



# BLACK STURGEON LAKE NEWS

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## Report from your New President

Thank you to those of you who voted to have me as your representative for the next while. Please feel free to contact me if you have concerns I may be able to pursue for you. I am hoping to mail this edition of the newsletter to all residents of Peterson Road regardless if they are members or not to encourage all residents to join the association. For a small sum you can stay up to date with goings on and contribute to the upkeep of our area.



**Dan Olscamp**  
President

Presently I am trying to obtain a listing of names and addresses of all the waterfront property owners on the part of Black Sturgeon within city limits. With this we can canvas the residents to see who is interested in a larger association that perhaps may have more influence with the municipality when concerns arise. There seems to me to still be an issue with some people ignoring the garbage requirements at the garbage . . . *(continued on page 3)*

## Executive for 2009-2010

A new executive was elected at the Annual General Meeting in July. There are six new faces for the next term. All the members of the executive, elected and appointed, are shown below.



**Dan Olscamp**  
President



**Jim Quinn**  
Vice President



**Brenda Schlag**  
Secretary



**Helene Marsh**  
Treasurer



**Susan Fogg**  
Seasonal Rep.



**Glen McCabe**  
Seasonal Rep.



**Steve Garrett**  
Ritchie Road Rep.



**Frank Hink**  
Past Pres. & Nwslet.



**Glen Foster**  
Horseshoe Tournament



**Kaaren Quinn**  
Membership



**Jim Gibson**  
Groundskeeper



**Bruce Wiseman**  
Waste Management



**Cathie Wiseman**  
Membership Chairman

# Membership Report

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. I hope you managed to enjoy your summer in spite of the rotten weather. It seems that September is the new summer. Today another glorious one. Once again all you good folks have given your support to the Association and the executive. As of September 14th we have 54 paid up members. We would also like to welcome 17 new members from Ritchie Road to our association. On a personal note I would like to thank each and every one of you for your

support over the years. It has made my job a pleasure. This will be my last report as I have retired from my position after almost 9 years and your new Membership person will be Kaaren Quinn who has graciously accepted the position. Her address is 30 Sunrise Trail and her Ph. # is 204 487 2929. I know she will also look forward to taking your money any time. Thanks for the memories. Have a happy, healthy, safe winter and see you in the spring.

## BLACK STURGEON LAKE PAID MEMBERS\*

\*Paid to May 31, 2010

L=Lakeview Trail, M=Meadow Trail, P=Peterson Road, SR=Sunrise Trail, SS=Sunset Trail

