
TORY'S LANDING NEWS

☞ SUMMER 2012 ☜



A relaxing day on Sparrow Lake

SUMMER arrived at Tory's Landing very early this year! We are extremely lucky to have an extended season of warmth and sunshine. We'd like to thank Dianne, John, and our property management team for their great work this year. Thanks to them, our cottages and property are in excellent shape for the busy summer vacation period.





Week 10 Campfire

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our AGM this year. It was a productive and informative meeting with great cooperation between our Board and owners. I'd also like to thank those of you couldn't attend and sent in your proxies. As you've already received my AGM report, I'll introduce you to our current Board of Directors:

- PresidentFranci Alter
- Vice PresidentRalf Klopf
- SecretaryMary McKay
- Director, OperationsLeon Shienfield
- Director and Chair, Purchasing Committee
.....Sandra Srigley
- Director at LargeHoward Gladstone

Officer but not board member:

- TreasurerJoel Campagna

I'd like to voice my appreciation to my fellow board members for stepping up again this year to help make Tory's a better place for all of us. The Board is already busy working on the initiatives outlined at the AGM. As always, you'll receive regular e-mail reports on our progress throughout the year. We appreciate your feedback and encourage your input. Every request or e-mail from an owner is responded to. Next year's AGM is tentatively scheduled for the morning of Sunday, May 5, 2013. Please feel free to e-mail me anytime at francialter@gmail.com.

Franci Alter

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Dianne, John, Evelyn and Shannon!

We are happy to be into our 2nd summer at Tory's Landing. Time sure flies by...

We would like to thank all of the owners who have been filling out the new "housekeeping surveys". We are pleased to announce that we are performing at an average 95 percent satisfaction rate. The surveys are helpful in identifying areas we need to improve and listing any maintenance issues that need to be addressed. The pool is now open. John and Seth - your summer student - will be working hard over the summer to keep the grounds and your cottages in great shape. Our goal is to provide a carefree cottage vacation for you and your guests. See you at the cottage!

Dianne

WE HAVE BICYCLES!

You will have recently received an e-mail detailing our acquisition of 10 adult and four children's bicycles. We extend a huge thank-you to our owners, Maurice and Vicki Tousson, for arranging for the 10 brand new, adult bicycles to be donated to us from Dorel Industries Inc. Also, to John for building a structure to store our new bikes. Please take care of our bicycles, be sure to bring and wear your helmet, and ride safely.



Ready for a boat ride



WE HAVE NEW TVS!

Hopefully, by the time you arrive at the cottage for your summer weeks, we will have our new 40 inch LED TVs installed in each cottage. As communicated to you at the AGM, many of our original TVs were beginning to malfunction with poor sound and picture quality. In order to maintain our property value, it was decided to replace these failing TVs with a step into the modern age. The Board researched, price shopped, and then purchased our new TVs which will be bolted onto the current TV stands. Some of the old TVs will be kept as back-ups. The others will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. We cannot put the old TVs into the bedrooms because they then become part of the cottage furnishings, and as such, must be replaced when they break down. This would impact our maintenance fees, etc. It would also cost extra to hook them up to the satellite, further increasing our expenses. Please enjoy your

new TVs.

OTHER PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

When you arrive for your summer week, you'll notice the following work completed or underway by John and Seth:

Back-door latches are being installed to improve the safety of our cottages.

A *bocce ball* set has been purchased and is a great addition to our recreational activities.

Powerwashing of each cottage's decks, siding, porches, and outside furniture has been completed. They look great.

Smoke detectors have been replaced to meet current standards.

Firepit benches that are no longer usable are being replaced.

Benches will be placed near the Tressider plaque and horseshoe pit to provide seating for people close to the playing fields.

Trails will be replenished with additional woodchips for our hikers.

Dock will be powerwashed.

Steps are being rebuilt in front and back to bring the step height in line with code.

Painting and staining of cottage exteriors is ongoing.

Boat launch has been widened to 15 feet and can now accommodate larger boats.

Chain moved to immediately in front of boat launch. Please relock after use.

Window replacement (under warranty) ongoing.

Broken pool furniture has been replaced.

Cottage floors will be examined in the fall by a flooring professional to determine a schedule for repairing/replacing of damaged floors.

Individual cottage propane tanks to be removed in the fall and replaced by several larger tanks in strategic locations on the property. More details to come.

We extend a huge thanks to John for all his hard work to keep our property looking its best, and especially for identifying small or potential problems and fixing them before they become costly major repairs. We also congratulate John on receiving his "Small Water Certification" license.



The Bonds to the rescue



Fishing expedition

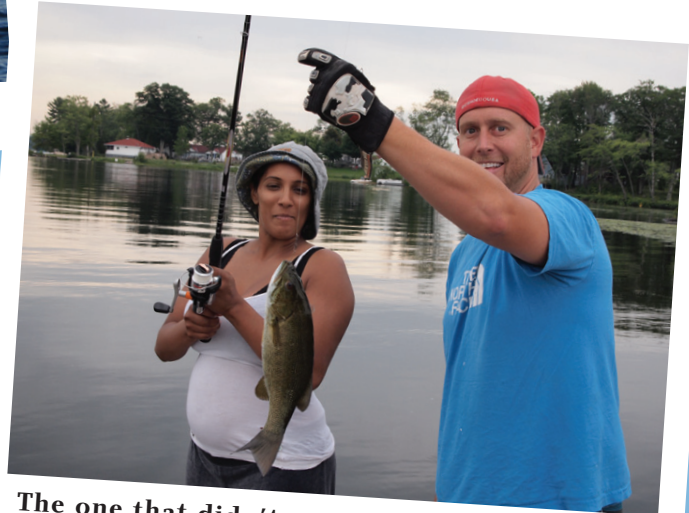
2013 OWNER 'PICKS'

You have received confirmation of your 2013 floating weeks from Evelyn. Our thanks to Evelyn for completing the process in a timely manner and dealing with all our owner concerns patiently and efficiently.

