

# Whiteshell Echo



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## President's Report



By Tom Walker, WCA President

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship has plotted a PLANNED MONEY RAISING SCHEME which is based on greed, supported by half truths and aimed at forcing many Manitoba cottagers to pay exorbitant fee increases or abandon a sacred life style.

On March 8, 2013 the Minister held a surprise news conference to announce his plan to Build the Parks Province; to solicit the approval of people from outside Provincial Parks. It amounted to a smear campaign against free loaders living in \$500,000 cottages, who weren't paying their share of Parks operations. Subsequent news and e-mail releases from his department and hysterical rants by writers in the print media (they know who they are) have insisted that cottagers in Parks are rich whiners who are unwilling to pay their share of Parks operating costs. I have talked to several of the non-cottagers and they have been drawn in by the PLAN and think that MCWS

should make cottagers in Parks pay up. Most cottagers live on fixed incomes. You have some clever spin doctors Mr. Minister.

On several occasions there was mention that the cottagers' share of the annual cost of Parks operation was \$4 million dollars. The dollar figure that cottagers were paying, according to the minister, was \$1.7 million. Government documents in our possession from 2006-07 show that Manitoba cottagers paid \$4,081,198.93 in lease and service fees in that year. Since cottagers have continued to pay the same invoiced fees every year since 2006-07 we must assume that cottagers have paid more than four million dollars each year. The \$1.7 million is service fees. The remainder, \$2.3 million, is lease fees which goes into general revenue. The Minister doesn't want to acknowledge that cottagers have paid more than \$4 million dollars per year. Neat trick.

We the cottagers in Manitoba Provincial Parks have never said that we would refuse to pay justified fee increases. We do, however, need to see the shares paid by each stakeholder group in the Parks. For the last year the cottagers

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of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association Inc. have endeavoured to pry information from the financial managers of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship. There is a requirement in Sections 18 and 20 of the Parks Act for presentation of information to stakeholders in Manitoba Parks. The response has been

feeble partial offerings that were unacceptable. The latest response is the contention that MCWS isn't required to produce proposed annual budgets for review by stakeholders.

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**SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN THE WHITESHELL**

*By Brock Houndle  
Acting Senior Park Interpreter*

Are you aged 16-24 and looking to spend the summer working outdoors, meeting new people and learning new skills? Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is looking for energetic, self-motivated youth to apply for the Green Team program. There are two possible types of Green Team positions – Labourer and Interpreter.

The Green Team Interpreter positions include duties such as greeting visitors and providing park information, maintaining visitor centres and assisting the Park Interpreters with school/group programs and park programs. These positions would be located at: Whiteshell Natural History Museum (Nutimik Lake), Alfred Hole Goose Sanctuary (Rennie) and the Whiteshell Fish Hatchery (West Hawk Lake).

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*Green Team  
positions available*

positions would be located at: Falcon Lake, West Hawk Lake, Rennie and Nutimik Lake.

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In March of 2013, an average fee increase of two hundred dollars per year per cottage was bandied about in Building the Parks Province. By October 2013, the time when invoices for next year's payments would normally be sent to cottagers, a finalized fee system was presented. The method for developing huge fee increases was to increase RAW LAND VALUES on all properties, notably on lake front lots (e.g. from \$18,000 to \$130,000). Based on the 4% of raw land value factor, increases of \$500 or more could be realized for each of the next ten years. The justification for the increases were comparisons to taxes on properties in adjacent municipalities and in Riding Mountain National Park. A cottage on the water front in the Lac Du Bonnet and Riding Mountain areas, with full services, was mentioned as comparable to cottages in the Whiteshell. Whoever made the selections for comparison didn't pick lots with comparable raw land value, from those locations. Clever choices.

None of the huge fee increases, more than \$5,000 at the end of ten years for most Whiteshell lake front cottages, were presented to the unsym-

pathetic readers. That might create a guilt attack among socially responsible non-cottagers. It is easier to cloud the fee issue by repeatedly mentioning the \$500,000 cottages in the Whiteshell Park while ignoring the fact that park lease fees are charged against RAW LAND VALUE

In order to complete the PLAN, two events have occurred in the past month. The first is the elimination of the "rent look up" web site that allowed cottagers to see the planned increase in their lease and service fees. Cottage Associations were able to use the look up figures to calculate the total fee grab in provincial parks; estimated at two million dollars province wide per year. That fee increase, if allowed to proceed, will be \$2 million this year, \$4 million next year, \$6 million the year after, until it will be \$20 million per year at year ten. Only the service fees are dedicated to Park operations. The bulk of the fees collected will be lease fees and will go to general revenue. In his Feb. 27, 2014 newspaper article the Minister said that his actions were not a money grab.

The second event is the rewriting of the Park Regulations and

the Cottagers Handbook. Both have been hastily rewritten (sanitized) to absolve the minister of any requirement to consult with stakeholders on financial plans for Provincial Parks. We

wonder if the minister will confide with non-cottagers that he sees nothing wrong with taxation without representation.

At the end of the year the Whiteshell Cottagers Association Inc. has

no alternative but to litigate against MCWS for failure to come forward and engage in honest and open disclosure of financial management in Provincial Parks.

The following memo was sent out by email to our membership alerting them to the rally that was held at the Manitoba Legislature March 27. The rally was planned with the other Cottager Associations in the Province to coincide with a scheduled debate in the Legislature on the fairness of the Province's plan to increase rental and service fees for Cottagers in the Provincial Parks.



**Provincial Strategy for Fees and Rents:  
Legislature to Debate  
Parks Residents to Rally Outside the Leg  
Thurs. March 27, 2014 11:00 AM  
All cottagers come and make your opinion count!**

The Provincial Government's New Parks Strategy threatens to make cottaging in Manitoba's Provincial Parks unaffordable to all but the financial elite.

This ill founded strategy will finally be held up to public scrutiny in the Manitoba Legislature. The opposition parties have discovered that the NDP has laid an egg with their new strategy to raise rents and service fees in the Parks.

On Thursday March 27 the issue of Parks District fees and rents will be debated in the legislature. The debate is scheduled for 11:00AM. At the same time, cottage owners and their families or friends from throughout the province are urged to converge on the steps of the Legislative Building on Broadway to make their opinions known about the Government's new rent and fee scheme. Stay tuned for updates by email and social media. For Twitter users, follow us @Wshellcottagers.

## LAKE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: RED ROCK LAKE

*By Rick Emslie*

The lake directors at Red Rock Lake have been addressing concerns regarding a public boat launch. The present launch (located on a rock structure at

the west end of lake) is unsafe (slippery when wet), and difficult when launching certain types of water craft.

We have brought these concerns to the WCA board (Sept/2013), who then presented to Parks and Water Stewardship. Their response was

"since there was no public beach, there is no need for a proper boat launch in the immediate future". This was unacceptable to the WCA board and lake directors.

We are continuing to pursue Parks, Manitoba Conversation and Water Stewardship, to make

some minor repairs to the original (1952 to 1988) Red Rock lake boat launch. Located at the east end of the lake, beside the now unused, Government of Manitoba land that was leased to University of Manitoba and known as "The Bug Camp." This is near

the block entrance opposite Jessica Lake RC church. Upgrading this boat launch will not be much of an expense, to remove some large boulders and put a fresh layer of gravel at lake's edge.

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*By Marianne and Rod Nuttall*

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equipped with an automatic kill switch, USE IT! Always fasten the lanyard to your life jacket or some article of clothing such as a belt loop. If you do fall out of your boat, the lanyard, which is attached to the electrical system, disables the

motor, keeping the boat from circling back to hit you.

Avoid letting go of the steering wheel or tiller until the boat stops moving. If you notice that there is extra pressure on the steering wheel or handle, have your boat serviced immediately. On some smaller outboards, re-

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- Never put your boat in reverse to pick someone up out of the water; circle around again
- Make sure you know if people are around the boat and approach carefully:
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know where people are. Make sure you look yourself or clearly confirm that people are well away from propeller.

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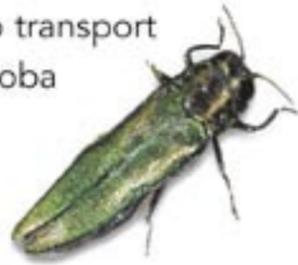
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## LETTERS

## Fee Increase Too Much for Those on Fixed Incomes

To:  
**Conservation and Water Stewardship Parks and Natural Areas Branch**  
 Box 50 – 200 Saulteau Crescent  
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*Re: Provincial Parks Proposed Fees Increase for Services letter dated April 18, 2013*

My family jointly owns a cottage at Brereton Lake that has been in the family for over 40 years. All the owners are now retired and on fixed incomes. We can not afford a \$2,000 increase even if it is phased in over ten years.

*'We cannot afford a \$2,000 increase even if it is phased in over ten years.'*

It would be terrible to have to sell our family cottage if we could no longer afford it.

We are all working class people who normally vote for the NDP, we are not RICH Conservatives.

Your letter talks about increasing fees to pay for services. What services???

\* We pay for our own hydro and telephone.

\* We pump our own water from the lake and pay to maintain our water system.

\* We pay to have our waste water pumped out.

\* We pay to maintain and upgrade our cabin and lot as required.

\* We pay for cottage insurance and have no fire protection. When

we had a cottage fire on our block a few years ago we cottagers had to try to put it out and contain it. When Parks finally arrived they just let the cottage burn and only were concerned with stopping it from spreading to the bush and other cottages. That was a real eye opener of the services provided.

\* We maintain our lot by cutting dead trees and brush for fire protection and natural beauty.

\* We usually bring our drinking water from Winnipeg as the pump house rarely has hoses to fill small containers and frequently has a strong chlorine bleach smell that we worry about using, especially for our grandchildren.

\* We haul our own garbage and recycling to the collection bins (for everyone's use). Our old garbage collection service directly from our lot garbage cans was discontinued years ago.

\* We trim the tops of our own trees to protect the hydro and telephone lines, because when Hydro gets around to trimming, they almost clear cut.

\* We cut our own firewood for our fireplace for Spring and Fall use.

