

# The Kahshe Krier



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## 2016 in pictures



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## 2016 AGM Summary

### From the TownCouncil:

Strategic Plan and Operational Review identified 70 priority items;  
 Site Plan approved for rebuilding Taboo;  
 Muskoka Regional Centre (vacant for 20 years) is to be developed;  
 "Age-friendly" transportation strategy being developed;  
 Council working on a signage by-law;  
 Final report on the updated Official Plan due this month (September 2016);  
 KLRA Lake Plan will remain with no changes;  
 Concerns from the floor included:  
 number of billboards along Hwy 11;  
 garbage left beside town bins especially at Rockhaven;  
 town bins removed from SKLR;  
 problem of contractors from other lakes dumping in the Rockhaven bins.

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### Report from COM Com (Communication, Outreach and Membership Committee)

## Thank you for supporting KLRA

**Thank you** to all the customers of our **KLRA Boutique**. We had another fabulous year and enjoyed meeting every one of you over the summer. Your support means a lot to us. And remember:

- The **KLRA Boutique** is the only source of official KLRA clothing and merchandise;
- We are completely staffed by volunteers;
- Our clothing, pennants, calendars and books are produced locally;
- All of our profit goes toward the lake and activities.

### We are Now Active on both Twitter and Facebook

This summer saw the launch of our Twitter and Facebook accounts. Thanks to the expertise and hard work of our IT trio; **Clare Henderson**, **Greig Holder** and **Maureen Smithers**, people now have a chance to see what we are all about.

*John Kuropatwa*, Chair, COM Com

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It's been a great couple of months connecting with Kahshe Lakers and organizations we're affiliated with. One of the highlights was our August long weekend campaign, #kahshelakelongweekend. We asked people to Tweet us pictures of their long weekend at Kahshe. It was great fun to share the photos on Twitter and Facebook. Thanks, of course, to everyone who participated.

Over the next few months, look for posts about the fall and winter seasons at Kahshe. We'll be posting and linking to information on our website and to issues that concern all of us – safety, environmental issues and, of course, events in the Muskoka region.

*Maureen Smithers*, Social Media Adviser

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# The Kahshe Architecture Project

## Calling Interested Parties

At the August meeting of the KLRA Conservation Committee an idea was discussed for a potential project to document the changes in architecture of cottages / homes on Kahshe.

Rob Abbott and George Lindsay are at the very early stages of trying to frame a project and are looking for other volunteers who are interested in this topic and may bring some special architectural skills.

At the moment, we are considering highlighting cottages / homes on Kahshe & Bass Lakes from different eras. As a potential starting point.

Era	Circumstances
Pioneers & Settlers	Most of the mainland had been logged, limited transportation, water levels fluctuate, rent a room or small cottage, log homes and square cottages with hip roof.
Dominion Days	Accessible by train (Kilworthy), still mainly rental, but small cottages (hip roof and sun porch) appear in close communities e.g Nagaya Beach, need for services.
Baby Boom	Depression and building material restrictions meant little was built between 1930 and 1946. Pent up demand and cars created demand for resorts and private cottages.
Disco Daze	No longer simple cottages – style is important – Pan-abode, big vista windows, sharp angles.
Timber Revival	Land values are so high that if you can afford the lot you can afford a summer home. 4 season construction, timber frame or timber frame look..

Neither Rob nor I are architects and we feel this project would benefit from those skills. We know several potential examples of the changes in architecture, including the 'lodge era', but welcome any cottages that have 'a history'.

*George Lindsay*

If you are interested in helping, have some ideas for the project, would like to share your cottage history, are an architect or love the history of Kahshe & Bass Lakes, please contact

Rob Abbott [rob.abbott@sympatico.ca](mailto:rob.abbott@sympatico.ca) or George Lindsay [george.lindsay@sympatico.ca](mailto:george.lindsay@sympatico.ca)

## Classified ads

**For sale:** 18" Southland pontoon boat, also trailer available. Email to: [lbglen2@gmail.com](mailto:lbglen2@gmail.com) or call **705 689 5129 / 905 833 5576**.

