



2013 NEWSLETTER

Lake Panache Campers Association Inc.
www.lakepanachecampers.com

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **2013 Spring Thaw Dinner Dance**

Saturday April 13, 2013 — 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.

- **2013 Picnic**

Saturday July 20, 2013 — Mountain Cove Lodge

1:00 — 4:00 P.M.

- **Hazardous Waste Pickup Day**

Saturday July 13, 2013 — Public Dock, Air Ambulance Road

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

See enclosed flyer on the items the City's Toxic Taxi will collect.

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

ANNUAL PICNIC BY RUTH PATRICK



The day started off overcast and rainy however Mother Nature cooperated at the last minute and provided us with a picnic perfect day. A warm morning rain did not deter our hardy Panache campers from arriving by the boatloads to enjoy the sunny afternoon on the grounds of Mountain Cove Lodge. A big thank you to Investors Group for the loan of their large tent. Not only did it shelter us from the rain during our morning preparations but it provided much needed shade from the afternoon sun.

Adult campers socialized with numerous friends, new and old. Many participated in regular and Texas horseshoe tournaments all the while working up an appetite for our famous Panache hot dogs. There were undoubtedly many sore muscles following the highly energetic beach volleyball games. Younger campers giggled and laughed while joining in the potato sack and three-legged races, water balloon toss and hula hoop contest. Face painting was another popular event not only by the little ones but also by some 'young at hearts'. The children were thrilled to have their names called out to win one of the many water toys available as prizes.

The event that everyone waits for did not disappoint and everyone got into the action. The raw egg toss left many campers with egg on their face. The North Shore versus South Shore tug-of-war contest was a back and forth affair with the South Shore coming out the winner again! North Shore campers had better start training now for this year's big event! Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 20th. Hope to see you there!

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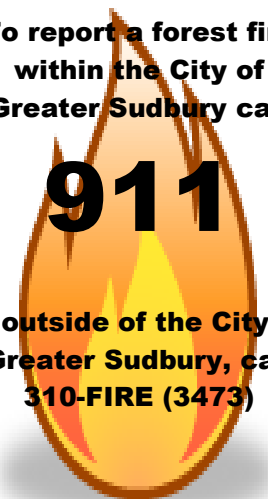
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within the City of
Greater Sudbury call**

911

**If outside of the City of
Greater Sudbury, call
310-FIRE (3473)**



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY STEPHEN MCMURRAY

Thank you to all of those loyal members who are paid up to current date, and beyond, as far as 2017! There are now approximately 80 renewed memberships that have taken advantage of the multi-year renewal option, allowing you to lock in your renewal rate for up to 5 years. Personally, I believe this is also an advantage in record keeping for all parties.

We currently have a total of 243 members on the mailing list, but some have not yet renewed with expiry dates in 2010, 2011 and 2012. We regret that we had to remove the 2010 tardy accounts, but we hope to get everyone back. If you are behind more than a year in your membership renewal, but you still get the newsletter, please send in your payment now so there is no interruption in your status. We will waive the tardy accounts and post the new payments to renewal period, but we need to have these received by April.

Please talk to your neighbours and encourage them to join LPCA. We need to have maximum participation to obtain the maximum benefit for Lake Panache, our membership and our participation in Watershed Alliance functions. A stronger voice means more visibility and more results. Crown achievements this past year include an improvement in signage with education messages and the supply and installation of seven additional fire pump kits around the lake, strategically located on private properties with open access to all campers on Lake Panache. These are all paid for by both donations and our own financial contributions, and they are managed by our dedicated group of volunteers. Please continue to support the membership.

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

FIRE REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

With the dry weather in early spring 2012, the Ministry of Natural Resource was quick to declare the Sudbury region a restricted fire zone. That said, the Lake Panache community had a heightened awareness of the dry conditions and we all took additional precautions to ensure our fire pumps worked and the rules of the restrictions were enforced.

There were 4 small fires reported around the lake in 2012. Please visit our website and click on the AGM presentation for the fire locations.

