



Madawaska Club of Go Home Bay



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*President's Message Photos by
Kary Firstbrook*

President's Message by Bill Lougheed

2015 was a very good year for the Club. We had a record year for paid memberships, which are now at just over 150 sites.

Our programs fully engaged our youth and activities for older generations continued to bind old friendships and cultivate new ones. The "Sally's Night" Tuesday cocktail series continues to be a great coming together for the women. I am hoping some gentlemen will step forward for the "guys" in 2016.

The Board did its necessary but difficult democratic duty for the membership in giving members their say in Robert Roi's contract renewal. I am delighted at the outcome and equally thankful for the strong support shown for our caretaker. It is good to know that Robert will continue to serve our interests and protect our community for many years ahead. Thank you Robert!

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CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Four of your Board's directors, having served between 5 and 26 years are retiring to take a well-deserved rest. President, Bill Lougheed, Secretary, Dottie Graham, Former Director of Land Use and Planning, Michael Williams and Director of Activities, Dana Stewart will be stepping off the Board at the AGM.

This is a call to the community for enthusiastic, able and hard-working volunteers to join the team. If

interested, please submit a letter of interest with qualifications to Bill Lougheed, c/o the Club's Secretary, Dottie Graham (withnail@sympatico.ca) by **March 31, 2016**.

Note: Please see the President's Message and the Secretary's Report regarding the contributions provided by your retiring directors.

President's Message cont'd

In 2016, we will be losing 3 important Directors: Dana Stewart, Dottie Graham and Michael Williams.



Dana Stewart

Dana Stewart deserves a life-time achievement award as a Go Home volunteer. She has served as a Director for 26 YEARS!!! During this time she has been instrumental in creating new, and maintaining the traditional activities, which bring our community together. She has given us a sailing program we never

had before (with Alan Redfern's able help), and has taken it from just a few old boats at the start to a self-sustaining invigorated program that engages all our youth, provides them with skills, and helps them grow. She has built and organized our entire activities program and made it function like clockwork. I will say much more about Dana at the AGM, but I must note that this example of this fireball of a woman is one we can all look up to. Well done Dana!

Dottie Graham has done a brilliant job over 8 years as our able Secretary. Dottie brought a brilliant mind and tremendous ability to this challenging portfolio. Dottie's love of people, social grace and skills has allowed her to manage the numerous conflicts and complaints that are the very nature of the Secretary's job. Without fail Dottie handles "all" with professionalism and good taste. A legal mind is a necessity on any Board and Dottie's legal knowledge has assisted the Board year in and year out. I also want to thank you, Dottie, for your perseverance in sticking out this difficult job for so many years. Well done!



Dottie Graham

Michael Williams has set a new stage for Go Home in protecting the Natural Heritage Values and the wilderness "look and feel" that make our Go Home Bay the jewel that it is. Michael came on the Board to march us through the review and implementation of two



Michael Williams

crucially important Planning Instruments: the Official Plan and the Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Hours and hours of labour went into this effort to ensure that our Community Plan remained unscathed. Not only did Michael achieve every necessary part of this, but in the course of so doing he raised the stature of Go Home at the Township Office to the highest level of respect and credibility. Just for example, the Township Staff were taken on boat tours so they could appreciate the wilderness values of our special place and thereby understand the "essence" of our Community Plan. Thank you Michael for every thing you have done and done so brilliantly.

Finally, I would like to thank Directors David Cape, Patsy Cross, Kelly Killoran, Doug McKenzie, Andrea Proctor and Mike Stephens for all of their wonderful hard work in 2015. You all did a terrific job!

In closing, I also wish to thank all the great and under-recognized volunteers who make Go Home the fun and fine place it is.

I look forward to seeing you all in the spring.



Turtle jump. Photo by Kary Firstbrook



Mad Club Check List

Make Note:

- **Spring Newsletter Deadline:** April 1, 2016. Send any articles, cottage rentals, help wanted, community notices and photographs to: editor@gohomebay.com

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Board of Directors:** Director positions available. Contact Dottie Graham at withnail@sympatico.ca
- **Sunday Services:** For hosting or speaking, contact Derek Wishart at derek.wishart@cantire.com
- **Arts & Crafts:** Contact Faith Wishart at wishartf@gmail.com
- **Library:** Submit suggestions for books to Emily Fells at emily_ghislain@yahoo.ca

Don't Forget to:

Stay connected: Send email additions and updates for ALL members of your family/site to secretary@gohomebay.com and copy webcommittee@gohomebay.com for the website community list.

Apologies:

Your most humble editor and scribe apologizes for the tardy publication of this "Fall" newsletter, now noted as Winter 2016. Publication of the newsletter requires input from other volunteers and is a volunteer position itself. Each of us needs to fit this in around life's other demands. I am crossing my fingers that the spring edition will publish closer to its usual time. ~ Editor

Looking for information?