\*\*Paid to May 31, 2011

No.	Lot#	NORTH	No.	Lot#	SOUTH	BRUCKENBERGER ROAD
119L	1	*Garry and Patricia Bryan	971bP	36	***Conrad & Yvonne Desender	Glen McCabe & Sylvia Kuzyk
119L	1A	John & Tanice Rieu	971cP	37	***Grace Proven	
103L	2	Roberta Vincelette	853P	38	*Vic & Lucille Mollot	
	3	***Andy Loewen	809P	39	Scott & Sharon Johnston	
63L	4	***Ken and Linda Bergman	787P	40	**Eleanor Gordon	OTHERS
14SS	5	*Jim & Pat Gibson	767P	41	*Ron & Linda Oleski	Robert and Stacey Neniska
16SS	6	***Glen & Dianne Foster	753P	42	Richard & Muriel Fast	23M Darcy & Jennifer Ura
40SS	7	Becky McIntosh	741P	43	*Tino Brambilla	Joyce Melenchenko
48SS	8	***Yvonne Huot & Brian Tascona		44	Paul Gilbert	385P *Rose Derouard
72SS	9	*Bruce & Cathie Wiseman	709aP	45	**Garry & Brenda Schlag	*Mike & Michelle McClymont
84SS	10	Paul & Bonnie Cadieux				**David Riediger
75SS	11	**Ted and Marnie Melnyk	No.	Lot#	SOUTH	Don Riediger
49SS	12	*Ian & Louise Sutherland	709bP	1	*Barry Kaston	
41SS	13	Dianne Bertrand	709cP	2	*Charles & Sara Axelrod	BLACK STURGEON SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
37SS	14	**Larry & Dorothy Krocker	709dP	3	***Dan & Mary Ellen Olscamp	985RR *Bryan & Elaine Dowd
23L	15	*Jack McKenzie	22SR	4	**Robert & Shauna McCarthy	981RR *Colin & Monica Foster
7L	16	***Jim & Lynda Michaluk	30SR	5	*Jim & Kaaren Quinn	6LD *Linda Reynolds
814P	17	*Susan Fogg	34SR	6	Tim Stefanishyn & Robin McEachern	48LD *Glenn & Dianne Woods
838P	18	***Krista & Larry Halayko	50SR	7	*Derek Meech	106LD *Pat & Judy Morin
864P	19	**Don & Marvis Lenaghan	60SR	8	*Angus & Margaret Reid	132LD *Roy & Doreen Houston
874P	20	*Jim Dalton	70SR	9	**Frank & Michelle Hink	174LD *Jack & Barb Ross
886P	21	Kirk Kirby	78SR	10	Bruce & Val Daly	167LD *Gord & Lynn Tompkin
894P	22	***Helen Anderson	659P	11	***Lois Daly	123LD *Bill & Joan DeGroot
904P	23	***Prof. W. & Irmgard Lehn	619P	12	**Sheila Stobie	139LD *Ray & Lois Forzley
912P	24	**David & Helen Marsh	573aP	13	***Doug & Marie Louise Mazur	111LD *Syd & Leona Enns
920P	25	***Lawrence & Alice Maksymetz	573bP	14	***Paul & Michelle Venn	95LD *Ross & Sandy McKnight
928P	26	***Bob Shaw	559P	15	***Russ & Donna Albak	79LD *Steve & Cathy Garrett
938P	27	*John & Marilyn Dudek	529P	16	***Grant & Vona Edgar	71LD *Barry & Carole Kreitz
946P	28	*Peter and Trudy Provis	26aM	17	**Morris and Marcia Karp	176WR *Bev Alcock
956P	29	*Bruce & Joyce Godfrey	26bM	18	**Don & Jean Bunney	986A/RR*Helen Hodel
964P	30	***Ed & Janice Sorba		19	Bruce Summerby	171LD *Ed & Dorothy Bohonos
974aP	31	***Terry & Vicki Hawkins		20	Darren & Kathy Lowes	RR=Ritchie Rd., LD=Lawton Dr., WR=Wynd Rd.
974bP	32	***Ray Singer & Barb Findlay	56M	21	Brad & Patricia Lowes	
982P	33	Kenneth Dudjinski	80M	22	Gary Delaronde & Diane Hopko	
991P	34	***Hardy & Helga Bock				
971aP	35	***Peter Mingo				



Helene Marsh

# Helene's Friends

Since 1989 Helene Marsh has kept a record of all the various birds and animals that visited Lot 24 (912 Peterson Road) Sunday, September 6th was no exception with evening grosbeaks, blue jays, Canada jays, yellow finches, three types of woodpeckers, boreal chickadees, purple finches, rose breasted grosbeaks, pine grosbeaks, pine siskin and juncos.

Early in the morning we had a pine martin enjoying the scraps for the jays and in the afternoon a well nourished fox walked down our stairs and inspected the cottage for about an hour. What a wonderful privilege to own a cottage and enjoy God's creations!



## President's Report – (continued from page 1)

shack. If you do not have a key please get one and use the shack and put your recyclables in the proper bin and take your glass to the transfer station. Thanks for this. Speeding on the road still occurs. Let's hope this doesn't result in an accident. Watch for kids and the school bus. Hunting season is here and it is important to remember we live in a populated area. It is nice to see some new gravel on the road and let's hope it gets plowed regularly in the winter. We all know our taxes are high and this is a difficult issue to tackle. The municipality likes to blame the province, residents often blame unorganized areas, market value assessments throw a wrench in the works and appeals can backfire. What was it said about death and taxes? I will continue to try to monitor development on our lake with the city and to keep you folks informed. Have a good winter.

Dan Olscamp, President

### Glass Cleaner

Mix 1 part vinegar, 1 part alcohol, and 1 part water.

Mix in a spray bottle and use to clean windows or any other glass, chrome and stainless steel surfaces and tile.



# Jones Road Landfill Site

September 21/2009 – Deputation to Kenora City Council by Black Sturgeon Property Owners Association represented by Dan Olscamp, President.

Re: Council Vote regarding Jones Road Landfill Site

My name is Dan Olscamp. I am here today both as a concerned permanent resident of Black Sturgeon Lake and as the president of the Black Sturgeon Lake Property Owners Association representing a number of residents from Peterson Rd., James Rd., Ritchie Rd., Worona Rd. and Bruckenberger Rd. It is my understanding that Council is planning to vote today on a recommendation to accept the Jones Road Landfill Site as the principal landfill for the City of Kenora. It appears to me that this vote will be a rubber stamp on the recommendations of the Operations Committee.

I have spoken to the head of Operations for the city who has informed me that the Solid Waste Operations have their own budget which will see considerable savings with the use of Jones Road Landfill versus the substantially increased cost of shipping it to Winnipeg. I was told there are copies of the initial consultants' reports available entitled the Kenora Waste Management Master Plan. There is also, I am told, monitoring of the landfill site occurring and these reports I have been led to believe are available to the public.