\* We haul brush and other items directly to the Transfer station at Jessica Lake (for everyone's use)

\* Whenever we hike along the 307 highway we always take bags to pick up litter and recycling that the daily users probably throw out on their drive by.

\* Our block road is full of potholes, is rarely graded, and gets "boggy" soft in many places when it rains.

\* Some of our neighbours pay to have the road plowed in the winter so they can have

access.

\* We had visitors from up north this summer on the July long weekend and they could not even hike on the Amisk or Trans Canada trail as the weeds and grass were too tall (not counting the fallen trees across the trails). The trail was not mowed till mid July and this was only after two telephone calls, starting in June, before our visitors arrived. Then parks staff used Quads (service vehicles) to pull the mowers, when they finally showed up to mow. I asked why we could not bring a quad to pack down the weeds and grass so you could use the trail when it was so poorly maintained and was told Quads are not allowed, just service vehicles. What a double standard.

\* These same Northern visitors went to the Bannock Point Petroglyphs on Canada Day and wanted more information about the site. There was no guide or interpreter. They went to the Nutimik museum and it was closed. They were not pleased or impressed with the "services provided"

I say again what services?

This year the parks entry fee increased by 25 per cent. This is for every vehicle that our family or friends brings to our cottage. We should not have to pay an extra fee to access and use our cabin over and above the lease fees.

*'Our free parks pass was another service we lost.'*

Our free yearly parks pass was another service that we have lost.

We also do not believe we should pay as much as people who live year round in the park.

We hope that any increase, if considered, will be based on a cost of living increase each year, especially when we have so few services.

Your letter mentions open houses for further review and in person feedback, but we have not seen any more information? Can you please provide this information.

**Bill Ormonde**  
**Brereton Lake**

**Cc: Hon. Andrew Swan,**  
**MLA for Minto**

## Section of Highway 44 a Danger

Highway 44 Pen- niac Bay on West Hawk Lake is the most dangerous section of the highway. The highway meanders from the prairies to the Canadian Shield area in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Because of the encroaching rock to meet West Hawk Lake, the highway is very narrow and offers little to no shoulder area for foot traffic alongside the highway traffic. I compare it to running a gauntlet whether you are simply out for a stroll, walking the dog, biking or riding horseback.

It is a very dangerous section of Highway 44 and because of the restricted passage and as usage increases it is simply a matter of time that there will be serious injury if not death.

The Trans Canada Trail wants a sector of the trail to pass over or through this sector of the highway. This location offers a significant and refreshing view of West Hawk Lake after traveling through miles of forested rock

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# CAMP NUTIMIK

*By Peter Bergs  
Camp Director*

Camp Nutimik is pleased to announce the addition of Shawn Quinton to our camp leadership team as their year-round, full-time Program Director. Shawn spent most of his growing-up years in Thunder Bay, Ont., but most recently lived in Campbell River, B.C. He trained as a Forest Recreation Technician in college, and later completed an M.A. in Leadership at Trinity Western University. He leads Nordic skiing, canoeing, sea kayaking, orienteering, and rock climbing activities, and has led wilderness trips by canoe, hiking, rock climbing and ice climbing, sea kayaking and caving. Shawn and his family will be living on site once new quarters are completed for them.

Shawn's extensive guiding experience at other camps and with Strathcona Park Lodge outdoor centre in B.C. promises to bring a higher level of profession-



Shawn Quinton

alism to the camp's wilderness tripping program. He also hopes to expand the types of trips offered. Backpacking, sea kayaking, and winter camping trips on snowshoes or cross-country skis are all being researched and considered.

### Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program

The camp has teamed up with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards youth leadership development program to offer a winter camping trip to their stu-



In early January, Shawn led seven brave teens for two days of outdoor skills training.

dents. In early January, Shawn led seven brave teens for two days of outdoor skills training and an overnight sleep-out in quinzees (hollowed-out-snow-pile shelters) at minus 20C! The group hiked into the Whiteshell backcountry on snowshoes before building their overnight shelters.

The trip was so successful that two more warmer-weather trips with Duke of Edinburgh participants are already scheduled for this spring.

### Retreat Weekend For Middle Years

On-campus this winter, Shawn ran a very successful winter retreat weekend for middle-years campers. Kids enjoyed riding the snow slide, playing broomball, skiing and snowshoeing and lots of summer camp activities adapted for winter weather. For Shawn, it was his first chance to work with some of the seasonal camp staff. "I was impressed by the staff that came to work for the weekend. They

have a heart for the camp, and a commitment to its ministry," he said.

### This Year's Summer Camp

Shawn and the rest of the camp's leadership team are now busy preparing for this year's summer camp programs. The camp offers on-campus overnight programs for children from grades two to 12, and day camps for fourth to eighth graders, as well as wilderness canoe trips and leadership training programs.

## LETTERS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

country. It's definitely a scene that is appealing to the visitor and tourist alike.

Manitoba Highways has been approached to be a part of a solution to this dangerous situation but unfortunately they have not offered up the use of the right of way of the highway to establish a passage through this restricted travel area.

This inaction by Highways to reach out and embrace a workable solution to the benefit of all users is most distressing. Conservation has attempted to solve this dilemma by proposing a five km detour around this stopgap.

They are attempting a solution but really, is it? It is human nature to take the shortest distance between two points and especially when you can see the other side. In other words, will this take the pressure off this dangerous situation? No, I highly doubt it! Folks will still try to tap dance around the highway traffic to get to the other side.

My only hope would be that all interested parties will sit down at the table and arrive at a solution which is of benefit to all users; cottagers, Trans Canada Trail, Conservation and last but not least

the major stake holder Manitoba Highways.

Consider the gauntlet thrown!

### Robert Harbottle Cottage Owner

### WCA Missed The Boat

I fully understand that the board of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association has been very busy for over a year with the new fee structure with the government. I applaud their efforts and totally support them. Having said that I feel they missed a very significant event this past September.

Conservation lifted

*Hunters can shoot deer 300 meters from their cottages.*

the 54 year ban on deer hunting in Whiteshell Provincial park. I am not anti hunter/firearm. I was a hunter of migratory birds and a police officer for over 30 yrs. My concern is public safety. There was nothing mentioned in the fall issue of the *Echo* regarding this event. I wonder how many Whiteshell cottage owners are aware that hunters can shoot deer within 300 meters of their cottages? I have

two questions for the Board. Were you notified by Conservation that this ban was to be lifted and if so why was there not a notification to cottage owners on the front page of the fall *Echo*?

Now all persons in the Whiteshell in the fall, especially those using the trails, must be very aware and cautious. The new fee structure affects our pocket book but the deer hunting in the Whiteshell Provincial Park affects our safety. I feel the Board missed the boat

### Bob Morgan West Hawk Lake

**WHITESHELL COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION 2014 DIRECTORS BANQUET**

*The annual Whiteshell Cottagers Association Directors Banquet was held March 19 at the Masonic Temple in Winnipeg. The event recognizes the contributions of the WCA's Lake Directors to the success of the organization and also acknowledges the work of the Lake Writers who provide news articles from across the park to the Whiteshell Echo. The evening included the yearly Whiteshell Trivia Contest with prizes for those who know their park. (See winners below). A complete list of Lake Directors appears on page 14. If you are interested in becoming a Lake Director for the WCA, please attend the Annual General Meeting April 23, details on page 1.*



WCA President Elect Daniel Klass (left) presents Outgoing President Tom Walker with a plaque in honour of Tom's two year term as president and many years of service to the WCA.

Tom Walker (left) presents Bruce Wagg with a plaque recognizing Bruce's service with the WCA as a Lake Director since 1981, Echo Committee Chair since 1996, and Echo Co-Chair since 2011.



**Randall Kinley**  
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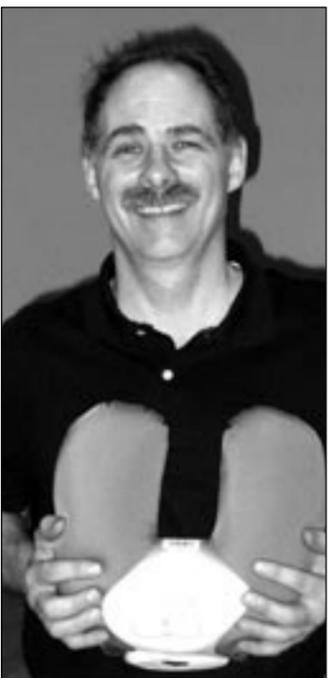
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## FALCON YACHT CLUB

*By Elizabeth Hamanishi*

After a long winter in Manitoba where “I can’t believe how cold it is today” has been the most frequently uttered sentence at the workplace, we are seeing glimmers of spring. The birds are singing and the water is running in the eaves-troughs.

We at Falcon Yacht Club look forward to the sailing season with almost a manic excitement. We plan to open the club on May 10, and many of us will be down visiting our boats and working around the club if you want to come see what we are all about. Our first club regatta will be July 12 with the Ice Cream Cup and then we will have the Around the Islands race on Sun., July 13. If your kids are interested in learning how to sail, we have our Learn to Sail program scheduled for July 28 to August 3rd. Please contact us at [liz@falconyachtclub.ca](mailto:liz@falconyachtclub.ca) for more details.

We are also planning to have specialty workshops, depending on interest, within the club or the greater cottage com-

munity. Ideas include Laser sailing, two handed racing and kite boarding. Our Commodore’s cup and Poker Derby weekend is a lot of fun for the whole family and we have scheduled it for Aug. 23 and 24. We would like to thank our outgoing commodore, Karen Milani for her hard work and leadership over the past two years. Welcome to our new Commodore, long time club member Jean Trottier. May your first season as commodore bring fair winds and fabulous sailing!



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By Teresa Campbell

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We are blessed to have the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful wilderness.

May each person who



Mass is celebrated Sundays at 9 a.m. from May long weekend to September long weekend.

enters the park forget the winter chill and allow their spirit to be nurtured and renewed by the warmth of our summer sun.

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the winter.

All who are interested are invited to bring their brooms and dustpans for this annual clean up party.

