The Kahshe Krier



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The How, Why and When of Climate Change's

Impact on our lake

~ A special report on the latest water quality findings by the KLRA Lake Steward ~

And introducing Love Your Lake, an exciting new initiative coming to Kahshe this summer to improve shorelines and minimize the risk of algae-friendly chemical migration to the lake.



KAHSHE LAKE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Saturday, July 6, 2019 At the Gravenhurst Opera House, 295 Muskoka Rd. S. •Coffee and social @9:30 A.M.

•Meeting begins sharp @ at 10 A.M

PLUS: Lake news, a chance to question our political representatives, financial reports, the announcement of the 2019 Volunteer of the Year AND your first chance this season to buy the great new-for-'19 Kahshe gear at the KLRA on-site Boutique (opens at 9:00 am).

President's Report, Signage, D&DD Cottage Architecture, Part 3 Water Access Report, Rock Markers Major volunteers needed, Boutique news KLRA Lake Events, Fleafest 2019

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President's Report

The black flies and mosquitoes have been intense this spring, given the late start of the warmer weather, yet summer is indeed at our doorstep

and we are ready for some summer fun!! The time is here to gather once again with friends and family on our decks and docks, and to enjoy water activities in the beautiful, healing waters of Kahshe Lake. This edition of our newsletter highlights some important news: specifically, please mark your calendars for our AGM- **Saturday** July 6th at the Gravenhurst Opera house. This is an important meeting, as our board has worked hard to revisit and redefine our definition of Membership and will be putting this to a members

vote. Our theme and focus for the meeting will be the health of the lake. We have engaged with the **District of Muskoka, Watersheds Canada** and **Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF)** on their **Love Your Lake**

Program, which we will be presenting along with our Lake Steward, Ron Pearson's detailed presentation outlining the health of our lake and what we all need to do to keep it healthy. This, of course, is a common goal that binds us as a community.

Docking Etiquette: over the last year the board has engaged with the town council to try to address some docking stress we have seen at the three town owned and maintained docks. The town has improved their approach to maintaining these docks and they have also put up docking etiquette signs at the Kluey's Bay and Nagaya Town Docks that reinforces the intended design of these public resources and reduce some of the stress on our cottagers.

As always, I am accessible for any discussion or suggestions, please reach out and hope to see you at the AGM. *Steve Wild* President, KLRA



The Door and Dock Drop will be at to your door or dock within the next week or so. It will contain important information about: the Annual General Meeting, KLRA Events and the Love Your Lake initiative, as well as a KLRA Membership Application form If you don't receive your D&DD package by the end of June, please contact me at <u>keithonkahshe@bell.net</u>

<u>Kahshe Lake Cottage Architecture</u> — Part Three by Rob Abbott <u>Beaver Lumber Cottages Go Boom</u> Post WWII to Mid 1960's

Please add or correct information. Better yet, provide photos. Contact me or post on the KLRA facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/kahshelakera/</u>.

Though the desire for cottages never diminished, the depression cut down on the number of people who could afford to build and then the war led to a scarcity of building materials. As a result, in the 50's there was a growing demand for houses, cars, and eventually, cottages.

By now, cars had improved to the point where the journey to Kahshe could be made, usually, without breakdown or changing a tire. Larger, more spread out and private lots became the norm, typically greater than 100 ft. frontage. Shoreline lots were still relatively inexpensive as large plots were subdivided and sold off. Electricity became available to some places on the lake. The rowing skiff was replaced by a cedar strip runabout with an outboard motor (that would typically need a stop at the marina for gas every time it went out).

The details, materials, and amenities in cottages in this era changed and evolved over the decades, particularly with the availability of electricity, but cottages were still relatively small, simple and purposebuilt, with economy in mind. Manufactured materials and products started to be used: plywood, Masonite, panelling, and ceiling tiles finished the inside; concrete blocks replaced stones for foundation piers. These were the typical Beaver Lumber cottages with designs and building materials all supplied by Beaver Lumber, or other similar lumber stores.

Cottages became more rectangular, placed sideways on the lot, with a gable roof having a much shallower roof slope; sort of a mini-ranch bungalow style. Horizontal bevel siding or rounded simulated log siding accentuated the horizontal lines of the cottage. Typically, the footprint was an even multiple of standard lumber sizes, such as 24' x 36'. Structural lumber was now planed (dressed) down to a smaller dimension, so that a 2x4 was no longer 2" x 4", but measured 1.5" x 3.5". Most of these materials were sourced from a lumberyard as opposed to a sawmill.

