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## President's Report

By Alan Roberts, WCA President



The most difficult part of this – my inaugural report, is deciding what I should write about, what you wish to hear from me, and what I need to get across to you. I am still “feeling” my way into the role, its many duties and responsibilities and more importantly, the expectations you have of me and your association, and the expectations that I have for my two-year tenure in the job. Neither my writing style, nor personality, support lengthy reports, so today, I will focus on my priorities and expectations for the WCA over the next several years.

### Group of Dedicated Directors

We have a small group of dedicated and remarkably talented directors who have taken on roles as leaders of the various committees that comprise the working core of our association. My most important job will be to provide them with the tools that they need to work with (in terms of resources, and committee membership support) in being as productive as they have shown themselves to be in the past. We also have a new Administrative Coordinator who has shown herself to be a hard-working, multi-talented self-starter, who is assisting us to breathe new energy and focus into the organization. This kind of support will make my job much easier, and will allow me to be much more effective than I could possibly have expected to be several years ago. The efforts of Dan Klass, Ron Smith and these same committee chairs sets an attractive stage for us to work forward from.

### Cooperation With Parks and Sustainable Development

We have also witnessed a global shift in the attitude and approach to working with the staff of Parks and Protected Spaces of Sustainable Development over the past couple of years. The tenor has shifted from being adversarial to being a supportive, combined effort to achieve common objectives. The credentials and skill-sets within our committees is being recognized by Park staff – raising our ability to make our opinions and priorities heard at the levels where decisions are made. A very telling analogy was used by



### CADDY LAKE FIRE

Wildfires burn at Caddy Lake Sun., May 13 forcing the evacuation of a number of cottages. Wide areas of the province are experiencing drought-like conditions as cottaging season begins. Fire restrictions are in place and cottagers are urged to use the utmost care. Photo by Bob Stalker.

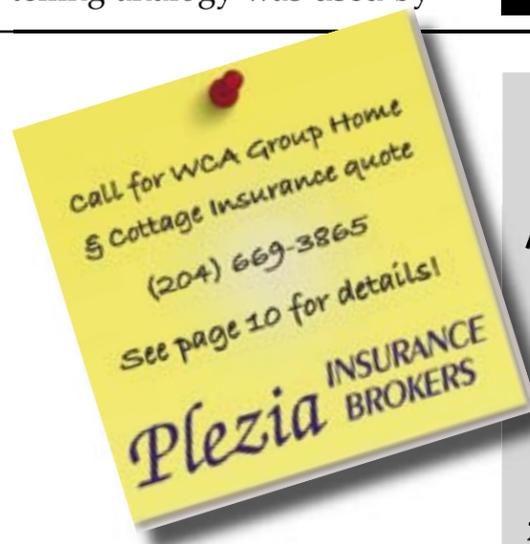
the Director of Parks at a recent WCA function where he said “think of me as the Mayor of your community.” In our situation, where we have no Municipal Government to hold accountable, this is essentially the role he must fill.

Given this backdrop, and in the spirit of cooperative combined effort; my priorities will include:

- **The development and implementation of a prioritized listing of capital projects in the Whiteshell.** The Whiteshell has witnessed a virtual dearth of capital investment on infrastructure over the last 50 years. Our infrastructure is old and the climate, the number of cottagers using it, as well as their expectations, have all changed dramatically since original construction. Much of this infrastructure is in need of replacement or upgrading to meet current standards of safety and /or performance.

The current government has begun to recognize this need for capital spending at Falcon Lake and is implementing a dredging program for two of the boathouse access channels – constructed initially to encourage cottagers to develop the south shore area. These channels had suffered siltation and are nearly impassable forcing the owners to demand a continually rising lake level while the remaining cottagers were being flooded out.

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This first investment project is now underway, together with replacement of the old, worn-out water level control structure, built in 1963.

There are many more urgent projects (roadway upgrade/replacement, water level control structure upgrades/replacements and additions to be considered. All of the monies expended over the past number of years have gone towards water and waste wa-

ter treatment facilities and collection systems serving commercial areas and campgrounds. These monies have been derived from lease fees paid by cottagers, with virtually none of the benefits accruing to the cottagers. The improvements did little for the community other than attract more visitors, and bring more boats to our lakes.

The current lease fee discussions are expected to result in most, or all of the fees paid by the cottagers, being returned for expenditure within the parks from which they are derived. These funds would then be available to an infrastructure renewal program, rather than having to extract them from "general revenues."

**Loss of Cottager Rights**

We have suffered an ongoing loss of cottager rights over the years by Parks having usurped the right to change development policy randomly and at will – without consultation or approval of the cottagers. They have refused to re-publish the Cottagers' Handbook, which not only defined the responsibilities of cottagers, but also constrained the right of Parks to redefine cottagers' rights. The Cottagers Handbook or a policy guideline containing similar constraints needs to be developed and enacted to better protect our interests.

The bylaws constraining the operations of our own association need to be revisited to better reflect the needs of the organization as it currently operates, and to provide the ability to deal with problem situations which we are not currently able to deal with effectively.

**Road Repairs**

Rather than more frequent maintenance work on our roads, future road repairs require use of geotextile reinforcing and adequate sub-base for roads constructed on non-compactable silty subsoils. Road construction materials must be able to withstand the rigours of traffic and climate, such as "A-base" or crushed rock pavements compared to "pit run" gravel. This will add to the material cost, but reduce the frequency of maintenance, and thereby the labour costs, dramatically.

Upgrading of this nature is required on the South Shore Road at Falcon Lake to improve its service standard and reduce the frequency of costly maintenance.

**Other Priorities**

- Widen and provide shoulders on Provincial Highways #44, #307, and #309.
  - Upgrading of existing water level infrastructure needs to be carried out.
  - Improve the control over water level of Betula Lake with improved discharge flow control.
  - Reduce the risk of flooding of Caddy Lake by increasing the hydraulic capacity of the CN Rail crossing over the Whiteshell River.
- In summation, I'm looking forward to working on your behalf to improve the sustainability and enjoyment of our beloved cottage country for generations to come.

**MANITOBA PROVINCIAL PARKS CABIN OWNERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

*By Ronald S. Smith, MPPCOA Treasurer  
Past President, Whiteshell Cottagers Association*

In his report (sections which follow) for the Duck Mountain Cottage Owners Association *Messenger*, May edition, Jack Elliott, President of the Manitoba Provincial Parks Cabin Owners Association outlined MPPCOA activities over the last year. This publication is available for reading on our WCA website and is a DMCOA biannual report to cottage owners in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

"During the Fall and early Winter period, while Parks and Protected Spaces Branch (PPSB) were undergoing and adjusting to several personnel changes (examples include: new Minister, new Deputy Minister, adapting to government mandated 15% reduction in middle management positions), Cabin Owners were busy completing our MPPCOA Discussion paper. This paper is the compilation of three separate papers that had been developed over the previous months. It provides background information and outlines our philosophical positions on land lease and service fee matters. Lead author Dan Klass, Chair, MPPCOA Advisory Committee (a MPPCOA standing committee) was assisted by members of his committee (each member COA has representation) and all members of the Executive Committee had opportunities for input, discussion and editing. Copies were provided to Parks Branch committee members at our joint January 2018 meeting."

"We were very pleased to accept new memberships from two COAs to MPPCOA. In March, Booster Lake COA (Nopiming) and Long Lake COA (Nopiming) became our newest members and increased our membership to eight members. Robin Cadzow and Cam Neurenberg, respectively, have been active participants since that time.

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**The Manitoba Provincial Parks Cabin Owners Association Guiding Principle**

The Manitoba Provincial Park Cabin Owners Association (Cabin Owners) and Manitoba Parks and Protected Spaces Branch (Parks Branch) have established a working relationship based on trust, respect and transparency and are to work positively and collaboratively in defining an approach to managing the administration of matters affecting cottagers within provincial parks, including the collection of service fees and Crown land rent from provincial park cottagers, in a way that is fair and sustainable for all Manitobans and provincial park stakeholders.

# WCA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

By Neil McMillan  
Chair, Environment  
Committee

May 8, 2018

The committee met with representatives from Sustainable Development (Parks) and Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) on March 27 of this year to discuss existing issues and new developments.

MIT provided detailed provincial maps of the Runoff Potential, Winter Precipitation, Soil Moisture and Snow Water Content for the period from November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Their analysis of the Whiteshell Park spring situation was that fall soil moisture was at the low end of normal; the snowfall levels were below normal; the snow water content was normal and the runoff potential was below normal. At the time of the report they did not expect any issues with high

water levels and commented that the spring rains will be the determining factor in lake levels.

As of April 30, data reported by Parks, on four of the ten lakes where measurement stations are maintained, are below normal. We expect that in the coming month readings will be available from the remaining lakes. The expectation is that the lakes will generally be below normal spring levels.

New developments include the formal approval to dredge one of the Falcon Lake boat-

house channels this year. The date has not been set for this work.

The design of a new control structure for Falcon Lake is underway and MIT plans to have a public information session this summer in Falcon Lake. Cottagers are encouraged to attend and comment on the proposed solution to control the lake level and the implementation that will impact cottager access on the south shore during construction in 2019.

Following a review of the 1976 flood control hydraulic analysis

report for Caddy Lake, it was agreed that the issue is the size of the railway tunnels which cannot respond adequately to pass heavy inflows from West Hawk during high water years. This needs to be discussed with both the CN and CP railways. To resolve the low summer water levels, the North Cross Weir needs to be modified. However, there is no road access to the existing weir and construction cost is unknown. A similar low level condition exists on Betula Lake where access is more

readily available. The committee suggested that if MIT develops a workable solution for Betula, it could be implemented at North Cross.

As always, lake levels are dependent on timely information and response to utilize existing control structures properly. We will continue to work with Parks and MIT on solutions.

MIT have a new website for lake level and flood information as follows: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/flood-info/index.html>

## LAKE LEVELS (feet above sea level)

| AS OF                                   | MAY 10, 2018 | MAY 10, 2017 |                                      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Betula Lake                             | no data      |              |                                      |
| Big Whiteshell                          | 1017.60      | 1018.5       | 1 foot lower than last year          |
| Caddy Lake                              | 1044.4       | 1045.2       | 9 inches lower than last year        |
| Falcon Lake                             | 1065.3       | 1066.4       | 9 inches lower than last year        |
| Jessica Lake                            | 1017.5       | 1017.75      | 3 inches lower than last year        |
| Lone Island Lake                        | 1017.1       | 1018.0       | 1 foot lower than last year          |
| Star Lake                               | 1114.75      | 1114.88      | 2 inches lower than last year        |
| West Hawk Lake                          | 1090.5       | 1091.65      | 13 inches lower than last year       |
| White Lake                              | 1002.9       | 1003.65      | 9 inches lower than last year        |
| Winnipeg River system as of May 3, 2018 |              |              |                                      |
| Nutimik Lake                            | 901.15       | 903.5        | 2 foot 4 inches lower than last year |

## MPPCOA UPDATE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

We held our Third Quarter MPPCOA meeting April 24, which provided them with an opportunity to delve into, to question and to comment on matters of common concern. It is our understanding other provincial park COAs are hoping to arrive at similar decisions to join at upcoming AGMs.