It usually only takes an hour and gives us an opportunity to catch up on news. See you on the long weekend. Peace.

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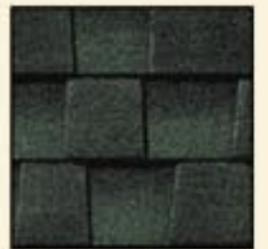
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## CADDY LAKE

By Wayne Bobychuk  
and Barb M.

We'd like to start off by welcoming back all of our snowbirds. How lucky you were to miss this cold snowy winter.

With over 73 days of temperatures below -30 with the wind chill, you all made the right decision to head south. For the rest of us, we endured and summer is right around the corner. Here's hoping that most of you were able to escape even if it was only for a weekend.

Caddy Lake was pretty quiet this winter with the exception of the snowmobilers who were actually quite excited with the amount of snow that was on the ground.

One of those excited visitors was none other than former Winnipeg Jet, Thomas Steen, who boasted about how beautiful the area is,

even in winter. Wait till he sees our summers!

There was a group of people who braved this winter by forming the Co-ed Whiteshell Hockey League (WHL), which included teams from: Star, Falcon, Lyons, Caddy, West Hawk, and Barren. Although our Caddy team didn't win this year, being the good sports we are, we'd like to congratulate the winners The Barrons. The standings for the remaining teams were

not available at press time. Also we would like to send out a big thank you to those that made play possible by taking care of the snow removal and rink maintenance.

The Farmers Almanac is still predicting snow this April, so don't put your shovels away just yet. Until next time, continued health and happiness!

If anyone has anything to contribute, feel free to email [caddylake@shaw.ca](mailto:caddylake@shaw.ca)

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By Marcel Wozny

It's hard to believe I'm writing an article for the 'Spring' issue. At the time of this writing, there's been nary a sign of warmer weather during one of the longest and coldest winters on record! What has made this winter even longer is that Verna and I didn't get a single opportunity to get to the cottage since the snow and cold weather descended on us in November! At times it was the awful weather that prevented our seasonal trek to the Lake and, the remainder of times, it was just plain ol' life getting in the way – a story to which many of you can relate, I'm sure!

It was not a total loss for the Wozny's this season as our son and grandsons managed to make a few

trips to Barren Lake this winter.

### Lots of Snow

They shared their observations, noting that the Whiteshell has received a lot of snow this season – estimating nearly three feet in our area. They also reported that despite all the snow, the snowmobile trails were not in the best shape and definitely needed more grooming in many places. Given that everyone using the trails is paying \$125 per snowmobile to Snoman for trail access passes, one would certainly expect better care and maintenance of these trails. In early March some 'spring like' weather was expected and we planned to get out to the lake and hopefully find the trails groomed so we could enjoy some late season sledding before all this snow

## BARREN LAKE

*We hope to see  
many from  
Barren Lake  
at this year's  
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leaves us!

### Tax Bills

By now I expect most of you have received your cottage tax bills. There has been much publicity related to this year's increase and the proposed increases over the coming years. I also expect that many of you still have questions and are looking for more information. Much of this can be addressed by attending the Whiteshell Cottagers Association Annual General Meeting on April 23 at 7 pm. At the Canad Inns Regent, 1415 Regent Avenue. We hope to see

many of you from Barren Lake in attendance this year.

### Condolences

Barren Lake lost one of our own far too soon with the passing of Karen (Hyde) Bright. Karen lost her brief but valiant battle with cancer on Jan. 10. Karen was the youngest daughter of long time Block 13 residents Joe and Doreen Hyde. She grew up at Barren Lake and deeply cherished the many great memories, and good times she had with family and friends throughout the years. While she was an avid adventurer and travelled to many parts of the world, Karen loved Barren Lake and rarely missed an opportunity to head out to the place she held dearest in her heart. Her untimely passing leaves a huge void for her family and

her many dear friends. Barren Lake just won't be the same without her. Our deepest sympathies go out to her husband and son, Bill and Kelly Bright, her mother, Doreen Hyde and the entire Hyde Family.

### Resigning as Director after 27 Years

As I close, I wish to advise of my decision not to allow my name to stand for re-election at this year's AGM. I also want to express my sincere thanks to all cottagers at Barren Lake for your cooperation and support during my 27 years as your Director. It was both a pleasure and an honour to represent you and keep you informed on all the issues and interests affecting Barren Lake.

Happy Spring and I look forward to seeing you all at the Lake!



## OTTER FALLS

By Diane Dreikluft

Welcome to the April edition of the Echo. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Diane Dreikluft.

My husband Dennis and I have been cottagers in Block 4, lot 11, since December 1993. Medical reasons have kept us absent from the lake for a few months but we do look forward to returning in the very near future. It is one of our favourite places to be.

For several years now, when the Echo arrives, I have eagerly turned to the cottage news to see if someone has taken over writing articles for Otter Falls. I have missed reading about what is happening in our area and I will do my very best, with your help, to represent all of you. It will be nice to have Otter Falls included in the Echo once again.

Please feel free to phone me at 204-791-0104 or email me at dianedreikluft@mymts.net with any news / pictures you would like to have included in upcoming issues. You are also welcome to stop by the cottage with these same items and to say

hello. The success of the newsletter for Otter Falls is largely dependent on submissions you make and I look forward to getting your news 'out there'.

Congratulations to Derek and Michelle in Block 4, on their new cottage. We hope you have many enjoyable years there to enjoy the gorgeous scenery and cottage life.

Welcome back to Adolf and Helen Kovacs who enjoyed a winter get-away, hopefully in much warmer temperatures.

We are aware that some cottagers experienced break-ins during August 2013 and it is a reminder of the importance of supporting Citizens on Patrol, as they try to keep a close eye on everyone's cottages for several months of every year. Funding helps to cover costs of fuel for their vehicles for this purpose. Donations can be sent to: Citizens on Patrol, N. Whiteshell 300 Group, P.O. Box 157, Seven Sisters, MB R0E 1Y0.

As I write this, it is a cold and snowy evening. By the time you read this, the snow should have melted and we will hopefully be experiencing some milder

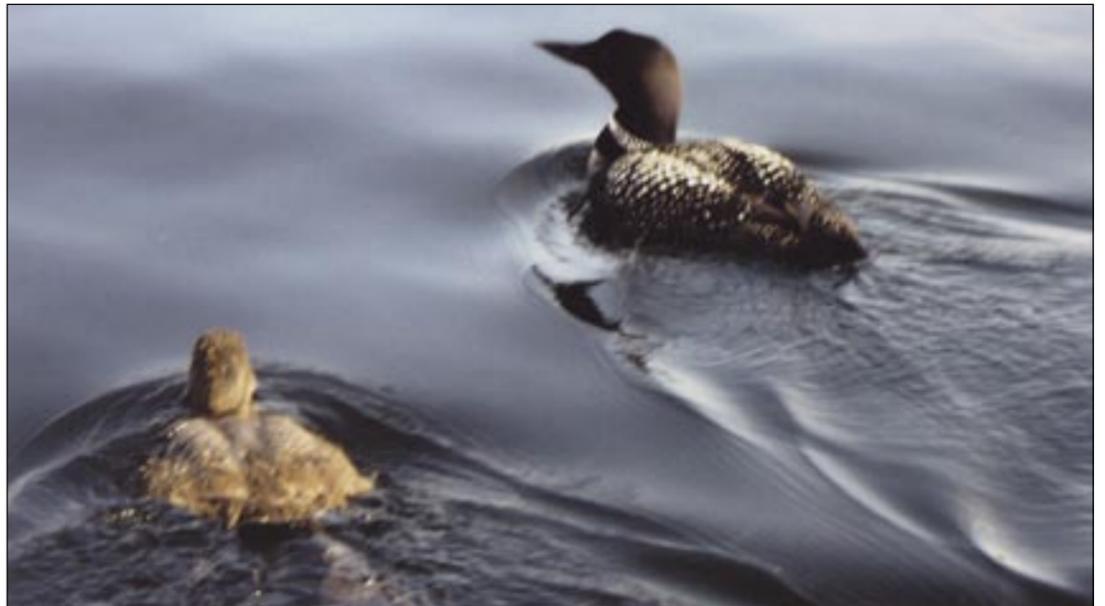


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temperatures as we look forward to a wonderful summer in the Whiteshell.

**Thank You**

Thank you to the

good samaritan in Otter Falls block 3, who cleared out our driveway and part of our service road. He wouldn't

take any payment for

his good deed, but we do want him to know how much it meant to us.

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# RITCHIE CONSTRUCTION



By Kerri Pleskach

## NUTIMIK LAKE

I am sure we are all thinking the same thing; spring weather cannot come soon enough! Although we were in a 'polar vortex' for a good part of winter, we tried to make the best of it. We came to the cabin every chance we could and still tried to get the girls outside every chance we could. We bundled up to go sliding, for walks on the lake, to play in our fort under our pine tree or to have a bonfire in the back yard. Even if we were outside for only ten minutes before our fingers and toes started to freeze, at least we got some fresh air and had some outdoor fun.

Like every other Canadian, we had fun cheering on Team Canada in the Olympics and celebrating all of our medals. We even had some fun using colored water to paint the Olympic rings on a snow bank in front of our cabin. Go Canada Go!

### Happy New Year!

We were out at the lake for New Year's and like most of winter, it was a cold evening. We all bundled up and pulled the girls in a sleigh over to the Block 1, Wear-Your-Funny-Hat New Year's Party. What a fun time it was. All the kids that I watched grow up at Nutimik came over just before midnight to bring in the New Year with their parents. My girls, two and four, were even able to stay awake until midnight.

### Best of Luck!

For the past number of years, the Nutimik store has had something special happening. All of the summer students that have worked there have been from Nutimik.



Addison and Rorie show their Olympic spirit.

They either stayed at a family cabin or in the seasonal campground, coming to and from work by car, boat or bike. After talking with Judy and Bob Parnell, owners of Nutimik Lodge Store and Creekside takeout, I found out that three long time summer students, Laura Ans, Nathan Kroger and Liam Carr, are not returning this summer.