Windows facing the lake got larger and were no longer multi-paned double-hung type. Horizontal sliders or a large fixed pane with small opening windows below showcased the view. There was no sun porch or veranda to block the light.

The shallow pitched roof required the roof rafters and joists to be trussed and supported by an interior wall, which typically divided the bedrooms and kitchen from the living room. The interior was finished with simulated plank plywood, Masonite panels, or fibreboard panels similar to, but much larger than, the 12" square ceiling tiles that were stapled to the ceiling.

The bathroom was specifically designed to be inside the cottage, but early ones usually excluded a tub. However, the bathroom had a toilet, initially a flush-o-matic foot operated one that emptied/dumped directly to a septic tank fashioned from an old furnace oil tank. Usually there was no tile or weeping bed.

With electricity, an electric stove, a hot water heater, a refrigerator and running water all made the kitchen thoroughly modern. Without electricity, propane appliances could substitute, although running water was usually achieved with lake water pumped by a gasoline pump to a water tower made from old steel barrels. Kitchen cabinets were custom made on site by carpenters, typically from fir plywood.

Depending on finances, or more likely the availability of a local stonemason, the cottage would have a local stone fireplace (though perhaps with a manufactured firebox insert), or a coal/stove oil heater. Covering the floors was either 8 or 12 inch tiles or, again, the old area rug from home when you had the new wall-to-wall broadloom put in.

Next issue we'll swing into the sixties.

2019 Water Access Committee Report

The winter of 2019 was NOT a very good one. We saw record flooding in many areas of Muskoka and the latest spring cottage opening that I can remember in my 30 years on the lake. The ice did not disappear until late in April. As a result docks were damaged or destroyed, parking areas are extremely wet and muddy, and we still scrambled to make it to the cottage for that all important May 24 Weekend.

So far, there seem to be three issues that our water access residents are grappling with:

- The Government Dock at the south end was not put away properly last fall, sustained some damage, and was repaired, I believe, but without the Gazebo. Discussions are now taking place as to whether it is feasible from a structural standpoint to replace the Gazebo and who is going to pay for it.
- The Government Dock at Denne's sustained some damage and was repaired/replaced by the Town. I am not exactly sure what the dimensions of it were before the winter but assume that they are the same as the dock today. It turns out that dock hardware was not included in the re-build/repair and the Town was made aware of this.
- The parking areas at Rockhaven are extremely wet and muddy, the ground is still holding a lot of moisture and so every day without rain brings us closer to being able to park there. Dennis Ring has the formidable task of moving boats around that were parked in dry areas, but are now surrounded by mud (my boat included). Some of the docks were damaged and need replacement, some anchor lines were broken over the winter and the list goes on and on. Some cottagers are still waiting, as of June 1, for their docks to materialize. Hopefully these issues will quickly disappear. There is a loading ramp at the government dock which is attached to the main, permanent section, with just a few small ropes. The Town has also been made aware of this.

Fortunately, the water levels on Kahshe were not significantly high this spring and few cottages, if any, were damaged due to flooding. There are some boat-houses on the lake that are suspended on solid foundations as opposed to floaters. I hope they survived the higher water levels this year.

It is important that some of the problems encountered at the docking/parking areas this spring will lead to some improvements/solutions next spring. Docks need to be put in the water as soon as possible after the ice melts and parking areas need to be cleaned up and made drier for next year.

I hope that we can all soon get back to good-weather cottage enjoyment and look forward to a great summer.

Henry Kowalewski

ROCK MARKER COMMITTEE

Cottagers are asked to please email Marnie at <u>klrockmarkers@gmail.com</u> if you notice that a rock marker is missing, damaged, or not working. Please identify the rock marker by number. To do this go to <u>kahshelake.ca</u>, click on *Our Work*, then *Committees*, then *Rock Markers*, then *2012 Rock Marker Renewal Initiative*. Scroll down to and right click on the map, then *Open Image in New Tab*. This map can be enlarged in the new tab. Please note 1] the link below the map does not work, 2] the map will be updated soon with current information, as some of the floating towers on the map have been replaced with permanent towers, installed on the rocks. Thank you for your help.

We're Desperate for Your Help

At the end of this season, the KLRA will be looking to fill **TWO** important positions.

Membership Secretary: After almost 20 years of serving KLRA as a board member and, more recently, as our tireless **Membership Secretary**, Eleanor MacLean will be selling her cottage and stepping down from this role.

Boutique Manager: John Kuropatwa, as Chairperson of the Communications, Outreach and Membership Committee (COM-Com), almost single-handedly established the Kahshe Boutique when it first came into being back in 2014. Since then he has been the **Boutique Manager**, responsible for purchasing and storing all the merchandise, keeping inventory, organizing set-up/take-down of the boutique at each event, soliciting volunteers to man the store, and operating the Online Boutique. At the end of this season, John will be stepping down from this position.

