

# The Kahshe Krier



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**Summer 2011**

## Opening Salvo by Bob Reyburn

## Incoming President's Report

**Thank you** for confirming me as President of the Association at this year's Annual General Meeting. I apologize for not being there to meet those of you who attended. Many of you I don't know personally, but I hope that that can be corrected over the next two years. My contact information appears on the "Meet Your Board Members" pages (6-7).

For those of you who don't know me, I live year-round at the east end of the lake near Housey's Rapids. Like you, I enjoy the marvelous environment that we see around us whenever we are at the lake. One of the things I enjoy most about the lake is its marvelous paddling environment. My wife, Donna Sutherland and I, are often on the lake paddling outrigger canoes. If you see us, give us a wave, and we'll stop and talk.



**A Heartfelt Thank-You** for all the good work done over the years by the four Board Members who resigned their positions at the Annual General Meeting. I want to thank the following individuals for their exemplary service, dedication and hard work: **Rob Abbott** and **Clint Rohr**, both Past Presidents; **Judy Henderson**, 10 years as Secretary, and **Rob Pollard**, Treasurer for the past 2 years.

**Our financial audit** for 2010 has not yet been completed. Once it is done, we will share results with you through the Association web site, and make comments in the next newsletter.

**New Board Members** In the Spring Krier, our past president, Greig Holder, made an appeal to members to consider joining your Board of Directors. I extend a big thank-you to those who responded. Joining the Board are:

**John Mertl, Tim Ottoway, Ron Pearson, Elaine Smith and Steve Wild.**

John has agreed to fill the role of Secretary, while Elaine will be our new Treasurer. I want to thank them both wholeheartedly for stepping into challenging roles right off the bat.

If any of you are still interested, we still have one vacancy on the Board.

**Our appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board** regarding the Town's new Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw is scheduled for a pre-hearing on September 7. We will keep you apprised of any decisions that come out of this meeting or any subsequent meetings that may occur.

**Summer** As I write this report, we are in the midst of a glorious summer with respect to weather. I hope you are enjoying the season as much as I am. Some KLRA events have already passed as you read this, specifically the **AGM**, the **Housey's Rapids Picnic**, the **Kermit Long Kids Fishing Derby** and the **29<sup>th</sup> Kahshe Country Craft Show and Sale**. I hope you can enjoy the remaining events of the summer, the **Regatta** on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, and the **Barn Dance** on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Labour Day weekend.

**Safety** In the spring newsletter, Greig devoted some space in the President's Report to encouraging the use of pfd's/lifejackets while boating. There are some recommendations on water safety from the Royal Lifesaving Society of Canada included in this edition as a follow-up to his appeal (see p3).

Additionally, our Editor has included some words on traffic safety specific to rural and cottage roads. He speaks from experience.

One last note on safety - as boaters we need to be aware of the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. There is a disturbing **Letter to the Editor** in this edition referencing that subject.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and the fall season. And above all -- **be safe** -- on land and on water!

*Bob Reyburn*

The Regatta WILL take place. New date Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

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**Parting Shot** by Greig Holder

**Past President's Report**



My two years as your president have passed quickly. As I think back over this period, some things stand out for me.

I learned that an organization like the KLRA is an important advisor to our local governments, as well as an advocate for the Kahshe community.

I met a bunch of great people I didn't know before, both on the board of the association and beyond. I was incredibly impressed to see people step forward when work needed to be done at events. Having fun takes work, but the work is fun.

I enjoyed working with others in developing our new website, which has already proven to be a great tool for communicating with our members and mobilizing them when we needed them.

I want to wish Bob Reyburn well in his role as our new president

I now become past president. One of my responsibilities is to chair the nominating committee. This means I'll be searching for people to join the board and to have as much fun as I've had these past two years. Look out, I may be zeroing in on you!

