

The Laker

Morrison Lake News

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WELCOME BACK!

Once again we present the Morrison Lake Newsletter for 2016. Your contributions to these newsletters are very important. Once again we would offer you the opportunity to write an article about your experiences on Morrison Lake, maybe a funny story or a family history on the lake, maybe you have a question or maybe you have something you wish to buy or sell.

Should you be willing to provide input into the newsletter, please contact Paul Kelly at: kellysp@sympatico.ca or at (705) 687-5605.

Provide your email address and get regular updates on Morrison Lake at:
ourlake@morrisonlake.ca

*Morrison Lake Rate Payers
Association Executive
2015-2016*

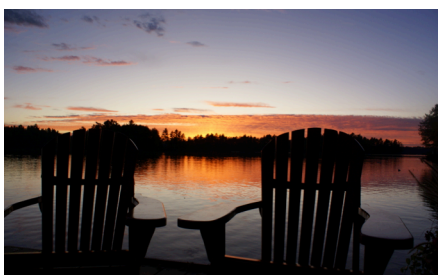
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LAKE WATCH

Morrison Lake Website: www.morrisonlake.ca

Membership Fees \$25: Please send to...MLRA c/o Paul Kelly, 1051 Evanswood Dr. Kilworthy, Ont. P0E 1G0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Morrison Lake Residents Meeting:

Sunday May 22, 2016 – 1pm - North Morrison Lake Road Landing.

Regatta 2016: July 30 & 31

Jenny Fairbrass will be co-coordinating the schedule, however please advise her of your willingness to assist and run various events.

jenny_fairbrass@hotmail.ca.

2016 Golf Tournament & Dinner:

Saturday August 13th, 2016 (Pending availability of coordinators)

ASSOCIATION DUES

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

MLRA c/o Paul Kelly, 1051 Evanswood Dr. Kilworthy, 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!!!



REGATTA 2016

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Regatta is an event that brings the lake together.

It requires lots of volunteers in order for it to happen.

We're mostly in need of people to host events on the Saturday afternoon, so generally activities for the kids. We already have a lot of equipment but need people just to organize and host these activities (such as hula hoop, limbo, water balloon toss, dry land skiing, scavenger hunt, fish pond, etc.). And we are kind of desperate for volunteers so any help would be greatly appreciated!

If you are able to help in anyway, or are looking for more information please send me an email at jenny_fairbrass@hotmail.ca.

Jenny Fairbrass

Let's try again...Canada Day 2016 idea...

Do you have a pontoon boat or just want to join the party with your boat?

How about joining in a flotilla on Canada Day for afternoon appies? If you are interested in joining this floating party please contact John Gordon at: Ri7010.gov1213@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report:

"Hello Morrison Lake!!

The current bank balance is \$14,792.75. We are happy to accept dues for 2016!

They can be submitted by mail or given to a member of the Association.

Katie LeMoine
Treasurer "

**SILENT AUCTION
ITEMS WANTED
For Regatta 2016**

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

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

**MORRISON LAKE GOLF
&
DINNER DAY**

We are in need of volunteers to organize the golf day this year.

- **Previously held at Lake St. George Golf Club**
- **Possible date: August 13, 2016**
- **Nine holes and dinner**

If you are interested in organizing please contact Paul Kelly at kellysp@sympatico.ca.

CPR LIST

Hi Everyone,

Last year we included a list of people who are qualified and willing to assist with CPR should the need arise. (see attached) Please print and place the list in a prominent area in your cottage. Take particular note of those who are closest to your cottage. If you would like your name added or deleted please email alisonk@sympatico.ca or call (705) 684-8521.

Alison Kelly

Morrison Lake Association Directors

- * Social Director: Sandy Lemoine
- * Environmental Director: Brady Debes
- * Regatta Director: Jenny Fairbrass
- * Directors of Fire Safety: Mike Kelly and Connor Bolton
- * Directors of Roads: Karen Fairbrass

BUY/SELL/RENT/ADVERTIZE

Cottage For Rent!

