

The Kahshe Krier



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President's Message – Spring 2011

"Spring has sprung, the grass has riz. I wonder where the blackflies is?"

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2011.

Membership Drive

Over the winter, your Association conducted a membership drive. Our goals were to:

- Represent KLRA members at the Town and District as a voice of the majority of Kahshe and Bass Lake residents;
- Provide better support for events, such as the craft show, regatta, fishing derby;
- Raise some extra funds to be able to improve the services we offer around the lake, such as Nagaya Beach and the rock marker buoys;
- Build up our reserves to enable us to do battle when it is necessary; and
- Reinforce our membership year change, which is now the same as the calendar year.

I am pleased to say that your response has been wonderful! I am excited to welcome 80 new members to our Association. And 70% of current members who were due for renewal at January 1 have already renewed, with two thirds of them opting for our special three-year membership deal. Donations totalling almost \$9000 have very much improved our financial picture – thank you all!

As you know, the KLRA is a volunteer-driven organization, and the membership drive was no exception. I want to recognize the efforts of our membership drive leadership team: Cathy Dunphy, Marg Taylor and Craig Copland. Craig, in addition to providing valuable expert leadership, also hosted great "stuffing parties" for the many other volunteers who worked on assembling the mailings. After you responded, Eleanor MacLean spent weeks in front of her computer updating membership records.

OMB Appeal

One catalyst for the membership drive was our appeal last year to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the Town's new Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw. While it appears at the moment that we won't need legal assistance to successfully complete our appeal, this is not entirely certain. We'll keep you informed of progress.

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KLRA MAKES REPRESENTATIONS TO GRAVENHURST BUDGET PROCESS

The Town of Gravenhurst invited public input to the 2011 budget through public meetings held on Monday, March 21, and Saturday, March 26. Two KLRA Board members made presentations at these sessions. John Kuropatwa attended the March 21 session, while Bob Reyburn was present on March 26.

Both Board members thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity afforded the public to participate in the process. **John Kuropatwa** raised the issue of disproportionate tax rates applied to seasonal and waterfront residents, and the docking and parking problems facing water-access cottagers, and made a number of recommendations including the development of clear long-term goals for the town, the implementation of a “zero-based” budget and the searching out of other sources of revenue.

Bob Reyburn addressed a cost-saving recommendation, proposed in budget documents, to suspend the Septic Inspection program for 2011, and expressed concern that potential environmental degradation might occur as a result of not having an inspection program. This issue was also addressed by several other lake associations.

Councillor Bob Colhoun stated at the meeting that he had drafted a resolution to rescind the recommendation. His resolution was to be considered at a Council meeting* to be held on March 31.

[*Minutes of this meeting had not been posted on the Town website at time of printing. Ed.]

President's Report *(continued from page 1)*

We also feel that the pressures for substantial change may increase around the lake in the coming years. We support change that meets the goals of our organization, as endorsed by our members, and we must be prepared to persuade others toward this thinking. This isn't always easy, or cheap.

Let me give you a concrete example of why it is important that we have a very strong membership base. During one of the highly-charged debates in Gravenhurst council over our OMB appeal, one ill-informed councillor opined that the KLRA was just a few people causing trouble. It was important that we were able to rebut that ignorance with facts about the size of our membership and how they were kept informed about issues. In the end, council unanimously supported the agreement we had negotiated with the Development Services committee.

Board of Directors

I need to talk about volunteers again, this time about your board of directors. At this year's AGM (date to be decided) you will be asked to elect a board to serve for the next two years. While many directors will be pleased to serve another term, two important members are leaving. Judy Henderson has been on the board and as Secretary for many years. Rob Pollard, our Treasurer, needs to devote more attention to a growing business and busy family life at present. Both of these people would tell you that a board role can take some time but is interesting and rewarding. I ask you to consider stepping forward at the AGM when the call for directors is made.

Lifejackets

Let me finish with a different topic – lifejackets/PFDs. There was a provocative article in the recent issue of Cottage Life that presented arguments for compulsory wearing of lifejackets for all of us while boating. Our past membership surveys have raised many concerns about boating, but lifejacket wear wasn't among them. If you feel strongly, one way or another, about this topic, I would be happy to hear from you.