*Greig Holder*

**In Memoriam**

**Garth Jamison, 1929 - 2011**

Garth Jamison, a long-time cottager on Kahshe Lake since 1945, passed away on July 8, 2011 at the age of 82. He was a former member of the Snowcrest Riders and the Orillia Snowmobile Club. He spent many wonderful times at Kahshe and shared many wonderful stories about his past adventures at the lake. He will be missed with deep sadness and regret by his wife Dorothy (nee Tuck), by his daughter, Pamela Jamison (fiance Jason Anderson) of Brampton and son, Michael Jamison (wife Darlene) of Grand Valley. He was the cherished grandfather of Nicole, Caitlin, Joshua, Melanie, Jasmine and Jade, and step-father of Linda Weiland (husband Peter) of Orillia and Gary Smith of Toronto. He was also the brother of Bob Jamison of Shelbourne and the late Ron and David.



**Ronald James Clifford Sr, 1933 - 2011**

Ron was truly blessed when his 17 year old girlfriend, Norma Joan Moses, introduced him to the *healing waters of Kahshe*. Joan's family had strong roots in a small bay a short distance from the river connecting Bass Lake. Together, they built their own family cottage on Kahshe, continuing the family cottage tradition. Ron was a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He had 5 daughters and one son, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He went by many names, Ron, dad, grandpa, Duke, Staff, Mighty Mouse and No Pay (and a few that we cannot print). Ron was a hard-nosed police officer who never took a day off sick in his 27 years with the Toronto Police Force. He finished his police career as a Staff Sergeant and will be remembered by his police family as Mighty Mouse, badge # 4215.

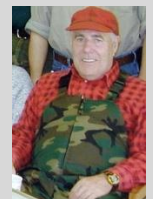
Ron wore many professional hats in his lifetime; Police Officer, Assistant Chief of Fire Investigations with the Ontario Fire Marshalls Office, and eventually Municipal Councilor in Gravenhurst. If change was needed, Ron could be counted on to make it happen!

Ron was a Past Master of the Melita lodge and an active member with the Golden Rule Lodge in Gravenhurst.

He loved the outdoors, enjoyed both hunting and fishing, kept chickens, homing pigeons and bees, and really enjoyed a good drink with friends.

At 78 years of age, Ron succumbed to a stroke, choosing to die peacefully on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

His family has asked that we thank those of you who assisted him during this difficult time.



**Let us also remember**

**Bud Hawke**, a long-time cottager, with his wife, Marina, on Deep Bay

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## **Cottage Safety Tips**

Excerpted from [www.lifesaving.ca](http://www.lifesaving.ca)

the website of the **The Royal Life Saving Society Canada** (© Copyright 2005)

"Fun, Family and freedom" are words we often associate with the cottage. But living without a care in the world could, in fact, prove deadly. Water is a silent killer. Drownings are the third leading cause of preventable death for children under 10 years of age. They can happen in less than a minute and in just centimetres of water.

Lifesaving Society courses can teach you and your family prevention strategies, self-rescue, rescue of others and basic first aid. (See the [Lifesaving Programs](#) section or contact your [Branch](#) for more information.) In the meantime, follow these safety tips:

If you have small children, remember these tips.

1. **Restrict access to the water.**  
Always know how your children can get to the water and establish protective barriers to prevent them from getting access to it. You might even need to crawl around at your children's height to see things that they can, but you can't.
2. **Lock all doors when you are inside the cottage.**
3. **Secure low windows that a child might crawl through.**
4. **Build locked, childproof gates around your deck.**
5. **Establish rules that must be followed when around the water.**  
Some families require that non-swimming children wear a lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD) whenever they are outside the cottage.
6. **Always stay "within arms' reach."**  
It's not enough to be nearby on a dock reading a book while your child is playing on the beach. If you're not "within arms' reach" of your child, you've gone too far.
7. **Make sure your child is wearing a lifejacket or PFD when playing near water.**
8. **Closely supervise children with inflatable toys.**  
The toys can blow away from shore and children will often follow them into deeper water. Supervise floating mats closely. Children (and adults) can get caught underneath them and go unnoticed until it's too late.
9. **Ensure that children always wear a lifejacket or PFD when in a boat.**  
...and set a good example for your children by wearing one yourself.
10. **Be prepared. Take some lifesaving and first aid training.**  
Know what to do if something does happen.