- \$1900 weekly.
- Also available for Part Ownership.
- 3 bedrooms, 2 washrooms, 5 appliances, satellite TV, internet access, 100 ft of sandy shoreline, large flat lot, huge wrap around deck, dock, west facing-breathtaking sunsets. (Bunkie not included in rental)
- The cottage is currently rented from July 16th - Aug 6th but is otherwise available from May 15th to Oct 10th.
- deborahdgallo@gmail.com
- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5W9hn7OHVTRcnFwTGhtZDhXbTg>

LOOKING FOR A COTTAGE TO PURCHASE:

With good friends on Morrison Lake, we are looking to buy a simple cottage on your lake this summer or sooner. If you have been thinking about selling your cottage and want to avoid real estate fees, let's talk! We will both be happy and sporting big smiles. You can reach us at ninafmfdarrell@gmail.com or call me (Nina) at [416-948-1878](tel:416-948-1878).

DO YOU KNOW:

We are trying to find the DRY LAND SKIIS used for many years at the Regatta. Anyone know where they are? Please contact Paul Kelly.

SOPHERS LANDING MARINA:

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705-687-8910

WWW.SOPHERSLANDINGMARINAMUSKOKA.COM



LANDSCAPING & ODD JOBS:

Hello, my name is Lucas Kobe and I do general yard maintenance. I cut grass and use my own equipment including a riding lawn mower, push mower, trimmer, and leaf blower. I have a truck and trailer, and can also do dump runs or other related jobs. Contact me by email at LucasKobe@hotmail.com

COTTAGE FOR SALE: \$799,000



The property is at 1027 Longpoint and listed by David Samborski of Chestnut Park.

Property details:

4 season cottage located in Balfour Woods Estates on Morrison Lake. The level sun drenched property offer`s 344 feet of shoreline, this cottage property has 4 large bedrooms, a full bathroom with sauna, the master has an ensuite bath with skylight. The great room with cathedral ceilings and timber framing, blends the kitchen, living, dining, and Muskoka rooms together. A floor to ceiling stone fireplace compliments the Muskoka feel. There is a large well situated Muskoka room overlooking the lake with just the right exposure to enjoy the sunsets without the bugs. Stone walkways lead to a sand beach. The cottage has a full basement ready for the new owner to develop. Ownership in a tennis court, private dock are included. This is a property that has all that you need for year round enjoyment.

The brochure link:

<http://client.imprev.net/71/28071/384294/>

The listing link is here:

<http://www.chestnutpark.com/properties/listing/480390024>

Memories of REGATTA 1978

AUG 10 1978



KEVIN LOSHAW OF GRAVENHURST was a happy angler Saturday at Morrison Lake when he hauled in a 3 lb. 6 oz. bass to win the junior

fish derby contest at the annual regatta. The fish is 18½ inches long and he used a frog. It's the biggest fish Kevin ever caught. His friend Troy Middlebrooks helped him haul it in.

Superb regatta at Morrison Lake

By HOWARD FLEMMING

Everything that goes to make a regatta a memorable event was present over the Civic Holiday weekend as the Morrison Lake Cottagers Association held their annual Morrison Lake Regatta.

The weather was perfect, all regatta events were on schedule and beautifully performed and the lake people were friendly and opened their hearts to the visitors who lined the shoreline to see the show.

Things kicked off Friday evening with a fireworks display and several cottage parties. On Saturday the preliminary water-ski trials were run off and at 1 o'clock the judging for the fleet of decorated boats and canoes was held at the waterfront at The Store where most events were centred.

The first prize for decorated canoe went to Edith and Fred Gray with "Maggie the Morrison Muskie". First prize for decorated boats went to the King family for "The Frog", 2nd place went to the LeMoine family for "Lollypop", 3rd place was captured by the Reynolds family for their entry "Chicken of the Sea" and the 4th place award went to the Griffith family for "Just Married".