LANDSCAPING/ARBOUR DAY

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the Landscape Committee for the wonderful job they did organizing our fifth annual Arbour Day on May 12. Our enthusiastic committee, under the leadership of Walt Pawziuk, continued its outstanding work this year to beautify the Tory's Landing property. Twelve Tory's volunteers, along with John, relocated over 32 pine saplings, pruned and re-mulched trees, and otherwise spruced up our property. The highlights of the day, as always, were a wonderful BBQ lunch and socializing with friends. Our Landscape Committee is also spearheading a weed management program this year. Many patches of goldenrod, thistle, and burdock are being

removed and/or thinned out to add to our enjoyment of the natural beauty of our property. The members of this dedicated committee are unofficially at work every time they're at the cottage. Thanks again for your efforts.



The one that didn't get away!

POOL

Our pool was opened this year for limited hours beginning on June 4. With the hot weather we've been experiencing this month, those extra weeks of swimming have certainly been appreciated. Another thanks to John for getting our pool swimming-ready so quickly. We did have a leak in a pipe under the pool deck. When the pool company couldn't come out to fix it until June 7, John came to rescue and repaired it himself. From June 29, our pool hours will be the same as last summer – 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please make sure your children are supervised in the pool area and don't forget to bring your beach towels. **Cottage towels and other linens are for use inside the cottage only! Please also remind your guests and renters to bring beach and pool towels from home.**

FISHING LICENSES

A note to all fishermen/women: The marine police were stopping at our dock on Victoria Day weekend to check if the people fishing had fishing licenses. These licenses are required by anyone between the ages of 18 and 64, even if they are only fishing off a dock.



POISON IVY, GEESE, AND TURTLES!

Despite our efforts to control it, there is a lot of *poison ivy* on our property. John is doing his best to deal with the problem. Please stay on the paths and you'll be able to avoid these unpleasant weeds. What's good for the geese is not good for us. Breeding conditions must have been excellent this year, as our population of geese (and their excrement) is particularly plentiful. Our 15 dog silhouettes are working their hardest every-day to discourage the geese from visiting Tory's, but they just can't keep up. We are investigating more drastic methods of dealing with the goose problem for next year. However, these methods



are quite unpleasant and/or expensive. We'll keep you updated.

One night last week, a mother *turtle* came up on our beach and laid its eggs under the sand. The mother turtle does not return to its nest. The eggs will hatch in late August and the baby turtles will scamper to the water. Consequently, a small area of the beach is fenced off with chicken wire. Please make sure your children and pets do not enter this area.

NOISE

Open windows and lots of people can lead to lots of noise. Please be respectful of your fellow owners. If you're watching TV at a loud volume, please close the window closest to your television so your neighbours can enjoy their time outside.

HYDRO BILLING

As you all are aware, "Time of Day Billing" has been implemented as the standard for electricity costing throughout Ontario. Please take these rates into account when using major appliances at the cottage. *Hydro costs are soaring, and although you don't see your hydro bills at the cottage, they are reflected in our annual maintenance fees.* So, it's of benefit to all of us to keep costs low. A rate chart is posted on your fridge.

ELECTRIC CARS

It has come to our attention that there are now electric cars that can "go the distance" to the cottage. The electricity required to charge these cars will negatively affect our hydro bills. In order that only those owners who own electric cars are impacted, effective immediately, we will be instituting a policy that if you drive an electric car to the cottage, you will be required to go to Bayview Wildwood upon arrival to pay a fee of \$25 + HST per stay, to cover the cost of the additional electricity. Once you pay the fee, you'll be given a permit to hang in your car and you'll be free to "charge up" your car at the cottage.

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

If you book your tee-off time at the Lake St. George Golf Club through Bayview Wildwood, you'll receive 10 percent off the regular fee. Thanks to Dianne for extending this offer to our owners.



ITEMS TO WATCH FOR:

-**3rd Annual Owners' Survey** – We are committed to obtaining our owners' feedback and input on issues affecting your cottage experience. Watch for the survey this fall.

- **Holmes Report** – We have recently done another review of the recommendations to ensure all areas noted were attended to. You will receive an updated report spreadsheet in the fall.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Please remember to keep your eyes and ears open at the cottage. If you see anything unusual, suspicious, or dangerous, please call the office or police.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please let the office know if you have moved, or have a new e-mail address or phone number. This is extremely important so you can receive all our communications.

Fisher – Globe & Mail 02/09/10



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

Here's an easy appetizer that's sure to impress all your guests:

Sundried Tomato Dip

- 1 clove garlic crushed and 1 tsp. chopped fresh basil
- 1 cup light cream cheese
- 2 green onions chopped
- ½ cup light sour cream
- ⅓ cup oil-packed chopped sundried tomatoes
- ½ cup light mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Serve with tortilla chips or raw vegetables. If you have any family favourite cottage recipes to share, please forward them to me at francialter@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the seasons at Tory's. On behalf of your Board of Directors, we wish you a safe, fun, and healthy summer.

Betty – Globe & Mail 06/20/11