Both positions are crucial to the success of the KLRA, both demand a serious commitment of time and effort, and both require a passion for Kahshe and the work of the KLRA. If you feel that you could fill either of these roles, please contact either

John Kuropatwa at jkuropatwa@rogers.com or Steve Wild at <u>steve.wild@dxc.com</u>

The Kahshe Boutique is BACK!

Yes, we're back for another year. See us at all 6 major lake events and shop for unique gift items and clothing. As well as the standard collection of t-shirts in a variety of colours, hats, history books, pennants and beer mugs, we have some new products and designs for you. And remember, all net proceeds go directly to the work of KLRA.

We are reprinting the very popular Hens 'n Chickens design on our t-shirts. Also new this year, are some new model ladies' t-shirts, sure to please. Be sure to look for the new light-weight sweats for both men and women.

We are particularly pleased with our note cards. Featuring images from 3 local photographers, these packaged note cards are a great way to keep in touch with family and friends. They also make wonderful gifts. Another gift, even for yourself, is the **etched** coffee mug, coming back this



year with a **new** design.

Our best advice is to shop early, since production times are such that we are unable to order more items once we sell out. Why not drop by the boutique, say hello to our friendly volunteers and show your support for KLRA.

Kahshe Krier	6 of 12		Spring 2019				
KLRA Events							
<u>Saturday</u> July 6th	Annual General Meeting	10:00 - noon	Opera House				
Saturday July 20th	58th Housey's Rapids Picnic	1:00 - 5:00	Bass Lake Park				
Saturday July 27th	Fleafest 2019	10:00 - 4:00	Rockhaven				
Saturday July 27th	Kids' Fishing Derby Tro	9:00 - 3:00 phies 3:30	Denne's Dock				
Saturday August 10th	KLRA Regatta	10:00 - 2:00	Nagaya Beach				
Other Kahshe Events							
Sunday Aug 4th	The Kahshe Craft Show	10:00 - 3:00	Rockhaven				
Several local events take p	place on the lake such as the Deep Ba	ay Corn Roast and the	Oak Road Barbecue.				
If you would like y	our event mentioned in the Krier, let <u>keithonkahshe@bell.n</u>		me a report!				
Please note that the Kah s	The Boutique will be present at ALL th know if you can help out — <u>jkuropaty</u>		Let John Kuropatwa				



Fleafest 2019 Saturday July 27, 2019 10AM to 4 PM Rockhaven Inn

Fleafest 2017 was a huge success with over **40** seafleas in the water and on land display.

We are in need of volunteers to help out with the organization

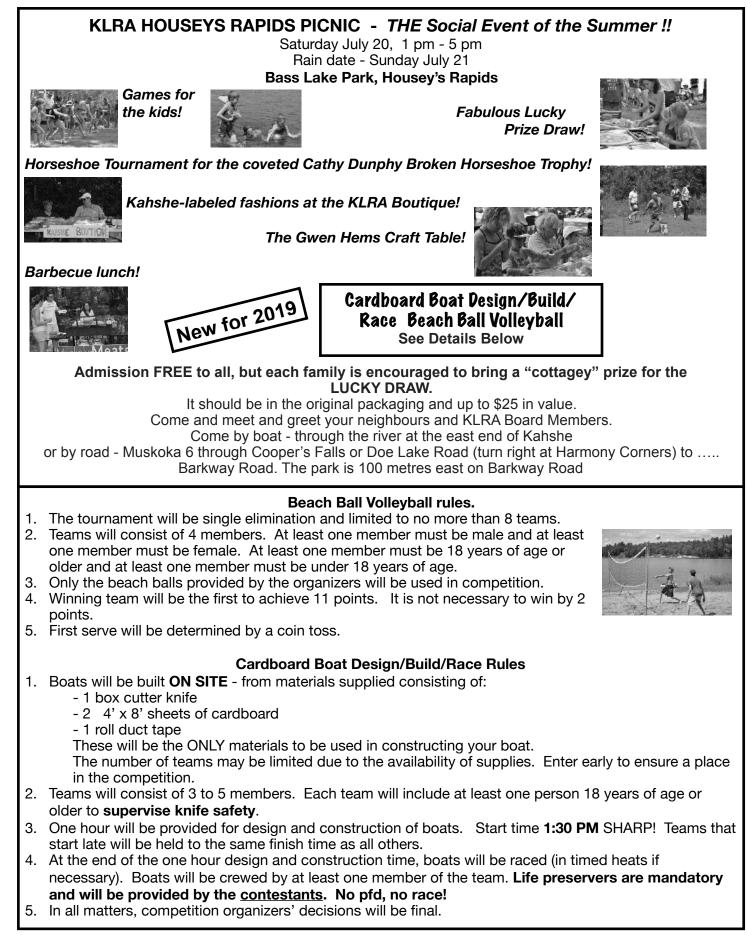
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during the day, and as always everyone is welcome to bring "boat related stuff" to sell at our "Flea-Market". We are also in need of an "announcer" to be our public voice during the day...no experience necessary...just a cheerful disposition and a willingness to inform the