I hope you have a wonderful 2011 season!

Greig Holder

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The new Highway 11

The Ministry of Transport Ontario (MTO) is planning on rebuilding Highway 11 as a limited access highway, if possible, all the way through Gravenhurst. This has big implications for the section south of the town (169 to Sedore Road) and needs careful consideration.

The ultimate vision for this section of Highway 11 is a controlled access freeway, which will limit all vehicle access to the highway to interchange locations only. Closure of at-grade intersections and entrances, improvements to existing interchanges, and the possible introduction of new interchanges as well as service road connections to provide alternative access for residences and businesses fronting on to Highway 11 will be examined as part of this study.

[Excerpt from MTO website <http://www.highway11study.ca/>]

Here are some of the implications:

Three new routes east of the highway that **were** being considered **will not be carried forward for further consideration****, because they would have passed through important wetlands and close to several lakes, and would have negatively affected most of the businesses between Hwy 169 and Sedore Road.

The two alternatives that are still under consideration are:

- to re-route it slightly to the west of its present course (as a limited access section) beginning just south of Hwy 169 to just south of Sedore Road;
- to widen the existing road in its present course, (presumably not limited access).

Both these alternatives will impact the businesses along this approach corridor, in the 1st case by moving the businesses to what will essentially become a service road to the east of the highway, and in the 2nd case, by taking land away from their frontages.

The businesses on highway 11 may well suffer significant loss of trade, especially if the highway does become limited access – look at what happened to all the old 169 business when 400 was extended past Parry Sound. By-pass highways affect small towns.

These business are the largest commercial assessment in Gravenhurst – if they disappear then the tax burden becomes even greater on the waterfront owners.

The town was silent on this until this spring when the citizen members of the economic development advisory committee pressured for staff action. The town was asked to adopt a strategy of putting political pressure on the Ontario government to halt this project and instead look at alternatives for a safer highway 11 corridor.

***Words in blue are quoted from the MTO website.*

Much of the information above came from Lola Bratty who has long been a strong advocate for cottagers from her cottage on Muldrew Lake. As she is now the new Ward 2 Councillor, we can hope for a strong cottager voice in future council decisions.

Summer at the lake

The complete guide for cottagers and their friends to the picnics, regattas, derbies and other happenings in, on and around Kahshe Lake in 2011

Brought to you by the Kahshe Lake Ratepayers' Association (KLRA)



Saturday July 2nd
10.00 am
(to be confirmed)

KLRA Annual General Meeting
Venue to be determined
ALL WELCOME



Saturday July 16th
1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
(rain date – Sunday 17th)

49th Annual Housey's Rapids Picnic
Bass Lake Park (off Muskoka 6)
ALL WELCOME Free admission



Saturday July 23rd
Weigh-in (4.00 – 5.00 pm)

2nd Annual Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby
Denne's Dock
KIDS ONLY Admission – 1 or more freshly caught fish!



Sunday August 7th
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

29th Annual Kahshe Country Craft Show & Sale
Rockhaven Lawn
ALL WELCOME Free admission -- **BRING YOUR WALLET**



Saturday August 13th
10.00 am – 2.00 pm
rain date – Sunday 14th)

The Regatta
Nagaya Beach
ALL WELCOME Free admission

All of these events happen because **volunteers** make them happen. If you would like to help out at any of these events, please contact me sooner rather than later:

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Membership Renewal

KLRA Membership now runs from January 1st to December 31st. The annual membership fee is \$35, or \$89 for 3 years (Jan 1, 2011 – Dec 31, 2013), a saving of \$16.

If you have not yet renewed, you can do so online through the KLRA website: www.kahshelake.ca, scroll down to and click on **Renew your membership**, and follow the instructions.

