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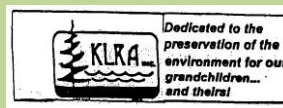
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OPENING SALVO , by Greig Holder

Incoming President's Report

At the AGM on July 5, I was elected president of your association for a two-year term. I hope this role will let me get to know many more of you in the Kahshe Lake and Bass Lake community. The Annual General Meeting attendance burst the seams of Rockhaven, with many of you standing patiently for the entire meeting. Your board is interested in knowing why so many of you attended. Was it the agenda content? Was it the increased advertising? Or was it simply a fun thing to do on one of the nicest days so far this summer? Let us know so we can do even better next year.



Role of KLRA

I see the KLRA as playing a role in Representation, Communication, Conservation, Recreation and Celebration. Since each of us may interpret these roles differently, I'll expand on each of them from my own perspective over several newsletters, and invite your comments. In this first column, I'll discuss Representation. The KLRA seeks to influence decisions being made by the councils of the Town of Gravenhurst and the District of Muskoka and, in so doing, represents the KLRA's members. We often comment on very local issues, such as zoning or minor variance applications and in this we are guided by the Kahshe Lake Plan, certainly one of the most important KLRA efforts ever, and one which is now ensconced in the Gravenhurst Official Plan.

We also comment on broader issues that affect us. Recent examples include the Gravenhurst ward review and, at the District level, the debate about reducing debt levels for urban infrastructure through assessing non-urban residents, and in increasing development charges to actual cost. While we may not get everything we want, we seldom come away empty handed. In this effort, we form relationships with key municipal people (elected and employed) and other lake and resident associations.

How It's Done

The work of the KLRA is done by a number of committees, some permanent and some ad hoc. You'll find their reports elsewhere in these newsletters. The Town and District Liaison Committee, chaired by Sandi Follis ably assisted by Rob Abbott is the most active committee in the Representation mission.

Membership

The KLRA needs people in the Kahshe and Bass Lakes community to be members for a couple of important reasons. First, to have credibility in the role of Representation, we need to demonstrate that a significant number of our community members are involved. Second, the money we need to run the KLRA comes from membership fees. My personal thanks to you who are current members. Please ask your neighbours to join the KLRA too – it's cheap, easy, and worthwhile.

Getting Involved

Your board and the committees are made up of a group of hard-working, unpaid people who like to make things better and have fun along the way. We are always looking for help, so please volunteer, whether it be for a committee or to assist at one of the many events around the lakes this year.

Finally, enjoy the summer and be safe.

Greig Holder

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PARTING SHOT , by Clint Rohr

Past President's Report

It has been my joy over the past two years to be your President. As I said at the AGM, working with a Board membership who all love Kahshe and Bass lakes made the work, care, and attention we gave to the many details easier for me. As President I learned so much about the lakes and came to know so many fine people. I know I followed a very capable President, Rob Abbott, and am now followed by a very competent new President, Greig Holder. Greig is a very approachable person who listens well, and is committed to providing leadership for the membership. I will support him as best I can in my new role as Past President.



Respectfully,

Clint Rohr

Meet the members of the KLRA Board -- centre pages

Committee Reports

Town Liaison -- Sandi Follis

Committee of Adjustment **July 2008 to July 2009**
Kahshe Lake/Bass Lake

Minor Variance Applications: 9 - one deferred, seven approved, one defeated

Zoning Amendment Applications: 3 - all approved

For specific details and KLRA responses to applications, check the KLRA website: kahshelake.ca and the town website: gravenhurst.ca Look for "Agendas & minutes"

Major issues over the past year with the Town of Gravenhurst and the District of Muskoka

1. August 2008 - our association and 7 others representing most of the lakes in the district, spoke to the District Debt Reduction Initiative at District Council, regarding resistance to the downloading of cost of water & sewage services to non-urban taxpayers.
2. April 2009 - lake associations met with Gravenhurst town council for the annual "meet & greet". Main issue was and continues to be the Ward Review and unfair representation compared to the amount of taxes paid, especially in Morrison (Kahshe Lake) & Muskoka twp.
3. July 21, 2009 - Petitions for Ward Review to revamp distribution of wards was presented to Town Council by our president, Greig Holder and Lola Bratty of the Greater Gravenhurst Ratepayers Association. 579 names were presented, an overwhelming number since we only needed 120 names to force the Town to review their former stand. The Town now has 90 days in which to react and hopefully solve the imbalance of the wards. (See Update below)
4. This past month District Council voted in favor of increasing development charges to 13% every year for a 5 yr. period, which is an increase from 10%. This should help with the district's debt reduction initiative. The increase is for both residential & commercial development.

The Town has asked us to remind everyone that they **must** have a building permit for any project to be undertaken.

Beach Report -- Johnette Ollman

The beach is being well used especially when the sun is out. Michelle and her girls are doing a great job taking care of the area.

Newsletter -- Keith Price

The new format seems to be a big hit and will be tuned constantly (thank you to Karen Paul and to Eleanor MacLean who both made the suggestion about changing the paper size).

All members (and even non-members IF THEY AGREE TO BECOME MEMBERS) are encouraged to contribute articles, photographs, cartoons, letters, suggestions before each of the 3 yearly deadlines -- **July 20th** for the **Summer** Issue, **October 20th** for the **Fall** Issue and **April 20th** for the **Spring** Issue.

