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2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007 Spring Thaw Dance
Saturday April 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
T.M. Davies Community Centre, Lively
Tickets are \$25 per person
Buffet at 11:00 p.m. • Great Door Prizes
Complimentary bus leaves Penage Bay Marina
Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m. and returns after the
Dance
Contact Verna at ☎ 523.0105 for details.

2007 Picnic
Saturday, July 28, 2006
Mountain Cove Lodge
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Contact Susan at ☎ 675.2639 for details.

Children's Fun Day
Saturday July 21, 2007
Contact Shelley Palko at ☎ 969.9797
for details.

Visit our website at www.lakepanachecampers.com for the latest on our events.

TURNING 10 YEARS OLD... - BY RICK SLEAVER

2007 marks the 10th anniversary of the construction of our air ambulance helipad at Lake Panache.

Inspired by a number of accidents and illnesses on the Lake, the Lake Panache Campers Association set out in 1996 on a mission to build an air ambulance emergency site. Through a partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, we signed an agreement to manage the Government of Ontario's property in the marina bay and set the stage for the building of the helipad.

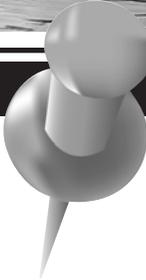
Through partnerships with the former Town of Walden, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and a number of local construction firms and the support of Association volunteers, work started in the spring of 1997 with the completion of the helipad in summer 1997. Unfortunately, it was first used in August 1997. We also completed a re-build of the public access dock and boat launching areas at the same time.

Through an innovative fundraising effort called 'Buy a Cone', the Association successfully raised enough money from our members to purchase 17 reflective cones to allow the helipad to operate at night. These cones were installed in 1997 and a plaque commemorating the 17 donor families can be found at the site.

While we all hoped there would never been a need for the air ambulance to come to Lake Panache, the helipad has been used countless times over the last 10 years and is maintained by members of the Association with your support. Funds raised through membership fees, Spring Thaw Dance and one-time funding from the Trillium Foundation and Ministry of Natural Resources supports the maintenance costs.

On July 28th, 1997, the Sudbury Star wrote about our efforts to build the helipad and stated "The idea to build a heliport [at Lake Panache] is nothing short of brilliant." We couldn't agree more!

Happy 10th Birthday to our Lake Panache Air Ambulance Helipad!



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We wish to recognize the generous support of the following sponsors:

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ANNUAL PICNIC — BY Susan Plante



The 2006 Lake Panache Campers Association Picnic can be summarized best with one word: RAIN! Despite several weather reports forecasting a beautiful, sunny day and only 10% chance of rain, it poured.

Although the weather was uncooperative, several good things resulted from the Picnic. The Campers that attended had a wonderful time making new friends and catching up with those we hadn't seen for a while. Some of us played Texas horseshoes while others (especially those who hadn't brought rain gear) huddled around the hotdog pot for warmth. Many fantastic prizes were awarded courtesy of Big Daddy Pizza, Golden Palace Restaurant, Little Pizza Shop, Mr. J's Roadhouse, Subway, and Walden Home Hardware. We encourage our members to try out these Lively-area businesses and let them know that their donations were appreciated.

We were able to cover all our costs thanks to the generous support of Battistelli's Your Independent Grocer and other grocery store sponsors. A big "thank you" needs to be said to Grace and Mike Piano of Mountain Cove Lodge for their help and understanding during a difficult day. Many thanks also go to Mary Kuuskman for organizing the children's games again this year.

After such disappointing weather at the 2006 event, many of us are already looking forward to the 2007 Picnic. This year, the Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 28th, from 1- 4p.m., at Mountain Cove Lodge.

Please mark this date on your calendar, and don't forget to tell your family and friends. There is no admission cost. Participation in the children's games and horseshoe tournaments is also free of charge. As always, food will be available for purchase (\$1.00 per item). For further information, or to volunteer at the Picnic, please contact me at 675-2639.

To inquire about the possible cancellation of the Picnic due to inclement weather, please call 866-2607 on the day of the Picnic for a recorded message.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — BY Susan Plante

I'm concerned about the total membership of our Association. The Lake Panache Campers' Association Inc. currently has a total of 220 members. This might sound pretty good to some, but I've been told that, at one time, membership in the Association was almost double the current level. With a little effort, I'm sure we can increase our membership and keep our fees from increasing in future years.