### **Lake Steward's Report** by Howard Mandel

#### **Tips for healthy water at our beautiful lake**

**Maintain your septic tank** system to prevent harmful chemicals from entering the lake.

**Don't remove natural vegetation** between the foundations on your property and the lake. You need a strong buffer zone to stop sediments and nutrients entering the water during and after storms.

**Be respectful of the wake** created by your boat. Please tube and ski in wider bodies of water, not narrow waterways.

Please **be respectful of your fellow cottagers** who are trying to relax on their docks.

Reminder, **do not drop sand** to create a beach at your property. It is illegal.

When caring for your grounds, **use green, chemical-free products.**

Inside and everywhere around the cottage, use **alternative** cleaners.

**Everything** makes it into the lake one way or another.



*Photo by Jennie Nice*

## **Important announcement**

*A huge "Thank you!" to [Colleen Powell](#)*

*who has stepped in to rescue the Regatta, but she cannot do it alone. She needs your involvement. If you are able to help, please contact Colleen at*

*[colleenpowell@rogers.com](mailto:colleenpowell@rogers.com), and do it soon.*

*And mark August 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendars!*



# 50<sup>th</sup> Housey's Rapids Picnic begins with a **BANG!**

The BANG was the sound of my van hitting the front end of a small Mazda as it exited a hidden driveway on my right without stopping or slowing down. Both vehicles were totaled and both drivers walked away relatively unhurt. [For more on this topic, see my "Editorial" on page 9.]

My immediate concern was that I couldn't go off to hospital to be checked out properly because I had a Picnic to run: it was only 8.15 am and all the stuff for the picnic was at my cottage. Then Shawn and Nancy Corbett showed up → with Nancy's brother, Rob Porter, and I knew that they'd take care of the picnic, so I went to the hospital. Thank goodness that I was able to get back to the picnic at about 2 o'clock. I would not have wanted to miss the best Picnic of my 20 years of attending, the last 9 as organizer.



It was a perfect sunny day and over 80 people turned up to enjoy the games, the food and each others' company, and to make a fuss of the wounded warrior. They wouldn't let me do anything, and I sat down for the first time ever at a Picnic. I think that there is, perhaps, a lesson here: I don't do anything and the picnic is the best ever! Hmmm!

My heartfelt thanks to Shawn and Nancy for taking over, to Belinda Sutherland and her crew, Joel, Elizabeth and Grace, for running the kids' games, to Gwen Hems and Kim Lasachuk for the butterflies (always something new and interesting), to Scott Watson for organizing the Horseshoes Tournament, to Wendy Houlberg and Cathy Dunphy for super raffle ticket selling, to Gord and Tien White for their usual flair at the barbecue, to Geri Bonnici who helped wherever she could and to the nameless thousands, well, tens, who cleaned up afterwards while I was gallivanting off to Gravenhurst to get my pain medication prescription filled. I for one will never forget this, the 50<sup>th</sup> Housey's Rapids Picnic.

[This was also my last Picnic as organizer. Hopefully a new organizer or organizing committee will step forward before next July rolls around. I have a 3-page breakdown of the tasks involved in preparing for the picnic, complete with timelines and contact information. It is a lot of work but a good committee makes life a lot easier, and it is very rewarding. Please contact me if you would be interested in producing next year's picnic -- [keithonkash@rogers.com](mailto:keithonkash@rogers.com) .]

As always we encourage you to show support for the local merchants who **donate** the supplies and prizes that make our events so enjoyable.