Please also consider seriously the idea of receiving the newsletter by e-mail. It saves paper, the pictures are in colour and much clearer, and those of you like me whose eyes are wearing out can zoom in to make the print more legible. It is also cheaper for the Association – means we can use your membership fees for other things. Sign up for e-newsletter by e-mailing me at keithonkahshe@rogers.com under the Subject Heading "E.newsletter request".

Housey's Rapids Picnic -- Keith Price

All present, especially Western Kahsheites, were encouraged to attend this, the 48th (?) version of this event on Saturday July 18th from 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. See picnic write-up on a later page.

The Picnic was the subject of an excellent article in the current issue of the glossy magazine *The Sideroads of Muskoka*. Pick up your copy from the box outside the Gravenhurst Banner office on Muskoka Street. There are more copies inside the office.

WARD REPRESENTATION UPDATE,

On Monday July the 21st, Lola Bratty, Chair of the Greater Gravenhurst Ratepayers' Association, and I had an interesting evening presenting the Ward Review Petition** to the Gravenhurst Town Council at their meeting in Severn Bridge. The petition held 579 signatures, more than four times the number required to trigger the review. 114 of these signatures came from KLRA members, collected primarily at the AGM. Thank you.

Mayor Klinck said he has already had several meetings with staff to get this review under way. After the meeting I spoke with some of the councillors who had previously voted against the review. They accepted the voice of the people and will, I think, get engaged. Although this is not an earth-shattering issue, it still needed attention, and hopefully they will now get it done and move on. by Greig Holder

** To see the Petition as presented, visit the KLRA Website: www.klra.com

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Kahshe Lake Ratepayers' Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

July 5, 2009

ROCKHAVEN INN

10.00 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

Highlights (NOT the official minutes)

Ward Review issue. - Grieg Holder, V-P of the KLRA, explained

- imbalance in the number of councillors in the four wards.
- proposed solution (combining wards 3 and 4 and moving one councillor from ward 1 to ward 2) defeated 3 - 6
- One councillor remarked that "*seasonal people ... don't think of the community as theirs.*"
- Although Proposal was defeated 6 – 3, it could be reviewed if enough people signed the Petition

Mayor Klinck agreed with the need for review and encouraged signing the petition. (See *Ward Review Update p.2*). .

Councillor Pilger had voted against the proposal but would be willing to re-think.

Councillor Donaldson said she agreed.

Mayor Klinck then provided updates:

- December 30 - the Olympic Torch will be coming to Gravenhurst.
- Gravenhurst is hosting the 2010 Winter Games beginning the 3rd week in February.
- Muskoka is to host the G8 in June 2010. Gravenhurst has been invited to host the Chinese delegation.
- \$50 Million dollars will be received for infrastructure
- Town to receive \$12.2 million to expand the arena including a youth, nautilus and aquatic centres.
- Another commercial unit is going up at south end. The old Canadian Tire and Safeway properties have been sold.
- The Marriott Hotel is now open.
- New medical centre under construction
- The Committee of Adjustment is now a citizens group with two councillors. Open House September 26.
- 50th anniversary of **Music on the Barge** - free concerts on Gull Lake - Sundays
- **The Opera House** has a busy season
- July 24-26 **Boat Show and Rib Fest**
- August 1 **Pirate Fest - Fireworks** at the Wharf will take place.
- August 14-16 **Craft Show** at the Wharf and **Sidewalk Sale** in Town.

President's report - Clint began by saying being President of the KLRA is not so much a job as it is a joy and a pleasure. He thanked Board Members. He then introduced the President-elect, Grieg Holder, and Treasurer-elect, Rob Pollard. His full report is attached to the Minutes on file and on the website.

Treasurer's Report Harold Keller focused on

decline in membership and in income.

Initiatives in place to deal with this. Clint thanked Harold for his work for the Board over the past four years.

KLRA Committee Reports:

Town Liaison - Sandi Follis reported on the Council and Committee of Adjustment meetings. The complete report on file with these Minutes. For more Information go to at www.gravenhurst.ca - Agendas and Minutes. KLRA responses to requests for amendments can be found at <http://responsestorequests.blogspot.com>

KLPIIC (Rob Abbott)- The Lake Plan now Official. The Committee looks at ensuring the Plan is adhered to. Survey is being prepared to be sent to all residents on and around the Lake. PLEASE RESPOND – it is your lake!

Membership (Rob Abbott)- Only 181 members paid up for 2009/10 out of 800 potential members from Kahshe and Bass Lakes. We have 300 e-mail addresses, 54 of whom have requested the Newsletter via e-mail. PLEASE encourage your neighbours to join the KLRA. The survey mentioned above also invites people to join.

Newsletter (Keith) - Next Newsletter end of July. Deadline **July 20**. Deadlines for Fall 2009 **October 20** and for Spring **April 20**. If anyone has items of interest for the Newsletter PLEASE send them to keithonkahshe@rogers.com . PLEASE also consider an e-newsletter.

Rock Markers Markers are set out on the May 24 week-end and taken in at Thanksgiving. Not every rock marked. There is a map on website showing placement and stating that "**the KLRA is not responsible**".

