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— SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER —



Message from the President

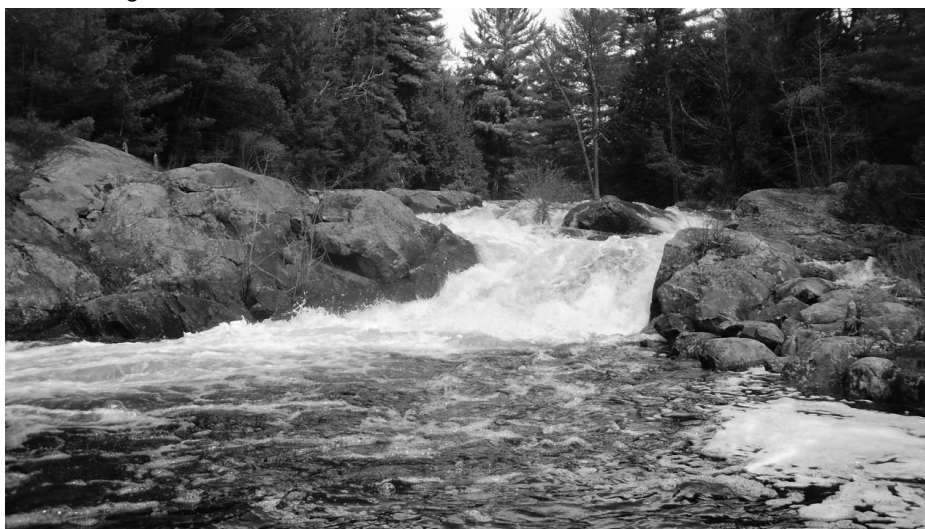
Welcome to spring! Although it has been a long, hard, winter and spring is slow to arrive, there are definite signs that spring is here. We put a boat in the water on April 22 and toured around the next day. Snow was still visible in the bush in sheltered areas and along the southern shores but no ice remained in the lake. The water is very high (over 6 feet going over the dam today) so the lake looks very different.

As indicated in the President's Letter sent out in February, The Executive has created an officer of the corporation position to fulfill the duties of webmaster. Dr. Kathryn Cook, a full-time resident on the lake, has been appointed to this position and has already made some changes to our web site. Kathryn created and has looked after the website for several years. *Thanks Kathryn.*

We remind you to pay your membership and dock permit fees as soon as possible. This makes the treasurer's job much easier and avoids a mad rush at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, July 30, 2011.

The project to rename Pine Ridge Point to Hayward Point is proceeding well. I have received over 150 responses from lake residents who are enthusiastically supportive of this project. In the near future I will be completing the application to the Geographic Naming Board, part of

the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and will submit the application. It is our hope to have the approval by the AGM and have a short renaming ceremony after the meeting. *Thanks to all who supported this project.*



Whitestone Chutes – April 25, 2011

Your Executive is following up on the need for a helipad on Lake WahWashKesh. I have had initial discussions with Bob Whitman, Fire Chief for the Municipality of Whitestone who advised me that the company which owns the helicopters has recently acquired new helicopters which are larger than the old ones. The new space requirements are 50 metres square or approximately 160 feet by 160 feet. This means that the helicopters can no longer land on Bennett's front lawn but can still land on the golf course. The Executive is looking for an ideal location for a helipad that is accessible by both road and water. We will keep you advised of any progress that is made.

The Executive has also approved a membership drive to be conducted hopefully in the first week of July and the first week of August. We are still looking for two individuals, adults or students to do the drive. These are paid positions and access to a boat would be preferable but not mandatory. Signs posted at the landings and at the dump will alert cottagers to the drive. The two representatives will visit non-member cottages, explain the benefits of Association membership and hand out a package containing information about the lake, a copy of the newsletter, and hopefully some coupons from local businesses.

The couple doing the membership drive will be in Association clothing and will carry ID. Anyone who is interested in performing this important task for the Association, please contact me.

For those of you who park at Bennett's Bay or Indian Narrows, there is good news! Please read the report and recommendation from the Dock/Parking Committee later in this newsletter. The committee, led by Dalton Ferris with members Ed Bennett Sr. and John Nelson, have prepared a well thought out proposal. *Thanks to the Committee.*

Finally I would like to wish all of you a great spring and a healthy, happy, and safe summer.

Don Comrie, President

Lake Access & Parking

Water Access Cottagers/Campers/Back CountryFolk

At the 2010 Annual Meeting of our Association it was decided to form a committee and determine how we could improve parking for water access cottagers who use Indian Narrows and Bennett's Bay lake access points. A small ad hoc committee was formed and it included Ed Bennett Sr., John Nelson (from the Assoc Exec) and myself Dalton Ferris.

Ed and I have met twice—did a walk around—discussed ideas and reached conclusions—at the same time we have involved John through email, telephone and face to face talks last summer and fall.

As part of understanding the "change process" that is needed to expand our parking area I have met with Dyanne Roberts (planning assistant Municipality of Whitestone) and Dean Timson (Senior Lands & Water Technical Specialist of the MNR) both offered positive support.

The Municipality holds the land use permit, issued by the MNR - for lake access and parking areas. The Association, by agreement with the municipality, are stewards of the lake access and parking areas.

This following plan was presented to the Association directors in March 2011 and implementation was approved in principle at the April 27, 2011 association directors' conference call.

Background

- Parking has been an issue for a number of years — through July and August and on all long weekends.
- The Municipality (for safety reasons) posted no parking signs along the east side of the Indian Narrows road in 2010, thereby reducing fairly convenient parking space. More emphasis on violations of municipal parking by-laws will likely occur in 2011.
- Larger and more extended families use

the Lake with multiple vehicles.

- The Lake Camps and back country people have a very large presence in the parking lot and at the access points throughout — spring, summer and fall.

Project Plan

Develop an additional parking area (30m X 100m) in the area behind the current upper parking area—it is estimated that this would accommodate 60 vehicles (more or less).

