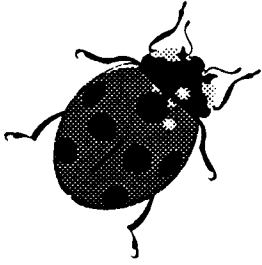


# Wah Wash Kesh



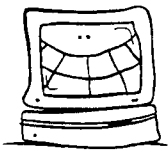
## CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

-Spring and Summer 2000 Newsletter-

Submitted by Andy VURMA

### Our Web Page is Operational – have a look!

Over the winter, our Web master Doug Marks has put together the Association's first Internet Web page. Point your browser to



<http://www.lake-wah-wash-kesh.org>

What do you think about it? Does it have the kinds of information you, your family or your children find interesting? What would you like to see here? Let's hear from you. Please contact any of the Directors or Doug Marks with your comments.

## Photo and Story Contest

To celebrate the launch of our new Web Page, the Association is sponsoring a **Photo and Story Contest** about our Lake and its residents. Your colour pictures should be 5" X 7". Your stories must be typed and limited to 500 words or less. If you have the capability, send your entry (text and photo) directly to us by E-mail. We will put your entries onto our web site for all to see.

**The deadline for your entries has been extended to Saturday, July 15th, 2000** You and family member must belong to the Association to enter. There are three categories:

- 13 years and under, ( Only in this category, your "photo" can be a coloured picture or drawing you have created)
- 14 – 17.
- 18 years and over.

There will **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners** in each category for the **photo category** and for the **story category**.

All winners will be recognized at the next Annual General Meeting at the lake during the summer.

**So make sure everyone in your family knows about this!**

Send your entries to Doug Marks,  
123 Poyntz Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 1J3,  
(416) 222-6515, E-mail: [dougmarks@home.com](mailto:dougmarks@home.com)

**Good Luck to all!**

## Lake Wah Wash Kesh Conservation Association

Land Use Committee

Submitted by J. Kirchin

*As our minds turn to thought of spring and returning to the shores of Wah Wash Kesh for another wonderful summer your Land Use Committee wants to remind you that the health of our lake ecosystem is very dependent on the impact that we humans have on this natural system. We each share a responsibility to ensure that our actions do not impact the ability of future generations to enjoy this wonderful place in the same way or even better than we do today. In addition to planning that first trip north, spring is a good time to think about your septic system (if you have one).*

*It is, after all, the lake that brings us back to this beautiful place year after year and generation after generation.*

*Check with the local health unit for information and specific regulations and which systems are approved in Canada at:*

**North Bay / Mattawa  
Conservation Authority  
69 Bowes Street  
Parry Sound, Ontario  
P2A 2L5  
(705) 746-7566**

*Did you know that most "Biodegradable" soaps and shampoos are only biodegradable on land and not in the water. These are great products for the septic system but are not meant to be used in the lake.*

**For more complete details check out our website.**



## Come to the Fireworks Display

Many of us bring some fireworks up to the cottage to help celebrate the long weekends. Those of us who indulge in this pastime tell ourselves its for the kids, knowing full well we enjoy it as much as they do. I'm sure everyone looks out the window when they hear a faint pop to see if they can see where it is coming from.

This year to celebrate the Millennium we are having our own fireworks display. It is planned for **Saturday night, August 5th** (the day of the annual meeting, lest you forget) in the Indian Narrows off Skram Point, weather permitting (rain date Sunday night). The association is contributing \$500 to get it started and asking for your donation to increase its size and length of the show. So if you buy fireworks for your own display, consider putting that money towards this display.

**Please send your donations to the treasurer Duncan Robertson. Further details will be posted on our website.**



### The Early Years

*You will be pleased to know that we have arranged for a reprinting of*

**"The Early Years"**-

*It will be available at Bennett's store in early May. There has been a new demand for this as new generations come along so get your new copy early.*

**Dalton Ferris**



## 911 Addressing Committee

### starts work

*The transition to the new Municipality of Whitestone on January 1, 2000 has been very challenging for the existing Hagerman staff. Overworked and overloaded are appropriate words to describe their situation as they cope with the many issues to be resolved.*

*Nevertheless, the Municipality has started up the 911 addressing Committee again. However considering the need to survey the massive area of the new municipality plus the need to install road signs and properties numbers, the committee feels that completion of 911 addressing is still 1 to 1 1/2 years away.*

*The committee is made up of the following volunteers from the community, Chris Armstrong and Louise Woods (Ardbeg), Ron and Anne Winger (Maple Island), Muriel Junck (Municipality Office), Olive Duggan (Councillor) and Kathy Whitman. To help put, the Association is sharing our membership information about our lake with this committee.*

The dock committee is in the process of planning their work for this spring.