Lake Steward – (Herb Grossman) the water tested when the ice goes out. Testing is done in May and June for turbidity twice a month. MNR will not be doing Benthic Monitoring it this year. KLRA no longer does coliform testing. Howard Mandel will probably be the new Lake Steward. Clint thanked Herb for performing these duties. The MNR has no funds for the pickerel regeneration project. The "unique" pickerel (Walleye) at the east end of the Lake are not unique after all. There have been changes in habitat in the spawning grounds and land owners are urged to clean up these areas. Some members present indicated that the pickerel were plentiful in other parts of the Lake.

The Craft Show (Judy Ring) August 2.

Proceeds will go to a camp on Sparrow Lake for handicapped children. Last year \$4,600 shared between two local Women's Institutes. Judy still needs volunteers, vendors and items for a silent auction.

Worship Services to be held at 10 a.m. Sunday through July and August except for Craft Show day.

Healing Waters of Kahshe Lake - Volume I and II available from Dennes and the Gravenhurst Library. Volume III has only a few stories so far, posted on the website, which also has the Lake Plan on it, other documents of interest, and the Members Forum. 306 people registered this year. If you want to join the forum, e-mail info@kahshe.ca

Kids Fishing Derby (Don Knight) Saturday July 25 from 8a.m. to 4 p.m. for **18 and under** at **Dennes Dock**.

S.E.W. Craft Bazaar Tables are available. Notice posted on the bulletin board.

New Business:

Judy Ring reported that she is on the Town Accessibility Committee. Ramps may soon be needed for people to access boats. Let her know of any need and suggestions.

Mike Bradley asked if anyone knew about the lots being severed and a road being built from Mt. Mary to the O'Brien's house. The Board was not aware of this. Mike also thanked people for their support re his cottage fire, and warned members to check their insurance policies re value vs replacement cost. People with HRVs should check the make - some from LifeBreath and Fenmore have been recalled. Also, if you notice lights dimming too frequently, unrelated to usage, check with Hydro.

Rockhaven Henry Kowalewski (Water Access Committee) reported that a meeting was held last September with the Rings to discuss Rockhaven's future. The Town recognizes the importance of docking and parking for water access people. A committee is being formed to discuss Rockhaven and anyone can participate. **The HRLR portable water pumps** may still exist. They were given to the members who had them on their property. The liability issue is huge; therefore, the KLRA did not take responsibility for them. The Fire Marshall does not want people depending on this kind of assistance

Motion to Adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Summerland General Store , Cathy Dunphy (Staff Reporter !!?)

When Ron Post and Carrie Marriott picked up the keys to their new life at the Orillia office of their lawyer this past Victoria Day weekend, little did they know what lay ahead. They weren't back at their cottage and home on Tranquility Bay on Riley Lake for more than ten minutes before Ron decided they should go and hammer a lock onto their new purchase. But when they pulled into the parking lot at the intersection of Muskoka Rd. 6 and Riley Lake Rd., there were 25 carloads of friends there to greet the new owners of the **Summerland General Store**.



And the welcome hasn't stopped. One local resident slipped them \$50 for their start up, another donated boxes of chocolate bars, and someone else grabbed caseloads of pop on sale in Gravenhurst – and refused to be reimbursed. One Kahshe Lake denizen leaned over the counter to give Carrie a big hug; carloads of cottagers have honked and given them the thumbs up as they pass. But more often, they hit the brakes and come into the freshly-painted store (still sky-blue) to ask tentatively: "Are you really open?" To which this couple, in life as well as in business, assure them that yes, they really are open and that yes, after six years of being shut

down and shuttered, **Summerland General Store** is back in business. "The response has been fabulous," says Carrie.

The shelves are stocked with groceries and all manner of things you need at a cottage but have forgotten in the city. The penny candy counter is back (only it's more like a nickel candy now); the ice cream bar serves up Kawartha Dairy ice cream (the best in the province) and the pizza oven is fired up and ready for orders. (Carrie suggest cottagers phone in their orders – **687 7776** – then swing by to pick them up. Think about it -- Friday nights at the cottage will never be the same!

And there's more good news: Ryde's community computers will be moving into the store, meaning that cottagers and residents will have internet access from there for a small fee.

The dayshift cook at the Northland Motel and Restaurant for 20 years, Carrie, 47, is setting up a lunch counter to serve up light meals and breakfasts. Ron, 58, is a skilled window and screen repairman who's been living in the area since 1990 when he sold a couple of successful businesses he owned in Mississauga.

He describes himself as retired and insists he bought the business for Carrie. "Hey, had to do something to get her a job," he says. But he's joking. He's the one who has stocked the back of the store with basic camping equipment, tire repair kits tools and equipment for plumbing, electrical work and general cottage repair, with food, water, ice, antihistamines, aspirins and first aid kits and propane refills. And he's the one who is working on getting back some gas pumps for the snowmobilers. Come the fall, he'll be offering boat storage in a secure compound. "We have one and half acres here; gotta use them," he says.



They are open seven days a week and intend stay open year round to serve the community.

WELCOME BACK

Summerland

General Store

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Sunday	9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.



