



2010 NEWSLETTER

Lake Panache Campers Association Inc.
www.lakepanachecampers.com

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **2010 Family Fun Day / BBQ**

The Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. will be hosting a Family Fun Day / BBQ at the Penage Road Community Centre.

Saturday July 24, 2010

11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Come join us for great food, games for all ages and an opportunity to visit with your Panache neighbours and friends at this new event for 2010. Thanks to the availability of the Community Centre, this will be a rain or shine event. Many thanks to Battistelli's Your Independent Grocer for sponsoring this event.

- **2010 Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday November 23, 2010

7:30 P.M.

Tom Davies Community Centre, 305 Anderson Drive, Lively

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

THANK YOU SHELLEY!

At its meeting on March 2, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. accepted, with great regret, the resignation of Shelley Palko as both President and a Director.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all members of the Association, I want to extend our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Shelley for all of her efforts on behalf of the Association during her terms as President.

Shelley always approached her responsibilities with grace and good humour and she played an integral role in so many of our activities. It goes without saying that Shelley leaves big shoes to fill and we will miss her contributions.

At the March 2nd Meeting, I accepted the position of President and look forward to filling the balance of Shelley's term. I also want to thank Paul Young for accepting the position of 2nd Vice-President.

As the Board is now one Director short of its full complement, we are looking for a new Director to serve until the 2010 Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving as a Director or know of someone who would make a great Director, please call me at (705) 692 1694 or e-mail us at info@lakepanachecampers.com.

The Board of Directors will appoint a replacement for Shelley at an upcoming meeting.

Stuart Greaves, President

Director's List

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ANNUAL PICNIC BY SHELLEY PALKO



The Picnic was postponed on July 25, 2009, due to thunder storms and had to be re-scheduled for August 8, 2009.

August 8th started out looking very promising, however, by the afternoon the temperature had not warmed and the rain came. Much to our surprise, we had a great turnout and games went ahead as planned. Everyone spent most of the soggy day decked out in jackets and rain gear.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and made this event another fun filled afternoon on Panache. It is truly a great way to bring the members and friends together for a day of food, games, and fun. Many thanks as always to our host, Mountain Cove Lodge.

Many thanks to Battistelli's Your Independent Grocer for sponsoring the 2009 Picnic.

In 2010, we look forward to welcoming everyone to our new event, the Family Fun Day / BBQ at the Penage Road Community Centre on July 24th.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY SUSAN PLANTE

There has been a slight decrease in our membership over the past year. However, we have exactly the same number of members as we did two years ago at this time. So, it appears our membership is holding steady. I would like to thank members and friends that have made an effort over the last few years to encourage growth in our numbers.

All boaters, snowmobilers, and hunters that use (or have an interest in) Lake Panache are encouraged to join the Association, even if they venture to Lake Panache only one or two weekends a year. Members do not need to own property on Lake Panache to join or renew a membership. **I encourage members to ask family, friends and Lake Panache neighbours to join the Association.** 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.

If your membership is up for renewal, you will find a labeled membership form enclosed with this mailing. Membership forms for new members or renewing members can be downloaded from our website at www.lakepanachecampers.com. Memberships can be purchased for one or two years and fees 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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FIRE REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

With the 2009 camping season going into the record books as one of the wettest ever, there was only one reported fire in the Snake Channel area. A log sauna was a complete loss and fortunately no injuries or extended damage were recorded. Let's hope Mother Nature improves the weather in cottage country in 2010 and we have ZERO fires to report!

Before you can truly relax and enjoy the great outdoors, you need to know your family is fire-safe. Should a fire break out in cottage country, you need maximum time to escape. So start the new season right by making sure all your smoke alarms are less than 10 years old and have fresh batteries. Another great investment to your camp tool kit is your very own fire pump, hose and nozzle or consider sharing a system with your camp neighbours!

Being extra vigilant can prevent fire tragedy. Ironically, although most residents look to cottages as places to relax and forget about the stresses of the work-week, having working smoke alarms and an escape plan at leisure properties is just as vital if not more than in suburban homes, due to a seasonal property's often remote location.

Escaping for some summer fun requires the same amount of fire safety diligence that living in the city does. That means working smoke alarms on every cottage level and outside sleeping areas and at least one CO alarm if you have a fireplace, woodstove, gas water heater or any gas or propane appliances.

