

Spring 1992

LOON THE CALL

Official Newsletter of the Lake Weslemkoon Conservation Association
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President's Message

For most of us, "prime time lake time" is near. In this newsletter there are not many controversial issues to draw to your attention. Maybe this is just going to be a "happy season".

Each year at our annual meeting there are questions about how we can get a telephone... now we have the opportunity at reasonable rates. I have to admit at first I was not too interested in having a phone, but after giving it some thought, I've decided if it gets me more lake time, I'm all for it. Approximately 190 have requested telephones. If you haven't please do, as when the cable goes down, its then hard to get connected. Frank Smith is your contact person.

This edition of the Loon Call is going to everyone on the lake... if you are not a member, please give it some serious consideration. We need your support and participation to keep Lake Weslemkoon one of the best lakes in Ontario. Our Association is one of the most active and our membership rates are "most reasonable". There are a lot of people in the Association who work very hard to keep our lake enjoyable.

Please plan to attend our annual meeting on Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. at Tanglewood. Bring your ideas (and your own lawn chairs, please).

Hope to see you there,

Glenn McConkey

Junior Loons Canoe Races Summer 1991



Once again an enthusiastic group of Junior Loon paddlers turned out for Weslemkoon's annual canoe races. We were delighted to welcome so many new Junior Loons - almost half of this year's participants.

The junior and intermediate races were held July 27 in bright sunshine in front of a cheering crowd of parents, coaches and other spectators. First prize teams were Janice Hogg and Sarag Coulter in the junior division and R.J and Greg Carr in the intermediate division. Second prizes were won by Sarah and Joshua Chiddy (junior) and Geoff Stoker-Lavelle and Wes Cawker (intermediate). The teams of Jennifer and Katie Foley (junior) and Shane Carr and Andrew Colbeck (intermediate) took third prize.

The senior teams pursued a new canoe challenge this year, on the weekend following the August holiday. Participants were required to swim out to their canoes, climb in from deep water, and paddle a course around a distant island, changing positions in the

canoe twice during the race. The "wet start" brought out the best of sportsmanship in the canoeists, while onlookers shared in the hilarity of the upturned and water-filled canoes.

First place teams were Mike Richards and B.J. Smith, and Katherine Sandiford and Claire Reilly-Roe. Second Place went to the teams of Mike Walsh and Rebecca Sandiford, and Amy Richards and Katie Steer. Third prizes were won by Carrie Gunter and Darell Dion, and Ellie Cawker and Teri Beaulieu.

Many thanks to Rhonda Cawker, Judy Hogg and the other parent volunteers who helped to make these races so much fun for everyone. Four Loons Marina generously donated drinks and treats, Campbellford Wholesalers provided goodies for the little ones, and Ron Carr contributed colourful hats for our canoeists.

We look forward to good weather and a great turn-out for the 1992 Junior Loons Races. Watch for the dates and details - they will be posted at the marinas early in the summer.

Gillian Stoker-Lavelle, Rockwell Island

30 years ago in the Newsletter:

- Radio-telephone communications network started. Five cottagers are installing radio-telephone equipment, with a base station at V. Gunter's.
- President Raney proposed the Newsletter be given a new name "The Weslemkooner".
- Study was under way regarding the possibility of constructing an open air pavilion for the private use of members of the Association.
- And to prove nothing changes, the editor was asking for news and information to be included in the newsletter.



Otter Lake Regatta



The 1991 Regatta was the most successful year to date! Spectators and entrants started arriving at about 10:15 a.m. and helped with the flurry of activity that always goes along with preparing for the regatta, hanging balloons, picnic table arranging, barbeque set-ups and all the other last-minute preparations. By 11:00 a.m., Don Blair - Registrar had signed up 38 craft of various sizes and descriptions. Frank Smith had brought his two barges, lashed together, through the narrows loaded with entrants, spectators, paddle boats and all the trappings for a party. Total attendance was estimated between 175 - 200. We do not think that another boat could have been parked around the point.

The first order of business was to thank our Honorary Commodore, Karl Austin, for a job very well done over the past eight years. Karl had decided to rest on his laurels (and other soft spots) and become a spectator like us common folk. With a little coaxing, Dave Robertson took over the duties - Welcome aboard, Davey. An honorary sail pass became a "drive-thru" when the wind let us down. During the prize and trophy distribution, Karl was presented with a commemorative plaque and a bottle of cheer to assist in reliving memories. The plaque was made by Bud Sutton and painted by Marilyn Nash.

In Memory

We note with sadness the passing of long-standing members of our Lake community: Mrs. Mabel Welser, Mrs. Nan Nicol, Gord Carruthers, Raymond Howes, Dr. Wm. Morris, David Sutherland.

Retiring

Derek McDermott, our Editor for many years, has decided to take a well-earned rest. The new Editor is Carl Walker, who can be reached at Box 72, Wooler, Ontario.