Cabin Owners Executive Committee members and Parks Branch staff have held a series of half-day meetings: December 17, January 25, March 22 and April 19. Next meeting is scheduled for May 24."

"In addition, on April 12, several members of our MPPCOA Advisory Committee and Parks Branch staff members met for one-half day to form a Working Group and to begin focused discussions. These "table of officers" are tasked with developing future positions concerning Crown Land Rent and Park District Service Fees. A second meeting was held May 9 while the next meeting is scheduled for June 6."

At a recent MPPCOA/Parks meeting, Parks introduced a requirement regarding

posting block and lot numbers on your lot fronts and lakeshores. Although not mandatory, such postings are encouraged by Parks and Protected Spaces Branch for Park cottage lot identification by Parks staff and emergency services providers.

### WCA to host MPPCOA Meeting

The Whiteshell Cottagers Association is pleased to host the 2nd Annual General Meeting in our Whiteshell Provincial Park during the weekend of June 23/24, 2018. Last year's inaugural AGM was hosted by the Duck

Mountain COA. MPPCOA Executive Committee members are cordially invited with his/her spouse/partner to immerse in and enjoy the beauty and historic sites our beautiful Park has to offer. While MPPCOA Executive members are meeting Saturday afternoon, the host WCA Board of Directors will provide a tour of key Park historic and unique sites to the spouses/partners. A dinner allows for an outstanding opportunity for our MPPCOA guests to meet and socialize with WCA Executive and Board members to

share issues and ideas, but also form new friendships.

Billets for visiting MPPCOA guests are needed for Saturday night. If you are interested in billeting one of our MPPCOA guests, please contact Ronald Smith at either 204-269-5873 (home) or 204-349-8804 (lake) or by email at [ronaldsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:ronaldsmith@hotmail.com).

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Further to the story that ran in the December 2017 edition of the *Whiteshell Echo*, we point out that this project is being driven by a committee of six North Whiteshell cottage owners who are also members of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association. Please note that ongoing work on this project is being done under the North Whiteshell Fire Department banner, not that of the WCA.

As you are already aware our committee has been gathering information and exploring options to deliver a much higher level of fire protection to the North Whiteshell. Before we

move forward we need your input. To facilitate this we have engaged the services of Probe Research, a renowned Winnipeg-based company that will conduct an independent survey. Your package will include background information on the current fire/911 process, allowing you to provide informed answers.

This summer you will receive either an email or a letter asking you to complete the survey. Completing it by email is the fastest, most efficient of the two options. If you have not given us your email address, please call Lee Hurton at 204-487-0556 or email her at

wca@whiteshellcottagers.com.

This is an extremely important matter. We want your thoughts and the survey gives you the opportunity to have your voice heard. Your cooperation in completing and returning it promptly to Probe Research will be very much appreciated. Depending on the distribution date of the survey, the results will be published in either the August or October edition of the *Echo*.

Gary Kennedy  
Chair – North Whiteshell  
Fire Dept Committee.

## SOUTH EAST WHITESHELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

*By Gordon Greaves*

Thank you to the donors for the great response to our donation request in the last

article. Your support is very heartening and appreciated.

By the time this article is published, we hope that all of the planning and organizing related

to the bi-annual Fireperson's Ball is complete. We are hoping the June 9 event will sell out again. A big thank you to sponsors and donors who have again contributed their support to the Ball. It is that support that makes this event successful. Look for pictures of this event in the next *Echo* article. We hope to see you in the pictures.

### Open House in August

Don't forget about our Open House in August. Watch the bulletin boards and check the

Chamber of Commerce link for all events and dates this summer — [www.chamber-south-whiteshell.ca](http://www.chamber-south-whiteshell.ca)

Bring the kids, enjoy the free soft drinks and hot dogs, and climb aboard the new fire truck.

Now that the weather has finally warmed up, let's hope we all have a safe and pleasant summer at the lake. Don't forget to check for obvious fire hazards around and in your cottage. Clear dead branches and leaves from your

lot to minimize the fire risk in a dry year.

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*The Annual Whiteshell Cottagers Association Directors Banquet was held March 21 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. A complete list of Lake Directors appears on page 10. If you are interested in becoming a Lake Director for the WCA, please contact the WCA. If you are interested in becoming a Lake Writer for the Whiteshell Echo see details on page 19.*



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## OPEN HOUSE CONCERNING FALCON LAKE WATER LEVELS

**L**ater this summer the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation in conjunction with Manitoba Sustainable Development will be holding an informational open house in Falcon Lake. They want to hear from all interested cottagers on Falcon Lake regarding the issues and solutions available to control the lake level and access to the south shore boat house channels. We encourage all cottagers to attend this meeting or, if they are unable to attend, to forward information to their Falcon Lake WCA Director to be included in the information gathering.



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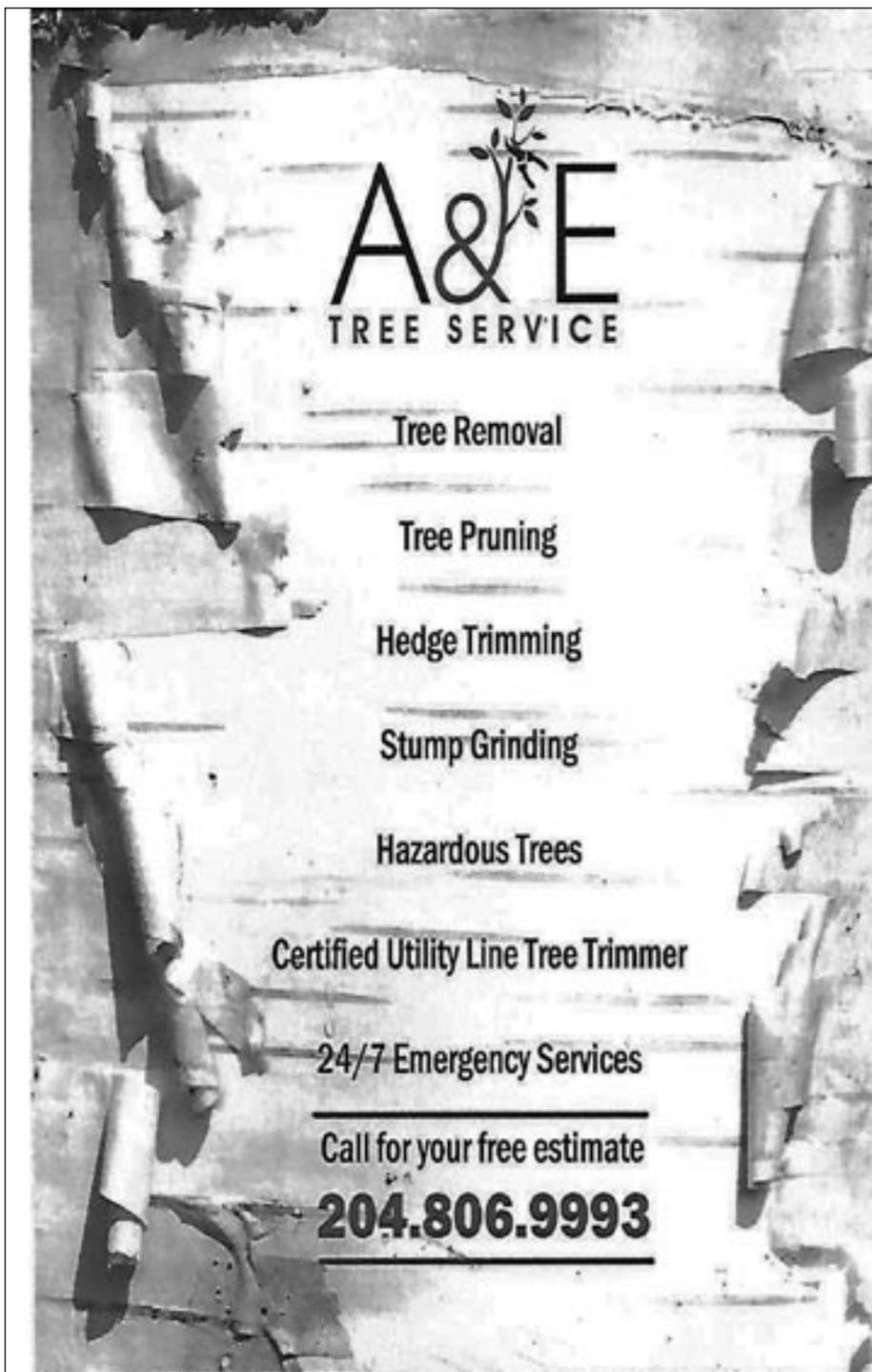
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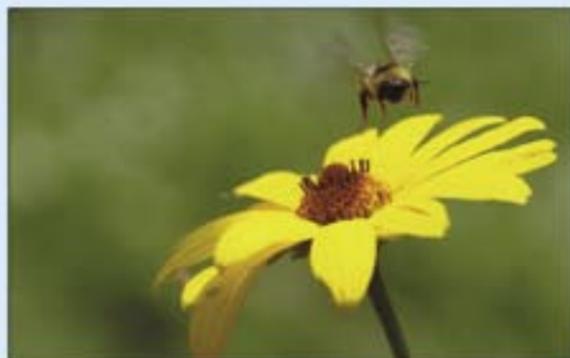
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## CONTEST RULES

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
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6. ALL PHOTOS SUBMITTED BECOME PROPERTY OF THE WCA AND ARE NOT RETURNED.
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# WCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## WCA MEMBER DISCOUNTS

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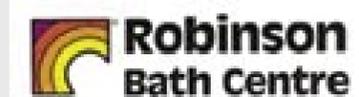


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*By Deborah Seguin,  
WCA Membership Chair*

On May 11, 2018, membership in the Whiteshell Cottagers Association reached 1,760. Thank you, members, for your continuing support. Your association is working hard on your behalf to bring value to your membership by:

- Negotiating fair lease and service fees.
- Providing excellent communication through the *Echo*, Facebook and our website:  
[www.whiteshellcottagers.com](http://www.whiteshellcottagers.com)
- Safety and education such as succession planning seminars, and tips via Facebook and our website on fire restrictions, water safety, boating safety, tick information, educational events held within the park, trail information and much more.
- Numerous reports from the WCA Water Level committee, and weekly water reports we share from Manitoba Hydro.
- Up-to-the-minute Facebook and

website reporting on disasters; fire, flood, train derailments, etc.