**For rent:** **KLRA Member's** idyllic 4 bedroom Caribbean villa, pool, 1800 ocean views, walk to beach; for a week, a month or longer. [owner@candw.ms](mailto:owner@candw.ms) or 647 477 7781. See ad on page 11 for more details.

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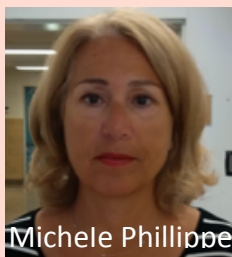
**Ruth Miller**

We bought our cottage on Birch Island in 1970 so this is our 47th year on Kahshe Lake. When I was a girl I spent summers on Gull Lake so Gravenhurst and Muskoka have been part of my life since I was eight years old. For several years I was involved with the Housey's Rapids Cottagers Association. I am impressed with the hard work and dedication of the KLRA Board and all the volunteers and hope to contribute to that effort. I worked for 20 years as a sexual health educator for Toronto Public Health and am the author of three picture books for children, the first being inspired by our son Daniel's hunt for frogs in the bay at our cottage.



**Nancy Howchin**

I have been on Kahshe all my life. My grand-children are 6th generation Kahshe Kids. I worked for 30 years as a nurse and was with the Registered Nurses Association as a voting delegate. For years I have been promoting the preservation of antique and wooden boats in Muskoka, and, as president of the Dispro Association, I have learned how important the waterways and the ecology of Muskoka are. Hopefully I will be able to contribute to the work of the much needed KLRA Board of Directors.



**Michele Phillippe**

I have been coming to the cottage my entire life. My Great Aunt and Uncle built our family cottage in the 1940s and sold it to my parents in 1963. In 2003 my husband and I purchased a lot in Grant's Bay and spent the next several years building our own Kahshe cottage. I am currently a Principal with the Toronto District School Board. Kahshe Lake is my happy place.



During the many years Alex Milburn has been a cottager on South Kahshe Lake Road, he has contributed his talent, time and energy to support the activities of the KLRA in its protection of the lake environment and to the enhancement of social and natural life on the lake. He was deeply involved in the development of the Kahshe Lake Plan starting in 2001. Later, he became the treasurer of the Kahshe Lake Plan Implementation Committee. He was President of the KLRA for two years, has been a volunteer consultant to the KLRA Treasurer as that officer prepares the yearly financial statements and budgets, and for the past several



years has reviewed the KLRA's financial records. He is currently the Treasurer of the South Kahshe Road Association and an active member of the Kahshe Lake Conservation Committee.

He is intelligent, persistent, but low-key with a real sense of humour. He is one of the rocks we have been relying on all these years, working in the background to make our lake a better place for us all, a better place for nature and for our whole lake community.

### Comments from a grateful recipient

I feel very humble in accepting this great honour because I can't help but be aware of how many have contributed in major ways to the success of the KLRA and more broadly to the well being of the Lake and its environs. When I look back to my years on the Board and my term as President I was surrounded by a group of unusually talented, dedicated and far sighted individuals. I suggest that it was a time of change in which these folks combined their talents to provide a foundation for raising the organization and its activities to a higher plane – to an enhanced vision that subsequent Boards have bought into to enable the KLRA to become one of the leading cottagers' organizations in Muskoka, if not in the entire province.

In support of this, let me cite a few examples:

