

News & Views 2015

SPRING UPDATE

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President's Message

Hello everyone and welcome back for another Shadow Lakes summer season. I'm sure the long winter that is now behind us and the pleasant weather on the Victoria Day weekend has everyone looking forward to the coming weeks of warm summer days and family fun at the lake.

I trust you will find this edition of News and Views to be informative and interesting.

So far this has been an unusual spring for water levels on the Shadow Lakes. Due to a combination of lower than average snowfall last winter across the Gull River watershed, and minimal rain during April we have experienced abnormally low water levels well into May. Parks Canada appears to have been focused on filling the reservoir Lakes upstream from us and has delivered much lower than average flow at Norland compared to what we normally need at the peak of the season. The good news is that at the time of writing the reservoir lakes are now at or near average levels for this time in the year and the retained water will eventually flow downstream as the Trent needs water, resulting in our levels rising. Please see Dave Warren's article elsewhere in this newsletter regarding our interaction with the TSW and the outlook for the summer of 2015. Anyone interested in looking at the status of the reservoir lakes can access the Parks Canada website at http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/ne-wl/trent_e.asp. Dave has sent a number of bulletins to our membership this spring as the situation has evolved. If you are not receiving our bulletins and want to receive them please send an e-mail to info@shadowlakes.on.ca and we will add you to the distribution list.

The markers were all in place this year a week before the long weekend in May. Thanks again to Mike Janke and his brother Ben for getting this done. If you notice a missing or shifted marker

please use the maps on our website under the tab "Markers" that allow anyone with internet access to identify navigational or hazard markers by number and report it to Mike Janke. The website also contains contact information and the process for getting the issue resolved.

Your help in maintaining the presence and accuracy of marker placement is always appreciated.

We extend our thanks to Paul South at Shields Home Hardware in Coboconk for helping to keep our expenses down by sourcing replacement markers at cost.

We ask for your help in keeping our membership records as accurate as possible. Please see Eveline Eilert's note in this newsletter outlining the process for submitting updates. The privacy of all information is respected and the association does not share with or sell association member information to any third party.

The Fresh Water Summit festival, that your association continues to sponsor, will be held in Coboconk on June 19, 20 and 21. This year's festival will include a canoe and kayak race from The Shadow Lakes down the Gull river to a finish line at the mill pond in Coby. The event celebrates the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain visiting Balsam Lake in the summer of 1615 and exploring Shadow Lake as far north as Norland. There will be prizes for race winners and for best costumes. If you are interested in helping or participating in the event please contact Jennifer Wilson at the Coboconk/ Norland Chamber of Commerce at jwilson@coboconknorland.ca or at 705-454-1110.

The 23rd annual Mo Park Children's Fishing Derby will be held this year on July 18th at the Peneycad home on Beaver Point Drive on the west side of Shadow lake. This year's array of prizes is expected to be better than ever. Please see the article in this newsletter with details for this hugely popular event.

The Shadow Lakes Association continues to be a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations (FOCA). FOCA has been instrumental in lobbying on behalf of seasonal property owners regarding hydro rates and other province wide issues. The Ontario Energy Board recently made a decision to eliminate the seasonal hydro billing class. While the details of this decision and its overall impact are too much to report in this newsletter a full description can be found at http://foca.on.ca/decision-on-hydro-ones-2015-2019-distribution-rates-application/?utm_source=FOCA+Elert+May+2015&utm_campaign=FOCA+Elert+May13+2015&utm_medium=email

Any paid-up member of the Shadow lakes Association is also a member of FOCA. If you would like to receive FOCA's e-lert bulletins you can register to receive them directly by registering at FOCA's website at www.foca.on.ca.

This year's Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday July 4th at the Lion's Hall in Coboconk with coffee served at 8:30 a.m. and the formal meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.. The Lion's Hall is at Grandy Rd. and Hwy 35 in Coboconk in the same building as the C. of K.L. Service Centre. I encourage you to come to the meeting to become more aware of the association's activities. Your participation and feedback will be welcomed. Ward 2 Councillor Emmett Yeo will address the meeting and City of Kawartha Lakes mayor-elect Andy

Letham will participate in a town hall format. This will be a great opportunity to get to know our new mayor and to familiarize him with municipal issues of importance to our membership.

We are pleased to report that our membership in 2014 (fiscal year 2015) was 421 paid up members. Your continued support is evidence that the Shadow Lakes Association continues to deliver substantial value to our membership and we thank you for your involvement. We 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, paid via the PayPal app on our website, 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



Annual General Meeting

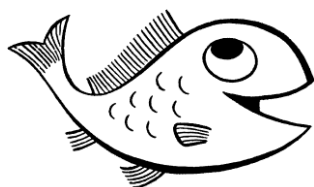


Saturday July 4, 2015

8:30 a.m. at the Lions Hall Coboconk.