The main project is the repairs of flotation etc. Under the Bennett's Bay dock.

The worst section will be removed - turned over - and repaired - other sections will follow in a timely fashion.

Thanks to your support through purchasing dock permits - we are accumulating the funds needed to do much needed repairs. Permits are available for 2000 and this newsletter includes the needed details re-payment - to date approx 80 permits are sold and we hope to sell 130. The "dock committee" members are Eric Disley - Stan Harding - John Kormos - Jay Murdock - Ross Willet - Rob Anderson and WWK board liaison Dalton Ferris.

No doubt when you arrive docks will be in place - sign up - collection boxes located - and repairs will be done or underway - thanks to those volunteers - who are willing to go to extraordinary lengths to make our "Wonderful Lake" - even better - for all of us.

**Dalton Ferris  
Toggle Point**

## Fish Committee

The Fish Enhancement Committee met several times over the winter to discuss future initiatives and pursue potential funding opportunities. From April 17 to April 26 inclusive, members of the committee and volunteers under the direction of the MNR conducted a trap-net survey near Whitestone Chutes. The fish were channelled into an 8" square net cage which was emptied daily. Each fish taken out was recorded for species, overall length, tail fork length, weight, sex and gestation stage. At the same time, employees of the MNR and a co-op student conducted teeth net surveys at approximately 30 locations in the upper lake in search of lake trout. The first day of the trap-net survey yielded 27 pickerel with an average weight of 2.5 kilos. Final results will be communicated later. The Fish Enhancement Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who worked on the survey.

**Don Comrie**

## The MNR supports the re-building of the Dam!!

To say that our efforts to rebuild our Dam have been a topsy-turvy effort is truly an under-statement! It's been a roller coaster of up and down feelings. Enough of this sniveling, here is what has happened.

At a crucial meeting on January 12, 2000 in Dunchurch, we met with the MNR and the Reeve Tom Sutcliffe to review whether there was support to proceed further. The Phase I study had recommended that a "new rock and crib dam" be built. However, before such a dam could be built, Phase II (detailed engineering and a final design) had to be completed. After paying for Phase I, we only had \$7800 left in our fund raising coffer. Clearly the Association could not fund Phase II. So the prospects looked somewhat bleak.

Instead of another rejection, we were pleasantly surprised to hear the MNR say that they were now prepared to support this project because:

- Municipality of Whitestone was prepared to assume the ownership of the dam once built.
- The Association was prepared to act as the proponent for this project in terms of the environmental assessment process.
- Ontario's Living Legacy Proposed Land Use Strategy identifies that "the existing control dam will be maintained" at Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh.

More than that, the MNR offered to transfer \$30,000 to the Association to have Phase II completed! The MNR indicated that they had this amount available in their fiscal year, which was coming to a close on March 1st. *I do believe that our collective lobby of Ernie Lives has had an impact!*

The good news is that the \$30,000 is now in the hands of our Treasurer. With the assistance of Nick Paroschy of the MNR's Engineering department, we issued a Request for Proposal on March 6th to four Engineering Firms for the Phase II Engineering work. Three firms replied on the March 27th due date. The Dam Committee and the MNR reviewed these proposals and unanimously recommended that totten sims hubicki associates be given the Phase II contract. The Executive endorsed this.

Phase II work will began on April 17th and will be completed by June 30th at a cost of \$41,607. This will be paid from the \$30,000 transferred to us by the MNR, the balance left over from our fund-raising (\$7,800) and a further amount (\$3,807) that the MNR has agreed to transfer to the Association during this new fiscal year to make up the total. So when Phase II has been completed, there will be a complete set of construction drawing and documents ready to go directly to tender for the construction (Phase III).

Completion of the construction of a new dam is now possible in the fall of this year!

However, the funding for the final construction still needs to come together. We know that Ontario Hydro has offered \$25,000 towards the dam. The MNR has also put money into their Year 2000 budget for the rebuilding of the dam. We also appreciate the help from Tom Sutcliffe (Reeve of Whitestone) who has been actively lobbying Andy Mitchell (our Federal MP) to have the federal government contribute a matching amount to complete the funding requirements needed to build our dam.

