

# The Kahshe Krier



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## Winter 2017

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## President's Message, Winter 2017

Happy New Year cottagers! I hope you had a great holiday season.

Winter is here with snow and ice. For those who enjoy Kahshe Lake in the winter, have fun cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, snowmobiling, taking a walk on a beautiful sunny day or just relaxing by the fire. There's quite a lot happening in Muskoka as well!

Some cottage roofs have a lot of snow on them. If you haven't done so, please consider having someone check out your cottage to see if the roof needs to be shovelled.

Enjoy the rest of the winter and see you in the Spring.

*Marg Taylor*

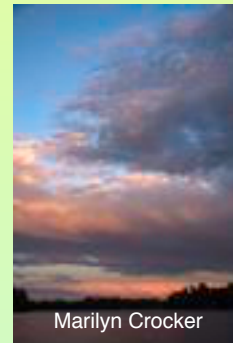
Co president KLRA with Bob Reyburn



Susan Mueller

## The 2017 Kahshe Photo Contest Needs You!

Any time is a good time to start taking pictures at Kahshe. Send us your 3 best, and we will have a panel of professional photographers study them closely for their originality of content and photographic characteristics. Get the kids taking pictures for Kids Eye View.



Marilyn Crocker

We display all the photos on the web site and as prints on the day we announce the winners, so everyone gets to make their own comments. All entries will be eligible for inclusion in the **2018 Kahshe Kalendar**.

### Some Guidelines:

The contest period runs from the end of the last contest, until 4:00 pm on July 31st. We need fall and winter photos for the calendar.

Each entrant can submit up to 3 photos - one in each category, all in one category or any combination. Visit the website [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca) for contest rules and for the list of categories, as well as to check previous photos and winners for ideas.

To submit photos, attach them to an e-mail in jpeg format and send them to:

[photocontest@kahshelake.ca](mailto:photocontest@kahshelake.ca)

In the e-mail give the full name of the photographer, his or her age, if 12 or under, the category of each photo, and a telephone number for notification of special prizes.

Receipt of the photos will be confirmed.

Prizes and certificates of participation will be awarded.

**Please note:** Your entry into this contest indicates your willingness to allow the web site to display your photos and the KLRA to include them as illustrations in the **2018 Kahshe Kalendar**.



Stephen Houlden



Lily Sahil

## Who Will Be This Year's Outstanding Volunteer?

There are many wonderful people on Kahshe who willingly give their time and skill to help make Kahshe Lake the marvellous place that we have come to cherish and enjoy. Each year, the KLRA selects one such individual and recognizes him/her with the **Outstanding Volunteer Award**.

You are part of the process. If you know someone who should be considered, why not take a moment and nominate him/her?

More information can be found on our website [kahshelake.ca](http://kahshelake.ca). Deadline for nominations is **May 31, 2017**.

## Water Access Committee Report by Henry Kowalewski

The **Water Access Committee** has been involved with a number of issues related to water access cottagers on the lake over the last year. Instead of trying to fix everything, we have decided to address a smaller number of issues and bring these up with the Town of Gravenhurst and/or the Region of Muskoka. These include **waste management** issues, new **overhead lighting** at the public docks, new(er) **dock hardware**, and public **dock maintenance**.



In regards to waste management, a number of issues are being addressed. The first and most obvious is the unsightly mess that tends to occur during the cottage season at one or more of the garbage/recycling drop off points. These include Rockhaven, Denne's and the South End. The Region is responsible for cleanup and pickup at these locations, not the property owner. Cottagers are responsible for using the bins properly and that includes **not** leaving large items on the property. It has also been noticed that contractors in the area are using the dumpsters illegally for getting rid of their building trash. If anyone sees a contractor doing this, please let us know. If you feel that there are not enough bins at any of the locations, the Region will be made aware of this and it should be quickly corrected.

Andrew Guthrie is now our contact at the Region responsible for waste management issues. He is also looking at the possibility of moving dumpsters to make them less visually apparent but many factors, such as truck access, must be considered before this can be done. The bins at the south end were moved down the road last year and this seems to have made things better in that location. The possibility of putting bins at the Fire Hall on Kilworthy Road is being considered, but no final decisions have been made. More pickup times were implemented last year and extra bins were added which improved things, especially at Rockhaven.

The Town has told us that we are to be part of the programme to install new overhead public dock lighting at Rockhaven, Denne's and the South end, and we patiently await installation of those fixtures.



The Town has been reminded on several occasions about the lack of maintenance of the public docks. They acknowledge this and tell us that we are part of a programme to improve dock quality, etc. Dock hardware is an issue and unfortunately, the

KLRA may have to pay for better quality dock tie-ups etc. Hardware that the Town has provided is not of the highest quality.