Following the judging which was done by Chris Manewell, Bert Lundy and Howard Flemming over three dozen boats passed from one end of the lake to the other in the giant Boat Parade led by the fireboat spewing a jet stream of water and clanging its fire bell. It took over an hour to make the tour with

the shoreline at most cottages crowded with spectators cheering the boaters on.

In the afternoon the swim contest for all age groups took place at Evan's Beach with the Junior Olympic events taking place at The Store as well as the horseshoe pitching contest. In the evening the teenage disco dance was held at the Lodge.

Sunday was the big day for the regatta and drew a huge crowd at The Store. The cross-the-lake swim was held as were the canoe races for all age groups and sexes and the three-legged race and egg tossing contest was also part of the program. The big event which drew rave notices and applause was the spectacular Water-Ski Show that included a five-girl team passing in review carrying flags, a bare-foot ski show, a three man pyramid, some zany water skiing clowns and a superb water ski kite flying exhibition, all performed by local cottagers.

The Baking contest was judged by Nonie Lundy, Aggie Purpura and Celia Reynolds. The best pie award went to Lynn Bennett, the best cake award went to Edith Gray and the most creative entry prize went to Sherry Bennett and Shirley Meyer. The best entry for the under 15 years of age group was captured by Michelle LeMoine.

The co-chairmen of the regatta were Jo-Anne Reynolds and Bob Leeder and they received full cooperation from all the cottagers including the Morrison Mudders, the horseshoe pitching team and their

ladies. Dave Manewell the unofficial mayor of the holiday resort acted as emcee for all events. He is also the current association president.

Wheels are already in motion to make the 1979 edition of the Morrison Lake Regatta even bigger and better. This was announced at the awards presentation Sunday afternoon. The weekend came to a close Sunday evening with an adult dinner-dance in the Lodge.

In Memorium

Morrison Lakers Passing On In 2015-2016

Susan Clark

1948-2016



Sue began spending her summers on Morrison Lake in 1955. Her parents, Joe and Marg Kelly, built their original cottage in 1957 on Evanswood Drive where Sue spent most of her summer days.

After a couple of years away from Mo Lake, Sue and her husband Terry purchased their new home away from home on Evanswood Drive.

Sue fought a ten-year battle with cancer that ended on February 25, 2016. She will be remembered for her nursing skills, love of life and being there to assist others whenever possible.

She will be missed by all of her children: Leanne & Dan Pascoe, Melanie & Brian Hartman, David & Sheri Batchelor, Kellie & Jeff Barker; brother Paul Kelly & wife Sue and their family; along with her many long time friends on Morrison Lake.

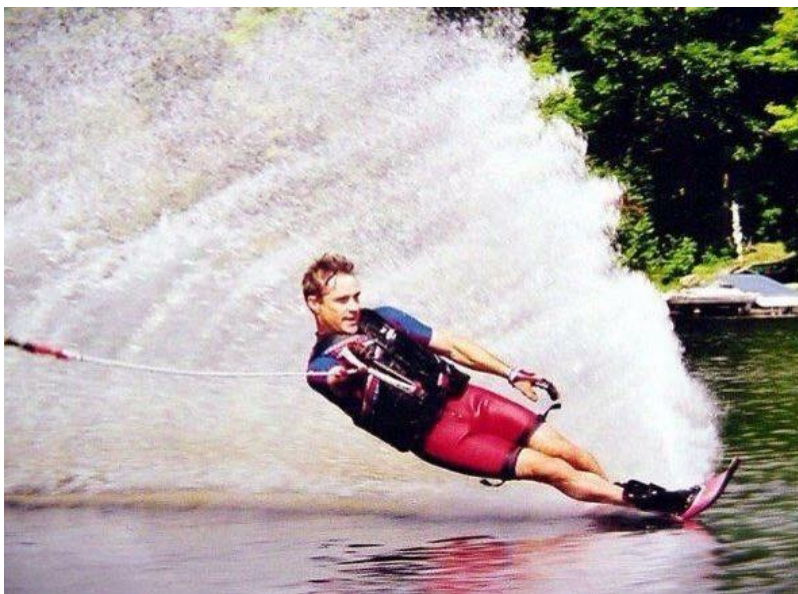
Gord Kobe

1962-2015

Gord Kobe passed away on September 26, 2015 overlooking the lake that he loved so much, surrounded by his wife, Angie, and children, Megan and Lucas. Gord first came to Morrison Lake at the age of 17 when Brad Fairbrass, a fellow Orr Lake resident, invited him to go to a party at the Buschke cottage. That was the first of many visits to the lake for parties, regattas, and his favourite sport – water skiing. In 2004 Gord and Angie bought a cottage on the lake, and became permanent residents in 2008.