Check the Go Home website for all club news
www.gohomebay.org

Winter Safety and Security:

Ice Conditions: The winter of 2016 is proving to be unpredictable with regards to ice conditions. Be winter wise and check the Go Home Facebook page for updates from neighbours.

(www.fb.com/groups/madawaskaclub)

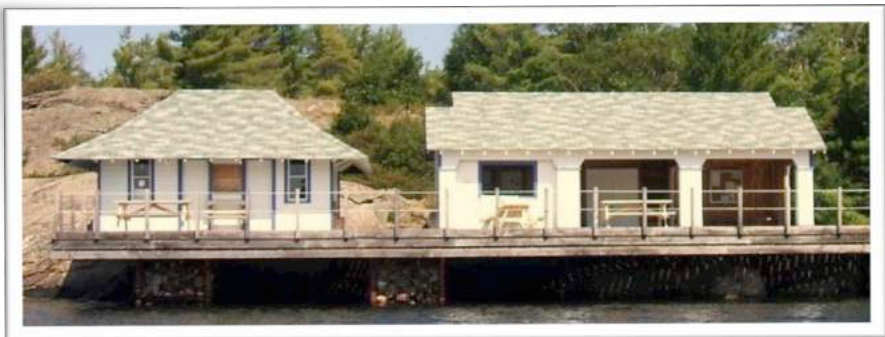
Stay safe - tell a friend: If you plan to come into Go Home during the winter be sure to give your arrival and departure information to a friend or family member. Post your plans on the Go Home Facebook page to let other members of the community know you are in the area. (www.fb.com/groups/madawaskaclub)

Winter Weekending: Help our caretaker, Robert Roi, keep an eye on properties by notifying him (705-756-1733) if you are coming up in this winter.

Snow Load Precautions: Remember, roofs may need additional support to manage heavy winter snow loads.

Don't Miss:

- **2016 Sailing Program Sign-up:** contact Susanne Coutts at susannecoutts@hotmail.com
- **Spring Cottage Life Show:** April 1-3, 2016
cottagelife.com/show/spring-cottage-life-show
- **Green Living Show:** April 15-17, 2016 greenlivingshow.ca



Summer Meeting Summary by Dottie Graham

There was a very good turn out at the Main Dock for the 2015 annual summer meeting, despite the threatening and eventually cascading rain. A question of great importance – whether to offer the Caretaker job to Robert Roi exclusively or tender it generally – was to be decided by community vote.

The vote was called because Robert and the Club agreed 10 years ago that the question of tendering the Caretaker contract would be decided by community vote in 2015.

The vote was firmly conclusive: 99 in favour of exclusivity to Robert and 13 for offering it generally. This result demonstrates the great respect felt for Robert by the community. The Board will now go forward with negotiating a new contract with Robert with generosity as mandated by the members on the dock.

Mike Stephens, Treasurer, gave his Financial Report. Everything is on track with the budget, and paying sites are up to 150.

Dana Stewart gave her Activities report: all activities are going well and sailing in particular was going very well with an increase in racing.

David Cape gave his Property report. There was a great deal of discussion from the community about the state of the Caretaker's house, which is a major Club asset, and all agreed that some necessary and expensive repairs need to be done. There was also discussion about Robert moving to his River cottage, and the Board made it clear that Robert is not being forced to vacate the Caretaker's house, but that moving was an option both he and the Board are considering.

Patsy Cross reported on Planning. The O'Hara dock and Balfour outbuilding are still in front of Council, and the committee hopes for a resolution on both soon. Patsy emphasized that the Board are not enforcers, and that anyone can call Township if they feel the Community Plan has been disobeyed.

Bob Duncanson closed the meeting with his Georgian Bay Association update, explaining the potential ripple effect of the recent Wiky land transfer, a new GBA initiative to get boaters and cottagers to co-exist, and an update on the state of phragmites.

Additional Board Change

by Dottie Graham

In addition to the retirement of some of the Board's Directors, the Board's President, **Bill Lougheed**, has decided to step down at the 2016 AGM. I and everyone else on the Board have enormous respect for Bill. He is one of the smartest persons one is likely to meet and is kind, considerate, thoughtful, dedicated, reasonable and funny. He bravely took on a very contentious

issue, to honour a 10-year old Caretakers agreement and to do his fiduciary duty to the Club, and handled the not-always gracious response in a gentlemanly and sensitive way. Bill has the great ability to see all sides of an issue, to dissect the vital from the muddled, all while balancing the best interests of the Club with the personalities involved. Bill has been an enormous asset to the Club and a great, great pleasure for me to work with. When things got a bit hairy, Bill was a voice of calm reassurance that soothed the turbulence and guided the way forward. I am so grateful to have been Madam Secretary to his El Presidente, and selfishly I am glad he is stepping down when I am, so I don't have to feel that I am missing out on his guidance. The whole Club has been the better for Bill's years as President.



Bill Lougheed

Property Report by David Cape

With our boats, cottages, docks, water pumps, chainsaws, etc. put away until next spring, I have prepared a list of Club Property undertakings, which are underway for 2016.

