

The Kahshe Krier



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Fall 2015



Summer 2015 in Pictures



THE 6TH ANNUAL KLRA PHOTO CONTEST

Judges: Randy Craig, Missy Mandel

Robert Ball Randy Craig Clare Henderson

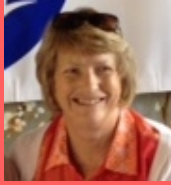


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Opening Salvo - 1

As the new co-president of the KLRA I'd like everyone on the lake to know that I sincerely value what happens on, in and around Kahshe Lake. I have spent all my summers on Kahshe Lake and have enjoyed many wonderful times here. Kahshe Lake and the surrounding area have so much to offer everyone. After many years of enjoying the lake I decided to join the KLRA to contribute in a positive way to the future of Kahshe Lake. If you see someone paddling a red canoe at the North end of the Lake near Burnt Island that's most likely me, out there relaxing, listening to the loons or watching a waterskier jumping the wake. Enjoy the fall colours and see you next year.



Sincerely *Margaret Taylor (McCaw)*

Opening Salvo - 2

I am pleased to be serving with Marg Taylor as co-president of the KLRA for the coming two-year term. I'm sure this isn't what you think of as recycling, but nevertheless, I will again strive to serve the membership to the best of my abilities in the coming years.



The Town of Gravenhurst is in the midst of revising their Official Plan as has been mandated by the province. Look for some information in the form of a survey from the Town in the coming weeks. We'll send out the survey by email, and will report on progress in a coming issue of the Krier.

Bob Reyburn

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Welcome to our new board members



Kahshe means so many things to me. I love sharing the summer time with my family and friends. The beautiful wildlife of the forest and lake make me feel close to nature and to cherish the ecosystems. I love sports, my husband and I like to row and paddle in the early mornings. I often walk and jog the North Kahshe Road. An evening swim often completes our day. By becoming a Board member I hope to give back to the lake and its community that I love so much. I have been vacationing at Kahshe since 1983 with family and now in retirement my length of stay will be much longer! Yeah!

Nancy Crocker

Although I am the new kid on the Board, I have been immersed in the Healing Waters for 65 years. I have many fond memories of times at Kahshe including dance parties at Denny's Pavilion and Sunny Crest Lodge; playing shuffle board and sitting in the parlour of Rockhaven; organizing and driving in boat races with the Pacemakers Boat Club; water skiing and fishing all over the lake. My wife Jill and I made Kahshe a focus of our childrens' lives and now we enjoy watching our nine grandchildren discover the wonders of Kahshe. The KLRA does terrific work in stewarding the social and environmental health of the lake and our community. I hope to contribute to that good work. See you on the water!

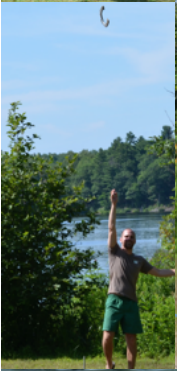


Gord Robinson



The Picnic

with help from Shawn and Nancy Corbett, Belinda Sutherland, Gwen Hems, Wendy Houlberg, Wes and Janis Ryan, Cathy Dunphy, Alison Price, Matt Barker, Anne Hlebko, Scott and Joanne Watson, Cathan DeForest



Oops!



Andrew Sutherland and Brent Jefkins, winners of the Cathy Dunphy Broken Horeseshoe Trophy



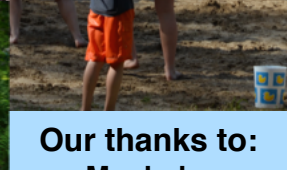
Bucket Brigade



The winners!

Medal Standings

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Landon	3	1	2
Morgan	3	-	-
Axel	2	1	1
Nick	2	1	-
Grace	2	-	1
Brandon	1	2	-
Colton	1	1	1
Carlos	1	1	-
Hilary	-	2	2
Zia	-	1	4
EC	-	2	-
Maggie	-	1	1
Gord	-	1	1
Melissa	-	1	-



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The Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby

Despite a forecast of thundershowers, the **2015 Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby** saw 38 kids bringing in over 70 fish to be measured.

