

News & Views 2011

SUMMER UPDATE

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The 19th Annual Mo Park Children's Rock Bass & Sunfish Fishing Derby - 2011 Winners

Under 5 Years Old

1. Hailey Ward
2. Carson Austin
3. Andrew Crawford, Kira Pappas
Justin McGrath & Eva Jamison

5&6 Years Old

1. Hudson Gilpin
2. Josselyn Jamison
3. Ryan Lloyd & Andrew Neveu
5. Braden McGrath

7&8 Years Old

1. Ally Renkema
2. Owen Gilpin
3. Jessica Tiroch
4. Jacksyn & Katey Brand

9&10 Years Old

1. Michael Jones
2. Andrey Renkema
3. Landyn Bowen
4. Liam Knox
5. Julie Manes

11&12 Years Old

1. Alyssa & Justin Perzylo
3. Whayland Hicks
4. Tyler Jarrett
4. Chloe South

13 to 15 Years Old

1. Travis Campbell
2. Gavin Mercier
3. Amanda Jones
4. Rhyder Hicks
5. Latashya Bowen

Major Door Prize Winners

Andrew Crawford, Dylan Coyle Will Taylor, Michael Jones, Mackenzie Lloyd, Justin McGrath

Many thanks to the Derby Committee: Tom, & Gemma Coyle, Jodi, Tony & George Pappas, Kari & Brett Crawford, Donna Peneycad, Verree & Shar Mercier, Lori & Rich McGrath, Helen Saunders, Ron & Jan Haney, Kathy Winnett, Alyson Chilvers, Marie & Paul South, Kim Daley, Greg Gilpin, Kristel Manes, & John Perzylo
Alfie Peneycad - Derby Chairperson

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Shadow Lakes Association Inc. Annual Family Membership

2011 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00

2010 & 2011 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$40.00

2010 LATE MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00

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Mail to: Mark Allan, Treasurer, SLA, 73 Shadow Lake Rd 14, Coboconk ON K0M1K0,

or
drop off in the Association box at Souter's Variety Store in Coboconk. Thank you for your support!

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2011 Dues

A payment of

\$ _____

made on date

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(Clip this stub as
a reminder of
your payment)

Keeping Bears From Your Backyard – *Mark Allan*

Our members have been reporting more bear sightings this year than in the recent past.

Bears forage for food primarily by their keen sense of smell (they can pick up smells from 1.5 KM away) and they will investigate that smell even if it is coming from inside your home. Once they taste this food they will return as long as the source continues to be available.

What to do to avoid problems with Bears.

Put garbage in containers with tight fitting lids and only put it out on garbage days, not the night before.

Store garbage in bear-resistance bins, sheds or garages.

Spray your bins with Lysol or some equivalent odor masking spray and/or place moth balls in and around your storage area to try to mask the garbage smell.

Keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day.

Remove grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease cup after each use.

Do not put fish or sweet food (including fruit) in you composter.

Pick all ripe fruit off trees and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground.

We must report bear problems to the Ministry of Natural Resources. The more we report problems the more chance that with their limited resources they will respond to our problem. Don't assume your neighbours have reported the bear sighting.

MNR Bear Report Line 1 866 514 2327.

If a bear is causing an immediate danger to people, call Police at 911.

For more information go to www.ontario.ca/bearwise.
www.foca.on.ca/bear-wise

2011 Water Quality Testing Program - *Phil Taylor*

As part of a 2011 Kawartha Lakes Stewards association program we are conducting E.coli tests from 2 sites on our waters. These results are essentially a gauge of the quality of the water for swimming.

The Kawartha Lakes Stewards association (KLSA) is an organization of volunteers who monitor water quality on the Kawartha Lakes. The Shadow Lakes association through director Dave Parsons has attended their meetings for the last 2 years and we are participating in their program.

Apparently E.coli bacteria form in clusters and the term CFU in the attached chart refers to "colony forming units". The count shown is the number of colony forming units per 100 ml of water from each of the samples taken on the dates and locations shown.

Renting or Lending Your Cottage – *Joe Harnum*

Near my cottage this year I have noticed that there are now three cottages being rented. Do you ever rent, or let your friends, neighbours, or relatives use your cottage? If so, do you have a posted list of rules for those who use it and who may not be aware of cottage "etiquette"? Are you aware, that as a cottage owner, you can be liable and charged for any accident or injury that occurs or is caused by someone you allow to use your cottage watercraft? At least one case has already occurred in Ontario.