- I think of Eleanor MacLean who unrelentingly pushed us to think through what sort of Lake we wanted for ourselves and for future generations – by conducting workshops for KLRA members, seeking consensus, promoting a Lake Plan based on this consensus, and fund raising.
- I think of George Lindsay who spearheaded our efforts to work with the Town of Gravenhurst, and other lake associations, to incorporate the results of our planning objectives within the Town Plan and bylaws.
- I think of Clare Henderson who set up and is continually improving our website communication and information sharing network, and who made us aware of our history by stimulating and helping long time residents write up their recollections of early days on the Lake and combining these into two books which have become best sellers.
- I think of the Abbotts among others who pushed us to focus much more on being aware of the growing need to protect the Lake's fragile natural environment. The process of Board review of building variances was one outcome of this. Ron Pearson's unparalleled lake quality testing is another.
- I think of Henry Kowalski who, along with others, took up and organized the cause of water access residents, which issues and efforts are of course ongoing (and he is still at it).
- I think of Doug and Karen Paul who produced an effective newsletter on a regular basis – which has now blossomed into the full colour super quality Krier under Keith Price.
- I think of Johnette Ohlman who did so much to organize and support Lake community events, including restoration of the annual regatta.
- I think of Clint Rohr who was, I believe, the first to organize a comprehensive rock marker program that has since been developed into the state of the art program that it is today.

This is far from a complete list. But perhaps it is sufficient to illustrate something of the contributions from back then that have helped to enable the development of the KLRA and its current proactive, extensive, ambitious agenda to what it is today.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to play a modest role in some of this, and am thankful for the team of dedicated volunteers that it has been my pleasure to work with. So all I can say is "Thank you all". *Alex Milburn*



I am a retired Accountant and Realtor whose family has enjoyed the unique qualities of the Lake for the past forty years. My main interest in KLRA as a Board member is to improve ties with Local, Provincial and Federal governments in the interest of Kahshe Lake ratepayers. I am the Board rep for the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association and I urge all members to take advantage of membership in this umbrella organization by signing up at [FOCA.on.ca](http://FOCA.on.ca).

**John Vail**

# The 55th Annual Housey's Rapids Picnic



The best turnout in many years! Over 100 people showed up to enjoy beautiful weather, good food, great company and a plethora of games for kids and old 'uns alike. And let's not forget the wonderful **U Win, U Choose Prize Raffle** with a multitude of toys and games to go along with the Segwun Cruise, The Opera House tickets, the Boston Pizza voucher, the Grace & Speed Museum tickets and the Cottage Life subscription.

Every single child walked away with at least one prize, at least one competition ribbon and wearing a huge smile.

A huge thank you to the army of Volunteers: Set up — Dennis Houlberg, Scott Watson Matt Barker, Alison Price, Raffle ticket sales — Wendy Houlberg, Craft Table — Gwen Hems and apprentice Jennifer Lasachuk, Barbecue — Gord White, Tien Bui, Horseshoe Tournament — Matt Barker, Alison Price, and the biggest thank young all to

retiring(?), resigning (?), leaving-me-in-the-lurch (?) games organizer, Belinda Sutherland. What a fantastic job she and Jenelle and the rest of her family have done over the past 8 years. If you think you can do half as well, we need you, but be warned,.... she's a tough act to follow! Thanks also to Dave Purdon at Muskoka Meats for the sausages and hotdogs, to Muskoka Springs for the water. and to the prize donors mentioned above as well as to Giant Tiger, Peggy Long, Scott & Joanne Watson, John & Joan Kuropatwa, Ken & Karen Long, Nancy Corbett and Anne Hlebko for prizes See you next July!



**RAFFLE TICKETS**  
2 for \$1  
12 for \$5  
25 for \$10  
**ORGANISER NEEDED!**  
FOR NEXT YEAR'S PICNIC





Remember that we need a replacement next year for these two amazing ladies!

### Picnic Competition winners The Cathy Dunphy Broken Horseshoe Trophy

**Champions:** Dennis and Derek Howchin  
**Runners-up:** Todd and Carter DeForest



Kids' Games	6 & under	7-9 years	6 & under	
<b>6 &amp; under</b>				
<b>Scavenger Hunt</b>	Henry	Hope	<b>Egg &amp; Spoon Race</b>	
<b>Bocce</b>	1 Maddy	Sebastian	1 Gord	Austin
Sebastian	2 Henry/Austin	Noah	2 Maddy	Olivia
Hope	3 Olivia	Hillary	3 Henry	
Noah				
<b>3 legged Race</b>	1 Henry/Hope	Nick/Grace	<b>Find the Shapes Open age</b>	
	2 Austin & dad	Max/Sebastian	1 Hillary/Gavin	
	3 Maddy/Olivia	Evan/Hillary	2 Gord/Sebastian	
		Noah/Gavin	3 Max/Morgan	
<b>Balloon Toss</b>	1	Sebastian/Max	<b>Ladder Frisbee</b>	
	2	Noah/John	1 Maddy	Sebastian
	3	(Wes/Nick	2 Henry	Hillary
		(Nadine/Lloyd	3 Gord	Erin

### The Kahshe Country Craft Show and Sale

This year's craft show was a successful fundraiser for both the Muskoka VicNm Services and the Gravenhurst Fire Department.

