

# The Laker

## Morrison Lake News

ISSUE 20

SUMMER

2015

So far the cottage season in July has been interesting with some very warm days, some cold days and lots of rain thrown into the mix! Below is the latest edition of the ML Newsletter. Again we are asking for your feedback and input into this newsletter. Should you be willing to provide input into the newsletter, please contact Paul Kelly at: [kellysp@sympatico.ca](mailto:kellysp@sympatico.ca) or at (705) 687-5605.

## Get In Touch

Provide your email address and get regular updates on Morrison Lake at: [www.morrisonlake.ca](http://www.morrisonlake.ca)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Morrison Lake Regatta: August 1 & 2, 2015**

*Thank you Jenny Fairbrass for coordinating the Regatta again this year.  
(See attached schedule of events)*

#### **Morrison Lake Residents Meeting:**

Sunday September 6, 2015 – 1pm - North Morrison Lake Road Landing.

## LAKE WATCH

*Past President: Gord Kobe.....[gordkobe@hotmail.com](mailto:gordkobe@hotmail.com)*

*President: James Doyle.....[jamesdoyle@rogers.blackberry.net](mailto:jamesdoyle@rogers.blackberry.net)*

*Vice President: Karen Fairbrass.....[marathonmom@sympatico.ca](mailto:marathonmom@sympatico.ca)*

*Treasurer: Katie Lemoine... [katie.e.lemoine@gmail.com](mailto:katie.e.lemoine@gmail.com)*

*Secretary: Chelsea Doyle....[cdoyle@rgenta.com](mailto:cdoyle@rgenta.com)*

*Membership Secretary: KatharineForth...[Kat\\_f@hotmail.com](mailto:Kat_f@hotmail.com)*

Membership Fees \$25: Please send to...MLRA 1164 South Morrison Lake Rd. Ontario, POE 1G0.



## **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WANTED For Regatta 2015**

Donations to the Silent Auction at the Regatta are once again greatly appreciated.

Please contact:  
Geraldine Debes at:  
geraldinedebes@sympatico.ca

## **Morrison Lake T-Shirt Sales**

Once again this year t-shirts, tank tops, and hoodie sweatshirts will be on sale at the Regatta on Saturday only.

This year there will be no pre-order. There will be a limited number of items so get there early while quantities last.

\*T-shirts and tanks \$20

\*Hoodie \$30

All proceeds go to Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association.  
Please see John & Alison Kelly at the Regatta.

## **ASSOCIATION DUES 2015**

All residents/cottagers of Morrison Lake are requested to join the Morrison Lake Rate Payers' Association. Your \$25 dues can be paid at the Regatta or by mail to:

*MLRA 1164 South Morrison Lake Rd. Ontario, POE 1G0.*

Cheques should be made payable to: *Morrison Lake Rate Payers' Association*  
Your dues contribute toward the website, the newsletter, insurance and this regatta!!!

## **Treasurer's Report**

Hello ML!  
The current bank balance is \$13,280.69. We are happy to accept dues for 2015! They can be submitted by mail or given to a member of the Association. See you all at Regatta!  
Katie LeMoine

## MLRA EXECUTIVE UPDATE

After 2 years as our President, Gord Kobe has resigned and is now acting as Past President.

Thank you to all the volunteer commitment by our MLRA executive.

### Executive:

Past President: Gord Kobe

President: James Doyle

Vice President: Karen Fairbrass (for re-election)

Secretary: Chelsea Doyle

Treasurer: Katie Lemoine

Membership Secretary: Katherine Forth (for re-election)

Directors: Social Director: Sandy Lemoine,

Director of Environmental Concerns: Brady Debes

Director of Roads & Traffic: Ralf Bushke

Director of Water Quality: Bob Bruce

Regatta Director: Jenny Fairbrass

Director of Fire Safety: Brad Fairbrass (for re-election)

Three positions are up for re-election at our Fall AGM.

These are:

**Vice President** (to support the President and act in their absence)

**Director of Fire Safety** (to maintain fire equipment on the lake)

**Membership Secretary** (to update MLRA members mailing/email address')

Consider getting involved in your lake. It is a good way to get meet some great people, make a difference and contribute to the Morrison Lake Community.

We are encouraging everyone, young and old, to get involved and to put forth their name for nomination.