1. **Main Dock:** New tasteful Club signage will be erected in place of the old and tired existing.
2. **WC Trail to Library:** This trail will be cut and is a priority for spring 2016.
3. **Regatta Dance Bandstand:** Another old and tired structure, the existing bandstand, will be disposed of and replaced with a new one by Regatta 2016. This should and will involve volunteer labour on the part of our tool savvy Members.
4. **The Caretaker Residence:** On a Saturday in September I met with Robert Roi at the Caretakers' house to thoroughly review its condition and to establish a list of repairs to bring the house to Madawaska Club standards. Our discussion was thorough without need for further investigation. In the opinion of both your Property Manager and Caretaker the main house needs the following reparations without exception:
 - a. **Upper Entry Double Sliding Glass Door** – The sill has rotted completely, as have the supporting header and several joists in the same vicinity. This is a structural repair and urgent.
 - b. **Soffits and Facia** – Needs to be replaced throughout. There are some partial good areas, but a reputable contractor would recommend complete replacement.
 - c. **Siding** – The existing vertical cedar siding is in stable but dysfunctional repair. There is lots of moisture penetration as a result of vertical application (A Viceroy Design flaw). The House should be strapped and

vinyl siding applied horizontally.

- d. **Chimney:** Chimney needs to be pardged.
- e. **Roof:** The shingles are curled and covered in moss in protected areas. Visible leakage problems on the interior drywall deem this job a priority. The roof repair may include extensive sheathing repair as the original sheathing is aspenite and taking on water at the fascia edges. Steel is the recommended way to go as it has a longer life. This job should entail the removal of the existing skylight, which provides a risk of future moisture penetration.
- f. **Septic Bed:** The bed has been repaired and Robert is going to trim it and remove the insulation layer for photo submission to the Township. That aside we have a problem as the system is not functioning properly and in the near term should be replaced.
- g. **Drywall and Paint:** Once all exterior repairs have been completed interior repairs to the damaged dry wall should be repaired and the interior painted throughout.
- h. **The Redundant** and inoperable second dishwasher should be removed.
- i. **Electric Heat:** A very recent install is fine and in good repair. The decision to go in this direction puts the plumbing at risk under winter power failure conditions, which occur as often as the summer ones most of us experience. Serious consideration should given to the installation of a sufficiently powerful Generac power backup system to remove the risk of frozen plumbing.
- j. **Other:** The interior is neat as a pin and has obviously been very well maintained by our Caretaker and his family.

We will tender this work on a prioritized basis and anticipate work to commence in the spring. The first priority will be a new roof and soffits and all structural repairs. The Caretakers Residence is an important Club asset. The house has fallen into disrepair but is very salvageable.

Enjoy the winter and thanks to all who volunteered their precious summer vacation time this year to help make Go Home Bay the best cottage community in the North Country!



Family hug. Photo by Kary Firstbrook

Treasurer's Report

by Michael Stephens

I am pleased to report that we saw a record year in 2015 in terms of the number of Members who paid site fees. With 153 paying sites this year, plus an additional payment from last year, our 2015 operating revenue climbed to \$91,630 for the year. A big thanks to our membership for getting their fees in early! The additional credit card and e-transfer payment options provided for the first time this year proved to be quite popular with the membership, and we will continue to provide those options in coming years.

With the increased revenue and no need to take advantage of some of our budgeted contingency funds for professional services, I am anticipating an operating surplus of a few thousand dollars this year. I will be preparing the full 2015 financial summary in the new year after all expenses have come in and we will post it online for Membership review.

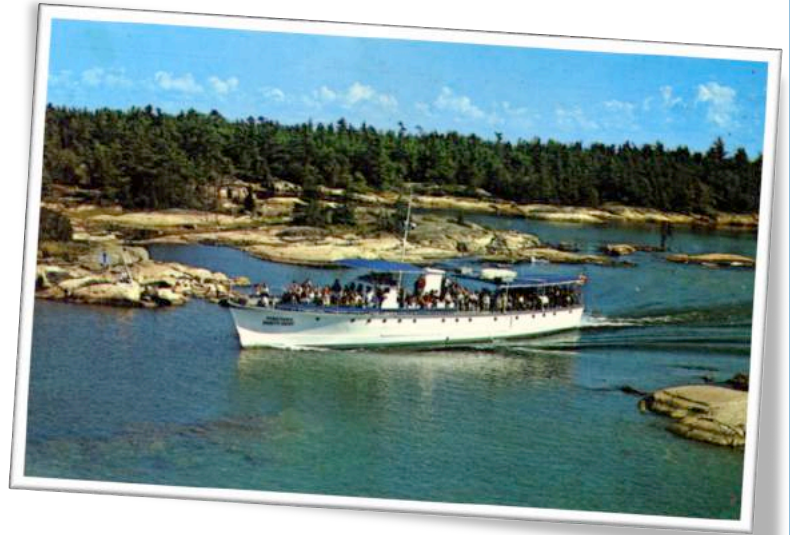
While a modest surplus this year is positive news, as David has mentioned in his Property Report, we have some significant repair and maintenance expenses coming over the next couple of years with respect to the Caretaker's house. Over the next few months the Board will be compiling cost estimates and prioritizing the work schedule and we will include detailed expense estimates as part of our 2016 budget.