We need your help to get more people involved in the Association. Once again this year, I encourage members to ask family, friends and Lake Panache neighbours to join. Memberships make great Birthday, Anniversary or Easter gifts. The revenue generated from memberships is the primary source of funding for Association activities,

including the maintenance of the Air Ambulance Helipad, marker lights and the fire pump.

Membership forms give the option of enrolling or renewing for one or two years. As always, forms can be downloaded from our website www.lakepanachecampers.com. Memberships can also be purchased at the Penage Bay Marina. Membership fees for 2007 remain unchanged at \$20 per year. If you have a question about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone 705-675-2639 or by email membership@lakepanachecampers.com. One final reminder - if you are planning to move this summer, please alert us of your address change so that we may keep you informed of important Lake Panache issues.



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WATER QUALITY REPORT BY Al Walker

Water quality remains a leading issue whether at home or at camp. I know we all take extra precautions when we are enjoying our recreational activities on Lake Panache to ensure our water remains clean and safe.

Water sampling took place again this past summer with good results across the Lake Panache. There were nineteen samples in total taken between Lavase Creek to just west of Hertubise Island. This marks the fourth year of sampling.

This past fall, Bill 43, the "Source Water Protection Clean Water Act", was passed with a goal to recognize and protect our drinking water. In our region, the Nickel District Conservation Authority is collaborating with the City of Greater Sudbury and area stakeholders to develop a plan to identify and protect our drinking water sources. To find out more you can visit www.nickeldistrict.ca. There is a lot of helpful and useful information at this site. There is also a quarterly newsletter called, "SWP News" which you can find at their web site or you can write or call Nathalie Gara-Boivin, Source Water Protection Communication Specialist, Nickel District Conservation Authority, 674-5249.

Please remember that what ever activities we do on or around the lake could affect the quality of our water for years to come. See you on the sunny shores.

FIRE REPORT — BY Peter Palko

The dog days of summer are soon to be here, and many of us will try to beat the heat with a trip to the camp. While camps help keep our summer cool, they do present some unique fire hazards which you might not normally consider. Ensure the safety of your family, camp, and belongings by considering a few safety tips.

AROUND THE CAMP

- If you burn wood in a stove or fireplace, keep your chimney clean and use a screened chimney cap to catch sparks and ambers.
- Stack fire wood and lumber well away from any buildings.
- Maintain an open area around the camp to create a fire break. Remove any overhanging trees, shrubs, and dry grasses from around the camp. Green, actively growing grasses and flowers are more fire resistant. Gravel, stone or brick pathways make a good firebreak for small ground fires.
- Consider thinning trees close to camps, sheds, and saunas.
- Remove dry grass and debris from under and around open porches and decks.
- Maintain the fuse boxes, heaters, wiring, stoves, and other possible heat sources.
- Install and maintain smoke detectors.
- Store any cleaning fluids and other flammable materials in approved containers.

BARBEQUES AND OUTDOOR FIRES

- Follow local burning regulations and keep up to date on fire bans in the area.
- Keep the fire small and away from other flammable materials.
- Attend the fire at all times.
- Have water and firefighting tools handy.
- Be sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving it.

CAMPERS ASSOCIATION FIRE PUMP

- Our portable fire pump is located at The Penage Bay Marina, next to the launch ramp in an unlocked shed.
- You will find the suction line, nozzle, and fire hose in the shed (Pump runs on straight gas, and is self priming)
- If you use the pump to extinguish a fire, please return it as soon as possible as others may require its use.

Enjoy your treasured time on Panache, and please be fire conscious and safe.

SPRING THAW DANCE BY Verna Gutsch

Wow! Lake Panache has finally frozen and we are inviting you to the annual Spring Thaw Dance to be held on Saturday April 14, 2007, at the T.M. Davies Community Centre in Lively. Doors open at 7:00 P.M.

DJ Leo from Rock On will provide your favourite tunes all evening long and Helvi's Catering will present a delectable buffet at 11:00 P.M. Door prizes from our generous sponsors will once again be amazing.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available from any of our Directors or calling me direct at 523 0105. Don't forget, the complimentary bus leaves the Penage Bay Marina at 6:30 P.M. and returns after the Dance.