Laura started at the store in 2009 and this winter she will be completing her course to be certified in massage therapy. Judy enjoyed having Laura as an employee, especially last

summer when she took over most of the cooking at Creekside Takeout, and did a wonderful job.

Nathan also started at the store in 2009. He started university this year and is taking environmental studies and is hoping to work for Conservation. He is hoping to spend future summers working in the field. Judy said that Nathan was a very hard working employee and a self starter. He was very flexible and worked in the yard, store and restaurant and is a delightful young man.

Liam started at Nutimik store in 2010 and he is in his second year of university. He plans to travel to the Orient this summer. Judy mentioned that he is also a very hard worker and worked in the yard, store and restaurant. Liam had a great sense of humour and not a day went by that he didn't have you laughing. He was very creative and was the author of many of the marquee signs.

Everyone at Nutimik is going to miss all three of you! Good luck Laura, Nathan and Liam, in your future endeavours.

If someone out there is looking for a summer job, Nutimik store is looking for summer employees. You don't have to be from Nutimik, but you do have to have your own accommodations and transportation to and from work. If interested, please call the store at (204) 348-7652.

### Deepest Condolences

Our deepest condolences go out to Lena Koop and family. Lena's husband, Henry passed away Nov. 10, 2013. Lena and Henry are long-time cabin owners and spent their summers at their cabin in Block 1.

Long time Nutimik resident Mike Murash passed away Dec. 26, 2013. Mike and his wife Joan lived year round at their home in Block 1. Our sympathy goes out to Joan and family.

### Contact me

As always, if you have any news, events or photos that you would like me to include in this article, please email me at [kerrilaw@mymts.net](mailto:kerrilaw@mymts.net) or stop by block 4 lot 15 and I will be happy to include it.

I can't wait to see you all on the beach this summer!



The Block 1, Wear-Your-Funny-Hat New Year's Party.

## BARRIER BAY

By Linda Vosper

As I sit in my sunroom, I look longingly at my front deck, barely visible under four feet of snow. Will I ever again sit out with a glass of wine reading a good book??

It certainly has been a very long cold winter with record snow fall and cold temperatures. Many of our neighbours have fled the cold and spent time in the sunny south. Little do they know what they have missed! That austere moonscape out your front window, the whiteout blizzard conditions encountered getting your mail; climbing a Mount Everest like snow bank to reach your car. Could we have it any better?

The temperatures and windchill put a damper on weekend winter activities, but there are lots of us who have braved the elements to enjoy what the winter season has to offer. Many thanks to Conservation for the great job in grooming and maintaining the



Photo above by Kevin R. Dill of Barrier Bay was the Fourth Place Winner in the Scenic Category of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association 2013 Photo Contest. For full details and entry form for this year's photo contest, with more than \$500 in cash prizes, see page 29.

snowmobile and cross country ski trails.

It has been a harsh winter for our animal friends as well. We haven't seen a lot of deer and fox around recently. I'm sure they are huddled up in some sheltered spots foraging for food and trying to keep warm. The wolves we have seen strolling down the river have looked well fed and

healthy. I guess that is the balance of nature.

It has been pretty quiet out here in the Barrier these past few months.

### Condolences

There are a few sad notices, however. Ray Mikulik passed away Jan. 28 at the age of 78 years. Ray and his wife Doreen were one of the original settlers at Barrier Bay. He built the cottage in 1950 and

it was a large part of his life with his children and grandchildren. Ray was also a very active member of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association. Our condolences go out to his family

Our condolences also go out to DJ and Erica Seales of Barrier Bay Resort on the passing of DJ's father Aubrey on Feb. 3.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Lynne and Mike Martin, blessed with a new grandson, Ben Michael, born Jan. 5. Proud parents are their son Todd and his wife Katie.

### Waiting for Spring

We are all looking forward to spring — it is coming — Mother nature says it is so. Dale and I are looking forward to visiting our son and family in the UK. They say the flowers are up there, they have had lots of rain—no snow. Looking forward to seeing some grass and color in the landscape.

### Safe Return, Snowbirds

Safe travels to all our snowbirds on their return and to those who have decided to finally get out of Dodge! See you all in the spring. Keep warm and keep dry as all this snow melts.

### Contact Me

If you have a story to tell, past or present, don't hesitate to give me a call at (204) 348-3718 or email me at linda-lu@rogers.com.

Your Roving Reporter  
Linda Vosper

## RECREATIONAL FISHING LEAGUE 2014

From the Manitoba Wildlife Federation

The Manitoba Recreational Fishing League (RFL) is a fun and competitive fishing league for kids. Teams throughout the province compete in a friendly manner while learning about the fisheries and environment around them.

With a new expanded season for 2014, it's easier than ever to organize a team in your area. The RFL season will run from May 11 – Sept. 8. Each team will determine their six-week window for fishing within that time frame. Following the September end date, the scores will be tallied

and the winning team will be announced.

Throughout the season, we will share the results from the kids who fished during every week to showcase the best fish stories from around the province.

To organize an RFL team all you need are:

- Six to eight team members (ages 9 to 15).
- Two or more coaches per team.

- A two hour block of time per week – for six weeks – to go fishing.

- Fishing gear, bait and tackle for the kids.

- Registration fee of \$30 per team member.

Each team submits their weekly fishing results to the league coordinator, who 'scores' the fish using a fish length

conversion calculation. The calculation is based on a table developed by Manitoba Water Stewardship, Fisheries Branch. This allows each fish to be scored based on the typical size of its species. Teams also receive bonus points for attendance, catching multiple species, and catching Master Angler size fish.

Teams registered by May 11th receive RFL team shirts, courtesy of Cabela's Canada. All participants receive a youth Manitoba Wildlife Federation membership, a subscription to the *Outdoor Edge* magazine, and a participation certificate. The winning team members will receive trophies and a fishing prize.

Team registration is now open. View the registration package for

complete details at the Manitoba Wildlife Federation website.



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# WHAT'S COOKING?

## Barbecued Chicken and Spring Vegetable Bundles

**Yield: 4 Servings**

### Ingredients

4 Maple Leaf Prime Naturally® boneless, skinless chicken breasts  
16 Thin asparagus spears, cut into 4 inch (10 cm) lengths  
8 Baby carrots, peeled and cut in half lengthwise  
1 Yellow pepper (or 1 yellow summer squash, sliced) seeded, stemmed and sliced ¼ inch (5mm) thick  
8 Cherry tomatoes, halved  
2 Baby bok choy, halved  
50 ml Orange juice  
5 ml Soy sauce  
5 ml Dijon mustard  
5 ml Olive oil  
5 ml huile d'olive  
Salt and pepper to taste



### Directions

1. Preheat barbeque grill to medium heat.
2. Cut 4 pieces of heavy duty foil into 15 inch (38 cm) squares.
3. Divide the chicken and vegetables evenly onto the centre of the foil squares.
4. Whisk together the orange juice, soy sauce, Dijon, olive oil, and lemon zest; pour over the chicken and seal packages tightly so that no juices or steam escape.
5. Place packages on a preheated barbeque grill and cook for about 15 to 20 minutes or until the chicken has reached an internal temperature of 170°F (77°C).
6. Remove from heat, and carefully open packages to avoid the escaping steam. To serve, place chicken, vegetables, and juices onto plates and season with salt and pepper.

## Chicken, Feta, and Sundried Tomato Salad

**Yield: 4 servings**

### Ingredients

3 Maple Leaf Prime Naturally Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts  
Salt and pepper  
1/3 cup (80 mL) Olive oil, divided  
4 Cloves of garlic, with skin  
1 tbsp (15 mL) Balsamic Vinegar  
1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard  
6 cups (1.5 L) Mixed salad greens  
1/2 cup (125 mL) Oil packed sundried tomatoes, drained and sliced  
1 Bunch radishes, each radish sliced in half  
1 cup (250 mL) Cubed Feta cheese -

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Place chicken on a parchment paper lined baking pan. Season with salt and pepper and drizzle with 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil. Add garlic cloves to same pan.
3. Cook in preheated oven, removing garlic after 10 to 15 minutes when it is soft to the touch. Continue to cook chicken for an additional 10 to 15 minutes or until chicken has reached an internal temperature of 174°F (65°C). Remove, cool slightly and cut into strips. Squeeze garlic from skin. Whisk together garlic, remaining oil, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper.
4. Toss salad greens, sundried tomatoes, radishes, cheese and chicken in a large bowl and drizzle with roasted garlic dressing



before serving.

## Springtime Ham Broccoli & Cheese Pies

**Yield: 6 Servings**

### Ingredients:

2 Frozen Deep Dish Pie Shells  
45 ml Frozen broccoli florets, thawed, drained and chopped  
125 ml Chopped smoked ham  
30 ml Spreadable cream cheese  
50 ml Shredded Cheddar cheese  
10 ml Finely chopped green onion (optional)  
15 ml Milk

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Remove pie shells from freezer and allow to thaw at room temperature for 10 – 15 minutes.
3. Combine broccoli, ham, cream cheese, Cheddar, and green onions, if desired, in a medium bowl. Set aside.
4. Remove pie shells from foil onto a clean, flat, lightly floured work surface. If cracks appear in pastry, press together and repair using fingers moistened with water.
5. Cut out six egg shapes from each pie shell using a (2-3/4-inch x 4-inch/ 7 cm x 10 cm) ovale (egg shaped) cookie cutter. Set any leftover dough aside.
6. Divide filling mixture evenly between 6 cut outs, mounding in centre and leaving a ¼-inch (5 mm) border. Top each pastry with remaining cut outs. Gently press edges together, and crimp with a fork.
7. Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12-15 minutes or until



pastry is golden.

## The Ultimate Burger Recipe

*The short rib gives this burger a rich steak taste while the veal adds tenderness. Top with sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions and slices of Brie or Camembert cheese.*

**Yield: 6 servings**

### Ingredients

20 oz. (1-1/4 lb. or 600 g) ground boneless beef short ribs\*  
20 oz. (1-1/4 lb. or 600 g) ground veal  
3 tbsp Dijon mustard  
3 tbsp red wine (the bolder the flavour, the better)  
1 egg (optional)  
Salt and fresh black pepper

\* Ask your butcher to debone and grind short rib meat. Advise the butcher not to trim off too much of the fat, as it adds a lot of flavour. Note that deboned meat is about two-thirds the weight of bone-in — handy to know especially when increasing batch size.