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The Story of ITLDU

by Dorothy Reid

In 1921 my parents bought 98 acres bordering on Kilworthy Road and Highway 11 and farmed it for two years at which time my mother



went back to Toronto and the farm was turned over to my grandparents Harriet and Fred James. It was agreed that we children would spend every summer at the farm. When my grandparents died, my parents razed the farmhouse and had a small house built on



the site. With the lumber from the farmhouse, two of my brothers built a summer place which they named ITLDU. Another brother put a cottage slightly to the north and one of my sisters built a home facing Kilworthy Road. When my parents died, my other sister had my parents' home and we all

enjoyed the property for many years.

However, the powers that be decided that they wanted our much-loved property for the overpass on Highway 11. They not only put a ramp east and west but also north and south leaving much of the land useless. ITLDU was demolished, but eventually, one brother put a cottage on land facing Kilworthy Road. My other brother

has my parents' house on Highway 11 with the ITLDU sign still on the gate, and next door my sister-in-law maintains RZLDU2.



My brother

About the Author: As well as being a resident of the area as a young girl, **Dorothy Reid** is a long time cottager on Oak Road on Kabshe Lake.

This article first appeared many years ago in a local newspaper and is reprinted with the permission of Dorothy Reid. It also appears on the KLRA Website.

If you have a story to tell, please tell it. If you would like someone to write it for you, call me 687 7108. Ed.

"Music on the Barge"

Celebrates 50th Anniversary

This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip to Gull Lake Rotary Park and the completion of the construction of the "Barge" in Gull Lake Rotary Park.

The "Barge" was designed by Stanley White Jr., and was financed through the combined efforts of the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Board of Trade, the municipality of The Town of Gravenhurst and generous donations from citizens. Mr. Harry Schofield was the contractor for the fiberglass superstructure. At a cost of approximately fourteen thousand dollars, the Barge was completed by July 4th, 1959.

The first official performance was held on that day on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Music on the Barge will commence its 2009 season on Sunday, June 21st with the Muskoka Concert Band and The Muskoka Big Band. During this opening concert the 50th Anniversary celebrations will be recognized. All levels of Government have been invited to the opening concert along with their family representatives who've played an important part in the history of the "Barge". A special "Barge" pin recognizing the 50th Anniversary is presently being designed by Penny Varney.

The Gravenhurst BIA will be co-sponsoring a portable "Barge" chair complete with a "Barge" monogram and carrying bag. These will be produced locally at Muskoka Bay Clothing. Local talented artist Nancy Hunter has prepared the artwork for both projects.

The special 50th Anniversary items will be available at "Barge" concerts throughout the season. There will also be a couple of additional surprise special guests appearing at the "Barge" during this special Anniversary season.

Gull Lake Rotary Park – 7.30 p.m.
Remaining schedule

Sunday, Aug. 9th Endless Summer Live

Sunday, Aug. 16th The Good Brothers

Name the Newsletter contest

Put your thinking caps on and come up with a snappy, catchy, interesting name for this newsletter. I have already made my 2 suggestions: this present issue is called Kabshe Klippings while the previous one was Kabshe NewsKlips (I like alliteration!). Come up with something different, send it/them to me keithonkabshe@rogers.com under the subject heading *Name Contest* before the October 20 submission deadline. All names submitted will appear in the November issue, and you will then be asked to vote for your favourite (1 vote per paid-up membership). The winning name will then become the official name of the KLRA Newsletter (subject to the approval of the KLRA Executive), and the author of that name will become famous on the lake. Maybe!

Meet your Board Members

President

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My wife, Sue, and I have been enjoying Kahshe Lake since 2000. We are mostly retired, Sue from accounting and me from information technology management and consulting. We have two grown daughters and one brand-new grandson. We are located at the very end of Larroger Road due south of the twin islands, Hilda and Grandview.

Greig Holder

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Town Liaison

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David and I have lived full time at Kahshe for 8 years, but before that we cottaged on the family island (Cranberry Island) for 35 years. David's grandmother built a cottage on Retlaw, the small island beside Cranberry Island, in 1921, and their family has cottaged here since then. We are now into the 5th generation. Before moving here permanently, we lived on the Niagara Peninsula. I have served on the KLRA board for four years.

Sandi Follis

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Past President

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Sandra and I have been on Kahshe since 1990 when we started building our cottage, Whispering Pines, (which took us about 7 years). Our history on the lake began as a young family in 1964 when Sandra's sister and her husband bought a cottage on the lake. We were fortunate to be able to buy the extra lot they owned. We have four children, two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law, along with 6 grandchildren. Our daughter Beth married Tim at the cottage in 1998. Retired since 2001, we spend all of our summers here.

Clint Rohr

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Secretary

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Judy and Clare (see **Non-Board Members**) are celebrating their 16th year on Kahshe on Oak Road opposite the northwest end of Burnt Island. Now retired they spend all Summer on the Lake and many off-season week-ends. Winter is a special treat. Their three children plus spouses and four (soon to be five) grandchildren enjoy the cottage whenever they can get here from their homes in Chilliwack, B.C., Winnipeg and downtown Toronto. Judy has been the KLRA Secretary since 2000.

Judy Henderson

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Newsletter

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Anne and I first came to Kahshe in 1978, bought a piece of land at the very eastern end of Deep Bay and began building in 1981. I became involved with the Housey's Rapids Cottagers Association, serving in various positions. When the HRCA ceased to exist, I became a member of the KLRA, joined the Board in 2007 and became Newsletter Editor when Doug and Karen Paul stepped down after the Fall 2008 issue. Anne and I are both retired high school French teachers and have 3 daughters in post-secondary education.

