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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008 Spring Thaw Dance

Saturday, April 26, 2008, Steelworkers Hall,
92 Frood Road, Sudbury

5:30 p.m. Meet your Camp Neighbours
and Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner, Dance to follow

11:30 p.m. Light Lunch

\$40 per person

Contact Verna at  523.0105 or via email
vgutsch@on.aibn.com for tickets.

Please confirm your tickets & tables by April 8th, 2008

2008 Picnic

Saturday, July 26, 2008
Mountain Cove Lodge

1:00 P.M.

Contact Shelley at  969.9797
for details.

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

BUY A LIGHT PROGRAM - BY PAUL YOUNG

Each year, a dedicated team of Lake Panache Campers Association volunteers installs and maintains a series of lights at various locations around the Lake to help campers who are using the lake at night to arrive safely at their destination. Anyone who has traveled the lake after dark will be familiar with the comforting flashing yellow lights that cheerfully greet them along the way.

Our 'fleet' of lights is starting to show its age and we are at the point where we need to consider replacing a number of the lights. The lights also run on batteries that generally need to be replaced at least once per year. In 2007, the Association purchased two solar powered, LED lights and has been testing them throughout the winter. As Paul Young, head of the Light Committee notes in his report, the solar powered lights are performing very well and we are looking to rollout a series of them in 2008.

Back in 1997, the Association launched the very successful 'Buy-a-Cone' program where our Members supported the purchase of the reflective cones for the helipad. This year, we are launching a similar campaign called the 'Buy-a-Light' program to ask Members to contribute \$160 to the Association to cover the cost of one new solar powered, LED light.

The solar powered, LED lights are slightly more expensive upfront, however, the investment pays off quickly as there are no batteries to replace, we free up some of the Association's valuable volunteer labour and the lights can be left out later in the season. The \$160 donation will cover the full cost plus taxes for one new solar powered, LED light.

We've enclosed a donation form with this year's Bulletin for you to complete and send with your donation cheque. All donors will be recognized in next year's bulletin and on our website. We thank you for your support of the Buy-a-Light program. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Young at (705) 855 0422.



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ANNUAL PICNIC - BY SHELLEY PALKO



What a difference a year makes! After a rainy picnic in 2006, the 2007 Lake Panache Campers Association Picnic was a huge success. We had beautiful weather, great food and lots of fun.

The member turnout was the largest it has been in three years – over 175 people attended the Picnic. Everyone enjoyed the activities including horseshoes, Texas horseshoes, tug-of-war and the egg toss. Over a dozen prizes were awarded courtesy of 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 are appreciated. Once again, we were able to cover all our costs thanks to the generous support of Battistelli's Your Independent Grocer and Loeb – Brady Street.

As we look forward to the 2008 Picnic, I'd like to remind everyone that the Picnic is not just for children. There are many activities for the adults as well. Also, members are encouraged to bring friends, extended family and neighbours along with them. The Picnic truly is a community event.

The 2008 Picnic will be held on Saturday July 26, 2008 at Mountain Cove Lodge, mark this date on your calendar. Festivities start a 1:00 p.m. Come out and join in the FUN!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - BY SUSAN PLANTE

Last year at this time, we had a total of 220 members, and I expressed my concern over the state of the membership. I'm happy to report that this year we have increased our membership by over 20 members. This is definitely a step in the right direction and I would like to thank those members that have made an effort to encourage fellow campers to join the Association. Please continue your recruitment efforts.

I would like to clarify one point that has caused some confusion with a handful of members over the past year. When a membership is purchased, it is good for one (or two) calendar years. This means that if a one-year membership is purchased or renewed in the summer months (for example, in June), it will be up for renewal in January of the following year. Membership forms for January renewals are mailed out in November along with the reminder of the Annual General Meeting.

I again encourage members to ask family, friends and Lake Panache neighbours to join the Association, if they have not already done so. Memberships make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries or Easter. 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, and can be downloaded from our website (www.lakepanachecampers.com). Memberships can also be purchased at the Penage Bay Marina. Membership fees for 2008 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).



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LIGHT REPORT BY PAUL YOUNG

For many years, the Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. has installed and maintained flashing amber lights marking shoals in many high traffic areas of the lake. Weather permitting, these lights are installed by volunteers in May and removed in late October or early November. At least one battery change is also required during the year. This is a huge undertaking and requires considerable commitment in both time and resources graciously donated by our volunteers. I would like to personally thank them for their hard work in installing and maintaining these lights year after year.

Many of our lights are beginning to show their age and are requiring constant repair. This fall we have purchased 2 solar powered LED lights and have been testing their effectiveness throughout the winter. We have been very pleased with the results and are hoping to purchase more of these lights in time to install them in the spring. These lights have a fairly high initial cost but are maintenance free thus eliminating yearly battery costs and cutting down on the work required by our volunteers. This means they can stay out longer in the season, the volunteers will spend less time and money keeping them running and we should have no down time during the season.