I came here today fearing for the health of the Black Sturgeon Lake watershed. Jones Road Landfill abuts Silver Lake which is upstream of Black Sturgeon. I was going to ask for a delay of your vote to accommodate a public meeting to discuss this contentious issue. Everyone I talked to in relevant city departments gave me the impression I would be wasting my time doing this. If this is the case and you have already made up your minds and are unanimous in your decision then so be it. If however you have any doubts about the wisdom of this decision please let your vote reflect that.

Personally I am sceptical of the science and I know I am not alone in this view among the residents of Black Sturgeon. Putting a landfill site anywhere on the Canadian Shield is risky and putting it right next to a pristine lake which is at the headwaters of a watershed does not make sense to me. Every community seems to run into the "not in my backyard" syndrome. I am guilty of it today. I hope that down the road you do not regret the consequences of your actions today. I also hope that at least you will give our concerns credence.

If you do implement the use of this Landfill site I respectfully request that my association be given copies of your monitoring reports as they regularly become available.

Thank you for the opportunity to make my presentation.     -Dan Olscamp



**Pat Gibson**

# Community Yard Sale

Our Community Yard Sale this year was a little quieter than usual. We held it, as usual, on the long weekend in September but may consider moving it to another weekend as the Longbow Lake garage sale is on the same weekend.

It was still a nice outing and a good chance to get to see and chat with our neighbours. Thanks to all who participated and again thanks to the Marshes and Michelle Hink who looked after the

donation table.

We will skip next year and look forward to another sale in 2011.

# Waste Management Report



**Bruce Wiseman**

We would like to thank Jim and Kaaren Quinn for the great job of cleanup they did at the garbage and recycling bins. They trimmed all the grass around the bins and picked up all the garbage that was strewn about. Thanks again.

It appears we have extra road side garbage, perhaps some of it left by construction workers in the area this past summer. There has been garbage left outside of the garbage bin or placed improperly in the recycle containers. A reminder to any cottage owners who are having work done on their places or who are renting out to please make sure to explain to workers and renters about the function of the blue recycle containers [no glass or garbage] and where they may find a key to the garbage bin in order to dispose of their "tagged" garbage bags. Have a warm winter and we will see you in the spring.



**Two newly born fawns spotted on May 19 at Hink's cottage on sunrise Trail. They were learning to walk as they kept falling.**



**Russ and Donna Albak celebrating 25th Anniversary** [5]



# 2009 Horseshoe Tournament

Thanks to all the people who participated, helped set up, and to the ladies who made dainties, and also those who donated prizes.



**Glen Foster**

**Dianne Foster**

Also, I would like to thank Joyce Godfrey and her daughter Camy and son-in-law Justin for the great job they did with the children's events. The Godfreys have requested that we bring in someone to replace them and also bring in some new ideas. Susan Fogg said her sister-in-law would like to get involved, so we look forward to that.

Maybe it's time for me to step aside and let somebody else take over and bring in some new ideas. I have been running this tournament for a long time now – ever since we started it in the summer of 2000. Anybody that would like to take over can do so.

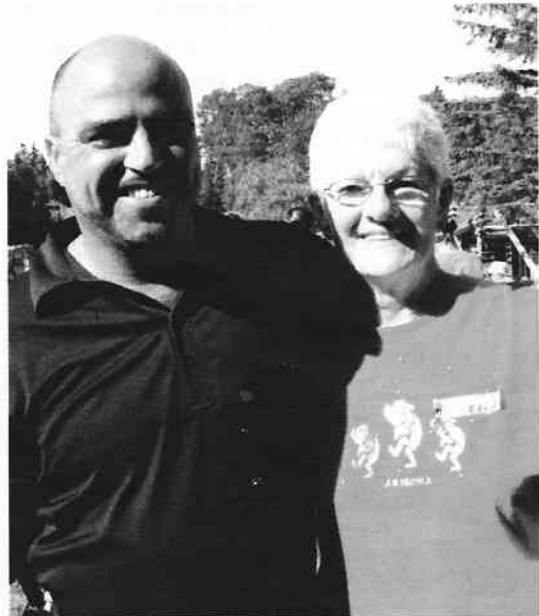
The top prize and trophies were won by Bonnie Cadieux and her partner Warren Wood. They defeated Iris Herman and Lawrence Maksymetz. B group was won by Michelle Hink and Andy Loewen. They defeated Jade McConomy and Tyler Mckennitt.

The weather was great and hopefully everyone had a great time. Again, thanks to everyone and hopefully next year we will have new ideas.

