



SLAPOA Newsletter - March 2019

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Board of Directors (2018-2019)

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term End</u>
John Kelly	Chair	AGM 2020
Geoff Hall	Vice-Chair	AGM 2019
Dennis Hons	Treasurer	AGM 2021
Sharon McKenzie	Secretary	AGM 2021
Jen Dewar	Director	AGM 2019
Jim Skelton	Past Chair	

Anne Chetwynd Communications
communications@slapoa.ca
 Wilson Boynton Boating & Safety
 Family Regatta

Dates of Upcoming Events

Family Regatta Saturday July 27, 2019
 Sailboat Race Saturday August 3, 2019
 AGM Saturday August 17, 2019

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Greetings from Your SLAPOA Chair

Even though it is still winter in Kearney right now, I know we are all looking forward to spending another enjoyable season "up north". I hope you have had a good winter and perhaps had a chance to enjoy some time at Sand or Himbury Lake during the off season.

After the last Annual General Meeting, I assumed the position of chair and Geoff Hall took up the position of vice-chair. This change occurred because Geoff felt he could not devote the time required to be chair. It has been a great learning experience for me to work with our very dedicated board members. Sharon McKenzie and Jen Dewar joined the board at our last AGM in 2018 replacing Cathy Hare and Neil Wilcox. Dennis Hons perseveres as our treasurer for his second 3 year term and continues to keep us accountable to the membership ensuring our financials are in order.

I would like to thank each of the board members

Faces of your Board



John Kelly - Chair



Geoff Hall - Vice Chair



Dennis Hons - Treasurer



Sharon McKenzie -
Secretary



Jen Dewar - Director

for their dedication and expertise. I would also like to thank Anne Chetwynd and Jim Skelton who continue to provide guidance and passion in communications and town liaisons respectively.

I am very pleased to let you know that we have developed and printed a new three-fold colour brochure to encourage property owners in the Sand Lake area to join SLAPOA. The brochure has been through quite a number of revisions and we have had lots of great input. I am very proud of the end result and I hope you will be too. I trust it will be something you will want to keep handy and show others.

The board has decided to take a new approach to our membership drive this year. Our treasurer, Dennis Hons, will be working with representatives, from each area of Sand Lake, who will canvas their neighbours, present them with a copy of our new brochure, described above, and discuss our association. We are very fortunate to have a great group of volunteers who will, I am confident, be able to increase our membership.

This year the board has opted to share more information with the members about the work we are doing. For example, in the fall we shared with you the results of our research on candidates for the Kearney election and this winter we let you know about the application to rezone Blueberry Island. We recognize that not all of our members will agree with the positions the board takes but we endeavour to represent the majority of property owners at Sand Lake and hold the Town accountable for adhering to its own Official Plan and Zoning By-Laws. We always welcome your input and encourage you to let us know what you think in writing or in person. We also encourage you to join us for the Annual General Meeting which will be held this year on Saturday August 17.

Finally, I would like to encourage you all to participate in the events available at Sand Lake and get to know your fellow property owners better. SLAPOA sponsors the Family Regatta at Dinsmores beach on Saturday July 27 and the Sailing Regatta at Dewar's beach on Saturday August 3. You can also visit and explore Emerald Island or the Sand Lake Nature Preserve all season long. I hope you all have a great summer at Sand Lake in 2019.

Sincerely,
John Kelly - SLAPOA, Chair

SLAPOA Mission

To safeguard the interests, enhance the welfare and protect the environment of the Sand Lake Area community.

SLAPOA Membership 2019 Fees are Due

Have you remembered to renew your membership?

If you have not yet done so, we ask that you send in your membership dues at your earliest convenience. Annual fees are \$40 per individual.

This is discounted to \$35 if you submit them by April 30, 2019.

Contact Dennis Hons, at treasurer@slapoa.ca for details.

Thank you for your continued support.



Call for Board Nominees

We are looking for nominees to the board as a few positions are coming open this year. If anyone is interested in letting their name stand for election, or if you have a name to suggest, please contact Anne Chetwynd at communications@slapoa.ca

Lake Partner Sampling Program

Both Sand and Himbury (Rock) Lakes have been part of this program for many years. Many thanks to Sue and John Nelson for undertaking the collection of water samples and water clarity measurements for Sand Lake in 2017-18, and to Mara Matson who has volunteered to take over this year. For more information and results for YOUR lake please click here: <https://desc.ca/programs/lpp>.

SLAPOA Website

The development of our slapoa.ca website is ongoing. We apologize for the slow progress to date but we hope to make significant headway in the coming year. If you have expertise in the area of website development and have some time to spare, please consider volunteering to assist with this work. Contact Dennis Hons at admin@slapoa.ca.

