting a fire was simply too great. As a result, we have held over all the “firework money” that we have collected from 1999 until this year 2000. We would like to have a very special display (weather permitting) to kick off the new Millennium and are asking for an additional \$20 per family to ensure it is extra special!!

**Fireworks: Saturday, Sept. 2nd
Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 3rd**

Time: Dusk

Where: Causeway Beach

BOATING LAWS

Don't forget the new law that came into effect on April 1, 1999! The changes in regard to boating competency requirements and age restrictions for operating watercraft are particularly important to all of us.

In case you are not familiar with the new requirements, we will have copies of the *Boating Safety Regulations* available for you at the AGM.

Donna Smith has again, very kindly, made arrangements for two Boat and Safety Courses to be held at the Cloyne Barrie Township Hall. The courses are

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Test Date: July 22/00
Register by July 9/00

Test Date: August 19/00
Register by August 6/00

Course fee is \$25.00 per person.

FIRE PUMP

We are very pleased to report that we now have three fire pumps on the lake. Two additional pumps have been generously donated to us - by the Osborne family and a second anonymous donor. The pumps are located at:

Sheldrake Bay – Ron Nowell’s dock,
Upper Lake – Blake Island, and
Narrows – Frank Law’s dock

The pump sites are signed. Make yourself familiar with their locations.

Note: We will have a fire pump demonstration, at the AGM.

As anyone who has ever experienced a fire will tell you, the best thing you can do is to be prepared for an emergency.

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.

FISH SURVEY

Some of you may have noticed some boats on the lake, fishing and dragging nets, during a 10 day period in late October. These boats were participating in an MNR fish survey – the first one done on our lake in approximately 30 years. We have requested a copy of the survey results and have been promised a copy of the final document, once it has been completed. Part of the analysis is being conducted at Laurentian University and may take some time to complete.

COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

This committee, consisting of four lake residents, has been very active over the past few months. Liaising with the new Addington Highlands Police Services Board (PSB) and the OPP, the committee has been working to improve policing of our lake and surrounding area, on a year round basis.

The committee has determined that two of the most important issues for lake residents are:

- a) water safety, and
- b) theft deterrence.

As a result, the committee has been actively lobbying for more OPP visibility in our area. Of

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particular concern have been cottage checks, road patrols, skidoo patrols in the winter months, and more frequent water patrols by the marine unit during the summer months.

We have been pleased with the cooperation of both the OPP and the PSB in meeting these concerns. But, community safety is also a mutual concern; to do our part in making our lake community safer, we will be addressing the issue of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Program at the AGM.

If you have any particular policing concerns that you feel should be brought forward to the Police Services Board, please note them on the survey or drop us a line at our mailing address in Cloyne:

S.D.R. A.
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SKOOTAMATTA DAM REPAIR

The repairs to the dam have been completed. Water levels were very minimally affected at the time of the repair, in September, and are now back to normal levels.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

We are requesting your e-mail address to enable us to get in touch with you quickly and easily,

should the need arise. An SDRA mailing list would facilitate getting important information to you in a much more timely fashion.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Sailing School & Regatta

Many thanks go out again to John Teed and Brad Heney who, with other volunteers, conducted our very successful sailing school and regatta this past year.

Unfortunately, continuance of the sailing school is, at this point, in doubt. We will update you on the status of this event at the AGM.

The date for the Year 2000 Regatta, noted on the "Events Calendar", is Saturday, August 19th – Skippers Meeting at 12 noon.

Horseshoe Tournament

This popular event attracted some 25 participants last year.

Winners were:

1st place team: Mark Fraser and Don Turner,

2nd place team: Bill Garnish and Frank Schram.

The date for the year 2000 Tournament is Saturday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. indicated, as well, on the "Events Calendar".

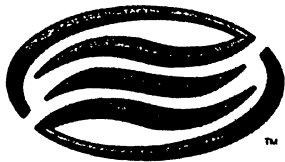
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Fishing Derby

The fishing Derby winners were:

Largest Pickerel: Bob King
Largest Pike: Roy Chesney
Largest Bass: Jon West

Millennium Celebrations

Michelle Griffiths has very kindly agreed to co-ordinate our millennium celebrations. But, she needs your ideas!!! Please let her know what you would like to see planned by sending her an email at:

m.griffiths@philips.com

or, write your suggestions in the comments section of the survey sheet.

Dock Sale:

The dock sale is planned for Saturday, July 22nd 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 !

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

NOTE: The date for the AGM is *Saturday, July 8th* at 10:00 am, at the horseshoe pits, by the Marina.

We have changed the date of our AGM to the second Saturday in July this year to free up your

long holiday weekend and Canada Day!

Nevertheless, as this is the first AGM of the Millennium, we hope to have a really exceptional turnout and fabulous Lake Lunch BBQ! So bring your family, your guests, and your new neighbours. Let's make this a day to remember!

Our guest speaker at the AGM will be from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Make this your opportunity to voice your questions and concerns.

Rain date for the AGM is Sunday, July 9th at 10:00, again at the horseshoe pits.

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

As always, many thanks to the Northbrook IGA for sponsoring our AGM BBQ lunch; it's always delicious!

WATER QUALITY

It is our responsibility to help keep our lake water clean. One way you can do that is to ensure that your septic system is working properly.