Have a great winter and we will see you all again next year.



**"A" Group Winners – Glen Foster presenting trophies to Warren Wood and Bonnie Cadieux.**



**"B" Group Winners  
Andy Loewen and Michelle Hink.**



# Thatcher Road Boat Launch Update

**Steve Garrett**

After a number of failed attempts to convince MNR to repair Thatcher Road and the boat launch, our Association reached a verbal agreement with Kevin Keith from MNR last year. The Association would be responsible for the immediate repairs and accessibility of the road and MNR would look after the boat launch ramp repair.

I met with Frank Hink of Black Sturgeon (Estates) Property Owners' Association and with agreement from both Associations we each contributed \$1,100 toward road repairs. In late Fall 2008, a new culvert was installed and additional material hauled in to improve the roadbed. On inspection last fall, we were satisfied that we received value for our dollar. While this was a great start, we recognized that yearly maintenance would be required and members of our Association were open to participating in this endeavour.

In mid-May this year, Frank Hink, Ray Forzley, Kevin Keith (MNR) and I met at the boat launch. The carcasses and hides that littered the area were pointed out to Mr. Keith who indicated that he had summer help starting soon and would ensure the area was cleared. We wanted to share with Mr. Keith the work that was completed and review with him the pending repairs to the boat launch. At this time Mr. Keith advised that there was no money to fulfill their obligation. MNR had the necessary material and ramp extensions, but he suggested that we would have to take responsibility to have the work done and suggested a specific company that we could contract. At our request, he agreed to obtain an estimate. We were surprised and shocked that he was renegeing on his commitment on behalf of MNR, especially after our respective Associations followed through in good faith with our own substantial monetary commitments.

At our Annual Black Sturgeon South Property Owners' Association (BSSPOA) Meeting this summer, I reported on MNR's failure to live up to their agreement and our Association voted not to dedicate additional time or money until MNR met their commitment. Our Association is reluctant to obtain the permits and pay for the work to which MNR committed.

I was on the Thatcher road the first week in September and the carcasses appeared to be removed. However, Frank advised that some members of his Association are reporting otherwise, so I will be re-confirming this in the next week or so with a visit. I still await Mr. Keith's return call regarding the estimate. Consequently, I plan to communicate in writing to MNR detailing the lack of cooperation and follow-through in hopes of obtaining fair and satisfactory action.

Steve Garrett, President  
Black Sturgeon South Property Owners' Association



# Obituary



**PATRICIA (TRISH) RIEDIGER** (nee EDWARDS) died peacefully on Sunday, July 5, 2009 after a four year battle with breast cancer. Left to mourn are her husband Dave, children Michael, Kim, and Nicole, mother Elaine, sisters Sharon (Scott), Heather (Eric), and Susan (Tom), loving parents-in-law John and Anna, brother-in-law Don (Riggz), and many other relatives and friends.



## Treasurer's Report

Bank balance July 2, 2009		\$2,999.61
<b>Income</b>		
Memberships	\$300.00	
Horseshoe Tournament	128.00	
Yard Sale	198.00	
Donation - Lois Daly	20.00	
Petty Cash	25.27	
Total	<u>\$671.27</u>	\$ 3,670.88
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grass cutting	<u>\$180.00</u>	
	\$180.00	
<b>Bank Balance, September 12, 2009</b>		<b>\$3,490.88</b>

# Liquid Dish Detergent

Grate a bar of pure soap (Ivory, Sunlight) into a sauce pan. Cover with water and simmer over low heat until they melt together. When cooled pour into a container and use as you would any dishwashing soap.

This mixture will not produce the suds you are used to but it will clean your dishes without dumping phosphates into our waters. For tough stains and cutting grease add some vinegar or lemon juice to the dish water.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

*Classified ads are free to all paid up members of Black Sturgeon Lake Property Owners Association*

FOR SALE - 10" Dewalt radial arm saw, good shape \$200. Phone 548-1395.

FOR SALE - 5 HP older model rototiller, good running condition. \$175. Phone 548-4164.

FREE - 1/2" thick cement boards, 2 - 57"x36" 1 - 46"x36". Phone 548-5194 or 548-4164.

8 MM Camcorder set with 7 blank 2 hr. tapes. Phone 548-4164.

FOR SALE - Champion 18' fibreglas bass boat (fish and ski) 150 hp Mercury, 5 blade stainless steel prop, new trolling motor, electric winch, automatic shut-off charger, fish locator, live fishing wells, anchor, rear fishing butt seat, boat and motor cover included. Plus full size trailer. Low hours, stored inside each winter. For more information and to view call David Marsh 548-1476 or 204-222-8188.