This spring, we are launching a campaign to raise money to purchase more of these lights. There is an additional form in with this mailing to fill out should you wish to donate towards this project. I for one have travelled the lake at night and know the value of having the lights out and working. One of our new lights will be located at the entrance to the Marina bay this year and I encourage you to go over and have a look. They will be out there, flashing away as usual starting in May.

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 cottage / camp. While camps help keep our summer cool, they do present some unique fire hazards which you might not normally consider.

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 embers.
- 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

The annual Spring Thaw Dinner Dance Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at the Steelworkers Hall, 92 Froid Road, Sudbury. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with a 'Meet your Camp Neighbours and Cocktails' with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. Dancing follows dinner with a light lunch served at 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact Verna at 523.0105 or via email at vgutsch@on.aibn.com for tickets. Please confirm your tickets & tables by April 8th, 2008.

Come early to greet Panache neighbours and friends, old and new at Steelworkers Hall, 92 Froid Road. A delicious four course roast beef dinner with chicken platter will be served at tables of eight. Generous prizes and draws are available, with proceeds to assist in heli pad maintenance and new LED lake lights. Music for listening and dancing is provided by the popular Andre Lachance. A midnight lunch will be presented. A bus will run from Penage Bay Marina.

What a terrific opportunity to join together for fun, food and frivolity!



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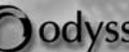
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - BY SHELLEY PALKO

This is my first report since moving into the role of President in November of last year. I want to thank the other Directors for their continued support during this transition.

Al Walker has unfortunately resigned from the Campers Association; he will be missed. I learned a lot from Al while working with him on the Association and would like to thank him for all of us for his many years of hard work, and a special thank you to Al's wife Debbie for all her help at the dances over the years.

The November 2007 Annual General Meeting was held at the Tom Davies Community Centre in Lively. We had a good turn out with 41 members attending. Along with the regular business, we were honoured to have Lou Dozzi as the first speaker. Mr. Dozzi, as most of us know, has retired from the Marina business and he expressed his sincere thanks to all the campers for their support over the years, and introduced our second guest speaker, Mr. Guy Richard, the new marina owner. Mr. Richard is very open to questions and suggestions from everyone regarding his future plans for the Marina. To Mr. Richard and his family a warm Panache welcome. To Lou and Nancy, all the best in your next adventure.

Our key revenue source for the Association is generated through the sale of memberships. It is very important that we maintain a healthy level so we can offset our expenses. The number of memberships has increased slightly over this past year and Susan Plante will be reporting on these numbers. If you know of any new campers

or those of us with adult children who spend time at the family camp encourage them to become members.

The Spring Thaw Dance is taking place on April 26, 2008. Last year's dance was a huge success and thank you to Verna Gutsch for heading it up once again. Please come out and join the fun.

The picnic this past summer saw a greater than normal turnout and the weather truly cooperated. Thanks to Susan Plante and all those that helped her out. It is truly a great way to bring the members and friends together for an afternoon of food, games, and fun.

Each year the Association must deal with ongoing expenses. These expenses range from Officers and General Liability insurance, upkeep and repairs to the Heli-pad, dock, boat ramp and retaining walls, as well as the marker lights on the lake. The insurance, again this year, was very expensive. It is the largest expense to the Association running at about \$2,800.00. Unfortunately a Heli-Pad marker has been damaged this winter possibly creating yet another expense to replace it. Thanks to the many volunteers who assist with taking care of the marker lights on the lake. The maintenance and replacement of these lights run at about \$1000.00 per year, which brings me to my next order of business.

As the cost for bulbs and batteries for the lights increase we have done research and purchased solar LED marker lights. Paul Young has had these lights at his home over the fall and winter months and is very pleased with the visibility

and charging capability. We have decided to run a "Buy a Light" campaign, which will officially kick-off at The Spring Thaw Dance.

We have noticed an increase in visitors to Lake Panache over the past couple summers, and with that, the parking area just beyond the Boat Houses has become a concern. As most of us are aware there is a designated area reserved for Emergency Vehicles to attend; however it has been noticed that on several occasions, vehicles have been parked in this area. I would like to take this time to remind everyone to please keep this area open. We always hope we never have to use it but when the need arises it will be comforting to know that the paramedics are able to do their job without obstacles hindering them.

A special thanks to Bill Cook for his detailed bookkeeping and maintaining a balanced budget. Last but not least I would like to thank Rick Sleaver, who joins our monthly meeting by phone, from his home in Toronto. Rick does great work for us as secretary for the association. He created and updates our web site, gets our bulletin organized and out for print, and is our communication expert.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members that participate in the activities and events that take place within the Association. I invite the membership to get involved; we are always open to suggestions. I would also like to thank the Director's spouses for their support and time donated through out the year. Thank you to everyone.

See you at the dance, April 26, 2008!



2008 Buy-a-Light Program

- YES, I want to support the Buy-a-Light Program.
Enclosed is my \$160 contribution.

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