### Directions

1. Break up the two meats onto a platter, mixing the varieties, in a single layer. Don't overmix at this point or meat will toughen. Set aside.
2. In small bowl, blend mustard and wine. If desired, beat an egg into this mixture (this will help the patties keep their shape). Drizzle wine mixture over meat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. With as little mixing as possible, combine all ingredients.
3. Form eight 3/4" thick patties (or 6 if you want a thicker burger), packing mixture together tightly. Cover and chill for at least one hour or overnight (allowing patties to "set" in the refrigerator also helps them retain their shape) before barbecuing or pan frying.

# WHAT'S COOKING?

## Roasted Garlic and Asiago Medallions with Salmon and Spring Vegetables

**Yield: 4 servings**

**Ingredients**

- 300 g Package Roasted Garlic & Asiago Medallions
- 15 ml Olive oil
- 250 ml Thinly sliced fennel bulb
- 250 g Snow peas about 20 - 25, fibrous strip removed
- 50 ml Dry white wine
- 250 g Fresh salmon fillet
- 300 ml Tub Alfredo Sauce or Light Alfredo Sauce
- 3 Leeks, white and pale green parts only, sliced lengthwise, washed and cut into 1/2 inch (1 cm) pieces

**Directions:**

1. Heat olive oil in a sauté pan over medium heat. Add leeks, fennel and snow peas. Sauté for 2-5 minutes until tender crisp. Remove from pan and set aside.
2. Add wine to pan and reduce heat to medium-low. Place salmon fillet in centre of pan. Cover and poach for 7 minutes or until the fish reaches an internal temperature of 140°F (60°C). Meanwhile, cook pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water for 3-4 minutes.
3. Remove fish from pan, remove skin and discard. Gently flake salmon with a fork and return to pan.
4. Add Alfredo sauce and vegetables, stirring gently to heat through.
5. Drain pasta and combine with sauce mixture. TOP with freshly grated lemon zest.

## French Spring Soup

**Yield: 10 servings**

**Ingredients**

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 pound leeks, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 quarts water
- 3 large potatoes, chopped
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 1 bunch fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1/3 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 pound fresh spinach
- 1 cup heavy cream

**Directions**

1. Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in the leeks and onion, and cook until tender.
2. Pour water into the pot. Mix in potatoes, carrots, asparagus, and rice. Season with salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 30 minutes, until vegetables and rice are tender.
3. Stir spinach and heavy cream into the soup mixture, and continue cooking about 5 minutes before serving.

## Spicy Rice With Ground Beef

*A quick one dish meal great for a larger group*

**Yield: 5-7 servings**

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb lean ground beef or 1 lb ground chicken
- 1 (40 g) package onion soup mix
- 1 tablespoon Clubhouse spicy pepper medley
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 medium green pepper, diced (optional)
- 3 cups beef broth

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- 3 cups instant rice (Minute Rice or Uncle Ben's)
- 1/2 cup vegetable juice or 1/2 cup tomato juice

**Directions**

- Step 1. In a Dutch oven: brown ground beef with garlic powder and green pepper until beef and pepper are cooked through; drain off excess fat.
- Step 2. Add onion soup mix, pepper medley, can tomatoes, beef broth and vegetable juice; mix well.
- Step 3. Bring contents to a boil and simmer for 5-10 minutes until onions in soup mix are soft; add rice. Cover pot and remove from heat. Let stand for 6-7 minutes or until rice is cooked through.

## Deck Party Ribs

**Yield: 4-6 servings**

**Ingredients**

- 1 rack of ribs
- 2 large onions
- 4 jalapeno peppers
- 1 bulb of garlic
- 1 -2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar salt and pepper Mrs Dash's extra spicy seasoning

**Direction**

- Step 1. Trim off fat from the ribs. generously rub the ribs with Mrs. Dash extra spicy seasoning. wrap in plastic and refrigerate overnight.
- Step 2. Puree the onions, peppers, garlic, sugar and apple cider vinegar. Pour a little less than half of the mixture on the ribs. wrap in tin foil and bake at 350 degrees for 2 and a half hours, turning once.
- Step 3. If you have a grill with a top rack, when the coals are nice and hot, brush a layer of the pureed mixture on one side, sear for five minutes, flip, brush more of the puree on the other side and sear for another 5 minutes, until they are brown and crispy to your desire. Place on the top rack and let cook for another 15 minutes, brushing more of the puree on the ribs.

## Oreo Popsicles

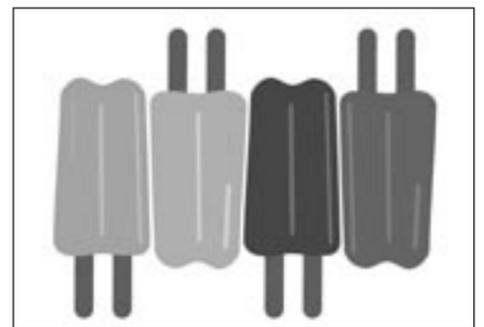
**Yield: 8 servings**

**Ingredients**

- 4 ounces cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 10 Oreo cookies

**Directions**

- Step 1. Place cream cheese and confectioners sugar in a mixer with whisk attachment, and beat on medium speed until smooth. Reduce to low speed and slowly pour heavy cream into bowl with cream cheese. Place mixing bowl in freezer for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally until thick, but still pourable.
- Step 2. Rough chop 5 Oreos. Place other 5 Oreos in a food processor until fine crumbs.
- Step 3. Place chopped Oreos in molds and pour in cheesecake mix. Place in freezer for 3 to 4 hours.
- Step 4. Unmold popsicles and roll in Oreo crumbs.



## PROVINCE IMPLEMENTS RAPID RESPONSE PROTOCOL TO GUIDE EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING ZEBRA MUSSELS

*From the  
Fisheries Science and  
Fish Culture Section,  
Fisheries Branch*

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship confirmed zebra mussels have been found in Lake Winnipeg. Data collected to date suggest a very early stage of infestation, for the most part, contained to five harbours within the south basin of Lake Winnipeg: Silver Harbour, Gimli Harbour, Boundary Creek/Winnipeg Beach Harbour, a small man-made harbour at Willow Point and Balsam Bay Harbour. Nevertheless, there remains the risk that there is a much more established population outside of the harbours than MCWS has been able to determine to date.

Zebra mussels are a D-shaped, fingernail-sized mussel with light and dark brown stripes (Figure 1). They are the only mussel that attaches firmly to substrate with byssal threads (Figure 2). Zebra mussels multiply rapidly; a single female may produce up to a million eggs. The eggs and free floating larval (known as veligers) stage are microscopic and are dispersed by current and humans. After approximately 2-3 weeks the veligers settle out and attach to substrate including boats, docks and other infrastructure.

Native to Eastern Europe and Western Asia, zebra mussels have caused millions of dollars in damage to the Laurentian Great Lakes area. In jurisdictions where zebra mussels have established the following has been ob-



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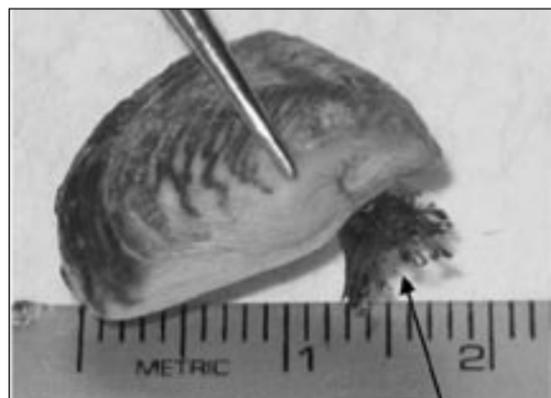


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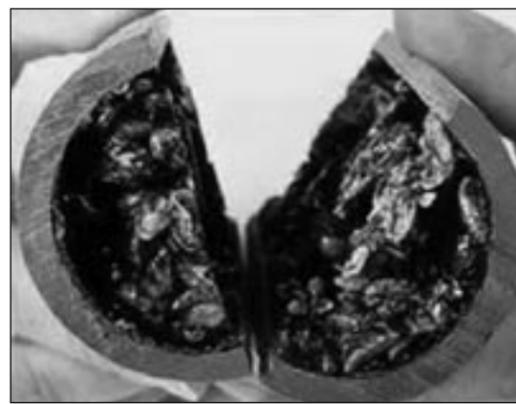


Fig. 5

served:

- Increased water clarity resulting in increased aquatic vegetation growth.
- Increased toxic algal blooms.
- Severe reduction or elimination of native mussel populations (Figure 3).
- Shift in the food web.
- Decline in Lake Whitefish (loss of preferred food) and walleye (increased water clarity) populations.
- Foul recreational watercraft and equipment (Figure 4).
- Reduced recreational potential.
- Clogged intake structures (Figure 5).

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship has implemented a rapid response protocol which includes the creation of a Science

Advisory Committee to assess the data and provide recommendations on how to address the situation. Recommendations include investigating options to:

- Eradicate or control the zebra mussels within the harbours. With any new invader there is only a small window to consider eradication. The benefit of this approach is to apply downward pressure on the zebra mussel population and reduce the harbours as vectors for spreading zebra mussels in the upcoming open water season.
- Contain the spread of zebra mussels from Lake Winnipeg to other waterbodies in Manitoba and other jurisdictions.
- Continue to reduce the probability of aquatic invasive spe-

cies entering into Manitoba. Options could include increased watercraft inspections stations and/or changes in legislation that require owners of water related equipment to: clean their equipment, remove drain plugs, have mandatory inspections for watercraft entering Manitoba, etc.

- Monitor the spread and establishment of zebra mussels within the lake and other potential high risk waterbodies as well as to monitor eradication measures if implemented.
- Communicate with stakeholders to make them aware that zebra mussels have been found in Manitoba, what concerns exist with zebra mussels and aquatic invasive species in general and what actions they can

take to help prevent the spread.