On a personal note, I would like to offer a big THANK YOU all the campers and boaters who pitched in to help stop and extinguish the fire at the Navy Islands on the May 24 weekend - your efforts will never be forgotten!

Your Campers Association, along with some anonymous donations, positioned seven fire pump kits around the lake in 2012. These kits contain a fire pump (runs on regular gas), 200' hose, a spray nozzle and suction line along with operating instructions. The locations of the kits are attached and are for all to use in the event of a fire. Please let any of the directors know if you have used the kits and return them the way you found them. Your Association has plans to add a few more fire kits around the lake in 2013.

Escaping for some summer fun requires the same amount of fire safety due diligence that you use at home. Before you can truly relax and enjoy the great outdoors, you need to know your family is Fire Smart. 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 neighbours!

Enjoy your treasured time on Lake Panache and please be Fire Conscious and Fire Smart!

FIRE PUMP LOCATIONS



Pump #	Pump Location	GPS Coordinates
1	Kaitila Camp on Big Pine Island - Sand Channel	N 46° 15'02.3" W 081° 20'13.3"
2	McMurray Camp on Treasure Island - South Side	N 46° 15'14.0" W 081° 21'38.3"
3	Bois Camp - East of Burnt Island Narrows - North Side	N 46° 12'55.9" W 081°12'09.2"
4	McDonald Camp - Stoney Bay	N 46° 15'56 " W 081° 27'33"
5	Duncanson Camp - 2029 North Shore Road	N 46° 14'45.0" W 081° 27'06.1"
6	Fredette Camp	N 46° 16'40.4" W 081° 20'17.4"
7	Penage Bay Marina	N 46° 16'20.6" W 081°20'57.6"
8	Bimm Camp - Island #7	N 46°13'22.3" W 081°19'50.2"

KEEP YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM WORKING WELL

Fortunately, regular septic maintenance and watching what you pour down your drains can prevent problems. Moderating your water use will help, too.

Watch what you put down the drain

Bacteria are critical in the septic system — they are what make it work. They thrive on wastewater but certain chemicals can kill them. Flushing even small amounts of prescription medications (e.g., antibiotics, chemotherapy drugs), paints, solvents, thinners, nail polish remover and other common household compounds can poison these helpful organisms. Laundry bleaches, toilet bowl cleaners and caustic drain openers can slow the treatment process, allowing sewage to pass through without proper treatment. And often, the chemicals themselves seep into the ground, sometimes contaminating wells or surface water.

Septic systems cannot digest oils, grease and fat. Besides plugging up your pipes, grease can combine with detergents and flow into the drainage field where it may clog the soils. Fats can form a blob in the top of the tank and interfere with the work of the bacteria. Oils, grease and fat can be composted, in moderation, under suitable conditions. These materials can usually go into the green bin or, if needed, out with the garbage. Adding these materials to your backyard composter may attract pests. You also shouldn't use your septic system to dispose of garbage. In-sink garbage disposals are unwelcome strains on the system. Disposable diapers, sanitary products and many other kinds of garbage can create problems for septic systems. If something doesn't break down naturally, don't flush it into your septic tank.

Visit the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for more information at www.ene.gov.on.ca.

LIGHT REPORT BY PAUL YOUNG

As many of you know, the Association installs and maintains flashing amber lamps to mark the location of shoals in high traffic areas throughout the lake. This has been done for many years; quite frankly as long as I can remember. We currently have 46 lamps installed in the summer months. These are typically in place by the Victoria Day long weekend and removed sometime after Thanksgiving. This process is carried out by a number of volunteers who graciously donate their time and resources installing and maintaining these lights.

The lights have all been converted to solar powered LED lamps. They are relatively maintenance free, cutting down on volunteer hours, and allowing some lamps to remain installed throughout the winter season. The lights are a compact, sealed unit with a 1 mile range. As they are difficult to see during the day, we are installing reflectors on the light stands. This is not a quick process and it requires calm waters and fair weather.

You can all do your part to help by slowing down and not creating a wake if you see a volunteer working at a light location.

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

We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer boating on Lake Panache.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

Greetings Lake Panache Campers!