## Prizes

The Real Muskoka Steamships	2-hr Cruise	Home Hardware, Washago	Kids' games
Cottage Life Magazine	1-yr Subscription, 2 t-shirts	Home Hardware, Gravenhurst	1 gallon paint
Grace and Speed Museum	3 Free Admissions	Washago TimBR-Mart	Tool kit
Boston Pizza	Pizza Party for 8	Chamberlain's TimBR-Mart	Watch and pen set
The Opera House	2 tickets to The Stampeders	<b>Supplies</b>	
Your Independent Grocer	Table -top BBQ	Muskoka Meats	all the meat
Home Building Centre	2 Shed lights	Muskoka Springs	all the water
		Sobey's	\$25 towards the "fixings"



Donna S/Bob R/Keith P

Mike Duncan/Wendy Houlberg



Nancy & Alison Corbett

Shawn Corbett/Scott Watson



Joelle

Julie

Erin & Julia Powell



Paige Loft/Grace Sutherland

Emma Bray/Julia Powell



The Winners!

The Losers!



Geri Loft/Belinda Sutherland

Ruth Miller/Gwen Hems/Kim Lasachuk/Elizabeth Sutherland



Gord White and Tien

Balloon toss or balloon drop?



Mike D, Sue and Rob Bray

Colleen & Gareth Powell

Our Regatta savior!

## Picnic -- Games Results

**Balloon Toss** 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin and Derek Houlberg  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Sutherland & Paige Loft  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie White & friend, Joelle

**Sunken Treasure** 1<sup>st</sup> Coal DeKoning  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Jake Loft  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Paige Loft

**Hoop Bocce** 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Loft  
 (little guys) 2<sup>nd</sup> Coal DeKoning  
 3<sup>rd</sup> David ?



**Hoop Bocce** 1<sup>st</sup> Julia Powell  
 (big kids) =2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Smith  
 =2<sup>nd</sup> Erin Bray  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Coal DeKoning

**Horseshoes** 1<sup>st</sup> Shawn Corbett & Scott Watson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Connor ? & Jake ?  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Derek and Dennis Houlberg

**Egg and Spoon Race** 1<sup>st</sup> Erin Powell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Smith  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sebastian Bell

## 2011 Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby

The **2011 Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby** was held on Saturday, July 23, 2011. There were 16 entrants. The 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy went to **Blake Tonna**, who entered a large mouth bass that was 15" in length. Second place was won by **Teddy Wonder** with his 13 1/2" small mouth bass. Another small mouth bass, 11 1/2" in length, won third place for **Isabel Wonder**.

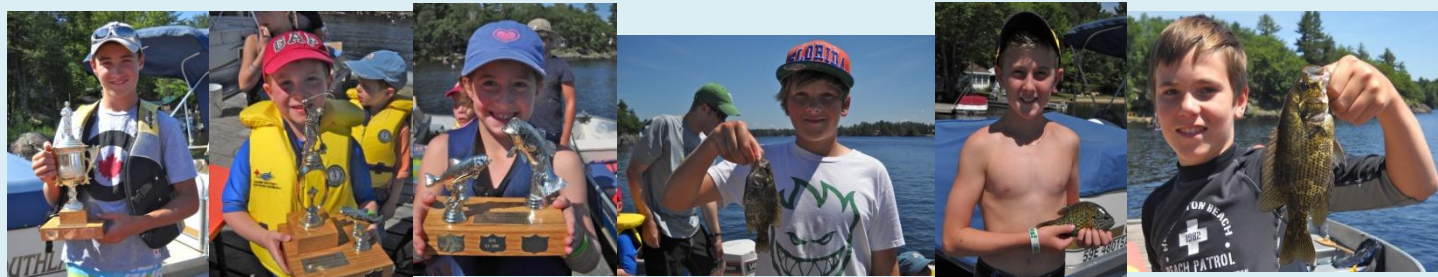
**David Dunn**, age 3, won a rod and reel as the youngest entrant, and **Gavin Arnett** celebrated his birthday by taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the **sunfish** category

Measuring and recording entered fish was ably completed by **Don Knight**, **Sandra Moad**, **Toivo Madrus**, and **Karen Long**. Several other individuals including **Marilyn Tuero** and **Keith Price** provided information, expertise and hand-holding.

Many cottagers contributed to the derby prizes including several with cottages on Boyd Island. We very much appreciate your generous contributions. Thank you.