- As the summer season approaches, all individuals who live along, maintain infrastructure, or boat in the Red River, Lake Winnipeg and Nelson River, or any Manitoba waterbody, are asked to watch for zebra mussels and report any findings, negative or positive, to the toll free line (1-877-867-2470).

- For those with watercraft and/or other water related equipment please prevent the spread of zebra mussels through the implementation of the CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY and DISPOSE protocols when moving from one waterbody to the next.

CLEAN and inspect watercraft, trailer, and all water based equipment and gear. Remove all plants, critters and mud. Rinse using high pressure, very hot tap water – preferably 50°C (120°F).

DRAIN all water from motor, livewell, bilge and bait buckets before moving to another waterbody.

DRY watercraft and gear in the hot sun for at least five days (if rinsing is not available), 18 days in the spring or fall or three days of freezing.

DISPOSE of unwanted live bait and worms in the trash, and dump bait bucket water on land where it will not run off into any lakes, rivers or wetlands.

Further information on zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species in Manitoba is available at [Manitoba.ca/StopAIS](http://Manitoba.ca/StopAIS) or call the toll free line at 1-877-STOP AIS-0 (1-877-867-2470).



## DOROTHY LAKE

By Inge Scholte

By the time this *Echo* reaches its readers the longest cold spell in twenty years should have ended. Manitobans, already awash in holiday destinations, seed catalogues and decorator magazines will heave a sigh of relief, and get on with their lives.

The Scholtes, for the first time since retiring at the lake, did not weather this winter graciously. Bitter winds seared their nostrils, and the outdoors was not a welcome place to be. Yet the sun's rising everyday on this pristine wonderland prevented them from descending into cabin fever or the despair of a winter slump, certain that spring inevitably would win out.

### Congratulations

The McKimmie family joyously announced the arrival of their first grand child, Livia Wynn, on January 13. Seventeen inches long, she weighed in at 7 lbs 4 oz, and is the daughter of Ryan and Diane Mc Kimmie of Fort McMurray, where the parents are employed as a chemical engineer and public health nurse. Diane's parents have been spending time up north with them, and so has new grandmother Sara. Delighted with the social media that have made such a difference with their instant upload of pictures, Sara could see the newborn granddaughter on her screen within an hour from being born. Parents and baby hope to attend a family wedding in

April, while sister Stacy and her boyfriend will visit them before coming to Dorothy Lake.

### Condolences

It is with sadness that we report on the passing of a friend, neighbour and resident artist at the lake. Joan Chase passed away on Feb. 19, at age 70. Joan lived her life with a sense of courage, meeting challenges head-on. Her mother taught her a very valuable lesson when she once said, "If you cannot afford it, then learn to make it yourself." So she started a business teaching others to duplicate those tiny, edible sandwiches, pastries and chocolate artistry. She also gave classes through Continuing Education.

Watercolour is a recent accomplishment of Joan's. Her work is now displayed in many homes across the province. Joan's painting techniques are used by other artists, who complimented Joan by asking her to teach them. A firm believer in "paying it forward", Joan passed on her strategies to those who thought they were incapable of painting. She saw herself not as a teacher but an "awakener," encouraging others to release their own creativity. Joan shared her love of art in hospitals, a local woman's shelter, markets, and at home in the city or the Whiteshell. She loved art shows and her latest showings were through Brush Works and the Manitoba Art Expo. Through many juried art shows she

### LET'S BUILD A QUINZHEE BY SHELLEY AND BILL PASTRICK, DOROTHY LAKE

*Our quinzhee building project started Dec. 26, 2013. Definition of quinzhee, from Wikipedia, a shelter made by hollowing out a pile of settled snow. This is in contrast to an igloo, which is made from blocks of hard snow. The word is of Athabaskan origin.*

**We made a snow pile the old fashioned way.....using a shovel. We moved a lot of snow by hand! We hollowed out the pile and it was done. Inside is about eight feet around and five feet tall.**



**Bill wanted to make the quinzhee larger. This time we added the snow with our snowblower. Less shovel work and much better packing of the snow.**

**This time we made a larger entrance to make it easier to hollow out and you can stand up in it now!**



**Inside our expanded quinzhee! I just hope the fox doesn't move in before we're done! She has been checking it out already! She's very cute, but we'd like to finish before we take on tenants! At right, the fox and crow drop by for a visit. You can see the fox has been checking it out. Lots of tracks all over it. She's been inside also and even started to dig a hole in the wall! And she's already checked out the expanded quinzhee by climbing to the top of the 12-foot snow pile! I guess foxes just want to have some winter fun also!**

has been recognized with awards such as Best in Show, and First Place in Chosen Medium.

Joan had a special love for St. Charles Parish, especially for Brian Baril as together they shared and endured the same journey. They agreed to leave a prayer book in heaven's doorjamb when the day came. Joan called the parishioners of St. Charles Parish Charlie's Angels as they trans-

formed her life and that of her family with many blessings. She felt in St. Charles Parish her oneness with others, as when they suffered, they all suffered together and when one was honoured they all rejoiced together.

Joan celebrated her life in the company of wonderful friends. She was grateful for the good times spent with them and the support shown during her lengthy illness. When visiting

time was up, a nurse would appear with a wheelchair and take her down to the cafeteria to be joined by the visitors. Joan was a model patient and accepted her illness with great strength and optimism. She felt spoiled by her doctors and nurses. She will never forget joining the Jamaican nurses dancing in order to increase the oxygen in her blood.

Husband Ron has been her mainstay all along. Joan always

said she could not have made it without his love and support, and his close monitoring of each phase of her treatments. I will remember her enthusiasm and zest for life, the peals of laughter, and her unflinching look at life's unfolding. Heartfelt condolences to Ron, daughter Jennifer, sons Trevor and Gregory and their families.



By Angel Bozyk

## BETULA LAKE

Well Hello All: Feb. 10, Jamaica, red tide moving in. As I sit here sweltering away, sipping my Sunkist iced tea, I look out toward the sea and reminisce about life. I think of all the people back in Winterpeg bundled up till they can hardly move, and I smile, I am thankful for the life I have.

### Since Last Fall ...

It's been quite an adventure since I last wrote. In October we travelled across Western Canada and saw the Rockies in their beauty, every colour one could imagine was in front of me. Nothing is more perfect than the pure untouched beauty of nature. We spent a night in Golden, B.C. only to wake up and look outside and see the distant mountains and the rolling clouds.

We visited Quails Gate and Mission Hill Wineries in Kelowna where the views were something to behold. We had a picnic lunch of bread, cheese and a wonderful vintage only to finish with some fresh picked apples, it was exquisite.

We spent some time on English Bay off Vancouver. Stayed at the Sylvia Hotel a historic Canadian landmark, and had a view of the ocean and watched the freighters come to port.

Osoyoos, B.C. was the next stop, what a beautiful place. Spent an afternoon at NK Mip Winery, North America's first Aboriginal owned and operated winery. The best part about it was that one was allowed to walk through the vineyard and taste



Photo above by Dee Ford, West Hawk Lake, was the Fourth Place Winner in the Action Category of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association 2013 Photo Contest. For full details and entry form for this year's photo contest, with more than \$500 in cash prizes, see page 29.

any and all varieties of grapes. What an experience to be able to taste the grapes right off the vine and be able to taste the difference between each one. Boy, did we ever have sore tummies. Had I not had the opportunity to experience this I would never have given their wines a chance.

Then it was time to head home. But only for a little while. Just when we started to get the really cold weather, off we went to Vegas. We had to do something to stay warm! Spent a week in Vegas, came home, did some laundry, repacked and off we were again to Jamaica, or "Big Betula" as we call it.

### Our Whiteshell

The point of sharing all of this with you is that we all love our piece of paradise at the lake. Whether it be Betula, Nutimik, Otter Falls or White Lake, we all love to maximize our lake time but we must remember that there is a beautiful world out there. Across our country or around the globe, when you see

the beauty of creation you realize how lucky we are to have what we do in our Whiteshell! There is no end to the adventures we can have, if only we seek them with our eyes open. Appreciation is like looking through a wide-angle lens that lets you see the entire world, not just the one tree limb or stone you just walked upon.

### Top 10 Things that Make Betula Lake like Negril, Jamaica

On our last evening, with the Pleiades above and the rum flowing, we came up with a list of humorous anecdotes about life. These include names, characters, places and incidents that are likely the product of my imagination, and any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or real locations or events is entirely coincidental.

Top 10 Things that Make Betula Lake like Negril Jamaica:

10. Almost as many tournament boats in Negril as at Betula.

9. Dr. Bobs, one in Negril and one at Betula and each one the problem when invited to a party.

8. Highway 307 and Norman Manley Blvd. Neither have shoulders and both are hell to drive on.

7. Dean Del Bigio is just like every Jamaican selling a boat, no trailer is available

6. Tommy Grant drives a boat like the Captain of the "Wild Thing."

5. Captain Highliner's place (aka Shawn Wallis) and the Boat Bar are both like Hotel California. "You can check out anytime you like, but you can never leave..."

4. Betula Store is like going to the store in Jamaica ... "We'll have it before you leave."

3. NROs are like the constabulary in Negril. They can often be found sleeping on the side of the road.

2. Lyle Ledingham is like a Jamaican taxi driver. He can often be seen driving around the block over and over again

1. Two of "The Best" places in the world to watch the sunset

### Another Summer of Adventures

Alrighty then, so here we go on another season of adventures, memories and

fun at the lake. May your coming summer be filled with magic and dreams that come true. I hope you read some fine books and kiss someone who thinks you're wonderful, and don't forget to make some art: write, draw, sing or live as only you can.

### Pizza Challenge

In December's issue of the *Whiteshell Echo* Nutimik had accepted the Pizza Challenge. I trust someone from the Betula association will allow us to include this in Betula Days. I think it would be great fun.

### Betula Days Meeting

Speaking of Betula Days, there will be an organizing meeting on May long weekend at the Group Use Area. Please come out and support the association. If you have some new ideas that can make this event even MORE fun, please share them. And they can always use some extra volunteers. Change means getting involved.

