

# News & Views 2011

SPRING UPDATE

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## President's Message

Hello again. With the leaves popping and the trilliums in bloom our thoughts are turning to the 2011 Shadow Lakes summer season that lies ahead. Your association executive has been active since last fall on a number of fronts and I hope you will find this edition of News and Views to be informative and interesting

After last year's water level extremes there were intense discussions with the Trent Severn waterway management people regarding the adverse effect that the low water in June and early July had on our members. We believe we have gotten our message across. Please see the article in this issue written by Director Dave Warren regarding our progress with the TSW and our expectations for the future.

This year the lake markers were all in place by the Victoria Day weekend. Our contractor, Mike Janke timed the placement until after the high water surge in the first two weeks of May to maximize the accuracy of placement and hopefully avoid the shifting of markers that occurred last year due to the extreme shifts in water levels that were experienced.

In addition this year we are undertaking a pilot project to test a new type of lake marker that we expect will be more durable than the old Styrofoam blocks and also easier to place and maintain. New red, green and yellow markers will be placed in several locations around the lake as part of this test project. More details can be found in Vice President Ian Forster's article about the project also in this newsletter. Many thanks to Paul South and Home hardware in Coby for helping us source the new test buoys at cost.

Events this year include the Fresh water summit in June that your association continues to sponsor, the Fishing derby which is always a huge highlight for the kids and a calendar of events for the Norland horticultural society. More detail regarding these events is enclosed.

This year's Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday July 2nd at the Coboconk Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion with coffee served at 8:30 AM and the formal meeting starting at 9:00 AM. I encourage you to come to the meeting to become more aware of the association's activities. Your participation and feedback will be welcomed. Mayor and SLA Director Ric McGee will address the meeting.

Congratulations to both Ric McGee and Emmett Yeo for their respective re-elections as Mayor and councilor for Ward 2 in last fall's Kawartha Lakes municipal election. We know our interests will continue to be well represented at council.

I am pleased to announce that in 2010 (fiscal year 2011) paid memberships totaled 430, an all time high, allowing your association to maintain a balanced budget for the year with a modest operating surplus allowing us to maintain the annual membership dues at \$20 per member family and keep the association finances on a sound footing. We thank you for your continued support and also thank the many local businesses that sponsor the association and our events. Please reciprocate by sourcing goods and services locally from our sponsors.

Take the time to read the newsletter and fill out the enclosed subscription form. Dues can be mailed in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope, dropped off at Souter's variety in Coboconk or given to your road monitor.

We thank you again for your support in helping us with our goal of protecting our land, lakes and river system so we may all continue to enjoy what we are so lucky to have, now and into the future.

The executive team wishes you, your family and friends an enjoyable, safe and happy summer on Shadow Lake.

Phil Taylor  
President

## Shadow Lakes Association Inc. Membership Renewal/Application

2011 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00  
2011 & 2010 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$40.00  
2010 LATE MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone: (705) \_\_\_\_\_ Road: \_\_\_\_\_ Green 911#: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (please print legibly): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with cheque to: Mark Allan, SLA, 73 Shadow Lake Rd 14, Coboconk, K0M1K0,  
or drop it off in the Association box at Souter's Variety Store in Coboconk. Thank you for your support!

SLA Inc.  
Receipt for  
2011 Dues

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**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday July 2nd**  
**8:30 a.m. coffee, 9:00 a.m. start**  
**Royal Canadian Legion, Coboconk**

The Legion Hall is on Hwy 48 just west of the Hwy 48 and Hwy 35 intersection. Ample parking is available.  
Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Coby Food Bank.

Guest Speakers

Mayor Ric McGee  
To be announced

City of Kawartha Lakes

Don't forget to dress up your boat for the Lighted Boat parade.  
Ask for more details at the AGM.

