

The Kahshe Krier



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Summer 2010

SUNDAY AUGUST 1st

is NEXT week!

The 28th Kahshe Country Craft Show & Sale

Bring your family, bring your guests, bring everybody!

Pottery, woodcraft, art, stained glass, jewelry and much more
by Muskoka's best craftspeople

New This Year!

Kids on Kahshe, a photography competition and display

More entries needed ... Especially 12 & under category Get Snapping.....

(Deadline extended to July 30th)

Under The Tree, readings by local authors

A "Make-it and Take-it" craft table for the kids

And meet Daisy Duke, Muskoka's friendliest miniature horse

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The Home baking table

The Book sale

The Food booth

(hamburgers, hot dogs, back bacon on a bun, soft drinks)

Proceeds from sales will be donated to

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and to

Muskoka Hospice's Grief & Loss Recovery Program For Youth

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President's Report

Greig Holder

This isn't the article I had in mind. My mind was changed by the recent arrival in my inbox of items related to safety. Safety is more important than other topics I could choose. In the last couple of weeks of July, I heard about several disturbing incidents on and around Kahshe.



The photo at right shows the result of a boat collision at night. Two pontoon boats were motoring slowly down the lake, tied side-by-side, with lights on. A runabout overtook them from astern and the driver didn't see them until it was too late to avoid a collision. The runabout rode up over the stern of the



pictured pontoon, crossed through the interior and exited out the side. Fortunately, all the occupants of the pontoons were on the boat that was not struck. While nobody was injured, that possibility, and worse, was just a few feet away. Police attended the accident, but laid no charges related to the collision, despite the law placing the onus on an overtaking boat to keep clear. Charges were laid, however, against the pontoon boat drivers for not having their Pleasure Craft Operator Cards on board (\$250 fine).

We can speculate endlessly about the causes of this incident, but the simple fact is that there was a collision that could have resulted in people going to funerals instead of a wedding. Some thirty years ago, I saw the aftermath of a similar accident on Lake Joseph where there was a death. The image of what I saw is as disturbingly vivid today as it was then.

Sticking with the boating theme, the next incident that was brought to my attention involves young swimmers and fast-moving boats being too close together. Kahshe has a number of narrow channels with rocks and small islands close to shore, natural magnets for young swimmers testing their growing skills and stamina. The problem is that these same channels are also used by water skiers and tubers trying to avoid traffic in the main channels. Not a good situation.

A challenging, yet largely constructive dialogue is being held by the two interest groups. Both have legitimate concerns. Yet there are rules about boat speeds in narrow channels that are regularly ignored on this lake – you all know those rules because

you all have your Pleasure Craft Operator Cards, right? Swimmers, of course, also have the responsibility to use good judgement and be as visible as possible. Another email reported two recent accidents on one of the private roads around the lake. This single-lane road has a posted speed limit of 20 km/h due to its many blind hills and curves – even 20 km/h is way too fast in some areas. Speeding is a constant topic at the road association's meetings, and is the subject of numerous emails to members pleading for reduced speeds. Yet that didn't dissuade one driver, who was caught on radar, from driving at 116 km/h, almost six times the posted limit.

As one neighbour has said, "You can drive fast on this road, but you can't stop fast." If you are driving too fast and something gets in your way, the outcome is not going to be pretty.

The above email elicited another, reporting a near miss by a driver who flashed through an intersection on the road. Without stop signs all **must** slow down and use common sense and courtesy before proceeding. To do that, of course, one needs to be able to see other traffic and be travelling at a speed that allows time for reaction. The almost-struck driver followed the fast driver to his destination and confronted him about his speeding. The response: a modern-day euphemistic expletive for "mind your own business". In a follow-up email, one neighbour wondered, "... what will it take to make every individual recognize the importance of driving our roads with caution and common sense, will it be when someone is seriously injured or even killed?"

We can all probably think of dangerous parts of our hometowns where we wouldn't go at night. But it could be that our own Kahshe community is the most dangerous place we go. And we are both the culprits and the victims.