Land Use Planning Report

by Patsy Cross

The Land Use Planning Committee (Stoney McCart, Michael and Diane Leuty, Bob Duncanson, Michael Williams and Patsy Cross) was busy this summer responding to requests for help in anticipation of building plans. We provided review of 3 projects, which might require a minor variance or re-zoning. These have not yet reached the application stage. We also provided general advice and support in understanding our Community Plan as enshrined in the Official Plan and Comprehensive By-law.

The education and awareness campaign initiated this year produced a series of information nuggets which



Penetang 88. Source: Go Home Wiki Website

were distributed in the summer Mad Mails and remain on the website under the Planning and Building portal. We hope to continue this program with more nuggets next summer so any suggestions for topics would be welcome (patsy.cross@rogers.com). I like to prepare these over the winter so they are ready to go in the summer.

The Township is developing their Corporate Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2019. This summer Kirk Carlson sat on the Community Advisory Group representing our interest in the process. This report should be finalized by year-end.

A major focus of our committee is to support the intent and by-laws of our Community Plan. The development of our Community Plan signified that our members were willing to give up some personal rights in support of a community perspective for stewardship of the place we love so dearly.

One foundational aspect of our Plan is the concept that the visual aesthetic of the remote wilderness landscape should dominate our building projects. Some aspects of this sense of place include uncluttered views and vistas with low profile cottages, uninterrupted tree lines and small scale shoreline structures. This means respectful placing of any structures within the confines of the by-law numbers as much as possible. Minor variances allow for some relief from the by-law

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Environment Report

by Kelly Killoran

Phragmites at Go Home Summer 2015

A great big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our Phragmites removal program this past summer. Many young to experienced Go Homers were out hiking, in canoes, kayaks and small boats locating stands of Phragmites in our community. Fourteen individuals (including two children) helped with the cut and two locations looked after the burn. What a team!

Early in the summer we invited David Sweetness from Georgian Bay Forever to present information regarding identification and control of Phragmites in our community. We advertised through our webpage, newsletter and MadMail. Overall the presentation was well received and opened a few eyes to the concern with Phragmites. All attending signed up for the Phrag email and were ready to go out and locate any unmapped locations, and followed up by cutting when word went out in early August.

I talked with a group of sixteen sailing students outlining our concern and initiated a contest in that anyone finding a new location of Phragmites in the bay would receive a gift card. I did show them some samples of the plant, invasive and natural and also indicated an area where they might find some not yet mapped. They apparently headed out after the session and combed the area, but unfortunately were not successful on locating the spot. However later in the summer three students came forward with new

locations and received the gift cards.

The bay shoreline was divided among the participants of the workshop and the team went looking for Phrag. Many of the participants did ask for extra help identifying a stand. Once they saw the real thing there was no question what they were looking for. We did locate seven more sites not on the original map.

Throughout the summer there were lots of questions and invitations to check out properties. In all but one case landowners took charge of their property with the aid of a few cutters from our team. Some of the sites were on club property, again someone close by took responsibility.

In the library we had a map of Go Home posted and as people found new sightings they were recorded on the map for all to see.

Only one of our stands did flower in early August, but as time went on we decided to do the cut by mid - August. Many of the stands never flowered.

We cut underwater, brown bagged the plants and then burned. We had two sites for burning, one at a cottage construction site and one at a family fire pit. We cut a total of ten sites, some were very small, filling two bags, to sites that had over ten bags. Crews ran from one person to groups of four. In total thirteen individuals helped with the cut, many helping at two or more sites.

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Environment Report cont'd

All locations were cleared of plants so we now wait for springtime to see the results. It will be interesting to see what returns and at what density.

My thoughts are to get those early plants, where we know locations, in June and then cut again at the end of July or early August. Again next summer we will be on the prowl for more stands of *Phragmites*, but with our committed work force we should be able to keep this invasive species at bay.

Again thank you to all who helped locate stands, cut and burn.

Land Use Report cont'd

numbers if the property terrain makes adherence difficult, as long as the intent of the plan is respected.

We work with the Township collaboratively trying to be supportive of their role in decision making while remaining firm in our resolve to protect the Community Plan. We need all members to assist in this latter task by respecting the plan and by-laws, discussing building and renovation plans with neighbours and seeking clarification and advice from the Township and our committee.