Membership forms can also be printed from this site for mail-in membership renewal. Membership Correspondence should now be mailed to:

KLRA Membership, 809-350 Mill Road, Etobicoke, ON, M9C 5R7

The Picture Gallery

Since I did not receive any pictures from you over the winter, the Picture Gallery this time contains photos from the Photo Contest that did not make it into the Fall Issue of the Krier. I hope you will all think about sending me winter and spring pictures for the next issue. Send your favourite cottaging picture(s) with a small caption (5-10 words) to keithonkashshe@rogers.com under the heading "Picture Gallery", and it/they could appear in the next issue of the newsletter. **Deadline for submissions: July 20th, 2011.**



Kailee Mandel



Clint Rohr



Cecilie Sheldon



Super Graham by Libby (aged 5)



Taking a Hike by Jack (aged 6)

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! (old French for "Listen up, folks!") **Help Wanted!**



Nagaya Beach is operated by the KLRA. A small group of volunteers is needed to implement the "Operation Plan" for the Beach which involves Spring start-up, the Summer maintenance, monitoring and upkeep program, and Fall shut-down. We would like **you** to be one of those volunteers! It is not a heavy time commitment, and you would be helping **TWO** of the KLRA's most precious assets, **Nagaya Beach**. and **kids!** Please think seriously about giving an hour or two (or several) of your time.

Please contact **Gary Baskerville**, (Committee Chairman), at Gbaskervillen622@rogers.com.

Submissions for the Summer 2011 Issue

If you have a story, a suggestion, a question, a point of view, a picture or a comment for the newsletter, please send it to me **NOW, RIGHT AWAY or IMMEDIATELY** otherwise you'll forget!

The absolute latest to submit articles for the next issue is **JULY 20th, 2011**

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SPECIAL FEATURE ON FIRE SAFETY AT THE COTTAGE by John Kuropatwa

As we have seen in the past few years, fire is a real threat in cottage country, and one to which Kahshe is not immune: Boyd Island 2 years ago and Oak Road last year. Let us ensure that we have done everything possible to keep ourselves, our homes and our environment safe from fires.

PREVENTING FIRES

Inside the cottage

Smoke Alarms

- **Do FIRST.** We are required to have alarms on each floor level and outside the bedrooms. The fire service recommends that smoke alarms should be installed **inside each** bedroom.
- Be sure that your alarms are working well and that they are less than 10 years old. **Install** fresh batteries.
- **Test** the alarms monthly.



Safety Checklist

- **Make** one. There are some excellent checklists available for homeowners. One source is www.SafeAtHomeTips.com

Evacuation Plans

- **Develop** a fire escape plan with an outside meeting place.
- **Practise** the plan. Schools do it regularly for good reasons.

Vital Data Card

- **Make a file card** listing your address and important access information and place the card where it can easily be taken when evacuating. This will be invaluable for guests or for anyone who has fled and may be calling for emergency services using a cell phone or a neighbour's phone.

Carbon Monoxide

- Install a Carbon Monoxide detector if you have a fireplace, attached garage or gas/propane appliances. It should be audible in the bedrooms. **Replace** every 5 years.

Fire Extinguishers

- **Install** fire extinguishers. Ones for kitchen and electrical will be rated "BC". Extinguishers for other parts of the home will be rated ABC – for wood and general use.
- **Know** how they work.



Wood Stoves

- Be sure it has been properly installed up to the building code.
- Burn only **dry** wood, to prevent creosote build-up.
- **Use** spark screens on your chimney and stove.
- **Have** the chimney **cleaned** by a certified chimney sweep.
- **Use** a metal container to transport cold ashes to the outside and store them away from buildings or anything combustible.

Portable Space Heaters

- These heaters are a quick source of heat, but carry some risk. Be sure that yours is in good shape and that it has a **tip-over switch**.
- Do **not** use with extension cords.
- Be sure that they are placed in an area **away from** combustibles.

Electrical Wiring

- **Inspect** the wires leading into your home. If you spot broken wires, branches across the hydro line or any signs of critter damage, call for **professional** help.

Sprinklers

- With many cottages being located a fair distance from a fire station as well as not having road access, **sprinklers** may be of special interest. They can put out fires in the early stages and have the added bonus that they can be activated automatically -- such as when no one is there.

