



I hope you all enjoyed the winter and are looking forward to a sunshine filled summer!

### ***Treasurer's Report***

As of May 18th, 1991 we have \$3,004.42 in our savings account and \$731.37 in our chequeing account.

### ***Mailing List***

Many thanks to Wendy Thompson for her efforts in updating and appending to our current mailing list. We have tried to include all cottagers in this mailing to encourage new members to the association. If you have new neighbours at the cottage, please talk to them about us, in case we missed them!

### ***Zebra Mussels***

Dave Tate has been gathering large amounts of information and is keeping us up-to-date on the Zebra Mussels. Zebra Mussels are small, brown and white striped, clam-like animals. They survive by attaching themselves to solid underwater surfaces such as boat hulls, buoys, waterpipes, docks, rocks, etc. Zebra Mussels reproduce at a phenomenal rate and could cause substantial damage to our water intake hoses, fishing, boats and the entire lake. Currently, they have been found in the Great Lakes and other areas but will eventually spread to inland waterways. But steps can be taken now to reduce the rate of spread and the damage they do.

### ***How Can You Help?***

- Always clean your boat thoroughly before moving it from the Great Lakes or any infested waters into inland waters
- If your boat hull or trailer has a grainy surface, it could contain zebra mussels. Wash it thoroughly with a household bleach solution - 15ml (one tablespoon) bleach per 4.5 litres (one gallon) of hot, soapy water. **DO NOT USE THIS BLEACH SOLUTION NEAR ANY WATERBODY.**
- If you see zebra mussels on any part of your boat, scrape them off with a paint scraper or use high-pressure water (250 p.s.i.) **BEFORE** leaving the infested lake.
- If it is hot and dry, leave your boat out of water for at least three days and the mussels will die. Some may drop off, but others may need scraping. Dispose of mussels in a garbage container or waste disposal site away from any waterbody or sewer.
- **NEVER** use Great Lakes water to transport live bait and never transfer water from the Great Lakes to another body of water as you could be transporting zebra mussel larvae which are invisible to the human eye.
- **IF YOU ARE ALREADY INLAND** and have a boat or other equipment that may contain Great Lakes water (and therefore zebra mussels), ensure that you

clean the equipment and dump the water on dry land, well away from any lake, river, stream or sewer system.

We are contacting the Ministry to see if they will be posting signs along the highways to make people aware of the Zebra Mussels. We are looking into signs to post at our boat launches and heavily travelled areas.

### ***Self Help Program***

Dick Blake was invited to a dinner to accept a "Self Help Program Participation Award". This was presented by the Ministry of Environment. Due to other commitments, Dick Blake could not attend. In his place, Harold Copeland attended and accepted the award. Dick Blake, Harold Copeland and Brad Heney are the resident water samplers for Skootamatta Lake. Dick Blake has been providing water samples for over 10 years now! Congratulations and many thanks!

### ***Trails End Boat Launch***

As stated in my last newsletter, there is major work required on the boat launch and road access to it. We have had an estimate prepared and are asking for financial assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources. More to come at the annual meeting!

### ***Fire Protection***

Our local fire department, which operates out of Northbrook is privately operated by volunteers. The firefighters have a very large area to protect, covering both Barrie and Kaladar Townships. Due to lack of funding, the fire department has not been able to expand and upgrade its capabilities in equipment, facilities and

personnel. This means that coverage of many cottages, business and residential areas is very inadequate. It's time we get the recognition by local authorities that firefighting is an essential municipal responsibility. A group of concerned residents and business people have formed a committee to impress the local councils of the seriousness of the current situation and the need to take action now! Harry Belyea will be speaking to us on this matter at the annual meeting. A petition to council will be available for signing.

### ***Road Allowance***

Effective April 1st, 1991, the Ministry of Natural Resources has cut off the sale of Crown reserve land and discourages further selling of municipal shoreline road allowances that front on important fisheries or wildlife habitat. If any cottager has already incurred survey and legal fees, prior to April 1st with the intent to purchase their 66' road allowance, they will be permitted to complete the purchase.

If you are interested in pursuing the purchase of your lake front, contact the MNR first. If they have no objection, get something in writing and take it to the township office and apply.

### ***Annual Meeting***

It's almost that time again - pull out your lawn chairs and drop over to the 1991 Annual Association Meeting. To be held on Saturday, July 6th, 1991 at the Trails End property on the hill! The meeting is to start at 10:00 a.m. A barbeque down at the lake front will follow. I hope to see you all there!

### ***Come Sail Away***

The Sailing Regatta has been set for Saturday, August 3rd at 1:00 p.m. The starting point will take place in front of Trails End and we will follow the usual route, ending at the Big Island sandy beach. Rain date(s) are Sunday, August 4th and Monday, August 5th! Our annual baseball game will take place Saturday evening at 8:00 at the Cloyne Baseball Diamond. Bring your glove and come out for some fun!

Wendy Thompson is planning games for the kids during the races. Volunteers and suggestions are most welcome. See Wendy at the Annual Meeting.

### ***Cottage Life***

Just a reminder that for every subscription to Cottage Life Magazine our Association will receive a donation of \$2.00. It is an excellent magazine as I am sure many of you will agree. I know that Cottage Life has sent out complimentary copies to our members. If you would like a subscription to Cottage Life Magazine, send a cheque payable to "Cottage Life" for \$19.21 (\$17.95 + 7% G.S.T.) to S.D.R.A., 66 Chatfield Drive, Ajax, Ontario, L1T 2J9. I have asked that they be mailed to me and I will forward them on to Cottage Life. This way I can keep track of the numbers!

### ***Miscellaneous***

Special thanks to Dave Tate and Marty Carson for placing the buoys again this spring. We have had a problem over the past few years, of buoys being removed. We would appreciate everyone keeping an eye on these markers.

Just a reminder to all of us with power boats. It would be appreciated if we could watch our speed when going through the narrows.

Brian Boys has been informed that the Ministry will be stocking our lake with fingerlings (baby pickerel) this year.

We have 2 Executive Director positions opening up this year. Please, if you or anyone you know, is interested, contact me at 416-428-9957 prior to the Annual Meeting on July 6th.

I look forward to seeing you at the lake this summer.



Diane Tate  
President  
S.D.R.A.

Many thanks to Marg Perkins for paying the postage for this mailing in exchange for the following announcement:

SUMMER IS HERE and so is the season for Buying and Selling Cottage properties. I am now living on the Lake permanently and would like to answer any of your real estate needs. I have joined Savigny Real Estate at 336-2645 or call me at the cottage at 336-8252.  
Margaret Perkins



Please find enclosed \$10.00 to cover my 1991 membership dues.	
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