**Shadow Lakes Association Inc.**  
**Presents**  
**The Mo Park 19<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Children's Rock Bass and**  
**Sunfish Fishing Derby**  
**Saturday, July 16, 2011.**  
**6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
**Rain Day**  
**Sunday, July 17th, 2011**

**Alf Peneycad is always seeking prizes.**  
**If you have any to donate, contact him at**  
**705-454-3486**  
**or E-Mail him at**  
[\*\*Namesalfie@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:Namesalfie@gmail.com)

**New Rules - please read the enclosed**  
**Derby Pamphlet!!**

Children's Age Groups:

- Under 5 years
- 5 - 6 years
- 7 - 8 years
- 9 - 10 years
- 11 - 12 years
- 13 - 15 years

*Bring your catch to the Peneycad dock, West side of Shadow Lake – gray boathouse, 3 cottages north of Islandview Trailer Park, or Shadow Lake Road 15 (42 Beaver Point Road) left off Islandview Road east off Hwy 35.*

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## Norland Horticultural Society 2011 events

Norland Horticultural Society (founded in 1957) meetings are the place to be for those who love gardening.

The Society raises funds through its plant sales (May 21 and August 27 this year) and running a barbeque at the Norland Festival. We host speakers knowledgeable about all aspects of gardening, run workshops, organize garden tours, and coordinate jaunts to garden shows. Members maintain three community gardens at Mud Turtle Lake Park, Cenotaph Park, and at the old School. As well, we contribute time, effort, and funds to beautifying our town with hanging baskets and flags.

Saturday, May 21 - Plant sale - Ward park - (9 a.m. - noon)

Wednesday, June 29 - General meeting - W.I. hall -noon

Saturday, Sunday, July 9/10 - Norland Festival & Horticultural Society barbeque

Wednesday July 20 - Garden Party – noon, potluck @ Vera Brown's place - Shadow Lake Road #3 - 454-1509

Monday July 25 - Garden Tour with Coboconk Horticultural Society

Wednesday July 13 - Garden Stones Workshop, 10 a.m. at old School, facilitated by Dianne Westlake. Details to follow.

Saturday, August 27 - Plant sale - Ward Park - (9 a.m. - noon)

Wednesday October 26 - Annual General Meeting - United Church hall - noon - potluck

Friday, November 11 - Remembrance Day  
Contact: Rob Pearson – norland@gardenontario.org

## Septic Tank Inspections – Mark Allan

In March of this year the Ontario Building Code (OBC) was amended to require the development and implementation of an onsite sewage system maintenance inspection program. This inspection system will require municipal inspection of systems in designated areas (or Intake Protection Zones – almost always directly adjacent to drinking water sources) are now **required to be inspected once every five years.**

The OBC provides the authority for inspectors to issue an order for maintenance, replacement or upgrading where necessary. The municipalities have the right to set their own inspection procedures and set any fees required.

For more information see the FOCA website:  
[http://www.foca.on.ca/xinha/plugins/ExtendedFileManager/default/images/Septic\\_Reinspection\\_protocol\\_March\\_2011.pdf](http://www.foca.on.ca/xinha/plugins/ExtendedFileManager/default/images/Septic_Reinspection_protocol_March_2011.pdf)  
and [http://www.foca.on.ca/news\\_and\\_events/550](http://www.foca.on.ca/news_and_events/550)

## Local Golf Course Nominated “Best New Course in Ontario” by Fairways Magazine

Score one for the little guy: a local 9-holer has been awarded a nomination for “Best New Course in Ontario” by Fairways Magazine.

The Links at Monck's Landing Golf Club, located just outside Norland, richly deserves its nomination according to Fairways Publisher Peter Mumford. “It's an engaging layout,” Mumford said, “one that offers cottagers in the Kawartha region a chance to experience authentic links style golf.”

Ontario Golf's Robert Thompson adds, “it's a pretty sporty little course that is more akin to Tarandowah than it is to most cottage golf,” while Ian Cruickshank of The Toronto Star calls Monck's Landing, “a testing Scottish style layout”.

“We're absolutely thrilled with the nomination,” says owner Scott Kuschnerit. “I like to think that we've been able to create a pretty fair approximation of golf in Scotland or Ireland, and this recognition from the Ontario golf industry is validation. We couldn't be happier.”

Monck's Landing is a challenging 3081 yard, par 35 inland links layout that features rumpled, rolling fairways framed by fields of wind-swept fescue, greens starkly silhouetted against the horizon, and deep railway-tie pot bunkers to punish wayward shots. The course is located 5 minutes north of Norland, west off of Hwy. 35 at 155 Hilton's Point Road.

“We're up against some pretty stiff competition”, Kuschnerit notes, “and I believe that a 9-hole course has never won this award, but, hey, Barrett Jackman won the Calder Trophy back in 2003 so you never know!”