Bill Weaver felt it was time to sit back and let "the younger ones" take over. Bill has been in charge of lights and buoys since 1978 and will continue to be involved behind the scene. Bill and Eleanor were active with Junior Loons for several years.

Sincere thanks to both gentlemen for your contributions.

The race progressed well - no great spills - with spectators cheering on their favorites. Our finish-line 'femmes fatale' Marjorie Layfield, Joanne Cope and Marilyn Nash were responsible for logging the order of finish. No 'protests' were lodged, the winners were announced and prizes drawn by all entrants.

Trophy Winners

Sail 12' and over	Peter Sandiford Jr. & C. Harker
Sail under 12'	Dave and Carl Walker
Paddle Boat	A. Miller & Alyson Gausby
Sailboard	Richard Underdown
Achievement Award	Andrea Bailes and Barb Kieft

To give you an indication of the growth of the regatta in the past 9 years, it has gone from 8 boats and 16 prizes to 38 craft and almost 80 prizes. A raffle for an afghan, donated by Mrs. Carm Wrabiutza, raised funds to purchase the prizes for next year. The winner was Mrs. Doreen Weeks.

We need prize donations! If you have advertising items you could contribute, we will help you advertise. If you see a suitable item on sale, keep the economy rolling by buying it and donating to the cause. If "Auntie" gave you something you have never used - donate it - we'll make sure you don't get it back! Prizes fall into two categories - under 12 years and over 12 years. We would like to thank all the supporters for their donations on behalf of the '91 Regatta. It was greatly appreciated.

1992 will be the 10th year of the regatta - to be held on August 2nd, (Sunday after the annual meeting) starting at 11:00 a.m. Registration at 10:30 a.m. Cottage #90 Otter Lake (Jarvis).

Thanks to everyone, see you on August 2nd.

John and Barbara Jarvis



Treasure Hunt

Minnie and Mickey, Mary Poppins and Bert, Cinderella, Capt. Hook, Thumper... No, not Disneyland - it was Tanglewood on the Labour Day weekend. The Walt Disney theme for the annual Treasure Hunt produced a wonderful and weird collection of living clues (?) for the befuddlement of the contestants - 30 4-man teams dashing in all directions. The hunt was masterminded by Norma, Sheridan, Karen and Paul Smith, winners

from the previous year. Everyone was more than ready for the hot dogs and pot luck afterward. It would be difficult to decide who had the most fun.

The winning team, the Bensons, are responsible for devising the theme for the '93 Hunt and their plans are well under way. Sincere thanks to Dot and Ted Jennings for allowing their establishment to be turned upside-down for the day, and to Ken McPhee, the instigator, who is always available for advice and guidance. It is a fun family day, a great end-of-summer celebration.

Recycling comes to Lake Weslemkoon



Location of Recycling Bins:

For convenience of cottage owners on Weslemkoon Lake, Ashby Township, for the period of May 18 - October 12, 1992, bins will be located at the dock area of Tanglewood Marina.

Recycling bins are also located on a year-round basis at the Waste Disposal Site.

DO RECYCLE

Newspaper - stack and tie with string or place in a brown paper bag, remove glossy inserts.

Glass (Clear and coloured bottles & jars only)

Rinse well, leave labels on, remove tops and include with metal. Do not bag.

Metal Food & Beverage Containers

Rinse well, leave labels on, remove tops, flatten individually and place in blue box. Do not bag.

Plastic Pop, Recyclable Plastic Containers & Liquor Bottles

Rinse well, leave labels on, remove tops, flatten individually and place in blue box. Do not bag.

DO NOT RECYCLE

Other Paper e.g. glossy magazines, books, junk mail, writing paper, boxboard, etc.

Other Glass e.g. window glass or mirrors, ceramics, drinking glasses, light bulbs, crystal or porcelain.

Other Plastics e.g. plastic wrap or containers which do not feature "Recyclable Label".

Each cottage is responsible for sorting their recyclable waste and seeing it gets to one of the area depots. Please do your part to help the environment.

Blue Boxes will be sold by Ted Jennings and John Jaunzems (Waste Site Custodian). For more information, contact the Clerks Office for Denbigh, Abinger and Ashby.

Think again

While on the subject of garbage disposal, did you know that the lake pick-ups account for a small portion of our expense? Cleaning out the cribs and transporting the bounty to the dump is the big expense. We frequently hear "I don't need to join the Association, because I take my own garbage to the Marina". Think again!

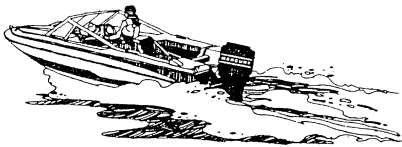
News from the North -

contributed by Dot Jennings

Winter was a huge success on Weslemkoon this year. Temperatures ranged from -36F to +36F, and the snow depth was 20" on average. Snowmobile riders found it easier to make their way around the lake this year because there were stakes and signs to guide them to the trails.