Please send nominations to:

Karen Fairbrass – [marathonmom@sympatico.ca](mailto:marathonmom@sympatico.ca)

# Morrison Lake Regatta 2015

## *Saturday, August 1*

### **7:30—9:00 am - Waterski Competition**

Titus Dock (Behind the water ski jump)  
(Fairbrass)

### **10:00 am - Morrison Lake Marathon (3km)**

Balfour Woods Rd, start by driveway to Common Area/long dock  
(Pegg)

### **11:30 – Paddle Race**

Mass Paddle Race (anything welcome including paddle boats, SUP boards, canoes, kayaks, row boats, etc.) straight across the lake to end at the regatta

Start at Carcone's Beach (island cottage in the middle of the lake beside Sims Island), Finish at Burns' cottage (1075 North Morrison Lake Rd) (Carcone)

### **12:30 - Morrison Lake Social**

Bring a picnic lunch or a few dollars to get lunch from the BBQ

### **12:45 – Volleyball Tournament**

1051 North Morrison Lake Road

See bulletin board for details or summer newsletter

### **1:00—4:00**

#### **Silent Auction**

**50/50 Raffle** (drawn at Swim Sprints)

#### **Fish Pond**

#### **Accepting Membership Fees**

*\*BBQ food sale running throughout the afternoon\**

### **1:30-2:00 - Junior Olympics (4+)**

(Sims/Fisher)

### **2:00-2:30 – Balloon Toss**

(Alex/Jaden)

### **2:30-3:00 – Scavenger Hunt**

(Megan)

### **3:00—3:30 - Hula Hoop Contest**

(Chelsea)

### **3:30-4:00 - Limbo Contest**

(Volunteer needed!)

## ***Sunday, August 2***

**10:00 am - Across the Lake Swim**  
Start location at Sims Island, end at Doyle's Beach  
(Mausner)

**11:00 am - Swim Sprints**  
Doyle's Beach  
(Mausner)

**12:45 - Volleyball Finals**

**7:30 pm – Ski Show - At Ski Jump**

Treat the property as you would your own.

Please avoid boating during the waterski show (Sat 7:30-8:30 pm)

and the swim (Sunday 10-11 am).

***Unless otherwise stated all events are held at 1075 North Morrison Lake Rd.***

Contact Persons: Jenny 613-929-4418

**Please—NO GLASS - NO PETS**

**REMINDER:**

**Support Your Association**

**Please make payment at the Regatta or mail to:**

**Morrison Lake Ratepayers' Association  
General Delivery, Kilworthy, ON POE 1G0**

**Lake Association Dues: \$25/year/cottage**

**Membership Benefits Include:**

**Ratepayers Insurance  
Regatta—paid members and guests  
Representation of Morrison Lake Community concerns  
Website: [www.morrisonlake.ca](http://www.morrisonlake.ca)  
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**A BIG THANK YOU...**

**To the Burns and Mausner Families  
To all the volunteers, hosts, and participants  
To those who donated prizes**





**MORRISON LAKE  
REGATTA 2015  
VOLLEYBALL**

# LET THE GAMES BEGIN

If you're interested in playing in the MLVA (*Morrison Lake Volleyball Association*) tournament, please text Nick at 416.526.0722 and register your team\*. Teams are to meet at 1051 North Morrison Lake Road at 12:45 pm on Saturday, August 1st. The championships will be held on Sunday, August 2nd starting at 12:45 pm.

## ***Saturday, August 1st***

**12:45 pm VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT\***  
Tsioros' Beach (Cottage #1051)  
& Engelhardt's Beach (Cottage #1067)

## ***Saturday, August 2nd***

**12:45 pm VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Tsioros' Beach (Cottage #1051)  
& Engelhardt's Beach (Cottage #1067)

\*Please identify the team name and the contact person for the team.

Barbecue and drinks will be on sale during the volleyball tourney, so please bring your money for food and help support your lake association.

***Please join us – open to all Morrison Lake cottagers and friends.***

# Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association

**MEETING:** Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association

**DATE:** May 17, 2015, 1 PM

**PLACE:** North Morrison Lake Road Landing

**RECORDER:** Chelsea Doyle

**NOTE: The next General Meeting  
will be Sunday, September 6, 2015  
at 1:00pm - The landing**

**James Doyle** began with Welcome and Introductions, Gord Kobe will be stepping down as President, James will step in.

**Chelsea Doyle** asked for Declaration of any items to be added to the agenda

**James Doyle** asked for Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Grant Viebrock

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill

**Katie LeMoine** discussed the Treasurer's Report and urged lakers to hand in their dues.

- There is \$12,584.00 in the MLRA account.
- Biggest expense is insurance
- Katie and James will figure out the signing authority situation

**Chelsea Doyle** discussed the Secretary's Report and urged lakers to properly secure their docks before the winter comes, there were several that floated into the middle of the lake last season and it becomes dangerous for snowmobilers.

**Regatta 2015** was discussed, Jenny Fairbrass will be organizing the schedule and is looking for volunteers, **John Kelly** is willing to sell shirts again if people are interested.

**Gord Kobe** discussed the Water Report provided by Bob Bruce. Phosphorus levels are up, people need to be considerate of the lake.

