



2011 NEWSLETTER

Lake Panache Campers Association Inc.
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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **2011 Spring Thaw Dinner Dance**
Saturday April 16th, 2011 — Tom Davies Community Centre, Lively
7:00 P.M. Dinner—Dance to Follow
Tickets are \$40/person. Contact any director or call 677-5509 for tickets.
- **2011 Picnic**
Saturday July 23rd, 2011—Mountain Cove Lodge
1:00—4:00 P.M.
- **2011 Annual General Meeting**
Wednesday November 23rd, 2011
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.

ANNUAL PICNIC BY PAUL YOUNG



This past year, the Annual Picnic was moved from its usual location to the Penage Road Community Centre.

The Centre is a well equipped facility which is well maintained, clean and fully accessible to all. We would like to thank the Penage Road Community Centre for the use of the facility and the grounds for the day.

This year saw a small change in format in that more food options were offered. We had a BBQ with both hamburgers and hot dogs. The added options were well received by those who attended and we intend to serve both again this year.

We had a visit from members of Greater Sudbury Fire Services who joined us with their large pumper truck. We would like to thank Fire Services for coming out and informing the public and entertaining the children.

Unfortunately, though the facility was good and the weather (hot and sunny all day!) was excellent, we had a very small turnout. It is clear that the members prefer a picnic on the water. In 2011, the Picnic will return to Mountain Cove Lodge on Saturday July 23rd starting at 1:00 P.M.

Visit our website for the latest information on the Picnic.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY SUSAN PLANTE

After several years in decline, I am happy to report that our membership has slowly started to increase once again. I encourage members to continue their recruitment efforts. Thank you to all members that have made an effort over the last few years to encourage new members to join the association.

I would like to remind members that memberships are purchased for the calendar year (from January to December). This means that a membership purchased in the summer will be up for renewal at the end of the year. As a courtesy to our members, any membership application or renewal received in the last 90 days of the year will be applied to the following calendar year.

As usual, I encourage members to ask family, friends and Lake Panache neighbours to join the Association. Memberships make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries or Easter. Membership in the Association is not limited to property owners. Anyone with an interest in the Lake and surrounding area is encouraged to join.

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. As we look into beginning new initiatives in the upcoming months, membership revenue will be even more important to ensure the completion of these projects.

If your membership is up for renewal, you will find a labeled membership form enclosed with this mailing. Membership forms for new members can be downloaded from our website (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).

BE FireSmart.

IS YOUR PROPERTY AT RISK?

FireSmart is a program that provides information to help communities and homeowners to take action and protect their properties and adjacent natural resources from the risk of wildfires.

To find out if your property is at risk, look through the "Home Owners FireSmart Manual". Then you can complete the home owner's survey on your own property and assess the potential risk of loss due to a wildfire. You can use the risk assessment to show you where you may need to do some work to protect your home and property.

Visit www.ontario.ca/fireprevention for the "Home Owners FireSmart Manual" and more information on how you can prevent forest fires.



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FIRE REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

The 2010 camping season started off early with many boats in the water in early April due to one of the earliest starts to the season on record. Naturally with the early season and lack of snowfall, the fire danger rating was a concern to us all. Thankfully there were only three reported fires around the lake. One of two started by lightning strikes was the largest at 0.2 hectares including the loss of three buildings at the west end of the lake. The third fire was caused by a campfire and was quickly extinguished!

The 2011 camp season has reported a fire in early January in the Newton's Bay area with the loss of a camp. Let's hope Mother Nature provides adequate weather conditions for the 2011 camp season and we have no additional fires to report!

Escaping for some summer fun requires the same amount of fire safety diligence that you use at home. That means working smoke alarms on every camp level and outside sleeping areas, make sure the batteries are fresh and alarms are less than 10 years old. Make sure your camp is equipped with CO detectors if you have a fireplace, woodstove, gas water heater or any gas or propane appliances. Should a fire break out in your camp or surrounding area, you need maximum time to escape. Please ensure your family has an escape plan and assembly area!

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!

Before you can truly relax and enjoy the great outdoors, you need to know your family is fire-safe, being extra vigilant can prevent fire tragedy!

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

LIGHT REPORT BY PAUL YOUNG

For as long as I can remember, the Association has been installing and maintaining flashing amber marker lights on the lake to make shoal locations more visible to boaters at night. The lights are normally installed, weather permitting, by the May long weekend and removed sometime after Thanksgiving. Over the years, with the help of countless volunteers, many more lights have been added in more locations and many of the existing ones made more visible. We would like to say thank you to all our volunteers who donate their valuable "down" time to help us install and maintain our lights.