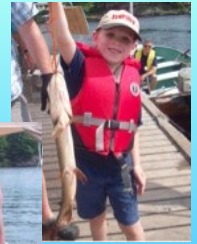
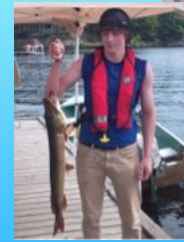
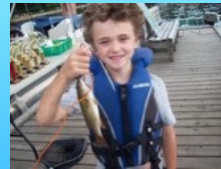
The largest entry overall for those 12 and under was a 25 1/2" pike brought in by **Colton MacLeod**. →

In the 13-16 yr old group, the winner was **Max Turvey** with a 33 5/8" pike, slime and all. →

The tiniest entry was a 2 inch perch caught by **Justin Selva**. →

Everyone got a toonie for their first fish entered.

First place winners received a trophy, 2nd place winners got \$7 and 3rd place winners took home \$5.



PERCH	1 Quinn Lundy	8 "
	2 Adam Lundy	7 7/8 "
	3 Marcus Selva	7 5/8 "

LARGEMOUTH BASS	1 Aidan Sauve	19 "
	2 Adam Lundy	14 "
	3 Matthew Croker	13 3/4 "

BLUEGILL	1 Emma Dal Ziel	8 5/8 "
	Carson DeForest	8 5/8 "
	2 Ellie Strenzel-Gibson	8 1/4 "
	Ashley Wayland	8 1/4 "
	3 Quinn Lundy	8 "
Lauren Wayland	8 "	

WALLEYE	1 Aidan Sauve	16 5/8 "
	2 Marcus Selva	11 1/2 "

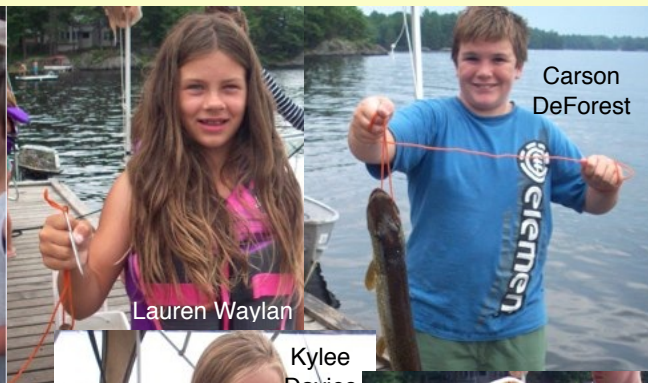
PIKE	1 Colton MacLeod	25 1/2 "
	2 Carson DeForest	25 "
	3 Carson DeForest	24 3/8 "

ROCK BASS	1 Carson DeForest	9 1/2 "
	2 Rowan Lake	7 1/4 "
	3 Paulina Richy	6 7/8 "

TINY (fish)	Justin Selva
TINY (angler)	Jackson Long (2 1/2 years)

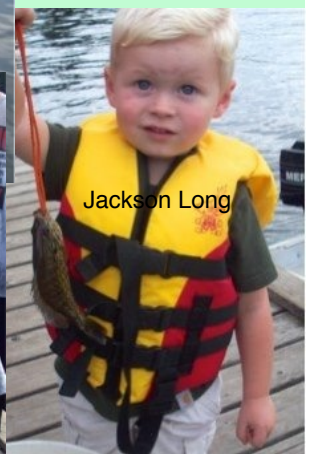
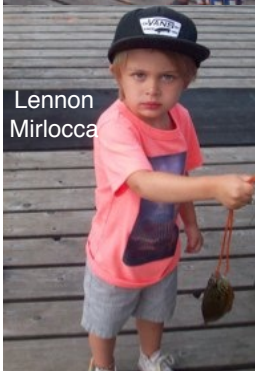
SMALLMOUTH BASS	1 Emma Dal Ziel	14 3/4 "
	2 Turner Purkiss	13 1/2 "
	3 Brandon Wayland	12 3/8 "

SPECIAL	1 Adam Lundy	painted turtle
	2 DalZiel Wayland	painted turtle



So, on to next year!
Thanks to KLRA, Toivo and Sandra, and all the kids and parents who made this possible.