Keith Price

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Beach Committee Johnette Ollman

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I have owned Denne's Marina along with my husband Bob for the past 23 years. I love the area and I am proud to be part of the Kahshe Lake community. I try to promote the lake as much as possible with the Regatta, Barn Dances and Pancake Breakfast. I am a member of the Beach Committee for the KLRA as well as an active member with the CWL. My husband and I also started Kahshe Lake's first Alpaca Ranch in the summer of 2008.

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Treasurer

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In 1912 my great grandfather, Sam Hutton, bought our original 100 acre lot down the river from the dam. When I was 20 I inherited one of the cottages on the river, tore it down 11 years ago and built our next cottage. Fifteen years ago this fall I married Kim who loves the cottage even more than I do. Four years ago we bought the adjoining 70 acres from Hap Leisman (the old barn and Barn house on South Kahshe Lake Rd). We have two boys, 7 and 10, who love Kahshe just as much as the previous four generations did. My favorite activity at the cottage is building paths and watching the kids play. We're so lucky.

Rob Pollard

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Water Access Cttee

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Lucy and I came to Kahshe in 1987, on a lot on the southwestern side of Boyd Island where we had a cottage shell built and did the rest ourselves. We have 2 daughters, Kelly (25) and Christy (22). Lucy and I live in Burlington. I have been on the board for around 3 years, I think, beginning on and now Chair of, the Water Access Committee which voices the concerns of the over 250 water access residents on the lake to the board, to the town, and to anyone else within earshot. In my spare time I am an electrical engineer working as Canadian Manager for a U.S. company.

Henry Kowalewski

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Though I've been cottaging for most of my life with parents and in-laws, predominantly on Lake Scugog, it was some time in the *mullet era*, (the early 90s) that Allyn and I bought our first cottage on Kahshe after cottaging for several years on Prospect Lake, one of the headwaters for Bass and Kahshe. I became involved in the KLRA serving a sentence (hard labour/minimum security) as president. We later bought a property on nearby Little Sunny Lake where we now live most of the year.



Craig Copland LACopland@aol.com
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Craig and his partner, Mary Engelking have been year 'round residents of Kahshe Lake since 2002 where they are "semi-retired" – which means that he doesn't work very hard anymore but does a lot of travelling, volunteer work, writing and occasional consulting. Craig has spent almost every summer of his life in Muskoka, first on Mary Lake, where his parents owned a cottage. He was invited to join the KLRA Board after publishing an objection to something they did. He's been a loyal supporter ever since and still makes objections now and then.



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I joined the Board at the 2008 AGM, and have been a Kahshe Lake aficionado since 1974 B.C. (before cottage) when my future husband, David, and I camped in my parents' tool shed on Deep Bay and cooked breakfast eggs over a fire on the rocks by water's edge. South African-born, world-travelling David couldn't understand why sane Canadians would want to travel to the same place every summer weekend. About 30 years later, **he** was the one who pushed for me to buy the family cottage, indisputably the nastiest, cheapest shack on the lake (by now held together by masking tape), and to plough money we don't have into fixing it up and building an addition. He was egged on by our daughter, Nell, who first "swam" in the lake when she was seven months old and loves the place as if it were her own, which, stock market notwithstanding, it someday will be.



Karen Paul kd paul33@rogers.com
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Karen became familiar with Kahshe during University days and married Doug (who spent part of the summer of 1939 on the lake just a couple months before he was born) in 1963 in order to continue her association with the lake. She has been on the lake since 1963 and became editor of the newsletter in 2001. She and Doug, both retired teachers, love to travel and hiked the Camino de Santiago pilgrim trail in northern Spain last year.



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Back in 1937, my parents, the McCaws, bought the land on Oak Road on which our cottage, CHAMAR, was later built, and where my sister, Mary Griesbach, my cousin, Doug Paul, and I enjoyed many happy summers as children. Mary worked at Rockhaven Inn as a teenager when it was a thriving summer resort and a few years later I worked a summer at Wigwam Lodge



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My wife, Donna Sutherland, and I live on Bell Rd directly north of Cherokee Island. Donna has been cottaging on the lake her whole life. Her dad first acquired property here in 1938. We sold our house in the city last year and moved into the new house on Easter weekend. You may see us paddling outrigger canoes as training for Dragon Boat racing at which I've represented Canada at a couple of World Dragon Boat Championships. After a long career with INCO, I'm currently a part-time professor at Laurentian University. This fall I'll be teaching Operations Management for Laurentian but at Georgian College in Barrie.



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I first came to Kahshe in 1953 as guests of Gary MacLean's parents. Early on with three kids, a cat (*kahshelake.ca*), and very little money, we camped for ten summers (see *The Healing Waters of Kahshe, Vol II*) Finally, after a rainy summer in the tents, we bought this old cottage (c.1910) at 1238 North Kahshe Lake Road. As teachers, we both had the summers to spend with our children. We both served on the KLRA Board and I was heavily involved in developing the Kahshe Lake Plan and Preservation Fund, the Kahshe Lake Good Neighbours' Resource Book and the KLRA Operations Manuals. We were both editors of the newsletter in the 90's and later on database managers a position I inherited from Gary when he became President. My three children, their spouses and five grandchildren gather every long weekend from May to Thanksgiving to have fun together and enjoy the Lake. If you ask them, they will say the camping part was the most fun of all. I live in Etobicoke.