The Muskoka Victim Services manned the food tent and were sold out before 3 pm. They enjoyed meeting the residents and guests of Kahshe Lake and will be back next year bringing more awareness to their heartfelt cause. The show was able to give them \$3000.00.

Please check out: [www.muskokavs.ca](http://www.muskokavs.ca)



The Gravenhurst Fire Department spoke to over 100 people during the show, recruited some much needed volunteers - more still needed, and their smoke alarm program was given a donation of \$250.00. During **Fire Prevention Week** on Tuesday Oct. 11 and Wednesday Oct 12 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., fire fighters will be visiting any seniors who request a home visit. They will be checking smoke and CO alarms and will recommend replacing and/or adding alarms where necessary. If you would like a visit, please call **705-687-3414**.

We had a lot of positive comments regarding the added features of the music and the "kids zone". Hopefully these features will grow with the show. There are already more vendors signed up for 2017. Sadly the Bake Sale has not been contributing its share in the last few years. If there is a volunteer or a group of volunteers that would like to revamp this part of the show please contact us at [rockhaven@bellnet.ca](mailto:rockhaven@bellnet.ca). We really needed more volunteers for even a few hours. Judy & Clare Henderson and their friends are very precious to the show as they volunteer many hours year after year and we are so very thankful.



*Dennis and Judy Ring*

## The 8th Annual Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby

On a HOT day when most kids want to swim, 31 anglers took part in the Kermit Long Fishing Derby on Saturday, July 23. In all, they brought in over seventy fish. Small mouth bass accounted for nearly a fourth of all fish.....a sign of good fishing in the future

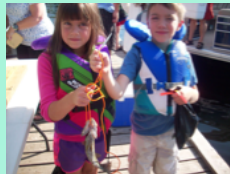
The winner of the largest fish for those 13-15 years old was Megan Davies. The 24 3/4 " pike was the first fish she ever caught! Awesome. The longest fish for the 12 and under anglers was a 25 7/8" pike caught by Emma DeZiel; second longest was Ashley Wayland's 17 7/8 " small mouth bass; and third place was Adam Lundy's 17 3/4 " large mouth bass. Nice fish!

Thanks to our sponsors Streamside, C.G. Emery, Kamakazi, and Gagnon Sports.

Trophies and prizes were awarded in 9 categories as follows:

### SUNFISH/BLUEGILL

1. Hilary Irwin 7 1/8 "
2. Gavin Irwin 6 5/8 "
3. Ben Rainer 6 3/8 "



### ROCK BASS

1. Sebastiano and Mia Caputo 8 1/2 "
2. Jodi Strenzel-Gibson 2 at 7 1/4 "
3. Robin Lake 6 1/8 "

### PERCH

1. Will Linstead 9 1/4 "
2. Leah and Colton Shatkowski 6 5/8 "
3. Owen Davies 6 1/2 "

### SMALL MOUTH BASS

1. Ashley Wayland 17 7/8 "
2. Hilary Irwin 15 1/4 "
3. Lauren Wayland 14 7/8 "



### LARGE MOUTH BASS

1. Adam Lundy 17 3/4 "
2. Hilary Irwin 6 1/4 "

### PIKE

1. Emma DeZiel 25 7/8 "

### WALLEYE

1. Meaghan Pitts 17 1/4 "
2. Colton McLeod 14.7/8 "
3. Hilary Irwin 13 1/8 "

### TINY

1. Jackson Long 4 1/2 " perch
2. Gabriel Davies 4 3/4 " perch

### SPECIAL

1. Marcus and Justin Selva Crayfish
2. Bullfrog Bullfrog
3. Jackson Long Stick

### AGES 12-15

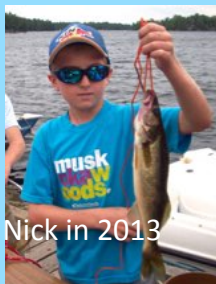
1. Megan Davies 24 3/4 " pike
2. Carson deForest 12 1/4 " smallmouth bass



