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July 1st Canada Day Fireworks are on again!

The Executive of the SDLCA is very pleased to announce that through the hard work of our Treasurer Phil Woodard and the good offices of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations we have resolved our outstanding insurance issues and we can resume our traditional celebration of Canada Day. This year, Frank Bartley who is a trained pyrotechnician will run the fireworks. This promises to be an outstanding and professional display. The map will show you just where to gather on the night.

As many of you may have noticed in past years, we have another unique aspect to our Canada Day celebrations here on Salerno Lake; Ron and Jayne Nichol's floating illuminated Canadian Flag barge which makes its stately way around the lake on the evening of July 1st. We'd like to suggest that all boaters join their flotilla and carry on around the lake until it draws up in front of the Bartley cottage at approximately 10 pm. Their arrival will be the cue for Frank to begin the show.

Once again however we must stress that all concerned should recognize the wide disparity among the vessels on the lake – please be aware of the effect of the wake of larger boats on smaller boats, canoes, kayaks etc. There have been some close calls in the past. Please observe all the principles of safe boating INCLUDING the use of running lights by all craft on the lake.

Sadly I will be working in Pittsburgh on July the 1st but I will be here on the Lake in spirit.

Annual General Meeting

This years AGM will be held on Saturday July 29th at 10 a.m. at the Parish Hall of St John's United Church in Irondale. We will have a Guest Speaker, Colin Keddy, RFC estate planning specialist with Wellington West Financial Services Inc. Mr Keddy will discuss the ins and outs of succession duties as they relate to family cottages. Under the present tax legislation this is a much more complicated matter than it was in the old days. No matter what course you choose there are financial consequences

so we welcome the chance to have some light shed on the topic.

We will also have a short presentation by Dave Burton who is running for the office of Reeve in Highlands East. Mr. Duncan is a former cottager, now a full-time resident of Highlands East. We will be extending the same invitation to any other candidates for the office of Reeve in Highlands East and in the Municipality of Minden Hills. As taxpayers we

need to make our concerns heard and with the mail-in ballot allowed for these Municipal Elections, we have an excellent means to achieve that goal. As Chair of the meeting, I promise that this segment will not be allowed to run on at length. However we cannot ignore the political realities if we want to preserve the quality of life in cottage country.



All kinds of boats can be observed on Salerno Lake.

Boat Launch Ready and Operational

Kudo's to the Municipality of Minden Hills for their quick action on the construction of the new Public Boat Launch at the westernmost end of Salerno Lake. The Boat Launch was ready well ahead of schedule and so far it appears to be working out well. There may be issues regarding the relative softness of the gravel near the shore but in time and with more usage it will become more solid. In the meantime, use caution when putting your boat in the lake.

One disturbing aspect of my recent inspection of the launch area was evidence of boaters dumping refuse on the site. This reprehensible kind of behaviour is unlikely to be done by cottagers. It is appalling to think that visitors to the lake could be so thoughtless. We ask everyone to do their bit in correcting this problem and remind you that it is possible to make a formal complaint to the authorities should you

witness parties littering or putting refuse into the lake. (Hint: Record license plate numbers!)

Canoe Race and BBQ with Children's Games

The Annual Canoe Race and BBQ will be held on Sunday July 30th. Registration for the race will begin at Noon at the Irondale Bridge and canoes will be put in the water shortly beginning at 1 pm. The entrance fee is \$15 per canoe or kayak.

ner(s) get one of the coveted hand-screened John Leonard paddles to take home. Let's get the next generation involved in a great tradition.

There will be also be Children's Games at the Furnace Falls site and a BBQ. Once

again MacD's Butcher Shop on Highway 503 will be providing the excellent provender. . Many thanks to Kirk MacDuff for his support. His father Brad MacDuff will man the grill and add his unique brand of repartee and good humour to the proceedings.

**Next Canoe Race:
Sunday, July 30, 2006**

In recent years the number of canoes entering the race has declined somewhat and we'd like to reverse that trend – especially in the Junior Category. Please encourage any and all youngsters at your cottage to enter in the race. It's safe and challenging – every finisher gets a medal and the lucky win-



So Long Bullwinkle! Careful Smokey!

These pictures illustrate a few of the wildlife hazards associated with cottaging. The very chilling photographs of the vehicle, which collided with a moose, were taken at South River Ontario, on Highway 11 not far from where I was raised in Burks Falls. I am happy to report that the lady who was driving this car escaped with only a broken wrist – but it should remind us that to be vigilant on the roads especially when driving up to our cottages at night. (A dear friend of ours had a very close call on the Buckhorn Road one night last summer – in the dead of night she collided with – of all animals - a Shetland pony that had wandered out on the road. She survived but the poor pony died – and her nice new Mini-Cooper was a write-off.

As for our ursine friends, we know they will go to great lengths to find food but this bear certainly shows great ingenuity and perseverance. So be careful with the placement of bird feeders and if there are any signs of bears in the area, it might be prudent to refrain from filling them.



One Cool Fish!

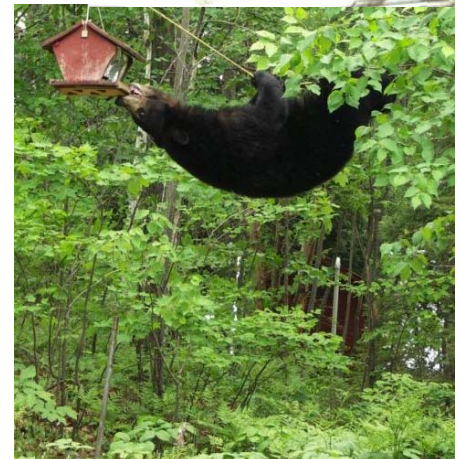
How about this beauty of a pickerel, caught while ice fishing by guests of Lenora Mariner and Chris Whittemore. Congratulations boys!



Irondale Community Centre

The Irondale Community Centre is looking for volunteers and a possibly a board member from the Salerno Lake cottagers to join in their endeavours. As you know, the Irondale Community Centre is under construction and they have initiated a number of interesting activities such

as the Ice Fishing Derby and the Baseball Tournament. Please contact Sabine at 447 2313 or sabine@irondalebiz.com. It's a great little community so take a chance and get to know some of those great folks. We'll all be the richer for it!



Salerno Devils' Lake Cottagers
Association Presents

Canada Day

Fireworks

When: Saturday, July 1st
~ 10 pm.

Raindate: August 5th