Those driving into the north end this spring and summer will notice the old rustic bridge over the Mississippi is gone. It has been replaced by a huge modern culvert. Our dam, which was showing signs of age, was repaired by the MNR in November.

On one of our snowmobile trips in January, we spotted a Bald Eagle! This was in the Denbigh area. We also noticed lots of tracks of deer, moose and wolves on our travels this winter.



Speed

New Speed Zone - An amendment to the Boating Restriction Regulations has now made it illegal to travel at a speed greater than 10 km per hour within 30 meters of the shoreline.

The law applies on all lakes and rivers wider than 100 m. Towing a person on skis or other water toys is permitted within the buffer zone as long as the vessel follows a trajectory that is perpendicular to the shore. You may report violations to the local OPP detachment.

LAKE WESLEMKOON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 1, 1992

10:00 a.m.

Tanglewood Marina

New Character Map of the Lake
available at the Meeting

Please bring your lawn chairs

**LAKE WESLEMKOON
CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991

Try it- You'll like it!

In October of 1991, Norm and Jo Walker realized a long-cherished dream - they moved into their newly-built permanent home at the Narrows. Their thoughts and experiences follow:

Receipts

Bank a/c #109000 @ 31 Dec 90	\$ 6,234.46	
Bank a/c #641768 @ 31 Dec 90	97.03	
Less o/s items 1990 statement	<u>(2,125.80)</u>	\$4,205.69
Dues		5,975.95
Bank Interest		357.24
Maps		142.50
Grants - Twp of Effingham		250.00
- Twp of Denbigh		200.00
Contingency Fund		3,000.00
Friends of the Lake		120.00
Goods & Services Tax		636.70
Miscellaneous		
MNR Postage	\$ 50.00	
Fire Pump Rental	77.50	
West Bay Cottagers	500.00	
Dues Overpayment	<u>4.15</u>	<u>631.65</u>
		\$15,519.73

We couldn't help but have a few doubts as to the wisdom of staying in when we were faced with the few weeks of total isolation at 'freeze-up' time. However, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is difficult to describe the beauty and serenity- interesting to watch the ice forming along the shoreline - high winds creating ice sculptures on the rocks and bushes.

The first snowfall produced a winter wonderland - a photographer's dream. We walked the back trail to Otter Lake and along the historic Snow road with the spruce, pine and balsam boughs laden with fresh, white snow.

The first storm left us feeling very smug, indeed. After ten years of commuting from Hamilton to the east end of Toronto (60 miles each way) along one of Canada's busiest highways, it was such a pleasure to sit in front of a roaring fire, drink in hand, relaxed and watching the snow come down. We listened to the radio, telling of multiple car accidents, highways being closed, but we were not involved nor concerned with the problems. Great feeling!

The problems and difficulties of getting building materials by boat and barge, then up to the actual site by 4-wheel ATV seemed to pale when it came to furniture and appliances from storage in Bancroft. It meant many car and trailer loads, boat and barge, then man-handled into the house, all governed by the weather. Now, these are just memories.

This year the bay at Tanglewood and out to near Squally Bay froze over in early November, broke up and froze again, twice before the final freeze. On Dec. 2nd we picked up Dave and Kim by boat at the Tanglewood dock - no ice. The next morning it took over an hour to get the boat from the boathouse to the ramp to haul out about 30 feet through the ice and slush. It would appear the ice changes quickly at that time of year.

It has been a cold winter, with nights reaching to -37°C (about -34°F) but many bright, sunny days. At present, at mid-winter, snow in the bush measures about 20". The snowmobiling season started about the Sunday after Christmas. Most weekends we've seen machines scooting up and down the lake.

To say we've enjoyed it is an understatement and we are more than ever convinced that we made the right decision. It's not everyone's 'cup of tea', but for ourselves, we're thinking of changing our CB handle from Redwood Cove to Valhalla.

Norm and Jo Walker

Disbursements

Buoys & Lights	\$ 357.50	
Bank Charges	55.35	
Custodians	450.00	
Garbage Collection and Disposal	4,870.00	
Garbage Crib Land Rental	150.00	
Junior Loons	250.00	
Goods and Services Tax	444.53	
Miscellaneous		
Bulletin Boards	500.00	
Office Supplies	16.20	
Postage and Printing	<u>908.07</u>	8,001.65

Funds on Hand

Bank a/c #109000 @ 31 Dec 91	\$2,091.70	
Bank a/c #641768 @ 31 Dec 91	426.38	
G.I.C. T/D Bank Madoc (Contingency Fund)	<u>5,000.00</u>	
		<u>7,518.08</u>
		\$15,519.73

Thank you!

To the West Bay cottagers. After a collection was taken for the purchase of a fire pump, they had a surplus of \$500 which was donated to the Association. Thank you to everyone involved.

