

Dates to Remember for 2003

Lake Panache Campers Dance

Saturday, April 12

Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 10

Children's Fishing Derby

Saturday, July 12

Annual Picnic

Saturday, July 19

Summer General Membership Meeting

Sunday, July 27

Golf Tournaments
Pinehill Resort
Penage Hotel
Call for details

Membership Report

The Association currently has 286 members which is essentially the same as last year. Membership fees are a major source of revenue and permit the Association to maintain an active role on Lake Panache. With rapidly rising costs, it is critical to grow our membership base. If you would like help recruit new members in your area of the lake, please call me or contact me through our website. Memberships can be purchased at Penage Bay Marina, Pinehill Resort, mailed to our Whitefish address or through our website - click on Membership Info. Take note that the fees are now \$20 for one year.

You can also use the website to notify me of your email address or of a change of mailing address. We currently have email addresses for 20% of our members. As this number grows, opportunities for electronic distribution of Association information will open up.

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Burning Without a Fire Permit
(from the Ministry of Natural Resources' web site)

If you have woody debris or grass to dispose of, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) strongly suggests composting or using a chipper. But if you must burn, the MNR would like to remind you that there are regulations that must be followed as outlined in the Forest Fires Prevention Act.

These regulations are in effect from April 1st to October 31st each year. The regulations directly affect you if you live in an area governed by the Forest Fires Prevention Act (see map) and if your local municipality does not have more stringent open burning by-laws in place. If your local municipality does have more stringent open burning by-laws than what is described here, you must follow those rules.

Except in a Restricted Fire Zone (where no open burning is permitted under any circumstance), a fire may be started if conditions allow the fire to burn safely until extinguishment and all necessary steps are taken to tend, control and extinguish the fire. A person failing to burn safely can be held responsible for the cost of putting out the fire (should it escape) and for any property damage.

You can burn piled wood, brush, leaves or wood by-products without a fire permit provided you meet all the following conditions:

- The fire is ignited no sooner than two hours before sunset and extinguished no later than two hours after sunrise.
- Only a single pile is burned at any one time.
- The pile is not more than two metres in diameter and less than two metres high.
- The fire is at least two metres from any flammable materials.
- You have tools or water adequate to contain the fire to the fire site.
- A responsible person tends the fire until it is extinguished.

You can burn piled wood, brush, leaves or wood by-products in an incinerator, without a fire permit, provided you meet all of the following conditions:

- The incinerator is an enclosed device constructed entirely of noncombustible material.
- The incinerator is covered by a screen having a mesh size of not more than five millimetres.
- The incinerator is at least five metres from any forest or woodland.
- The incinerator is at least two metres from any flammable material.
- A responsible person monitors the fire until it is extinguished.

You can burn areas of grass or leaf litter on land you lawfully occupy or give permission to burn grass and leaf litter on land you lawfully occupy, without a fire permit, provided you meet all of the following conditions:

- The fire is ignited no sooner than two hours before sunset and extinguished no later than two hours after sunrise.
- The total area to be burned does not exceed one hectare.
- The flaming edge of the fire does not exceed 30 metres in length.
- A responsible person tends the fire until it is extinguished.
- You have tools or water adequate to contain the fire to the fire site.

If you have a requirement to burn outside these conditions, contact your local municipality or the nearest Ministry of Natural Resources office.



KNOW HOW TO REPORT A FOREST FIRE.

1-888-284-3473

1-888-863-3473

Call your local fire department

For more information on safe burning, please consult the Ministry of Natural Resources' web site at <http://affm.mnr.gov.on.ca/>.

To report a forest fire,
call
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Lake Panache Campers Association Inc.
POLLUTION CONTROL ALWAYS

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NEWSLETTER

March 2003

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From The President's Corner

Another year has passed, where does the time go?

I must personally thank the diligent efforts of the executive and all of the other people who have given up their time to assist in the efforts of the Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. From the endless grass cutting at the emergency landing site, to the countless hours spent on lights, from the picnic preparation to the dance organization many hours are contributed by a handful of dedicated people. Please consider calling one of our executive if you have any time to dedicate to our projects for the betterment of the lake.