Included with this newsletter is a list of rules that I have drawn up from my own observations and experiences with the renters in my area. This list can be laminated and posted in your cottage as a reminder to those using it that there are other cottagers/residents close by that may not appreciate some of the activities that your users may think are part of letting one's hair down at a cottage. There is also space for adding some of your own rules, and a place to write your full cottage information in case of the need to give it to a 911 operator.

Your Taxes in Action, courtesy of Mayor Ric McGee – *Paul Bassett*

Base Line Road is going to be resurfaced (rather than the usual patch job), from Hwy 35 to Sticky Lane. A number of sections have been dug up and graveled in preparation for what is called a "high-float" surface treatment – applying a layer of asphalt mixed with crushed gravel chips. The resurfacing is due to be completed by year-end, and hopefully will still be in great condition after the winter.

High-speed internet is coming to The City. Proposals to install and support the necessary equipment are due by the end of August for the Coboconk area. The service is expected to be available to residents in the first or second quarter of 2013.

The lower the reading the better and to put the readings in perspective a reading of 100 or more is the level at which the health department closes public beaches and below 100 is considered safe for swimming.

The KLSA believes that we should aim for an E.coli level of 50 E.coli/100 ml or lower on the Kawartha Lakes and as you can see from the table below we are well under the KLSA target standard. These results are considered excellent.

As you may note the samples are taken on Mondays or the day after a long weekend. The specific sampling locations are, for Shadow Lake, approximately 100 metres north of Salter's island, and for Silver Lake about 50 metres off Turtle Point near the yellow hazard marker.

2011 Water testing results		
	CFU count	CFU count
Sample date	Shadow Lake	Silver Lake
July-04-11	13	14
July-18-11	5	5
July-25-11	3	5
August-02-11	<3	11
September-06-11	TBD	TBD
October-01-11	TBD	TBD

Results can be affected by the presence of water fowl in the area or from the effects of recent rainfall and do not take into account localized conditions that could be caused by faulty septic systems or other factors.

Water Levels - Dave Warren

Water levels on the Shadow Lakes this year have generally been maintained at excellent levels. Flow rate at the Norland dam has been consistently maintained above our minimum target of 10 cubic metres per second.

Levels in the reservoir lakes north of us are being reduced on schedule. As at August 10 the reservoir lakes had been generally reduced to a scheduled 70% of their maximum storage volume . This will gradually be reduced over the next 2 months helping to maintain the flow through our lakes.

For the first year in many we have no issues with water levels in 2011. It appears that our many discussions with the managers at the Trent Severn Waterway have been successful.

With regard to the automated water level recorder promised for Shadow Lake a site has been selected, and the equipment has been purchased by the TSW. Because it will be located on public property an environmental assessment must be undertaken and is underway. We are optimistic that this equipment will be operational in 2012.

The Times They Are A-Changing-Joe Harnum

And so is our website. That’s right. We’re updating our website to be more attractive, informative, timely and modern. But the address will remain the same – shadowlakes.on.ca.

We hope that this will happen between now and the spring of next year. So keep checking and watch for it. If you have any suggestions regarding what you might like to see on our website, send an email to info@shadowlakes.on.ca and we’ll see what we can do.

Lake Hazard Markers

The markers will be removed from the lakes following the Thanksgiving weekend.

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Shadow Lakes Association Inc.

Extreme Water Level Alert

I am a member of the Shadow Lakes Association and would like to be notified, if you can, at the e-mail address below in case of extreme high water occurring on the Shadow Lakes System.

I understand that this is a volunteer courtesy service for members only and that there is no extra charge involved. I acknowledge that the association provides the information gratuitously and without any warranty or representation as to the accuracy and timeliness of the information. As a condition of receiving the information I agree not to seek any remedy whatsoever from the Association, any members or officers of the Association or against anyone who may seek such remedy against the Association, its members or officers.

Name: _____ Email address _____

Green 911#: _____ Signature _____

The Coboconk Food Bank-Joe Harnum

Times are difficult. The local Coboconk Food Bank is in need of financial contributions.

The Coboconk Food Bank has its greatest demand when summer is over and seasonal jobs come to an end.

We can all help by making a financial contribution: cheques made payable to the Coboconk Food Bank, and mailed to: Attn Paul Tomlinson, Coboconk Food Bank, Box 316, Coboconk, ON KOM 1K0.

