

# 2014 NEWSLETTER

#### Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. www.lakepanachecampers.com

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• 2014 Spring Thaw Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 12, 2014 — 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.

• Hazardous Waste Pickup Day

Saturday, July 12, 2014 — Public Dock, Air Ambulance Road

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

See enclosed flyer on the items that may be collected.

• 2014 Picnic

Saturday, July 19, 2014 — Mountain Cove Lodge

I:00 — 4:00 P.M.

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

#### ANNUAL PICNIC BY RUTH PATRICK



Mother Nature smiled upon us again last year as it was a beautiful day for the annual Panache picnic on the grounds of Mountain Cove Lodge.

Adult campers had fun participating in both the regular and Texas horseshoe tournaments, while visiting with their numerous Panache friends and neighbours. The younger campers had a blast getting their faces painted, and participating in the numerous games arranged for their enjoyment. To top it off, all the children's names were entered in

a free draw for a chance to win one of many water toys available as prizes.

Everyone definitely brought their appetites as we sold out of our famous "gourmet" Panache hotdogs along with all the other food products we had for sale.

All of the campers, young and old, took part in the ever popular raw egg toss and North Shore versus South Shore tug-of-war contest. These two events are without a doubt the most popular of the day. A big thank you to Investors Group for again loaning us their large tent which provided much needed shelter from the sun.

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

Make sure to mark your calendars for the 2014 picnic. It will be held on Saturday, July  $19^{th}$  at 1:00 pm at the Mountain Cove Lodge. Hope to see everyone there!!

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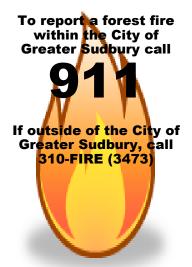
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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY STEPHEN MCMURRAY

2014 has arrived with a vengeance and is quickly disappearing so please get your membership renewals in before break up.

It is interesting to read all of the membership renewal comments (Yes we do pay attention to comments!). We always receive encouraging words of support and praise for the association, and occasionally, we receive requests for additional services. All requests are brought forward at our monthly board meetings where we look at our finances and planned expenditures.

Please get your membership paid up to the current year. Many members have taken advantage of the multi-year prepayment option to avoid a rate increase, with the benefit of not having to renew each year. At this current moment, we have processed 140 renewals, (some paid up to 2019) but there are an additional 100 late renewals.

Membership forms can be downloaded from our website (www.lakepanachecampers.com) or purchased at supporting sponsors Penage Bay Marina and Moxy's Bait. Please continue to support these sponsors and take advantage of the renewal options to keep paid up for the current year.

Your support ensures our continued ability to meet requests for lighting, fire pumps, annual events and special services and to continue to be a strong voice for Lake Panache.

See you on the lake, soon!

## FIRE REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

Thanks to Mother Nature and efforts of our fellow campers, 2013 was a quiet year for fires around Lake Panache. With only one fire reported in May in the Stony Bay area, it was quickly extinguished by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Please visit our website and click on the AGM presentation for the fire location.

Your Campers Association purchased two additional fire pump kits in 2013 bringing our total to10 fire kits:

- 9 of the kits are stationed around the lake (see map enclosed)
- The 10<sup>th</sup> kit will be placed in the Newton's Bay Area in spring of 2014

These kits contain a fire pump (runs on regular gas), 200' of hose, a spray nozzle and suction line along with operating instructions. The location of the kits is included in the newsletter 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.

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. This 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! Also ensure you have your camp GPS coordinates available should you have to call in a fire emergency!

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! If you are interested, the Association can provide the name of the supplier for its fire pump kits.

