

The Kahshe Krier



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Winter 2015

Winter comes to Kahshe!



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Dates to remember

KLRA Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Sunday July 5th | AGM | tbd |
| Saturday July 18th | Housey's Rapids Picnic | Bass Lake |
| Saturday July 25th | Kids' Fishing Derby | Denne's Dock |
| Saturday August 8th | KLRA Regatta | Nagaya Beach |

All dates and venues will be confirmed in the May issue.

Other Kahshe Events

Sunday August 3rd **Kahshe Craft Show** Rockhaven
Several local events take place around the lake, such as the **Deep Bay Corn Roast** and the **Oak Road Barbecue**. If you would like your event mentioned in the Krier, let me know! Better yet write me a report! keithonkahshe@bell.net

The Opera House

Shirley Valentine, a one-character comedy mid-May
Fly me to the Moon, a black comedy June
I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change musical comedy July
Swing Dance a "cheeky" comedy August
Summer season Flex Packs, which cover admission to all four of the performances, are now on sale at a cost of \$104 each.

The Ryde Community Centre

Valentine Brunch Buffet – Feb 14
from Summerland - end of January.
Roast Turkey Dinner – Feb 28
Tickets from Summerland early Feb
Sustainability Workshop "Cook Once, Eat for a Week" Mar. 8th 1 to 3 pm. Register

Why Shorelines are important

The article that follows on page 3 is reprinted with permission from the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (www.watersheds.ca). It describes the importance of maintaining a healthy and natural shoreline, one that will enhance the quality of your property and more importantly, the quality of the water we all want to maintain. If you recognize any signs that lead to shoreline deterioration and are interested in naturalizing your shoreline, the Kahshe Lake Conservation Committee (KLCC) wants to hear from you! We have access to planning expertise from the Muskoka Conservancy, volunteer workers (if needed) for implementation and some funding to consider cost sharing proposals.

To find out more please contact any one of the KLCC, Alex Milburn alex@milburn.ca , Clare Henderson crhenderson@sympatico.ca , Eleanor MacLean 3delta@sympatico.ca , Bob Reyburn bob_reyburn@vianet.ca , Greig Holder greigholder@hotmail.com , Ron Pearson rpearson1203@rogers.com , Rob Abbott rob.abbott@sympatico.ca , Missy Mandel missy.mandel@rogers.com or George Lindsay george.lindsay@sympatico.ca .

In 2007 the KLRA worked just south of the dam at South Kahshe Lake Rd. Here is a photo from 2007 'before' and one from 2014 'after' showing what we were able to accomplish with some wild flower seed and a little manual labour.

On behalf of the KLCC

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Editorial

I know I am constantly asking KLRA members to submit articles, ideas, comments, pictures, and whatever else helps the newsletter to serve its purpose, i.e to inform, educate and entertain the Kahshe community.

And I am really grateful when you do submit something. So, a big "Thank you!" to Ross Roadknight, who came through as promised with several stories of his early years on Kahshe (see "The Way It Was" on page 4).

At the same time, I have to confess that not having input from a multitude of sources does make my job a little easier. This issue, for example, is only 8 pages, not 12, and took only 5 days to put together, not a week and a half. On balance, though, I prefer more grist for the mill and a longer newsletter, so keep the contributions coming, especially if any of you can tell us "The Way It Was" for you when you first came to Kahshe.

Hope you all had an enjoyable break over Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all,

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Why Shorelines are Important

Shorelines are unique and sensitive areas that warrant special attention. Due to their ecological, aesthetic and recreational value, protecting waterfront properties benefits you and the lake. A natural shoreline has important biological functions, including:

- Acting as a filter, reducing the amount of pollutants that enter the lake;
- Stabilizing soils and protecting against erosion; and
- Providing vital habitat for fish and wildlife.

Shorelines are among the most productive environments on earth. The shallow water and first 10-15 metres (30-50 feet) of shore around lakes and rivers provide food and habitat essential to the survival of many species. In fact, 90% of all lake life is born, raised, and fed here. Plants, microorganisms, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and fish depend on the shoreline for survival.