We have asked the Town to improve conditions at the public boat ramps with more gravel, levelling, etc. In a word, it's complicated because of the number of approvals required to do anything under the water. We will update the members if and when any improvements occur.

Here's hoping that we have a short, warm winter and can look forward to putting our boats and docks in for an early cottage opening.



Not recommended procedure even at a perfect boat ramp!

Happy 2017 to everyone!

*Henry K.*

*Late-breaking news*

The **Town of Gravenhurst** has begun rebuilding the government dock at **Rockhaven**, replacing the wood with steel. The work will take a few weeks to complete

**WARNING** The ice around the dock will be **compromised** while this work is being done.



Photo by Judy Ring

And speaking of ice, don't forget to enter our **2ND ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST**. Guess the date and time when the boat floats and you could win one of several prizes. Watch for full details and contest rules in your e-mails, and on our website, on our Facebook page and on Twitter Contest will begin in March

## FleaFest Kahshe 17



If you are looking for a cottage project to celebrate **Canada's 150th birthday**, we have the perfect idea: why not build a Sea Flea, either by yourself, or with the help of a child, a grandchild, a parent, a grandparent or anyone else you can inspire with your enthusiasm? To help answer any questions you may have about the project, **FleaFest Kahshe 17** is scheduled for **Canada Day, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017** from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. (Location to be determined) (More details in the May Krier) The event will include up to **20 Sea Fleas** in various stages of completion (to show you how easy it is to do); a **'parade'** so you can see them 'on the water'; a **'ride along'** opportunity for prospective young builders; a **rally** to several points around the lake for Fleas; and, a **display of photos** from "racing on Kahshe in the '60s".



Kahshe is a 'hot bed' for Fleas. Check out the website and Youtube from Kahshe residents Chris & Andrew Taylor.  
[www.muskokaseaflea.ca](http://www.muskokaseaflea.ca) <https://www.youtube.com/user/muskokaseaflea>

If you want to help out or have any questions, please contact :

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## Remember the PaceMakers?

If you are a little silver around the temples, you may recall the mid-60's on Kahshe. The boating industry was enjoying a huge boom and many of the youngsters on the lake were caught up in the freedom and fun of owning a boat. *Sea Fleas* and sport boats zoomed around the lake at speeds approaching the then awesome speeds of 30 mph or more. A dozen or so of these young enthusiasts formed a club called the **Pacemakers** and organised Race Meets held, to begin with, near Housey's Rapids and later in Kluey's Bay. Perhaps in your family archives you have some photos, videos or movies of the boats, people and events of those exciting times. Gord Robinson is requesting anyone who can unearth such treasures to contact him with the aim of building a display for the upcoming Flea Fest. This collection will then become part of the KLRA archives for the enlightenment and wonderment of future generations.



Please contact Gord at [gordrobi@gmail.com](mailto:gordrobi@gmail.com) or 416-546-5485.

Any original materials submitted will be returned to the owner once copies or photos have been made.

The not-for-profit annual ***Kahshe Country Crafts Show*** will be taking place on the grounds of **Rockhaven Inn** on **Sunday August 6th** from **10 am to 3 pm**. Since 1983, this show has raised over \$93,000.00 for local organizations and we would like the "giving to the community" to continue. The bake sale will be discontinued unless someone volunteers to revive it. Let us know and we will help you with the startup.

The **Muskoka Victim Services** will be the main recipient again this year. We hope that the **Gravenhurst Fire Department**, the secondary recipient, will attend again this year.

We are also hoping that **Sawdust City** will return after the excellent attendance at their booth last year. The music from **Tom Schepp** was very well received and we are hoping they will once again play for us this year.

My sister, Kathleen, who travelled 5 hours to run the very successful "**Kids' Zone**" will be happy to run the Zone again, but only if she has at least one volunteer to help her. This would be good for anyone who babysits and/or would like to receive school volunteer credits. Kathleen does this out of her own money.

**Volunteers needed** - to deliver flyers to cottagers around the lake and the local communities, to man different booths (raffle, silent auction, etc), to direct the parking, to help the vendors with requests, etc. Please let us know how you are willing to help,

THANK YOU!

*Dennis and Judy Ring*

## What's on at the Lake and in Gravenhurst in 2017!



### The Gravenhurst Opera House is very excited to be presenting its 83rd Season of Summer Theatre in Muskoka!

To celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday we are presenting an All-Canadian line-up!

*Old Wives' Tales* (June 13 to July 14)

*Swing!* (July 19 to August 25)

*Sexy Laundry* (September 12 to September 29)

New this year, we will be producing three Summer Theatre productions, so this year's Summer Season Flex Pack provides you access to three Summer Theatre productions along with admission to your choice of one of the Opera House produced concerts - which includes our Summer Season Gala slated for May 26th.