Summer Meeting, August 8. Photo by Diana Wishart Cape



*Georgian Bay Forever Workshop on *Phragmites* at the Main Dock, July 10.
Photo by Kary Firstbrook*

Web Committee Report

by Doug McKenzie

As the fall season disappears into the rear view mirror and winter settles in our trusty Go Home Bay webcam, now in its 13th year, keeps sending images of the Bay. Showing the ice coming in and later, going out are always times of longing for the various groups awaiting changes. The web cam image is available through the gohomebay.org site or directly at www.gohomebay.org/new-webcam/. Member access to the site is available by using the password 'madclub', no caps or punctuation.

The GHB Facebook page is now at 466 members and has been responsible for hundreds of boat and car ride sharing, paying forward old appliances, connection with old friends and many, many fantastic images shared with everyone all around the globe.

The Web Committee urges anyone planning a trip into their cottage via human power this winter to please post so the winter group can keep a look out for you.

Special information important to the community will still be sent out as required.

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Library by Emily Fells

The library was swept out and organized this spring by Brye Bonner and Marthe Scott. The weekly circulation was kept in motion this summer with the amazing help of Deb Price, Jennifer MacDonald, Stephanie Evans, Susan Pigott, Ocatavia James, Larry Till, Brye Bonner, Elizabeth McCallum, Sofia Vermeullen, Steph Redfern, Barb Stark, Donna Douglas, Marthe Scott, Ali Ballantyne, Lorna McGregor, Lianne McGregor, Mary-

Anne Ballantyne, Kelly Killoran, Laurel O'Brien, Quinn Trusler and Skye Trusler. I would also like to thank Charlotte Stein of Parry Sound Books and Melissa Thomson of Bearly Used Books, also in Parry Sound, for their guidance and recommendations on what was hot this year.

As you curl up with books to avoid the howling winter winds please keep a list of titles that would be good page-turning suggestions or even donations for next summer. Please send me an e-mail at emily_ghislain@yahoo.ca with the info by early May to prevent duplicate purchases.

Finally, there have been a number of people interested in revitalizing the collection of historically interesting books of Go Home Bay. Some are by local authors. Others are memoirs and accounts of life at Go Home from generations past. If you are renovating, rearranging or simply doing a major spring clean and you come across something that could be in this cabinet please bring it to the library or contact me. If you are loathed to part with your book, then perhaps you could share the title with us and we could add it and its location to the archival folder just in case someone would like to see it.

Activities by Dana Stewart

After last winter's freezing temperatures, our summer provided welcome warm breezes and sunshine, perfect for relaxing with a good book, picnics on Long Island, woodworking, craft classes, and learning to sail. Thank you once again to all of the community members who spent countless volunteer hours ensuring our community events ran smoothly.

Many of our volunteers have been contributing their time for many years. As the next generation of families joins in we would welcome new members to ensure the quiet hum of our activities continues. If you would like to help with any of the activities next year or organize something new, please contact me at gohomebaygirl@gmail.com and we can set you to work!

Craft Class:

Windmills, duct tape wallets and pressed flowers were just a few of the crafts we made this summer. It's so much fun to see what paper, glue and some creativity

can produce. Come and join us next year and spend a Wednesday morning with friends.

We can always use more help and creative thinkers. Volunteer to lead a craft -- you don't have to be a parent to run it! Contact me at wishartf@gmail.com.



"Look what we made today!". Photo provided by Faith Wishart

Activities cont'd

Church

Picture in your mind: The wind is gently blowing through the trees and the air smells of juniper and pine. You are visiting someone's cottage; maybe you've never been there before or maybe you've been there many times. People have gathered; some knew your grandparents and some you've just met. People are connecting and reconnecting with each other. There's music and singing. The talk is of thanks for the beauty around us, shared joys and sorrows, words of faith and love. This is worship at Go Home Bay.

The tradition of worship at Go Home was continued with renewed vigour this year. In eight weeks of services we explored issues such as what to live for, care for the world, and love. We explored our faith traditions like where hymns come from and multi-faith families.

The objective of our worship is to give people time and space to explore their spirituality in as intimate, relaxed and beautiful a setting as you can imagine. Where else can you worship on a dock or deck, in shorts or in bare feet?



Ready to sail. Photo by Grail Noble



After a rain and wind filled summer in 2014 it was great to be back at the end of Long Island each Tuesday this year. Beatrice Wishart and Beau Trusler at a Tuesday picnic. Photo by Faith Wishart

Thanks to our speakers, hosts and musicians who brought our services to life in 2015: Campbell Osler & Joanne Beveredge, Charlie & Barb Carswell, George & Jan Wishart, David Wishart, Roger & Diane Ashton, Doug & Eli Harris, Doreen Pemberton, Derek Wishart, Steve & Penny Martin, Jeff Butler, Kelly & Joe Killoran, Ian Wishart and John Fraser & Elizabeth McCallum. And a special thank you to Patrick Wishart who moved the organ and hymnbooks from cottage to cottage all summer long.

Join us in 2016 when our theme will be faith journeys.