Outside the cottage

We want to ensure that our property and neighbouring lands are also safe from fire. Here are some steps we can take to help.

Road access for emergency vehicles

- Can a fire truck reach your cottage? Take time to walk your driveway or private road and prune back any branches that are obstacles.

Civic Address Signs

- **Identify** your cottage at the road with your **street number**. If you are on a private lane or roadway and share it with others, be sure you have signs showing **all** the house numbers. Remember that all emergency services (ambulance, fire and police) make use of these numbers. When you need their help, every second counts.

Access to Water for Firefighters

- Firefighters require access to water. Try to **identify** an area where they could drop an intake line or locate a portable pump. In the winter, try to **identify** areas that have open water or where residents have a "bubbler" in the lake. This will save firefighters valuable minutes since they won't need to chop through the ice to get at water.

Cottages with No Road Access

- The Fire Department will respond to all calls. The challenges of responding to a cottage with no road access, means that extra time is taken to go to a barge, load equipment, travel to the fire, then off-load the equipment. However, when the firefighters arrive, they will ensure that people are safe, save as much of the buildings as possible, completely extinguish the fire and ensure that the fire does not spread into nearby forests.

Trees and brush

- **Clear** branches or bushes that are too close to the building.

Gas Barbeques

- Use only **outdoors**.
- **Inspect** the fuel lines for signs of damage **before** using them for the first time. **Clean** out any spider webs in the fuel lines and burner.
- **Check** your propane tank to make sure it is less than 10 years old.

Storage of Firewood and fuels

- **Store** all fuel and firewood a safe distance away from the cottage, **NOT** underneath

Bonfires

- **Check** the Town of Gravenhurst bylaws governing outside fires at the cottage. More information at: 705-687-3412

Fireworks

- **Light** the fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Always **have water** handy; a garden hose and a bucket are best.



Our sincere thanks to two members of the Gravenhurst Volunteer Fire Department, **Tracy Jocque**, the Platoon Chief and Director of Training, and **Robert King**, the Fire Prevention Officer, who provided these valuable safety tips.

WHAT TO DO IF FIRE STRIKES

- **Get out and stay out.** When fire strikes, the most important thing you can do is to ensure everyone is safe. Be sure to gather at your **pre-designated** meeting place, away from danger.
- **Call 911.** Be able to give them your location, access information, number of people involved, any injuries and where you are calling from.
- **Assign** one person to wait for emergency services vehicles.



THE GRAVENHURST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our Fire Department is a "Volunteer" department, yet functions as a full department. There are 56 volunteer personnel with three full-time support personnel (Administrative Assistant, Fire Prevention Officer and Training Officer). It is interesting to note that our Fire Chief is also a volunteer. Even the full-time staff take on a volunteer role outside of their regular work day. There are 3 Fire Stations strategically placed throughout the community. They are responsible for an area of 518 square kilometres, providing protection to over 8,000 private dwellings. In a typical year, the Fire Department receives 300 calls for help. Upon receiving a call for assistance, the volunteer firefighters immediately leave their jobs or homes and proceed to the fire location. They are provided with flashing green lights on their vehicles. If you are in your vehicle and see a **flashing green light**, and it is safe for you to do so, please move over. Emergency response is all



about time and every second counts. The main station is located in the centre of Gravenhurst. Two stations provide service to our lake: the Kilworthy Station (#2) at 1030 Kilworthy Road, just west of Highway 11, and Station #3 located at 1622 Barkway Road, between Barkway and Housey's Rapids. We are very fortunate to have two stations so strategically located near Kahshe Lake. The Fire Department has 9 vehicles - 5 engines, 2 water tankers, 2 support vehicles. You may be pleased to learn that a new tanker truck has just been purchased and put into service in the Kilworthy station. This new tanker truck is almost 10m (30ft) long and 3.5m (11ft) tall. It requires at least 4 m (12ft.) of overhead clearance and a width of 5.5 m (15 ft.) in order to make its way down cottage roads and drives. This unit weighs 20 metric tons (45,000 lb), so you can understand that there are times when the roadways are not able to support such

a load. The driver has the responsibility of deciding whether or not to navigate a roadway where there may be some doubt.

