



Summer 2007 Newsletter

Greetings Sturgeon Pointers,

Here is a quick update on activities of this summer.

Our annual Canada Day celebration at the Upper Wharf was very successful. We had a great turn out of members and several important guests including: Mayor Ric McGee, our Councillor Pete Cziraky and, in honour of the role that Captain Gray and his steamboat the Litonia played at Sturgeon Point, the Gray family: Charlie, Annie, Minnie and Bill. It was great to have them all with us to help celebrate the Heritage Designation of the Rain Shelter.

The only glitch in the proceedings was the absence of the bronze plaque commemorating the designation. Unfortunately the plaque couldn't be finished prior to the event and we had to make do with a very handsome facsimile. I'm pleased to report that the plaque has now been installed and it is beautiful, take a walk down to the Upper Wharf and have a look.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped work on this project over the past four years and specific thanks to Jo Breyfogle and Nelia Steward who as Directors, Heritage on SPA have played such an important role in bringing this dream to reality.

On the weekend of July 14 & 15 SLSC once again successfully hosted the Mid Ontario Regatta where over 100 boats registered and almost twice as many sailors, coaches and chaperones enjoyed the hospitality of Sturgeon Pointers as they were billeted on various cottage lawns throughout the Point. This is a favourite regatta for many of the young sailors as it is the only one where they are welcomed into a community with open arms and even provided with impressive home cooked breakfasts.

Civic Weekend was activity-packed starting with the annual Civic Weekend Sailing Regatta on Saturday, a very well attended and hopping Street Dance on Saturday night, Regatta Prize-Giving Dinner at Rosehill Sunday evening and

wrapping finishing with the 169th Sturgeon Point Regatta Running and Swimming Races. Great fun was had by one and all!

A couple of Park related items; we bought a small picnic table for the little ones to have snacks and lunches at the park, one of the swings has broken and we are trying to find a matching replacement, and we also got another basketball as the one we had went missing. I'd also like to remind folks that the garbage cans in the park are intended for people using the park and not cottage garbage. We had several instances where large green garbage bags have been stuffed into the garbage cans.

We are now in the wane of summer and we are all bemoaning the cooler shorter days that mean the coming of fall, and for many of us, plans of heading back to our permanent homes across the country or south of the boarder. But as we start to pack up we do so with fond memories of another super summer at Sturgeon Point.

This time of year also brings the Annual General Meeting of the Sturgeon Point Association. This year the meeting will be held on Sunday September 2nd at 10AM at the Sturgeon Point Union Church. The main items on the agenda include: review and approval of the 2006 Financial Statements, directors reports and the election of the new directors.

In addition, we'll have two guest speakers. Pete Cziraky, councillor for Ward 7, will give us an update on key issues facing the CoKL and in particular those impacting Sturgeon Point, Pete will also take questions for the membership. Ian Kennedy, a fellow Sturgeon Point resident and Chairman of the Environment Committee of the City of Kawartha Lakes will address some of the environmental issues facing the region in particular those that are water related.

The AGM is an important meeting and we urge you to take the time attend. Come and hear from our guest speakers, get an update on SPA's activities during the past year and exercise your vote. We hope to see you on the 2nd.

Well, this is my last newsletter as your President and so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the directors I've had the pleasure of working with over the past four years. I know that with the solid team of directors staying on to complete their terms, and the new directors that will be coming on Board, your association will be well served for the years to come.

Larry Thomas
President