Sailing

Our sailing program continues to thrive with a full staff of Go Home teens and young adults to run it under the leadership of Tilly Cook. This summer was its 13th successful year, and produced our largest racing team to date. To accommodate the demand for a deeper racing program we imported a racing ringer, Amy Desbrisay, from Sturgeon Lake to run our racing program, which provided the opportunity to go to more regattas, five in all. Amy's leadership was paramount to its success. A debt of thanks also goes to all the parents who drove our racers and hauled our sailing fleet to regattas all over central Ontario and billeted kids in Toronto! In addition, this program could not succeed without the countless volunteer administrative hours provided by Susanne Coutts! Also a very special congrats to Isadora Lim and Tilly Cook for organizing and running another successful sailing fundraiser. It was a busy night and they did a fantastic job!

Marathon by Emily Fells

There was a fairly good turnout for the boating events in spite of a sailing regatta the same weekend. There was a shortage of boats, which gave a number of people the chance to meet other participants as there were wheeling and sharing deals being struck in order to get as many kids in boats as possible. It was a bit of a math problem. We would like to suggest that next summer this organizing and borrowing be arranged in advance of the event to avoid disappointment. There were 51 swimmers who braved the cool waters and completed the Sharp to Main Dock course. A total of 24 people completed the minimum events to score the sporty West Wind bright green shirt. Congratulations to everyone!

Thanks to the judges, Diana Wishart-Cape, Suzanne Beauregard, Erin McCafferty, James Lusher, Kelly Killoran, Martin Brooks, and course marshals Brye Bonner and Andrew Joaquin for keeping the participants safe, upright and moving along in the right

direction, despite the gusty wind. Larry Till's amazing announcing kept the races running on schedule.

West Wind and Cup Winners:

U10 - Quinn Trusler and Maddy Stupart
 U13 - Seb Cooke and Katja Lord
 U16 - Matthew Dalglish and Hannah Lord
 U20 - Cameron Yandt and Alystra Riddle
 U40 - James Fleming
 40+ - Craig Cook and Helen Robson

West Wind Participants:

Chloe Coutts	Freddie Wilson
Sevoja Riddle	Trevor Yandt
Elloi Rucklidge	Alex Swenson
Joey Trusler	Tyler Stupart
Maggie Wishart	Craig Cooke
Caroline Cape	Bill Robson
Megan Yandt	Derek Wishart

Regatta by Doug Wilson

The community showed its true Go Home spirit at this year's Regatta. Millennials and their partners returned to show the younger generation that they are back to defend former glories. Thank you to the volunteers who contributed their time to make it all go so well – Ian Till, Michelle Noble, George Wishart, Janet Lougheed, Marthe Scott, Jeff Butler, Larry Till, Katie Ward, Gillian Frise and Iain Dobson. Most importantly we would like to thank Suzanne Beauregard and Thomas Cromwell who operated as the unseen power behind the throne to ensure we all didn't lose our heads! Finally, we are grateful to Brigid Finlayson and Craig Cook who will work with us next year before taking the torch in 2017. To anyone we may have missed, thank you too!

Cup Winners

Under 5 Girls - Charlotte Evans
 Under 5 Boys - Oliver Martin
 Under 7 Girls - Hope Trusler
 Under 7 Boys - Desmond Fields
 Under 10 Girls - Rory Wilkins & Jemma Trusler

Under 10 Boys - Simon Coutts/Hartley Rucklidge/
 Quinn Trusler
 Under 13 Girls - Katja Lord
 Under 13 Boys - Joey Trusler
 Under 16 Girls - Chelsea Stewart/Hannah Lord
 Under 16 Boys - Evan Ward
 Open Women - Clare Henry
 Open Men - Jim Robson
 Masters Women - Katie Ward
 Masters Men - Ted Cape
 Swimming Men – Braden Sharp
 Galbriath Open W Rowing – Raynor Boutet
 Carswell U10 B Paddling – Hartley Rucklidge
 Rossiter U7 Rowing Girls – Hope Trusler
 Rossiter U7 Rowing Boys – Desmond Fields
 Sportsperson – Craig Cook
 Diving Under 10 - Hartley Rucklidge
 Diving Under 13 - Bruno Cyr
 Diving Under 16 - Winnie Graham
 Diving Open - Matt Hughson
 Diving Masters - Suzanne Beauregard

Marathon Highlights



Regatta Highlights



Marathon and Regatta Highlights. Photos by Deb Yandt, Samantha Yandt and Kary Firstbrook.

Georgian Bay Association Report

by Sue Grundy

Land Claim:

This summer the Georgian Bay Association was contacted by the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs regarding a proposed interim settlement of the long-standing land claim of the Wiikwemkoong (Wiky) First Nation on Georgian Bay. Under the proposed settlement, the Government of Ontario and the Wiky leadership have identified 17,000 acres of Ontario Crown land between Killarney and the mouth of the French River that, combined with cash, might be transferred to the Wiky band to satisfy part of their claim.

The GBA has been very active in working to come up to speed to understand the land claim and the proposed settlement, as well as the implications of the claim and the settlement for communities on Georgian Bay. We have also assisted the Northern Georgian Bay Association, the GBA member association that would be most directly affected by the proposed settlement.