- Reporting Park News such as transfer station hours, park interpretive events, hatchery updates.
- Fostering a cooperative relationship with Parks and other Whiteshell stakeholders.
- The Annual Photo Contest (see page 12.)
- Member discounts from many businesses; see the list at left, and on the WCA website.

### NEW - ANOTHER GREAT MEMBER PERK: WCA MEMBER DISCOUNT WITH ACEBOATER

The WCA is pleased to offer our members a new member discount at [Aceboater.com](http://Aceboater.com) where cottagers can apply for their Canadian boating license and complete the online boater test (Accredited by Transport Canada). Receive the WCA price of \$25 (Regular price \$49.95). The member discount code will be emailed to registered members. Now, who can afford not to be a member?



## Whiteshell Cottagers Association Incorporated

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I support the goals of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association and I wish to become a member in order to help assure that those goals are achieved.

Please check one of the following: Renewing  or Joining as a new member

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Send Whiteshell Echo by Mail  or I prefer to read Online  (check one)

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in below what accurately reflects your cottage location:

Name of Lake: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Membership requested:

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## WCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT CONTINUED

### And The Winner Is ....

Maureen Miller of Star Lake was the lucky winner of the multi-year membership draw that took place on April 18 at the Annual General Meeting. Maureen, enjoy your \$100 gift certificate to Rae & Jerry's Steak House! Taking out a multi-year membership to the WCA saves you time and money.

Sooo, if you are not a member of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association and you are reading this, your neighbours issue of this *Echo*, now is the time to join and enjoy the many benefits mentioned above! Be part of our united voice. Membership strengthens your WCA for whatever we may be pursuing on your behalf. HELP US HELP YOU. Join on line at [www.whiteshellcottagers.com](http://www.whiteshellcottagers.com) or mail in the application at left, on page 14.

Have a great summer everyone!



Photos of the wildfire at Caddy Lake in mid-May were posted to the Whiteshell Cottagers Association website and Facebook page as it happened. A WCA membership gives you access to up-to-date information from the Whiteshell, from any computer or mobile device. Photo of water bomber by Alison Bonneteau. Note the lake surface still largely covered by ice.

## WCA WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

*By Angela Hogan, WCA Website Chair*

The Website Committee aims to keep members informed of news, events, issues and to share ideas affecting cottagers in the Whiteshell. Through the website at [www.whiteshellcottagers.com](http://www.whiteshellcottagers.com), members have access to a wide variety of information, including meeting minutes, electronic copies of the *Echo*, committee news, safety alerts, infor-

mation about membership benefits, special events and more. The website activity continues to increase. We had a record of over 12,000 individual visitors to the site over the past 12 months.

Our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/WhiteshellCottagers/> is updated regularly with news, stories and ideas for cottagers. We have had over 1,900 "likes" and over 2,100 followers on Facebook.

We continue to make improvements to the

online registration and renewal process which allowed more members to renew on a timely basis in January and February this year. The online payment option is secure and reduces the administration work associated with paper applications and the need to follow up forgotten renewals.

If members have feedback, news or pictures to share, please email [webmaster@whiteshellcottagers.com](mailto:webmaster@whiteshellcottagers.com) or send a message through Facebook.



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## RULES FOR WASTE DISPOSAL IN THE WHITESHELL



**Garbage Cages:** Only household waste. No leaves or grass clippings are to be put into or outside of the cages.

**Recycle Bins:** Glass (lids removed and separated), tin cans (you can leave the labels on), milk/juice cartons, all plastics (remove the lids on drink bottles), aluminum foil/cans, paper, cardboard (flattened boxes). Place sharps in glass container and label sharps. Recycling should be placed in clear bags.



**Fish Remains:** Take to fish cleaning stations at Brereton Campground, Jessica Boat Launch, White Lake Campground, Lena Island Boat Launch, North Shore Big Whiteshell, South Shore Big Whiteshell, Betula Lake, New Nutimik Campground, Old Nutimik Campground, Opapiskaw Campground and Otter Falls Campground.

**Human Waste:** Public water dumping stations are located at Otter Falls, Nutimik, Big Whiteshell, and Brereton. Lagoons accessible to the public are located at Dorothy, Big Whiteshell, Brereton, West Hawk and Falcon.

**Transfer Stations:** Separate your items before coming to the site. All vehicles must report to the onsite staff to document required information. There are separate disposal areas for appliances, brush, concrete, fish remains, glass, household garbage, plastic, rubber, scrap metal, shingles, building materials, yard/garden waste, paint and aerosol cans.

**Demolition Materials:** Please separate clean materials from contaminated when hauling materials. Materials from structures larger than three metres by three metres and concrete larger than 1.5 metres by 1.5 metres must be hauled to the Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Facility.



**White Goods:** (Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners): These are accepted at the transfer stations without being decommissioned. Please see the attendant when dropping off these items.

**Brush:** All brush should be taken to the transfer station as soon as possible and should not be stored on your lot or on public reserve. Brush piles are a fire hazard and can attract nuisance wildlife such as raccoons and skunks to your property.



### North Whiteshell Transfer Stations

#### Jessica Transfer Station

May 1 - Sept. 30 Thursday - Monday 10 am to 6 pm  
 Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 Friday - Sunday 10 am - 4:30 pm  
 Nov. 1 - Mar 31 Sat. 10 am to 4:30 pm  
 JUNE 1 - JUNE 30 Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Nutimik Transfer Station

May 1 - Sept. 30 Thursday-Monday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 Friday - Sunday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 Sunday 10 a.m - 4:30 p.m.  
 JUNE 1 - JUNE 30 Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Whitemouth -Reynolds-North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility

##### May 1 to September 30

Mon, Tues 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Thurs, Fri, Sat 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

##### October 1 to JUNE 30

Tues, Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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CLOSED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

#### JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

OPEN MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> TO NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

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CLOSED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

#### NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> TO MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

OPEN TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please Note: From June to September - Transfer Station Closes Statutory Holidays

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## BETULA LAKE

*By Dave Bell*

We at Betula Lake have been very fortunate to have enjoyed some high quality resort owners over the years.

I am old enough to remember treks to the resort store to get white gas for the Coleman stove, buying and mixing oil and gas for our 5 1/2 hp Johnson outboard (green) and bringing back a large block of ice for the fridge.

All of this was dished up by Hap Harper in the mid 1950s. Other providers of lake necessities have included the Smiths, the Mallettes, the Duecks, the Brandts, the Bigelows, the Hardys, and the Sampsons.

Since the year of the big blowdown in 2007, we have been especially lucky to have the privilege of the hard work and significant investment provided by Doreen Perron and her dedicated mom Lucille Fontaine. For the past number of years the store and cabins have been open for business all winter long. Lucille is an incredibly gracious and welcoming store manager and has won several Top Spot to Stop awards from the Whiteshell Snowsledders for having hot food and beverages available to all as they stop to regroup and gas up their machines. Thank you Lucille for your hard and thoughtful work!

### Fat Biking

You may have noticed the growing sport of Fat Biking in and around the province. These four to five-inch-wide tired bikes are the fastest growing segment of the bike industry. Snowmobile trails, ski trails, and all back roads make excellent thoroughfares for fat biking. If you like biking you should give it a try! I've included a photo of Block 7s fat bike enthusiasts Marc and Jan DelBigio with friends cycling



Lucille Fontaine in her office



The first crocus appears, photo taken April 25.



Above, Ultimate Frisbee competitors at last year's Betula August Long Sports weekend. Below, Block 7's Fat Tire riders Marc and Jan Del Bigio and friends out on the trails in April.

the trails around Betula in mid April, perfect fat biking weather! It is said that once you try fat you never go back!

### Signs of Spring

As I write this piece, the first crocuses have appeared (April 25) on the Foresters Footsteps Trails.

The geese, cranes, pelicans, mergansers and other migrating birds are just arriving and May start-up activities are beginning.

### Betula Cottage Owners Association

At Betula, our Cottage Owners Association met on the May long weekend to finalize dates for a full summer of activities. These include the Ultimate Frisbee game, the Wiener Roast, the Corn Roast, the August Long Sports Weekend, the highway cleanup, and many other cottager



events. I look forward to seeing you all over the next few months.

### Welcome

Block 1 has some new permanent residents. The Pituras have decided to make Betula Lake

their full-time home. A big welcome to Carl and Lucy.

### Condolences

Sadly, I must also report the passing in April of Ed Garvie. Ed was a longtime member of the

Betula campground community. Our condolences go out to Ed's partner Bernice Baines and their families.



By Blair Mineault

I think I jumped the gun when I started my April article with "Another winter has come and gone." I guess I got a little excited with the one or two days of beautiful above normal temperatures. Yup! That was it for good weather. Winter carried on after that with a tight grip up until mid-April before we felt the temperatures rise again. The cool temperatures left the ice hanging around until the first week in May. Big change from last year when the ice was pretty much gone on Easter weekend April 15-16, 2017.

### Dry Spring

A dry fall and a long cool winter with very little snow set the stage for extreme dry conditions for the spring. This was apparent when a fire started next to the Trans Canada Highway just west of the four-lane cut-off by Falcon Lake on May 5. Onlookers around the lake stood in awe as four water bombers picked up water on Falcon as ice still remained on parts of the lake. Thank you to the local RCMP, the South East Whiteshell Fire Department and Sustainable Development for their quick efforts in getting the fire under control and putting out the flames.

### Winter Fish Off

Before I carry on with other news, I must mention one last thing from the winter since it happened after the last issue's deadline.

On March 17 my son Carsten and I attended the 15th Annual Falcon Lake Winter Fish Off with almost 2,000 other anglers on a beautiful sunny day on the west end of Falcon Lake. It was hailed as one of the most exciting years for this annual event so far. There was over \$100,000 in cash and prizes given



The Falcon Lake Winter Fish Off took place March 17 with 2,000 competitors, including myself and son Carsten, going for thousands of dollars in prizes. (That is not us pictured above.) Below, organizer Ian Young presents a cheque for \$18,340 raised for the St. Amant Foundation in Winnipeg and the Fish Off also raised \$2,000 for the Whiteshell Community Club. Pictures were provided by the Falcon Lake Winter Fish Off.

away this day. Top prizes were given to Mary Jane Arenal who won \$11,000 in the 50/50 draw, Andrew Robertson won the Grand Prize of \$15,000 for the biggest catch of the day, and Ben Gilby reeled in a fish that matched the sealed hidden weight of 1.66 lb. This catch landed him a brand new Alumacraft Competitor fishing boat worth \$60,000. Not a bad prize for such a little fish.