Plan now for your group to enjoy a wonderful evening, and please don't drink and drive!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Al Walker

Up until about two weeks ago, we would not have known it was the middle of winter but since then, with the extremely cold weather, reality has set in. I'm sure there have been a lot of disappointed winter sport enthusiasts, especially due to the lack of snow. It is surprising that we need to venture south so we can snowmobile, cross country and downhill ski, or go snow shoeing.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at T.M. Davies Community Centre in Lively. Along with the regular business, we were fortunate again this year to have two excellent guest speakers.

Our first speaker was Judy Sewll, who is a Project Coordinator with the Nickel District Conservation Authority. Judy began her talk with a short film explaining water run off and how this can affect the quality of our drinking water. After the film she went into further details and also covered the new legislation that was passed in the fall called the "Source Water Protection Clean Water Act". We can never hear enough about what we need or must do to protect our water.

The second speaker for the evening was Constable Al Kuzanko from the Ontario Provincial Police. Constable Kuzanko spoke on water and boating safety. He informed us on some of the regulations and safety equipment required onboard the many different water crafts, from paddle boats to sail boats which was all very interesting. Constable Kuzanko reinforced the importance of water safety by talking about some of the searches he has been involved in looking for missing persons on lakes around the district. He had a lot of sad stories mainly due to people ignoring safety rules or the use of safety equipment. Thanks to both speakers for taking the time to speak to the Association.

At Annual General Meeting, elections are held for three Directors on the Lake Panache Campers' Association Board of Directors. Each director serves for a three year term. I would like to thank Bill Cook and Peter Palko for letting their names stand and remaining for the next three years. George Tompkins informed us that he would not be running for another term. George will be truly missed as one of the longest serving Directors. He was instrumental in the building of our air ambulance helipad in 1997 and he was proud to maintain the heli-pad in tip-top shape in the unfortunate event it was needed. Many many thanks to George and his wife Loretta for their countless hours of volunteering with the events the Association held year to year and also just being great neighbours on the lake.

At this time, I am pleased to welcome Dan Mantyla as a new Director to the Association. Dan will be a terrific resource for the group and has already been involved in getting marker lights set up in Stony Bay. Welcome aboard Dan.

Every year we look to bolster our membership in the Association as it is our main source of revenue. Membership has slipped somewhat over the last couple of years so we are asking our members to please help in recruiting new members. This money is used for covering cost such as insurance (the cost never goes down), maintenance repairs to the heli-pad, air ambulance road, docks, and the marker lights.

In mentioning the marker lights, I would like to thank the group that install, repair, change batteries through the summer, and then late in the fall, remove and store for the winter. This group of individuals includes Pat Niro, Dan Mantyla, Jim Butler, Roy and Jeff Degroot, Paul Young and is headed up by Peter Palko. Each year, they brave the elements to see that the lights are installed in about 25 locations around Lake Panache.

There was great disappoint this past summer when after a large number of hours had been spent in organizing, planning and getting sponsors, the Annual Picnic did not happen as planned. On that cloudy Saturday, with the boats loaded up and heading down the lake to Mountain Cove Lodge to set up for an afternoon of fun and food, the skies decided to open up and the rain did not stop. Many of us braved the rain but the games didn't happen. The hot dogs did manage to hit the big pot so we were treated to a few soggy dogs. A big thanks to Susan Plante for all her hard work and thanks to the Directors and volunteers that helped her. We have put in our order for better weather for the picnic this coming summer.

Our Spring Thaw Dance was another great success and lots of fun. It was well supported with 145 tickets being sold and 138 people attending. We enjoyed door and raffle prizes, beautiful food prepared by Helvi Catering, and excellent music and dancing. Verna Gutsch has been organizing the dances for many years now and it just keeps getting better. The Dance saw revenues increase by over \$600. Thanks Verna for all your hard work. Please come out on Saturday, April 14, 2007 to enjoy an evening of fun. Details can be found on the front of the Bulletin.

Well, it was a great year on the Lake and this year coming should be just as good. Thanks to the Members and the Directors for supporting a terrific Association. I invite all the members to stay involved and if you see something wrong, report it, protect the environment, and be safe.

See you at the dance on April 14!