The Wiky First Nation is based on the eastern part of Manitoulin Island. They claim that a treaty with the Crown signed in 1836 recognized their right to islands between Penetanguishene and Sault Ste. Marie (i.e. the entire coast of the North Channel and eastern Georgian Bay). They claim that subsequent treaties did not override that right. The Wiky filed a claim in court in 1997 and there have been formal negotiations since 2008.

The focus of the negotiations has been on the claim to the islands on the south and east sides of Manitoulin Island as far east as Killarney. This is the area where the Ontario government has been advised the Wiky claim has legal merit. The government decided to try to reach an interim settlement with the Wiky, and for the past few years has been negotiating with them to arrive at a package of Crown land and cash that would be acceptable to both sides. It should be noted that some of the islands in the claim area are privately owned. It is the policy of the Ontario government not to expropriate private land to settle land claims. This is why the proposed settlement proposes a transfer of Crown land.

The legal issues regarding the claim and settlement are complicated, so the GBA retained a lawyer to assist us in understanding the legal issues and the settlement process.

The public comment period regarding the proposed settlement initially had a deadline of early October for comments. The deadline was later extended, first until early November and most recently until January 6, 2016.

Both the GBA and the Madawaska Club have written to the Ontario government in response to the call for comments. The GBA's view is that the Wiky should be properly compensated for unfair treatment in the past. At the same time, we believe that any settlement must be a properly balanced one that respects the public interest, including the interests of others who use the lands the Crown is proposing to transfer.

You can get more information about the land claim and the proposed settlement from GBA's fall Update newsletter: www.georgianbayassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/GBA_Update_Fall2015_final.pdf and the GBA website: www.georgianbayassociation.com/wiky-land-settlement/.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact the GBA's Executive Director, Bob Duncanson, at rduncanson@sympatico.ca.

Great Lakes Protection Act:

In early October, Bob Duncanson was invited to participate in a ceremony celebrating the passing of the Great Lakes Protection Act by the Province of Ontario. The purpose of the legislation is to strengthen the province's ability to keep the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River clean, as well as to protect and restore the waterways that flow into them.

The Act will also:

- Establish a Great Lakes Guardians' Council to provide a collaborative forum for discussing and gaining input on issues and priorities relating to the Great Lakes.
- Allow the Ministry of the Environment and Climate

See GBA Report page 18

How well do you know your community members:

Answers

1g, 2e, 3o, 4k, 5q, 6t, 7c, 8j, 9b, 10h, 11m, 12f, 13s, 14n, 15a, 16i, 17r, 18p, 19l, 20d



Our community continues to show its support for the Kayapo Bracelets from the Brazil. Photo by Kary Firstbrook



Barb Stark shows how the beauty of nature can be worn as a pinky ring. Photo by Kary Firstbrook



Part of the success of our sailing program is the team of dedicated volunteers who help to launch and put away the boats each year. A big thanks goes to the haul-out crew. Photo provided by Dottie Graham.



Sally's Night at Ann Dillon's, August 2015. Photo provided by Anne Fraser Bursey



For those able to extend their season into Indian Summer, Kary Firstbrook and Geordie Trusler hosted an end of season pot-luck dinner and sing-a-long to cap off a great summer. Photo by Kary Firstbrook.

How well do you know your community members – Past and Present

by Kirk Carlson

Match the name of a past or present Go Homer below with his or her accomplishment:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wilfred Bigalow 2. Nathanael Burwash 3. Tom Clark 4. Don Coxeter 5. Tommy Drew-Brook 6. Andrew Eastman Duncanson 7. Ella Firth 8. G. Ross Lord 9. J. W. Morse 10. Gwyn Osler 11. Nick Purdon 12. Gilbert Robinson 13. John Robson 14. Pearl Rose 15. Nancy Ruth 16. F. N. G. Starr 17. Sir Robert Frederick Stupart 18. Andy Swartman 19. Edward Wilson Wallace 20. Tuzo Wilson | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Canadian senator b. Developed a sail boat that became an official class c. First woman principal of Pickering College d. Championed the theory of plate tectonics e. Second Chancellor of Victoria College of the University of Toronto f. Helped break coded messages during WWII g. Invented the artificial pacemaker h. First owner of Galbraith Island i. Name is used on the Canadian Medical Association top honor j. Established Toronto's flood control system after Hurricane Hazel in 1954 k. Saved geometry l. Fourth Chancellor of Victoria College of the University of Toronto m. Current affairs reporter for CBC's <i>The National</i> (wants the hearty Black Spruce to be Canadian national tree over the wimpy Maple) n. Co-invented pabulum o. Host of Global Television's <i>The West Block</i> p. Built the first known buildings at Go Home (fishing camp at Split Rock Island) q. Helped to manage Camp X during WWII r. Established weather reporting throughout Canada s. Edited <i>The Collected Works of John Stuart Mill</i> t. Ran a POW camp during WWII |
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Classified Ads

Cottage for Sale



Green cottage – site 56: Numerous renovations and upgrades. Asking \$625,000. For more information contact: Brian Green at green47@hotmail.com.