*Ken Long*

Fishing Derby Coordinator



Blake Tonna

Teddy Wonder

Isabel Wonder

Connor Burinski

Gavin Arnett

Carter DeForest

*[My apologies if you are incorrectly identified. Let me know. Ed]*

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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 in 2008 and moved into the new home the following year. 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 both on-line and at the University Partnership Centre at Georgian College in Barrie. I have 2 daughters, one in Ottawa and one in Austin, Texas, and we have 5 grandchildren.

**Past President****705-689-1092****Greig Holder****519-273-7157 h**[greig.holder@sympatico.ca](mailto:greig.holder@sympatico.ca)**416-409-1274 c**

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.

**Treasurer****705 689 0280****Elaine Smith**[phoebelife77@hotmail.com](mailto:phoebelife77@hotmail.com)

Larry and I moved to the area 13 years ago, originally on Boyd Island and for the past 9 years in a cove by Wolf Island. We love all aspects of life on Kahshe. We are presently in the process of selling our house on Tryon Drive and moving to the lake. I have an extensive background in accounting and credit.

**Secretary****416 550 9872 cell****John Mertl****Skype: john.mertl**[john.mertl@gmail.com](mailto:john.mertl@gmail.com)

Cathy and I arrived on Kahshe Lake on a sizzling-hot August day in 2008. After a five-year-long search for the perfect cottage, we bought the Long/Shumway log cabin on the point across the channel from the north-western tip of Lindhill Island -- better known from the "cottage for rent" ad in Cottage Life every month, or the "Owl-in-the-Window" cottage. Living and working as consultants in Toronto, Cathy and I are weekend-warriors, braving the 400-traffic most Fridays and Mondays, though last summer we were exceptionally fortunate to live on the lake from April through October. When not puttering around with some project at the cottage, I advise technology companies on business and investment strategies.



## Members-at-Large

**Newsletter****705 687 7108****Keith Price****416 233 7688 h**[keithonkahshe@rogers.com](mailto:keithonkahshe@rogers.com)**416 272 1468 c**

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 2 daughters in post-secondary education, and one flying for Air Canada at the moment. Guess who's going to be jet-setting for the next little while!

**Beach Committee****705 684 9610****Gary Baskerville****905 404 8007**[gbaskervillen622@rogers.com](mailto:gbaskervillen622@rogers.com)

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.

**Water Access Committee****705 687 5048****Henry Kowalewski****905 336 1039**[hchowalewski@erico.com](mailto:hkowalewski@erico.com)

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 5 years, I think, and am now Chair of the Water Access Committee which voices the concerns of the 250+ water access residents 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.





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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.

**Cathy Dunphy**[catherinedunphy@rogers.com](mailto:catherinedunphy@rogers.com) 705 687 5405 416 699 0461

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.

**Tim Ottoway**[ottowaytim@hotmail.com](mailto:ottowaytim@hotmail.com) 905 857 9002 416 729 0669(cell)

I came to Kahshe Lake as a kid to Kennett and Jamisons Cottage. My parents bought Chief Island in 1977 and I moved up for a couple of summers and worked for Denne's Marina. I purchased the north half of Chief Island from my parents' estate in 2000 (Island featured in the pic by Randy Craig which was in National Geographic).

I now work for Toronto Fire but will be retiring soon. I also have a contracting company specializing in renovations.

I can be seen out on my Hobie Cat when there is lots of wind.

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My wife Gail and I and our three children have been spending summers on Kahshe Lake with Gail's sister on Boyd Island since the 1970s. We bought our own place across from Hilda Island in 1999. I retired from the Ontario Environment Ministry in the late 1990s and since then have worked in ecological risk assessment. I re-joined the MOE in 2010 as a part time risk advisor for the remediation of the Pan-Am games sites. Our three children are now married and we get to spend lots of time on KL with them and our five grandchildren. My hobbies include photography and woodworking.