Volunteer Fire Fighters

Our fire department is made up of our friends and neighbours: people who generously have committed themselves to serving our community. They are required to pass stringent medical tests, be available 24 hours a day, have access to a vehicle at all times and commit to ongoing training. Once they have been screened and accepted into the trainee ranks, they undergo 16 weeks of training in order to be deemed trained. All volunteers undergo weekly training sessions that usually run one evening a week, every week of the year. These include classroom sessions and lots of hands-on training. Some of the hands-on training sessions take place at Kahshe (see picture at left), including ice rescue training sessions.



We thank all of our firefighters for their dedication and for the excellent service they provide our community!



PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

The Fire Department operates a number of different educational, community outreach and fire prevention programs. Be sure to visit their website to learn more about them. Two that are particularly noteworthy are:

"Alarms for Life" This program aims to ensure that every home and cottage in Gravenhurst is equipped with a working smoke alarm. The Gravenhurst branch of the Royal Canadian Legion sponsors the program. Whenever the Fire Department comes across a situation where someone is in need and there is no operating smoke detector, they make arrangements to provide them. Donations made to the Fire Department are also directed to this valuable program.

"Peace of Mind" Along with other Muskoka area fire departments, the Gravenhurst Volunteer Fire Department participates in this community outreach and education program. This includes putting on displays at public events and giving presentations to a variety of groups. You've probably seen them at the plazas and festivals last year.

ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE

On Muskoka Road North, right at the shoreline of Lake Muskoka, we can find the highly regarded **Ontario Fire College**. This is a residential school, first opened in 1949, dedicated to the training and education of firefighters from across Ontario. The college also provides training for the marine and K-9 units of the Ontario Provincial Police.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Below are the **url** addresses for some excellent resources.:

Safe At Home Program

<http://www.safeathome.ca>

Gravenhurst Volunteer Fire Department

<http://www.gravenhurstfire.com>

Ontario Fire College

<http://www.ofm.gov.on.ca/en/Fire%20College/default.asp>



Muskoka Stewardship Program

It's the Year of Forests – Muskoka Style

by Rebecca Francis, Stewardship Coordinator, Muskoka Heritage Foundation

Did you know that 2011 has been declared the International Year of Forests by the United Nations Organisation?

Here at the Muskoka Heritage Foundation (MHF), we champion environmental stewardship in the region, and this global initiative has us thinking locally: How can we, as cottagers and residents, act to better manage and conserve Muskoka's forests? **How can you help sustain Muskoka's unique environment?**

Consider the Muskoka Stewardship Program for your property.

Despite being best known for our lakes, in Muskoka most of what we see around us is trees. In fact, on private land alone, Muskoka is 52% forested. That number increases to a whopping 94% when the ecosystems of barrens and wetlands and the lakes and other Crown land are included. Our industries and our quality of life depend greatly on the forests and natural areas that make Muskoka so beautiful.

MHF is an environmental not-for-profit that works to protect, conserve and nurture Muskoka's natural and cultural environment now and for future generations. If you are someone who owns a little piece Muskoka, it's important to know what you can do to help conserve it, including any trees.

The Muskoka Stewardship Program from the MHF encourages landowners to manage their land in ways that maintain, restore or enhance the diversity of forests, wetlands, shoreline, native plants and wildlife habitat. The Stewardship Program conducts one-on-one visits with landowners to help them achieve

their goals. Trained volunteers will visit your property to walk the land with you and to discuss stewardship options specific to your property.

What is stewardship?

Environmental stewardship means taking care of your land, water and trees, and it requires sound planning and informed choices. With responsible and careful use of the natural environment, we can all become good stewards of the Muskoka we cherish.

