

News & Views 2012

SUMMER UPDATE

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The 20th Annual Mo Park Children's Rock Bass & Sunfish

Fishing Derby - 2012 Winners

Under 5 Years Old

1. Hailey Ward
2. Jenna Hyatt
3. Katey Parkinson, Jacob Ward, MacKenzie Ward & Andrew Zado
4. Emily Affleck, Andrew Crawford
Eva Jamieson, Justin McGrath & Kira Pappas

5 & 6 Years Old

1. Amy Parkinson
2. Ryan Lloyd
3. Samuel Allan
4. Amy Hyatt

7- 8 Years Old

1. Jacksyn & Katey Brand
2. Owen Jacobs
3. Amy Zedo
4. Mark Cromwell

9 - 10 Years Old

1. Amy Renkema
2. Paige Mercier
3. Merideth Purcell
4. Owen Gilpin

11 - 12 Years Old

1. Justin Perzylo
2. Michael Jones
3. Liam Knox
4. Megan Purcell

13 - 15 Years Old

1. Amanda Jones
2. Cameron Knox
3. Latashya Bowen
4. Tyler Jarrett

Major Door Prize Winners

- Owen Jacobs, Spencer Haslett
Cassidy Jacobs and Ryan Lloyd

Many thanks to the Derby Committee:

Tom, & Gemma Coyle, Jodi & Tony Pappas, Kari & Brett Crawford, Donna Peneycad, Lori & Rich McGrath, Verree & Shar Mercier, Helen Saunders, Kathy Winnett, Paul South, Erin Daley, Maggie Knox, Kristel Manes, Niki Tichakova, Mark and Mary Ann Allen, John Perzylo, Peter Juhasz and Mary Walker

Alfie Peneycad, Derby Chairperson

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Shadow Lakes Association Inc. Annual Family Membership

2012 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00
2012 & 2013 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$40.00
2008 LATE MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00

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Receipt for
2012 Dues

A payment of
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Great summer—Paul South

What a great summer it was on and around Shadow Lake! The weather could have not been better! The feedback from the local merchants is that business was very good this year. A very big thanks to all the seasonal visitors that support our local businesses, your patronage is greatly appreciated. We have a couple of major businesses that unfortunately were not up and running this year. We're hoping the rumors are true and that these businesses will be back in operation to serve us soon.

As publicized in the last newsletter, 118 local businesses that encompass a geographic area extending from Norland to Rosedale, and from Burnt River towards Kirkfield, formed a local Committee of Council at the end of last year. The name of the business group is the "Coboconk, Norland and Area Businesses Committee of Council". The venue for the group of businesses and community organizations is to work together to help strengthen the community socially and economically.

We hope that our first major undertaking, the "Local Business and Community Directory" found its way into your hands. This directory detailed a majority of local business, whether in retail, trades, hospitality, community groups, churches, etc. The response from this publication was extremely positive, but as in every publication there were a couple of misprints, please call us at Shields Home Hardware if you are having problems contacting a businesses, we will get the correct information to you. Also, if you didn't get a copy of the directory, let us know, we would be happy to get a copy to you. Our phone number at the store is 705-454-3342.

The group spoke about many other possible projects, including the setting up of a website that would list local happenings, supply details on local business, and maybe have a local webcam to show what's happening in the North, even when you're in the South. The business group has taken the summer off to better serve our seasonal customers, but is looking forward to continuing our efforts in September. Enjoy autumn and here's hoping the leaves fall your neighbours way!

Boating Right of Way Rules—Joe Harnum

I have taken these rules from [Power Boating For Dummies](#) by Randy Vance, and added the rules for navigating our own Shadow Lakes "chute". These are general rules and cover all types and sizes of vessels. Some rules may seem a bit much for our small lakes, but nonetheless they are the standard. "Power boating" referred below relates to all powered vessels, including jetskis and small aluminum runabouts.