### WCA Photo Contest

I also noticed some great photos from throughout the Whiteshell among the Whiteshell Cottagers Association Photo Contest winners, published in the December *Echo*. I think we at Betula should get in on the competition. Come on everyone, let's show them some photos from Betula and how much fun we have. So make a note to take lots of photos and get your entries in. See page 29 for details.

### Infamous Tax Bill

We finally received the infamous tax bill on Feb 25. Nice to see

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## WEST HAWK LAKE

By Mar Howe

**I**REFUSE to talk about the ridiculous winter and the amount of snow fall throughout this season. Ok there I said it. We do need to move on. Besides the sun is getting warmer and the smells of spring are just around the corner. By the time this is printed, yup, spring will have sprung!

Life has gotten in the way of life and I believe the last time I wrote, I was wondering about 'who' and 'where?' Who is the oldest cottager on the lake and where is the oldest cottage located? I might have been just looking for a way to feel young as this year is my last in the "50s category." Age is a number, how much it means I don't know. What I do know is I would like to hear from you and your stories from the lake, email [mar.howe@umanitoba.ca](mailto:mar.howe@umanitoba.ca).

I haven't forgotten about John Mahaffy's e-mail to me. He's located on Crescent Beach. His father built the cabin in 1934 when he was a year old. A summer has not gone by since that he hasn't enjoyed the cottage life. I think he's in the running for oldest cottager!

However, as for the oldest cottage around the lake, he knows of a couple of cabins built slightly earlier than his families' place. Lot 12 a few doors down is believed to have been a hunting lodge back then and another was on Lot 9, built in 1933. Anyone out there challenge him? Do you know of a

cottage built earlier AND are you willing to reveal that you have a few years of "lake life" on John? Let me know, I'll be sure to share it with the rest of us youngsters around West Hawk.

The rest of my report around West Hawk comes from a very reliable source, Leslie Lines, a resident of West Hawk. She's an outdoor runner (like me, all year round) and so is tuned in with the environment. She says despite the continuous cold days there was some ice fishing action throughout the winter months. Snowmobiling, too, of course, and although lots of snow may seem like the wish of snowmobilers it can also make it difficult for off-trail riding. In the forest the snow was exceptionally deep this year, making it extremely hard to get out if you got stuck. Then who's having fun? Maybe the deer watching from a distance?

Breaking news, in my opinion, because they make borscht that's as good as my mother's! The Night Hawk stayed open all winter. Great to see businesses thrive and give us choices. They are closing for April but opening again May 1. Everybody needs a break sometime!

My first trip out to the cottage in 2014 will not be for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. I will pack thick wool socks to wear in my slush boots and enjoy the smells of spring walking along the Trans Canada Trail. Hope to run into you!



Friendly neighbourhood deer just hanging out on one of the coldest days of the winter.



## BETULA LAKE CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

Conservation is giving us so much time to make our payment! I especially like the note that says "Please disregard this notice if payment has already been made." Seriously, how are we suppose to pay our taxes if we have no invoice? I

guess the government thought we would just send them money because we had nothing better to do with it! Make sure when you send in your payment you include your scathing letter voicing your displeasure about their be-

haviour, and don't forget to send a copy to WCA so they can have it on file.

In closing I'd like to say; no winter lasts forever, no spring skips it turn. Spring beckons! Take a walk in the woods, listen to nature and experi-

ence the handiwork. Look at a tree, a flower, a rock. There is a way nature speaks, most of the time we are simply not patient enough to pay attention to the story.

### Contact Me

I'm ready to share some good-natured

tales of free-spirited characters. If you have a funny story or something you'd like to share drop me a line @ [painterp2@gmail.com](mailto:painterp2@gmail.com)

Singing off for now,

Donna Betula  
aka Angel Bozyk

# WEST HAWK LAKE YACHT CLUB

By Paul Krestanowich

In 2013, for the eighth summer, the West Hawk Lake Yacht Club ran a Learn-to-Sail program, using a mix of club boats and those of the Sailing Manitoba mobile program. Four courses were offered; introductory programs for youth and adults and intermediate and advanced programs for youth. Despite the dreary weather in late July, the program was seen as a success with almost fifty students taking part! We also ran a Learn to Windsurf course with local windsurf expert George Daniel instructing. The classes were full and with all the positive comments from the participants windsurfing looks to be making a comeback at WHLYC.

### Get those dinghies in the water

There are many dinghies scattered around the lake and the club executive continues to focus on encouraging the owners of those boats to get them back on the water. Most of the boats date from the mid 1970s and so assistance is often needed in restoring them to safe, useable condition. These efforts have paid off with more and more boats being seen out on the water each summer. On any given weekend, an Albacore, one or two Fireballs, several Lasers, several Hobies, some windsurfers and a smattering of other classes will be sailing.

### An Ideal Lake

West Hawk Lake is ideal for sailing because of its perfectly round shape and complete absence of any islands or rocks. Such is the advantage of sailing in an old meteorite crater! See for yourself by watching a WHLYC



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YouTube video. Find it by searching for High Speed Albacore Sailing on YouTube.

### Congratulations to our youth racers!

Brennan Agar represented us very well against some tough competition in her Laser Radial while travelling all over the country with the provincial team. She competed in the Laser District 4 at Falcon Yacht Club (placed 9th), Big Bird Regatta at Pelican Lake Yacht Club (10th), National Under 19 Championships at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (17th).

### WHLYC Opti AM Championships

1st Place, Jack McBride; 2nd Place, Reid Homik; 3rd Place, Grace McNeil.

### WHLYC Opti PM Championships

1st Place, Hannah Janzen; 2nd Place, Olivia Janzen; 3rd Place, Teun Keijzer.

### Growing Fleet

For the past several years, club members have made a dedicated effort to raise funds. Most of these funds have been used to acquire training boats. The club fleet now consists of six Optimists, four Code 40s, three Tumbleweeds and three Y-Flyers. Given that less than eight years ago we had no boats, this fleet is evidence of how far the club has come in a short period.

### Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU to our bingo and fund raising volunteers this year! Jeff Lothian, Sue Cunningham, Darlene and Tim Owen, Janet and Kevin Harbottle, Rob McMahan, Jim Adams, Glen Agar and Pam Reimer, Kevin Anseeuw, Jeff McBride, Brian Byczkowsky and Paul Krestanowich.

### Plans For Club House

Serious attention is now turning to securing a site to construct a club house, as at present, the

club gets by on the good graces of its members who allow classes to be run from their docks and store club boats on their own property.

Plans for next year include making a serious attempt to revitalize racing on the lake.

### Good-byes

One final note, we say goodbye to long time volunteers Sue and Paul Cunningham who are leaving our lake for greener pastures in Clearwater Bay. Our loss is Zig Zag Yacht

Club's gain! Sue has been invaluable to the WHLYC the last eight years. With all three of her kids being involved in our programs she has year after year done more than anyone could ask of a volunteer including bunking and feeding our coaches every summer and almost single handedly looked after our Opti BOOT Camp kids for two years. Sue, thank you for all your time and energy, we will miss you!



**Sail Manitoba**  
**West Hawk Lake Yacht Club 2013 Sailing Program**

<b>July 6</b>	<b>Alumni Regatta, Laser District 4 &amp; Masters Championship Regatta - Falcon Yacht Club</b>
Come out and watch or participate with the talented sailors from across the region, all dinghies classes, short course racing for beginners & veterans followed by a BBQ	
<b>July 22-26</b>	<b>Learn to Sail (Juniors age 7-15)</b>
A repeat of our highly successful Learn to Sail program! A week of training for those 15 & under who've never sailed or have sailed a little and want to learn more. * Morning sessions - younger/new sailors, sailboats provided <b>Cost \$150</b> * Afternoon sessions - older/experienced sailors, sailboats provided <b>These 2 LTS classes fill up quickly so please register early!</b>	
<b>July 15-19 or July 29-Aug.2</b>	<b>Learn to Wind Surf (age 10 +) <u>New for 2013!</u></b>
A week of training for those 10 & over who've never windsurfed or have windsurfed a little and want to learn more. <b>Only 12 spots available!</b> * Morning or afternoon sessions - new extremely light weight windsurfers provided <b>Cost \$190</b>	
<b>July 22-26</b>	<b>Learn to Sail (Adults age 16+)</b>
A week of training for those 16 and older who've never sailed or have sailed a little and want to learn more. *Afternoon sessions only, sailboats provided <b>Cost \$175</b>	
<b>July 22-26</b>	<b>Advanced Sail Training (Juniors age 9-16)</b>
A week of more advanced sailing for those who have taken our LTS and have "demonstrated ability". * 1/2 day morning class only, sailboats provided <b>Cost \$175</b> * Extensive all day course, sailboats provided <b>Cost \$190</b>	
<b>August 3-4</b>	<b>Western Canadian Y-Flyer Championships Falcon Yacht Club</b>
Come out and watch the talented sailors from FYC, WHLYC, Sudbury, Ontario & Quebec	
<b>August 8-11</b>	<b>BOOT Camp (Basic Optimist Olympic Sailing Camp) (Juniors age 9-15) Gimli Yacht Club</b>
2 full days of advanced Optimist training with provincial team coaches followed by 2 full days of racing including the Manitoba Provincial Optimist Championships (10 & under, 13 & under, and 15 & under). Sailors are billeted by sailing families at Gimli Yacht Club, all meals are included and evening activities are planned for each night and are a ton of fun! This is an amazing experience for any young sailor! * This is an extensive all day course, sailboats provided by WHLYC where available. <b>Cost \$190</b>	
<b>August 17 (rain day Aug. 18)</b>	<b>West Hawk Lake Yacht Club Annual Races</b>
Fun races start at 1 pm just North of Big Island at the entrance to Jackfish Bay. Open to all dinghy classes & sailors - beginner & veteran on West Hawk Lake. Registration starts at 11 am, please call/email for more information.	
<b>SUNDAYS - COME SAIL WITH US</b>	
<b>June 30 - September 1 @ 2 pm</b>	
Sunday afternoons, meet us for unstructured, recreational sailing. Sailors of all abilities welcome, even if you don't have your own sailboat, its lots of fun! We meet just North of Big Island at the entrance to Jackfish Bay. For those that need a little help getting their sailboat ready for the summer season please contact us!	
<b>For more information please contact: Tom Saunders (349-3100 lake) or Paul Krestanowich (774-0967 h, 474-1009 w or 349-2072 lake)</b>	
<b>Email us at <a href="mailto:pckrest@shaw.ca">pckrest@shaw.ca</a></b>	
<b>Please check out our <u>online registration</u> &amp; club website at <a href="http://www.whlyc.ca">www.whlyc.ca</a></b>	