Gord was actively involved in the lake and community in a number of ways. He was a past president and vice president of the lake association. Gord was always there when anyone needed help on the lake – putting in and taking out docks, repairing boats and almost anything around the cottage, cutting up fallen trees after storms, lifting docks off of boats, etc. He could be found every year during the regatta helping out at the ski competition, the bike ride, and the ski show. Gord was also involved in several renovations to people's homes and cottages around the lake. He was a member of the executive of the Snow Crest Riders Snowmobile Club, as well as the Gravenhurst Environmental Committee.

We will miss your sense of humour, your endless supply of stories and your adventurous spirit.





DID YOU KNOW?

(Submitted by a group of concerned cottagers)

That some Morrison Lake Cottagers:

- are afraid to swim/let kids play in the water in front of their cottages
- watch with concern as skiers nudge a buoy that is marking a two foot wide rock sitting less than two feet under the water
- have to change their water filters every two weeks
- have to tell renters and visitors to use the lake with caution

WHY? Because cottagers facing the shallows on the North Shore often experience hours of continuous fast boat activity with skiers & boarders taking multiple runs over long periods of time.

While it is ideal to have great calm water for skiing, boarding and barefooting and while the showmanship is often enjoyed by those on the shore, it would be greatly appreciated if the boaters had a little more consideration to:

- their proximity to the shore & the wake the boats put up
- the frequency of their trips up and down the shoreline
- the distance their boats are from all the buoys

Provincial Legislation requires boaters to observe the rule limiting the speed limit to 10kph within 30 metres of shore. The North Shore owners do not want to restrict skiers, boarders, wake boats however... some greater consideration must be taken.

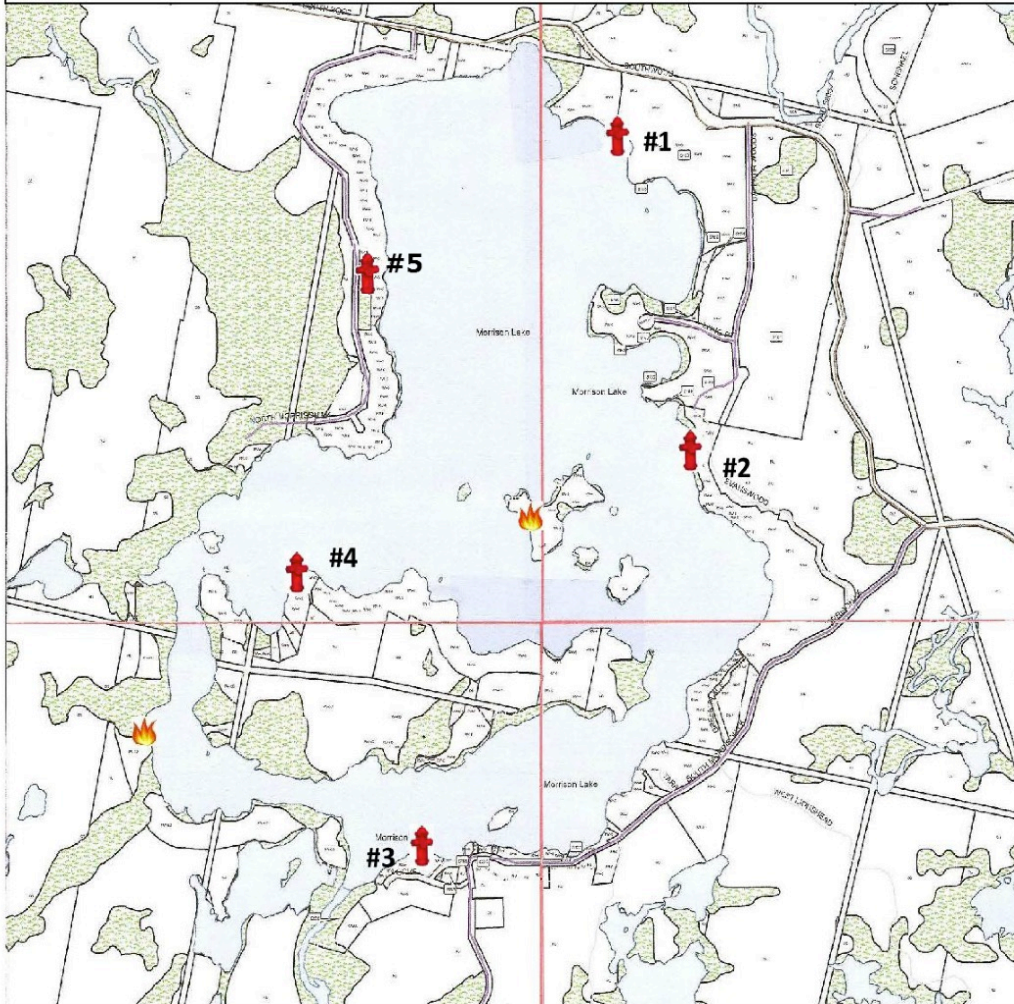
The Lake of Bays Association has implemented a “Boat Right, Be Polite” campaign. The campaign has the following features