## Navigational Markers – Ian Forster

It has become apparent that the method our Shadow Lakes Association has been using to construct the rock and navigational markers between Coboconk and Norland needs to be re-visited. The variability of the water flows and depths have taken their toll on the styrofoam blocks that we have been using to the point where the paint is not staying on and the blocks are themselves deteriorating. We started to receive complaints about this last year and we have, along with our Contractor, Mike Janke, embarked on a research and test program that will see us purchase a quantity of new types of markers that will be installed at various places on the System to see how they perform. The criteria for evaluation of these markers will include cost, ease of adaption to the existing anchorage systems and durability as well as visibility during the day as well as at night. The Shadow Lakes Association Executive approved an initial budget of \$500.00 for this test program and we have purchased a quantity of yellow markers for rocks and red and green for channel markers. We would

like to thank Paul South of Shield's Home Hardware for assisting us in purchasing these test markers at cost.

The full compliment of the test markers were installed in time for the May 24 Long Weekend and so far they seem to be working better than expected from a visibility perspective. All of the test markers are air filled spheres and we are relying on people not to use them as anchoring spots or targets for mischief. Their round design should let them handle the increases in flow in a more efficient manner with less tension on the anchor systems which should keep them where they are supposed to be.

We are asking for feedback from our Members on the new markers and if they prove to be superior to the styrofoam blocks, we will eventually replace all of the styrofoam markers that are currently in use.

We would also ask that if you see a marker missing or out of place, please call our Contractor, Mike Janke, at 705-344-3995 or myself at 705-454-2730.

### **Summer Dance Classes in Coboconk**

Taught by an accredited professional dance instructor.

Registration is at the Coboconk Train Station  
Sat. June 25 & Sun. June 26 12-1pm

Classes in Ballet, Tap, & Jazz

Ages 3-17 years  
July 7-August 11  
Adult Classes on Request

Adult drop-in Fitness classes Thursday mornings at the Coby Train Station starting July 7. \$12. Time TBA.

For registration, and more info, contact [stephanniejarrett@hotmail.com](mailto:stephanniejarrett@hotmail.com)

### **Shadow Lake Water Levels - May 2011 Report** – Dave Warren

We had winter and spring meetings with the folks at the Trent-Severn Waterway, who control our lake level. There have been some interim personnel changes in day to day water level management so far this year, with more permanent ones still to come. Our discussions gave us hope that we are not likely to see extended periods at very low levels, such as occurred last spring. They appear to think, with what they learned last year, they would handle it differently next time. Good news.

This spring, water levels have been high (but not abnormally so) because the Gull River system of which we are a part, was flooding Minden and water was released to ease the problem. However we peaked at about 2 ½ feet above normal which while uncomfortable, often happens in the spring and levels have been gradually declining since. We expect (hope) water will decline further with a relatively normal lake level summer ahead of us.

A water level indicator has been purchased for us by the folks at the Trent Severn waterway for a site on the lake approved by them. Required additional approvals are apparently still necessary and will take some time to obtain. We are hoping that sometime later this year we can provide you with a website address that you can go to and easily find the exact lake level anytime you wish.

We will continue our e-mail high water alert. Just pay your dues sign the attached waiver (if you haven't done so already), include your e-mail address, and return the waiver to us. If you are already on our e-mail list, just keep paying the annual fee and remember to notify us if you change your e-mail address.

### **The Last Word**

Many thanks once again to all those who contributed to our newsletter, and especially to Joe Harnum who produced this issue.

**Have a Safe and Happy Summer! Wear your life jacket!**

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Don@planningforyourwealth.ca

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**Shadow Lakes Association Inc.**

**Extreme Water Level Alert**

I am a member in good standing with the Shadow Lakes Association and would like to be notified, if you can, at the e-mail address below in the case of an extreme high water level occurring in the Shadow Lakes System.

I understand that this is a volunteer courtesy service for members in good standing and there is no extra charge involved. I acknowledge that the Association provides the information gratuitously and without any warranty or representation as to the accuracy and timeliness of the information. As a condition of receiving the information I agree not to seek any remedy whatsoever from the Association, any members or officers of the Association or against anyone who maybe seek such remedy against the Association, its members or officers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Green 911#: \_\_\_\_\_ Road: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_