Ken and Karen Long



Lennon Mirocca

Alessia Algarvial

Lauren Waylan

Kylee Davies

Carson DeForest

Matthew Croker

Jackson Long

THE REGATTA

Despite the fact that organiser, Steve Wild, was unable to attend the Regatta due to a family emergency, the event was a great success thanks to the outstanding relief pitching-in by Steve Smithers → with help from Tyler Ryan, Alison Smithers, and many others. Our thanks to **Muskoka Meats** for the donation of the hot-dogs.



The 6th Annual KLRA Photo Contest

To view all the contest entries, go to www.kahshelake.ca and click on
2015 Kahshe Photo Contest



Learn to Paddle Workshop



On Sunday, July 19th, the KLRA held our first Learn to Paddle Workshop on Nagaya Beach. Five eager young paddlers, Aidan and Luke Bell, Darcy and Riley Halbert, and Morgan Ian Baird along with their parents arrived promptly at 9:30am soon followed by Jay from the Bala Paddleshack, who brought four gorgeous Kevlar canoes and 12 new paddles. Jay started on the beach with a thorough review of water safety and the required equipment; then an explanation of the names and parts of a paddle with the proper grip for different strokes; then a detailed description of the components of a canoe. Jay slid one of the canoes into the lake and casually gave us all an awesome demonstration of his consummate paddling skills. He definitely had the boys' attention!



To his great delight Morgan took the stern seat of Jay's canoe, Aidan and Luke jumped in another and the twins, Darcy and Riley pushed off in a third. We all watched as the boys headed out on the water and although several hundred meters off-shore, we could all see Jay giving clear examples and individual instruction.

An hour later the boys returned visibly more skilled and obviously more confident. The thrilled parents greeted the paddlers and thanked Jay for a terrific *Learn to Paddle Workshop*. This workshop was co-sponsored by the KLRA and Paddle Shack.



Toby Fletcher presenting a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the KLRA Board to the manager of the Gravenhurst Paddle Shack on Highway 11.

DEEP BAY CORN ROAST



Hosts Bill and Lois Irwin



Oak Road BBQ



The Way It Was - 1, by Ross Roadknight The Air Marshal

Across the lake from our cottage was a place owned by the Curtises. Mr Curtis was, in fact, Air Marshal Curtis, the man in charge of the Canadian Air Force. He was a Canadian legend, having been involved with the Avro Arrow cancellation and many other Canadian military decisions. All we knew about him was that he was often flown in and out of his cottage, usually in an Air Force Otter with floats. If you have never seen an Otter, they are a large plane (about twice the size of the average float plane). It can fly very slowly but sounds as if it is having engine trouble at that speed. In 1973, on the occasion of the Air Marshal's 75th birthday, at least four Otters flew in and did a flying show complete with low speed, low altitude runs and smoke pouring out the back. It was an unexpected and unbelievable sight to see. Two of the planes landed and came up to his dock where the crews saluted and presented him with something before flying off. To me, this presentation was nothing short of spectaculars and something I will never forget.



New Membership Fees

As was discussed and agreed upon at the AGM in July, the membership fees for the KLRA will be raised from \$35 to \$40 for one year, and from \$89 to \$99 for three years, effective November 1, 2015.

If you renew **before** November 1, the current rates will apply.

Membership can be renewed online at www.kahshelake.ca

The Uncommon Loon

by Missy Mandel, Kahshe Lake Loon Steward

With its black and white plumage, large profile and haunting calls the Common Loon is Canada's most iconic and beloved inhabitant of our lakes. As the Kahshe Lake Loon Steward I am working with Bird Studies Canada (<http://www.birdscanada.org>) to track Loon reproductive success by monitoring chick hatch and survival, and by sharing knowledge of better boating, fishing and shoreline practices with lake residents.



RECOGNIZING DANGER SIGNS

When in danger, loons give a warning or distress call that sounds like a laugh. Listen for and heed this call, which means: "Please move away". If you see a loon "dancing" straight up out of the water, and slapping with its wings, it is **urgent** that you move away. You are in their territory!