Welcome to the community

Births:

Margaret Susan Cape – born December 4, 2015 to Tony and Carley Cape (site 152)



Caden David James – born November 24, 2015 to Lindsay Wishart and Drew James (site 153.1).



Noah Charlie Acker – born November 23, 2015 to Sarah Reynolds and Luke Acker. (site 21)

Violet Brooklyn Anstey – born October 30, 2015 to Mary Reynolds and Troy Anstey (site 21).



Bruce Andrew Martin – born July 19, 2015 to Tiffany (Reid) Martin and Andrew Martin (site 73/169).



Lauren Meredith Peebles – born May 6, 2015 to Erin (McFadden) Peebles and Ian Peebles (site 38).



Marriages:

Atlee Clark (site 110) to Jonathan Bower on October 24, 2015 in Point Reyes, California.



David Cape (site 152) to Katie Mullins on September 20, 2015 in Toronto.



It Is With Sadness That We Note The Passing Of The Following Members Of Our Community:

Michael Foulds (site 34) – In Toronto, on January 27, 2016



Noel Bates (site 16) – In Collingwood, on January 11, 2016



David G.M. Cape – In Montreal, on December 8, 2015



Theresa King (King Bay Marina) – In Collingwood, on October 9, 2015

Barbara Morgan (formerly of site 99) – In Ottawa, on May 31, 2015.



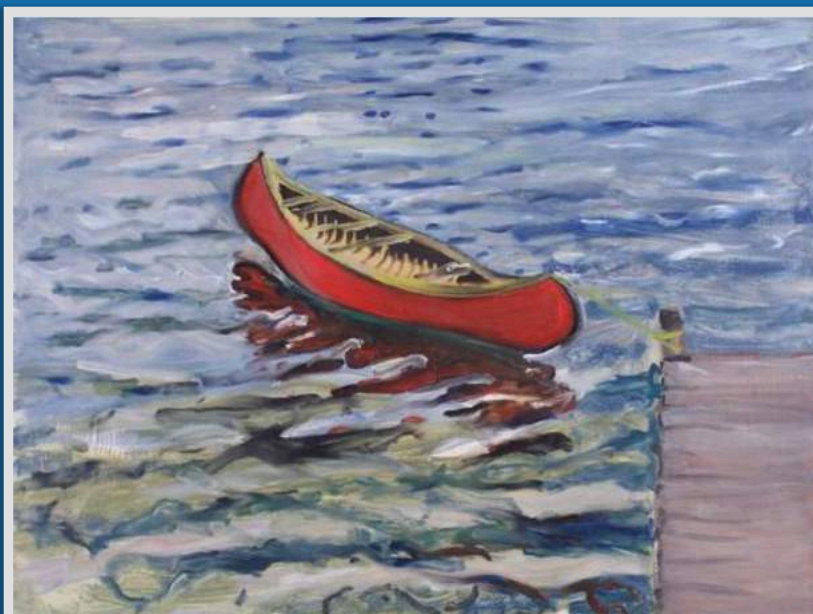
Artist Profile

Ross Skoggard

This painting may have you longing for warm summer days and calm waters! Ross inherited the love of painting from his mother Jean, another accomplished Go Home painter. He has a wonderful collection of Georgian Bay watercolour and oil paintings, along with a vast collection of other works which can be viewed online at

rskoggard.artspan.com.

*Red Canoe.
Painting by Ross Skoggard.*



GBA Report cont'd

Change to set environmental targets and enable communities to address local problems.

- Require the establishment of monitoring programs on a number of water quality indices where needed, as well as regular public reporting.
- Require consideration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in decisions made about the health of the Great Lakes if offered by First Nations or Métis communities.

We regard this legislation as an important step forward and support the approach it takes. The Georgian Bay Association was actively involved in working with the government in the development of this legislation.

Federal Government:

With the election of the new Liberal government in Ottawa the GBA has started to identify key Ministers to meet and brief. The GBA will be seeking meetings with Minister Dion of Foreign Affairs, Minister McKenna of Environment and Climate Change, Minister Bennett of Indigenous and Northern Affairs and Minister MacAulay of Agriculture and Agri-Foods. Tony Clement was re-elected as the Member for Parry Sound-Muskoka and has been appointed to be the Foreign Affairs critic as a part of the Official Opposition. We look forward to continuing to have a good working relationship with Mr. Clement.

Note: Sue Grundy's term as GBA rep is up in 2016. The Board is looking for a volunteer to replace her at the 2016 AGM. Express interest to the Club's Secretary, Dottie Graham (withnail@sympatico.ca).

Abbreviations used in this publication

The Board—The Board of the Madawaska Club of Go Home Bay

GBA—Georgian Bay Association

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