Fund the project (that is clearing and building a base) from lake access funds i.e. no special fund raising.

It is estimated that this project will take about 5 years of lake access permit sales—more detailed estimates will be developed later as work is scheduled. (In other words it is a fairly large project).

Cash needed for the project will not match cash flow timing of revenue from permit sales. We would therefore need to temporarily borrow from general fund.

Schedule

- 1 - The Municipality has already approved the enlargement of our parking area. The amended land use permit can now be sought from the MNR along with permission to clear the land. **Note:** The Municipality must apply for the amended land use permit as they have the current land use permit. We (the Association) are stewards of the land use permit for the Municipality.
- 2 - Complete the expand land use permit process during the summer of 2011.
- 3 - Clear all of the permitted area during remainder of 2011 and early 2012.
- 4 - Plan and construct 50% of lot by summer 2012.
- 5 - Complete remaining parking area in 2013.

Administration Lake Access & Parking 2012 and Beyond

- Introduce a **Lake Access & Parking** permit for calendar year 2012.
- Establish a new fee schedule for **Lake Access & Parking** for 2012.
- The new fee for **Lake Access & Parking** could be \$50 per year—although this is not yet decided. Separate parking and lake access permits could be \$30 each—*We are trying to set expectations with these numbers!*
- For 2012-change name of current "Dock Committee" to the "**Lake Access & Parking Committee**". There are often things that need action in the parking lot (limbs down, potholes, etc), plus the current work needed to maintain lake access facilities.
- Several times during the cottage season we would place a positive form letter in boats that show no permit and under the wiper of those vehicles that show no permit. The form letter would be about the Association and its role on the Lake. The letter would have clear instructions as to how one can get a permit, or make a contribution to the Association, or otherwise contribute financially to the Association.
- Signs would be posted in the parking area stating that a parking permit is required and where one can get a permit.
- Make these permits available on line.
- Publish the **Lake Access & Parking Plan** and update users as needed in Newsletters — starting spring of 2011.

We feel these actions along with the cooperation of users will result in much better **Lake Access & Parking** facilities at Lake WahWashKesh.

Ad Hoc Parking Committee
Ed Bennett, John Nelson, Dalton Ferris

Boating Courtesy = Safety

Children swimming, loons nesting, anglers fishing, paddlers canoeing/kayaking are all at risk when a speeding power boat throws a large wake. The ugly spectre of an injury as well as property and shoreline damage due to boating speeds was discussed at the February 7, 2011, meeting of the Directors of the Association.

Under consideration were ideas of posting speed limit and caution signs. Transport Canada has jurisdiction for speed limits within fresh water lakes in Ontario and the restrictions needed are already in place. Al Gilewicz provided this section of that website:

*When boating in the provinces of . . . Ontario. . . , please **observe the unposted speed limit of 10km/h (6mph) within 30 meters (100 ft) from shore.** This limit applies on all waters within these provinces except where other limits are posted. These provisions do not apply in rivers less than 100 meters (300 ft) in width, canals and buoyed channels nor in the case of waterskiing, where the tow boat launches and drops off skiers by heading directly away from or into the shore.*

Directors questioned whether posting of maximum speed signs in problem areas such as Parker Bay, Indian Narrows, and Deadman's Narrows would help. As an alternative, the Directors are hoping this article will educate the boating public and all operators will voluntarily cooperate.

Meanwhile, in the absence of signs, it is a matter of safety and courtesy to use caution and low speeds near shorelines and waters frequented by people and animals. For instance, lives of baby loons, on the parent's back are in jeopardy if swamped by a boat wake. *The Directors of the Association recommend that if you lend or rent out your cottage, you provide a card of information about the lake including caution notes about boat speeds and no-wake zones.*

Jacquelyn Morgan

Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da

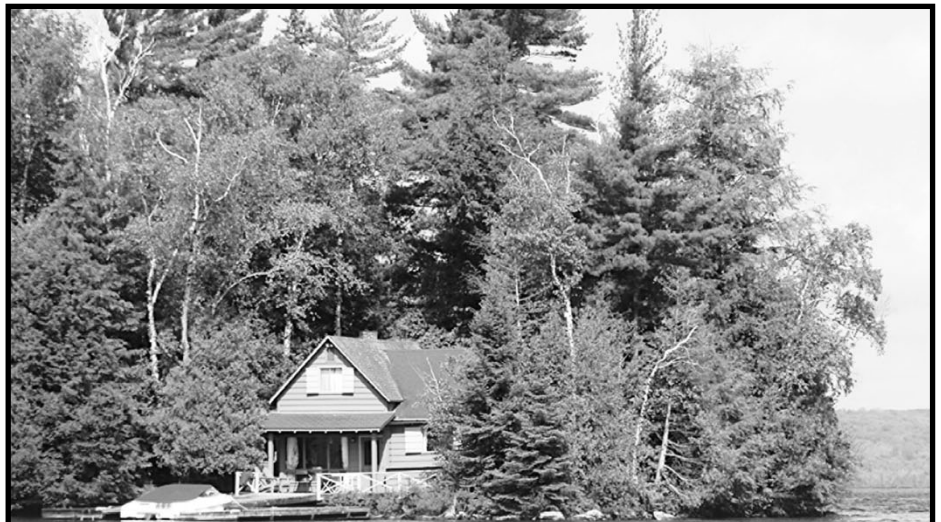


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Slow Down!

On Thursday, August 19, many residents of WahWashKesh saw, or heard, the helicopter ambulance circling above...I'm amazed it's not a more common sight!

Shortly after supper that evening, my two daughters decided to go for a last kayak; we were to head home on Friday. They chose to paddle from the family cottage at The Trails' End to the lagoon around past Macey Point, instead of crossing the more heavily trafficked channel to the Landing and the Store. I chose to relax and finish my coffee. They headed out wearing life jackets, a cell phone (in a zip lock)...just in case. Nursing my second coffee, my relaxation was disrupted by a cell call shortly after 6pm.

