

## From The President's Corner

As I begin my term of office as President of your Association, it is imperative that I thank Karen Ojanpera for her years of service as a Director, as Treasurer and, for the past three years, as President. Her tireless dedication to Lake Panache sets a high standard for myself and the other Directors to follow. I also thank Harry Will for his service both as a Director and as one of the many "unsung heroes" who work on the light committee. Harry has taken a role with the Sudbury Trail Plan and will be devoting his considerable energy to the betterment of one of our favourite winter activities. I am very pleased to welcome Shelley and Peter Palko who were elected as Directors at the 2003 Annual Meeting. They are extremely enthusiastic and I look forward to their contribution.

For the second year in a row, the Association has done an extensive water sampling program. I want to thank Al and Debbie Walker for the time they spend doing this work. This is an important step in ensuring that the lake is healthy for generations to come.

I also want to thank the many volunteers who spend hours on the lake, mostly during cold and windy weather, installing, maintaining and removing the lights that mark the numerous shoals. Without these lights, our enjoyment of the lake would be greatly reduced. Thanks to Pat Niro for assuming the co-ordination of this work.

A major accomplishment this year was the completion of the upgrading of the Ministry of Natural Resources property. This project began in 1996, when the MNR informed us that the public dock would be removed due to a lack of financial resources to repair it and to maintain the rest of the property. After considerable review and with the financial support of you, the members, we took this over. I am pleased to report that the work that was planned at that time has all been completed. That work included the replacement of the dock, access road improvements and the replacement of the entire breakwall at the east end of the property. Thanks to George Tompkins for managing this project.

In addition to that work, we have constructed a first class emergency helicopter landing site. I was incredibly proud of our accomplishment when, during freeze-up, I received a call from the Canadian Forces that they were landing an enormous Labrador helicopter at the site while extracting one of our year-round residents from his island. Thanks to Rick Sleaver, the dispatcher was able to view pictures of the area on our website while we talked. This work has cost close to \$19,000 of which nearly \$11,000 was generated through the "Buy a Cone" fundraising program and other contributions. The Association was able to fund the balance from many years of strong positive cash flows. I must thank Jack Hamill for the leadership and vision that he provided over his many years as President.

Due to rising costs, the days of strong positive cash flow are over. Our 2004 Budget has revenues of \$3,200 from memberships and \$1,500 profit from the Spring Thaw Dance. Insurance and the FOCA fee are estimated to cost \$3,100 this year. Other ongoing expenses will leave us slightly below break-even in 2004. I must thank Bill Cook for his meticulous bookkeeping. Following our annual financial report, the membership decided to cancel the 2004 Picnic as a cost saving measure. I firmly believe that this will be the last time that we will decide to reduce a service offered by the Association.

Our bank account of some \$4,000 allows us to carry on our business without having to worry about paying the next bill but it does not allow us to take on another significant project, such as the helipad, when the opportunity presents itself. Our goal is to build up our reserves to be able to take on that opportunity or at least be able to survive another huge increase in expenses. We have three key strategies in 2004 to meet that goal. The first is membership growth. Each Director has accepted a challenge to sign up at least three new members. In addition, we have a goal of 30 other new members and we need your help. Ask your neighbours if they are members and, if not, convince them to join. The second strategy is to increase attendance at the Dance. We need your support. A meal and an excellent chance at a great door prize are included; get a friend or get a gang together, please come. Once again, a complimentary bus will be departing from the marina. Thanks to Verna Gutsch for organizing this event. The third strategy is to reduce the cost of providing mail-outs. This is now a \$900 per year expense that we hope to reduce through use of the Internet. It is also possible that you won't receive a separate notice of the summer meeting, so mark the date of Saturday, July 17th on your calendar now.

A significant issue of concern to us is the proposed northerly expansion of the Killarney Lakelands and Headwaters Provincial Park to include the entire south shore of Lake Panache from the extreme east end, around Crean Point, through Sand Channel and all the way to Walker Dam. A map and related information is available on Ontario's Living Legacy web site that you can access via the link on the LPCA web site. During the preceding consultation processes, the Association has stated that a one-kilometer wide buffer is required along the shore.