5 things you can do for your forest and trees near shoreline:

1. **Plant Native Trees.** Who can resist a garden that is colourful, disease and pest resistant, low maintenance, and provides habitat for wildlife? It just makes good sense!
2. **Incorporate trees into your buffer zone.** Layer your plants so that the tallest trees are at the edges of your property and drop in size towards your house.
3. **Keep cavity trees, dying trees, and dead trees in that order of preference** (if it's safe to do so). They provide valuable place for wildlife to rear their young, roost, escape predators, hibernate, and feed. Don't take them down just because you might think are ugly! When trees fall in or along the water, they help protect shorelines and streambanks from erosion.
4. **Create Corridors.** Corridors provide safe travel for wildlife. They connect already existing natural areas by planting between them. Allow native

vegetation to grow along fence or property lines and use these area as corridors to help connect natural areas, or to connect your shoreline with upland wild areas.

5. **Provide a variety of features.** Encourage a variety of vegetation types (trees, shrubs, plants, flowers) that are a mix of young, old, tall and short. Create a thicket made up of a small tree surrounded by thick, bushy shrubs. Even in a small area, the different layers and types of vegetation create edges that house an abundance of wildlife.

The UN's 2011 theme of "Forests for People" celebrates the central role of humans in the sustainability of our world's forests. Forests provide shelter to people and habitat to biodiversity; they are a source of food, medicine and clean water; and they play a vital role in maintaining a stable global climate and environment. All of these elements taken together reinforce the message that forests are vital to the survival and well being of people everywhere – all seven billion of us.

In 2011, let's all do our part to ensure the sustainability of Muskoka's forests. Help **Muskoka Heritage Foundation** to celebrate 2011 as the **International Year of Forests**.

Do you want to participate in the Stewardship Program?

Interested in learning more about shoreline care and forests?

Follow the blog:

www.muskokastewardship.blogspot.com

Kahshe Lake Country Craft Show and Sale

From the organizers of the **Craft Show** come the following appeals:

To kids:

get your parents to buy you the best camera on the market so that you can enter and win the **2nd Annual Kids on Kahshe Photo Contest**. Watch for details a) on the www.kahshelake.ca website, b) on posters at the **AGM** and on the **KLRA Bulletin Boards**, and c) in the local (Gravenhurst and Muskoka) press.

For more details, contact Clare Henderson (crhenderson@sympatico.ca) or George Lindsay (george.lindsay@sympatico.ca)

To moms and dads (and other big people):

Get your baking caps on to prepare for the **Bake Sale** – contact one of the Sue's (Holder – susan.holder@sympatico.ca ; or Lindsay -- susan.lindsay@sympatico.ca);

Get your thinking caps on to suggest possible exhibitors at the **Craft Show** -- contact Cathy Dunphy (catherinedunphy@rogers.com);

Get your aprons on ready to help out at **Keith's Kahshe Kountry Kitchen** – contact Keith Price (keithonkahshe@rogers.com).

Other appeals will be coming your way as we get closer to the day – **Sunday August 7th**.

Editorial

Winter counts, too!



Although cottaging is, for most of us, a summer activity which spills over into spring and fall, there are a significant number of cottagers who spend their winters up at Kakshe or who continue to come up for weekends throughout the winter.

Sad to say, *The Kakshe Krier* has all but ignored this special group until now.

But ... no more! If you are a "year-rounder", I invite you to submit articles, photographs, or comments about your past or upcoming winter-time activities for inclusion in the Fall/Winter Issue which will be published sometime in November. I will include a reminder in the Summer issue along with a submission deadline.

As an opening gambit in this endeavour, below is an open letter inviting you to support the **Snowcrest Riders Snowmobile Club** by entering their **Annual Golf Tournament on June 17th**. I hope that the many golfers among you, and even some of the non-golfers, will seriously consider this and, perhaps, make new friends on the lake.

On another topic, we all pay taxes to the Town of Gravenhurst, and often complain that we don't get value for money: no sewage or street lighting, no plowing in the winter, no garbage pick-up between Thanksgiving and the May long weekend, etc. While I agree with this, it is also fair to point out that there are many programs offered by the town that we are perhaps unaware of or fail to take advantage of. On page 11, you will find a list of some of these offerings. Availing yourself of these opportunities may help to ease your tax grumbles.