"There's been an accident, Kaela's hurt!"

How horrifying those words are and the nightmares they conjure up!

Later that evening in the Trauma Unit at Sudbury Regional Hospital, my daughter made a comment to a staff member about being "lucky". Their response to me: "There's nothing lucky about this at all! Boating accidents usually have bodies!"

My eldest daughter received bruises, some lacerations, plus nightmares - her kayak almost cut in two. Kaela, my youngest, was flown to the hospital strapped to a backboard; suffered dislocated, commuted, multiple fractures to her right ulna (the smaller arm bone/elbow) and a broken right humerus (the upper arm bone), mega bruising, rattled teeth, and the nightmares too - her kayak "only" scratched and dented. Plus; a future of casts, recasts, followed by rehabilitation, braces and the hope that her elbow works as it used to.

The Hospital staffer was right!

Macey Point has also been known as Sun Set Point, with good reason. When

heading west in the evening, the sun can be blinding. My daughters were less than 10 metres (30 feet for the old timers) from the Point (and shore) when a motor boat cut the corner on its way toward Indian Narrows. Following the collision, the driver of the boat did everything he could to assist with the rescue and care of my daughters...something very unusual according to the OPP. He has his own nightmares too I suspect. Another boater also stopped to assist. The response and help from the local Fire and Rescue Teams, The Keck's Landing Pasture, Parry Sound Ambulance, the OPP, the Orange Air Ambulance, and the amazing staff at Sudbury Regional Hospital was quick and greatly appreciated. ***Our thanks to them all!***

I have been coming to WahWashKesh for almost 50 years; I have seen the speed and number of boats increase each year. We have restricted our swimming area and are ever more cautious when venturing out under paddle, wind or motor power. I'm not sure we'll be back up next summer.

The Safe Boating Act restricts speed and distance from shore for motorized water craft. The Seadoos (and their like) and power boats fly around the Trails' End Point on the way to and from the Landing and the Store cutting ever closer to shore. As they do at other locations too.

If you can't see what is in front of you, SLOW DOWN and move out to where you should be!

Boat Safe!

Tom Corneil

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www.lakewwk.ca

SOLAR LIGHTING THE DOCK AREA

This past spring Don Comrie discovered a new solar light that may be suitable for lighting our dock area. It is called a solar garden light and would be mounted on a pole about 15-20 feet high. The light would come on for 5 hours once darkness approaches. The light emitted from the solar device would be directed down towards the ramp and dock area and so we feel would not be intrusive for those who reside in Bennett's Bay area. The light can be shut off and needs to be taken inside for the winter.

We have decided to purchase this light and install it at Bennett's Bay dock. This is an experiment and if it is successful would purchase a similar light for Indian Narrows. Most of you are aware that we have been talking about dock lighting for years. The cost has always been considerable and so to date we are without lighting. Perhaps the recent advances in solar lighting will bring us dock lighting at a reasonable cost. This light is available for \$338 and so we have made a purchase and plan to have the light in operation for the long weekend in May.

Dalton Ferris, Dock Committee

Trail Improvements

From: Morton's Point Camp

Greetings to all. We hope the winter has treated you well and you are looking forward to a terrific Spring and Summer season as we are.

Some of our members that use the portage from Deep Bay to Trout Lake have advised us that certain spots along the path are difficult to negotiate and in need of repair. I understand that this is Crown Land and outside the mandate of our Lake Association. We also know there is little chance of any Government department getting involved. As a group, we would be interested in trying to improve the path. We're hoping others, that use the path, may feel the same and willing to lend support, in some small way. As this is in the thought process stage, no real plan has been developed yet. We'd appreciate hearing any comments or thoughts on the subject.

You can send them to robwhaddow@yahoo.ca.

I'd be happy to keep you up-dated on any developments.

Thanks for your consideration.

Rob Haddow Morton's Point Camp

IN MEMORIAM

Connie Anderson

Passed away on January 22, 2011. Connie Anderson had been cottaging on WWK since 1941 in Bennett's Bay and was a longtime member of the Association.

Gordon Klager

Passed away December 29, 2010 at the age of 95. Gord was an avid fisherman and hunter at WahWashKesh for over 50 years. Rarely ever missing the 24th of May weekend or the Hunt. He was a member of the Garden City Hunt Club from 1952–2009. He traveled from Fonthill to the Lake until he was 93. In his later years you would usually find him and his good friend Ross Willett out trolling up and down the river and telling stories about the one that got away.

Gordon is survived by his daughter Eleanor and her husband Fred Arbour, grandson Jamie and his wife Pam and great grandson Gordie, who are all members of Garden City Hunt Club.



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E-mail in a Dream from the Future in the Year 2041

From: 'John Nelson'
Sent: July 23, 2041 7:18 PM
To: 'Ted Heggart'
Subject: Hello from WWK

I just thought I'd drop you a line from the Lake. Who would have thought I'd still be working to afford a cottage at my age (88) in 2041? Well, since we missed you guys last week I thought a quick update would be in order. Like that guy told me and Old Man Ferris back in 2003, I'm guess I'm on the "Freedom 95" program! Well at least with the 5 terabit wireless data service that Bell offers I can work from the cottage full time. I guess you and I are just about the last people on earth using e-mail – there is just no way I am going to have one of those chips planted in my brain that all the kids are all using these days.

You and Jayne would have enjoyed the Corn Roast last week. I told you that you should have bought the 24 volt four wheel drive wheelchair. Mine just zipped up those steep rocks on Wiggy's Island.