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1. FOUR CATEGORIES: SCENIC/ACTION/NATURE/YOUTH (16 AND UNDER)
2. CONTEST OPEN ONLY TO WCA MEMBERS AND FAMILY
3. PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN IN WHITESHELL PROVINCIAL PARK
4. COTTAGER'S RESIDENCE INFORMATION AND CATEGORY BEING ENTERED MUST APPEAR ON THE BACK OF EACH PHOTO ENTERED.
5. PHOTOS MUST BE 4X6 OR 5X7 INCHES, COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE.
6. ALL PHOTOS SUBMITTED BECOME PROPERTY OF THE WCA AND ARE NOT RETURNED.
7. ENTRY DEADLINE IS FRI. OCT. 17, 2014
8. ONLY ONE WINNER PER FAMILY.
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## THE INTREPID COTTAGER: A ROOM WITH A VIEW



By Greg Nichol

One of the most important elements of cottage life is being as comfortable as possible.

Consequently, cottage owners are always looking for ways to make their summer homes as user-friendly as possible, whether by adding on a patio, deck, gazebo or a screened-in porch. In some cases, cottages will come equipped with a deck or porch and with potential to make an already good summer getaway that much better.

It might be ideal to add a sunroom on to a cottage, but because so many cot-

tages are well-removed from the city, it's difficult for sunroom companies to bring out all their supplies, as well as the labour required to build the sunroom, which involves a week or two of intensive labour.

Fortunately, there's a solution to that problem: a novel product by the name of WeatherMaster windows.

Manufactured by a company called Sunspace Modular Enclosures, a company that's been building components for affordable, solid sunrooms since 1990, WeatherMaster windows come in two models, horizontal and vertical.

Compatible with existing roofs, the horizontal two-track and vertical four-track windows – which come in sizes up to 108 inches wide and 108 inches high making them ideal for porch conversions. Featuring an outside mount with screen, they come with a view



flex vinyl glazing that is equally, if not more, durable than glass.

The beauty of this system is not only its adaptability, but it's transportability; components are relatively lightweight, and can be transported to your cottage with a minimum

of fuss. And because they are easy to install, the installation process isn't an arduous one – they can be applied to your porch in a matter of days.

Window systems have also been thoughtfully designed, with metal latches for existing screen porches (the windows also work well in new construction applications), vents that lift out for easy storage, and 50 per cent ventilation with horizontal two-track models and 75 per cent ventilation with horizontal four-track models.

Four-track windows are particularly good, as you can adjust them up or down to virtually any position you desire, and they also come with full fibre-glass mesh screens – for durability, and to keep insects outside, where they belong.

Additionally, vertical four track entry doors are available for porch enclosure or sunroom applications. They come with features such as 45-degree corners (to prohibit water leakage), durable stainless steel hinges, and a vertical, pre-installed four-track window and custom kick plate at no extra charge. Not only that, but the vertical four-track door now comes in a French garden

two-door style.

WeatherMaster windows also come with several other major benefits.

First, they come in four tint options – clear, smoke grey, dark grey or bronze – (at no extra charge, no less), a very desirable feature that will cut glare, increase privacy and repel heat should your porch face west and take the brunt of evening sunsets. Having a tint on the windows will also ensure furniture and accessories won't fade or crack from exposure to the sun.

Second, they are a very safe product because the window material is made of vinyl rather than glass; if you have young, active children, you won't have to worry if they fling an object into a window, or run into it while they're playing – the windows won't shatter.

Third, WeatherMaster windows are virtually maintenance-free; due to a simple, straightforward design they don't break down, and are usually defect-free.

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### Answer to Environment Contest

question on page 4:

B)

paper/paperboard and  
 kitchen/yard waste

## EXPERIENCE THE WHITESHELL: BEAVER DAYS

By Marney Blunt

Poker, snowmobiling, sponge hockey, wood carving, homemade chilli, and more; there was a lot going on at the 40th annual Beaver Days Feb. 8-9. Beaver Days is a week-end-long winter festival in Falcon Lake and West Hawk Lake every February. The event is a great combination of tourism and community-spirit. Here are few highlights and photos from this year's festival.

### Snowmobile Poker Derby

The snowmobile poker derby is a big part of Beaver Days each year, bringing out sledders from all over the province. This year was no exception. The parking lot at the Whiteshell Community Club was packed on Saturday afternoon as sledders returned to turn



Whiteshell Community Club was packed with sleds.

in their poker hands and check out the other events happening at the community club. This year's poker route started at the Whiteshell Community Club and then went to the Mud Lake shelter, to Pittman's on 44 Restaurant & Lounge, to the Zubek shelter, and then back to the community club. Congratulations to Trevor Proceviat on winning first place!

### Sponge Hockey Tournament

This year's sponge hockey tournament had six registered teams playing all day Saturday and Sunday. The champions were the Six Bros, the runner-up team was The Blizzard, and Team OV won the c-side.

### Demo Day

Falcon and West Hawk were absolutely packed with snowmobilers over



Sponge hockey tournament was won by the Six Bros.

the weekend, out enjoying the trails and the powder on the lakes. And if you didn't own a sled – no problem. Two local snowmobile dealers were there to take you for a ride. Both businesses were setup in the Falcon townsite offering guided demo rides. All day Saturday a steady flow of people came to test drive new 2014 models on a

ride to Mud Lake and back.

If you missed out on Beaver Days this year, be sure to check it out next February. A big thanks to all of the local businesses that organize and support Beaver Days events every year.

Read Marney's Blog at [www.experiencethewhiteshell.org](http://www.experiencethewhiteshell.org)

## PRACTICE SAFETY OUT ON THE ICE

If you, and perhaps members of your family, are thinking of heading out to the cottage while there's still ice on the lake, make sure to exercise caution.

Whether it's on a lake, river or stream, ice is never 100 per cent safe even when we've had a winter as cold as this past one has been. Even when you've tested the thickness of ice, and it seems plenty thick, it's never completely safe.

Consequently, it's critically important to understand the risks of walking, skiing, fishing or snowmobiling on ice. That's because every winter, 25 to 30 Canadians die on bodies of water covered with seemingly solid ice.

Follow these tips and you'll be doing all you can to avoid becoming a statistic.

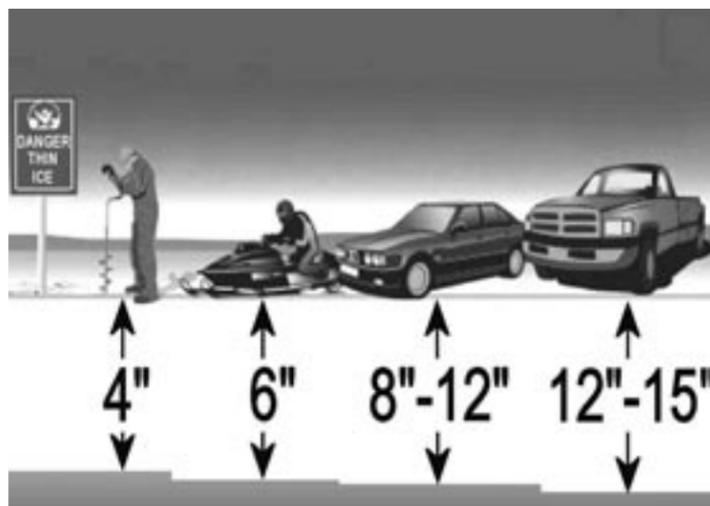
1. Check weather conditions, and avoid going

on the ice on warm, or stormy days.

2. If you're thinking of heading out on the ice, tap into knowledgeable local sources such as resort owners, members of snowmobile clubs or the police to get a good take on what ice conditions are like in various areas.

3. Measure ice thickness in several locations. If it's three inches (seven centimeters) or less, stay off. Four inches is fine for ice fishing, walking, cross-country skiing or skating; five inches of ice is sufficient for one snowmobile or ATV. For ice to support a car or small pick-up truck, it must be 8 to 12 inches thick; for a medium truck (pick-up or van), it must be 12 to 15 inches thick.

4. Don't travel on ice at night, or when it's snowing. Reduced visibility increases the chance of driving onto open water



or weak ice, a major cause of ATV and snowmobile-related drownings.

5. Never head out onto ice alone. In the event of an accident, a partner can go for help or pull you out of trouble.

6. Stay off river ice and avoid narrow water arteries between lakes. River currents and moving waters at narrows can quickly change ice thickness, or make for much thinner ice than other areas on the river or lake.

7. Wear a thermal buoy-

ant suit or life jacket to increase your chances of survival if you do happen to go through the ice. Also carry an ice pick, ice staff, and rope.

8. Pack a personal safety kit no bigger than a wallet. It should include a lighter, waterproof matches, magnesium fire starter, pocketknife, compass and whistle, plus cell phone, if possible.

9. Avoid alcohol. It impairs your judgment, coordination, reaction time and increases the risk of

hypothermia.

10. If you can avoid it, don't drive on ice. If you have to, have an escape plan, open windows, unlock doors and turn on lights to make way for a quick escape. And keep your seat belt unfastened.

11. Should your children want to play on the ice, supervise them. Kids should always be with a buddy, and under adult supervision. They should also wear a life jacket/PFD or thermal protection buoyant suit.

Observe these rules when you make your first foray to the cottage in late winter and early spring, and you and your family will not only enjoy your first trip to the lake, but will also stay safe to enjoy lake country for the rest of the season, and well into the future.

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