public of upcoming events and identify the various boats and drivers over our PA system. (We were all set to have Morgan Freeman, but due to a scheduling conflict he was not available) As always our goal is to have a very relaxed and informal day. Rain or shine we will go on!



For more information, or if you can help out in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us: Chris Taylor (chris@muskokaseaflea.ca) 705-790-0367 Andrew Taylor (andrew@muskokaseaflea.ca) 705-205-5769



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE OPERA						
Harvest - a comedy						
A retired couple decides to trade in their country lif discover that the "nice young man" leasing their ho altogether, they are thrown into an unexpected adv	me has been ra					
	26 - July 19	Tu, We, Th We, Th, Fr, Sa	2:30 pm a 8:00 pm			
Dean and Jerry Derek Marshall and Nicholas Arnold present a fabut their own brand of wacky humour, they pay tribute television, radio and nightclub stages in the 1950's Loves Somebody, You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Lo July	to the comedy with timeless h	team that domi its such as Eve	nated rybody 2:30 pm			
Kalamazoo - a comedy Peg and Irv, two quirky but endearing baby-boomers, bravely venture into the world of modern dating. But, when these opposites attract, they discover love isn't any easier the						
	ember 11 - 27	Tu, We, Th We, Th, Fr, Sa	2:30 pm a 8:00 pm			
Billy Joel and the Pianomen "Billy Joel and The Piano Men" celebrates the greatest piano artists of all time including Billy Joel, Elton John, Burton Cummings, Ray Charles, Jerry Lee Lewis, Nat King Cole, Liberace, Fats Domino, Floyd Cramer and more. Starring the amazing Bruce Tournay from the Memphis Cats on piano and vocals.						
		8:00 pm				
Take It EasyThe Story of the Eagles features the incredible music of legendary 1970s Country-Rock group "The Eagles". This audience-interactive show is comprised of some of Canada's leading session musicians, who perform all of the legendary hits from the Eagles extensive career with soaring vocal harmonies and sizzling hot guitar solos. Saturday November 23						
Music on the Ba	rge 2019					
Little Peter & The Elegants An 8-Piece 50's & 60's Rock 'n Roll Band	Sunday, Jur	ne 30th • 7:30	PM			
The Bi-Focals Concert Band Special CANADA DAY Concert	Monday, July 1st • 3:00 PM		PM			
Abba Magic	Sunday, July	7th 7.20 E				
	Sunday, July 7th • 7:30 PM Sunday, July 14th • 7:30 PM					
Green River Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute	Sunday, Jul	y 14th • 7:30	PM			
The Traveling Milburys	Sunday, July 21st • 7:30 PM		PM			
From Memphis to Folsom Johnny Cash Tribute	Sunday, Jul	y 28th • 7:30	РМ			
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3rd Annual Sawdust City Music Festival The Liverpool 4 The Good Brothers

Sunday, August 4th Sunday, August 11th • 7:30 PM Sunday, August 18th • 7:30 PM

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Saturday July 6 at 10 a.m. Come Check Us Out

KLRA Annual General Meeting at the Opera House

Learn about the health of your lake Hear what your local politicians have to say Get the latest Kahshe gear at the boutique Connect with your lake community

Classified Ads

- 1] **14' aluminum boa**t deep, wide, steady, good condition. **\$700.**
- 2] **25 Johnson outboard** motor, optional good running condition. lives on Kahshe lake. **\$2,000**.
- 3] 2009 Four Winns, 18' 3" bowrider, 90hp Volvo Penta, low mileage. Four Winns trailer included. Both boat & trailer in good. condition. \$18,000. Contact: John 705 330-1585

Two Masonite Knotty Pine Z-style Barn Doors(36"x84"x1.375") brand-new, but no hardware.\$40 each, or \$70 for both. (Reg. \$129 each at Home Depot)Contact: Keith 705 687 7108

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Rose Taylor 1960 - 2019

Of Chipmunks and Geraniums – by Christopher Taylor My wife had always been a "cottage" girl growing up and spending the summers at her family's cottage on Lake Simcoe. I, on the other hand, grew up and spent my summers on Kahshe Lake at the Housey's Rapid's end. The irony is that even though my home was only five minutes down the road from Carol's family cottage, we never met until many years later when we were both



working at the Hudson's Bay Company in Toronto while attending University. Long story short.... "city girl" meets "country boy", they get married, build a home on Lake Simcoe, have kids and live happily ever after...well...not really.... you see, cancer has a way of changing things...