2018 Family Regatta Results



The Family Regatta was another great success in 2018. And, although not particularly sunny, the weather cooperated. Attendance was terrific and it's apparent that a whole new generation is rising up which will soon swell the ranks of participants in future years. Many thanks to Wilson Boynton and his crew of volunteers for organizing such a wonderful event. Hats off to all of you for pulling it off again this year.

The Cardboard "Kanoo" Race was a big hit again this year. What a fun event for the kids... and parents alike! Perhaps this will someday become a trophy event too as participation increases. Who knows? Congratulations to Charlie Mills who came in first, in the event,, followed by Isabelle Adaire and Nadia Warriner.

Below is a list of the current trophy winners, as recorded during the event.

Trophy Events

Winners

Kearney to Sand Lake Canoe Race

Dean Coulson & Monika Stoeger

Sack Race

Zach Koson

Dinsmore Parent & Child Canoe Race

John & Heather Kelly

Jerry Pot Race

Rob & Jay Prichard

Six Person Canoe Race

Haley Russel, Elise Hebburn, Mara Matson,
Dana Matson, Heather Kelly, Mike Pozzebon

Mile Swim

Lindsay Burglar-Adams

Balloon Toss

Mike Pozzebon & Adam Kesek

Lott's Three-Legged Race

Haley Russel & Heather Kelly

Shoe Kick

Alex Beck

Egg Toss

John & Tom Nelson

Overall Trophy

Wesley Mills

Sportsmanship Trophy

Ella Eidsvik

Note to All Trophy winners: Please ensure that trophies are returned to the organizing committee on the day of the regatta. Many thanks!

2018 Sailing Regatta



We were off to a late start this year as the wind took its time arriving! It was a great race with everyone finishing within 5 minutes from first to last... amazingly close. The lead changed several times. It was decided by the competitors that next year the race will be at 2:00 pm to accommodate Mother Nature's reluctance to provide wind any earlier!! Many thanks to Jen Dewar for the use of her beach and to all the participants for coming out. A well deserved congratulations to the following:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Sailor & Crew</u>	<u>Vessel Type</u>
1	1st overall	Adam King	Laser
2	Dull Thud	Camille & Neil Audette	Wayfarer
3	Laser	Alex Geerkens	Laser
4	Youth	Liam Nelson	Opti
5		Peter Swartz	Laser
6		John Nelson	Laser
7	Catamaran Trophy	Bjorn & Bruce Eidsvik	Hobie
8	Women's Trophy	Heather & Dave Blandford	Hobie

Photos courtesy of Al Byrnell and Anne Chetwynd... Many Thanks!!!



Emerald Island

By: Jim Skelton



Emerald Island

Photo Credit: Al Byrnell

SLAPOA skill testing question:

What geographical feature is often described in terms such as:

- i. a canoeing destination
- ii. a perfect picnic place
- iii. a fun dive off a rock
- iv. a place to get away from family?

Good guess...our own Emerald Isle!

But do you know what was going on with the early pioneers (aka cottagers)?

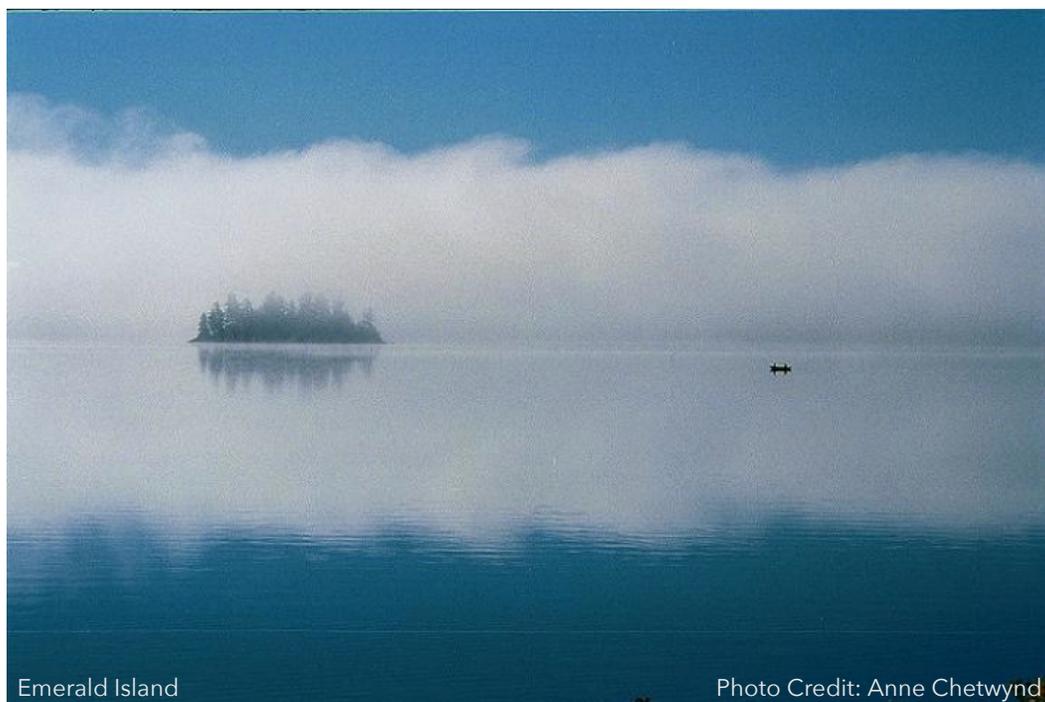
Who knows but we can speculate that in the '20s, '30s and even the '40s and '50s what happened on the Isle stayed on the Isle!