**Steve Wild**[steve.wild@hp.com](mailto:steve.wild@hp.com)

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Steve has been cottaging on Kahshe since 1963. He and his wife, Hayley, have recently taken responsibility for the family cottage built in 1910 and originally known as the Twin Cottages [see *the Kahshe Krier, Summer 2010, page 4, Ed*]. Steve works as a technology and business consultant for the financial industry, but spends most summer weekends at his water-access cottage. He is our new Safety Liaison Officer.

**Non-Board Members****Data Base****Eleanor McLean**[3delta@sympatico.ca](mailto:3delta@sympatico.ca) 705 689 6420

I first came to Kahshe in 1953 as guests of Gary MacLean's parents. Early on with three kids, a cat and very little money, we camped for ten summers until, after a rainy summer in the tents, we bought this old cottage (c.1910) at 1238 North Kahshe Lake Road. We both served on the KLRA Board and I was heavily involved in developing the Kahshe Lake Plan, the Good Neighbours' Resource Book and the KLRA Operations Manuals. We were both editors of the newsletter and I became database manager when Gary became President. My three children, their spouses and five grandchildren gather every long weekend to have fun together and enjoy the Lake. The camping, they say, was the best part. 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](http://www.kahshelake.ca)) which is where the 3<sup>rd</sup> volume will probably appear. {Ed.}

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Unlike his famous namesake, Howard is a shy, retiring individual who has so far managed to avoid sending me his bio, maybe because he is so busy doing a really great job as Lake Steward. I'm still hoping! [Ed.]



## Letters to the Editor

### A Call to Arms

Dear Cottagers,

I am writing not only to recount a disturbing event that happened recently in front of our cottage, but to elicit a **call to action** to help prevent and address future examples of such behavior. On Sunday July 17th, my wife, Hayley, and I and a friend were enjoying some quiet conversation on our deck when we witnessed 2 jet skis run, at full speed, through a flock of 10-15 geese and goslings, and then watched in horror as one of the jet-skis turned around and ran through them a second time, leaving several of the birds wounded and all of them disoriented.

I took chase in my boat and confronted the two riders saying that this type of behaviour was not tolerated on Kahshe. Both men claimed to have no knowledge of what I was talking about.

Fortunately we were able to identify the owner of the jet-skis and called the OPP. Later, on the advice of Bob Reyburn, President of the KLRA, we also contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources. And now I am writing this Letter to the Editor.

There is bad boating behavior and then there is dangerous activity that puts us all at risk including our children. I believe that, in every survey conducted by the KLRA, boating safety has been the top concern. We need action to make real positive changes.

I am recommending that the KLRA establish a public safety liaison to bridge the gap between individual cottagers and the OPP and MNR. This will provide cottagers with a voice and focus. This type of liaison position, not unique in Muskoka, is one which would focus on education, stewardship and support, and will enable us, as individual cottagers, to have more than one voice when events impact all of us.

If you are in support of the establishment of a KLRA public safety liaison, and wish to increase our ability to positively impact the experience and safety of our lake, please contact one of the KLRA board members and demand this be put into action.

All the best for a safe and fun summer 2011.

*Steve and Hayley Wild*

P.S. We did not have the stomach to take pictures of the birds, It was too much at the time.

[Thanks for bringing this to our attention, Steve. Steve was invited to join the Board as the safety liaison person and has accepted. If anyone else has witnessed similar incidents, including dangerous boating practices, please contact Steve ([steve.wild@hp.com](mailto:steve.wild@hp.com) or 705 689 4628) or any other Board member, as well as the OPP and/or the MNR. Ed]

### An invitation to the Ryde Community Centre

Hi Keith,

The **Ryde Community Centre**'s existence is really unknown by seasonal residents although it has been here for the past 10 years. We just learned about it when we became year-round residents. For people living in or near Ryde it is a wonderful way to get to know others in the community through the various events that are held there year round. It would be wonderful if more of our summer residents would participate - we are a very friendly and inclusive bunch! I am posting events in the KLRA website now, as Clare Henderson has given us a forum there, but I know that not all KLRA members use it.

