



**Dates to Remember**  
**Sand Lake Family Regatta**  
 Sat. July 23  
**Sailboat Race**  
 Sat. July 30  
**Annual General Meeting**  
 to be announced  
**Turkey Shoot**  
 Sun. Oct. 9



## Newsletter Spring 2016

**Greetings from the SLAPOA Co-Chairs,  
Peter Rhamey & Jim Skelton**

Dear Members,

It is difficult to believe that the summer cottage summer season is just around the corner when snow fell in many parts of Ontario in early April. No doubt spring will be short this year as a bridge into a warm and long summer at Sand Lake with friends and family.

Your executive has been busy over the last year on a number of important issues while a large number of volunteers have once again made successes of the Family Regatta and Turkey Shoot. These events have been a part of the Sand Lake community for over 50 years and remain popular for Sand Lake cottager's families and guests whether they are participating in everything from the candy, shoe or egg toss to the more traditional swimming, canoeing and shooting events.

A special thanks to all the volunteers that make this happen and those contributing the venues. In the Volunteer Opportunities section below we invite any and all who would be interested in working on these

### Board of Directors (August 2015 to August 2016)

Peter Rhamey	Co-Chair
Jim Skelton	Co-Chair
Cathy Hare	Vice-Chair
Dennis Hons	Treasurer
David Gaskell	Secretary
Anne Chetwynd	Past Chair

### Committee Heads

**Debbie Yates**  
 Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

**Wilson Boynton**  
 Boating & Water Safety Advisory Committee (B&WSAC)

**Jo-Ann Robertson**  
 Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee (MRAC)

**Dana Matson**  
 Website Advisory Committee (WAC)

events to contact any of us on the executive. It is a great way to have fun with your neighbours while giving back to the vibrant community at Sand Lake. In addition to helping with the Family Regatta and Turkey Shoot, we now have committees that would allow those interested in specific areas to make a contribution with everything from Environmental to Website Advisory. Should you see an opportunity to contribute outside the mandate of these Committees we would welcome discussing your ideas with you.

Progress was made on a number of issues over the last two years.

We took the first step of selling surplus real estate that was not essential to fulfilling the mandate of SLAPOA, with the completion of the sale of the School House in the fall of 2014 with proceeds set aside to reinvest in Sand Lake initiatives requiring special funding. As discussed and approved at the 2015 AGM, we now intend to strike an Advisory Committee to review the ongoing ownership of the underutilized Buckley's beach property. We will be seeking participation of a few volunteers from around the lake this summer. The executive was also very involved providing input into the town budget and its purchase of new road equipment this year with the intention of limiting tax increases for the foreseeable future. We were modestly successful in getting the Council to consider alternatives to their original plan resulting in a lower tax increase than would otherwise have been the case (with average savings exceeding SLAPOA membership dues!).

After receiving feedback from our membership, we also took the initiative on speed limits around the lake as traffic and residential density in the area has increased. So while it may take an extra minute or so to traverse the stretch from Buckley's Road to Dinsmore Road, those using the road in this stretch will be far safer including pedestrians, cyclists, and those on ATV's.

Lastly, Sand Lake will now have a Haz-

ard Marking Regulatory Buoy permanently placed at "Rock Point". This rock has claimed many a propeller of both cottagers and those visiting the lake. We hope to have it in this Spring; whenever it arrives.

In closing, we would like to sincerely thank our fellow Board and Committee Members for the time and effort they have put into making Sand Lake a better place. An extra special thanks goes to Anne Chetwynd who has done an excellent job as Chair and is a real catalyst for action and remains very active on the Board.

Sincerely,

Your Co Chairs Jim and Peter

We hope to see you at the Lake!



Peter Rhamey



Jim Skelton



### **SLAPOA Membership 2016 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, 2016. *You now have two options:* Pay by Cheque OR Pay by INTERAC e-Transfer. Please complete the application form as per the instructions on the form on the last page. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

## POWR MAG

In the Spring 2014 issue of our newsletter we informed you that the Magnetawan River Watershed Association (MRWA) Board had voted to recommend that the MRWA be dissolved and that current members of their Association move their support over to "Protectors of Wetlands & River Magnetawan" (POWR MAG). The two organizations had similar mandates and it made no sense for the two organizations to be competing for the same resources. The dissolution of the MRWA is now complete and the SLAPOA is now a member of POWR MAG. For your reference POWR MAG's website is: <http://protectorsofmagnetawan-riverandwetlands.org>

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### 2015 Family Regatta Results Trophy Winners

Due to inclement weather some of the events were cancelled. Here are the winners for the events that were completed.