I have been in a reflective mood for the past while, thinking back to the days when the dam was new and people worried about water levels being too high... say, did you hear about the lake freighter that ran aground last week in the middle of Lake Erie (the "Erie River" more like it) on its way from the Welland Canal to Detroit? We're really lucky that Andy Vurma and you and the whole gang had the foresight to protect our water levels with the Vurma Dam. The consistent, even water levels on WWK really sparked that real estate boom back in the 'twenties didn't it... all those other lakes and especially those barren "island" cottages out in Georgian Bay... well, our situation isn't luck at all – it is the result of clear, visionary thinking. We will have to name something after you when you finally kick the bucket...

Speaking of the real estate boom – do you remember when we were all afraid of condos and the like? It's a good thing that we all pulled together and insisted that Whitestone Council put some rules around the development that we all could see coming. Now, instead of being crowded out of water access points, since all the waterfront condos and resorts were required to provide a percentage of their waterfront for public docking and access, there are more than enough boat slips... and did I mention parking? There's lots of parking available... sure, we have to pay for it, but hey, nothing in life is really free. And who can complain about heading over to The Keg in Bennett's Bay after a hard day at work? (Don't get me started about the Tim Horton's at Hayward's Point!)

I must be getting old... one thought makes me think of another... did you see the price of gas at Bennett's? Holy Smokes! \$22.71 per litre! I mean really, I'm only paying \$22.50 in Parry Sound. It's a good thing that my old '96 Mariah runabout sank a few years ago... although I swear it wasn't my fault that McRae Rock has rose up a foot or so and shifted south right in the middle of Indian Narrows... and don't start with the single malt jokes, okay? Or the "Oldtimers Disease" wisecracks either... Anyway, these new Ryobi electric thrusters are just the ticket... I can zoom all the way from Lovesick to "Handyman" Lennox's place in the Big Lake and back at 80 kph with volts to spare. And that solar charger your son sold me works like a charm. I still need gas for the tractor though – it's a kind of tradition I guess, to haul our groceries up from the dock with the old beast of burden.

We golfed the other day. Still nine holes, and I still haven't hit par on the third hole. Funny how that "new" tree that Herb planted back in 2015 is fifty feet tall... it seems to move to intercept my ball every time...

They tell me that the Council has promised to re-pave the WahWashKesh Road... hah! I have been hearing that for fifteen years! It's a wonder that the developers put up with the 150 kph speed limit.

Well, let us know when you and Jayne are headed back to the Lake... we should get together and talk about old times... oh wait, that's what we do every weekend!

Take care, your friend, John Nelson

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Green Corner by N. Glenn Perrett

Products can be "green" for a variety of reasons. Some are made from natural, non-toxic ingredients, others last for a very long time and can be recycled while others are made from sustainable material. The following are some eco-items I've been impressed with.

Cree LED Camping Lantern

(www.leevalley.com)

This little (measures 6" tall and 2 1/4" in diameter) LED lantern is very cool. The efficient, bright lantern can be used as a lantern, a directional spotlight or a flashing emergency light. It also has two intensity settings - low and high. It has an aluminum casing and a carabiner clip. Uses four AA batteries. Good for camping or the cottage.

Fruit & Vegetable Peelers

(www.leevalley.com)

How can a "potato peeler" be green? Well, if it works well it can reduce the waste and this peeler effectively removes thin pieces of peel. I actually don't mind peeling potatoes and other vegetables and fruits - as long as the peeler is effective. Unfortunately, many aren't. These (they come two to a set) vegetable peelers are not only inexpensive, they work great and the handles are comfortable.

CC Radio – EP

(www.ccrane.com)

Having a good radio at the cottage is both useful and entertaining. Since good reception isn't always easy to come by in "cottage country", having a quality radio is important. C. Crane Company's CC Radio – EP radio gets good reception and has some nice features including a headphone jack, a line input jack for connecting a portable music player and a power jack to connect the AC Adapter. A display light, tuning dial and an AM fine tuning knob are some other features on this radio.

Garmin Oregon 450t

(www.gpscentral.ca)

Our family does a lot of hiking and we're enjoying our Garmin Oregon 450t GPS that we recently got from GPS Central. The unit comes with a USB cable and a carabiner clip. This GPS uses two AA batteries and contains detailed topographic maps of Canada. A waterproof, 3" touchscreen, 3-axis electronic compass, barometric altimeter, information about sun and moon risings and settings, calendar, calculator, stop-

watch, and an alarm clock are some other features. This is a nice handheld GPS for those who like the outdoors!

Ground Soap

(www.groundsoap.com)

Our family tries to buy healthy, environmentally-friendly products whenever we can - especially from those made by small, Canadian companies. The Ground Soap Company in Cornwall, Ontario creates hand made, vegetable-based soaps in many varieties using ingredients that are "100% organically grown or wild harvested." Their soap is free of synthetic perfumes and oils, dyes, petroleum-based ingredients, sulphates, detergents, harmful preservatives and artificial colourants.

The soaps are wrapped in beautiful, eco-friendly packaging that consists of tie-dyed cotton wrapped with hemp twine. We cut the large bars in half creating two long-lasting, fragrant bars.

Eco-Footwear from Simple Shoes!

(www.simpleshoes.com)

Practical products that get lots of use are good – especially if they are made from environmentally-friendly materials. Hemp is very eco-friendly and clothes and shoes made from this plant are usually comfortable and long lasting. Recently I learned about Simple Shoes, a company that makes numerous eco-friendly shoes. They use materials such as hemp, organic cotton and recycled car tires for

their quality footwear.

Their Satire Hemp sneakers are made from these items and the laces are made from recycled soda bottles! My Toemorrow shoes feature hemp, organic cotton and recycled rubber. To find a local dealer of these eco-shoes go to their website and click on "store locator".