Power boating is a fun and relaxing hobby on our lakes. As one of the more powerful crafts on the water, you need to know when to give way and when it's your right to stand on course when encountering another boat.

Following Right-of-Way Boating Rules

When you're cruising along in your power boat, you're rarely alone on the water, so you need to know, and follow, boating rules. In boat-speak, you and your vessel either *stand-on* course because you have the right-of-way, or you *give way* to a vessel and let it pass first. The action you take depends on what you and the other vessel are doing.

Sailboats under sail power only are always the stand-on vessels in crossing and meeting situations, so look out for them when you're under power. Also, commercial vessels restricted by their draft or by fishing gear, such as nets or trawls, hold privilege over all recreational vessels, including sailboats. Canoes and paddle boats also need consideration, so give them a wide birth.

Passing a boat

Your vessel: If you're following another vessel in a river, narrow canal, or marked channel, you're the give-way vessel, meaning you have the greater burden of responsibility should anything go wrong when you try to pass. Your vessel,

- in this case, is also called the *burdened vessel*.
- **The other vessel:** The vessel you want to pass is the stand-on vessel. It's privileged and the skipper can deny you passage if she thinks it's unsafe (or doesn't like the color of your paint).

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- **Asking permission to pass:** You sound two short blasts from your horn or whistle, signifying you'd like to pass the skipper on his port (**left**) side.
- **Receiving permission to pass:** He signals back with two short blasts to say "Okay!"
- **Permission denied:** She blasts the horn/whistle five times, signifying there's danger involved in such a manoeuvre. If she doesn't respond at all, consider it five short blasts and don't attempt to pass.

Crossing paths

- **Your vessel:** You're on a crossing course with another vessel that could result in a collision if neither boat changes course or speed.
- **The other vessel's on the right:** It's the privileged or stand-on vessel and you must let it pass in front of you.
- **The other vessel is on the left:** You're the privileged or stand-on vessel and you must pass in front of the other vessel.

Meeting a boat head-on

- **Your vessel:** You're meeting another vessel head-on.
- **Both vessels:** You should both steer to the **right** to such a degree that each can see the other's intentions to pass safely portside to portside (left to left, for the landlubber).

Navigating "The Chute" between Shadow Lake and Silver Lake

- **Your vessel:** If you're entering the chute from downstream, you're the give-way vessel, meaning you must yield to any vessel entering the chute from upstream. You have the greater burden of responsibility should anything go wrong if you fail to yield. Your vessel, in this case, is also called the *burdened vessel*.
- **The other vessel:** The vessel entering the chute from upstream is the stand-on vessel. It's privileged, since it is entering the downstream current and has no way of stopping or manoeuvring once it has entered the current.
- **Both vessels:** You should both steer to the **right** to such a degree that each can see the other's intentions to pass safely portside to portside (left to left, for the landlubber).

When all else fails

When it seems like no one but you knows or follows the rules, the rules say you must give way to avoid a collision. If you exercise stand-on privilege and an accident results, you'll be held at least partially responsible.

Safe boating!!

Summary of June 30 2012 SLA's AGM—Paul Bassett

(See all the minutes: under News on www.shadowlakes.on.ca)

- Your association has been running at a small loss for a couple of years while costs continue to rise for important items such as the new channel/hazard markers and enhancements to our website. A motion to increase dues to \$30 passed – still a bargain. But here's the deal: if you still owe \$20 for 2012, then remit \$40 by Labor Day & save \$10 on 2013's dues!
- Another great time was had by all at our 20th annual Kid's Fishing Derby. See you next year.
- Report marker problems & see them fixed within 72 hours [see Newsletter for how].
- Abnormally low water levels in the reservoir lakes suggest low levels may come early to us.
- TSW's budget is being cut severely. [See Newsletter article on likely consequences to us.]
- Inconsiderate boaters and cottagers are on the rise. [See Newsletter article on neighborliness.]
- Guest speaker OPP Constable Lucas reviewed common boating infractions, and noted the cheapest fine is now \$240, say for not having a whistle. (But officers have discretion.)
- www.shadowlakes.on.ca has a new look. Its features include a local events schedule, by-laws, past newsletters and minutes, graphs of current Norland water flow rate, maps of the area, and much more. Please help make it even better by giving your feedback.
- A new directory of local businesses exists to help you find products and services quickly.
- Mayor Ric McGee reported the City's high speed internet project should be live in 2013.
- Paramedics are now stationed full time in Coby from May to October, with mobile response.