Even though we built our own house on the shores of Lake Simcoe, it was not a cottage. To us, cottage life was smaller lakes, calm waters, soaring white pines and screened-in porches. As time went on, we both realized that even though our home was on the lake, it was definitely not the "cottage" way of life. Eventually, as the houses around us on Lake Simcoe became larger, closer and more "glamorous", we decided that we wanted our kids to spend the summers in a more family-friendly environment away from the noise, the people and the huge pounding waves so often found on larger lakes. In the spring of 2016, we were fortunate to find our perfect Muskoka get-a-way on Kluey's Bay. After 30 minutes of walking around the property Carol insisted we put in an offer that very evening and by the next day we were the proud new owners of "Sunny Lodge" a 1940's building situated on a sand and rocky shoreline. For Carol, this was what the cottage was all about. "Sunny Lodge" very much reminded her of the old cottage she grew up with but which had since been torn down and replaced with a new cookie cutter monster home. Although she only experienced three years at our cottage, those were by far the best summers of her life. She marvelled at the abundance of water lilies that covered our small bay and listened in wonder to the night sounds of the whip-poor-will. She gave names to "her" pair of loons who frequented our shores and even tolerated the water



snakes who would often slither onto our deck boat to warm up in the sun. Of all the things she loved most though were the many flowers she planted around our cottage and "Chippy" our resident "pet" who gorged on a never-ending supply of peanuts. I am saddened that she will never get to see our two young boys fully realize the significance of spending those "endless" warm days swimming, boating, splashing and laughing on Kahshe Lake. Our dreams of retiring together on Kluey's Bay have now been swept away since her passing in January. I miss her dearly but take

solace in the fact that her love of this lake will live on in eternity.

IN MEMORIAM



Eric Miller 1929 - 2019

Long-time Kahshe cottager Eric Miller died at home in Toronto on March 30th, after a year of declining health. He was 89 years old. Ruth and Eric bought their cottage on Birch Island in 1970, and for the rest of his life it was his happy place. He was never more content than

when reading in his rocking chair while eating a Granny Smith apple or, better yet, napping in the sun near the lake, pretending not to hear Ruth telling him to put on sunscreen or a hat. In

earlier years, he enjoyed fishing and barbecuing, and moving the location of the anchors on the swim raft. His sons – Tony, John & Daniel – remember his mission to get more of such anchors, too many of them as it turned out. They recall one trip from Denne's with a couple of heavy anchors perched on the back of the boat. Near the Hens & Chicks, the boat began to submerge slowly, rear end first. Onlookers watched in horror as Eric calmly stepped off the bow and into the lake. The boat and motor were salvaged — just!



Eric was a talented water colour artist and spent many happy hours painting at the cottage. He was the loving father-in-law of Joanne, Robby and Michele, grandfather of Hannah, Ben, Regan and Greer, and owner or delighted host to several

cottage-loving dogs — except when those dogs shook all over him after a swim — their swim, not his! He was their favourite target.

Eric tried to hang on another couple of months so that he could visit his beloved cottage again but, sadly, it was not to be. He is dearly missed, perhaps most of all by the Kahshe mosquitos who, like all of us, found him to be the sweetest in the land.



Joan McDowell 1928 - 2018

Joan McDowell, a lifelong summer resident of Kahshe Lake on Coo-ee Island, died peacefully in Gravenhurst just a month shy of her 90th birthday. She was the daughter of Dorothy Mutch who did a lot for the lake and the cottagers association. Joan loved the lake and arrived with her parents Charles and Dorothy Mutch in the early 30's. They kept the cottage just the

way Sam and Carl Cook built it, other than adding adde power and a bathroom in the 50's. There is still no TV to this day.

Joan was the beloved mother of 4 children. As an avid volunteer and 68 year member of the **Girl Guides of Canada**, Joan taught hundreds of young girls to be strong, independent women including my sister and myself. She is survived by her son, Brian McDowell, and her two daughters, Anne Haugh and Jill McDowell, who still resides on Coo-ee Island.