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Although Clare has never been on the KLRA Board, he has been very involved with projects to do with Kahshe since 2000, most notably on the Kahshe Lake Plan Implementation Committee (KLPIC) as Recorder and as the editor of the 2 volumes of *The Healing Waters of Kahshe*. He continues to manage the KLRA website (www.kahshelake.ca) which is where the 3rd volume will probably appear. {Ed.}

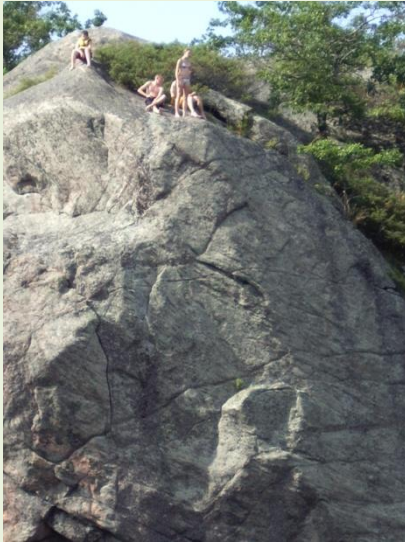


The Picture Gallery

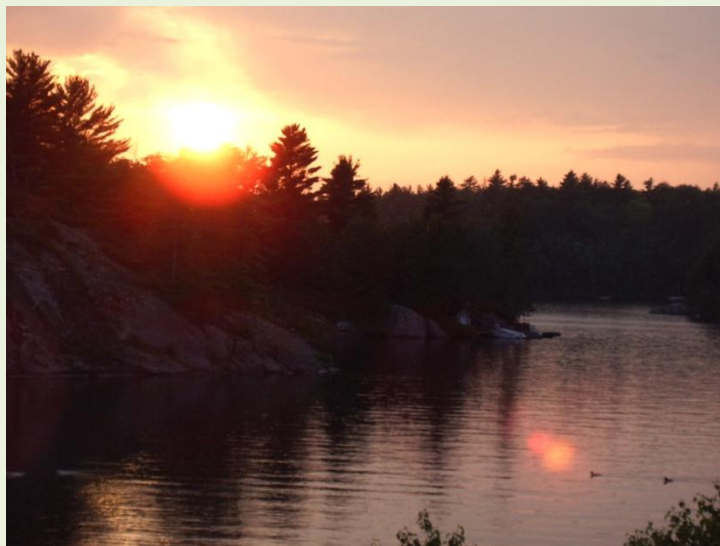
Would you like to open this newsletter and see a picture of **you** and **your** friends around the campfire? Or of 2 squirrels fighting over the same acorn? Or of grandpa waterskiing? Or of that incredible Kahshe sunset? Send your favourite cottaging picture(s) with a small caption (5-10 words) to keithonkahshe@rogers.com under the heading "**Picture Gallery**", and it/they could appear in the next issue of the newsletter. **Deadline for submissions:**

October 20th. Here are some of my own favourites to get the page started.

Alison & Matt Corbett, Alison & Maggie Price →



Jumping from *Big Momma* ... maybe!



A typical Kahshe sunset!



A typical Kahshe tornado?!!!



A flying squirrel, NOT a bat!

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Pickrel Project Update, from Steve Scholten (MNR)
Some large fish were caught this spring, but many people remarked that they were actually catching more smaller fish, which is good as it indicates that more reproduction seems to be occurring. I am working on getting two habitat biologists from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to do the shoreline mapping, hopefully within the next few weeks. I have 10 tag returns so far which is not a lot. It suggests one of two things; the catch/harvest is not high and/or people are not reporting tags. The later is possible as the tags do not have a phone number on them. Some tag-reporters have mentioned getting contact info from seeing the notice in the Spring newsletter.

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I would like to receive my newsletter by email.

Yes..... No.....

Thank you

The Pancake Breakfast

43 paying guests along with their children enjoyed the July 19th pancake breakfast. All enjoyed great pancakes, sausages and back bacon. We want to thank all of those who attended with a special thank you to Frank and Michelle for cooking a fantastic breakfast.

The Regatta

is **this coming Saturday Aug. 8th** from 10 am to 2 p.m. (rain date - Aug 9th). Come one, come all. Free Hot Dogs and Drinks. We are looking for volunteers so if you are able to help out please

call Johnette at **689-5082**

Housey's Rapids Annual Picnic 2009

Saturday July the 18th dawned overcast and not too promising. So, ... what else is new this summer? Nevertheless, we (the Sutherland crew – Donna, Joel, Elizabeth, Jonelle and Grace – along with Christina Price and Kyle Surowicz) spent 3 happy hours cleaning up the beach and setting up the games. The weather cooperated reasonably well (only 1 brief sun-shower) and 45-50 people showed up to enjoy the usual festivities: the Craft Table with Kim Lasachuk and mom, Gwen Hems, the Frisbee Toss, 3-Legged Races, Egg'n'Spoon Races, Pillow Case Races, Balloon Toss, Sunken Treasure Hunt,