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

#### In the event of fire, please call the MNR immediately at 310-FIRE (3473) or the City of Sudbury at 911

## FIRE PUMP LOCATIONS



Number	Camp Location	<b>GPS</b> Coordinates
#I	Kaitila Camp - Big Pine Island - Sand Channel	N 46* 15'02.3" W 081* 20'13.3"
#2	McMurray Camp - 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 - 211 Ojibway Road	N 46* 16'40.4" W 081* 20'17.4"
#7	Vildis Home - Lot 55 Ojibway Road	N 46* 16'48.2" W 081* 17'48.4"
#8	To Be Located in Newton's Bay Area	
#9	Penage Bay Marina	N 46* 16'20.6" W 081*20'57.6"
#10	Bimm Camp - Island #7	N 46*13'22.3" W 081*19'50.2"

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## 2013 SPRING THAW DINNER DANCE SPONSORS

The Lake Panache Campers Associations Inc. thanks the following generous sponsors of the 2013 Spring Thaw Dinner Dance:

- Docks & Decks Unlimited
- Dynamic Insurance Brokers
- Expression (Terri Gainer)
- Finmark Contracting
- Jack & Maija Ceming
- Molson Coors
- Pinehill Lumber
- Rick Sleaver

## SPRING THAW DINNER DANCE THOUGHTS

Each year, the Association puts a lot of time and effort into planning and executing the Spring Thaw Dinner Dance and we're looking for your feedback on the following questions:

- I) Should the event continue in its current format and time of year (April)?
- 2) Is the Tom Davies Community Centre a good location for the event? Would you suggest a different location?
- 3) Is there something else we can do to enhance the event for members?

Please send your feedback to info@lakepanachecampers.com.

### LIGHT REPORT BY PAUL YOUNG

As many of you know, the Lake Panache Campers 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 and is completed by countless volunteers throughout the year.

We currently have approximately 40 lamps installed in over 30 locations during the summer months. These are typically in place by the Victoria Day long weekend and removed sometime after Thanksgiving.

Our lamps are a maintenance-free, sealed LED unit with a I mile range. The lamps are a compact clear unit which is difficult to see during the day. As a result, we are installing high visibility reflectors on the light stands and will continue to do so in 2014. This is not a quick process and it requires calm waters and fair weather. We hope to have this process completed this season.

We remind all boaters that our marker lamps are in place to denote shoals or other hazards; they are not approved by Transport Canada for navigational purposes.

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!**

The 2014 camp season is well on its way and it's time to get you up to speed on the happenings around the lake.

We have been blessed with a good old fashioned winter so far — lots of snow, cold and too much slush. Please be as careful on the ice as you are on the open water, safety first, safety always! As it looks now, we will certainly have a significant spring runoff ensuring a normal lake water level.

I was going through some Lake Panache archives and found a copy of the Penage News dated January 16, 1976. The post mark indicates it cost the Association \$0.08 to mail the newsletter; my has the price of postage changed in 38 years! But what I noticed hasn't changed is the commitment to water quality and preservation over the years. The newsletter states and I quote "I would like to ask all of our skidoers and ice fisherman to kindly assist us in keeping our lake a clean and beautiful location" and continues "You brought your equipment with you, so kindly bring your garbage home". After all these years, the LPCA's commitment continues to live on! Thank you all for your dedication to keeping our water body in pristine condition.

Another successful Annual Spring Thaw Dinner Dance in April 2013 drew a crowd of 150 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 2014 Spring Thaw Dinner Dance is on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Tom Davies Community Centre Hall. Call 705-677-5509 or any of the directors for tickets.

After a long site development process, the City of Greater Sudbury Environmental Services Department moved the waste disposal bins to their new location on Northshore Road and made it ready for use in April 2013. Please remember that the waste bins are for **household curb side type waste and recyclables only**. No compost material or hazardous waste and please take your heavy waste (construction material) to the landfill just like you would for your home.

This new waste disposal facility is an important asset for our lake—please take the time to properly dispose of your garbage and recyclables in the proper bins and not leave any items on the ground and or around the bins. Your support and cooperation helps the City to maintain the facility and avoid attracting bears and other wildlife.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at Tom Davies Community Centre in Lively. Although attendance was light, we enjoyed some great conversation and fantastic Lake Stewardship video presentation. If you want to know what the Association is doing, please come out the AGM. At each Annual General Meeting, elections are held for positions on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Three of our directors, Ruth Patrick, Paul Young and I stood for re-election in 2013, and we are very happy to be back for another term.