**James Doyle** covered old business: No dumping garbage at landing, will reach out to Brad Fairbrass about fire pump for Foley's cottage, no new happenings with the Lantern Marina.

**Geraldine Debes** discussed Muskoka Lake Association \$100 fee which includes/involves water testing. Will look into AGM Agenda.

**MLSC** would like to look into building a new sign for the Forks.

**Paul Kelly** is looking into a permit for a concrete slab.

End of Meeting

# BUY/SELL/RENT/ADVERTIZE

## For Sale:

### Swim Raft

8' X 10' with ladder for sale.

Asking \$125.00

Call: weekends 705 687 6088

weekdays 416 543 0708



**Refrigerator: LG \$95 ...**



**Oak Entertainment Unit: \$40 or best offer...**



**Kitchen Table, Chairs & cushions: \$75...**



Please call 705-687-5605 for more information on these items.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Morrison Lake once had a school located on the north shore. See the historical details below. We are looking for pictures. Anyone?

## VII

### Wood Township

Wood was named in honour of the Hon. E. B. Wood who was in parliament for south Brant. The township remained united with Medora from 1873 until the new District Municipality was formed in 1971.

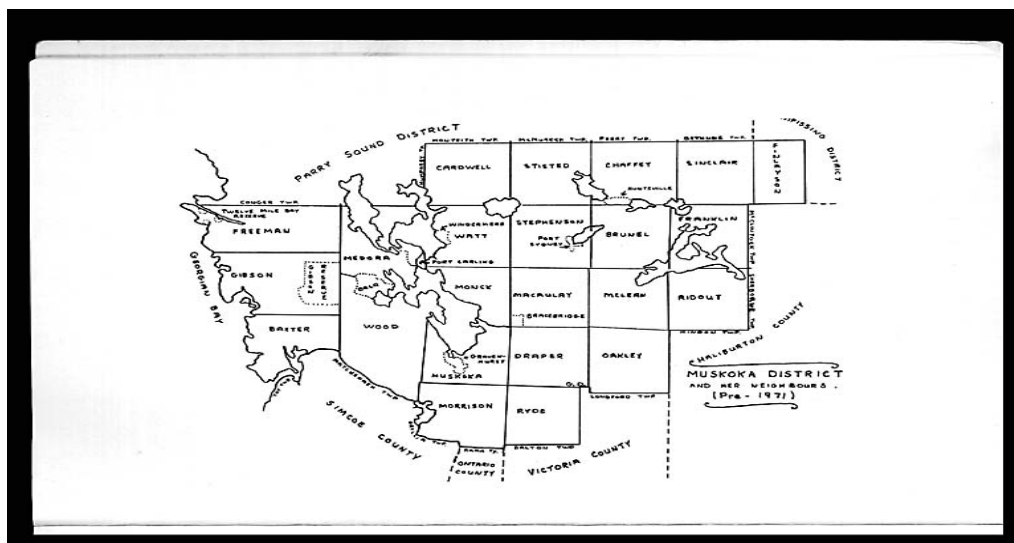
Five school sections were organized in Wood Township.

#### *S. S. No. 4, Morrison Lake*

The fourth Wood Township school section was organized in the southeastern portion of the township around Morrison Lake. A frame building was used in this section when the school was closed in the mid 1930's, however, it has since been moved from the school site.

This area is southeast of Southwood close by the Morrison boundary line.

Morrison Lake teachers since 1911: David Henry, 1911; Mary Walker, 1912; Mary Lee, 1913; Mina Bell, 1914; Cecelia McCabe, 1915; Beulah Bell, 1916-17; Teresa McQuire, 1918; Evelyn Green, 1919; Hattie Styles, 1920; Rhoda Norrie, 1921-23; Mabel Kellar, 1924; Brock Armstrong, 1925-26; D. McRoberts, 1927; Loretta Caisse, 1928-29; Jessie Utter, 1930; Miza Jenner, 1931; Clara Tobin, 1932.



# LET'S TAKE CARE OF MORRISON LAKE!

## DO:

- Buy phosphate-free soaps, shampoos, cleansers and detergents (especially dishwasher detergent)
- Maintain a natural shoreline with trees and bushes that absorb nutrients before they reach the water
- Buy biodegradable products
- Make sure all wastewater goes through your septic system
- Use environmentally safe cleansers or natural alternatives.
- Call your Municipality and ask about the disposal of paint, paint thinners, oils, wood preservatives, and poisons
- Check all gas and oil storage tanks regularly for leaks and always use a funnel near water.
- Keep it natural - avoid using pesticides and herbicides

## DON'T:

- Bathe or shampoo in the lake
- Use fertilizers anywhere near the water
- Alter the natural shoreline by adding sand or other fill
- Bury household hazardous materials or pour them down the drain.