The event raised \$18,340 for The St. Amant Foundation and an additional \$2,000 went to the Whiteshell Community Club towards their fundraising efforts to help pay for a new ice making plant for the curling program. "I hope everyone in our community takes pride in the fact that we host Canada's premier ice fishing event," said Ian Young, the events organizer from Faloma Marina. Ian was truly amazed by the support from the local community, volunteers and sponsors.

### Golf News

The new pro shop and restaurant at the golf course sure didn't take long to take shape over the winter. The shell of the building, including the windows, were al-



ready in place by mid-April. This beautiful new building is a welcome new sight in the area. I will miss the old facility, though. I'm sure restaurant manager Alana Scott, golf professional Jeff Heiland and course superintendent Dave Turner are pleased with this great new addition.

The Falcon Ladies Golf League is starting up again on June 5, (see page 21 for details). Signup procedure for tee times will be the same as last year. Contact Evelyn Proceviat at the Falcon Lake Golf Course pro shop at 204-349-2554 or send an email to proceviat@lakelandgolfmanagement.com. You can also find more information about the league on their website at falconladiesleague.com.

### Whiteshell Community Club

Bingo is happening again on Wednesdays this year starting July 4 and going through to August 22. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening out.

Looking for some unique items and great deals? The always popular annual Flea Market takes place on August 4th from 9am - 2pm. Stop by to see what you can find.

The club will continue with its summer socials each long weekend.

Kids Art Club starts July 14 and will continue on select dates after that.

Get more information on club events from postings in town, or on social media and the club's website.

Just a reminder the curl-

ing program still needs assistance and support. Contact Pam DuBourg at whiteshellcc@gmail.com

### Sailing

The Falcon Lake Yacht Club is eager to welcome new members. The club prides itself on being family oriented and a great place to socialize with a friendly bunch of people. The club offers a variety of programs for ages seven and up. The Learn to Sail Program is open to kids aged 7-14 and runs over five half days in early July. The adult program happens over a two-day weekend in July as well. The all new Ladies Learn to Sail Program is an exciting new adventure for the club.

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**FALCON LAKE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18)**



The new pro shop and restaurant at the Falcon Lake Golf Course took shape over the winter. The shell of the building, including the windows, were already in place by mid-April.

The new program will offer a course to improve sailing skills, a race clinic and even some friendly races. Visit the club in Faloma on summer weekends for more information, or visit their website at [falconyachtclub.ca](http://falconyachtclub.ca) Read more about the Falcon Lake Yacht Club on page 27.

**Fiddle Camp**

Fiddlers take note. Registration opens June 8 for this years Falcon Lake Fiddle Camp taking place at Falcon Ski Ridge from Sept. 28-30. Visit [www.falconlakefiddlecamp.com](http://www.falconlakefiddlecamp.com) for more information and to register.

**Busk Stop**

On another musical note, don't forget about the Whiteshell Busk Stop located at the Falcon Lake

Shoppers Mall featuring live music. Step on up and show the community your talent.

**Swamp Donkey**

Registration is also open for this year's Swamp Donkey Adventure Race that happens in September. Visit [www.swampdonkeyar.com](http://www.swampdonkeyar.com)

**Out On The Lake**

Falcon Lake is a true watersports paradise. The lake is ideal for everything from wakeboarding, wake surfing, tubing, skiing, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding; the opportunities are endless.

The lake is getting busier with faster, and more powerful watercraft where some are now equipped with on-board ballast systems,

or a design that creates a larger wake. We all must be aware when out on the lake to keep a good distance from shore in order to respect cottager privacy and protect our shores from unnecessary erosion.

Have a great summer everyone! Let's hope it will be kind to us with great temperatures for outdoor activities and just the right amount of rain for gardens and forests to thrive.

**Contact Me**

Until next time, share items of interest from around your cottage including, stories, pictures, and events. Send to [bamineault@gmail.com](mailto:bamineault@gmail.com) or leave a message at 204-253-2275

**Upcoming 2018 Events in the South Whiteshell**

- June 9: Fireman's Ball (Whiteshell CC)
  - June 30: Canada Day Weekend: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - July 1: Canada Day Weekend: Fireworks on the beach (Falcon lake)
  - July 6, 7 & 8: Meteor Fest (West Hawk Lake)
  - July 6 & 7: Falcon Lake Fun Fest with Wonder Shows Family Fun Carnival (Falcon Lake)
  - July 7: Fireworks on the beach (Falcon Lake)
  - July 8: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - July 14: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - July 21: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - July 28: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - August 4: Flea Market: (Whiteshell CC)
  - August 4: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - August 11: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - August 11: South East Whiteshell Fire Department Open House (West Hawk)
  - August 12: Faloma Beach Marina Kids Fishing Derby (Faloma Marina)
  - August 18: Falcon Lake Show & Shine with live music (Falcon Lake)
  - August 18: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - August 25: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - September 1: Free Outdoor Movie (Falcon Lake)
  - September 15: Swamp Donkey Adventure Race (South Whiteshell)
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See  
**Falcon  
 Lake Yacht  
 Club News  
 on p. 27**



## WEST HAWK LAKE

By John Bell

Welcome everyone to this June issue of the West Hawk Lake news. I recently returned from four weeks in Mesa (Arizona). It was 90 degrees fahrenheit when I left Mesa (March 22) and the weather here did not warm up until mid April. Brrrr.

### Local News

In early April I ran into Ernie Todd. It was pleasant talking to him again. He is well but did say that his mother-in-law, Joan, is not doing so well in her Pinecrest residence in Kenora. All the best to you Joan.

I also learned that Rita Abrahams is seriously ill, all the best to you Rita.

Ray and Bev Neman have arrived in Winnipeg (April 24) from Mesa and should be in their residence in West Hawk shortly.

Also I had a pleasant meeting with Cheryl Fitelovich in Moonlight

Bay. She and Bob are now back in West Hawk from Mesa.

Pamela Davis (nee Booth) of Little Indian Bay sent me an email from Vancouver. She and Gary are very excited about getting back here this summer. In a meeting with Cassie Lewis of West Hawk Marine, I was informed that they will have a badly needed dock extension installed for this summer at the main beach. They also welcome Justin Slegers to West Hawk, who will be their mechanic; welcome Justin. Cassie also informed me that the company will be opening their Falcon store on Willow Drive on the May long weekend.

### New WCA President

I talked to Alan Roberts on the phone April 6. He is our new Whiteshell Cottagers Association President and is busy familiarizing himself with all his new responsibilities. He is pleased with the openness we have with Manitoba



A view of the main beach at West Hawk Lake from the boat dock April 22, still lots of ice.

Parks and arrangements made so far regarding, among other things, fees, and pays tribute to former presidents Dan Klass and Ron Smith for all the work they have done. Some of his new concerns include improvement of our by-laws and updating of the Cottager's Handbook. The Association Directors Banquet March 21 was well attended and included five regional government directors including Rob Nodotiafko, Director of Parks and Protected Spaces.

### Dangerous Ice

At the end of April the ice at Clearwater Bay, Ont., was getting dangerous. I was told that two vehicles had gone through the ice and a truck went through the ice in Kenora. There were no reports of sinkings at West Hawk.

### Solar Power

On April 23 Sean Harbottle drove me up the hill behind the store to show me his solar array for generating electricity which can feed power back into the hydro system. It is a huge installation, capable of generating 200.2 kilowatts of power. For those of you with a technical mind, the DC power from each solar panel is changed to 60 cycle AC in a converter to the correct voltage. The frequency is synchronized to the hydro frequency and then power can be transferred into the hydro system. Sean expects that the system will be operational in May. See the accompanying picture. This is the largest installation in Manitoba. I am certain it will work out great, Sean!

### Family Fish Weekend at the Hatchery

The manager at the hatchery, Kevin Dyck, had interesting news for the *Echo*. On June 9 there will be a family Fish Weekend. For this event live fish (about 18 cms) will be released into the Whiteshell River by the hatchery and the family can fish downstream – some fun!! Employees are

starting to obtain pickerel eggs at Falcon Creek and they are stocking Lyons and Hunt Lake with about 100, five-pound pickerel. They have just finished stocking local lakes including Camp, McHugh, Lyons and ponds along the highway with fry. There are about 140,000 fish in the tanks for later stocking and local lakes will soon be stocked with pickerel. Kevin reminded me that the Interpretive Center will be open weekends until July, then for July and August it will be open Thurs. to Sun., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### New Bridge at West Hawk

On my trip to the Fish Hatchery I crossed the new bridge over the outlet of West Hawk. It is a sturdy two lane metal bridge with footings in bed rock. At one side, a person was inspecting the construction. I stopped and asked if anything was wrong. She stated that she was one of the engineers who designed the bridge. Her name was Marta Flores and she was inspecting the installation which was finished last fall. It should last many years.

### Fire Department News

I talked to our Fire Chief Bruce Morrison and he stated that the last several months have been very quiet with no major fires or accidents. This is certainly good news. There was a small fire near Rennie but it did not require any assistance.

### Lake Levels Report

Following is the report from Mr. Neil McMillan our new Lake Level Committee Chairman. Neil has taken over from Alan Roberts who is our new Association President.

The lake level committee met with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) in March. They are the branch of the

## Launching the Boreal Shores Art Tour 2018

On June 13th, 2018, last summer's highly successful Boreal Shores Art Tour will announce its return for a second season with a public event at the Whitemouth Community Centre. Anyone interested in the depth and diversity of artistic talent in the Eastman Region, which the tour showcases, is invited to attend.

Janice Charko, head of the Boreal Shores Art Tour Organizing Committee, says that the 2018 tour will have more artists and will cover an expanded area, reaching from the East Beaches on Lake Winnipeg to the Ontario border.

At the kickoff event organizers will reveal the list of participating artists, as well as the new route and the new brochure which provides details about artist locations.

A highlight on will be the unveiling of the 2017 Mosaic Art Project. Last year, visitors to the tour had been invited to participate in the creative process by painting a small piece of a large photographic, boreal image donated by Pinawa photographer Stu Iverson. Over the winter, the 648 squares were assembled into a mosaic which includes the names of all who participated. This mosaic will be hung at the Whitemouth Community Centre.

Please join the organizing committee of the Boreal Shores Art Tour in launching the 2018 Tour at the Whitemouth Community Centre at 2 p.m., Wed., June 13. Light refreshments will be served.

The 2018 Boreal Shores Art Tour will be held August 18 and 19. More information is available at [www.borealshoresarttour.ca](http://www.borealshoresarttour.ca).

