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# TORY'S LANDING NEWS

SUMMER 2014

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HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY TORY'S LANDING! After a long, wild winter, summer has finally arrived at Tory's Landing. The pool is open, the boats are ready, and our owners and guests are all set to enjoy the property and all it has to offer. Thanks to Dianne, John, and their team, our cottages and facilities are in excellent shape for the busy summer vacation season ahead.

*Winter is fun, but now it's done!*

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*An early morning visitor*



*A relaxing afternoon at the cottage*



*Summer sunset after the storm*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our AGM this year. It was again 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 re-introduce you to our current Board of Directors:

President . . . . . Franci Alter  
Vice President . . . . . Ralf Klopff  
Secretary . . . . . Mary McKay  
Director, Operations . . . . . Leon Shienfield  
Director and Chair, Purchasing Committee . . . Sandra Srigley  
Director at Large & Treasurer . . . . . Howard Detsky

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. A special welcome to our new board member, Howard Detsky, and a fond farewell and heartfelt thanks to our departing board member, Howard Gladstone. 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. Please feel free to e-mail me anytime at francialter@gmail.com.

*Franci Alter*

**GREETINGS FROM YOUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

**TEAM:** Dianne, John, Susan, and Shannon!

We certainly had a long and cold winter; however that provided us with great winter outdoor fun this year. We welcomed the spring, however late, and look forward to seeing everyone this summer. Seth, our summer student, is back helping John

on maintenance this summer. The pool was opened on June 13th. We purchased two new canoes to replace a couple that were worn out last summer - happy paddling! As we enter the summer, just a few notes: remember to close your doors & windows when your air conditioner is running; your new BBQs are lovely - please remember to shut off the propane when not in use; and please watch for poison ivy throughout the property - although John does his best to keep it under control, it is best to use the pathways provided. As always, we welcome your questions and feedback - see you soon!

*Dianne*

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR WEBSITE!**

**www.toryslanding.com** is a great resource for your guests, prospective purchasers, and renters. It's full of great information including directions, our facilities, and intervals for sale or rent.

**2015 OWNER 'PICKS'**

You have received confirmation of your 2015 floating weeks from Susan. Our thanks to Susan for completing the process in a timely manner and dealing with all our owner concerns patiently and efficiently.

**COTTAGE REFURBISHING - NEXT STEPS**

Next items due for replacement are living room couches. The Tory's design committee will be convening early in the fall to consider our options. Our dinnerware and silverware are also due for some replenishing and upgrading. We are currently looking into the possibility of adding PVRs to our entertainment system.



*Landscape team in training*

As previously communicated, an update of our reserve fund study is underway. Results will be communicated to you in the fall. Please take care of our new (and old) furnishings. Do not wash the light-coloured linens with anything dark. And please don't take any cottage linens out to the pool or beach. Thanks!

#### INTERNET OPTIONS AT THE COTTAGE

Despite the fact that we don't have high-speed Internet available to us at Tory's Landing, here are some options identified by a Tory's owner (Thanks, Jeff) for those of you who need to 'stay connected':

- Use your Smartphone as a mobile hotspot for an Internet connection to your laptop or tablet. But beware of increased data costs.
- Use a Bell or Rogers aircard or turbo rocket stick as an Internet hub. Again, be careful of data costs as these devices work on a cellular network.
- A dial-up access account may also work for you, despite being fairly slow.

However, the best option is always to 'unplug' as much as possible at the cottage and enjoy relaxing at Tory's Landing.

#### AIR CONDITIONING SETTINGS

As you are aware, central air conditioning has been installed in each cottage. If you choose to use the air conditioner, in the interest of keeping our energy costs as low as possible:

- Please do not set the thermostat below 22 degrees C.
- Shut all windows and doors.
- Close main floor vents to make upstairs cooler.
- On departure, set thermostat to 27 degrees C.
- Leave fan on auto.

#### PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

- New Weber BBQs.
- Bikes have been professionally serviced.
- Kitchen utensils replenished (silverware and dinnerware to follow after the summer).
- Croquet set has been added to the bocce ball/horseshoe area for more family fun.
- New pool cover and roller purchased to be used when weather is chilly.
- Another high cut has been done on the weeds on the lake side of the cottages to maintain our views.
- Roadside railings to be painted.
- Sand will be added to the beach.
- Driveways to be topped up with gravel as necessary.
- Badminton net has been set up at the beach with poles better secured in the sand.
- Dock skirting being installed on the outside finger of the main dock to accommodate smaller boats.
- Curved shower rods being installed in the bathrooms.
- Our geese control methods are taking effect.
- Potholes being repaired on Torpitt Road and our own road.
- Broken floor vents in cottages being replaced to permit better air flow control.
- Weeds under the front and back porches will be sprayed.
- Window replacement (under warranty) ongoing.
- Broken pool furniture has been replaced.
- Hardwood floor refinishing underway during maintenance weeks.
- Light bulb and fixture replacement with those that are more energy efficient underway.

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.



#### LANDSCAPING/ARBOUR DAY

Arbour Day was held on May 3 this year and was a huge success. A record number of owners turned out to help prune and relocate trees affecting our sightlines and to clean up the property. We had a great bbq lunch and lots of fun despite the rain. Our Landscape Committee is continuing to spearhead our weed management program this year. Many patches of goldenrod, thistle, and burdock are again being removed and/or thinned out this spring and fall 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. We'll let you know as soon as we have the date for next year's Arbour Day.

#### POOL

Our pool was opened this year for limited hours beginning on June 13. 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. From June 27, 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/ANTS

Despite John and Seth's best efforts to control it, there is a lot of poison ivy on our property. With current weed control products available, we cannot eradicate it. Please stay on the paths and you'll be able to avoid these unpleasant weeds. Our extreme method of geese control appears to be working. We also now have one or two coyote decoys at the beach which we think will help. Hopefully, the geese will continue to visit properties other than Tory's. In recent weeks, we've developed a bit of an ant problem in some cottages. We will be spraying all cottages to control the problem. You can help by not leaving sweet snacks on the counters and by keeping all food surfaces really clean.



*Hopefully the geese will be more afraid*

## NOISE

Open windows and lots of people having fun 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

Please take "Time of Day Billing" rates into account when using major appliances at the cottage. It's of benefit to all of us to keep costs low.

## 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.

## 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.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

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

### Sara's Green Beans

- 1 ½ pounds of green beans
- 2 garlic cloves minced or pressed
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp. sesame oil

*Steam green beans until tender-crisp and drain. Mix garlic with salt into a paste. Add balsamic vinegar and sesame oil and drizzle mixture over green beans. This is even great at room temperature. You may replace the green beans with broccoli. Enjoy.*

## 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. Also, if you would like to be added to our Cottage Owners' Directory, please let Susan know.

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.