In all of these incidents, rules or laws governed behaviour, but the rules were ignored. But rules can only take us so far – after that we need to apply common sense and civility.

Greig Holder

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Don't miss the

Kahshe Country Craft Show

Sunday August 1st

See front page for more information

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Update on KLRA OMB Appeal of part of the Gravenhurst Comprehensive Zoning By-Law

KLRA along with the Muldrew Lake Cottagers Association (MLCA) filed separate appeals to the OMB concerning a part of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law the Town of Gravenhurst passed on April 20th, 2010.

The issue is about re-development of existing dwellings that are less than 30 meters from the water. KLRA & MLCA believe there should be reasonable redevelopment but that there should be some restrictions.

Our Appeal submission requested negotiations as a first step to resolving the Appeal. To prepare for the negotiations, a small committee met to

prepare Objectives and Principles. These were shared formally with the Mayor and Council and informal discussions were held with our Council representatives. The Objectives and Principles were also reviewed with representatives from all of the other Gravenhurst area lakes and received unanimous support.

The first negotiation meeting was held with the Town representatives on July 19th, 2010. Greig Holder, our President and John Alley, President of MLCA, led our team. The meeting went well, with the Town agreeing to review the details of the option we developed and agreeing to a schedule that sees resolution by

October 5, 2010. We anticipate a public Open House will be scheduled to review any wording that is agreed upon. Much work still needs to be done, however some progress has been made. If you have comments or questions, please contact me.

George Lindsay

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19th July, 2010

A Little Mud

A Fresh Perspective on Lake Health

by Mark Kelly, Queen's University grad student

The objective of lake stewardship is to educate one another on ways to preserve and improve the quality of life around lakes, and to effectively monitor this quality while communicating results with others. The diversity of lakes in Ontario requires many methods to achieve these goals. The steps towards lake conservation are small and gradual. Research, monitoring, and communication are three tools necessary to understand the current state of Kahshe Lake and how it has been shaped through time. The next time you look out over the lake remember that stewardship is best accomplished as a community, with the support of someone else looking out over the water not too far away.

The Muskoka Watershed Council

(www.muskokaheritage.org/watershed) keeps a watchful eye on the region, using three indicators to describe water quality: total phosphorous by lake surface area, abundance of natural shorelines, and concentrations of mercury in fish. The Lake Steward on Kahshe Lake has monitored water chemistry annually, including total phosphorous and turbidity. Conservation areas, increasing interest in wetland protection, and the by-law amendment committee all contribute to the preservation of natural shorelines. Additional research involving Kahshe Lake as part of the region will focus on mercury concentrations in fish.

Mark Kelly and fellow grad student, Amy Angelo, have studied Kahshe Lake, where sediments have exposed fish to mercury. As part of their research in the Aquatic Ecosystem Health Laboratory headed by Dr. Linda Campbell at Queen's University they have recently started asking questions about sediment quality in Ontario lakes.



Because wildlife can interact with lake beds as a habitat or a food source, the Ministry of the Environment established sediment quality guidelines. The targets set for sediment quality seek to provide standards that ensure long term aquatic ecosystem health.

The present state of Kahshe Lake is the result of dedicated efforts from committed families. Learning from the trends of the past, we gain insight to maintain lake health. The long history of lake conditions would benefit from an understanding of sediment quality and makes a valuable addition to current monitoring practices. Kahshe Lake is a great place to spend a quiet evening sitting in a warm breeze. Will spending a quiet evening sitting in a warm breeze on Kahshe continue naturally or is your effort needed to help ensure this gift for the next generation? Only time and continued research will tell.