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**WEST HAWK LAKE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20**

Provincial Government responsible for forecasting levels on all provincial waterways. MIT has provided the following forecast for the spring of 2018. For the Whiteshell Provincial Park in general the following information applies.

**Soil Moisture Condition (as of November 2017):** The level is rated between adequate to below normal in eastern regions of the province. **Winter Precipitation Accumulation (from November 1 to March 17, 2018):** The snowfall and rain in this period is well below normal in the south and southeast area of the province. The 2018 snow pack water content for the south areas of the province ranges between 1 to 3.5 inches in total. Most southern watersheds re-

ceived less than two inches. The normal amount is two to four inches. The melt will therefore contribute less than normal to spring lake levels. The potential runoff index is rated below normal for the south half of the province. Thus the Whiteshell Park spring melt should be uneventful. However as with all forecasts for lake level conditions they are subject to spring rainfall.

**Community Club Bingo and Flea Market**

Darleen Schimler informed me that bingo starts July 4 at the Whiteshell Community Club. Doors open at 6:30, the early game starts at 7 p.m. and is followed by the regular games.

Also the Annual Flea Market is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the August long weekend. Tables are \$20. Dar-



Sean Harbottle's solar panel installation is the largest in Manitoba.

leen needs volunteers for both the bingo and flea market. You may contact her at dar1fc@mts.net.

The Ladies Annual Golf Tournament for Colon Cancer will be held June 2.

**Fire Safety**

Cheryl Mason of Natural Resources wants to remind everyone that open

fires are only allowed in fire pits and that everyone should have their cottage lot and block numbers posted at the front and rear of their lot. This will be of great help to ambulance and fire services in emergencies as well as to hydro and phone services.

**Weigh Station**

Mike Woods from the border weigh station stated that the winter activity there has been very normal.

**Curling Rink Raising Funds**

Kevin Briss, president of the Falcon Community Club, informed me that fundraising to repair the curling rink ice maker is progressing slowly. He estimates that about \$40,000 is needed and hopes that everyone considers helping so that curling may start next winter.

**Trans Canada Restaurant Sold**

I understand from Shannon Henwood that the sale of the property of the former Trans Canada Restaurant has been settled. Part of it is now owned by West Hawk Lake Resort and the remaining portion now belongs to Parks. This settlement was reached since there was no offer for the property and it could be put to good use for everyone with this arrangement.

**Falcon Beach School News**

Dereck Janssen, Principal of Falcon Beach School, emailed me a copy of the April 27 newsletter. They will be having Science Days Tues. and Wed. June 5 and 6 and grade 9 and 10 exams are June 12 to 15.

The school is participating at the Manitoba Marathon Sun. June 17 and Canoe Instruction for grades 8 to 10 is on Tues., June 19 followed by a canoe trip June 20 to 22. Mon., June 25 is grade 10 graduation, June 27 is Beach Day for all and the last day of school is Thursday June 28 with closing ceremonies and noon dismissal. The Newsletter provides details on other activities if you can obtain a copy. The students certainly do more than I ever did in my school days but I do remember Mr. Dudley at Earl Grey School in Winnipeg, taking our class to the gym and teaching us how to march and to use a 303 rifle during WWII!

**RC Chapel**

The Roman Catholic Summer Chapel will again be celebrating masses at 9 a.m. Sundays from May long weekend to Sept. 30 in the West Hawk Lake United Church. Danny, at 204-349-8168, is still available as a marriage commissioner and a commissioner for oaths.

**Cold Water a Danger**

In closing I must remind all who venture on the lake after the ice is gone to stay close to shore, even with a life jacket. The water is cold enough that you can remain conscious for only four to six minutes.

**Send Me Your News**

Please send interesting pictures or notes you may have that would be appropriate for the *Echo* to me at ve4ol@yahoo.ca (where o and l are letters) or call 204-349-2994.

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# WHAT'S COOKING?

## *Grilled Portabella & Goat Cheese Burger*

**Makes 4 Servings**

**Ingredients**

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) fresh thyme or 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried thyme
- Salt & freshly ground pepper
- 4 portabella mushrooms, stemmed and cleaned
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chèvre (goat cheese)
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped red onion
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 2 tsp (10 mL) chopped fresh thyme or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 whole wheat hamburger rolls, split, toasted
- 4 cups arugula, divided

**Directions**

1. In small bowl, combine oil, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Set aside for basting during cooking.
2. Lightly score the mushrooms on the smooth, non-gill side, in a cross hatch pattern to help release moisture during cooking.
3. Grill mushrooms over medium-high heat, 3-4 minutes per side or until tender. Baste generously with oil and garlic mixture while cooking.
4. Remove mushrooms from grill. Cover. Let rest.
5. In medium bowl, combine chèvre, red onion, lemon juice, thyme, salt and pepper. Mix well.
6. To serve: Spread 1/4 of chèvre mixture evenly onto bottom half of each bun. Top with grilled Portabella mushroom and arugula. Serve warm.

## *Whisky Maple T-Bone Steak*

**Makes 2-4 Servings**

**Ingredients**

- 2 – 1 lb T-Bone Beef Steaks
- Coarse salt steak seasoning, to taste
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 shallots, thinly sliced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 100 g package fresh oyster mushrooms, sliced (any seasonal mushroom variety)
- 3 springs of fresh rosemary, whole
- 1/2 cup (120 mL) beef stock
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Canadian whisky
- 2 tsp (10 mL) pure Canadian maple syrup
- 1/2 cup (120 mL) half and half cream
- Salt & pepper, to taste

**Directions**

1. Generously season both sides of T-Bone steaks. Place on a plate and refrigerate while preparing the sauce.
2. In a large sauce pan over medium heat, sauté the shallots and garlic in butter. Add the mushrooms and rosemary. Sauté until mushrooms are lightly caramelized. Add beef stock and whisky. Allow whisky to boil off alcohol content. Add cream and maple syrup. Season with salt & pepper. Simmer briefly and keep warm.
3. Prepare grill or barbecue to high heat, grill steaks to desired doneness. Medium rare should have an internal temperature of 140°F (60°C) on the grill. Once removed temperature will rise to 145°F (63°C)
4. Serve Maple Whisky sauce over steaks.



## *Jamaican Barbecued Jerk Turkey*

**Makes 4-6 Servings**

**Ingredients**

- 3.5 lbs (1.5 kg) turkey pieces, skin removed
- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) vegetable oil
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) ginger, chopped
- 3 bunches green onion, chopped
- 2-4 hot chili peppers, chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 cup (65 mL) dark rum
- 1 Tbsp (30 mL) fresh lime juice
- 2 tsp (10 mL) salt
- 1 1/2 tsp (7.5 mL) ground all spice
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) fresh thyme



**Directions**

1. Add all ingredients except turkey to a food processor, and pulse until finely chopped.
2. Prick the turkey pieces (skin may be removed first, if desired) with the point of a knife and then rub with jerk marinade.
3. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours.
4. Cook slowly over medium heat on an oiled grill for 45 minutes, turning once after 20 minutes. Alternatively, turkey can be baked at 350°F (175°C) for about 45 minutes, turning pieces once half-way through. The turkey is cooked when the internal temperature reaches 170°F (77°C).

## *Cheese Stuffed BBQ Beef Burger*

**Makes 8 Burgers**

**Ingredients**

- 8 slices Peppered Havarti or any soft cheese (about 3 ounces)
- 2 lb (1 kg) ground lean beef
- 1 1/2 tsp (7.5 mL) salt
- 1 tsp (5 mL) EACH garlic powder and Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground black pepper
- 8 (4-inch) hamburger buns, split and toasted
- Bacon, lettuce and tomato toppings

**Directions**

1. Fold each slice of cheese in half, then in half again to form 8 squares, set aside.
2. Place the meat in a large bowl and add the salt, garlic powder, Worcestershire, and pepper.
3. Mix with your hands until just evenly combined or add to a stand mixer using the paddle attachment.
4. Divide the meat into 16 equal portions and place on a work surface.
5. Using your fingertips or a burger press, make 2 portions of the meat into 2 rough 1/4-inch-thick patties that are each about 1 inch wider in diameter than the hamburger buns.
6. On half of the beef patties place the cheese stacks in the centre of each patty.
7. Top the cheese patties with the reserved beef patties and pinch to form a tight seal with hands round the beef patty to ensure it is sealed and slightly flatten to form one thick beef patty.
8. Repeat with the 7 others and refrigerate while the grill heats up.
9. Heat up the barbecue to medium high heat (375°F); oil the grill with oiled paper towel.
10. Place burgers on the grill and close the lid.
11. Grill 4 minutes per side and flip and repeat.
12. Remove burgers from the grill when fully cooked to 160°F.
13. Place on a platter tented with foil and allow to cool 5 minutes before serving.
14. Serve with toasted buns and assorted toppings.

## CAMP NUTIMIK: THE CONSISTENCY OF CHANGE

by Wayne Eisbrenner

Someone once said, "there is nothing as consistent as change." I'm not sure about your life, but I have found that to be true in my life. Changes will always happen – sometimes planned, and sometimes unexpected. That is just the reality in life. And that can be disconcerting because most of us appreciate some level of "sameness" in our lives.

That doesn't mean that we don't appreciate the new and the novel, but if we're honest, we'd like more sameness than change. It would seem to me, that the question is not so much one of "will change happen," but rather, how do we deal with changes that are thrown our way? Where do we learn how to cope with and even learn to embrace change?

I believe, for children, one of the ways that we can encourage this process of dealing with change in a healthy way is the experience of summer camp. At Camp Nutimik we are committed to providing a safe place for children, youth and even adults to encounter life changing experiences.

### Sunshine Fund

Recently, I attended a Manitoba Camping Association Sunshine Fund Donor luncheon and was privileged to hear from some of the campers who had the opportunity of going to camp because of the generosity of the Sunshine Fund donors. One of the young ladies who spoke told of her first overnight camp experience that happened when she was eight. She was terrified and wanted to go home immediately after arriving at camp, but she "sucked it up"

and stayed. On Tuesday she mailed a letter to her mom, a kind of "hello mother, hello father" as the old song goes. She told of how she hated everything about camp – how she had to get up at a certain time, how she had to eat at a certain time, and so on and so forth. She wanted mom to pick her up and take her home. Mom got the letter on Friday and because camp was ending on Saturday, decided not to react but pick her daughter up the next day as planned. (As a side note, her mom drove out to camp with fear and trepidation, concerned about what kind of reaction she would get because she hadn't come out as soon as she got the letter). Well, the end of the story was that this young girl's attitude had flipped 180 degrees and she didn't want to go home. Now ten years later, she hasn't missed a season of camp and is now involved in the summer camp not as a camper, but as a cabin leader helping other children experience change in a safe environment.