CRITICAL TIME: MAY - JULY NESTING SEASON

Most loons nest from mid to the end of May. Their nests are usually on small islands or the back end of bays and inlets. Loons lay only two eggs, which both parents take turns incubating for 28-29 days.

Loon parents leave if watercraft come within 150 yards of the nest (the length of 1 1/2 football fields), leaving the eggs without warmth or protection. The nest then becomes vulnerable to predators. If disturbed often, loons abandon the nest. If you see 2 adult loons together in May or June, their nest site may have been disturbed.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE!

Nesting birds are easily disturbed by boat traffic, jet skis, and even non-powered boats. Because loons nest on the water's edge, wakes from boats and jet skis can wash eggs out of nests. Canoes or kayaks can slip quietly into nesting areas and can startle loons off nests. Fishing boats spend lots of time in waters perfect for nest sites. Loon chicks hatch in late June, which coincides with the start of the busy boating season. Loon awareness and responsible watercraft use will help reduce the conflicts that can occur between boaters and loons.



Watercraft traffic can cause loss of chicks: Young chicks are not waterproof! They need to be able to climb up on their parents' backs to stay warm and dry. When watercraft approach too closely, parents leave their chicks to defend their territory. Young chicks are buoyant, can't dive quickly to get out of the way, and can be run over.

FISHING AND LOON SAFETY

Loons commonly eat small pebbles to grind food for digestion. Small lead sinkers and jigs may be mistaken for these pebbles, or lures with fish and lead attached may be consumed by the bird directly. A bird that eats lead will become ill and die within two or three weeks. Just one lead sinker or jig can poison a water bird.

Consider purchasing non-lead alternatives. Sinkers, including split shot, are now available in less toxic compounds such as tin, steel, bismuth, and tungsten. Ask your local tackle shop or retailer to carry non-lead alternatives. Watercraft operators are naturally drawn to our beautiful lake. Please help keep our Loons safe and reproducing on Kahshe Lake.

The Craft Show - Giving Back to the Community

Visitors to this year's show enjoyed a sunny day during which they could visit booths displaying the beautiful wares of many local artisans, buy KLRA merchandise and renew memberships at the KLRA Boutique, admire the impressive pictures on show at the Photo Contest display and enjoy food from the food booth. This year, the Kahshe Country Crafts Show and Sale raised \$3000.00 for its recipient, Muskoka Victim Services, an organization whose trained, skilled volunteers and staff provide immediate safety and trauma support for victims of crime or tragic circumstance in the District of Muskoka. Government funding has recently been reduced and so The Craft Show will again be supporting this invaluable organization next year. We would like to thank the volunteers from Muskoka Victim Services for running the food booth for the show.



Judy with Mary Gair,
MVS Board Member

The success of the show depends on the support of the local vendors, and the help of many volunteers.

Thank you all. We hope that you will continue to support the Show.

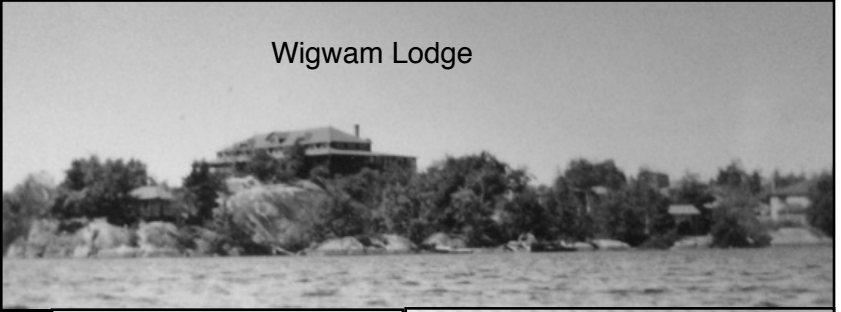
Dennis and Judy Ring

The Way It Was - 2, with pictures from Marg Taylor and Bill Edwards

Bayview Hotel,
later Rockhaven



Wigwam Lodge



AGM Report



Over 90 members attended the AGM at the beautiful Muskoka Bay Club. Town Councillors, Randy Jorgenson and Bob Calhoun, and District of Muskoka Councillors Terry Pilger and Paul Kelly, commented on the state of affairs and answered questions from the floor. KLRA Treasurer, Greig Holder, explained with great clarity the state of the KLRA's finances, and John Kuropatwa, presented the

Volunteer of the Year Award to long-serving Membership Secretary, Eleanor McLean. The official minutes of the meeting will be available at www.kahshelake.ca.