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Great turnout at the AGM

About a hundred people showed up at the AGM in Denne's Dance Barn on Sunday July 4th to hear what has been happening on and around Kahshe and in Gravenhurst over the past few months. Full minutes of the meeting will be placed on the website (www.kahshelake.ca) and a synopsis will appear in the next newsletter. One disappointment from my perspective is that my appeal for more "unexpected" sources seems to have fallen on deaf ears. You all have interesting stories to tell and share. So **please** write to me, e-mail me or call me. Ed. keithonkahshe@rogers.com
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Kahshe Events - 2010

A guide to the happenings on Kahshe Lake for the rest of the summer

This guide published by the Kahshe Lake Ratepayers' Association (KLRA)



Sat July 31 st	<u>Barn Dance</u>	Denne's Barn	8:00 p.m. – midnight	\$5.00
Sun Aug 1 st	<u>Kahshe Country Craft Show</u>	Rockhaven Lawn	10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Free entry but <u>bring your wallet</u>
Sat Aug 7 th	<u>Regatta</u>	Nagaya Beach	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	FREE
	Rain date August 8 th	Volunteers contact Johnette 689 5082		
Sat Sept 4 th	<u>Barn Dance</u>	Denne's Barn	8:00 p.m. – midnight	\$5.00
Sundays: August 8 th , 15 th and 22 nd	<u>Interdenominational Services</u>	Denne's Barn	10:00 a.m.	ALL Welcome

Volunteers are needed to help with the Craft Show and the Regatta.

For the **Craft Show** contact **Cathy Dunphy 687 5305**

For the **Regatta**, contact **Johnette Ollman 689 5082**

Denne's is again collecting for charity

Pop cans (uncrushed), pop can tabs, wine & beer bottles, and beer cans.

Please bring these items to the HUT throughout the summer

Summer Programs offered by the Town of Gravenhurst

Call 687-6774 x 22 for further information about any of these programs

Red Cross Swimming Lessons at Gull Lake Rotary Park

for children 5 months of age to 14 years of age -- Monday to Friday for 2 weeks - August 9th – 20th

Day Camps in the summer for children

Camps run daily beginning until September 3. Register for a day, a week or the entire summer.

Kritters & Krafts Camp Ages 4-6 Weekly themes and guest speakers plus trip days. One counsellor for 8 campers!

Camp Suminoska Ages 7-12 Weekly themes include: Kayaking, Snorkeling, Canoeing, Harry Potter Potions, Basketball

Day Trips for BOTH camps include: Splash Canyon, Scenic Caves, Santa's Village and Rounds Ranch.

Dual Action Sports Camps (9 to 14 years of age)

A new twist on camps for older kids. Your child will have the opportunity to learn 2 sport disciplines daily.

Canoeing & Basketball Camp August 16, 17, 18 Cost: \$ 190

Hockey Skills and Golf Camp August 23, 24, 25 Cost: \$220

Gull Lake Kayak Excursion Tours -- Thursdays or Sundays

A great introduction to kayaking with our NLS trained Waterfront staff. Cost: \$15 per day

Summer Fitness Programs

The Town of Gravenhurst offers a variety of aerobic and yoga programs throughout the summer

Loneliness, by Rock Marker

(with help from Clint Rohr)

Here I am, one of many rock markers on Kahshe Lake.

I am here in all kinds of weather,

Far from boring, my presence is purposeful,

I am here for you,

To alert you to the danger of rocks.

I am here for your boat, whatever craft you possess,



To protect it and save you \$\$\$\$ big time.

I am here thanks to your Kahshe Lake friends

Who volunteer to place me where I am.

I am here for you and you and you..

Drive safely, carefully, responsibly,

Being aware of your speed, your wake and the rocks.

2009 Residents' Survey -- Land use, development, and re-development

(For those of you not receiving this by email some of the charts may be difficult to discern in shades of grey.)

Guaranteed Water Access Parking and Docking

Even considering that this was only relevant to water access properties, there were few responses to this question, which asked how much the respondent was willing to pay for guaranteed parking and docking. Many commented that they thought this should be a service provided by the municipality.