### Lives Change at Camp

At Camp Nutimik we see children, youth and adult lives change every summer. Individuals who come to camp are encouraged to challenge themselves in new ways, all within the bounds of a safe environment among caring staff.

### Thank You

#### Peter and Darlene

Over the past eight years, we at Camp Nutimik have been blessed to have Peter and Darlene Bergs and their family be part of that caring staff team. They have dedicated themselves to providing a safe place for children, youth and adults alike to experience nature, outdoor adventure and spiritual

growth. Many individuals have been influenced by Peter and Darlene's passion in providing experiences that have led to positive life changes.

I started this article by stating that there is nothing so consistent as change and that is also true in a camping ministry like Camp Nutimik. Peter and Darlene will be leaving Camp Nutimik in early summer and their departure will leave a big hole in the Whiteshell community. They have been the face of Camp Nutimik to many who come to our facility. We wish them well in their new endeavours and in the new changes that they will be encountering and



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also look forward to the new opportunities for growth and continued positive impact that we as a camp will have in the Whiteshell area and beyond.



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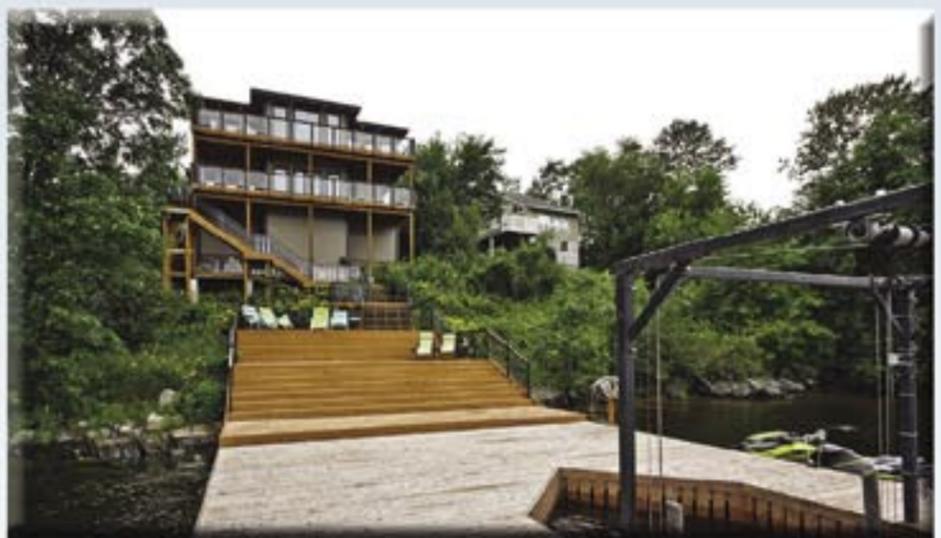


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## FALCON YACHT CLUB — A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

By Cynthia Grant

The sport of sailing can appear intimidating to most who never had the opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals in their youth. The image of yachting to many conjures up pristine white sails, navy sport jackets, Sperry leather deck shoes, expensive big keel sailboats and, of course, either champagne or rum. Add on the physics of wind power on the water, threats of capsizing and way too many lines to get tangled in, and the sport becomes daunting at best.

But harnessing the wind to sail a small sail dinghy boat by yourself on our pristine Falcon Lake is a whole different program. It spans all age groups, from six year olds to 80 somethings. Plus, you get the option to race it! That's where the fun really picks up! The definition of a sailboat race is when two sail boats are in sight of each other.

### Challenges

**Tipsy:** The first thing you need to overcome is the fear of capsizing. Dinghies tip over. You will get wet. So in your first lesson you will practice the tip over and how to get your boat back upright. It's easy once you learn a few physics tricks. You will be wearing a life jacket (mandatory) and a short wet suit.

**Power:** The wind is your gas pedal. How it hits your sail determines where and how fast you go in the current wind. It's a manageable learning curve that gets easier with every sail day.

**Physical:** Yes. You will challenge your upper body musculature pulling on the main line (sheet), directing the steering lever (tiller) and launching your boat. You will work your core by balancing the boat movements. Your flexibility will be required to duck the sail boom when you change direction (tack). People with artificial hips and knees are, unfortunately, not good candidates, as

there are greater physical joint demands with small sail boats playing in the wind gusts. But new sailors who want to increase their personal fitness will find new motivation to exercise at home, or join the local gym, guaranteed.

**Mental:** Once you learn how to rig your boat and learn the basics of sail power, you are half way there. When you learn to race around the triangle race course, you become focused on being one with your sailboat. You forget everything else. There's lots to learn if you want to compete. Books and YouTube videos abound. The other sailors are there to both help you and beat you across the finish line.

The Falcon Yacht Club is an awesome group of locals and day trippers, from Falcon Lake, South Whiteshell, Winnipeg and even some from Lake of the Woods.

If you get hooked on sailing after the Learn to Sail Program, (see details on this page), you likely will want to buy your own boat. The Falcon Yacht Club has a few club dinghies (Optimists, Lasers) members can use on a first come, first serve basis and we are hoping to acquire more. There are many different types of boats to choose from. And used sail boats are out there, wherever there are cottages and boathouses. Donations of boats are always gratefully accepted.

The two person sail boats (Laser 2, Taser, etc) are often in need of a crew and it's a great way to learn.

**Committee Boats:** The FYC is often in need of sailors and licensed power boaters to help with weekend races. Contact the club if you think you'd like to help, learn more about the sport or if your spouse or child is racing. Again, donations of used power boats and good motors are gratefully accepted.

**Learn to Sail Programs:** The FYC, in partnership with the Sail Manitoba (MSA), is hosting four programs this summer. An Adult Weekend pro-



gram, a Youth 5 Day Learn to Sail, a Youth 3 Day Advanced Program and for the first time a Ladies Learn To Sail Program. Our goal is to promote sailing on our beautiful lakes as well as grow club membership. Look for further news in the *Whiteshell Echo* as well as around town.

Check out our website [www.falconyachtclub.ca](http://www.falconyachtclub.ca) for more information and program registration.

### Ladies Program

This is a new venture for the FYC based on the

successful programs in South West Florida. Many women who had never sailed before started a Learn to Sail program in the late 1970s using the youth training sailboats called Optimists. It turns out an adult woman's small frame is suited to an Optimist which is the most popular learn-to-sail boat on the continent. It's a stable, easy, single-sail dinghy. About half of the women who try later graduate to the sleeker, faster Sunfish design.

Ten clubs from Tampa

south to Venice, Florida actively sail race every week with many inter club regattas. Today there are more than 400 women participating, aged from 40 to 90 somethings!

Check out the Florida Women's Sailing Association website, [www.fwsa.net](http://www.fwsa.net) and my club in Venice, Fla., The Bitter Ends [www.bitterendsvenice.com](http://www.bitterendsvenice.com)

### Falcon Yacht Club Location

We are next to the Faloma Marina off PTH 301. We boast a rustic cliff-top clubhouse and water side sail training shack.

We are not for profit — just for fun! We are always open for donations to help promote sailing on our lake. We offer reasonable membership fees to cover costs. Your family is welcome to join under one membership.

Sailboat storage on land is included. Come check us out on weekend afternoons and say "Hi".

Cheers,  
Cynthia Grant  
Lot 67, Toniata  
Falcon Lake



### Falcon Yacht Club Learn-to-Sail Program Summer 2018

Welcome to Falcon Yacht Club's 2018 Learn-to-Sail program. This year, a variety of courses will be offered between July 7 and 13. On-demand adult courses may also be arranged, subject to number of participants and instructor availability.

For more information and online registration go to [falconyachtclub.ca](http://falconyachtclub.ca)

#### Weekend Adult LTS Course

July 7-8; \$225, Maximum enrollment: 4  
All day (9:00 AM to 4:30 PM)

For adults with no previous sailing experience or for those who want to improve their sailing skills. Two full days of instruction. Taught in a range of single and double-handed dinghies (Laser and Laser II).

#### Kids LTS Courses

July 9-13; \$175

Beginners - Mornings (9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON). Maximum enrollment: 12  
Intermediate - Afternoons (1:00 PM to 4:00 PM). Maximum enrollment: 8

#### Ladies LTS Course

July 9-13; \$225; Maximum enrollment: 10  
Afternoons (1:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

This program will be taught by past national sailing coaches David Langdon and Shariene Telles-Langdon. Participants will be able to attend a supplementary racing clinic on Saturday July 14 (1:00 PM to 4:00 PM). The program will then be followed by three women-only friendly races on Sunday July 22 and 29, and Sunday August 5.

#### Go Fast Laser Clinics

Cost: \$10. Begins at 10:00 AM, followed by club races at 1:00 PM

- July 7, by past National Sailing Team coaches David Langdon and Shariene Telles-Langdon.
- August 12, by Argentinian National Team sailor Gonzalo Agrimbau.



# DOROTHY LAKE

*By Inge Scholte*

It's the first week of May and the sun is shining brightly, as it did so many days before. Despite the warmer day temperatures in April, the solid ice field on Dorothy Lake would not budge or show any sign of melting for weeks on end, until the narrows slowly opened up and the remaining ice began to crack and turn dark. On May 2, large floes, now free from their rocky and sandy moorings, drifted out of the beach and bay area. Only stubborn ice hung onto some docks.

### Birds of Spring

The eagles nesting at the park entrance claimed their territory around mid-March. The tundra swans came in April for a rest and early feeding, but without open water did not linger. Juncos and purple finches passed through. Goldeneyes, with their bright white markings and cheek spot, are dabbling in the shallows. Now the air is filled with bird sounds, males advertising their favourite nesting areas with trills and songs to lure willing females.

### Worry Over Frogs

Where melt water has collected in low spots, the expected frog choruses finally burst out in their various songs, a delight to the ear as the day is ending, with the hope that there will be a new generation of frogs. We had worried about their survival as thaw came so late, wondering whether there would be any water left for them at all, with no spring rains so far.

### Lack of Rain

The lack of rain is a growing concern, and not only for cottagers looking at the very low lake level. How long can farmers wait for rain? What about the woods, tinder dry and lichens crunching under foot? Trees and shrubs seem to have held back on budding and new growth. If rain were for sale, we'd all be pitching in by now. We hope and pray that, as this paper goes to press, our fears will have washed away in luscious rain showers!



Above and below, photos taken May 2 illustrate the lack of rain and spring runoff at Dorothy Lake. Dry conditions across the Whiteshell are a concern for all with a forest fire erupting at Caddy Lake May 13. See pictures page 1 and page 15.