It's that time of year again when the ice has covered our pristine water body and the snow has built up a nice base for the winter activities! Please be as careful on the ice as you are on the open water, safety first, safety always!

The 2013 camp season is well on its way and it's time to get you up to speed on the happenings around the lake. The 2012 camp season was one of the driest on record and the MNR had fire restrictions implemented early in the season (see the Fire Report for details). We enjoyed normal lake water levels until August when levels began to recede. The MNR reported the low levels were simply caused by a lack of rainfall and in turn a low ground water table. Let's hope for significant snow and spring rains to get the lake back to normal for the 2013 boating season.

Another very successful Annual Spring Thaw Dinner Dance in March drew a sell out crowd of 200 people for dinner, socializing and dancing. We were blessed with great support for the event and gave away some significant door prizes. A **Big Thank You** to all our sponsors and all LPCA Directors who put it together, awesome job! The 2013 Spring Thaw Dinner Dance is on Saturday April 13, 2013, at the Tom Davies Community Centre Hall. Call 705-677-5509 or any of the directors for tickets.

After a long site evaluation process, the City of Greater Sudbury Environmental Services Department secured property on Northshore Road from the MNR for the new location of the waste disposal bins. Although the new location may not be everyone's first choice, we will be happy to finally see the bins moved from their current location at the water's edge. Construction started in the fall with site clearing and preparation, followed by the installation of privacy fencing and gates. Then in December, an act of vandalism occurred damaging the new fencing in the amount of \$10,000! We encourage anyone with information on this incident to contact Crime Stoppers! This act has delayed the completion and relocation of the bins at time of writing. Please remember that the waste bins are for household curb side type waste only— no compost material or hazardous waste and please take your heavy waste to the landfill just like you would for your home.

Your Association increased signage around the Marina area in 2012 to remind boaters of issues with Invasive Species and their effects on water quality. Please do your part to keep our pristine water body healthy and clean. At the request of many concerned boaters and camp owners, an additional Speed Limit - No Wake warning sign was installed in full view of everyone leaving the marina. Although reports are that it has helped, there are still some who insist on racing out or into the marina bay, please slow down! We will be erecting an additional sign for the 2013 season and you won't miss it!

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday November 20, 2012, at Tom Davies Community Centre Hall in Lively. Attendance was respectable and those who attended received some great information from our guest presenter, Constable Rick Bilcik from the Greater Sudbury Police Service Marine Unit. Constable Bilcik went over many marine rules and regulations and answered some very direct questions from the crowd. I think all who attended had a positive take away from his presentation.

At each Annual General Meeting, elections are held for positions on the Board of Directors for a three year term. Our two veteran directors, Brian Young and Rick Sleaver, stood for re-election in 2012 and we are very happy to have them back for another term with Brian as Treasurer and Rick as Secretary. Regretfully, we accepted the resignation of director Ava Vildis in mid-December; we thank Ava for her service with the Association. The directors elected Mr. Tim Walker to fill the remainder of Ava's term at our Directors' Meeting in January 2013. Tim is already involved with the Lake Stewardship Committee and is working together with our Lake Stewardship Chair Paul Fredette. We welcome Tim's fresh new ideas and enthusiasm. Please feel free to contact any of the directors with any questions or concerns you may have.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Jack Hamill earlier this year. Jack served as President of the Lake Panache Campers Association for many years and was deeply committed to our Association and Lake Panache. His many, many contributions will be felt for years to come. His family can be confident in the knowledge that Jack's contributions to Lake Panache will never be forgotten and our thoughts are with them.

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 Air Ambulance/Heli Pad Road, the public boat launch, dock and signage. In 2012, your Association, along with some anonymous donations positioned seven fire pump kits around the lake (see the Fire Report), your association maintains marker lights around the lake and organizes our annual Family Day Picnic. We look forward to having you as a member!

For any hunting or fishing issues or issues on the water or around the public dock your first call is to the MNR at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)!

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 and generation that follow. 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

The Lake Panache Campers Association Stewardship Committee was formed in 2011 to play an active role in keeping our lake in pristine condition. Our opportunity to enjoy and **cherish** our beautiful lake is accompanied by our responsibility to preserve **its** cleanliness, **its** health and **its** beauty for our children and coming generations of Lake Panache campers.