The membership fee of \$10/person/year helps us to maintain the facility as the town of Gravenhurst is withdrawing its financial support. The centre operates out of the former **Ryde Public School** at **1624 Barkway Road**.

Members can book and use the centre for their own events - family gatherings, even a wedding this summer. It may appeal to those who are planning family get-togethers at the

cottage but don't have enough space. Some seasonal resident members offer programs here during the summer - the current Tai Chi class is an example of that.

The **RCC** has 2 large rooms (former classrooms), a kitchen and washrooms. Parking is ample and there is a large playing field in the back. The Centre houses an extensive honour-system Library with additional shelves at Summerland General Store where any community member may freely borrow books. Summerland also provides the site for the CAP computers which are sponsored by the **RCC** and funded by **Industry Canada**. The computers at **Summerland** are high speed and there is WiFi access as well. Both are available for a small fee of \$1 per hour.

The **Ryde Community Centre** has a website at [www.rydecommunityco-op.com/index.html](http://www.rydecommunityco-op.com/index.html) and a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RydeCoop](http://www.facebook.com/RydeCoop). We also deliver a monthly newsletter to those with mailing addresses. This newsletter is also available on the website

With thanks, *Jennie Nice*

Hi Keith

Nice editorial (*in the spring issue*). I have always wondered why the association never seemed concerned about the people who come up to the lake year round. Now that more and more of us are retiring up here the number keeps getting greater. Thanks for recognizing us and thanks for the support for our golf tournament. Hopefully we will have lots of people out to socialize and enjoy the golf course

Thanks again

*John Dove*

Golf Tournament Coordinator, Snowcrest Riders Snowmobile Club



# Editorial

## Safety



The *Krier* has often included articles about the importance of safe practises at the cottage in the areas of swimming, boating, and fire-prevention. I would like to add road safety to that list. Cottage roads, often little more than single lane trails, and the back roads leading to them offer ample opportunity for accidents and mishaps caused by carelessness and inattention. A friend of mine, for example, drove into a ditch while trying to swat a deer-fly. Little harm done other than to ego and pocket-book (the cost of being towed out of the ditch), but it could have been much worse.

And as many of you already know, I myself was in an accident on the morning of the Housey's Rapids Picnic. Driving north on Housey's Rapids Road at 75 kmh, straight road, perfect visibility, no other vehicle in sight, and suddenly ---



BANG! My vehicle (on left) is out of control and heading for the left hand ditch, fortunately shallow and wide at this part of the road. Both airbags blow as I finally stop by slamming into a fallen tree trunk. What did I hit? A moose? A deer? A bear? No. I hit a small Mazda exiting a hidden, private driveway from my right, a car which neither stopped nor slowed down.



Both drivers walked away relatively unscathed (thanks to seatbelts and air-bags), but both vehicles have been written off. It could have been so much worse. All it takes to avoid accidents like this is common sense, consideration and **constant** attention to the situation on the part of **ALL** drivers:

**Clip back** trees and bushes on your driveway that obstruct a clear view of approaching traffic

**Don't** exit driveways without checking carefully.

**Be aware** that other drivers *don't* always check carefully.

**Drive more slowly** on cottage and country roads. They are not highways.

**Always wear** your seatbelt.

**Don't** swat flies!

At the Craft Show last weekend, several people expressed concern at the way in which they felt threatened/vulnerable when enjoying the lake in their kayaks, canoes or pedal boats. They asked me to put in a reminder to those boaters who seem to have forgotten that power boats must **always** give way to and show consideration for **unpowered** vessels: sailboats, kayaks, canoes, rowboats, pedal boats and swimmers! These vessels **always** have the right of way. It would seem that having the **Boat Smart** card does not necessarily mean that people **boat smartly!**

*"Power-driven vessels must keep out of the way of sailing vessels, vessels engaged in fishing, and vessels not under command, as well as rowing boats and other craft with restricted manoeuvrability. You are required to take early action to keep clear of these vessels unless being overtaken by one of them."* [Quoted from **Collision Regulations from Transport Canada; Marine Safety**]

On a more cheerful note, don't forget to submit articles to me about your wintertime activities on Kakshe. Most of us will be home for the winter by the time the Fall/Winter issue hits the mailboxes (or inboxes), but since more and more of you spend all, or part, of your winters in the Great White North, let us know who you are and how you spend your time.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

*Keith Price,*

Editor



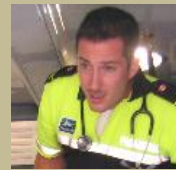
**Tristan Paterson**

who stopped to help & stayed until the arrival of .....