(on the corner of Grandy Road and Hwy 35)

**Please bring a non-perishable food item for the
Coby Food Bank.**



Shadow Lakes Association Inc.

Presents

The Mo Park 23rd Annual Children's
Rock Bass and Sunfish Fishing Derby

Saturday, July 18

6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The Rain Day is

Sunday, July 19

Please refer to the fishing derby pamphlet included in this newsletter for rules.

Alf Peneycad is seeking donations of prizes.

Please contact him at

705-454-3486 or e-mail him at

namesalfie@gmail.com



Making our Communities Beautiful...

Thank you to the volunteers on the CNACC Beautification Committee for their hard work making our towns look great year-round with new winter decorations and summer projects too!

With funding from the City of Kawartha Lakes' Beautification Program, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation (along with the secret ingredient of a several energetic community volunteers), there are more plans in the works for the Spring, Summer and next Winter.

This summer, we are adding more bikes and flowers as well as brand new street banners for both Coboconk and Norland. You will also see new picnic tables around and a new gazebo/pergola in Riverside Park in Norland overlooking the dam. And there's more to come next year!

New Chamber Office

If you have some time this summer, feel free to drop into the new offices of the Coboconk, Norland & Area Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to the funding support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we have a new street front location beside Fire On The Rock and across from Shields Home Hardware. There is lots of great info about local businesses and local tourism available 7 days a week!

New Funding for Community Projects

The Coboconk, Norland & Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to be the recipient of a grant for \$122,500 over two years for community programming and building the capacity of the CNACC to deliver the programming.

Over the next 2 years, Ontario Trillium Foundation funds will contribute to Coboconk and Norland park facilities, seasonal beautification efforts in both towns, enhancements to the Fresh Water Summit Festival and Santa Claus parade, new streetfront location for the Chamber office, and staff time to carry out the funded projects. Thank you to the volunteers and staff at the Ontario Trillium Foundation!

Directory of Local Business & Community

The Coboconk, Norland & Area Chamber of Commerce is producing a new "Directory of Local Business & Community" for Coboconk, Norland and surrounding areas. It will be available for distribution by the end of May.

Directories will be mailed to all residents in Coboconk, Norland, Kirkfield, Burnt River and RR#1 Fenelon (includes Rosedale) addresses. Copies will be available at local businesses and the Chamber office throughout the Spring and Summer and will be available for distribution through local cottage associations.

Office hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm.

Come in for a visit this summer!



Coboconk and District Lions Club Summer Activities

The members of the Coboconk Lions Club would like to thank all residents and seasonal residents for their continued support of the summer activities offered by the Lions Club

Lions Concert in the Park - Saturday, July 4th (3:00 - 4:30)

Annual Duck Derby – Sunday, August 2nd (2:00)

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Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction – Saturday, August 15th

Lions Concert in the Park - Saturday, September 5th (3:00 - 4:30)

Coboconk Lions Concerts in the Park

Members of the Coboconk Lions Club are very proud of the renovations in our Lions Park in Coby. The Lions Club will be presenting three afternoon concerts in the park.

The concerts are free and following the concerts there will be free hot dogs and drinks.

- Our first concert on Saturday, July 4th (3:00 - 4:30) will feature Gary Peters. Gary is a local musician who has a great love for country music. Gary grew up in a musical household. Gary's repertoire is all Country and much of it is traditional; satisfying the crowds who come to listen and dance to his music.
- The second concert on Sunday, August 2nd (3:00 - 4:30) immediately follows our Annual Duck Derby Race. A very popular local group, Seabreeze has been entertaining audiences with their blend of music for many years. Seabreeze plays a variety of country songs, some old time rock and roll, east coast and Irish tunes.
- Our third and final concert on September 5th (3:00 - 4:30) features a band called Northline. Northline play Country, Blues, and 50's - 60's Rock and Roll.

Bring your friends, guests and family to our new in the park amphitheater; come and enjoy the Lions Concerts in the Park!

The Duck Derby Race – Sunday, August 2nd (2:00)

The Duck Derby is a partnership effort with the United Way. Half of the proceeds go to the Kawartha Lakes United Way and half to the Coboconk and District Lions Club. Tickets are now on sale in local stores and from Lions Club members.

Cash prizes this year: 1st - \$1 000.00, 2nd - \$500.00, 3rd - \$250.00, 4th - \$100.00 and 5th - \$50.00.

Get your tickets (\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00) early and don't be disappointed; in previous years every ticket has been sold.