Association Fire Pump

The Association's portable fire pump is located at 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. The 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.

LIGHT REPORT BY PAUL YOUNG

For many years, the Association has been installing and maintaining flashing amber lights marking shoals in high traffic areas around the lake. Weather permitting, these lights are installed by the long weekend in May and are removed sometime after Thanksgiving. As time has passed, many more lights have been added in more areas around the lake. At present, we have approximately 50 lights in service in almost all areas of the lake.

Though often taken for granted, these lights have become a reassuring sight when travelling the lake at night. Also, with our conversion to new LED lights, some of these lights are now left in service year round. This does not happen easily nor without cost. Over the last two years, with help from our *Buy A Light Campaign*, the Association has purchased enough LED lights to replace all of our existing lights. This has eliminated costly battery purchases as each old light required two sets of batteries per year.

Installing and removing the lights is a huge undertaking performed by volunteers who generously donate considerable amounts of their time and resources every year to ensure the lights are installed and working properly. I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Without them, there would be no lights on the lake.

Last, I would like to mention the *Buy A Light Campaign*. To date, the campaign has raised funds to cover approximately three quarters of the total purchase cost of the lights. Though obviously successful, the campaign is still running. If you wish to help and are not sure how, I encourage you to donate or to volunteer. If you have any questions or concerns on how you can help, don't hesitate to call or send an e-mail to the Association via info@lakepanachecampers.com.

The Association wishes to remind everyone that the lights are markers only and do not serve any legal navigational purpose.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY SHELLEY PALKO

Despite the extremely mild weather and lack of snow this winter, Lake Panache is still drawing ice fishing enthusiasts and snowmobilers alike. We all know it is a great place to be during any season.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at Tom Davies Community Centre in Lively. Chantal Mathieu and Carrie-Ann Marassato from City of Greater Sudbury presented options for the location of the garbage and recycling bins at Lake Panache. This issue is of concern to a lot of our members as evidenced by the attendance at this year's meeting. If you can not make it to the AGM but have questions for the Directors or concerns you think may need to be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact the Association. The 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Tom Davies Community Centre in Lively on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

At each Annual General Meeting, elections are held for three Director positions on the Board of Directors for a three year term. I would like to thank Bill Cook for letting his name stand for another term and welcome two new Directors to the Board, Richard Bois and Brian Young. Brian, as most of you know, was President of the Association a few years ago, and we are glad to have him back. I would also like to welcome Richard Bois as our newest Director. Two of our Directors did not stand for re-election, Peter Palko and Dan Mantyla, and I would like to thank them for their contributions to the Association.

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 to cover costs such as insurance (which the cost never goes down), maintenance repairs to the heli-pad, air ambulance road, and docks.

The day of the Picnic saw rain and cooler than normal temperatures. However, concerns that we would be the only ones there were short lived. We watched as the boats came to the dock and everyone got out decked in jackets and rain gear. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and made this a great event.

Our Spring Thaw Dinner Dance, that was to be held at the Tom Davies Arena in Lively, was cancelled due to the lack of ticket sales for 2009, a decision that was very hard for us to make. Many thanks to Verna Gutsch for all of her hard work. This year, we are going to try something new with a Family Fun Day / BBQ on Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Penage Road Community Centre. Please come out and join us. Details can be found on the first page of the Newsletter.

Well, it was a great year on Lake Panache 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 Family Fun Day / BBQ Saturday July 24, 2010!

SOCIAL NETWORKING BY RICK SLEAVER

As members are aware, the Association maintains its website at www.lakepanachecampers.com to provide information for both its members and the general public.

Very shortly, we will be launching a new social networking site using an application call NING. NING is similar to Facebook and allows members of an organization to network with one another, share photos and videos, post information of interest to other members such as the history of the lake, ice and water conditions, the best fishing locations, shoals and other tidbits of information.

We know our members have a great wealth of information and knowledge about Lake Panache and we thought this would be a great way to give everyone an opportunity to share.

Check back to our website regularly for a NING update. When we are ready to launch, there will be a link from our website to the Lake Panache Campers NING site where you will be able to network with fellow members and campers on Lake Panache.