## Membership Directory

*As a result of our 1999 summer canvass of all cottages and the Fall Newsletter, we have received address updates for 176 cottages representing some 328 families. Thank-you everyone for helping us update our records!*

*Since the lake has over 250 cottage properties, we still need information on the remaining properties. For those of you that have not yet returned your information, we have attached a form and ask that you complete and return it to us.*

*Even if you are presently receiving this newsletter, we still need your completed form to double-check our information and add information about the families that use your cottage.*

*We would like to be able to send copies of our newsletter directly to everyone that comes to use our beautiful lake.*

*As agreed at the 1999 Annual General Meeting, our objective is to have an updated membership directory available for distribution to our members by the 2000 Annual General Meeting. The cost will be nominal, only to cover production costs.*

## Membership Dues

*So far we have received 164 membership dues. For those of you that have not yet submitted your dues, a membership renewal form and return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.*



# Whitestone Fire Department (defibrillator fund)

The Whitestone fire department is comprised of the Dunchurch Station and the Ardbeg Station under the leadership of Bob Whitman—Fire Chief. As you are aware this is a volunteer effort by local people— we can be very thankful for the services they provide although we all hope we will not need their services. Chief Whitman is a paramedic and his work is based in Parry Sound while residing in the Municipality of Whitestone.

For the past year and since amalgamation, the fire department has been busy fund raising so they can purchase defibrillators for both the Ardbeg and Dunchurch fire stations. Each station will keep their defibrillator on their rescue vehicle so they can quickly help whomever is in need. These units will cost approximately \$2800 - so they need to raise \$5600 - they hope to have the first unit in service by the end of May— so far \$ 2500 has been raised.

Defibrillators are used to help heart attack victims and have saved many lives in all of our communities— having more timely services and equipment near our Lake will save lives— at present a defibrillator would need to come from Parry Sound.

All volunteers will be trained by Dr. George from Parry Sound— along with the assistance of Bob Whitman. Needless to say, the WWK Conservation Association executive asks that you make a donation to this most worthwhile cause. These donations will be received by the Municipality of Whitestone and receipts will be mailed to donors.

Make your donations as follows:

Payable to— Municipality of Whitestone (Defib Fund)

Mail to— Municipality of Whitestone  
21 Church Street  
Dunchurch  
POA 1G0

As our new municipality develops we will have more effective and integrated services available and this will benefit all of us. Thank you for your support of this most worthwhile and needed effort by our local fire and rescue volunteers.

Dalton Ferris  
Secretary WWK Assoc.

## FOR HIRE

Student worker with good  
carpentry  
and maintenance experi-  
ence.

Willing to help you with  
your cottage repairs.

Call Graeme at (905)  
883-5872 or leave a note  
at Sunset Point.

# BUDGET REPORT FOR 1999

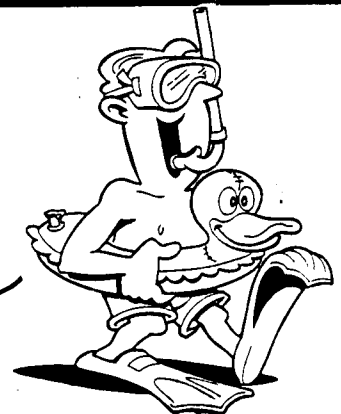
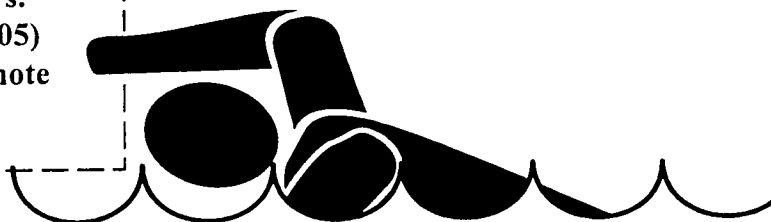
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
	1999	1999
DUES	\$7,600	\$7,269
INTEREST	\$80	\$82
FUND RAISING	\$1,000	\$2,845
FISH COMM. RECEIPTS		\$4,954
TOTAL	\$ 8,680	\$15,150

## EXPENSES

PHONE	\$550	\$1,141
COPYING	\$500	\$632
INSURANCE	\$900	\$1,285
POSTAGE	\$665	\$732
OFFICE SUPPLY	\$555	\$707
BANK CHARGES	\$60	\$60
MEALS & TRAVEL	\$480	\$680
PROF. FEES	\$2,500	\$7,180
MISC	\$255	\$1,115
TOTAL	\$5,435	\$13,532
SURPLUS	\$2,245	\$1,618