AGM Raffle winners

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Renata Skritek | 2 KLRA coffee mugs |
| Susan Heard | free round of golf for 2 at Muskoka Bay |
| Leslie Pinard | KLRA t-shirt |

Denne's Store



The old swimming tower



The Way It Was - 3, by Ruth Miller, Birch Island

Cutting Ice on Kahshe Lake

We bought our cottage on Birch Island in 1970, from the Gibb family. There are two cottages on the island both at the south end, the Kirkendale and Miller cottages. And once upon a time there was an ice house at the north end. It had been there since about 1930.

In this picture, taken in the mid '50s, you can see the cutting of ice in winter to keep food cold in the icebox in summer. The ice was cut between Birch Island and Onoway and Boyd Islands. At the time there were no pine trees on Onoway Island, (we called it Mr. Berry's Island). Now the island is covered in pine trees because Mr. Berry got seedlings from the government and planted them. But in the picture the island is almost bare. From left to right you can see Molly and Ben, the horses, Judy and Tony Gibb when they there children, Herman Pilger, his son Freddie and two dogs. Warren Kirkendale says that as a boy, he would take his little motorboat around to the north end to collect a block of ice buried in sawdust in the ice house. The ice house was removed some years after hydro came to the island in 1970. The Kirkendales used some of the wood to build a shed behind their cottage.



An old icebox, which we found under our cottage, now serves as a liquor cabinet.

Whenever I walk around our island I glance at the spot where the ice house used to be. The Kirkendales and the Millers have copies of the ice cutting photograph hanging in our cottages to remind us of the old days.

Letters to the Editor – Lucky me! Two this time.

An invitation for some of us!

Hello Keith
 Thank you for the great Newsletter you create. We really enjoy receiving it in our inbox.
 We enjoy the Lake all seasons and belong to the Gravenhurst Curling Club in the winter - along with many, many "Kahshe Kurlers"
 It is a great way to pass the winter - enjoy being active - and socialize with others who love the winter sport.
 We are holding our Registration for Curling as below and wonder if you might be able to send this information out to ALL Kahshe Lake Cottagers - especially since we hear that a number of Cottagers are retiring to their cottages and looking to enjoy an active winter lifestyle.
Monday September 28 is Registration Night at Sawdust Brewery for League play at the Gravenhurst Curling Club. Join up with friends and neighbours in one of the many leagues offered by the Club; mens, ladies, mixed, social, competitive, fun, Snowbird and Learn To Curl. The Gravenhurst Curling Club has a league for everyone. Meet at Sawdust Breweries between 7:00pm and 9:00pm and sign up for a ROCKing good time.
 Thank you Keith. We do hope that we can have this information shared. The Gravenhurst Curling Club is not for profit and served by Volunteers since 1901. *Wilma Brown*, Executive, Gravenhurst Curling Club www.gravenhurstcurlingclub.com

A challenge for all of us!

Hi Keith,
 Have you seen birds?
 A friend with sharp eyes and good ears for birding visited our cottage. After a couple of walks and a boat ride he had identified the following:

Phoebe	Spotted Sandpiper	Cormorant
Northern Flicker	Goldfinch	Great Blue Heron
Chestnut Sided Warbler	Osprey	House Finch
Warbling Vireo	Common Loon	Veery
Song Sparrow	Heron Gull	Turkey Vulture
Kingfisher	Common Tern	Blue Jay
Common Yellow Throated Warbler		

What do you have on your Kahshe list?

Stay well *Doug Paul*

Alison Price, Matt Barker, Madison Goos and Tait Goos



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