Our **Annual Dance** will be held at the TM Davies Community Centre on April 12, 2003. We have added a special guest appearance of **Cheryl Cérrí and Kaleidoscope**. This talented group will provide entertainment from approximately 7:15 to 7:45. I understand these vocalists are second to none in talent. We have retained out prices at \$20 per person in anticipation of a good turnout. This is our only fundraising effort of the year, so please try to attend and bring out some friends. Our dance sponsors are very generous each year, a list is provided on the next page. If anyone wishes to donate a prize, please feel free to contact one of our executive. **A free bus will once again leave from Penage Bay Marina at 6:30 p.m.**

The **18th annual children's fishing derby** will be held on July 12 this year. Please try and take your children/grandchildren fishing and win a prize. The prizes will be awarded at the annual picnic. See the next page for more details.

The **annual picnic** will be one week later this year due to conflict with the Dragon Boat Races. Hope to see you out on Saturday, July 19 with a planned special guest appearance from **Santa Claus**.

The fall general membership was well attended. Many issues were addressed such as water quality testing performed (thanks to the efforts of Al Walker and others). More details are included in the Water Quality article on the next page. As you have probably personally experienced an astronomical increase to insurance rates, so has the Lake Panache Campers Association Inc (from \$599 to \$2,430 per year). Due to this increase, it was decided at the annual membership meeting to increase the dues to \$20 per year. In comparison to other campers associations across Ontario, our rate is still one of the most economical.

Our special thanks to Ken Gibbons of the Ministry of Natural Resources for keeping us updated on a regular basis throughout the Walker Lake Dam Project. The dam is now complete and pictures are available on our website. Over the past several years our Association has actively worked with the MNR to identify the Walker Dam as a priority project and we were extremely pleased when the MNR announced that the Dam would be completely replaced.

For concerns regarding the City of Greater Sudbury, our representatives are Eldon Cainer and Gerry McIntaggart. Their phone numbers are available in the telephone book and I am confident they will attempt to address any concerns you may have.

In closing, please have a safe and happy summer and please try to become involved in our association. Without the help and participation in our activities, our association cannot function. For any comments, suggestions, please contact one of the executive or the website.

Karen Ojanpera, President.

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Water Quality

Hello again, and I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is enjoying the wintry season. We were out to the camp a few days ago, and the lake was busy with people ice fishing, sledding, and cross-country skiing. It is nice to see the lake being used in all four seasons, which brings me to the importance of maintaining good water quality in the lake.

Back in November, 2001, at the Annual General Meeting, there was a strong interest in forming a committee to look at testing and tracking the water quality of the lake. I volunteered to head up the committee; as well, others were interested in helping.

Because of the Walkerton incident, many communities have great concerns as to the quality of their own water, both from the tap and in their lakes. The City of Greater Sudbury formed a committee, in 2000, to look at the many lakes in the region and test their pH and numerous metal levels. Testing the lakes for total coliform and e-coli was not part of the testing. Lake Panache is one of the 50 lakes in the survey, and it fared very well.

Lana McKinnon was hired, by the city, as Co-ordinator of the Lake Water Quality Program and as a resource for all the camp and lake associations in the region. She was a guest speaker at our Summer General Meeting back in July where she spoke on the water quality issues. One of those issues was the level of coliform and e-coli in the water. She made suggestions on the different methods of testing, the frequency, and where to have the samples tested.

Between 1964 and 1986 the Sudbury Health Unit was testing the lake for coliform and e-coli at many sample points, but that effort was discontinued mainly due to costs. The results from past testing are consistent with the results from our own testing which started in late July, this past summer. We used sample points that had been established from the Health Unit's testing. The first set of ten samples were taken from an eight mile stretch starting from Lavase Creek heading west along the north shore. There were two more sets of samples taken in the month of August. All the test results fell well below the Health Canada Guidelines for Recreational Water Quality and are very encouraging. Bacteriological results can vary hour to hour or day to day depending mainly on the weather, e.g., a heavy rain or a windy day.

The cost for testing each sample is approximately \$15.00, so a set runs at about \$150.00 plus tax. Your Campers' Association will continue sampling and testing the water in Lake Panache and trending the results. I stress that on-going testing of the same locations is imperative to verify results.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. Al Walker h. 524-9379 c. 866-9379. We will see you this summer on the sunny shores.

Al Walker, Director

Web Site Article

The Lake Panache Campers Association Web site has been up and running for almost a year now and is quickly becoming an important resource for our members to keep in touch with us and to find out about the latest events taking place on the Lake.

We encourage you to continue to check the web site on a regular basis for the latest information, and please feel free to share with us your ideas and suggestions on improvements and additions to the site.