That's four great performances for one great price of \$120! A savings of \$10 per show!

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday, matinees & evenings. June 13th to September 29th.

**For further information, contact our Box Office at 705-687-5550 or 1-888-495-8888.**

### Gravenhurst Winter Carnival

Eight days of fun from February 19 through 26

Demolition derby, road hockey, log-sawing, snowmobile water-cross, helicopter rides, bed races and much, much more.

If you're coming up to the cottage this winter, consider joining in the fun. [www.gravenhurstwintercarnival.com](http://www.gravenhurstwintercarnival.com).

### KLRA Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
FleaFest Kahshe 17	Saturday July 1st	10:00 - 4:00	Rockhaven
Annual General Meeting	Sunday July 9th	10:00	tbd
Housey's Rapids Picnic	Saturday July 15th	1:00 - 5:00	Bass Lake Park
Kids' Fishing Derby	Saturday July 22nd	9:00 - 3:00 Trophies 3:30	Denne's Dock
KLRA Regatta	Saturday August 12th	10:00 - 2:00	Nagaya Beach
Ice Out Contest	February 2018	Details in January 2018 Krier	

### Other Kahshe Events

The Kahshe Craft Show	Sunday Aug 6th	10:00 - 3:00	Rockhaven
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**Read Judy Ring's appeal for volunteers on page 4.**

Several local events take place on the lake such as the **Deep Bay Corn Roast** and the **Oak Road Barbecue**.

If you would like your event mentioned in the Krier, let me know! And write me a report! [keithonkahshe@bell.net](mailto:keithonkahshe@bell.net)

**And for those of you who spend the winter or parts thereof up at the lake, check out the offerings of The Ryde Community Centre**

- **Bid Euchre** – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm.
- **VON SMART Exercise Program** – Every Monday & Wednesday starting at 9:30 am.
- **Tai Chi and Qigong** – Thursdays – 10:30 – 11:30 am - \$2
- **Ryde Knitters** – Fridays – Summerland Store starting at 10 am - \$2
- **WISE Seniors' Clubhouse** – First Friday of each month from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Free lunch is included – January 6
- **Ryde's Birthday Bash Dinner & Dance** – Sat. Jan. 21st – 7:00 pm until midnight at the Gravenhurst Legion. Music by **Cruise 'N Country** – \$35/person. Door Prizes! 50/50 Draw! Tickets now available at Scotiabank in Gravenhurst. All money raised goes to the **Ryde to the Future Fund**.

### Is Your Membership Up to Date?

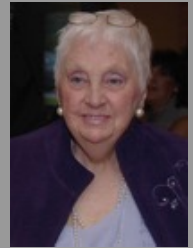
Over the last few weeks, members whose membership is due, should have received an email from us reminding them how to renew. Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. To see when your membership comes up for renewal, simply log on to the KLRA website at [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca). Once there click on your "profile" and view your membership details. We encourage everyone to take out the 3 year deal, since it saves you money, takes one more thing off your "to do" list and shows your ongoing support for KLRA.

If you know anyone who is new to the lake, why not invite them to join. And, if you know someone who has been on the lake for a while and still hasn't become a member, why not encourage them to take out a membership.

# IN MEMORIAM

## Helen Jones 1921-2017

At the grand age of 95, Helen died on Jan 3, 2017. Although her body was failing she maintained her full wit until the end. A cottager since 1958, Helen and Gord (d. 2009) built at the east end of Kahshe as a place for family (Gord Jr., Glenn, Barb) and friends to gather and enjoy. Helen loved the lake and continued to come up with the assistance of her family until 2015. She and Gord imparted the love of the lake to their 3 grandchildren whom they fiercely loved, Andrew, Laura and Jonathan. Her great grand daughters are now the 4<sup>th</sup> generation to love Kahshe. Helen and Gord were great friends of Dorothy and Ross O'Brien; all 4 are now sitting around the campfire together looking down on their beloved Kahshe Lake.



This winter has not been kind to the "old guard" on Kahshe. In addition to Helen Jones, several other longtime Kahshe cottagers passed away. Our sincere condolences to the friends and families of the following:

- Jerry Adams
- Walter Hachborn
- Dorothy O'Brien
- Margaret Pollard
- Ken Porter
- Mary Woods

They will be sorely missed!

Hopefully we will be able to publish a tribute to each and everyone of them in the May issue.



After another very successful year in 2016.

## *The Kahshe Boutique*

will again operate at all **KLRA events** and other activities on the lake.

Be sure to visit us and show your support.