Event Calendar 2011

Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 30
9:30am – Bennett's Barn

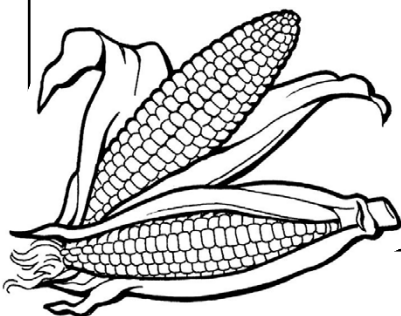
**The Corn Roast
is in danger of
being cancelled!**

**Corn Roast
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August 13**

4:00pm – Straubs Beach or
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(depending on water levels)
(Raindate: Sunday, August 14, 2-4pm)

*The Corn Roast is a tradition that
has been going on for over 30 years.*

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Book Reviews *by N. Glenn Perrett*

Explore Bugs

Maurice Pledger

Silver Dolphin Books, 2010, 20 pages

ISBN: 9781607101536

Bugs are a vital part of the planet and they have been for hundreds of millions of years. In his book *Explore Bugs*, Maurice Pledger informs young readers about these phenomenal animals - everything from the common housefly to ants, beetles, bees, crickets, butterflies, spiders and much more.

Sections on: "Crawlers", "Fliers", "Builders", "Hoppers and Hiders" and "Flutterers" provides lots of information and illustrations on insects. There are lift-the-flaps sections showing things like a honeybee's hive and the stages of a beetle along with texture patches showing how a moth or dragonfly might feel.

Learning about bugs is important and *Explore Bugs* contains lots of fascinating facts about insects that children, and adults, will enjoy.

Little Animal Books: 10 Chunky Books

Lillian Pluta, illustrated by Jillian Phillips

Innovative Kids

2010, ISBN: 9781601690043

Little Animal Books is a nice collection of 10 "chunky books" that have short stories about animals for young children. Simple, rhyming text and illustrations will keep children entertained as they learn a little about the animals featured in the ten books (Koala, Panda, Alligator,

Kangaroo, Elephant, Penguin, Lion, Monkey, Giraffe and Turtle.)

ABC Animals: Giant Floor Puzzle

Jillian Phillips, Innovative Kids

ISBN: 9781601690395

Children like animals and puzzles so they will enjoy putting together the 35 animal puzzle pieces to form the large (2 feet by 3 feet) puzzle. Puzzle pieces with animals such as ants for the letter "A" and frogs for the letter "F" will help children learn about the alphabet, animals and solving puzzles. This product is "printed on 98% post-consumer recycled materials" and uses "eco-friendly inks."

The Bat Scientists

Mary Kay Carson, photographs by Tom Uhlman

Houghton Mifflin Books for Children

2010, 80 pages, ISBN: 9780547199566

The *Bat Scientists* is an important book about bats. These fascinating mammals are in trouble with many bat species threatened with extinction. Considerable information about bats is covered in the book including their many benefits, what is being done to help them and what is killing many of them - including white-nose syndrome and wind-energy turbines.

The Complete Peanuts: 1975-1978 Gift Box Set

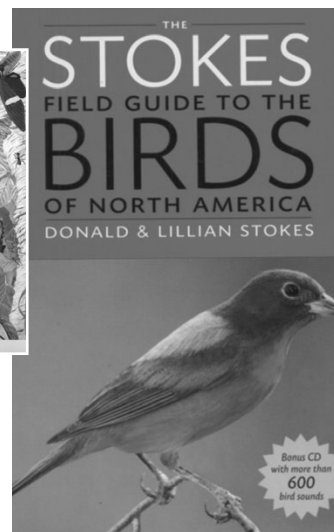
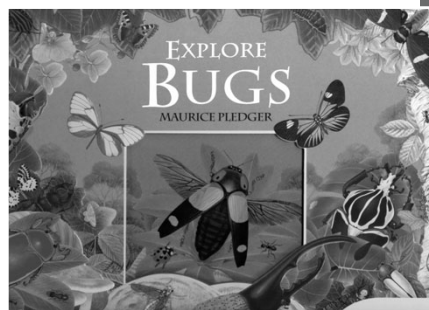
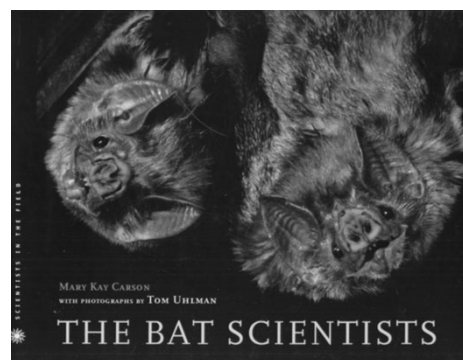
Charles M. Schulz

Fantagraphics Books, 2 books - 650 pages

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Having cartoons at the cottage is great and the two volume collection of four years worth of *Peanuts* cartoons (1975-1978) published by Fantagraphics Books makes for entertaining reading.

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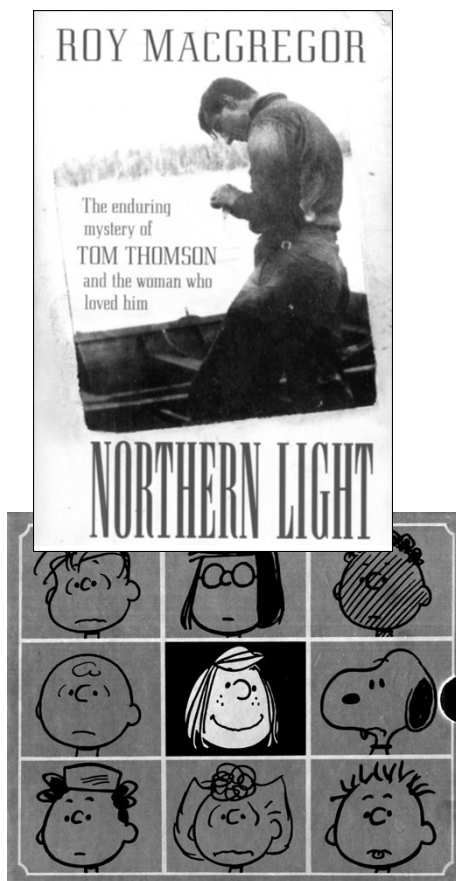
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Book Reviews *by N. Glenn Perrett*

in a slipcase contain all of Schulz's daily and Sunday comic strips from 1975 to 1978. You can't help but laugh at the antics of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Lucy and the others – including Woodstock.