Tug o' War, Beach Volleyball and Horseshoes. In the absence of my usual helpers, the Sutherland family came through with flying colours, running the games and helping with the clean-up in addition to setting up. My thanks also to Gord and Tien White for again providing and manning (and womanning?) the barbecue, to Les Hems for picking up and delivering the meat, to Kim and Gwen for their enthusiasm at the Craft Table, to Alison Price and Mike Skidmore for running the Horseshoe Tournament, to Maggie Price for selling raffle tickets, to my wife, Anne Hlebko, for spending the whole morning cutting up tomatoes, onions, pickles and watermelon and to Alison Corbett who spent hours making up the loot bags even though she couldn't attend the picnic. As usual the highlight, for the adults especially, was the Prize Draw at the end of the afternoon. Please show your appreciation of the prize donors listed below by using their services:

The Muskoka Steamship Company-- a 2 hour cruise for 2 on the Segwun
The Grace and Speed Museum – 4 tickets to the museum
Boston Pizza – a pizza party for 15 people
The Regatta Steak and Seafood Grille – a \$50 gift certificate
The Sunset Grill Restaurant – breakfast for 2
The Blue Willow Teahouse -- a \$25 gift card
The Opera House – 2 tickets to see Pam Tillis
Your Independent Grocer in Gravenhurst – a wheeled 5-day cooler
Home Building Centre in Gravenhurst – a table fan
Home Hardware in Gravenhurst – 2 granite patio lamps
Home Hardware in Washago – a selection of toys and games for kids
Chamberlain's TimBrMart in Gravenhurst – a 104-piece drill set
TimBrMart in Washago – a set of garden lights, a travel mug set, 5 baseball caps
Cottage Life Magazine – a one year subscription to the magazine, a baseball cap



RESULTS – 2009

Frisbee Toss

1st Kevin Houlberg
 2nd Grace Sutherland
 3rd Derek Houlberg

3-Legged Race

1st Grace Sutherland & ??
 2nd Derek & Kevin Houlberg
 3rd Julie Mai & Joelle Baquilod

Pillow Case Race

1st Carter DeForest
 2nd Kevin Houlberg
 3rd Derek Houlberg



Kevin & Derek

Egg'n'Spoon Race

6 – 12 years

1st Derek Houlberg
 2nd Noah ??
 3rd Joelle Baquilod

Egg'n'Spoon Race

13 and up

1st Mike Skidmore
 2nd Kyle Surowicz
 3rd Christina Price
 3rd Alison Price

Sunken Treasure

1st Kevin Houlberg
 2nd Carter DeForest
 2nd Grace Sutherland

Balloon Toss

Open

1st Kevin & Derek Houlberg
 2nd Breanna & Carson DeForest
 3rd Tom & Tracy MacDonald
 3rd Christina Price & Kyle Surowicz

Horseshoes

Open

1st Gord White & Bill Irwin
 2nd Kevin & Derek Houlberg
 3rd Dennis Howchin & Keith Price



Tom & Stacey MacDonald
 with Jonelle Sutherland



No chance, guys!



Go, ladies, go!!



Cathan & Carson Howchin

Next year's picnic will take place at Bass Lake Park on **Saturday July 17th, 2008**. Mark it in your calendars **NOW**.

Earn community service hours by helping with next year's picnic - contact Keith Price at



keithonkabshe@rogers.com or by phone -- cottage 705 687 7108, home 416 233 7688 or cell 416 272 1486

The rest of the summer at the lake

The complete guide for cottagers and their friends to the remaining dances, picnics, regattas, derbies and other happenings in, on and around Kahshe Lake in '09

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Saturday August 8 Regatta	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Nagaya Beach	  FREE
Saturday Sept 5 Barn Dance	8:00 p.m. – midnight Denne's Barn	\$5.00 
Saturday Sept 26 Barn Dance	8:00 p.m. – midnight Denne's Barn	\$5.00 
Sundays from July 12 th to August 23 rd (EXCEPT Aug 2 nd) Interdenominational Services	10:00 a.m. Rockhaven ALL Welcome	FREE 

The Kids Fishing Derby

About 15 kids braved the less-than-perfect weather and brought in a total of 34 fish to be measured. First place went to Michael Swirla with a Pike measuring 29 1/8 inches. 2nd Prize: Christian Botter, Pike 23 1/2 inches, 3rd Prize: Erica Gossen, Pike 19 inches.

Largest other species were:

Pickeral: 17 3/4 inches caught by Jordan Bradley

Large Mouth Bass: 17 3/4 inches caught by Christian Botter

Small Mouth Bass: 18 inches caught by Cameron Gossen

Rock Bass: 7 inches caught by Jared McDonald

Perch: 5 3/4 inches caught by Jordan Bradley

Sun Fish: 7 1/2 inches caught by Carter Deforest

The winners of the fishing derby are all able to keep their trophies for two weeks and then the trophies will be returned to Denne's Marina to have the winners names engraved on them.

Fishing poles that were donated for the winners of each fishing class were provided by Wise Choice and Denne's Marina. Wise Choice donated the first prize rod along with one dozen minnows and Denne's Marina donated the rest.

Fishing lures were donated by Custom Canvas, Tim & Marilyn Tuero, Jane Hambly, Brian MacDonald and Michael Bradley. Each person who caught a fish to be measured received their pick of a fishing lure.