## WEST HAWK LAKE YACHT CLUB



### West Hawk Lake Yacht Club 2018 Sailing Program

- July 20 – 22** Sail Manitoba Development Camp & Rising Star Regatta  
(Open to all ages and boat classes)  
2 full days of advanced sail training with provincial team coaches on West Hawk Lake followed by 1 full day of racing in the Rising Star Regatta. **This is an amazing experience for any sailor!** **Cost \$75**
- July 23 – 27** Learn to Sail (Juniors age 7 – 15) – CANSail Levels 1 – 2  
A repeat of our highly successful youth 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
  - Afternoon sessions – older/experienced sailors, sailboats provided**These 2 classes fill up quickly so make sure to register early!** **Cost \$160**
- July 23 – 27** Learn to Sail (Adults age 16+) – CANSail Levels 1 – 3  
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**Cost \$175**
- July 23 – 27** Intermediate Sail Training (Juniors age 9 – 16) – CANSail Levels 2 – 3  
A week of more advanced sailing for those who have previously taken our Learn to Sail lessons.
  - Morning sessions only, sailboats provided**Cost \$175**
- July 23 – 27** Advanced Sail Training (Juniors or Adults 12+) – CANSail Levels 3 – 4  
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  - Advanced and extensive all-day course, sailboats provided**Cost \$195**
- July 26 – 29** BOOT Camp (Juniors age 9 – 15) – Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club (Basic Optimist Olympic Sailing Camp)  
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  - Extensive all-day course, sailboats provided by WHLYC**Cost \$195**

**Saturday, August 4 & 18 – West Hawk Lake Yacht Club Annual Race Series**  
Fun races at different locations across the lake, open to all dinghy classes & sailors – beginner & veteran.  
Registration starts at 11 am, racing starts at 1 pm. Please call/email for more information.  
August 1 – Main Beach, August 18 – Big Island Landing

**For those that need help getting their sailboat ready for the summer season, please contact us!**

For more information, please contact:  
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## NUTIMIK LAKE

*By Kerri Pleskach*

I have to start out with an apology for not contributing to the last *Echo*. The deadline slipped my mind, then I received a reminder from James, the editor, with an extension.

We went out to the lake only a few times throughout the winter, so I didn't have much news. I asked a few people for news and Laura Wainwright came through and gave me many stories to write about. I was set! I started writing an article, life got in the way and I missed the extended deadline. Thank you Laura for all of your last minute help on the article that didn't make it into the last *Echo*. I am combining my two articles, therefore in this issue you will have double the news to read.

### Look Back At Winter

I have to go way back to winter ... yes, I said it, winter, you know, that season we all complained about and now that spring is here, we have forgotten how cold it was? I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. This winter was a cold one, as usual, and we made it through once again. We went to the lake over winter holidays and managed to go sledding, exploring and fishing, despite the cold weather. We ran into many brave souls out at Nutimik as well; the weather seems to stop no one out there. I have to send a shout out to the trail groomers of the snowmobile trails, as the trails were kept in top notch shape this year, which made for a nice ride.

### Seasonal Camping Draw

The seasonal camping draw was held at the beginning of March. There was an abundance of campers this year as there were about 164 applicants for only 157 sites.

By the time this article comes out, Nutimik will be buzzing again with campers.

### St. Patrick's Day

A group of Nutimikers celebrated St. Patrick's day on the lake, with mandatory St. Patrick's day attire. It was a beautiful day to spend with friends having fun with good food, green drinks and many games of ring toss and spike ball. Despite the many rods in the holes, there was no luck of the Irish to land any fish.

### Familiar Face With A New Cabin

Regan Duchon is a familiar face around Nutimik as he has owned a cabin here for many years. He recently purchased and moved into a lake front cottage at Nutimik, block 1. Enjoy your new cabin Regan!

### Congratulations

Congratulations goes out to Jason Vanzwol and Gia Mughal, who recently were engaged. A September wedding is currently being planned. Jason is the son of John and Wendy Vanzwol of Block 1 and grandson of Tony and Hilda Vanzwol of Block 1. Congratulations!

### Ice Break Up

We went to the cabin at the end of April and the lake was still frozen. It was a nice day and we were in t-shirts, capris and flip flops, which seemed a little weird as there was still snow on the ground. The girls found a river of melting snow and enjoyed playing on the beach. The ice came off the lake the first week of May and the lake is open and ready for fishing season. The water levels are low right now, and it looks like it will be a little tricky (if possible at all), to get your boat under the bridge in the creek.

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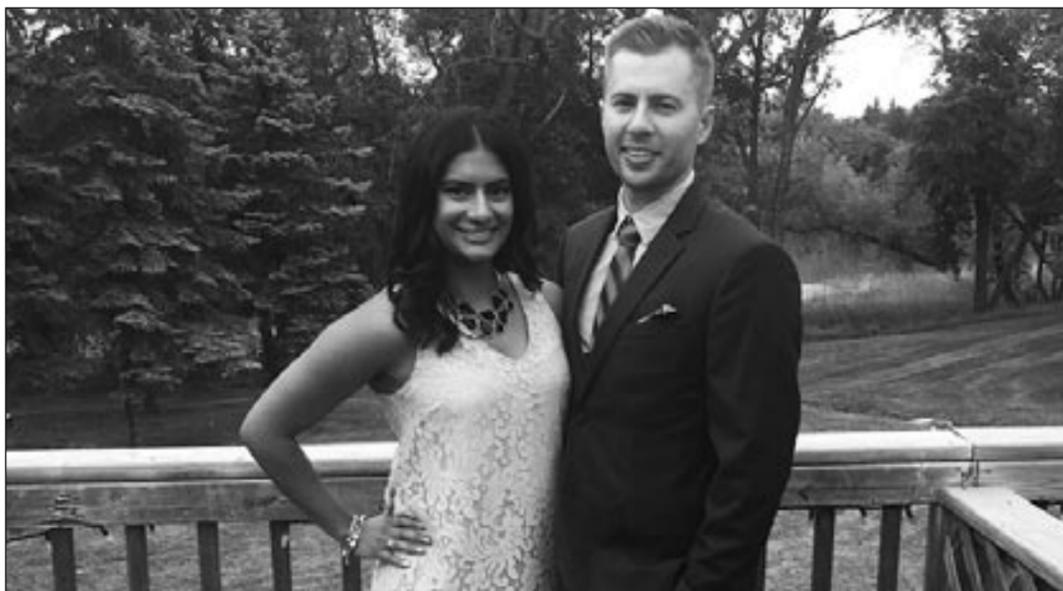
Dave, Rorie and Addison explore the lake on a wintry day.



All the ladies at the St Patrick's Day Party.



The 'kids' (who are now young adults) playing a St. Patrick's game of spike ball.



Gia and Jason's engagement.



# BIG WHITESHELL LAKE

By *Pat Fulcher*

Well folks, it looks like Spring has finally arrived. We were a little apprehensive about getting a boat on the water as winter took so long to shake out its last blasts! But alas the ice came off the lake on April 30 (for those who are keeping records). Buds are forming on trees and grass is getting greener. However, precipitation has been at a minimum. With little snowfall this year and no rain to speak of, conditions are extremely dry. Please keep this in mind as you clean-up your yards in preparation for the summer season. Presently there is a ban on burning, so think safety first!

### Cottagers Association Banquet

I attended the Annual Whiteshell Cottagers Association banquet. I want to give a big shout out and thank you to all the many volunteers that attended. There are so many people that give generously of their time to work on behalf of us cottager and lake lovers. It was also attended by Rob Neditiafko, Director of Parks. An eloquent speaker, his address included key words such as fairness and sustainability. He is an approachable gentleman and is working diligently with WCA executive and directors to listen to and address concerns. Hopefully Mr. Neditiafko, who calls himself our "Municipal Mayor" is a man of action!

### Roads Remain An Issue

As our Lake Director, Jacques Nault pointed out in his last email correspondence, many of the roads in the Big Whiteshell continue to be in deplorable, unsafe condition. The Block 4 road on the south shore continues to be riddled with potholes and much of the hardtop has crumbled away. The winter months and spring thaw have also played havoc on the south shore road. Significant blistering and asphalt erosion have caused safety concerns. Loose asphalt and potholes have caused drivers to weave to avoid car damage. Many folks use this road, driving, biking and walking. Slow driving and caution are needed when traveling these



**We're ready, but is the lake?** Some folks have put their boat ramps and docks down waiting for the water to rise.

roads. There are lots of little kids and families walking and biking, don't forget to keep your dogs on a leash when out walking.

### Boat Launch Ice Damage

Just a heads up, a cottager has informed me that the Block 9 public boat launch ramp has sustained significant damage due to ice break up.

### Low Lake Level

Speaking of boat launches, the water at present is extremely low. Some folks have already put their boat ramps and docks down and are scratching their heads and are hoping for the water to rise so that they can actually get their boat on the lift. Yikes, Mother Nature is toying with us these days ... no rain, low water, super dry conditions. Be kind to Mother Na-

ture; make sure you are recycling, composting, not littering and being kind to our park!

### Get Your Park Pass

Nice weather brings more and more people out to the lake. Don't forget to get your park pass. You can pick one up at the Whiteshell Lake Resort (South Shore) or Big Whiteshell Lodge (North Shore). You may also wish to purchase your fishing license as well.

### Firefighters Fishing Derby

As spring gets into full swing, we will welcome the Annual Firefighters Fishing Derby. This is a great group of charitable men and women whose camaraderie is unmatched as they mix fun and hard work to support the Burn Fund and Muscular Dystrophy. We wish them a

bright sunny day with live wells teeming with walleye. Their catch and release derby continues to support the sustainability of our lake as well.

### Lake Fun Ahead

What will we see on the lake this year? Fishing boats, pontoon boats, kayaks, jet skis, water skiers, paddleboats, canoers, swimmers and the latest craze, paddle boards. All these fun water activities mean take care on the water. Safety first!

### Social Notices

In social notices, the baby boom continues on Block 4, as Thomas Fulcher and Heather Anderson welcomed William on April 20.