Consequences of Trent Severn Waterway (Parks Canada) budget cuts—Phil Taylor

In March this year the federal government passed an Omnibus bill that included a \$29.2 million cut to the budget of Parks Canada. Approximately 10% of those cuts (\$3M) has been allocated to the Trent Severn Waterway and represents as much as 60% of their annual operating budget.

Most of the press on this subject has focused on the impact of a proposed reduction in operating hours for the locks and as a result the general impression of many Shadow Lakes residents is that the cuts do not affect us.

In fact, nothing could be further from the truth.

Consider the following points;

1. **Dam operations and water management** – Managing water flow requires a continual balancing act in order to meet the objectives of all the stakeholders in the watersheds that feed the canal of which the Gull river watershed is the largest. In the last few years the volatility of water levels in the

Shadow Lakes system has been the number one concern of our members. We are highly concerned that the potential loss of key operations personnel will strain the TSW's basic ability to manage the annual movement of water through the system and that the awareness, will and ability to address the needs of a flow-through lake such as Shadow Lake will be lost. If such a change occurred we could experience more volatility in our water levels in the years to come.

2. **Economic impact** – The economic impact of the Trent Severn Waterway from end to end is estimated to be as much as \$500M annually. Having healthy businesses serving the residents of our lakes is a key element in sustaining a vibrant community. Even a small percentage decline in the level of economic activity could reduce tax revenues to the government well in excess of the budget savings. In the opinion of the association executive we believe the cuts to be ill conceived and short sighted.
3. **Property values** – We have already heard anecdotal evidence of people that have sold their cottages due to their displeasure with the lack of consistency of lake levels. If lake levels became even more volatile we could envisage an acceleration of this phenomenon with the associated negative impact on all Shadow Lake property owners.
4. **Public safety** – Most of the dam infrastructure in the Gull river watershed is over 100 years old. Even before the current round of cuts the TSW has not had the resources to effect the repairs needed to dozens of the dams in the system. A walk across the dam at Elliot Falls just north of Norland provides first hand evidence of the leaking, decaying state of just one installation. While we are confident that the TSW has had the inspection capacity to identify and correct potentially serious situations in the past we have no such confidence, with the massive cuts that are apparently being made, that the integrity of these dams will be maintained in the future.

We encourage our membership to contact your MP, the federal Minister of the Environment and the Prime Minister's office to express your concern on this subject. The following link will take you to an on-line petition where you can pass on your comments. The website also provides e-mail addresses for various senior government officials if you choose to contact them as an individual.

<http://www.historiccanalsofcanada.com/>

There is also a paper petition that you can sign at Home hardware in Coboconk.

Please take the time to voice your concern on this very important subject.

2012 – Year of the Good Neighbor – Follow-up

–Your SLA Executive

At our Executive Meeting on August 26, 2011, we passed a motion 'to dedicate 2012 to raising awareness about the need to be more neighborly, both on the water and on the shore, thereby increasing our collective enjoyment.'

To further this, we had a lively discussion about this topic at our AGM, on June 30, 2012, with input from the OPP and some members. We were advised by the OPP that although they are always available as a last resort to settle any problems with boating or noise complaints, it would be preferable if any resolutions to the issues could be dealt with within our lake community.