Keeping shorelines natural is also the easiest way to protect water quality and the value of waterfront properties. By filtering nutrients and reducing erosion, the quality of lake water can improve, providing cleaner, clearer water for recreational activities like swimming and boating. Take a look at our [Resources](#) page for more information about the importance of shorelines and how to protect them and lake quality.

The Functions of a Healthy Shoreline

1. **Help Maintain Clean Water/Water Quality**
The shoreline vegetation on your property is vital in retaining, treating and filtering surface runoff before it can reach the water. Runoff is rain and melted snow that runs along the surface of the ground. Runoff can contain pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, manure, pet feces, trash, motor fluids (oil, grease, gas), and road salt. These pollutants have negative effects on our waterways: nutrients act as fertilizers which stimulate algae and plant growth; pathogens can contaminate drinking water and pesticides can affect insects, fish, and frogs.
2. **Prevent Soil Erosion**
Shoreline vegetation and plants help keep soil in place with their underground root systems and prevent topsoil from being exposed and washed away into the lake or river. Once in the lake or river, eroded soil can cover over critical fish habitat such as spawning and nursery areas.
3. **Reduce Impacts of Flooding**
Well-vegetated shorelines slow the movement of water downstream, and reduce the force, height, and volume of floodwaters. This allows the water to spread out across the floodplain thereby reducing the potential for damage to your property.
4. **Provide Wildlife with Food and Habitat**
Shorelines are vital to many different animals throughout their development and life cycle. Healthy shorelines protect wildlife from weather and predators; woody debris, such as tree trunks or roots in the water provide cover for fish to hide, basking areas for turtles, and resting sites for waterfowl, as well as serving many other important roles in the ecosystem.

Common Signs of a Healthy Shoreline

- Lots of native vegetation
- Different levels of vegetation from taller trees to smaller shrubs and plants
- Dead trees and stones
- Birds, fish and other wildlife

*With thanks to **The Centre for Sustainable Watersheds.***

Check out their website: (www.watersheds.ca).

The Way It Was A new series of Kahshe memories

#1 : A different lifestyle! by Ross Roadknight

I first came to my grandparents' cottage on Sam Cook Road at the east end of Kahshe when I was 6 months old. I do not remember anything of that first visit, but one of the most interesting memories of my early years on Kahshe back in the 40's is getting to know Tom and Annie Fletcher and their son, Bob. They had a fascinating life-style since they had no money and lived totally off the land: they fished (mostly catfish), picked berries, had a large vegetable garden, kept chickens and sometimes a cow or a pig, and also hunted. Sugar and flour were often obtained by trading chickens, eggs or veggies from the garden.

Their house was a small, two storey building with a woodshed on one end and a "root house" close by where they stored vegetables for the winter. I am not sure of property lines, but I believe they owned from Owindia west to where Jack Sidley's (now Wes and Janis Ryan's) brick house stands. Tom's brother, Bill, owned from there to the edge of the Godfrey property including what is now Share-a-Shore. Tom and Bill used to do chores for cottagers to earn a little money.



Tom and Annie did not have electricity back then, only oil lamps, but they did have a telephone - a large box that had to be hand-rung with a winder on the side before you spoke into the speaker to tell the operator the number you wanted. Tom and Annie died when I was about 10 years old (1950 or thereabouts).

Ross Roadknight does not remember his first trip to his grandparents' cottage on Sam Cook Road at age 6 months, but has many memories of life on Kahshe in the 50's and 60's. Read his account of the Air Marshall's four plane salute in the May Krier.

If any of you have stories of "The Way It Was" when you first came to Kahshe, please contact me at keithonkahshe@bell.net or 416 233 7688 or 416 272 1486 (cell).

The *Kahshe Boutique* returns

...bigger and better than ever!

After a great launch last summer, we are pleased to tell you that the Boutique will be back again this year. Many of your favourite items will be available for purchase in both familiar and new colours. Due to production timelines, we are only able to place one order of items per season, so be sure to get yours early. You can expect to find the ever-popular t-shirts, in both men's and ladies' designs. We are arranging for a couple of exciting new colours and look forward to bringing them to you. We sold out of baseball caps quickly, so look for these to return this year. The coffee mugs were quite a hit and will be back again. The Kahshe Boutique will again operate at all KLRA events and other activities on the lake. Be sure to visit us and show your support.