In recent years, we have converted our "fleet" of lights to solar LED technology. These low maintenance lights do not require battery change outs thus allowing to expand to more remote, less travelled areas of the lake such as Newton's Bay and Stoney Bay. We now have approximately 50 lights in service with many remaining in service throughout the year. Our LED lights have mostly been purchased with donations by the membership through the *Buy A Light Campaign*. To all those who donated, we say a big thank you! For anyone still wishing to donate, please visit our website or call for information on how to do so.

This year we intend to add some reflective signage to the light stands to make them more visible in the daylight hours as well as the winter season. Please bear with us as this will be happening slowly over the course of the summer.

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 STUART GREAVES

With the lack of snow in the first quarter of 2010, we were boating across the lake in early April, basically a full month ahead of previous years. 2010 will go into record books as one of the longest camping seasons ever! Despite the low snow level, the water level rose in the spring and was consistent for the year. We were blessed as many lakes in North Eastern Ontario were at all time low levels. Let's hope Mother Nature provides normal seasonal snow and rain levels in 2011.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday November 23, 2010, at the Tom Davies Community Centre in Lively. Following the City report on the garbage issue at the 2009 AGM, we have been advised the City has selected a new site on Northshore Road. The City is currently firming up approvals and it may take some time to get it all in place for the relocation of the garbage and re-cycling bins. In the meantime, please be diligent with your waste and ensure your recyclables and hazardous material are handled correctly.

Ms. Erin Calder, Lake Quality Co-ordinator from the City of Greater Sudbury, provided a presentation at the AGM on lake water quality in and around Sudbury and our very own Lake Panache. We are fortunate to have one of the cleanest and most pristine lakes in the region and we need to keep it that way for the generations that follow (for information on Sudbury lake quality and city initiatives go to www.greatersudbury.ca and look under Environmental Initiatives/Lake Water Quality). To that end, the Association is creating a Lake Stewardship Committee for Lake Panache in 2011. Check out our website for more details

The Greater Sudbury Police Service and OPP provided statistics on lake policing during the season. There were four reported camp break-ins this past season—missing items included fishing gear, downriggers, water pumps and generators. Police advise campers to keep your camps locked, store items out of sight and report all occurrences on the lake. Your report may lead to an arrest and recovery of stolen items. Police were out in full force on the ice and water with over 230 boats, 65 snow machines and 130 camps checked over the 2010 season.

At each Annual General Meeting, elections are held for three positions on the Board of Directors for a three year term. I would like to thank Susan Plante and Paul Young for letting their names stand for another term and welcome Ruth Patrick as our newest Director to the Board. Please feel free to contact any of the Directors with any questions or concerns you may have.

Every year, we look to bolster our membership in the Association as it is our main source of revenue. Membership is at 256 and is slowly increasing; we encourage all campers to join. All funds collected are used to cover the Association's expenses for liability insurance and maintenance of the Air Ambulance/HeliPad road, the public boat launch, dock and signage. We also maintain a fire pump located at the Penage Bay Marina for use around the lake, collect and monitor annual water sampling, maintain a series of amber flashing lights around the lake and organize our annual Picnic. We look forward to having you as a member!

Ice conditions during the 2010/2011 winter season were very poor. Large accumulations of snow on a thin layer of ice in early January led to extremely slushy conditions making travel hazardous. At time of writing, we know of one pick-up truck that spent 3 weeks at the bottom of the lake not far from the Marina. Fortunately there were no injuries—please be careful and safety conscious at all times!

Our Annual Spring Thaw Dinner Dance will be held Saturday April 16, 2011, at the Tom Davies Community Centre at 305 Anderson Drive in Lively. Cocktails start at 6:00 P.M. with live entertainment provided by Sudbury's own singer / songwriter Andrew Lowe. Dinner at 7:00 P.M. followed by the dance from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Gather a group of your friends and fellow campers; it will be a great time. You can contact any of the LPCA Directors for tickets.

It was a great year on Lake Panache, then again it's always nice on Lake Panache! Please enjoy our pristine lake water and keep it healthy and fresh for all our recreational activities. Thank you to the membership 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.

THE ASSOCIATION'S 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.
- 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.