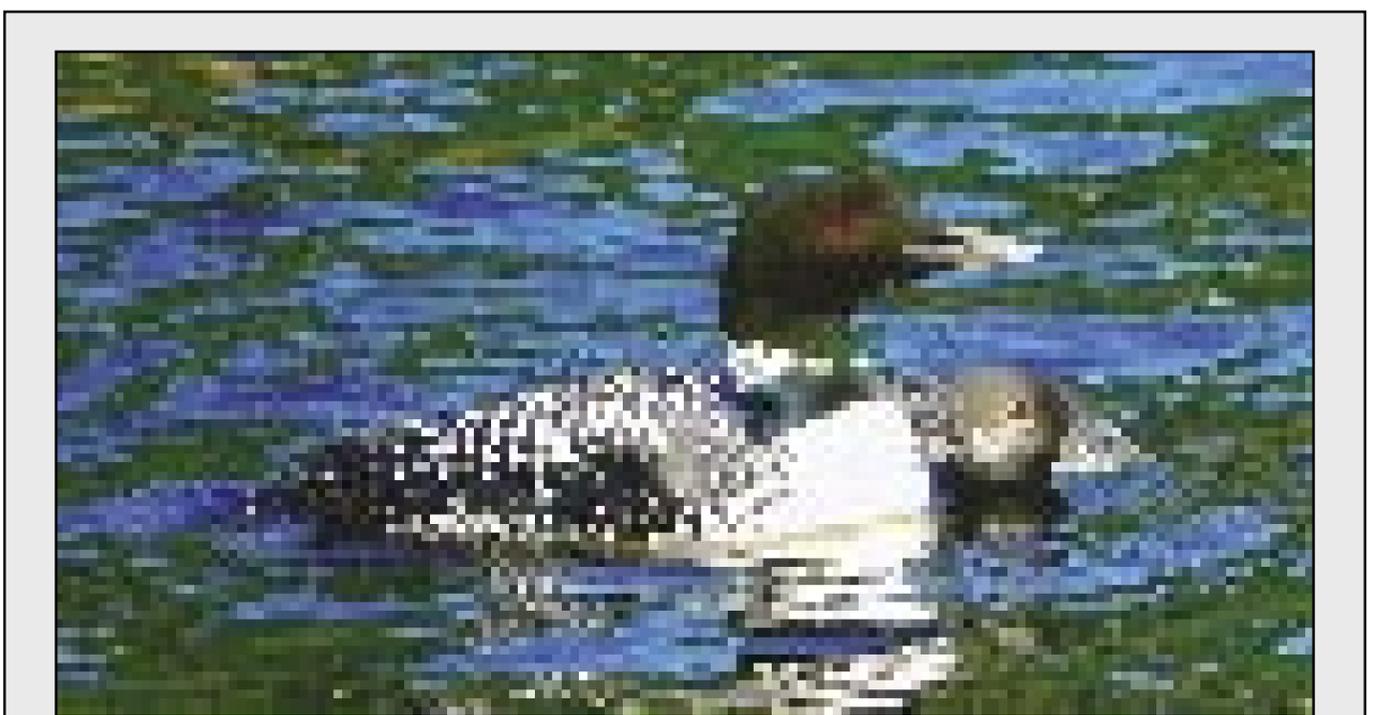
I am sure we will see many new faces on the lake as folks come and go. Welcome to the newbies and best wishes to those who bid adieu to lake life.

Here's hoping to see a little rain to perk up those berry bushes and reduce the risk of fire. We love to have an evening fire to roast our marshmallows and make up s'mores, but please take note of fire restrictions.

As always, lake time is the best time, family time, friend time, fun time, read time, or just relax time. Enjoy your time.

### Send Me Your News

Hey, once again, I am always looking for a good story, or social notice. Send me yours. Patfulcher26@gmail.com or call me (L) 204 348-7076 or drop by and say hello Block 4 Lot 16.



## 2018 PHOTO CONTEST

Photo above by Brian Armstrong of West Hawk Lake was the Second Prize winner in the Nature Category of the 2017 Whiteshell Cottagers Association Photo Contest. For details and entry form for this year's contest, with more than \$700 in prizes, see page 12.

## PENNIAC BAY SHORELINE TRAIL PROJECT

By Gary Turnbull

### Why We Need Your Support

After many attempts over the past 12 years to build a safer route for pedestrians and cyclists through the busy and narrow gap of Hwy 44 at Penniac Bay, the South Whiteshell Trail Association finally has an executable solution.

In the last 10 months SWTA has finalized the design, engineering, grant applications, approval from Manitoba Infrastructure, and support from Sustainable Development. Last December the land sections of trail were built to both ends of Penniac Bay. We plan to build the section along the shoreline this coming late fall or winter. The design is a rock in-fill on the lake side of the two hydro poles. The trail will be built a minimum of six meters from the edge of the highway and will be a gravel surface three meters wide. Near the centre of the Bay the trail will widen to five meters where there will be two benches and a kiosk with interpretive panels and recognition of donors.

We have obtained four estimates for the construction of the trail from local contractors and two estimates for the kiosk. The average total construction cost for this project is estimated to be \$420,000 to \$440,000.

Last month we received confirmation that our grant application to Trans Canada Trail was accepted and they will contribute \$100,000. We have an ad-



Above and below, concept plans for the Shoreline Trail.

ditional commitment of \$96,000, which includes \$46,000 from the Falcon and West Hawk Chamber of Commerce, \$25,000 from Trails Manitoba, and \$25,000 from the Gail Asper Foundation. We have applied for additional grants and reasonably expect another \$20,000 from these applications.

Therefore, our current shortfall which we must raise from private and corporate donations is \$204,000 to \$224,000. Can we count on you to help us create a safer and beautiful pedestrian corridor at Penniac Bay? Currently, we need pledges to help ensure some of our grant applications. Your donation can come at the end of this year, the beginning of next year or be split between 2018 and 2019. We can offer tax deductible, charitable receipts.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. All pledges and donations are sincerely appreciated. Please email [caleigh.christie@gmail.com](mailto:caleigh.christie@gmail.com) for a pledge form.

This shoreline trail will enhance the safety, accessibility, connectivity and enjoyment of our entire South Whiteshell community.



Existing bridge and trail connection point overlooking the waterfall that drains into the south end of Penniac Bay.

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## THE DOCK GUY

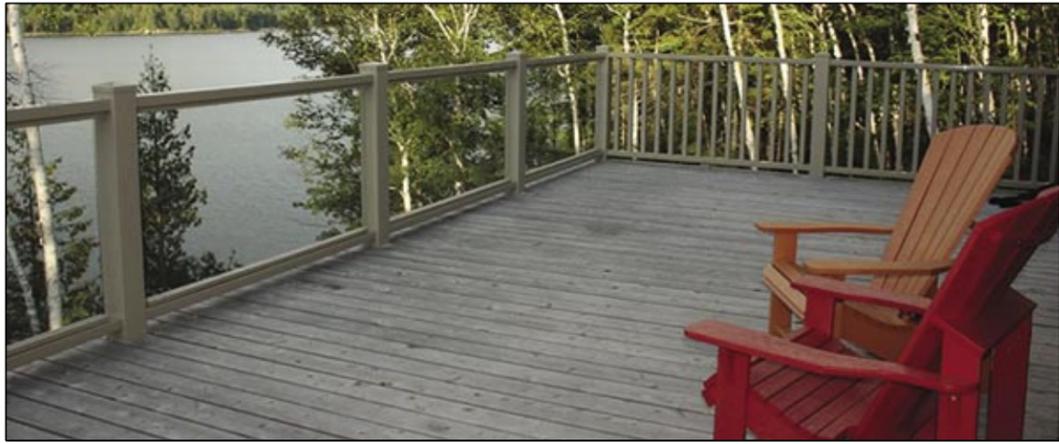
By Mike Adey

As summer sets in, the cabin is open and the yard work is done, the dock and deck become the focal point for a lot of cottagers, their family and friends.

In the April *Echo* we left off discussing the steel truss and its benefits to the cottager. Docks can now span wider and further out into the water with less support thanks to the design of the truss.

But how about a deck? How can we use the truss design on the shore? Trusses can be made to carry large amounts of weight. Trusses started to be used for decks in the 1970s. Again, I see different configurations and styles of decks using the truss design.

The lateral, or as we call them X-trusses, can be



placed to give the support that is required for the deck. Depending on the deck it can be built for just sitting and relaxing on, or it can be built to become part of the shoreline for your dock to pivot from.

The crib deck has been around for years and is still in use today. Mother Nature loves to mess with them in the winter. The steel truss allows for the structure to be built above the high water line with adjustable legs to set and adjust the height of the steel truss deck. Leg sockets are usually welded

into corners or in intervals along the sides of the deck where X-trusses meet. Yes, Mother Nature can still cause damage with all her fury, but for the most part only the legs are damaged and can easily be replaced.

As more and more boat houses started to appear on the landscape, so did the steel truss for support. The steel truss, because of its design and lack of deflection, could not be used to support boat houses. In some instances, trusses were put under an old boathouse to give

life to rotting or damaged wooden structures. Now, frames could be built out of trusses to support boathouse structures. The truss also became more widely used in decks. Decks of all configurations could be made with steel trusses, again, because of their strength and lack of deflection. Many steel truss decks became the pivot point for lifting docks out of the water. Usually, the pivot point is welded to front of decks so a dock can be lifted for the winter. In areas of no trees or rocks

for dock lifts, the steel deck itself becomes the anchor point for dock lift. As strong as a truss is for deflection up and down, it hasn't got as much strength laterally. This is the side of the truss being pushed in or pulled out sideways. Usually, where a truss is being used to lift or support on the face of a truss, it needs to be supported from the face of the truss back into the X-trusses. This is usually done by welding in angles top and bottom to give support to the top and bottom cord of the truss. At our cabin on Brereton we removed our old crib deck and installed a new steel truss deck and walkway beside the boat house to replace the wooden one. We are sure grandpa would be proud to see how the old and new come together to enhance life at the cottage

### Memories are made at the cottage

When you think about your most cherished memories, they always involve the cottage.

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The Nutimik outdoor Jets Whiteout Party.



We also enjoyed the lack of ice and warm weather, and had our first beach day on May 6. The girls even went in the water.

### Jets Bandwagon

We joined the Winnipeg Jets playoff bandwagon, since being at the lake no longer meant missing the games. We watched game five of the Nashville series Nutimik style, outside on the deck by the fire.

### Nutimik Lodge To Host Howie Fundraiser

The store at Nutimik Lodge re-opened May 4 for the season. They are fully stocked and ready to take care of their guests and customers. They will be hosting the annual Kevin Howie Memorial Search and Rescue Fund fundraiser on Aug. 11. The band, Project B has been hired again to play some great music for us all to dance to. There is also a solo act that will join in on the fun and provide some amazing music for us to enjoy. There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale, so mark it on your calendars for another fun filled day. Please like Nutimik Lodge on Facebook and follow them at #NutimikLodge on Instagram. Dale and Carole thank those that have liked and follow the lodge and appreciate all the comments.

### Welcome Back Snow Birds

Hopefully all of the snow birds made it back to Canada safe and sound and everyone has opened their cabin for the season. If you have any news or information that you would like to share, please email me at kerrilaw@mymts.net.

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