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2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2006 Spring Thaw Dance

Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

T.M. Davies Community Centre, Lively

Tickets are \$25 per person

Buffet at 11:00 p.m.


Great Door Prizes

Complimentary bus leaves

Penage Bay Marina Parking Lot

at 6:30 p.m. and returns after

the Dance


Contact Verna at  523 0105

2006 Picnic

Saturday, July 29, 2006

Mountain Cove Lodge

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Contact Susan at  675 2639

2006 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 7:00 p.m.

T.M. Davies Community Centre

Visit our website at www.lakepanachecampers.com for the latest on our events.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT — BY Peter Palko

Summer often brings with it hot, dry weather which can elevate the need for Fire Safety and Fire Prevention. The Campers Association owns a portable gasoline engine fire pump which is stored at The Penage Bay Marina in a small unlocked shed next to the launch ramp.

In the shed you will find the pump, suction line, nozzle, and fire hose. The pump runs on regular fuel (no oil required) and is self priming. If you need to use the pump to extinguish a fire please return it, and all its components as soon as possible as others may also require its use.

We will do our best to ensure the pump is ready to use in these situations, however if you experience any problems with it please let someone on the executive know so that it can be maintained. Although the fire pump is at the marina, remember that fire can travel much faster than you can. To reduce the catastrophic damage caused by a fire, the faster you respond to it, the more control you will have. I strongly recommend that you purchase your own fire pump, or approach neighbours in your area and cost share the purchase of a fire pump so that your response time is shortened.

Enjoy your treasured time on Lake Panache and be fire conscious, and safe.



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ANNUAL PICNIC — BY Susan Plante



What do you get when you combine a sunny Saturday in July, delicious food, fun games, awesome prizes and the company of friends? Answer - The 2005 Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. Picnic!

The 2005 Picnic was a great success. After a year hiatus in 2004, no time was better for a few additions. For the first time, ice cream sandwiches were added to the standard Picnic fare, and a Texas horseshoe tournament was available for the enjoyment of people that don't play traditional horseshoes. We were able to cover all the expenses of the Picnic primarily due to the generous support of Battistelli's Your Independent Grocer, and Mary Kuuskman and family, who organized and conducted the children's games. Thank you to Shelley Palko, Golden Palace Restaurant, and Mr. J's Roadhouse for providing horseshoe tournament prizes.

The 2006 Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 29th, from 1- 4 p.m., at Mountain Cove Lodge. This will be a great time to meet other campers and to enjoy an afternoon of fun and relaxation with friends. Please mark this date on your calendar, and don't forget to tell your family and friends. For further information, or to volunteer at the Picnic, please contact me at **675-2639**.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — BY Susan Plante

I took over as membership director from Al Walker about a year ago, and I'd like to thank him for the great job he did. The job of membership director came with a bit of a learning curve. Although I think I have the hang of things now, mistakes may be made from time to time. If you have a question about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at 675-2639 or by email

membership@lakepanachecampers.com

The current number of members stands at 245, which is slightly lower from last year. There has been a steady decline in membership for the past several years, which is cause for concern. In order to ensure that membership does not further decline, I would like to encourage members to ask family, friends and Lake

Panache neighbours to join the Association. Better yet, why not purchase a membership for someone as a Birthday, Anniversary or Easter gift. The revenue generated from memberships is the primary source of funding for Association activities, including the maintenance of the Air Ambulance Helipad, marker lights and the fire pump.

New membership forms were created this year which give members the option of enrolling or renewing for one or two years. As always, forms can be downloaded from our website

www.lakepanachecampers.com

Memberships can also be purchased at the Penage Bay Marina. Membership fees for 2006 remain unchanged at \$20 per year.



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WATER QUALITY REPORT — BY Al Walker

Water quality is still one of the hottest topics of conversation when out enjoying a weekend at the lake. Most of our activities at camp revolve around the water and I am sure we all take pride and care in maintaining the quality of the water.

At the 2001 Annual General Meeting, the membership of the association asked to begin taking water samples so the association could measure the quality of the water.

Samples taken are tested for total coli form and e-coli. This past summer there were two sets of samples taken from around the lake, one set on July 6 and the other on August 28. The test results were all good and the numbers better than past years. This coming summer we are looking at getting 3 full set of samples, which would be approximately 30 in total.

Just remember that water from any source should never be consumed unless it has been treated first!

Jennifer Salo, Source Water Protection Communications Specialist for the Nickel District Conservation Authority, has been busy working with Lake Stewardship Groups and forwarding information on maintaining good water quality throughout the region.

The focus right now is on water source protection. New legislation, called the “Clean Water Act”, had its first reading this past December. The Act is designed to protect existing and future sources of drinking water. For more information about this Act you can go to this site, www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water.cwa.htm.