As the summer has progressed, we have had a greater presence on the lake, by the OPP, which, hopefully has reminded boaters of the rules of the lake and has helped provide a more enjoyable experience for all of us using the water.

However, the complaints of noise and fireworks have increased, rather than subsided and this has become a large problem for people around the lake. There are fireworks being set off at all times of the day and all days of the week, for no apparent reason other than the urge for someone to make noise and entertain their friends. Party's are continuing on with loud music and screaming well past 11:00 pm. The City Noise By-law addresses this but it is very hard to get any enforcement from the By-law Enforcement Officers and the OPP have more pressing issues to deal with. This issue of fireworks and excessive noise is not unique to our lakes, as they are having the same problems in Haliburton, where they are considering a fireworks ban on all but Victoria and Canada Days

It has been observed that the majority of the fireworks and loud partying has been carried out by the next generation of the families that own property around the lake. It appears that the property owners are allowing their kids to have weekends alone at the cottage and the kids are bringing large crowds of their friends with them to enjoy the lake. This is nothing new, we all did it, but the difference is that if our parents ever found out that we were disturbing other people on the lake, or breaking laws, there would have been hell to pay. There seems to be an attitude that they can come up here for the weekend, do whatever they feel like, disturb everyone else and then go back to the City and there will be no repercussions, as their parents or the property owners are none the wiser as to what took place.

The Executive met at the beginning of August and agreed to attempt to deal with these issues as an Association. We have decided to notify, by letter, the Property Owners, of excessive noise coming from their properties around the lakes and advise them of the complaints that are being generated from their neighbours and other lake property owners. The idea behind this is so that the Property Owners are made aware of what has been happening with their kids and or renters, while they are not there. These letters will also provide a trail that can be followed if the OPP have to be called at a later date if the behaviour continues.

The complaints that will be received will not be taken lightly and we will have to consider the gravity of each situation and the affect on our Property Owners around the lakes. They can not be used to help solve localized disputes between neighbours or as revenge tools. This may seem like an extreme measure, but the level of fireworks and noise at night is endangering the enjoyment of the lake for a great many of our Members and they have asked that we do something to try to remedy the situation.

Lake Hazard Markers

The markers will be removed from the lakes following the Thanksgiving weekend.

2012 Water Quality Testing Program—Phil Taylor

As part of a 2012 Kawartha Lakes Stewards association program we have expanded our E.coli test sites from 2 to 3 locations. These results are essentially a gauge of the quality of the water for swimming. Our waters continue to be very clean as the results below show.

E.coli bacteria form in clusters and the results in the attached chart refer to “colony forming units”. The count shown is the number of colony forming units per 100 ml of water from each of the samples taken on the dates and locations shown. The lower the reading the better and to put the readings in perspective a reading of 100 or more is the level at which the health department closes public beaches and below 100 is considered safe for swimming.

As you may note the samples are taken on Mondays or the day after a long weekend. The specific sampling locations are;

Shadow Lake

SH01 - approximately 100 metres north of Salter’s island
SH02 – midway between where the Gull river enters the lake at the north end and the first island south

Silver Lake

SI01 - approximately 50 metres off Turtle Point near the yellow hazard marker.

Sample Date	SH01	SH02	SI01
July 3,2012	3	8	Less than 3
July 23,2012	8	5	3
July 30,2012	Less than 3	Less than 3	Less than 3
August 7,2012	N/A	16	N/A
August 13,2012	Less than 3	Less than 3	Less than 3

One more set of samples will be taken on Tuesday September 4. Final results as well as results from last year will be posted on the website once the 2012 program is complete.

**Many thanks once again to all those who contributed to our newsletter.
Best Wishes for Safe and Happy Winter/Spring!**

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Shadow Lakes Association Inc. Extreme Water Level Alert

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

I understand that this is a volunteer courtesy service for members only and that 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 may seek such remedy against the Association, its members or officers.

Name: _____ Email address _____

Green 911#: _____ Signature _____