A detailed ad, listing the items for sale and their prices, will appear in the next newsletter in May.



New KLRA Initiatives for 2015

First Aid Training

Learning how to administer first aid can be one of the most gratifying skills you ever acquire. KLRA is planning to hold a training session this summer. Once we identify a time and date, we will be asking participants to pre-register. We are negotiating to provide this session at a reasonable cost, so that fees will be as low as possible. Naturally, a minimum number of participants will be required before we can proceed. Information about the time, location and how to register will appear in the May Krier and on the website www.kahshelake.ca



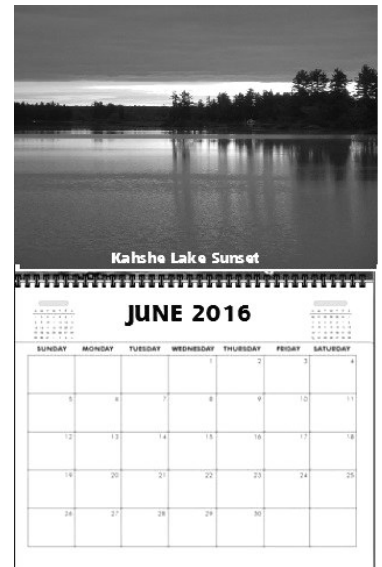
Paddle with Confidence



We've had a number of requests for a training session on the proper way to paddle a canoe or kayak. In response, we are trying to arrange for an experienced instructor to run a workshop at the lake early in the summer. Once the details are finalized, we will post the information on the website as well as sending out an email notice. If you, or someone in your family or circle of friends, would enjoy spending a few hours improving your skill level, why not join us?

What a Photo!!

The Annual KLRA Photo Contest has attracted so many beautiful pictures of Kahshe that we have decided to use many of the 2014 entries to create a spectacular 2016 Kahshe Calendar. We are currently working with a printer to choose the pictures and hope to produce the calendar in time for purchase at **all** KLRA events beginning with the AGM on July 5th. Looking for that special Christmas or birthday gift? A keepsake for friends from out-of-town? Or a winter reminder on your own desk or wall of how beautiful the lake is? Check out the calendars at the **Kahshe Boutique**. If the calendar is successful, we plan to use entries to the 2015 Photo Contest for a 2017 Calendar.



Pennants For Sale!!



Pennants, originally flags flown from boats, have become symbols of support for sports teams, colleges and universities, and reminders of places visited. Add a KLRA pennant to your collection and fly it from your boat or hang it on your cottage wall.

The triangular pennants will be of durable material, will feature the KLRA logo and will have 2 grommets for fastening to poles or ropes. They will be 45cm long by 20cm high.

Again we hope to have these in the **Kahshe Boutique** at the AGM and at all other lake events.

Nagaya Beach Report

Why not give Nagaya beach a try in 2015! Membership in the KLRA is your family passport to one of the most special sand beaches in Muskoka. Consider the following:

Nagaya Beach was literally transformed from a low backwater to its current beauty through the hard work of countless volunteer property owners and their families. It started out as a shallow boat storage area for nearby North Kahshe Lake cottagers. Over time it became a social hub for gatherings of all kinds. The beach area was formally organized when adjoining property owners donated various lakefront plots. This was augmented with land which the KLRA leases from the Town of Gravenhurst.

The beach has a beautiful gradual slope sand bottom which is great for swimmers of all types. The youngsters have a shallow water raft to rest and play on. Deeper water is marked with a new(2015) Coastguard approved floating buoy system which stretches over 100 feet in width.

Outside the buoy line is deeper water for adults who can swim out to a new (2014) splinter-proof floating diving raft. Some old-timers can remember when there was a tall fixed wood diving platform. It was demolished years ago but the lake bottom is still scattered with rocks which were used in its foundations.

There is some short term parking next to the beach but if this is full, paid parking is usually available at Dennes Marina. Dennes also operates a small lakefront store where candies and refreshments can be purchased .You can also bring the family over in your boat and take advantage of the free temporary docking at the government dock.