Three previous Kermit Long Derby winners volunteered to help Ken and Karen Long, Sandra Moad and Toivu Madrus throughout the day. Kudos to Sophia Selva, Keaton Appleton, and Nick Arnott!

Nick Arnott, who at 15 is now a tournament fisherman with his own company, **Blackjack Bucktails**, contributed 3 rods and reels to add to the teen angler awards and had loot bags of fishing gear for those under 12 years of age. Lots of energy and great attitudes abounded. Kahshe Lake is certainly in good hands for the future. Looking forward to 2017 and another great fishing derby.

*Karen & Ken Long.*



Nick in 2013

**Introducing Nick Arnott**, a 15 year old professional bass fisherman on Kahshe Lake.

Nick's family has been on the lake for 3 generations and he has fished since he was 4 yrs. old. He has been entering the Kermit Long Fishing Derby for several years and has won trophies and monetary prizes on numerous occasions.

Nick, along with 2 other derby winners, served as volunteers at this year's derby. From identifying tiny fish to handling the whoppers, he provided welcome assistance.

As an avid fisherman, it's not unusual for him to catch a large bass and a couple of pike before noon! On weekends, however, he is quite often entered in a tournament somewhere in Ontario.

Nick also has his own company making and selling hand-made bucktail lures for catching the big fish. **Blackjack Bucktails** was a part of Ontario's Fishing Show, so that's a great place to see his wares, meet a Kahshe kid on the move, and catch the fever for fishing.



# The 12th Annual Kahshe Lake Regatta



Once again the August regatta was a huge success with many people attending and many participating in the various activities: sand castle building, swimming races, land races, canoe races, tug of war, and cardboard boat competition.

The KLRA boutique provided people with an opportunity to renew memberships, to buy T-shirts and BEvERage mugs and to view the photos from the 2016 Kahshe Photo Contest. An official thanks to everyone who helped out - from setting up tents, BBQs and games, to judging the sandcastle competition or one of the many other jobs.

Our volunteer team included:

- Scott Weese
- Susan Holder
- Clare Henderson (official photographer)
- Judy Henderson
- Rachel (high-school volunteer)
- Cheryl Scott
- Greig Holder
- Hayley Cheung
- Keith Price (BBQ transport)

- Fred Hughes
- Michelle Ryan
- Larry
- Tyler Ryan
- Bob Ryan

and.... at the **KLRA booth** Sandra Moad, April Drane, Eleanor Mclean, Joan and John Kuropatwa.



And an extra thank you to **Steve Wild** and **Maureen Smithers** (organizers) and **Alison Smithers** who rocked the MC role!

Of course we need to give a great thank you to **Dave Purdon** from **Muskoka Meats** for his extremely generous donation of over 158 sausages and hotdogs. These are fantastic local products that cannot be matched.

**Competition results** and **Photo Contest** pictures can be found on the website [kahshelake.ca](http://kahshelake.ca) .

**VISIT** It will be up and running after Thanksgiving!

**The Online Boutique** [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca)

Calendars \$15 + shipping      Flags \$12 + shipping  
 Healing Waters I and Healing Waters II \$20 each + shipping  
 Great stocking stuffers!

**Invading Plant Species** by Rob Abbott

A number of invasive plant species pose serious problems in Ontario, because of their propensity to spread quickly and out-compete native species for water and nutrients. I'd like to focus on two species which are most prevalent around Kakshe and Bass lakes: **Invasive Phragmites** and **Japanese Knotweed**. Most of this article was cut and pasted from the website [www.invadingspecies.com](http://www.invadingspecies.com). I recommend that you take some time to check out the parts I didn't plagiarize.