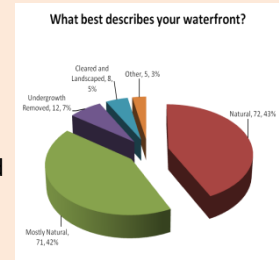
	One Time	Annually
Minimum	\$ -	\$ -
Maximum	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,000
Average	\$ 4,819	\$ 1,094
Median	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000
Responses	11	35

Septic Systems

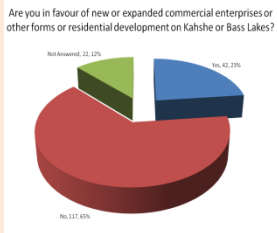
The average age of the respondents' septic systems is 16 years; the median is 15 years. Some respondents reported using other types of systems: holding tanks (3), outhouse (2), and composting toilets (2). 31 respondents did not answer this question. *The 2001 survey reported that the average age was 10 to 19 years, ranging from 14.5% at less than 5 years to 7.9% over 30 years.* Only 11 respondents indicated plans to make changes over the next five years, whether by: more frequent pumping (2), by replacement with similar technology (6), or by replacement with new technology (3).

Shoreline Protection

The vast majority of respondents described their water-frontage as natural, or mostly natural. Only 12 respondents indicated they had planned changed to that status over the next 5 years; most were the addition of new structures or re-naturalization.



Only 21 people requested information on shoreline re-naturalization. Information was sent to those requesting it other than the 6 that did not identify themselves. The majority of those who responded felt that the KLRA should request that all variances be subject to shoreline buffer rehabilitation. However, a large percentage of respondents chose not to answer this question. This question also generated a number of comments (17), some for, some against, and many indicating not fully understanding the question.

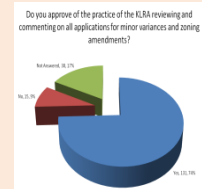


Development The majority opposed expanded or additional development. The following table summarizes and categorizes the comments received. The most common "appropriate" (re)development was commercial; the most common "inappropriate" development was multi-unit or fractional residential.

These results are very similar to the 2001 survey: 30% in favour of development and 58% opposed. A separate question in the 2001 survey asked whether additional marina facilities are needed on the lake. 29% replied yes, 62% no and 10% had no opinion. Water access residents were about equally split as were road access residents in total, although private road access respondents were solidly in the no camp, while public road access respondents were evenly split between "yes" and "no opinion".

Zoning Variances and Amendments

Most respondents supported this policy (new since the 2001 survey) of commenting on all applications. This question generated a number of comments, in support and in opposition to this policy. There were also a number of comments opposed to the procedure and process for variance and zoning amendments.



Next issue we'll look at the KLRA undertakings and see what matters and what doesn't.

To view these charts more clearly and the complete text, please visit the KLRA website www.kahshelake.ca Ed

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Denne's Marina Dance Barn
Saturday August 14th
Registration 9:30-10am Presentation 10am

To reserve you place please contact:

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If anyone remembers, or has knowledge of, the early days of what later became the Housey's Rapids Picnic (corn roasts/barbecues, etc from the 50's or earlier), especially if you have documentary evidence, I would love to hear from you. I am hoping to include a brief history of this event in the Fall Issue. Ed.

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Meet your Board Members

President

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My wife, Sue, and I have been enjoying Kahshe Lake since 2000. We are mostly retired, Sue from accounting and me from information technology management and consulting. We have two grown daughters and one brand-new grandson. We are located at the very end of Larroger Road due south of the twin islands, Hilda and Grandview.



Vice-President

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My wife, Donna Sutherland, and I live on Bell Rd directly north of Cherokee Island. Donna has been cottaging on the lake her whole life. Her dad first acquired property here in 1938. We sold our house in the city last year and moved into the new house on Easter weekend. You may see us paddling outrigger canoes as training for Dragon Boat racing at which I've represented Canada at a couple of World Dragon Boat Championships. After a long career with INCO, I'm currently a part-time professor at Laurentian University teaching Operations Management for Laurentian but at Georgian College in Barrie.