Thanks for helping to serve the Coboconk and Norland communities

So You Think You Can Dance - Coboconk

Once again, Jarrett Dance School is offering an eight week program of Ballet, Tap and Jazz, taught by an accredited dance professional.

Dance lessons start September 12 and run every Monday at the Coby Train Station, for children ages three years and up.

To sign up your budding Karen Kain or Billy Elliot, contact Stephannie Jarrett at 416-818-1454 (cell), or via email at stephanniejarrett@hotmail.com.

Boats and Boneheads - *Ian Forster*

Every year or so, I write an article discussing the merits of boating on our lakes and the consideration that people have for others that are using the lakes for their enjoyment. This year seems no different and I have the following observations that have been made during this summer. **IT IS GETTING WORSE!!**. It seems that no matter how many times people are asked to be considerate of others on the lake, it doesn't seem to make any difference at all.

It is becoming obvious that there are people on these lakes that feel that it is their God-Given right to do whatever they want to with no regard for how their actions or decisions affect anyone else.

In a past article a few years ago, I commented that people were starting to bring larger boats on to the lake without consideration for the size of the lake. Well that seems to have been a waste of ink, as the size of the boats just keeping bigger and more powerful. There was even a mid size cigarette boat that was on the lake this past August 1st Long Weekend. The bone head that was driving it made a quick turn while driving in front of about one hundred witnesses and three people were ejected from the boat into the lake. They were lucky no one was hurt or even killed.

I have, personally, almost been swamped by the large waves that these boats are generating. We were out for a ride in our 18 ft Grew, when we were suddenly sideswiped by a three to four foot wave, that I turned into at the last moment and it broke over our bow and soaked everyone in side. Last weekend we were out in our 14 ft tin boat and we were trapped on the west side of Shadow, at the south end by the wakes of two wake board boats that were generating 2 to 3 foot wake waves. We could have easily been capsized.

I grew up on these lakes. I have done my share of dumb things, but I was always taught to consider what the result of my actions would do to other people and to govern my behaviour so as to not lessen their enjoyment of the lake. We used to take our boat out with the tube attached and try to make waves so as to cause a rough ride for the person on the tube but our boat was not capable of making wake waves as large as the boats that are on the lake today. I watched last week end a large 20-24 foot wake board boat with a small canopy and all the occupants standing up in the boat, come down Shadow from the north end to the area at the south end. The boat, on both days was towing a tube full of kids. It proceeded to do figure eights and circles until it had generated standing waves that had to be 4 to 5 ft high and then proceeded to tow the tube through them. The waves were so high that the boat had to slow down to go through them. I am sure that they all had a great time until after about fifteen minutes of doing this they proceeded back up the lake. The problem with this was that by the time they were finished, the waves were so big and numerous that no one else could take their boat on the lake. There was one tin boat that tried and had problems negotiating the waves. If there had been someone in a small boat, paddle boat or canoe, they would have been swamped. I have also observed a situation where two of these large wake board boats were towing tubes and no one else could use the lake. I might be criticized for saying

this but why would someone buy a \$ 60 to \$ 100 thousand boat to tow a tube?

There are some people on the lake that own wake board boats and use them for wake boarding. These people are selective when they go out on the water and are very considerate of others. They realize that a wake board boat is designed to generate large wake waves and they take this into account where they ski and at what time, so that they don't affect others. It is too bad that all of the people using the lake can't be the same way.

When a boat is towing a skier or a tube it has the right of way except when there is no other place for another boat to go. We have people that are continually towing kids on wake boards, knee boards and tubes in areas where there isn't enough room to do it safely. One example of this is in the middle lake between the narrows and the rapids. The way that people accelerate when coming south out of the narrows or north out of the rapids makes this little lake a dangerous spot to be towing anyone, let alone little kids. If the skier was to fall and someone came around the corner, they could be hit very easily. There is also no room to pass safely. It boggles my mind as to why some people continually put their kids in danger by towing them in the little lake. Their wake is also damaging the many docks and boats moored in the area, not to mention that it is illegal to be doing this within 30 metres of the shore where a maximum speed of 9 km/hr and no wake is mandated. I am sure that this is also happening in other areas of the three lakes.