Did you know the Isle was privately owned? It was not crown land. The owner of more than some thirty years never once visited; so it became our very own playground of sorts. That is until a gentleman by the name of Bill Skelton thought it wise to take control and manage the destiny of this fun place. So he passed the hat and purchased the Isle in '64.

Then the real saga began as it was becoming an even more popular destination; even honeymooners took it over for a week or so. And, a savvy entrepreneur began to rent boats with the slogan "go camping on the island". Garbage piled up as 'no trace' was yet to be invented.

Our Board of the day took action...restricted camping and undertook annual clean ups. A kybo was added, not really sure why, but the story of it being floated over behind a boat has made for endless story telling with each more exaggerated than the first...did we mention fun? Imagine grown men swimming alongside an outhouse in the middle of the lake!

Today Emerald Isle remains "Day Use Only" with 'No Trace'... so go over and ENJOY!!



Passages 2018 and Early 2019

The SLAPOA Executive extends its heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the Association. They will be dearly missed by all who knew them.

Joan Dewar - March 12, 2018

A notice of Joan's passing was in the 2018 Newsletter so is not repeated here in its entirety.

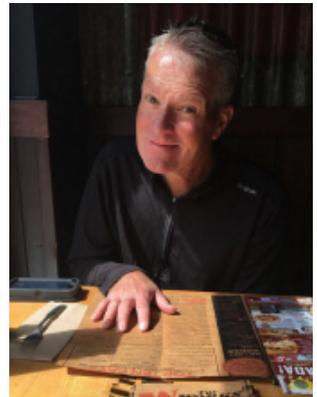
Summer residents of Sand Lake and Kearney will remember Joan for hosting the Sand Lake Sailing Regatta; her many slide shows highlighting her travels; and her pottery, many pieces of which she entered into the annual Creative Changes Art Show. She is very much missed by all her family and friends.



Dean Curtis - December 24, 2018

We were greatly saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Dean Curtis, a retired police officer, at the age of 51. He will be dearly missed by his children, Tyler and Tatum, and by his partner, Sharan. Dean had a cottage on Chipmunk Lane and many neighbours on Buckley's Beach will feel the loss of this kind man, who, from all reports, had a wicked sense of humour.

SLAPOA extends its heartfelt condolences to Dean's family and friends.

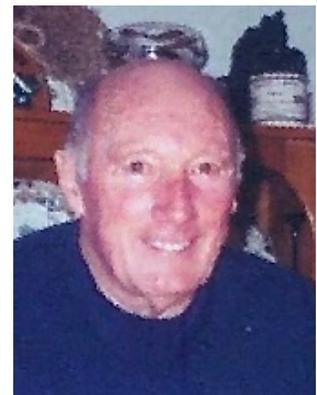


Charlie Worden - February 5, 2019

After a brief illness, Charlie Worden, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, passed away at the age of 88. He will be dearly missed by his sons, Charles and David (Cynthia), and grandchildren, Jon and Caroline., and many friends.

Charlie was a long time Sand Lake cottager and a fine person liked by all who knew him. He would never refuse to help if you needed assistance, and his door was always open to welcome his neighbours. He will be missed by all on Chipmunk Lane and many others on Buckley's Beach.

SLAPOA extends its heartfelt condolences to Charlie's family and friends.



Blanche McKay - December 21, 2018 Although not a member of SLAPOA, Blanche was a feisty, wonderful person who will be missed by many members on Chipmunk Lane. She always had a twinkle in her eye and lived life to the fullest. SLAPOA extends heartfelt condolences to her husband, Bruce, all her family, and her many friends.