Past President

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Sandra and I have been on Kahshe since 1990 when we started building our cottage, Whispering Pines, (which took us about 7 years). Our history on the lake began as a young family in 1964 when Sandra's sister and her husband bought a cottage on the lake. We were fortunate to be able to buy the extra lot they owned. We have four children, two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law, along with 6 grandchildren. Our daughter Beth married Tim at the cottage in 1998. Retired since 2001, we spend all of our summers here.



Treasurer

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In 1912 my great grandfather, Sam Hutton, bought our original 100 acre lot down the river from the dam. When I was 20 I inherited one of the cottages on the river, tore it down 11 years ago and built our next cottage. Fifteen years ago this fall I married Kim who loves the cottage even more than I do. Four years ago we bought the adjoining 70 acres from Hap Leisman (the old barn and Barn house on South Kahshe Lake Rd). We have two boys, 7 and 10, who love Kahshe just as much as the previous four generations did. My favorite activity at the cottage is building paths and watching the kids play. We're so lucky.



Secretary

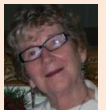
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Judy and Clare (see **Non-Board Members**) are celebrating their 17th year on Kahshe on Oak Road opposite the northwest end of Burnt Island. Now retired they spend all Summer on the Lake and many off-season week-ends. Winter is a special treat. Their three children plus spouses and four (soon to be five) grandchildren enjoy the cottage whenever they can get here from their homes in Chilliwack, B.C., Winnipeg and downtown Toronto. Judy has been the KLRA Secretary since 2000.



Newsletter

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Anne and I first came to Kahshe in 1978, bought a piece of land at the very eastern end of Deep Bay and began building in 1981. I became involved with the Housey's Rapids Cottagers Association, serving in various positions. When the HRCA ceased to exist, I became a member of the KLRA, joined the Board in 2007 and became Newsletter Editor when Doug and Karen Paul stepped down after the Fall 2008 issue. Anne and I are both retired high school French teachers and have 3 daughters in post-secondary education.



Beach Committee

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Johnette Ollman

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I have owned Denne's Marina along with my husband Bob for the past 24 years. I love the area and I am proud to be part of the Kahshe Lake community. I try to promote the lake as much as possible with the Regatta, Barn Dances and Pancake Breakfast. I am a member of the Beach Committee for the KLRA as well as an active member with the CWL. My husband and I also started Kahshe Lake's first Alpaca Ranch in the summer of 2008.



Water Access Committee

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Lucy and I came to Kahshe in 1987, on a lot on the southwestern side of Boyd Island where we had a cottage shell built and did the rest ourselves. We have 2 daughters, Kelly (26) and Christy (23). Lucy and I live in Burlington. I have been on the board for around 4 years, I think, beginning on and now Chair of, the Water Access Committee which voices the concerns of the over 250 water access residents on the lake to the board, to the town, and to anyone else within earshot. In my spare time I am an electrical engineer working as Canadian Manager for a U.S. company.



Members-at-Large**Rob Abbott**rob.abbott@sympatico.ca

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Though I've been cottaging for most of my life with parents and in-laws, predominantly on Lake Scugog, it was some time in the *mullet era*, (the early 90s) that Allyn and I bought our first cottage on Kahshe after cottaging for several years on Prospect Lake, one of the headwaters for Bass and Kahshe. I became involved in the KLRA serving a sentence (hard labour/minimum security) as president. We later bought a property on nearby Little Sunny Lake where we now live most of the year.

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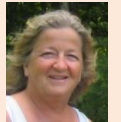


Craig and his partner, Mary Engelking have been year 'round residents of Kahshe Lake since 2002 where they are "semi-retired" – which means that he doesn't work very hard anymore but does a lot of travelling, volunteer work, writing and occasional consulting. Craig has spent almost every summer of his life in Muskoka, first on Mary Lake, where his parents owned a cottage. He was invited to join the KLRA Board after publishing an objection to something they did. He's been a loyal supporter ever since and still makes objections now and then.