Another phenomenon that I have witnessed this summer is people taking their boats and anchoring in a quiet part of the lake, in front of other cottages, and then proceeding to soap their bodies down and rinse off in the water. I couldn't believe it and it happened more than once. They didn't seem to care that they were doing this near people's water intakes or that they were polluting the lake. **NO AMOUNT OF SOAP SHOULD BE PUT INTO THE LAKE, INCLUDING SO CALLED BIO-DEGRADABLE SOAPS!!!** These soaps provide nutrients that encourage weed growth and are bad for our Lakes. Use your baths and showers.

We have always had a few powerful boats on the lake, but as a rule they don't get used at busy times or generate large wakes so that the inconvenience others has been kept to a minimum, but it seems that you can never have a big enough boat. I would beg people to think of the other people on the lake, when they are operating their boats or considering buying a new boat. Our lakes are not that big and it has gotten to the point where if two boats start acting up on one part of the lake, they can make the lake unusable for other boaters.

As an Association, we have a few options that we, as a group, can pursue if these problems continue with these big boats and their operators. We can request a greater presence from the OPP on the lake and make everyone's life miserable or, explore limiting the size of the boats that will be allowed to be used on our lakes. I understand that other Lake Associations have managed to do this and we are willing to explore this option if the members request it. We are looking for feedback, but most of the members that I have talked to are in favour of

exploring this option. This reminds me of the Sea-Doo debate that has been raging for the last twenty or so years.

If the operators of boats on your lakes don't start thinking of others and using their machines in a safer and more considerate fashion then we will be forced to take some action. Unfortunately, this newsletter won't get to our Members before much of the summer is gone, but it will give boaters a chance to think of their actions and a chance for the association to get ready to deal with the problem for next year. I just hope that no one gets injured or seriously hurt before the year is over.

List of SLA Directors

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**Many thanks once again to all those who
contributed to the newsletter.
And again a special thanks to Joe Harnum for
publishing this issue.
Have a Safe and Happy Summer/Autumn!
Put on that life jacket!**

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COTTAGE RULES, ETIQUETTE and COMMON SENSE

In an emergency (Fire, Ambulance, Police, immediate Bear danger) call 911.

Our cottage address is:

Phone #: _____

ENJOY YOURSELF. You are here to have a good time, but not at the expense of others. There are other residents/cottagers nearby, and they do not wish to be disturbed by you. Sound carries far around water.

NO LOUD MUSIC OR NOISE - If you must have music, keep it low, and the source near you. Midnight is a reasonable time to quiet all outdoor activities down.

NO BARKING DOGS - If you can't keep your dog from barking while you are playing in and around the water, put him or her inside or tethered away from the activity.

NO BATHING, SHAMPOOING OR GARBAGE IN THE LAKE OR RIVER - It is a great temptation to do so, but the residue from your soap pollutes the water and causes algae growth downstream. Even low-phosphorous or "camp suds" still pollute. Also, cigarette butts or drink containers don't belong in there either.

OBEY POSTED SPEED SIGNS ON THE WATERWAYS, AND WATCH YOUR WAKE - Posted speed limits: on the river portions - 9 kmh; on the lakes within 30 metres of shore -10 kmh. You are responsible for the wake of your vessel whether the boat is in a "no wake" zone or not. If your wake damages property or injures people you have broken the law. Slowing down is the obvious solution, especially in narrow channels and near shore.

MAKE SURE YOUR WATERCRAFT IS FULLY EQUIPPED - For items such as no life-jackets, no bailing can, no throw rope, no sound-signalling device – a \$250 fine for each violation if caught. Know what equipment is required for the size of vessel you are using. For complete info see:
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-equipment-size-menu-690.htm>

KNOW HOW TO READ CHANNEL AND HAZARD MARKERS - The Red, Yellow and Green floating markers in the lakes and rivers are a guide to channels and underwater hazards. For your own protection know how to navigate them properly. And do not move or tie up to them,

FISHING LICENCE - If you are between the ages of 17 and 65, you need an Ontario Outdoors Card and a valid fishing licence tag to fish (with some exceptions). They are available locally at marinas and other stores. Conservation Officers have powers of inspection, arrest, search and seizure under the various statutes they enforce.

DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE – Ducks, geese and other critters have enough natural food available and don't need to be fed. They can also become a nuisance when fed.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR GARBAGE – Garbage collection is usually very early Monday mornings, or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. Garbage put out overnight must be placed only in bear-proof containers – never in just garbage bags or flimsy containers. If your cottage doesn't have one, put it out early in the morning.