If you haven't already done so, please forward us your e-mail address to info@lakepanachecampers.com so that we can add your e-mail address to our database and communicate with you electronically.

See you on-line at www.lakepanachecampers.com!

Rick Sleaver Webmaster

FOCA Article

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) continues to be the voice of cottagers and campers (for those of us in Northern Ontario) across Ontario on a variety of issues.

The FOCA 2002 Annual Meeting was held in November 2002 in Toronto. I had the opportunity to attend on behalf of the Lake Panache Campers Association. A number of items were discussed including a presentation on taxation issues. In many cottage areas of Ontario, local taxation is an important issue for seasonal owners.

FOCA's Taxation Committee has taken a lead role in advocating on behalf of cottagers to various levels of government on taxation issues.

FOCA's web site at www.foca.on.ca contains a variety of resources for cottagers and campers and we encourage you to check out the site and utilize the tools available.

Annual Picnic

Fine weather made last years Picnic a huge success and fun for all. We want to thank Dawn Ojanpera, Lori Rietze, Jen Chartrand and the many volunteers who assisted in the planning, organizing and running the day's activities. Special thanks to Mountain Cove Lodge, without this location, the Picnic would not be possible.

Congratulations to Brian Young and Lynn Gillespie, winners of the horseshoe championships for men and women.

This year the picnic will move to the third Saturday in July, July 19 to avoid conflict with the Dragon Boat races. It will once again be held at Mountain Cove Lodge. So mark this date on your calendars and get ready for another day of fun and games.

Laura Jessome and Paul Young

18th Annual Children's Fishing Derby

**Saturday, July 12, 2003
Beautiful Lake Panache**

• **Bonus of 4 ounces for live release!**

Entrants must be 16 years of age or under.

• Fish will be weighed at Penage Bay Marina.

(Our thanks to the co-operation of the Marina).

• Winners to be announced at the annual picnic the following weekend.

WINNERS OF 2002

1st prize Chris Ketola Patrick Ketola Daniel Burritt

*Special thanks to Paul Villgren from Sling Choker
for his generosity in donating the prizes for the derby.*

The Lake Panache Helipad

The helipad, a project undertaken by your association in 1997, continues to serve the needs of campers and area residents who require air ambulance service. Responses from this site range from 1 to 6 per year.

We continue to make improvements. In the fall of 2002, repairs were done to the ambulance road and rock barriers were installed to prevent parking in the emergency dock access area and to prevent vehicle access to the helipad area. The directors are grateful to the Ministry of Natural Resources for financial help with these projects.

This year we plan to complete the shoreline retaining wall to the emergency docking site.

**SATURDAY MAY 10- 9 A.M
ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY**

for the helipad area. We appreciate the assistance
that our members provide. Join us if you can.

All Addresses

If a camper wants to know what their civic address would be for 911 service they can contact Leo Paul Trotter at 671-2489 extension 2432. This service is tied into the Bell system and the camper would have to have a Bell phone installed in the camp (not a cell phone) so that when they call 911 their address is shown automatically on our fire dispatch computer screen. It should be noted that we can only provide reliable fire service to those camps that have roads capable of handling our fire trucks.

In regards to those camps that are on the Whitefish First Nation, the numbering is the responsibility of the Band Council and any questions you have will have to be directed to them as we did not do the addressing for that area.

From the desk of
Norm Buchy
City of Greater Sudbury

Lights Committee

This year, the lights were installed by the long weekend of May and taken out of service the first Friday of November by a group of dedicated volunteers. In the past, we used some "solar lights" and added more this year, because they worked well and required less maintenance during the season. Capital permitting, we plan on acquiring more of these lights in the future. Hopefully, with an increase in memberships, the funds taken in will enable us to continue and expand these activities.

If you have any complaints or suggestions about the placement and maintenance of the lights please contact a member of the executive. We would be pleased to hear from you. A prompt reply will be given in writing to address your concerns.

The marina bay and many channels on our lake have a posted speed limit of 10KMPH within 30 meters (100') of shore. Please let's do our part to ensure we all abide by this rule.

At this time, I would like to thank the following people for the installation and maintenance of the lights: Roy and Jeff Degroot for the east-end lights, Jack Hamill, Harry Will and Greg Will for the central section of the lake, and Jim Butler for the west-end lights. Thank you for a job well done!

In closing, I am reminding everyone that the lights are markers only and they do not serve any legal navigational purpose. May everyone have a wonderful summer!

Harry Will

2002 Dance Sponsors

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