There is no lifeguard or security at the beach. Fires are not allowed nor bbqs except during sanctioned events. The beach is out of bounds to all pets for safety reasons.

We tip our beach hats to the Town of Gravenhurst for helping out with garbage containers and collection. The town has recently worked with the KLRA to upgrade the sand beach area and repair erosion from 2013.

Capital improvements (mentioned above) have been financed by donations from Kahshe Lake residents. The beach is in need of replacement benches in 2015 and we hope additional donations will be forthcoming.

Thanks to all the volunteers who keep this rare and special beach available to all KLRA members. If you can spare any time this summer, we always need volunteers on the beach committee.

Have fun in 2015 and be safe!
KLRA Beach Committee

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IN MEMORIAM

John Thomas Davidson, 1926-2014

John Davidson, father of cottager, Elayne Burt of North Kahshe Lake Road, passed away in Toronto in October, 2014 at the age of 88.

Peter Schoutsen, 1924-2014

Peter Schoutsen, father of Ben Schoutsen of Nagaya Beach Road passed away in November at the age of 90. Peter was a great baker, making the goodies for his own 90th birthday party!

We have also learned of the death of **Marion Elder**. If any member of her family would like to submit a short paragraph about Marion's connection to Kahshe for inclusion in the May issue of the Krier, please contact me at keithonkahshe@bell.net or 416 233 7688.

I N M E M O R I A M

Anne Elizabeth Hogg, October 6, 1919 – November 22, 2014

The Cottage was a great love of Anne's. One summer when Anne was 13, the family was invited to the cottage of Mr. Jury, Grace Kirkendale's uncle, on Kahshe Lake. While exploring the lake, they discovered an old cottage for sale on the northern tip of Boyd Island. Anne and her sisters paddled over, peeked in the windows, fell in love with it, paddled back and begged their parents to buy it – which they eventually did. Her summers were filled with swimming, canoeing, playing games like crokinole by oil lamp on the old birch bark table – we still have that board and it is still used a lot; they had a hand pump for water in the kitchen, outdoor plumbing (the outhouse is still there); blueberry picking expeditions were a big part of the summer and they went to the different picking spots in the arc as seen on the photos.



The cottage had a large wrap around screened-in porch where the children slept – 'cause it was fun! – but could be a bit scary at night during thunder storms when they would shake in fear with their heads under the covers. As this was an older cottage, there was an assortment of residents: bats, squirrels, spiders etc. Anne handled all of these bravely...the snake in the kitchen however was just too much. Anne spent many wonderful summer days there...until she was almost 90.

Anne and her sisters loved art and their great creations appeared all around the cottage, both inside and out. There were paintings of mice, flowers on chairs, the old clock, dancing mice on the



garbage can - in the mouse room!!! – all of which are still there....not the mice! She also collected rocks which she found around the cottage and painted them to be used as table numbers at Nancy's wedding, her granddaughter.

Anne died at the grand old age of 95 following a very full life of fun, singing and dancing. Her celebration was a packed church and the obituary brought lots of laughter. Her spirit will always be at Kahshe as it was a place that she loved dearly. She leaves behind her only daughter Sally, grandchildren and great grandchildren all of whom still use the cottage.

Timothy Tuero

Tim Tuero passed away on January 4, 2015 at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge at the age of 65 after a very brief illness. Tim is survived by his wife Marilyn (Rodgers Beatty), his stepson Michael Beatty (Kim), daughter Kate (Mike Pilger) and Grandsons Jackson Beatty and Philip Pilger. Tim will also be missed by his mother Mavis Tuero, his sister Margery Banks (John), his sister-in-law Marlene Marco (Trevor Harrison, along with many nieces and nephews. His uncles Walter Moore and Henry Tuero are also long-time North Kahshe residents, as is his cousin Gary Moore (Iliana).



Tim was retired from the Toronto Public Library and enjoyed eleven wonderful years of retirement at his beloved Kahshe Lake where he worked with Bob and Johnette at Denne's Marina, and at the Gravenhurst Legion, and helped many neighbours and friends with assorted projects. When Marilyn retired they moved into their dream house where they had two good years together. Tim will be long remembered around North Kahshe for his assistance and involvement in repair work or problem solving.

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