



# 2012 NEWSLETTER

Lake Panache Campers Association Inc.  
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## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **2012 Spring Thaw Dinner Dance**

Saturday March 24, 2012 — 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.

- **2012 Picnic**

Saturday July 21, 2012 — Mountain Cove Lodge

1:00—4:00 P.M.

- **2012 Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday November 20, 2012

7:30 P.M.

Tom Davies Community Centre, Lively

Visit our website at [www.lakepanachecampers.com](http://www.lakepanachecampers.com) for the latest updates on our events.

## ANNUAL PICNIC BY RUTH PATRICK



Due to popular demand, the Annual Picnic returned to its original location at Mountain Cove Lodge. It was a great decision as it was a picture perfect day to be on our beautiful lake!

The children had a fantastic time participating in potato sack races, water balloon toss, hoola hoop contests and three-legged races. A huge Earth ball was chased around the picnic grounds. Temporary tattoos were seen in abundance on many little arms, legs and faces.

The adults challenged one another in both Texas and regular horseshoe tournaments. All ages then got together for the extremely popular raw egg toss and North shore versus South shore tug-of-war contest. Did the South shore win again??

Hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob, chips, freezies, ice cream sandwiches and drinks were popular crowd pleasers.

Make sure to mark your calendars with 1:00 pm, Saturday, July 21, 2012, at the Mountain Cove Lodge so you don't miss out on the fun at this year's picnic. A great time will be had by all, young and old!!

Visit our website for the latest information on the picnic and to view pictures from last year's event.

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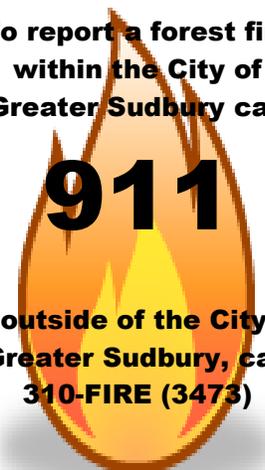
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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY STEPHEN MCMURRAY

We currently have a total of 251 members listed, most are paid up until 2012 or beyond. There are still some renewals due, and we encourage you to please remain current. Thank you to all those members that have made an effort to encourage fellow campers to join the Association. Please continue your recruitment efforts.

This year, we introduced a five year membership option in an effort to streamline the renewal process. A membership is now valid for one, or two, or five calendar years. Membership forms for January renewals are mailed out in November along with the information reminder of the Annual General Meeting.

We encourage all members to ask family, friends and Lake Panache neighbours to join the Association, if they have not already done so. Memberships also make great gifts. The revenue generated from memberships is the primary source of funding for Association's activities, including the maintenance of the access road and the Air Ambulance Helipad, marker lights and the fire pump.

Membership forms include the option of enrolling or renewing for one, two or five years, and can be downloaded from our website ([www.lakepanachecampers.com](http://www.lakepanachecampers.com)). Memberships can also be purchased at the supporting sponsors Penage Bay Marina or Moxy's Bait. Please continue to support these local businesses.

Membership fees for 2012 remain unchanged at \$20 per year. If you have a question about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone (705-688-8451) or by email ([membership@lakepanachecampers.com](mailto:membership@lakepanachecampers.com)).

### SEPTIC TANKS

Warning signs of an improperly functioning septic system are many – some are obvious and some require more effort to notice.

#### Around the camp:

- The grass over the system may become unusually green or spongy to walk on.
- Toilets, showers and sinks may take longer to drain.
- Occasional sewage odours may become noticeable, often after a rainfall.
- You may see gray or black liquids surfacing in your yard, or backing up through plumbing fixtures into the camp.

#### In lakes and ponds:

Leaks from septic systems can cause weeds and algae to grow in lakes and ponds. Just a small amount of additional phosphorus (which can come from soaps, shampoos, household cleaning products and detergents) in a lake or pond can make a huge difference in the amount of weeds that grow during the spring and summer. Lakes sometimes develop "dead zones" as a result of an overload of phosphorous – which can lead to too much algae, deplete oxygen supplies and kill fish.



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## FIRE REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

The 2011 camp season reported a fire in early January in the Newton's Bay area with the loss of a camp. No other fires were reported in 2011. At our Annual Meeting in November, we enjoyed a very informative presentation by Mr. Chris Johnson, our local Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fire Control Officer. Chris couldn't stress enough the importance of fire safety at home and camp and encouraged all of us to pick up and read through the Fire Smart Manual ([www.ontario.ca/fireprevention](http://www.ontario.ca/fireprevention)) for ideas and recommendations to protect your property.