Lions Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction – Saturday, August 15th

Our annual auction spaghetti dinner **is always sold out early** (100 tickets). Last year there were more than 180 items for auction including: several complimentary restaurant meals, theatre tickets, seaplane scenic ride, fishing equipment, golf green fees – including Oliver's Nest, Eganridge, Sturgeon Point, Lindsay, Blairhampton, Pinestone, 15 tons of gravel delivered, pump out septic services, plumbing services, preventive exterior spraying for ants/spiders, generator maintenance, car oil changes, outboard motor servicing, a batch of wine, Foodland gift certificate, pontoon boat rental for a day, income tax preparation, last will and testament or power of attorney preparation, and another 170 items and 40 door prizes.

Tickets (\$20.00) can be reserved by calling Paul at 705 454 1415.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Mark your Calendars

Sat. Aug. 29 - Evening of Local History at Coboconk Legion 5 p.m.
Subject is "One Room Schoolhouses".

Social hour & displays, followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Cost \$25.00 per person.

Sponsored by The Shedden Area Historical Society.

Tickets available in August.

Message From Director of Membership

Should you wish to receive the Extreme Water Level Alerts and other information from the Shadow Lakes Association, please make sure your contact information is current.

Any updates can be made on the Shadow Lakes Association web site

www.shadowlakes.on.ca by completing the Membership Update Form.

Please include your name and cottage address along with the change. If there is a change in ownership of the property please update this as well.

Thank you,

Eveline Eilert

2014 Water Quality Testing Final Results

The chart below shows the final results of our 2014 E-coli testing program in cooperation with the Kawartha Lakes Stewards association. These results are a gauge of the quality of the water for swimming.

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.

For the past several years six samples were taken at the three separate sites over the course of the summer. For 2015 we are adding a fourth site at the mill pond in Coboconk just downstream from where the Gull River ends.

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

Shadow Lake

SH01 - Approximately 100 metres north of Salter's island

SH02 - Midway between where the Gull River enters Shadow 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 2, 2014	3	11	3
July 21, 2014	Less than 3	Less than 3	Less than 3
July 28, 2014	16	3	5
August 5, 2014	3	11	Less than 3
August 11, 2014	N/A	Less than 3	N/A
Sept 2, 2014	3	8	Less than 3

Kawartha Conservation Society Study of the Shadow Lakes

Following all of the other lakes in "The City of Kawartha Lakes" our lake system is now scheduled for a fairly intensive study by The Kawartha Conservation organization, over the 2015-2018 time period.

Over the next 4 years they will perform the following:

- water quality sampling
- water flow sampling
- aquatic resources sampling (bugs ,fish and water temperature)
- shoreline survey
- land use characterization
- stewardship ("blue canoe" program and dock talks on the lake)
- stakeholder consultations

In the 4th year (2018) they will publish a fairly comprehensive report of their key findings including:

- recommended actions
- rough cost estimates of each proposed action
- expected degree of localized support for various items
- significant environmental benefits of proposed actions
- degree of urgency of recommendations

Your association has appointed Dave Parsons, Dave Warren and Tim Dobush to work with Kawartha Conservation over the next 4 years.

A short presentation of some aspects of the program will be made at the July Annual General Meeting.



Don't Miss Canada's Fresh Water Summit Festival – June 19th - 21st

The Fresh Water Summit Committee has been working away to plan this year's event to make it better than ever!

Opening Ceremonies and the Social Event will once again be at the Wharf on Friday, June 19 and we have a full schedule of events on Saturday, June 20 for the whole family. Don't miss out on the great food and music by 'Loose Connections' (back by popular demand) at the kick-off Friday night.

Saturday will bring lots of the annual favorites: the Water Ski Show, a lob ball tournament, a showcase of community artisans and displays, the International Model Power Boat races and the ever popular Kids Zone with Zoo to You, crafts, bouncy castle and more. New this year are canoe and kayak races honouring the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival on the shores of Balsam Lake, and fun & educational activity stations for the kids based on the concepts of Water Conservation, Technology, & Protection. We are the Fresh Water Summit of Canada after all...we need to understand and protect this beautiful spot!

On Sunday, there will be an outdoor picnic & multi-faith worship service celebrating water in Lions Park – great for the whole family!

If you would like to register for the canoe and kayak races, please contact Jennifer at the Chamber office at 705-454-1110 or jwilson@coboconknorland.ca.



Shadow Lake Sailing

2015 will see the return of the BOOM mobile sailing school to Shadow Lake! The mobile sailing school will be arriving for a one week stay in late July. The program is intended to give participants a fun introduction to the sport of sailing, and give them an opportunity to develop their sailing skills. It teaches children from 8-14 the basics of sailing using Sail Canada's *CANSail* 1 & 2 levels.

We have had a great response so far and the 16-participant roster is full. We are currently gauging general interest in sailing on Shadow Lake this summer and specific interest in increasing the programs offered in 2016. It is a great opportunity to have kids and adults get outside and meet others from around the area.