The Stewardship Committee has a mandate to renew and consolidate our efforts as cottagers, advocates and stewards of our lake by:

- Providing information and education.
- Monitoring water quality.
- 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 provide a wealth of knowledge on the topic of sustainability. Please take the time to visit some of the following resources.

- **City of Greater Sudbury**

Search “Lake Panache” at 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.

- **Ministry of Natural Resources**

Go to 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 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.

- **Ministry of the Environment**

Go to www.ene.gov.on.ca and check the resources under Categories including Pesticides, Waste & Recycling (great info on septic tanks) and Water.

- **Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

If you are building or repairing a dock, visit Fisheries and Oceans Canada 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.

- **Sudbury and District Health Unit**

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 for more information.

LAKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- **Neighbouring Lake Stewardship Groups**

With regard to Cyanobacteria (**Blue-Green Algae**); it has become a major health problem in many lakes and watersheds surrounding Lake Panache. The following websites have lots of useful information and educational tools regarding this issue: <http://vermilionriverstewards.ca/>, www.onwatinlakestewardship.com and www.frenchriverstewardship.ca.

Please join the efforts of our neighbouring lake stewardships.

- **Lively District Secondary School**

The students at Lively District Secondary School, with a grant from Learning for a Sustainable Future, made a mini-documentary on our lake water quality. This video, along with others, is housed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ProjectPanache.

Please visit, 'like us' and comment on any other topics that you would like to see covered.

- **Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance**

The Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance is an independent grassroots, collaborative partnership of the lake, river and creek stewardship committees working together to promote and advocate for a healthy watershed. The Lake Panache Campers Association is a member of the Alliance.

Visit the Alliance at www.facebook.com/pages/Greater-Sudbury-Watershed-Alliance/172207352809918.

Personal Action: What Can I Do?

- **Let's USE ONLY PHOSPHATE-FREE SOAPS AND DETERGENTS**
- **Let's maintain and have our SEPTIC SYSTEMS EMPTIED FREQUENTLY**

Be "Septic Smart". Visit www.omafra.gov.on.ca and search "septic smart" for free videos and publications about septic systems.

Although 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 Committee will grow to include many campers, local businesses, surrounding communities and government agencies, all combining their efforts into protecting our treasured lake.

Last, but not least, please take the time to visit the Lake Panache Campers Association website (www.lakepanachecampers.com) and look forward to some fantastic information and education.

GET INVOLVED!

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



Toxic Taxi

Don't throw hazardous waste in the garbage, down the sink or in the sewer.

If you're unable to deliver your household hazardous waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot, please call the Toxic Taxi answering service at 705-560-9019 to make an appointment for free home collection service. Please leave your name and telephone number(s). Your call will be returned in 24 hours to schedule an appointment. Please note for safety reasons, the Toxic Taxi will not pick up waste if you are not home.

Examples of materials accepted:

Common examples of household hazardous waste include:

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| - medicines | - household batteries | - butane lighters and cylinders | - transmission fluid | - brake fluid |
| - car wax | - diesel | - kerosene | - car batteries | - gasoline |
| - motor oil | - antifreeze | - windshield washer | - glues | - cements |
| - paints | - thinners | - stains and preservatives | - turpentine | - paint strippers |
| - rust removers | - ammonia | - aerosols | - drain openers | - oven cleaners |
| - fire extinguishers | - pool chemicals | - propane tanks and cylinders | - fertilizers | - syringes |
| - fluorescent tubes | - thermometers | - weed and bug killers | | |

Materials not accepted:

No commercial, industrial, institutional, pathological, PCB, explosive, radioactive or unknown waste will be accepted.

Please note:

- All waste must be clearly labelled and in sealed containers.
- Reuseable containers will not be returned (i.e. plastic gas cans).
- Do not mix different products together.
- Syringes must be in a puncture-proof container.

For further information, please call City Services at 3-1-1 or visit our website at www.greatersudbury.ca/wastemanagement.

It starts with you! We'll take it from here.