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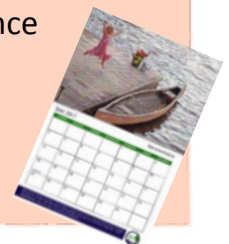
We offer t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, ceramic coffee mugs, glass beverage steins, pennants, calendars and books on the history of our lake. We have managed to keep our prices low and give discounts to all KLRA members. All profits go to making our lake a better place.

Last year, we introduced 2 new t-shirt designs, one featuring a canoe and the other, for the younger crowd, with the word "KAHSHE" boldly printed vertically. For our youngest customers, the new "Onesies" sold very quickly. We also introduced **BEVERage** steins.

All of these items will be back again this summer, along with a few new items and colours.

Be sure to get your copy of our much sought-after calendar. early, since we're sold out of 2017 calendars already.

We look forward to seeing you this summer.



### Grass Pickerel on Kahshe, by George Lindsay

Last summer, Donna Sutherland noticed someone ‘netting’ fish near her place. When she investigated, she found out that Julia Colm, at the time a graduate student at Queen’s University, was doing research about fish on our lake. While her thesis has not yet been published and we can’t yet share those results, Julia is now an Aquatic Biologist employed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and early in August 2016 she came back to Kahshe looking for Grass Pickerel.

Part of the pike family, the Grass Pickerel’s status in Ontario is ‘of Special Concern’, meaning that the species lives in the wild in Ontario, is not threatened nor endangered, but may become threatened or endangered due to a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats. For more information on the Grass Pickerel’s characteristics, check-out this information sheet. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/grass-pickerel>

Julia and her team were successful in finding Grass Pickerel on Kahshe, which is uncommon in Muskoka. They tend to prefer low gradient streams, although they do like the shallow, weedy bays of lakes too. Grass Pickerel were found in the Kahshe River, and quite a few in Bass Lake.

Grass Pickerel have very specific habitat needs, and although they like weeds, they have to be a certain type of weeds; more like Largemouth Bass habitat as opposed to Walleye habitat, and they like muddy/muck bottoms instead of rock/cobble.

While on Kahshe, they met several fishermen, who were very helpful (as are all Kahshe folks) in pointing out where the weedy bays were on the lake.

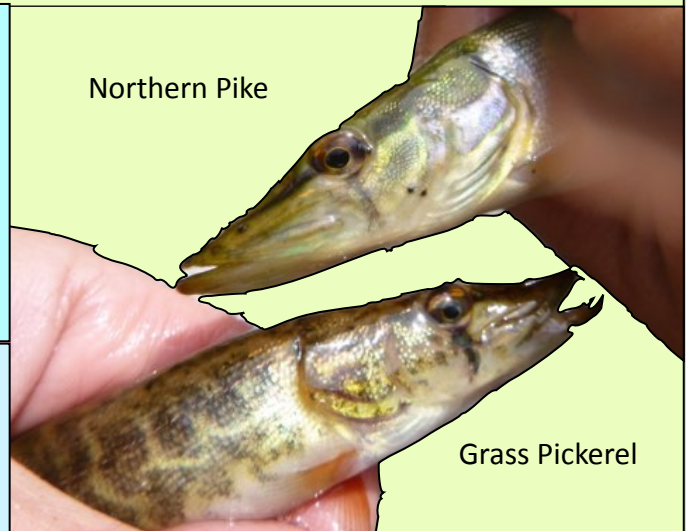
Here are three photos Julia offered to help distinguish a Grass Pickerel from a Northern Pike.



The 1<sup>st</sup> photo is of an adult Grass Pickerel, whose average size is about 19cm in Ontario. The Canadian record is a 32.8cm fish that actually came from Kahshe.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> photo is of a ‘young-of-the-year’ Northern Pike, who reach about the same size as an adult Grass Pickerel in their 1<sup>st</sup> year.



Northern Pike

Grass Pickerel

The final photo is of both species, the Grass Pickerel on the bottom left and the Northern Pike on the top right. Grass Pickerel have a fully scaled cheek and gill cover (opercula), Northern Pike have a fully scaled cheek but only half scaled gill cover (notice no scales on the purply-iridescent patch of the Northern Pike). The snout of the Northern Pike is also slightly longer, and they lose the black teardrop after the first few years, but the Grass Pickerel keeps this as adults.

Thanks to Julia for sharing this information and photos with us.

Since Grass Pickerel are ‘Special Concern’, if you catch one, please report it, with photo if possible, via this website

<https://www.ontario.ca/form/rare-species-reporting-form>

### From the Editor

One of the most rewarding aspects of editing the newsletter is being in touch with so many cottagers that I would otherwise have no contact with. The interaction is often in the form of stories, suggestions for articles, articles themselves or photographs. Please keep these coming. I really enjoy knowing what is happening on and around the lake, and sharing that knowledge with the rest of our members. Enjoy what is left of the winter and we’ll see you in the spring.

*Keith Price*

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