#### **Kearney to Sand Lake Canoe Race**

Dean Coulson & Monika Stoeger

**Sack Race** Shawna Smith

#### **Balloon Toss**

Pam Reynolds & Emmett Adam

#### **Lotts 3-Legged Race**

Emmett Adam & Abigail Adam

**Shoe Kick** Alex Beck

#### **Egg Toss**

Jordan Wiltshire & Henrik Bondesson

**Overall** Diana Perry

**Sportsmanship** Ben Laco

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### Online Information on Kearney Goings On

<http://townofkearney.com>

### Louise Wadsworth Blog "I Love My Town of Kearney"

<http://ilovemytownofkearney.blogspot.ca>

### Online Information on Environmental and Other Matters of Concern to Waterfront Residents

<http://kwef.ca>

## 2015 - Sailing Regatta Winners



There were only 8 entries. Light winds to start after which a line squall came through, so several participants withdrew.

#### **Overall**

John Nelson

#### **Sunfish**

Shawn van Peteghen

#### **Hobie**

Bruce & Bjorn Eidsvik, & Robin Geerkens

#### **Youth**

Bjorn Eidsvik (Age 7)

#### **Albacore**

Neil Audette & Sharon McKenzie

#### **Laser**

Kathy Skelton & Mark Morissette

#### **Women's**

Kathy Skelton

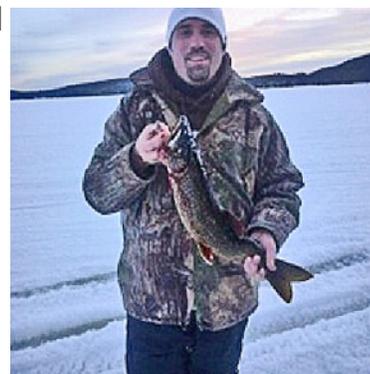
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## Volunteer Opportunity

### Environmental Advisory Committee Request for Help

Only 1% of the lakes in Ontario can support Lake Trout and for this reason the Ministry of Natural Resources believes these lakes should be managed well. Sand Lake is one of these lakes. What does this mean and what can we do to manage our natural resource so that our children can catch fish like this Lake Trout caught in 2015 in Sand Lake. If you are interested

in this issue and other environmental issues please contact Debbie Yates at: [yates@slapoa.ca](mailto:yates@slapoa.ca).





## Turkey Shoot, October 11, 2015

### Winners: Skeet Shoot

- 1 Perrie McKenzie - 4
  - 2 Andrew More - 4
  - 3 Luke Sedgwick - 5
  - 4 Randall More - 4
  - 5 Terrence Dolan - 4
- Ralph Bell  
Shoot Off **Luke Sedgwick - 5**

### Overall Trophy Winner for 22

was won by Doug Groomes with a score of 41 in flight #8.

### Overall Trophy Winner for Skeet

was won by Luke Sedgwick with a score of 5 out of 5 in the shootoff round.

### Winners: 22

#### Youth (17 and Under)

- 1 Dianna Trigg - 5

#### Women's 22

- 1 Denise McDermid - 29
- 2 Jill McDermid - 24 & 19 (Shoot Off)
- 3 Marissa Pental - 24

#### Men's 22

- 1 Chase Groomes - 37
- 2 Fred Titus - 27
- 3 Billy Matson - 32
- 4 Jon More - 29
- 5 Adam Russell - 36
- 6 Kevin Crews - 33
- 7 Derek Jarvis - 39
- 8 **Doug Groomes - 41**

### Thank you to:

#### 22 Target Shoot

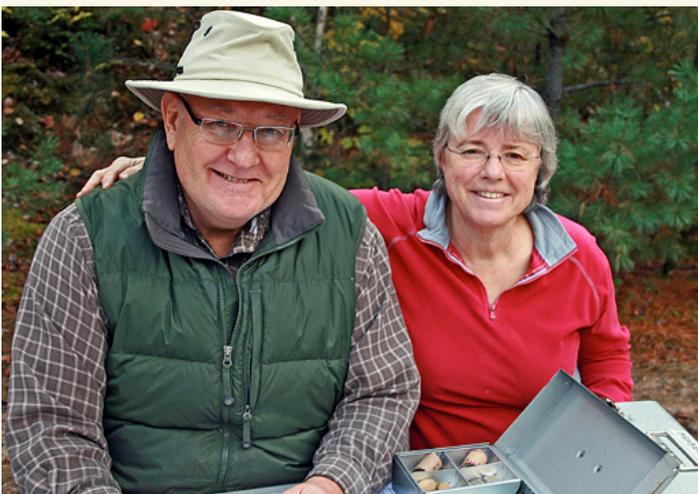
- Jeff Alles and Will Wareham for setting up and running the 22 target flights, and for transporting the BBQ, targets etc. and Food Booth table and SLAPOA sign to and from the event.