Our President, Greig Holder, indicated in his report the need for some of you to step forward to replace Board Members who are stepping down. This does not necessarily mean taking on one of the major positions (secretary or treasurer), but we do need at least four new members to bring their opinions, ideas and energy to the table. Please give this serious consideration. Although serving does require a commitment of time and energy, it is also interesting, informative and very rewarding.

I have included (on page 3) a list of KLRA events which I hope you will all support in great numbers (and with wallets open!).

Come over and chat if you see me at any of these events. Have a great summer.

Keith Price

Editor



Snowcrest Riders Snowmobile Club

685 Muskoka Rd North

Gravenhurst, Ontario

705-687-7921

SNOWCREST RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Snowcrest Riders Snowmobile Club was established in 1984 and maintains almost 300km of trails in the Gravenhurst/South Muskoka Region. Our permit sales do not always cover these costs. Did you know that snowmobilers in our District spend almost 5 million dollars a season for gas, accommodations, meals, and other items? Almost 3 million dollars are brought in to the Gravenhurst area alone. We need your help in keeping our trails the best in Ontario, so that our Club can continue to make Gravenhurst and Muskoka a Premier Destination for Winter Family Recreation!

Snowcrest is holding a golf tournament on **June 17th**, but we need your help: first by offering to sponsor a golf hole (\$200.00) or by offering a prize for our prize table and secondly by registering to play in our tournament: go online to our web site www.snowcrestriders.com.

The tournament will be held at **Lake St. George Golf Club** on **June 17th** at **1 p.m.** A light lunch will be served before the start, so get there early and spend some time socializing with your friends. The price is **\$125.00** and includes a light lunch, 18 holes of golf, golf cart and steak dinner. There will be snowmobiles up for grabs for a **hole in one** at 4 of the par threes, also included for a hole in one is a **Golf Vacation**. There will be prizes for **longest drives** and **closest to the pin**.

Please help by sponsoring a hole or donating a prize to our prize table or by participating in our tournament.

For more information please contact:

Snowcrest Riders Office: **705.687.7921** or John Dove: **705.687.9341**

Thanking you in advance,

John Dove

Golf Tournament Coordinator

Letters to the Editor

An open letter from the **Snowcrest Riders** appears on page 9.

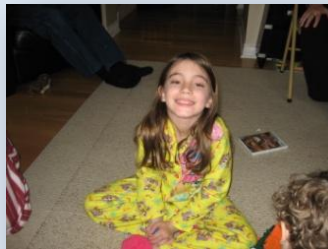
Hi Keith,
Thank you so much for a wonderful newsletter. It is my first attempt at receiving it by email. However, I wonder if most of it could be in black and white, except photos of course, as those of us who want to print various pages use up a lot of colour when just printing a regular page. Just a thought.

Sandra Moad

*Hi Sandra,
This is not something I had thought of, but I can appreciate your concern. I know how expensive colour ink is. However, I am reluctant to give up colour. What we will do is send out two pdf versions, one in full glorious technicolour and one in black and white. That way you get the best of both worlds.
Hope this works for you and for all those who have encountered the same problem.
Best wishes,
Ed.*

*Hi Keith,
I hope your winter is going well; lots of snow on Kahshe.
Our **100 years on Kahshe Lake** celebration went really well. We had a great day weather-wise, and entertained those families whose grandparents were friends of my grandfather Edward(Ned) LeDrew.
Our grandchildren, Sophia Selva and her cousin, Marcus Selva, come to Kahshe as much as they can over the summer. I wondered if you were interested in mentioning their community spirit:*

Sophia** (8 years) grew her hair so that she could donate 9 inches towards a wig for **Cancer for Kids,



*and **Marcus** requested donations of money, instead of gifts, for his 5th birthday. He donated over **\$200** to the **Muskoka Wild Life Centre** and adopted an eagle.*



*See you at Kahshe.
Thanks,
*Sharon Selva**

Hi Sharon,
If grandmothers can't brag about their grandchildren, who can? So glad your "Centennial" went well.
Ed.

What's on in Gravenhurst

Music on the Barge

will continue the tradition of Sunday night concerts at its picturesque waterfront setting in Gull Lake Rotary Park commencing on Sunday June 21st at 7:30 p.m.