An information booth will be set up at the Mo Park Fishing Derby event.

For more information: www.ontariosailing.ca programs - BOOM Mobiles

Contact: Kevin Henry kevinhenry@gmail.com or
Eveline Eilert eeilert@gmail.com

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FOUND**

Did you lose something? or maybe something washed
up on your shore?

Be sure to check out our website for the
Lost and Found section.

www.shadowlakes.on.ca



GETTING YOUR BOAT READY FOR THE SEASON

If you've got a boat, you'll want to go over it fore and aft, port to starboard, before the season starts. Getting ready is more than just washing off winter's dust and dirt. It means checking all systems to make sure they're working properly and safely to prevent problems or injury.

Here are some tips to follow to get your boat ready. Before starting, always follow your manufacturer's guidelines and specifications.

Cleaning – This is a good opportunity to go over the interior and exterior to look for any damage. While you're cleaning, check all surfaces for damage or excessive wear. Be sure to use an environmentally safe cleaning solution recommended for boats.

Fuel system – Inspect for leaks or damage and pay special attention to hoses, connections and tank surfaces. Replace worn or damaged components and verify all fittings and clamps are properly secured. Make sure the engine, exhaust and ventilation systems are all functioning properly.

Belts, cables and hoses – These items can become brittle and crack during storage. Check belts to make sure they fit tightly around pulleys. Inspect control cables for cracks or swelling. This may be a sign they need to be replaced.

Electrical system - Inspect all connections for cleanliness and tightness. Corrosion is a sign a connection may not be secure. To prepare electrical connections for the summer, remove the terminals and use a wire brush to clean them, along with all cable ends. Test your battery to make sure it can hold a charge. Also test components such as the radio, GPS, compass, depth finder and all other marine electronics.

Engine and drivetrain - Check oil, power steering, power trim and coolant levels. If you didn't do so when your boat went into storage, change the engine oil, oil filter and outdrive lubricants. Also, check spark plugs and wiring for signs of excessive wear or damage.

Propellers - Inspect for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion. Damaged propellers can harm your drive train. Make sure the propeller is secured properly, and replace bearings when needed.

Hull - Look for blisters, distortions and cracks.

Life jackets - Check all life jackets to ensure they are in good condition and that there are enough for all passengers. Make sure each passenger has the correct size life jacket for their body weight.

Fire extinguishers - Be sure all onboard fire extinguishers are the correct size and type for your boat, are fully charged and are stowed in the proper place.

Trailer - If you keep your boat on a trailer, make sure all rollers, bearings, lights, tie-downs and winches are in good working order. If your state requires trailer registration, make sure that is current.

Water toys – This is also a good time to check any wakeboards, skis and other water sports equipment to see if anything needs repair.

If you're not sure how to do these safety checks yourself, or if you don't have the right tools, have your boat serviced by a local, reputable mechanic. Investing a little time before the season to get your boat ready for the summer goes a long way toward having a safe and relaxing summer on the water.

2015 SPRING/EARLY SUMMER WATER LEVELS - SHADOW LAKES

I am writing this for the newsletter on May 19th 2015, the last day of our publishing deadline. Water level in the lakes is very low with a subnormal flow of 7 cum/sec. below our target minimum. Over the last few days it has dropped from about 10 down to 7 cum/sec.

So where is it going over the next month? We do not know. Dave Ness at the Trent Severn is not able to be very helpful. It all depends on the rain and the temperature (evaporation) from here on out.

So what do we think we might expect? Well, the reservoir lakes are at about a normal level right now i.e. neither high nor low. The Trent does not require water through us at the moment since Balsam lake is above its target range, hence low current flows at Norland. And we are suspicious that water will need to be held in the northern lakes for the running of the white water kayak events in Minden in July for the Pan Am games. So unless Balsam lake in particular needs water, look for lower than normal levels in Shadow for the month of June.

But with the "games" on in July we might then expect a release of water through the system and through us in July finally raising levels in Shadow.

Best of luck managing through the first 1/3 - 1/2 of the season with probable low water. We look forward to better conditions mid-July and beyond.

Dave Warren



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Shadow Lakes Association Inc. Annual Family Membership

2015 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$ 30.00
2015/16 MEMBERSHIP FEE \$ 60.00

Name: _____ Home Phone:() _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Local Phone:(705) _____ Road: _____ Green 911#: _____
Email Address (please print legibly): _____

<p>SLA Inc. Receipt for 2015 Dues</p> <p>A payment of \$ _____ made on date ____/____/____</p> <p>(Clip this stub as a reminder of your payment)</p>

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Mail to: Mark Allan, Treasurer, SLA, 73 Shadow Lake Rd 14, Coboconk K0M1KO,
or drop off in the Association box at Souter's Variety Store in Coboconk. - *Thank you for your support*