#### Skeet Shoot

- Paul Goodman, Rhys Milner, Chad Howard and Shiloh Bell for setting up and running the skeet shoot... and to Shiloh also for purchasing shot and clay pigeons for the shot and for storing the left over ammo and clays until next year... and to Paul for storing the trap target throwing apparatus... and to Rhys for doing the garbage run at the end of the event.

#### Food Booth

- Sue Nelson, Jack Perry, Edith Hons, Cathy Hare, Mara Matson and John Kelly for running the Food Booth and serving up hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, apples, hot chocolate and coffee; and Susan too for storing left over pop between SLAPOA events.



## Sign Up for Event Flights (22 & Skeet)

- Dennis Hons for running the sign up booth, handling the monies and keeping tabs on the winners.

## Miscellaneous Supplies, Equipment & Other Stuff

- Dave Matson for providing, setting up and monitoring the generator; taking photos during the event; supplying a folding table for the food booth; extension cord.
- Penny McClure for providing, a camp kettle for the hot chocolate; electric kettle; water jug.
- David and Polly Gaskell for storing the BBQ and some of the more bulky items over the winter months.
- Carrie and Ray Oakley for coming to our rescue and supplying (22 Hollow Point Long – NOT short) for the 22 target shoot... many thanks for this.
- Ray Dewey and Anne Chetwynd for collecting the turkeys, delivering all the food stuffs to the site and coordinating everything and everyone.

## Special Thanks to:

- Tony Kallaur for providing the venue for the site
- Shiloh Bell and the Weston family for providing the trophy and cash prize for the overall winner of the skeet shoot – the Ralph Bell Shoot Off
- Norm Jarvis for providing the Norm Jarvis, Sr. Trophy for the overall winner of the 22 event



## Installation of Hazard Buoy @ Rock Point

Late last year your executive approved the purchase of a Hazard Marking Regulatory Buoy for "Rock Point". This location has been the site of many boating mishaps and a safety concern for many years.

Wilson Boynton, head of the Boating & Water Safety Advisory Committee will be installing the Marker Buoy early in the season. The decals, reading "Danger – Rocks", that are affixed to the buoy are reflective and the white plastic is highly visible for 39" above the waterline.



The water between the Marker Buoy and the point is also considered hazardous.

## A Reminder Re: Boat Licencing Regulations – the Law

Who needs an Operator Card??

EVERYONE who operates a power-driven boat needs proof of competency – something that shows they understand the basic rules and how to safely operate a boat. The most common proof of competency is the Pleasure Craft Operator Card. You can get the card by taking a boating safety course in person or online, and passing the test at the end of the course.

## Age-Horsepower Restrictions

This specifies power restrictions for various operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes... Operator Cards required in all cases.

- Under 12 years of age, and not directly supervised\*\*
- Can operate a vessel with no more than 10 HP
- Between 12 years and under 16 years of age, and not directly supervised\*\*
- Can operate a vessel with no more than 40 HP
- Under 16 years of age
- NOT allowed to operate a Personal Watercraft
- 16 years of age and older
- No power restrictions

\*\* Directly supervised means: accompanied and directly supervised in the boat by a person 16 years of age or older.  
<http://safeboatingcourse.ca/law/>

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Events Committee Coordinator & Leads for Individual Events

We are looking for someone who is interested in overseeing the Association Events... primarily the Family Regatta and the Turkey Shoot. This would be a coordinator position. It does NOT require that you be on the Board of Executives but you must report to the Board. The Coordinator would be responsible for identifying and working with the lead individuals responsible for each event.

We also need two additional individuals: one willing to take the lead and run on the Family Regatta AND the other willing to take the lead and run the Turkey Shoot.

- Jen Beland (nee Smith) is looking for someone to take over the running of the

Family Regatta. She is willing to mentor for the first year.