- *Keep at least 300 metres off shore and in open water! The 30 metres from shore limit is not enough to dissipate your wake.*
- *Don't swing your riders in front of other people's docks.*
- *Avoid multiple runs in the same area.*

And a reminder that the speed limit is 10 kph within 30 metres of shore. You can take off from shore at speed only if you drive straight out from the shore.

FIRE PUMP LOCATIONS

- Pump # 1 BUSCHKE DOCK**
- Pump # 2 BOORMAN'S – EVANSWOOD ROAD**
- Pump # 3 SOUTH MORRISON LAKE ROAD at COVE ROAD (First Cottage on Right on Cove Road)**
- Pump # 4 PROCTOR'S POINT – MILE ISLAND**
- Pump # 5 Blair Foley's Dock (1133 North Morrison Lake Rd)**

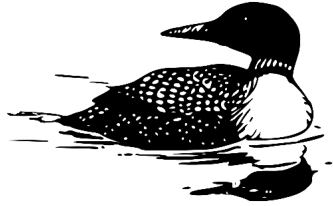


All Morrison Lake cottagers are encouraged to pay their dues to allow the maintenance and upkeep of such things as the fire pumps

Morrison Lake CPR Qualified Residences

Name	Number	Address	PR or Seasonal
Baxter, Scott	705-790-5053	Mile Island, North Morrison Landing Side	Seasonal
Bolton, Connor	905-599-3405 (cell)	Southwood Rd.	Seasonal
Buschke, Cathy	705-6870695	2839 Southwood Rd.	PR
Bryce , Margaret	705-687-5654	Alcatraz	Seasonal
Carcone, Marion	705-687-8630	Betula Island	Seasonal
Debes, Glen & Geraldine	705-684-9395	1008-4 Balfour Woods Road	PR
Kellner, Mel	705-684-8285 416-565-5871		Seasonal
Kelly, Sue & Paul	705-687-5605	Evans Wood Road.	PR
Kelly, Alison	705-684-8521	2839-2 Southwood Rd.	Seasonal
Pajunen, Joan/Ken	705-687-8011 705-445-6487 (cell – long distance)	North Morrison Lake Rd.	PR
Titus, Stephen	289-259-5552	2901 Southwood Rd.	PR (almost)
Tsioros , Nick	416-526-0722		Seasonal