Have you had the septic tank pumped recently? It should be pumped at least every 5 years, with low cottage use, more frequently as it's usage increases.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

The 2000 event calendar is attached. Please bring it with you to the AGM to note any date changes.

CROWN LANDS

You may have noticed that four lots of Crown land were put up for sale this past year. To date, all but one have been sold. To further discuss Crown Land sales and other related issues, your executive met with MNR representatives this Spring. We will update you on the outcome of the meeting at the AGM.

DIRECTORS

There will be several vacancies this year on the Board of Directors. Two of these are the positions of President and Secretary/Treasurer.

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 Sowden, Farrow, Smith and Kiely families on their recent loss of loved ones: Fran, Wilf, and Alexandra Donna.

The Kiely family particularly wishes to thank all those who have supported them in the tragic loss of their young daughter and request that donations be sent, in Alexandra Donna's name, to: Shining Through Centre for Learning,
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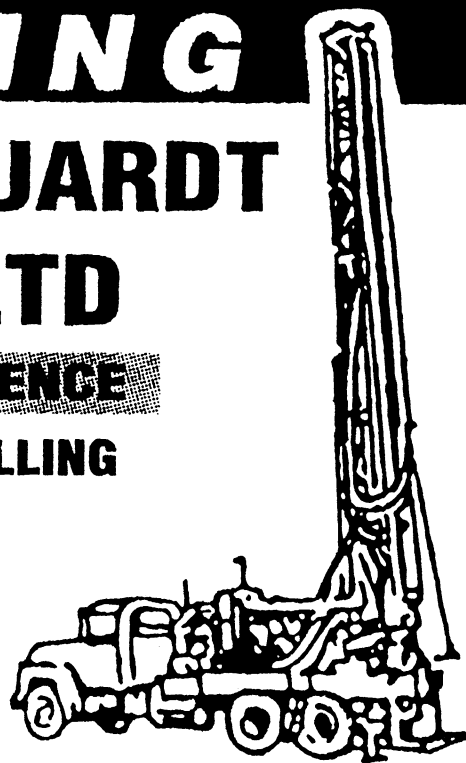
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Spring Opening Checklist

Be Prepared.

Just a little reminder to help you prepare for a care free season at the cottage



Electrical

Before turning on the power, check all visible wiring for evidence of gnawing, which can cause an electrical fire.

Appliances

Before you plug in any appliance, check for water damage or mice nesting inside. Make sure the hot-water tank is full before turning on the heating element.

Outside

Make sure the eavestroughs aren't clogged with leaves. Take down shutters and replace with screens.

Dock

Inspect for winter damage, hammer in raised nails, repair loose boards.

Inside

While cleaning, keep an eye out for watermarks on floors and ceilings, which could indicate damage caused by a leaky roof, door or window.

Check any food left from last year for signs of infestation.

Test all your safety equipment - check batteries in flash lights and smoke detectors. Make sure the fire extinguisher is in working order.

Restock the first-aid kit.

Check your supply of fuel for all lamps.

Shake out sleeping bags for signs of nesting mice and see if it's time to replace old ones.

Notes: _____

- Batteries, smoke detectors, flashlights
- WD-40, lubricating oil, duct tape
- Tool box
- Check level of fire extinguisher
- Check levels in oil lamps
- Before turning on power:
 - Check cabin and pump for signs of animal damage to wiring
 - Test ground-fault detectors
- Before turning on appliances check plug, check for water damage and mice
- Before turning on water heater, make sure it's full
- Before turning on pump:
 - Inspect drainage plugs for debris
 - Replace drainage plugs
 - Put coiled intake pipe in sun to warm
 - Check exposed sections of pipe for damage
- After turning on pump, check pipe and cottage for leaks
- Take down shutters; clean
- Put on screens; repair
- Make checklist for second weekend
- Save major cleaning for second weekend:
 - Wash inside of fridge with baking soda
 - Dust fins on back of fridge
 - Check canned goods for bursting
- When was chimney last swept? Flue open? Chimney clear?
- Have a coffee
- _____
- _____
- Renew subscription to *Cottage Life*

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Unfortunately, due to many people on the lake not using our services we have found it has been economically not viable to remain open.

We will still be renting monitored dock space for seasonal renters and providing winter boat storage to all our customers. Our fishing boats will be available for rent thru Trails End Cottages 336-0186. We will be having a sale after the AGM meeting at the Marina for all left over stock.

Don't miss the Sale for Discounted items!!

We would like to wish every one a great summer ahead. Thank you.

Barry & Donna Smith

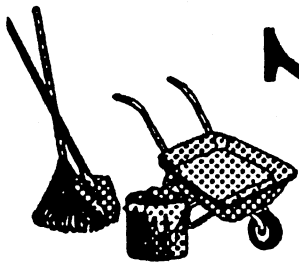
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 10:00AM-11:30AM AGM 12:00PM-2:30PM BBQ Lunch |
| 9 10:00AM-2:30PM Rain Date:... | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 10:00AM-2:00PM Dock Sale |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

August 2000

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 10:00AM-12:30PM Horseshoe... |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 12:00PM-4:30PM Regatta... |
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September 2000

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 6:00PM-7:30PM Dusk - Fireworks |
| 3 6:00PM-7:30PM Rain Date... | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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