At our invitation, representatives from Ontario Living Legacy and Ontario Parks made a presentation on this issue at our 2003 Annual Meeting. Our one-kilometer request appears to be dismissed by the Living Legacy process. We have restated our position with them and have also informed all the affected municipal and provincial politicians of our position. Although the expansion of the Park may first appear to be somewhat harmless, the fear is that this is only one step of many that will ultimately prohibit use of much of the lakeshore. I ask you to get as informed of this issue as you can and if you have any suggestions, please let the executive know.

In closing, I have some requests. First – participate. Attend an activity, get a new member, get informed on an issue, volunteer. Second – be safe. Act responsibly, eliminate a hazard, preach safety. Third – protect the environment. Avoid spilling fuel, prevent fires, don't litter. Thank you. Your efforts and contributions over the last year are greatly appreciated and your continued participation is necessary to ensure the success of our organization.

Brian Young, President.



# Lake Panache Campers Association Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

March 2004

### 2004 Directors

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To report a forest fire,  
Call **9-1-1** if within the  
City of Greater Sudbury  
Call  
**1-888-863-3473**  
if outside of the City

### Calendar of Events

- **Spring Thaw Dance**  
Saturday April 17, 2004  
7:00 P.M.  
T.M. Davies Community Centre, Lively  
Tickets are \$20 per person  
Buffet at 11:00 P.M.  
Great Door Prizes  
Call Verna at 523 0105  
  
Complimentary bus leaves the Penage Bay  
Marina Parking Lot at 6:30 P.M.  
and returns after the Dance.
- **Helipad Cleanup Day**  
Saturday May 8, 2004  
9:00 A.M.  
Helipad Site  
Members are asked to join us and help  
cleanup the helipad site.  
Please come with gloves, rakes and shovels!
- **19th Annual Children's Fishing Derby**  
Saturday July 10, 2004  
Weigh-in at 4:00 P.M.  
Penage Bay Marina
- **Summer General Membership Meeting**  
Saturday July 17, 2004  
10:00 A.M.  
Pinehill Resort
- **2004 Annual General Meeting**  
November 16, 2004  
7:30 P.M.  
T. M. Davies Community Centre, Lively

Check our web site at [www.lakepanachecampers.com](http://www.lakepanachecampers.com) for information on our events.



## Membership Report

Before I get into the Membership Report, I would like to thank Brian Young for a great job chairing the Membership Committee over the last 10 years. Brian went to great lengths to ensure a healthy membership level and kept meticulous records, which has made the transition of Membership Director go smoothly. Thanks Brian!

Membership in the Association currently stands at 285 members, which is down slightly from last year. I will be following up over the next few weeks with phone calls to those past members that we have not heard from.

Revenue generated from memberships is the prime source of funding for the Association. If there is anyone new on the lake that is interested in becoming a member or you know we have missed, please let us know. Memberships can also be purchased at the Penage Bay Marina or Pinehill Resort.

I can also be reached by phone at 524-9379 or via e-mail [membership@lakepanachecampers.com](mailto:membership@lakepanachecampers.com).

Membership fees for 2004 are set at \$20.

*Al Walker, Director*

## Water Quality

January was a wake up call that we still live in the north and it definitely discouraged Debbie and myself from getting out to the lake. We have managed to survive those four weeks of bitter cold and with warmer weather around the corner it will be great to get outside to enjoy our favourite winter pastimes.

The water quality of Lake Panache continues to be very favourable with readings of total coliform and e-coli well within the range of "very good". These metrics are from water sample results from the past two summers. We were fortunate to have Lana McKinnon, Lake Water Quality Program Co-ordinator for the City of Greater Sudbury as a guest speaker who presented and explained the water sampling results at the Annual Meeting in November.

I asked Lana why the spring ph level of the lake was not measured in 2003 and she explained that because the ph level of the lake is good it was not necessary to measure every year. She also went on to say that the lake is scheduled for measurement in 2004.

The Association will continue bacteriological testing this summer and if anyone has any questions in this regard, please give me a call h.524-9379, c. 866-9379 or email [awalker@inco.com](mailto:awalker@inco.com).

For members looking for additional resources on water quality, please check out the following links:

- City of Greater Sudbury Water Quality  
[www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca/english/econdevplanning/](http://www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca/english/econdevplanning/)  
Click on the link for Water Quality
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment Well Information  
[www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/wells.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/wells.htm)

Have a great summer on the sunny shores.