- Anne Chetwynd is looking for someone to take over running the Turkey Shoot. As you can see from the Thank you list from the report in this newsletter, there are a lot of people involved in getting this event off the ground. Anne is willing to mentor for this year.

REMEMBER... we put these events on for YOU, our members. *If we don't find people willing to volunteer then there is a **VERY REAL RISK** that these events will not continue.*

PLEASE step up to help.. Your involvement is essential.

## Heads Up Notices

- Clear Garbage Bag Program - passed by Kearney Council on May 11, 2015.
- As notified in the latest tax notices, this is in effect now. Clear garbage bags must now be used for regular garbage disposal at the transfer stations. It is expected that you will be charged a fee for bags that are not clear. This fee is to cover the costs of sorting the garbage as necessary.

## 2015 AGM - Summary

### Speakers

- Mayor Lance Thrale spoke on a number of issues: open governance; sharing services with other municipalities; tax levy increase; road work; the graphite mine; water testing; and septic inspections. The mayor has instituted open door office hours for anyone to meet with him to discuss any concerns. Please contact the Town office to find out when these are scheduled.

- Steve Sainsbury spoke on initiatives of both the Environmental & By-law Advisory Committee (EBAC) and the Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation (KWEF), both of which he heads. These included a water quality testing program; septic inspections; transfer station issues including the requirement beginning

January 2016 for garbage disposal in clear plastic bags; and networking between KWEF and other environmental organizations to share knowledge and expertise.

### **Amendments to SLAPOA By-laws**

The membership approved the following amendments to the Association's by-laws.

- A reduction of the number of Board members from 7 to 5.
- Changes to allow on-line banking.

### **Report on Association Properties**

A number of years ago the SLAPOA Board and members voted to conduct a review of continuing the ownership of the School House, the Buckley's Beach property, and Emerald Island.

In the fall of 2014, the School House was sold with proceeds retained by SLAPOA for reinvestment in Sand Lake initiatives requiring special funding subject to certain criteria.

As discussed and approved at the 2015 AGM, we now intend to strike an Advisory Committee to review the ongoing ownership of the underutilized Buckley's Road property. We will be seeking participation of a few volunteers from around the lake this summer to consider this issue with an update expected at this year's AGM in August.

Given the importance of the Island to the day to day enjoyment of everyone on Sand Lake, there is no plan to review ongoing ownership of this property at this time.

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### **"Little Free Library" on Buckley's Road** (<https://littlefreelibrary.org>)

For those of you interested in reading and sharing... the folks on Buckley's Road have initiated a "Little Free Library" for your use. The idea is that you take, or borrow, a book AND leave a book in exchange. It is available for all those on the Lake who are interested in sharing.



Thanks to Jeanne deKeyserling for initiating this and doing all the groundwork, and to John Kelly for its installation!! Note: Books were stored over the winter months by Dave Matson.

Hmmm... this would be a good summer project for adding a few more around the Lake. What do you think?? Maybe even dock side: Dock-Side Library

<http://www.recorder.ca/2012/07/04/grab-a-book---dockside>

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### **Passages**

It has been sometime since our last newsletter and the following information is far overdue.

Three of our long-time members passed away in 2014 and four more this year in 2015. All loved Sand Lake and its surrounding area and many are to be interred in the Pioneer Log Church Cemetery there. The Board extends its heartfelt condolences and best wishes to the Bickell, McClure, Hadden, Sirrs, Palmer, Sedgwick and Elton families.



David Bickell – January 31, 2014

A long time cottager at Sand Lake with a talent for fixing anything, David was a caring man and always ready to help others... and he was a true Maple Leafs fan and supporter. David is greatly missed by all his family and friends.



Marg McClure - July 2, 2014

Marg was a fixture at Sand Lake since first summering there with her husband Ed (deceased) and their young family in the early 1950's. Her spirit, youthful attitude and welcoming laugh was well known by many especially on the North Shore Road. She leaves a lasting imprint on the Sand Lake community and all who knew her. Marg is greatly missed by all her family and many friends.



Dr. Robert Hadden – July 25, 2014

Bob will be remembered for many things. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word and was known for his compassion, patience, interest in people, love of reading and artistic talent. He loved his 47 years of summers at the family cottage on Sand Lake. Many on the North Shore Road will remember him and his cheerful countenance on his morning walks to and from Silversands to pick up his daily paper. Bob is dearly missed by all his family and friends.