"Barge" concerts began in 1959 when the present off-shore bandshell was completed just in time for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip to attend its official opening concert on July 4th, 1959. Today, the sounds emerging from "Music on the Barge" range from the Big Band Sound, to Dixieland, Jazz, Folk, Country and Western and the music of the 50's and 60's.

Watch for announcements about "extra" Sunday afternoon concerts.

Sunday, June 20 – The Muskoka District Band

Sunday, June 27 – The Bi-focals Concert Band

Sunday, July 4 – The Legend in Black as Johnny Cash

Sunday, July 11 – The Caverners – Beatles cover band

Sunday, July 18 - Shania Twin - Shania Twain Tribute

Sunday, July 25 – Freddy Vette & The Flames

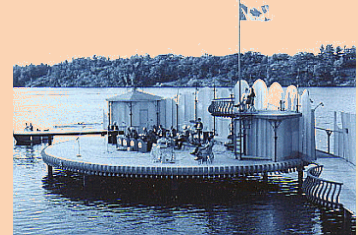
Sunday, August 1 – Lincolnaires 50's Rock and Roll Music

Sunday, August 8 – Endless Summer Live Surfin' USA

Sunday, August 15th – The Good Brothers Canadian Country Group of the Year.

Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. at Gull Lake Rotary Park unless otherwise stated.

Voluntary donations are collected during concerts.



Gravenhurst Opera House

Saturday May 14th, 2011 StarQuest Talent Search Auditions Registration Form now available for download .

Following are the Show Dates for 2011 1st show: **June 11th** 2nd show: **June 25th** 3rd show: **July 7th** 4th show: **July 13th** 5th show: **August 16th** Finale: **August 19th**

Friday June 10, 8:00 pm Women Fully Clothed Astute and hilarious, WOMEN FULLY CLOTHED are back with the sequel to their self-titled premier show. OLDER AND HOTTER mixes friendship, personal dreams and self preservation with international relations, executive duties and the environment.

Thursday June 23rd, 8 pm Cottage Country Comedy Festival, Tuesday

Saturday July 9th, 7:30 pm Jack Hutton and Paul Asaro A NIGHT OF TOE-TAPPING STRIDE/RAGTIME PIANO! One of the world's finest stride/ragtime pianists, Paul Asaro, will join Bala ragtime pianist Jack Hutton on Saturday, July 9th, in a two-piano tribute to the music of Thomas "Fats" Waller and other Harlem pianists.

July 19- 21, 26-28, 7:30 pm Looking A Comedy about 4 middle-aged singles who are "looking".

Saturday July 23rd, 7:30 pm The Stampeders Saturday one of Canada's top rock groups, *Sweet City Woman, Carry Me, Devil You, Wild Eyes, Oh My Lady*, etc.

Tuesday August 23rd, 7:30 pm Lorne Elliott With his barely tamed afro, his rubbery face and his miniature guitar, Lorne Elliott is set to send your giggles "madly off in all directions".

Summer Programs offered by the Town of Gravenhurst

Call 687-6774 x 22 for further information about any of these programs or refer to the Gravenhurst "Activity Guide" online at www.gravenhurst.ca click on *Residents*, then *Recreation and Community Services*, then *Recreation and Leisure Guide*

Red Cross Swimming Lessons at Gull Lake Rotary Park (pp 27-31)

For children 5 months of age to 14 years of age

Three 2 week sessions; Monday to Friday: July 4th – 15th July 18th – 29th
August 8th – 19th

Day Camps in the summer for children (pp 20-22)

Plus Camp SUMINOSKA (page 23)

Camps run daily beginning July 4th until August 26th (Sept 3rd for Suminoska)

Register for a day, a week or the entire summer

Youth Sport and Activity Programs (pp12-17)

Rowing / Triathlon / Synchro-swimming /

Kayaking / Canoeing / and more

Yoga / Softball / Drama / Computer /

Conversational French / and more

Girls Only Club / Boys Only Club

Adult Programs (pp 34-38)

Golf / Running / Kayaking / Rowing

Gardening / Zumba Dance / Aqua-fit / Fitness

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