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, 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 neighbors!

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!

### Lake Panache 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.
- 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.

## LIGHT REPORT BY PAUL YOUNG

For many years, the Lake Panache Campers Association has installed and maintained flashing amber lights to mark shoals and hazards on the lake. Over the years, the number of lights and locations has increased to where we now have over 50 lights in service. These lights are installed, weather permitting by the Victoria Day long weekend and removed sometime after Thanksgiving by a crew of volunteers who donate their time and resources to ensure this service is in place for all. We would like to thank our volunteers for the many hours they have put into this endeavour.

Our lights have now all been replaced by solar powered LED lamps which require no maintenance and allow us to keep several lights out year round. As a result of the reliability of these lights, we have been able to install lights in more remote areas of the lake. This has also allowed us to eliminate redundant lights. Now all locations only have one light installed per stand. We have not eliminated any locations - we still service all the previous locations. You may see that we are still installing reflectors on the light poles to allow them to be more visible in the daylight hours. This will be taking place throughout the year. This project requires calm water which as many of you know is not always the norm on Lake Panache!

We remind you that these marker lights are only installed to identify hazards. They are not approved by Transport Canada for navigational purposes. If you see a volunteer working on the lights while you are out boating, please smile, wave and be mindful of your wake. They are donating their time to help keep our lake safe.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

### Greetings Lake Panache campers!

It's that time of year again when we can't wait for the ice and snow to leave our pristine waters so we can get started on the 2012 camp season. The 2011 camp season started out with concern over the high water level with some veterans around the lake indicating that it was one of the highest spring time levels on record. The lake seemed to settle down to normal and remained that way until late August/early September when levels began to recede. In talking with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the low levels were simply caused by a lack of rainfall and in turn, a low ground water table. We trust you and your family had a safe and enjoyable season.

The Annual Spring Thaw Dinner Dance in April drew a great crowd of 175 people for dinner, socializing and dancing. We were blessed with great support for the event and gave away some significant door prizes including two tickets for a Toronto Blue Jays / New York Yankees game, 2 Zero Gravity Lawn Chairs, a Fishing Rod, a BBQ and a Pinehill Lumber Gift Certificate. A **Big Thank You** to all our sponsors and all LPCA Directors who put it together — Awesome Job!

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at Tom Davies Community Centre in Lively. Unfortunately the attendance was low this year but those who attended received some great information from our presenters.

- Mr. Rick Auld and Ms. Ashley Gallivana from the Sudbury District Health Unit presented information on water quality, drinking lake water, septic field beds and inspections and reporting of concerns. For additional information on Sudbury lake quality and City of Greater Sudbury initiatives, go to [www.greatersudbury.ca](http://www.greatersudbury.ca) and look under Environmental Initiatives/Lake Water Quality.
- Mr. Tim Cavanagh, MNR Sudbury Area Supervisor presented information on shore line work and dock installation and the need for MNR Work Permits. Tim also indicated his group continues their work with the City for a new home for the garbage bins! In the meantime, please be diligent with your waste and ensure your recyclables and hazardous material are handled correctly.
- Mr. Chris Johnson, Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Control Officer for Sudbury Region informed us of the dangers of fire at home and at camp. 60% of all wildfires are caused by lightning and his presentation included the number of fires that the MNR responds to in an average season in the North East Region — literally hundreds! Get a copy of the Fire Smart Manual from the MNR - it's full of great fire prevention information.

At each Annual General Meeting, elections are held for positions on the Board of Directors for a three year term. After many, many years of dedicated service on the Board and the Association, Bill Cook retired at the November meeting. Unfortunately, as many of you will know, Bill passed away in February of this year. I know all members of the Association join me in extending our deepest sympathies to the entire Cook family. Bill had a great love for Lake Panache and we have lost a tireless advocate. We will miss his guidance, his good humour and above all else, his commitment to all things Panache.

We would also like to thank Richard Bois, Verna Gutch and Susan Plante for their many years of service as Board Members. In turn, we welcome Stephen McMurray, Ava Vildis and Paul and Nigelle Fredette as new Directors. Please feel free to contact any of the directors with any questions or concerns you may have.

We are happy to report that we have formed a Lake Stewardship Committee for Lake Panache. The Committee is chaired by Paul Fredette and we look forward to working with his group to protect our pristine water body for future generations.