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I joined the Board at the 2008 AGM, and have been a Kahshe Lake aficionado since 1974 B.C. (before cottage) when my future husband, David, and I camped in my parents' tool shed on Deep Bay and cooked breakfast eggs over a fire on the rocks by water's edge. South African-born, world-travelling David couldn't understand why sane Canadians would want to travel to the same place every summer weekend. About 30 years later, **he** was the one who pushed for me to buy the family cottage, indisputably the nastiest, cheapest shack on the lake (by now held together by masking tape), and to plough money we don't have into fixing it up and building an addition. He was egged on by our daughter, Nell, who first "swam" in the lake when she was seven months old and loves the place as if it were her own, which, stock market notwithstanding, it someday will be.

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Back in 1937, my parents, the McCaws, bought the land on Oak Road on which our cottage, CHAMAR, was later built, and where my sister, Mary Griesbach, my cousin, Doug Paul, and I enjoyed many happy summers as children. Mary worked at Rockhaven Inn as a teenager when it was a thriving summer resort and a few years later I worked a summer at Wigwam Lodge

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My wife, Joan, and I have owned our cottage, appropriately named "Rock 'n Root", on South Kahshe Lake Road for well over 20 years. Back in the 1940's, Joan's grandparents purchased the land and built the first stage of the current cottage. While Joan can claim to have cottaged on Kahshe for her whole life, I'm a relative newcomer with only 45 years of cottage life. We have one son, Bryan, a graduate student at U of Waterloo. We all enjoy out-of-door activities and traveling. We have camped in every one of Canada's provinces as well as having travelled in the Arctic regions. After 36 years as an educator, I have recently retired and love my new found freedom and the chance to spend more time at the lake.

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My wife, Barbara, and I are mostly retired and are fortunate to spend much of our time tooling about at our cottage on the south west corner of Boyd Island. Kahshe has given us so much in our relatively short stay here, and giving a little back through this Board activity feels like the right thing to do. I have served on several Boards in my business career but I expect this assignment will be special, mostly because of the people involved and this wonderful shared experience we have with this beautiful lake and its surroundings. When not at the cottage we make our home in Mississauga.

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I first came to Kahshe in 1953 as guests of Gary MacLean's parents. Early on with three kids, a cat (*kahshelake.ca*), and very little money, we camped for ten summers (see *The Healing Waters of Kahshe, Vol II*) Finally, after a rainy summer in the tents, we bought this old cottage (c.1910) at 1238 North Kahshe Lake Road. As teachers, we both had the summers to spend with our children. We both served on the KLRA Board and I was heavily involved in developing the Kahshe Lake Plan and Preservation Fund, the Kahshe Lake Good Neighbours' Resource Book and the KLRA Operations Manuals. We were both editors of the newsletter in the 90's and later on database managers a position I inherited from Gary when he became President. My three children, their spouses and five grandchildren gather every long weekend from May to Thanksgiving to have fun together and enjoy the Lake. If you ask them, they will say the camping part was the most fun of all. I live in Etobicoke.

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Although Clare has never been on the KLRA Board, he has been very involved with projects to do with Kahshe since 2000, most notably on the Kahshe Lake Plan Implementation Committee (KLPIC) as Recorder and as the editor of the 2 volumes of *The Healing Waters of Kahshe*. He continues to manage the KLRA website (www.kahshelake.ca) which is where the 3rd volume will probably appear. {Ed.}

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Watch these spaces in the Fall Issue.



The Picture Gallery

Send your favourite cottaging picture(s) with a small caption (5-10 words) to keithonkajshe@rogers.com under the heading "Picture Gallery", and it/they could appear in the next issue of the newsletter. **Deadline for submissions: October 10th, 2010.**

Have you ever stopped to consider that, at the lake, we live in a zoo? Here's the proof!

Hobbit staying out of the sun -- John Walton



Wildlife on and around Kahshe -- Missy Mandel



In Memoriam

Betty Lou Long Shumway , 1918 – 2010

MY FISHING TALE

Last night as I lay sleeping,
I had a dream so fair,
I dreamt that I went fishing,
And a great big bass was there.

I dreamt that the sun was up,
The day was fair and bright,
The fish were playing in the bay,
And everything was right.