**Invasive Phragmites**

I referred to **Invasive Phragmites** as there is a **native Phragmites** which is also quite common and, being native, isn't a problem. Invasive Phragmites is a perennial grass that has been damaging ecosystems in Ontario for decades. It releases toxins from its roots into the soil to hinder the growth of and kill surrounding plants. While it prefers areas of standing water, its roots can grow to extreme lengths, allowing it to survive in relatively dry areas.



**Identifying Phragmites**

I'm sure you've all seen Invasive Phragmites; it's that tall plant with the feathery seed heads that grows in the ditches and along the roadsides where cattails used to. The following information can help in identifying both varieties of Phragmites.

<b>Invasive Phragmites</b>	<b>Native Phragmites</b>
Grows in extremely dense stands with as many as 200 stems per square metre.	Grows in stands that are usually not as dense as the invasive plant.
So dense that it crowds out other species.	Frequently mixed with other plants.
Stems are tan or beige with blue-green leaves and large, dense seedheads.	More reddish-brown stems, yellow-green leaves and smaller, sparser seedheads.
Can grow up to 5 metres (15 feet) tall.	Usually tops out at 1 - 2 metres.

**Japanese Knotweed**

Japanese Knotweed (sometimes called *Inch-A-Day*) is an aggressive semi-woody perennial plant that is native to eastern Asia. It has since spread throughout the United States and Canada. It's often mistaken for bamboo; however, it survives Ontario winters. Japanese Knotweed is especially persistent due to its vigorous root system, which can spread nearly 10 metres from the parent stem and grow through concrete and asphalt. This invader is very persistent and once it becomes established, is difficult to control. It mostly grows in gardens, along roadsides and near old buildings or former building sites.



**How to Identify Japanese Knotweed**

Semi-woody perennial plant capable of reaching 1-3 metres in height.

- Stems are round, reddish-purple, smooth and have a bamboo-like appearance.
- Leaves are ovate with a flat base, reaching 3-6 inches long and 2-5 inches wide with pointed tips.
- Flowers are greenish-white.
- Fruit is small and white with wings that help to disperse seeds to new sites.
- Seeds are brown and shiny.

**What You Can Do**

If you have these or any invasive species on your property, get rid of them. Management options for control include: mechanical excavation, flooding, herbicide application, and prescribed burning. The most effective approach for most situations is a combination of herbicide application, cutting/rolling and prescribed burning. Herbicide label restrictions may prohibit the use of the herbicide in or over water, and sites that (cont opposite)

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**From the KLRA Treasurer:**

Revenue down because we are at the end of the 3 year membership cycle (81% of members)

Revenue from Boutique sales was up.

Expenditure on events was down (no repeat of HaulAwayDay and no reprint of the Handbook

KLRA has \$16,685 in the bank and \$45,000 in investments

**From the Editor of the Kahshe Krier:**

Advertisers no longer need to be members of the Association; cost of advertising will go from

\$25 per ad to \$40

The Krier will be offered to all members electronically free of charge; a printed copy in the mail

will cost \$15 per year to cover costs, change to come into effect at next renewal date.

**From the OPP Marine Unit:**

**Emergency** number 1-800-310-1122

Unit is on Kahshe about once a week checking primarily for safety equipment, the

condition of the vessel and any evidence of alcohol consumption or possession

Fines of \$240 for no life-jacket and \$305 for no boat operator's card.

**Election of Board members:**

Nancy Howchin, Ruth Miller Michele Philippe and John Vail appointed to the Board

John Vail will act as KLRA liaison with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA)

The full Minutes can be found at [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca)

**The Gravenhurst Curling Club** invites you to

**Learn to Curl** in partnership with the Town of Gravenhurst.

We are a **Not For Profit** sporting venue and are celebrating

115 years of curling in Gravenhurst.

Check out our website and let us know if you are interested.

It is a wonderful active way to spend your time during the winter.

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