The Peanuts cartoon appeared October 2, 1950 and Schulz's final comic strip was published on February 13, 2000 – the day after he died. In all, this phenomenal cartoonist created 17,897 Peanuts strips! These books will be a hit at the cottage with family and friends.



Northern Light: The Enduring Mystery of Tom Thomson and the Woman Who Loved Him

Roy MacGregor
Random House Canada
2010, 357 pages
ISBN: 9780307357397

Northern Light: The Enduring Mystery of Tom Thomson and the Woman Who Loved Him by Roy MacGregor is a well-researched book by a writer who is well qualified to write on the subject. MacGregor's grandfather was a fire ranger in Algonquin Park and knew Thomson and Roy MacGregor's great-aunt's sister, Winnifred Trainor, was believed to have been engaged to Thomson and she is a focal point of the book. MacGregor has spent considerable time in Algonquin Park and has interviewed numerous people over the years who were directly or indirectly involved with the Thomson story.

And while Thomson has gone over an incredible amount of information pertaining to Tom Thomson and the circumstances surrounding his mysterious death, he acknowledges that nothing can be proven.

"The Story of Tom Thomson and Winnifred Trainor is one of circumstantial evidence, missed opportunity, speculation, theorizing, wild guessing and, in the case of some who have become caught up in this tantalizing mystery, blind prayer that what they said might actually have

been what happened."

MacGregor points out that besides the question of how Thomson met his death, what happened to his body afterwards has also been questioned and speculated about. And while the former question remains unanswered, recent scientific and archaeological evidence leaves little doubt about the second. Complementing the interesting text are more than 40 photographs along with a description of some of the "Key Personalities and Places" in the book.

Northern Light is a fascinating read – an ideal book for the cottage!

The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America

Donald & Lillian Stokes
Little, Brown and Company
2010, 792 pages
ISBN: 9780316010504

A comprehensive field guide, The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America contains information on 854 bird species including more than 3,400 colour photographs, significant plumages, range maps and more. There is also a bonus CD which contains songs and sounds for 150 common birds. This is a useful guide whether you are new to bird watching or an experienced birder.

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Water Quality Update for WahWahKesh Lake

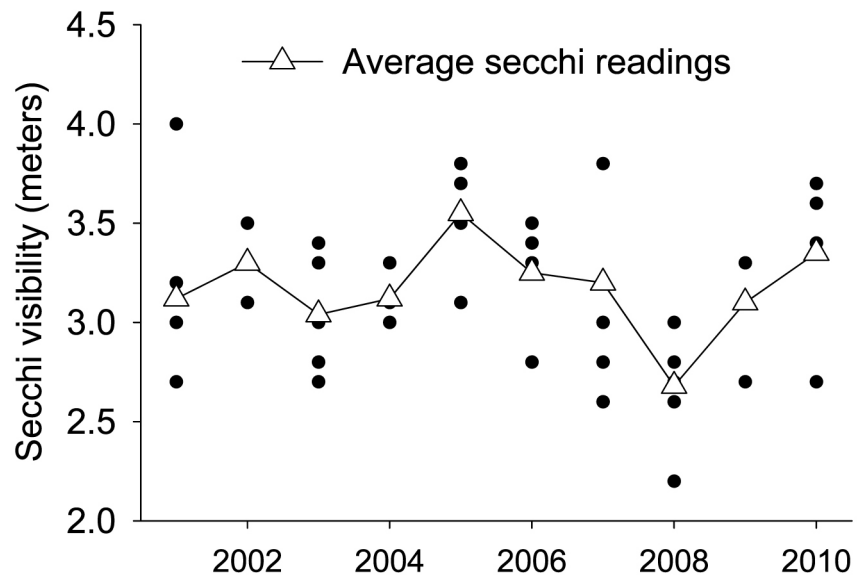
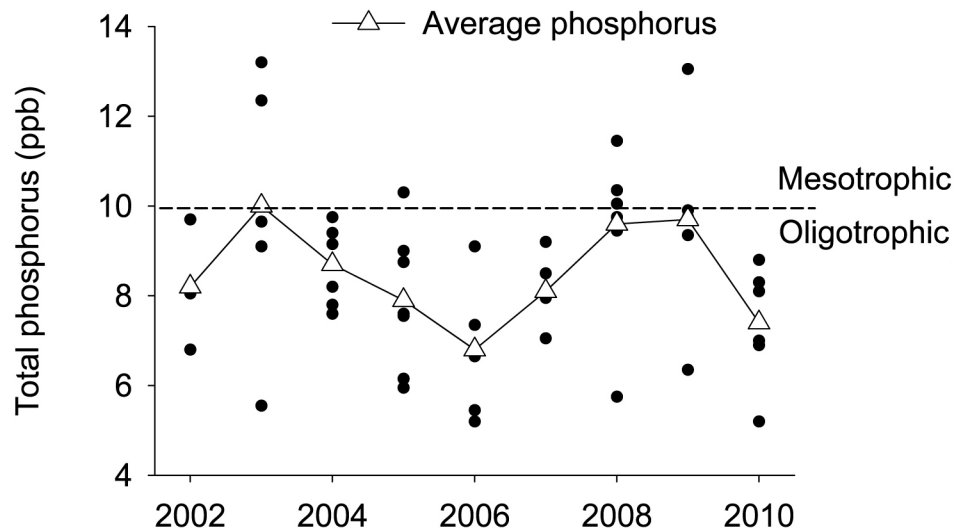
Over the years, volunteers from WahWahKesh Lake have taken water quality samples on the lake in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment Lake Partner Program. These data include total phosphorus which is the limiting nutrient to algae on Canadian shield lakes such as WahWashKesh Lake and water transparency. Increases in total phosphorus in the water will increase tiny microscopic algae (phytoplankton) in the water column, cause the water to turn greenish, and reduce water clarity. A secchi disk is used to measure water clarity. Water clarity or transparency will change with the amount of phytoplankton algae in the water. Also in WahWashKesh Lake, the watershed is dominated by conifer trees, and tannins from terrestrial vegetation leach into the lake. This causes the water to appear slightly tea stained or brown and this is a natural process.