## PROJECTIONS BY COMMITTEES

DAM	\$1,450	\$1,891
LAND USE	\$3,000	\$4,087
OTHERS	\$1,985	\$7,553
TOTAL	\$6,435	\$13,532



# Lake-Wah-Wash-Kesh Conversation Association Election of Directors

Date	Director #1	Director #2	Director #3	Director #4	Director #5	Director #6	Director #7
1994-03-04	Louis Lamoureux	Wayne Lennox	Jack Schurman	Paul Thomson	Ross Willett		
1994-07-30	Duncan Robertson	Wayne Lennox	Jack Schurman	Paul Thomson	Ross Willett		
1995-08-05	Duncan Robertson	Wayne Lennox	Jack Schurman	Paul Thomson	Ross Willett	Michael Busenhart	Gary Kindree
1996-08-03	Duncan Robertson	Wayne Lennox	Jack Schurman	Paul Thomson	Dalton Ferris	Michael Busenhart	Gary Kindree
1997-08-02	Andy Vurma	Wayne Lennox	Duncan Robertson	Paul Thomson	Dalton Ferris	Michael Busenhart	Gary Kindree
1998-08-01	Andy Vurma	Wayne Lennox	Duncan Robertson	Ken Taylor	Dalton Ferris	Michael Busenhart	Gary Kindree
1999-07-31	Andy Vurma	Wayne Lennox	Duncan Robertson	Ken Taylor	Dalton Ferris	George Ross	vacant
2000-08-05	Andy Vurma					George Ross	For 1 year only

## Notes:

1. Prior to 1995-08-05, all five (5) directors' positions were elected only to a 1 year term.
2. Effective 1995-08-05, through a change in the constitution approved by the membership, the number of directors were increased to seven (7). Of the seven, 3 directors were elected to a 2 year term and the remaining 4 were elected to a 1 year term.
3. Every subsequent year beginning 1996-08-03, all directors positions that stood for election that year were for a 2 year term.
4. Jack Schurman died on April 29, 1997. The remaining directors appointed Duncan Robertson to complete Jack's 2 year term.
5. Since only 6 directors were elected in 1999, the vacant director's position will be elected for a term of only one year.

## Requirements of the Corporation Information Act

### Notice of Change

**Within 15 days** after every change that takes place in the information set out in the Initial Return, (this includes every change in the board of directors, officers or their residential addresses or change in the corporation's address a Notice of Change **must be filed**).

### Changing the Authorized Number of Directors

A corporation may by special resolution increase or decrease (not fewer than 3) the number of its directors. "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by the directors and confirmed with or without variation by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting of the members.

A notice of such special resolution **must be filed** with the Companies Branch and published by the corporation in the Ontario Gazette **within 14 days** after the resolution has been passed.

### Changing the Location of the Head Office

The location of the head office is established in the Letters Patent. However, a corporation may by special resolution change the location of its head office to another place in Ontario. "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by the directors and confirmed with or without variation by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting of the members.

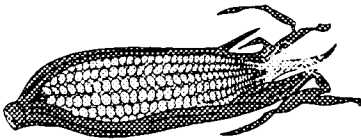
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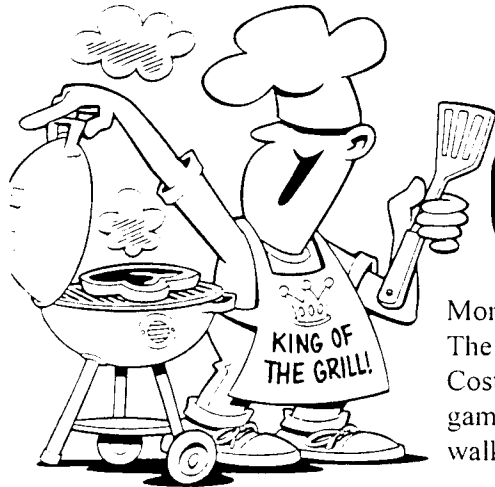
## OF LAKE EVENTS

**Annual  
General Meeting**  
Saturday August 5th  
9:30 am  
Bennett's Boathouse

### Corn Roast



August 19th  
3-5pm  
Straub's Beach



### Weiner Roast



July 15  
4 pm  
Straub's Beach



### 1st annual Wah Wash Kesh Golf Tournament

Monday August 14, first Tee time at 12 noon.  
The initial game will be set at 6 foursomes.  
Cost \$55.00 per person including a club-house meal. After the  
game. Carts will be available at \$30.00 per cart. If deciding to  
walk the \$55.00 is inclusive other than rental of Pull carts.

Booking through Eric Disley (705) 728-3416  
**All bookings are final.**  
Checks for \$55.00 made payable to:  
**Parry Sound Golf Course** to be forwarded to Disley  
4 Glenn Oak Court  
Barrie L4M 6M4

Refunds will not be made unless game is cancelled. If you  
can't make the Tee Time a substitute player **is to  
be provided by you.**

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