*Al Walker, Director*

## Annual Picnic

Once again, great weather made last years Picnic an enjoyable time for all. We want to thank Melissa Will, Greg Will, Jen Pennie and Rick Levesque as well as the many volunteers who helped in organizing and running the day's activities. Special thanks to Mountain Cove Lodge for allowing us to use their beautiful property.

At the 2003 Annual Meeting, the members voted to not hold the Annual Picnic in 2004. Attendance has been declining for a number of years while the costs have not declined at a similar rate. Given the significant amount of time involved in organizing and hosting the picnic, the members decided that it made more sense to invest the time and resources in other worthy projects by the Association.

## 2003 Dance Sponsors

Apex Business Products	Marnie Cassio - Wrigley Canada
Atlas Copco	Molson's
Battistelli's YIG	North Star Sand & Gravel
Cambrian Ford	Northern Communications
Canadian Blood Services	Northland Snowmobile & Marine
Cas's Natural Brewhouse	Patrick Mechanical
Cassio Tile	Penage Bay Marina
Christina Young Catering	Perry & Perry
CIBC	Pinehill Resort
Colourmelt	Princess House Crystal
Contact North	Provincial Services Crane Specialists
Cosmos Glass	Real Wine in Time
Crosstown Chev Olds	Rick Sleaver
Dinan Insurance	Royal Bank
Duhamel & Dewar	Slade Enterprises
Echo Rental & Supply	Sling Choker
G&H Meats	Soucie Salo Safety
Grant Electric	Sykes-Hyland Insurance Brokers
Guillevin	The Parts Store
Hair Magic	The Shop
Harper Detroit Diesel	Tim Horton's
Hilti Canada	Unapco
Jannatec	Walden Automotive
Jim's Automotive	Walden Growers
John Cassio - Scotia McLeod	Walden Medicine Shoppe
Journal Printing	WRS Construction
Labatt's Canada	
Lively Auto Supply	

## LPCA Web Site

The Lake Panache Campers Association web site has been operational for over two years and we are extremely pleased with the number of 'hits' we are getting on the site. Members and the general public are using the site to get information about the Association and we have received a number of inquiries from people across Canada and the United States about Lake Panache.

A web site is only as good as its content. If there are other items that members would like to see on the site, please e-mail your suggestions and ideas to [info@lakepanachecampers.com](mailto:info@lakepanachecampers.com).

Our goal is to communicate to a greater degree with our members via e-mail. If you have not already done so, please e-mail us your e-mail address to [info@lakepanachecampers.com](mailto:info@lakepanachecampers.com) and we will add it to our database.

See you on-line!

Rick Sleaver, Webmaster

## Lights Committee

Once again, the lights were installed by the long weekend in May and were taken out of service by the end of October 2003. We expect a similar schedule for 2004.

Last year, we experimented with a number of solar lights that require less maintenance throughout the year. The experience has been positive with these lights and we hope to install more in 2004, funds permitting.

The servicing of the lights is taken care of by a dedicated group of volunteers that includes Roy and Jeff Degroot for the east end, Jack Hamill, Harry Will and Greg Will for the central part of the lake and Jim Butler in the west end. Thank you to this amazing group of volunteers!

If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our light program, please do not hesitate to contact myself or e-mail us at [info@lakepanachecampers.com](mailto:info@lakepanachecampers.com).

In closing, the Association reminds everyone that the lights are markers only and they do not serve any legal navigational purpose.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Pat Niro, Director

## The Lake Panache Helipad

The helipad continues to serve campers and area residents. Most dramatically, the pad was host to an emergency flight of a Labrador search and rescue helicopter dispatched from Canadian Forces Base Trenton on Sunday December 21st, 2003, in response to an emergency on an island in Lake Panache.

Our recent improvements include repairs to Air Ambulance Road and the completion of the retaining wall near the emergency dock site. We are grateful to the Ministry of Natural Resources for financial help with these projects.

We invite members to join us on Saturday May 8th at 9:00 A.M. for our annual cleanup day. Give us an hour of your time and help us maintain this importance asset for campers on Lake Panache.

*George Tompkins, 1st Vice-President*