Since 2002, average total phosphorus concentrations have ranged from 7 to 10 parts per billion (ppb) in our lake and upward and downward trends were not evident (see Figure at right). Most individual total phosphorus concentrations were in the oligotrophic range (low nutrients), with a few concentrations in the mesotrophic range (moderate nutrients). Since 2001, average annual water transparency has ranged from 2.7 to 3.5 meters and similar to phosphorus, trends over time were not evident (see Figure at right). Based on these data, water quality has remained the same in WahWashKesh Lake over the past 10 years. Continued monitoring of water quality is important to detect if any changes do occur. Leaching of nutrients from faulty or non-existent septic systems and upstream inputs of nutrients is an issue that should be closely watched in WahWashKesh Lake.

If you wish to be a water quality volunteer or want more information, contact me or log onto to:

http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/local/lake_partner_program

Mike Maceina (maceimj@auburn.edu)
Wahwahkesh Lake Water Quality Coordinator



Top graph shows individual and average annual total phosphorus concentrations (parts per billion; ppb) in WahWashKesh Lake from 2002 to 2010. Each dot represents a single measurement that typically was taken once in May of each year. The bottom graphs shows water transparency measured with a secchi disk from 2001 to 2010. Individual measurements are the dots and represent about 4 to 5 readings made between May and September each year from one location on the lake. The average for all these locations is shown for each year.

WahWashKesh Memorial Scholarship

At last summer's AGM, I presented information about the selected recipient of the WahWashKesh Memorial Scholarship, the 2010 scholarship being in memory of Duncan Robertson. Please note the accompanying letter from the recipient, Hart Morrison, whose family has been on the lake for many decades, on Hart's Point immediately south of Mia Konda. Hart has found his program of studies enriching and worthwhile. In speaking to his mother recently, I learned that, as part of the curriculum, Hart has been learning to identify the names and calls of native songbirds, and to recognize over 100 Ontario native trees, as well as learning chainsaw safety and other very practical skills. I know that Duncan would have been happy that this scholarship is encouraging a young person to learn about our Canadian flora and fauna. Wayne and I were pleased to be able to honour Duncan in this way, while also assisting Hart in his studies.

I would like to remind members of the association that the scholarship is meant to honour the memory of an association member and will be considered if:

- a member or members submit the name and reasons for the selection to the executive prior to the AGM.
- the association executive feels that there are sufficient funds in that year to match the donation, and the amount from the association shall not be more than \$250.

Thank you for supporting us in this scholarship in Duncan's memory. Best wishes for a happy and safe summer 2011.

Lynn Abbott-Lennox

A Letter from the 2010 Recipient

Dear Members of the Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association,

I would like to thank the LWWKCA for awarding me the 2010 WahWashKesh Memorial Scholarship. I am honoured to be the recipient of this scholarship in memory of Duncan Robertson and his commitment to the preservation of the natural resources of our lake.

In September I will be attending Fleming College in Lindsay, Ontario where I have enrolled in the Forest Technician Program. This campus of Fleming College focuses on environmental studies and our first semester is a general introduction to all of the environmental courses at the campus. I will be meeting students in Fish and Wildlife Technology, Ecosystems Management and Outdoor Adventure Skills, to name a few. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the ecosystems of the Near North – a background that will enrich my cottage experience for the rest of my life.

I am not sure which career path this course will lead me

down but I do know that I intend to be working with trees - a direct result of my summers at the cottage and our surrounding forest. At Fleming I will have the opportunity to qualify in many aspects of forest management from Forest Fire Fighter to Conservation Area Technician.

Thank you for establishing this scholarship for young people associated with the Lake WahWashKesh Conservation Association. Unfortunately my summer schedule does not give me the opportunity to attend the annual meeting to participate in the scholarship presentation but please express my thanks to all involved.

Sincerely,
Hart Morrison

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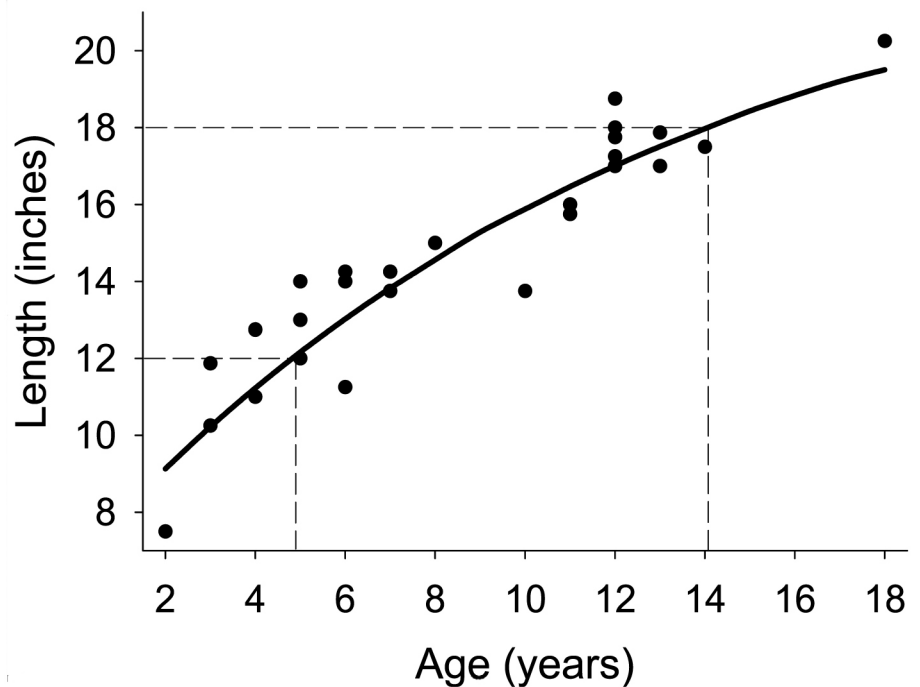
Before going into semi-retirement, I worked as a researcher and instructor at a university and mostly worked on fish population analyses. The ability to age fish assists in understanding the dynamics of populations and environmental changes that affects fish.