**Constable David Wickware**

who was professional, calming & supportive, and...



**Paramedic Chris Tasca**

who insisted rightly that I be checked out at the hospital.

Ambulance  
Driver  
Terry  
Dydajlo

## My Good Samaritans

## The Picture Gallery

The Picture Gallery this time contains the winning entries from this year's **Kids on Kahshe Photo Contest** with apologies to those whose regular photos did not make it into this issue. 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 [keithonkahshe@rogers.com](mailto:keithonkahshe@rogers.com) under the heading "Picture Gallery", and it/they could appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

**Deadline for submissions: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Kids on Kahshe" Photo Contest

has wrapped up for another year. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, our team of accomplished judges, **Randy Craig** and **Greg Gulyas**, reviewed the submissions and selected the three top photos in each of the categories: **12 and Under**; **Over 12**.

This year the total of 35 photos submitted by 15 entrants were all displayed at the Craft Show and an awards presentation was made at noon. All of the photos were great and the judges had a difficult time selecting the winner from the top three.

Thank you to all who submitted photos and to our judges. There will be some changes in 2012 to encourage more participants.

Stay tuned.

#### 12 and under



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Bray

##### Avalon Summer 2011 #1

gift certificate from Muskoka Steamships for two adults and two children to Piratefest

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Fingerle

##### Evinrude

gift certificate for four to the Lego Segwun display at the Grace and Speed Museum

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Bray

##### Avalon Summer 2011 #2

#### Over 12



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Louise Ferguson

##### Reeling in a Pike

gift certificate for two for Aromas & Blends at the Grace and Speed Museum

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Henderson

##### Cartwheel

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Andre Fingerle

##### Windwash

## What's on in Gravenhurst

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**Sunday, August 8**

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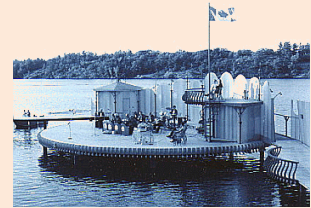
**The Good Brothers**

**Sunday, August 15th**

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

Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>, \$25, Russell deCarle

Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>, \$20-\$24, Star Quest 2011 Finale

Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, \$25, Lorne Elliott in Concert

Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>, \$30-\$90, Muskoka Concert Series 2011-2012

**New, but missing in action!**

## A Classified Section

Fred Hughes wanted to donate a bunk-bed set to any cottager who could use it and asked me if he could advertise the fact in the **Krier**. I thought this was great idea and said, "Sure. Send me the details". Which he did. I also mentioned the possibility of advertising it on the KLRA website: [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca), login, click on **Discussion Forum**, scroll down on left side and click on **For Sale or Free**. So he did that too, and no longer has a bunk bed to give away in my new Classified Section. Boo-hoo!

Nevertheless, the idea has great merit, and from now on, **The Kahshe Krier** will boast a **Classified Section**.

Ground rules are simple -- nothing commercial, no photographs, no services -- this is for things you no longer need, but which others might be able to use. For **sale** or for **free**. And if the item goes before publication, let me know! The **Krier** offers no guarantees. Buyer beware!

Thanks, Fred!

If you wish to advertise anything this way, copy must be in my hands by the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication day: April 24<sup>th</sup> for Spring Issue, July 24<sup>th</sup> for Summer Issue, and October 24<sup>th</sup> for Fall Issue. [keithonkash@rogers.com](mailto:keithonkash@rogers.com)





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