In my dream I grabbed my fishing pole,
I jumped into the boat,
I took my can of wiggly worms,
And a red and white bobber to float.

I drifted in the lily pads,
Just as still as I could be,
I baited up my fishing hook,
And tossed it for the bass to see.

All at once there was a splash,
That bass had taken my bait,
He pulled - I pulled,
My heart was all aquake.

He jumped and danced across the lake,
I held the net in hand,
I reeled him in toward the boat,
That bass I would surely land.

Then he took a mighty leap,
And broke my fishing pole,
He fell into the damp, dark deep,
And swam back in his hole.

Oh dear - Oh me - Oh golly gee,
Alas - alas - alas,
I woke from my vivid dream,
And had no luncker bass.

The moral of my tale is this,
If you want to catch a fish,
Get up - get out - and cast about,
Don't lie in bed and wish!!

Aileen Life, 1924 – 2010

My mom would have been known by many on Kahshe as Aileen Smith (maiden name) or as Aileen Young (my family name). She had been going to Kahshe since she was a teenager, starting when her family rented a cottage near Nagaya Beach. They loved it so much that they finally bought their own cottage. We all spent our summers at that cottage until our numbers grew to the point that we were bursting at the seams: 5 grandchildren, 2 parents and 2 grandparents in a 2 bedroom cottage!.

My grandmother, Eva Smith, had the foresight to purchase some land on the mainland south of Lindhill Island (near Westwind) and it is on a section of that land that our family cottage was built in 1961, or thereabouts. My grandparents' cottage, which is now owned by my mother's sister, Carol, is 2 cottages south of what was Keenview near Rockhaven.

My mom remembered the days of Albert Denne delivering ice on the barge in the times before cottages had electric fridges. My grandmother, her mother, used to scold Albert for tracking sawdust into the cottage. She remembered also the days before the lake was buzzing with motor boats.

She told us how she loved to go to Rockhaven and play tennis. She loved her cedar strip canoe that was a gift from her parents. We, her children, had it refurbished for her on her 80th birthday and will proudly maintain it for future generations of our family to enjoy. My mom made friends on Kahshe who remained friends all her life, just as so many of us do. Some even became members of our extended family. Kahshe was a part of who my mother was and it enriched her life and our lives in so many ways.

I can't imagine life without Kahshe Lake having been a part of it.

Her loving children,
Jim, Bruce, Elizabeth, Janet and Ian (Young)

Written by Janet Brett

Betty Lou spent her summers in this log cabin near Rockhaven for 64 years. In loving memory her 4 children Kerm, Ken, Peggy, and Susie share this poem which their mom wrote and which won 1st Prize at the Severn Fair.



And let us remember also Ernie O'Donnell who passed away earlier this year.

Letters to the Editor

Hi Keith,

Below is a short history of dad's Fishing Derby.

Kermit Long started and ran the Kahshe Lake Fishing Derby for 50 years. The Derby ran for 2 weeks and my Dad Kermit was available 9 am - 9 pm daily to measure fish and log them all on his dock. Of course one of the 4 Long kids pitched in when Dad took his nap. At the end of the week there was a big celebration potluck dinner and sometimes over 100 people came. The winners of 9 categories all got loonies and toonies which they loved. Our family feels very touched that this Derby is now named after our father.

Peggy Long
East Cherokee Island
Kahshe Lake

To all those who knew Betty Shumway,

My dear 92 Year old Mom, Betty Shumway, passed away peacefully on July 12 at 11:45 p.m. . There will be a very small memorial service for her at her nursing home chapel in Peoria, Arizona. The larger service will be in her birthtown of Tiffin, Ohio, later this summer when her ashes will be placed alongside those of her Mother and Dad and late husband, Stanley Shumway.

Thank you for all your prayers and concern at this time. Losing both parents within 7 months is tough emotionally. Please share this message with others who knew Mom.

Peggy "Like A Rock" Long
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What's on in Gravenhurst?