Paul and Nigelle Fredette and Tim Walker head up our Lake Stewardship Committee and they have done a fantastic job setting up an extensive water sampling and monitoring program. Tim's expertise in computers and recording produced some great Lake Stewardship videos that are available on our website—please take time to have a look! Feel free to contact any of the directors with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have that would enhance our water quality initiatives.

Every year, we look to bolster the 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 Air Ambulance Road, the public boat launch, dock and signage. Your association also 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 for generations 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 BY TIM WALKER

The Lake Panache Campers Association Stewardship Committee was formed in late 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 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
- Monitoring water quality
- Forming **partnerships** with all stakeholders

Our combined efforts 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.

The members of the Board of Directors and Stewardship Committee worked towards these goals this year in the following ways:

- 1. In partnership with the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance (GSWA), directors Ruth Patrick and Tim Walker created a presentation for the **Ask A Scientist** Event at the Science North INCO Cavern. We presented information about the Project Panache initiative and learned more about watershed issues from other community partners within the City of Greater Sudbury.
- 2. Members of the Stewardship Committee meet monthly as part of the directorate of the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance. The 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. Visit them at www.gswa.ca.
- 3. The Stewardship Committee was joined in their efforts this summer by COOP student Emilie Fredette who assisted with a number of events such as the household hazardous waste collection, a natural waterfront vegetation education program and lake water sampling.
- 4. In July 2013, the Directors organized a household hazardous waste (HHW) event at the public dock site in the marina bay. On July 7th, campers were encouraged to bring HHW where the LPCA collected them and disposed of them appropriately at the city depot. HHW includes products such as paint, batteries and other items that can not be disposed of in the garbage. This was the first time that we collected HHW on the lake and the event was a success having filled a truck with waste. The LPCA will continue to offer this service to campers each summer in the hope that HHW is disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- 5. This past summer, the Stewardship Committee wanted to increase the scope of the water monitoring that has been done historically on Lake Panache. We decided that extensive sampling of the entire lake for both metals and total phosphorus would set a baseline for all future sampling of the lake. We chose 12 sampling sites that covered the entire watershed. With advice from the City of Greater Sudbury, we conducted our sampling using standard protocols and equipment (secchi depth measurements and Van Dorn sampling device). The stewardship group collected samples that were tested at TestMark labs in Garson. On the whole, metal and phosphorus levels were found to be well within the guidelines set out by the province and consistent with the findings of the City of Greater Sudbury. The Stewardship Committee will continue to monitor these water quality indicators over the coming years. Phosphorus will be measured annually and metals testing will occur every five years according to City of Greater Sudbury recommendations. For more information about the summer water sampling, please visit our website at www.lakepanachecampers.com to view an informational video on the subject.

We are very excited to have the opportunity to be 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 campers, local businesses, surrounding communities and government agencies who are ALL combining their efforts to protect our treasured lake.

Last but not least - please take the time to visit the Lake Panache Campers Association website at 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.

## STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES



COOP Student Emile Fredette preparing to collect water samples.



COOP Student Emile Fredette looking at wildlife samples.



Household Hazardous Waste Clean-up Day, July 7, 2013



## **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:

- butane lighters and cylinders - medicines household batteries - diesel
- car wax motor oil
  - antifreeze
- paints
- thinners - rust removers
- ammonia - fire extinguishers
  - pool chemicals
- fluorescent tubes
  - thermometers
- propane tanks and cylinders
- transmission fluid
- glues
- turpentine
- brake fluid
- gasoline
- cements
- paint strippers

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.

- - - weed and bug killers
- car batteries

  - drain openers
- - oven cleaners
  - syringes

- kerosene - windshield washer
- stains and preservatives

- - fertilizers

- aerosols