PR = Permanent Resident



MORRISON LAKE RATEPAYERS'
ASSOCIATION (MLRA)

Dues: \$25/year - Payable to Morrison Lake Ratepayers'
Association

Mail to: Morrison Lake Ratepayers' Association
C/O Paul Kelly, 1051 Evanswood Dr., Kilworthy, Ontario
POE 1G0

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Lake: _____

Home: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Cell: _____

Cottage: _____



Water levels and flows across much of central Ontario remained elevated this week, due to past precipitation and snow melt, and are currently stable or receding at most gauging stations, according to recent statements issued by the Surface Water Monitoring Centre. **For updates, see: <http://ontario.ca/flooding> (or click image at right)**

Sections of Ontario cottage country, including Muskoka, Bancroft, the Gull River and other areas, have experienced **high water** in recent weeks, and the Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) has created a new Task Force to investigate recent water and ice damage to docks and boathouses in that region. **FOCA met with the Task Force** representatives from MLA on April 19th in Bracebridge, to discuss next steps. [Read the MLA media release](#). (PDF, 1 page)

Next week (May 1st-7th) will be **Emergency Preparedness Week** in Canada. As part of our role on the [Partners for Action "P4A" Stakeholder Group](#), FOCA is committed to making our communities stronger in the face of climate change. FOCA knows we will see more extreme weather events in the years ahead, and encourages all property owners to remain updated on the issues, risks and responses. Get an overview, here: <https://foca.on.ca/climate-change-and-waterfront-ontario/>

For more FOCA Information please visit the website below:
<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1103081187936&ca=00e57867-c06d-4055-819f-0cc0e1bb79c4>

MPAC PROPERTY ASSESSMENT 2016

(Please note the Town of Gravenhurst will be hosting a public meeting with MPAC in late July or early August. More info to come...Paul)

On July 11th, 2016 MPAC will be mailing Property Assessment Notices to residential property owners in your Municipality.

MPAC's Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team is committed to supporting municipalities throughout the 2016 Assessment Update and beyond.

As many homeowners are likely to turn to you for information about their property assessments, we have prepared a 2016 Assessment Update communications toolkit to help you.(attached)

In addition to general information about MPAC and property assessment, the toolkit includes:

- ***Residential notice mailing dates & local MPAC contacts***
- ***How to find out more about property assessment through AboutMyProperty.ca***
- ***How to file a Request for Reconsideration***
- ***Information about the Assessment Review Board, as well as***
- ***Web tools, including***
 - ***Twitter and Facebook messages and responses***
 - ***A widget providing a direct link to AboutMyProperty.ca and***
 - ***Other helpful links***

The Generic "Buckslip" (mail out insert) is also attached and may be something to consider sending out with your tax bills should you choose. MPAC can customize for municipalities, so please let me know if you are interested. We will update the design to incorporate your municipal logo and add the mailing dates and which icons you would like included. Municipalities' would have to print their own but can consider this insert option which was created to fit inside tax bills so is envelope size. (to fit all the content in, the font size is 7.5 on one side and 8.5 on the other)

These tools are to help municipalities and municipal staff respond to property owners. We also have new brochures for your front counter. Please use the brochures as handouts, if needed. These should be made available to the public at the time of the Property Assessment Notice mail-out.

If you have not yet received MPAC's 2016 brochures I will be delivering them over the next couple weeks. I will also be providing this information catered to your specific Municipality on a USB key for ease of downloading onto your computers. If you need assistance or have any other questions, please call me at 705-774-4470.

If you have not already made arrangements with me but would like to schedule a delegation for council and/or committee update closer to the July 11th mail out window – please let me know and I will book it in my calendar.

Please share this with staff that you feel would benefit from this information.

Thank you,

Anne Haines, M.I.M.A.
Account Manager | Muskoka & Parry Sound Districts | Municipal Property
Assessment Corporation

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SUGAR SHACK GUYS – Rich & Steve
Over 25 years of making MO LAKE Maple Syrup!!!**



THANKS GUYS