Fish can be aged using scales, spines from fins, gill (opercule) flaps, or earstones (otoliths). The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources commonly assigns ages to sport fish using all these structures to conduct research and make fishery assessments that include regulations. I spent most of my career in south-eastern USA where the most useful structure for ageing fish are the earstones or otoliths. Otoliths are located near the brain cavity in the fishes skull and are evolutionary equivalents to our earstones. Fluid is found in the otolith cavity which is linked to the lateral line along the body of a fish. This is how a fish detects vibration.

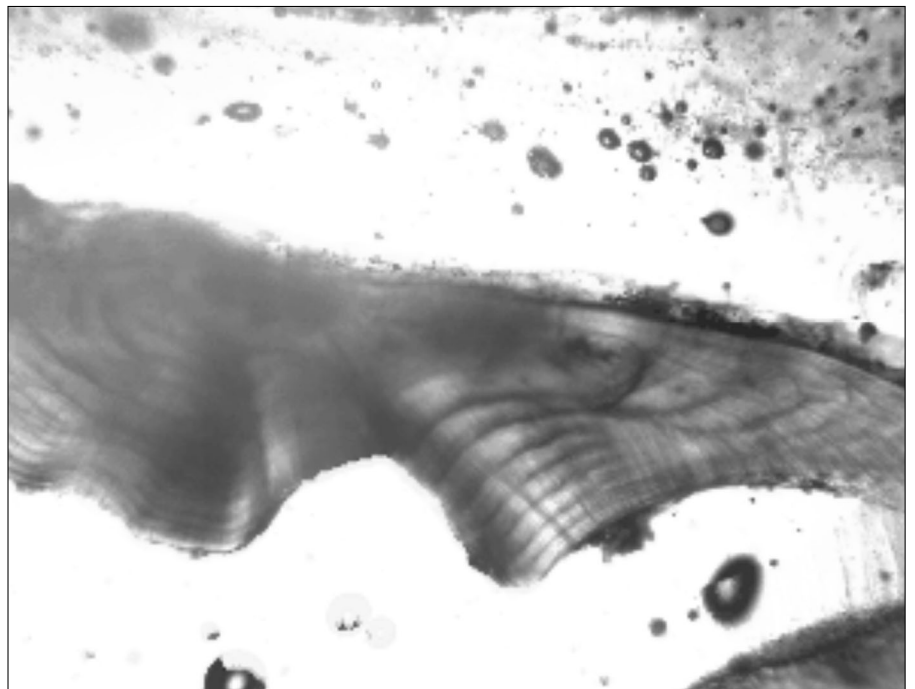
This past summer while fishing on WahwashkKesh Lake, some of the fish we kept for eating I also measured, weighed, and removed the otoliths for ageing. I removed otoliths from 29 smallmouth bass. As you might expect, as fish grow older they also grow larger (see Figure right). The smallest smallmouth bass was 7.5 inches long and was 2 years old, while the largest fish was 20.25 inches and was 18 years old. On average, it takes a smallmouth bass about 5 years to reach 12 inches, but about 14 years to reach 18 inches which is a pretty large bass in our lake (see Figure right).

I also removed otoliths from 11 pickerel. The largest pickerel was 29.5 inches long, weighed 9.5 lbs, and was 10 years old. Another fish was 27 inches long and was 9 years old (see Figure right). The other nine walleye were 2 years old and averaged 15.25 inches (ranged 13.5 to 17.0 inches). I did not collect enough different aged walleye to construct a growth curve similar to the figure at right for smallmouth bass.

Michael Maceina



Plot of lengths of smallmouth bass against age. The solid line represents the mean growth rate and the dots are individual lengths at each age.



Photograph of a section of an otolith from a 27 inch pickerel that is nine years old.

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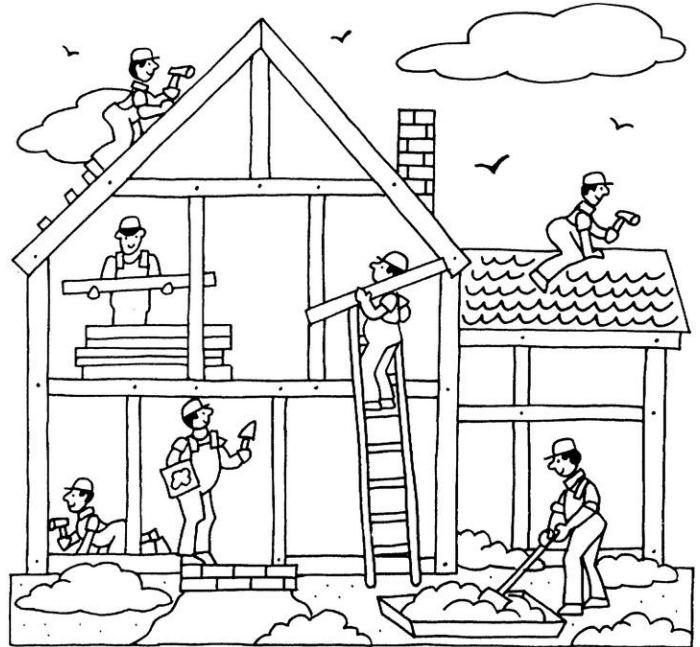
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