Margaret Sirrs – January 17, 2015

Margaret's husband, Douglas, was in the Foreign Service and Margaret spent many years raising a family in a variety of countries, all with their unique challenges. Her resourcefulness, courage, social graces, diplomatic support roles, and interest in the local cultures carried her through. Throughout these years the family returned regularly to Sand Lake, Margaret's favourite place since childhood and a place that served to ground the whole family between postings abroad. Margaret will be remembered for many things, among them her love of all animals, particularly cats, and her ability and willingness to take on new challenges and excel at them. Most recently she volunteered her services as a SLAPOA Board member before having to step down due to illness. Margaret is dearly missed by her family and all who knew her.



Brian Alan Palmer passed away on May 1, 2015. Brian, and his wife Shirley, have been very involved in local activities for many years, including the Lions of Kearney, and both well known in the community. Brian will be missed by his family and all who knew him. For more information: <http://www.opatovskyfuneralhome.com/obits/obituary.php?id=647296>



Jane Scott Sedgwick - August 1, 2015.

Jane will be greatly missed by her sisters Margaret and Elizabeth, her brother James and nephew Luke. Jane cultivated not only flowers, but relationships with a circle of lively and devoted friends. Throughout her successful business career, Jane was much admired, resulting in many long term friendships. Jane enjoyed her homes in Woodstock, Toronto and Sand Lake.



Constance (Connie) Hermena Elton (nee Clendening) – December 25, 2015

Connie was a long time fixture at Sand Lake spending a lot of time there since the 1930's and having built the family cottage alongside her father in the early 1950's. She was an ardent lover of nature, prolific artist, folk dancer and an impressive do-it-yourselfer who approached life with an exuberance and positive attitude that was infectious and made her well-loved. She leaves her four children, most of whom maintain properties on Sand Lake and in the Kearney area, and 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Connie passed away less than 2 months shy of her 105th birthday! She will be sorely missed.



Although not a member of our Association, another long time resident, Lainie Sallmen (nee Armstrong), passed away on March 18, 2015. Lainie's family used to own Edgewater and some of you may remember her serving you there over the period of a number of years. Lainie is dearly missed by her husband, 3 young children and many friends. For more information: <http://www.opatovskyfuneralhome.com/obits/obituary.php?id=643725>



# Yes, I support SLAPOA!

**The Sand Lake Area Property Owners' Association's Mission: *to safeguard the interests, enhance the welfare and protect the environment of the Sand Lake Area community.***

Please support our work. In return, you receive:

- **Organized Recreational Activities** - Sand Lake Family Regatta; Sand Lake Sailing Race; Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot
- **SLAPOA newsletter and e-newsletters (eNEWS)** with up-to-date news and information on various subjects relevant to members, including results of annual Lake Water Quality Monitoring
- **Memberships** in FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations); POWR MAG (Protectors of Wetlands and River Magnetawan); KWEF (Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation). As part of your membership with FOCA you also receive a one time 1 year membership to The Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough and **other Benefits** such as preferred rates on cottage and boat insurance, and savings on Cottage Life subscriptions and CAA memberships.

<p><b>Membership</b> (January - December 2016) <b>Individual Membership Fee: \$40 (discounted to \$35 if paid on or before Apr. 30, 2016)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pay by Cheque <b>OR</b> Interac Electronic Transfer</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pay by CHEQUE</b></p> <p><u>Payable to:</u> Sand Lake Area Property Owners' Association</p> <p>Return this completed application form and cheque to:</p> <p>SLAPOA c/o Dennis Hons 312 - 625 St. David St. S. Fergus, ON N1M 0A8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pay by INTERAC eTransfer</b></p> <p><u>Two Steps:</u></p> <p><b>1:</b> Use your on-line banking Interac transfer application and direct your membership payment to: <a href="mailto:treasurer@slapoa.ca">treasurer@slapoa.ca</a></p> <p><b>2:</b> Send a separate email containing the <u>password</u> AND your <u>contact information</u>, as indicated on this application form, to: <a href="mailto:treasurer@slapoa.ca">treasurer@slapoa.ca</a></p>

**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cottage Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include your 911 number and road name)

**Please note that the above contact information will be kept in confidence and not redistributed for any reason.**

We want to hear from you. Please use the other side of this form, or email us, to let us know your thoughts (suggestions, questions, concerns, issues, comments).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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