KLRA donated funds and Clint Rohr remolded a trophy into three trophies for the kids. Great Job Clint

Many thanks to Johnette Ollman, Marilyn and Tim Tuero, Rick Goosen and Don Knight, for manning the measuring station all day.



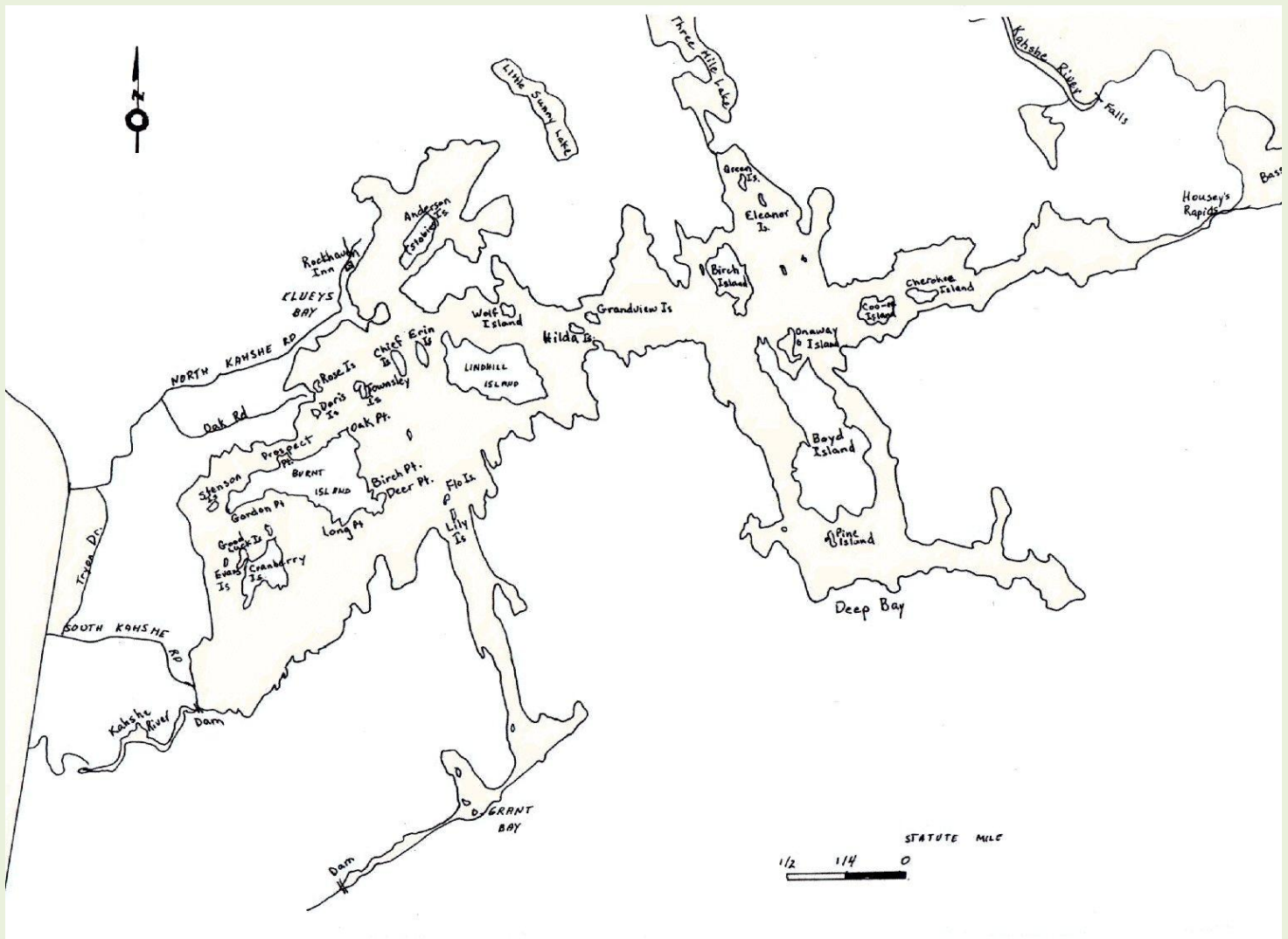
1st



2nd



3rd



Keep this map handy so that you can show people where you are on the lake or not as the case may be!

Letters to the Editor

I still haven't received any letters!
But I keep hoping. I really would
like to hear your comments,
criticisms and questions,
suggestions for future articles or
for improvements, or anything else
you think might interest your fellow
cottagers.

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WEB SITE NEWS

by Clare Henderson, Web Site Administrator

The KLRA web site at www.kahshelake.ca contains a volume of information of interest to KLRA members and other people in the area. The home page has links to the **Kahshe Lake Plan** including thirteen detailed maps of the lake (including the one above). This page also bears links to reports and photos of lake events such as the regatta and the picnic.

A very important link on the home page is to the **Discussion Forum**. Go to the bottom of the home page and click on "[Discussion Forum](#)". The Forum is updated regularly with information about upcoming events such as the KLRA AGM, the Craft Show, the Barn Dances, the Housey's Rapids Picnic, the Fishing Derby and the Regatta.

The Forum provides the opportunity for registered members to post messages. Although only current members of the KLRA are registered, anyone can see and read the messages that are there.