Music on the Barge

Every Sunday during the summer at Gull Lake Park
(at the Opera House in case of inclement weather)
7.30 p.m.

The program for the remainder of the summer is as follows

Sunday July 25th **Freddy Vette & the Flames**
Fabulous music from the 50's

Sunday August 1st **The Lincolnaires**
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Sunday August 8th **Endless Summer Live**
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July 26th **Dick Hyman & Peter Appleyard**

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July 27th - 29th **Pool's Paradise**

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August 17-19 **Grace and Glory**

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Housey's Rapids Annual Picnic 2010



What a great day! Over 70 people turned out in beautiful sunny weather to participate in the 49th Annual Housey's Rapids Picnic. The kids' games, organised and run by the Sutherland sisters, Elizabeth, Jenelle and Grace were a great hit even with the big kids, especially the Bucket Brigade. Kim Lasachuk and mom, Gwen Hems, again did a roaring trade at the Craft table with kids making and wearing decorative sunglasses, and Gord and Tien White fed everybody with their usual cheerful efficiency. The Horseshoe Tournament had a record 32 contestants but time ran out before the final could be played. Joint winners, therefore, are **The Two Gord's** (Bell and White) and newcomers **James and Robin Ingham** (from Barkway with 3 kids in tow and a prize for the Raffle Table, thanks to a flyer in the Gravenhurst library).



My thanks to **Elizabeth, Jenelle and Grace**, (under the eagle eye of mom, Belinda), to **Kim, Gwen, Gord, and Tien**, as well as to **Allyn Abbott** who sold a million raffle tickets (well, it would have been a million if we hadn't run out!), to **Nancy and Alison Corbett** whose loot bags thrilled the kids, especially the smaller ones, to **Shawn Corbett and David Crichton** for their help in setting up before the event and cleaning up afterwards, to **Art McReavy** for the loan of the volleyball equipment, and especially to **Cathan DeForest** for sharing the foot-slogging task of soliciting for prize donations and for purchasing and preparing the "fixings" for the hamburgers and hot dogs. And finally my thanks to **Muskoka Springs** for donating the bottled water and to **Muskoka Meats** for donating the meat.

As usual the highlight was the Prize Draw at the end of the afternoon. Please show your appreciation of the prize donors listed below by using their services:

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RESULTS – 2010

Frisbee Toss 4 & under

- 1st Ella Linstead
- 2nd Sebastian Bell?
- 3rd Quinn Ingham



Frisbee Toss 5 - 8

- 1st Joel Ingham
- 2nd Carson DeForest
- 2nd Will Linstead

Frisbee Toss 9 - 13

- 1st Bryden Ingham
- 2nd Jenny ?
- 3rd Julie Mai (White)



3-Legged Race

- 1st Jenelle & Grace Sutherland
- 2nd Carter DeForest & Bryden Ingham
- 3rd Will Linstead & Cathan DeForest

Egg'n'Spoon Race Race 1

- 1st Will Linstead
- 2nd Ella Linstead
- 3rd Quinn Ingham

Egg'n'Spoon Race Race 2

- 1st Joel Ingham
- 2nd Carter DeForest
- 3rd Cooper McReavy



Balloon Toss

A shambles – no winner declared!

Sunken Treasure 6 & under

- 1st Joel Ingham
- 2nd Ella Linstead
- 3rd Xavier ?
- 3rd Sebastian Bell?



Sunken Treasure 7+

- 1st Carter DeForest
- 2nd Carson DeForest
- 3rd Coal Dekoning



Ready, Set, Spike!



No fingers on the eggs!



Grace in action!



While Gord's away, Shawn will ... look after the barbecue!

More pictures on the KLRA website www.kahshelake.ca

Next year's picnic will take place at Bass Lake Park on **Saturday July 16th, 2011**. Mark it in your calendars **NOW**. Earn community service hours by helping with next year's picnic - contact **Keith Price** at keithonkashs@rogers.com or by phone -- cottage **705 687 7108**, home **416 233 7688** or cell **416 272 1486**

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