Every year, we look to bolster our membership in the Association and are encouraging all campers to join. All funds collected from memberships are used to cover the Association's expenses for liability insurance, maintenance of the helipad and Air Ambulance 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 water samples for quality testing, maintain marker lights around the lake and organize our annual Picnic in July of each year. We look forward to having you as a member!

We also want to extend our appreciation to the Mayor and Council of the City of Greater Sudbury for their support and encouragement of our Association. In 2011, City Council approved a one-time grant of \$10,000 to the Association to improve and upgrade Air Ambulance Road, connecting Lake Panache Road to our helipad site. The work was completed in 2011. We very much appreciated the confidence shown by City Council in our Association through its investment.

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.

## LAKE PANACHE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE BY PAUL FREDETTE

We would like to thank the First Nations people, the pioneers and all the long-time campers of Lake Panache for their foresight and longstanding efforts at maintaining the pristine beauty of our lake. Due to their efforts, they have passed on to our generation a wondrous and beautiful natural resource. Our opportunity to enjoy and **cherish** our beautiful lake is accompanied by our responsibility to preserve **it's** cleanliness, **it's** health and **it's** beauty for our children and coming generations of Lake Panache campers.

We are pleased to announce that the newly formed Lake Panache Stewardship Committee has a mandate to renew and consolidate our efforts as campers, advocates and stewards of our lake by providing information and education, by monitoring water quality, and by forming **partnerships** with all stakeholders. Our combined effort to preserve and maintain the richness and beauty of Lake Panache will ensure that we all continue to benefit from the enjoyment of one of the most beautiful watershed areas of Northern Ontario.

Some of our community partners, the City of Greater Sudbury, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Sudbury and District Health Unit and our neighbouring **lake stewardships** have **developed** fantastic resources on their websites. Please take the time to visit the following:

Search « Lake Panache » at [www.greatersudbury.ca](http://www.greatersudbury.ca). View the [Lake Panache Water Quality Report Card](#). Check out the [Shoreline Classification Project](#) and find out « What colour is your shoreline? » And view great maps of Lake Panache and the Panache watershed.

Go to [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca) and click on « Fish & Wildlife » then « Fish ON-Line » and search Lake Panache for great maps and satellite images of Lake Panache. Find information about Fish Species, Fish Stocking and quick links to the [Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations](#).

Go to [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca) and click on « Biodiversity » then « Invasive Species » to learn about the threat of aquatic invasive species, how they spread, and what you can do to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species such as [Eurasian Water Milfoil](#) and the [Spiny Water Flea](#) into our watershed.

If you are building or repairing a dock please visit Fisheries and Oceans Canada [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca) and search « Dock Primer Ontario » for a free [Cottager's Guide to Waterfront-Friendly Docks](#). It's full of great ideas and superb suggestions for keeping our waterfronts healthy.

With regards to the dreaded Cyanobacteria ([Blue-Green Algae](#)) it has become a major health problem in many lakes and watersheds surrounding Lake Panache. The following websites have loads of useful information and educational tools regarding this issue: [www.vermillionriverstewards.ca](http://www.vermillionriverstewards.ca), [www.onwatinlakestewardship.ca](http://www.onwatinlakestewardship.ca) and [www.frenchriverstewardship.ca](http://www.frenchriverstewardship.ca). Please join the efforts of our neighbouring lake stewardships.

**Let's USE ONLY PHOSPHATE-FREE SOAPS AND DETERGENTS.**  
**Let's maintain and have our SEPTIC SYSTEMS EMPTIED FREQUENTLY.**  
**Let's PRESERVE OUR NATURAL WATERFRONT'S VEGETATION.**

These native plants are the buffer between our wastes and our lake. Please visit the Sudbury & District Health Unit website [www.sdhu.com](http://www.sdhu.com) for more information.

Be « Septic Smart ». Visit [www.omafra.gov.on.ca](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca) and search « septic smart » for free videos and publications about septic systems.

Please take the time to visit the Lake Panache Campers Association website and look forward to some fantastic information and education. Soon you can also look forward to a great video link from the students at Lively District Secondary School who have made a mini-documentary on our lake water quality.

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief report. The Lake Panache Stewardship Committee is in its infancy. We are very excited to have the opportunity to start advocating for such a beautiful and pristine lake before any significant lake health issues arise. The Lake Panache Stewardship Committee will grow to include many cottagers, local businesses, surrounding communities and government agencies ALL combining their efforts into protecting our treasured lake.

**GET INVOLVED! OUR HEALTH AND THE HEALTH OF LAKE PANACHE DEPENDS ON OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS.**