In November of each year, Jennifer puts together a workshop involving the many Lake Stewardship groups. There are many interesting topics and displays. You can give Jennifer Salo a call at the Nickel District Conservation Authority.

I look forward to seeing you this coming summer on the sunny shores and have a safe winter.

LIGHT REPORT BY Peter Palko

The Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. has continued to maintain amber flashing lights in a number of critical areas of the Lake. Please know the waters you travel and enjoy safe boating.

The lights are generally installed in late May, and removed from service in mid October, and during the time of operation require battery replacement. This past summer two new lights were installed in the east channel to Stoney Bay, adding to the many lights on the Lake.

I would like to give a special thanks to those of you who have assisted in the installation, maintenance, and removal of the lights making this a successful annual project.

SPRING THAW DANCE BY Verna Gutsch

What a Great Party!

The Spring Thaw Dance was held Saturday, April 23, 2005 at T.M. Davies Community Centre, Lively with 110 campers and their friends in attendance.

We danced to excellent music from Brian Band of Q92 fame, enjoyed a delicious buffet served by Helvi's Catering, were served by diligent bartenders, Patti and John, and won some fabulous prizes donated by our generous sponsors.

Thanks to everyone for their tremendous support! We look forward to seeing you at the 2006 Spring Thaw Dance on April 1st!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Al Walker

This is my first report since assuming the role as President in April of last year. I want to thank the other Directors for all their help and leadership that have made my duties flow smoothly.

It has been one year since Brian and Christina Young left for South East Asia. I gained a lot of knowledge from Brian while working with him in the Association and would like to thank him for his many, many years of hard work. We look forward to his return in the near future.

The Annual General Meeting was held in November 2005 at the Tom Davies Community Centre in Lively. Along with the regular business, we were honoured to have two terrific and knowledgeable speakers.

The first speaker was Ron Luopa, Operations Forester, with Vermillion Forest Management. Ron spoke about their role in managing the Vermillion Forest area including preparing a forest management plan for MNR every five years, forest regeneration and compliance monitoring of logging operations. Ron explained the two main types of harvesting: clear cutting and the shelter wood system. At the end of the presentation there were several questions asked with many focused on harvesting at Brady Lake.

The second speaker was Leo Frappier, Fireman with the Public Service Division, of the Sudbury Fire Services. Leo had a very informative presentation on camp and home fire prevention. He emphasized the importance of escape plans, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and CO detector maintenance. There were many questions fielded after his presentation.



I would like to thank Verna Gutsch, Shelley Palko and Rick Sleaver for letting their names stand for another term of office.

The key revenue source for the Association is the sale of memberships. It is very important that we maintain a healthy level so we can offset our expenses. The number of memberships has declined slightly over the past few years and Susan Plante will be reporting on these numbers in her report. If you know of any new campers or those that have let their membership lap please ask them to buy a membership.

The Spring Thaw Dance is taking place on April 1, 2006, which is three weeks earlier than last year. Last year's dance was a huge success and thank you to Verna for heading it up. Please come out and join the fun.

We were disappointed with the low turn out for the Kid's Fishing Day. Shelley Palko put in a lot of time and effort planning the event. Thanks for your hard work Shelley.

The picnic was reinstated this past summer and the weather truly co-operated. Thanks to all of the hard work Susan Plante invested, not only was the picnic a huge success, all expenses were covered by picnic revenues and donations. Thanks Susan and all those that helped her out. It is truly a great way to bring the members and friends together for an afternoon of food, games, and fun.

Each year the Association must deal with ongoing expenses. These expenses range from Officers and general liability insurance, upkeep and repairs to the Heli-pad, dock, boat ramp and retaining walls, as well as the marker lights on the lake.

Once again, it was difficult to acquire insurance and very expensive to maintain. Insurance is the largest expense to the Association running at about \$4,000.

We had repair work performed on the access road to the Heli-pad, asphalt patching on the hill and further repairs to the retaining wall at the boat ramp. Thanks to George Tompkins for making sure that this area is well maintained. This was a cost of approximately \$2000. We applied to the MNR for assistance with this outlay but they did not have any money in their budget but they have assisted in the past.

Thanks to Peter Palko, Paul Young, Pat Niro and many others for taking care of the marker lights on the lake. The maintenance and replacement of these lights run at about \$1000 per year. A special thanks to Bill Cook for his detailed bookkeeping and maintaining a balanced budget.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the mysterious and aloof director, Rick Sleaver, who generally joins our monthly meeting by phone from his home in Toronto. Rick does great work for us as secretary for the association. He created and updates our website, gets our bulletin organized and out for print, and is our communication expert. There may be one or two directors that are not sure if he truly exists.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members that participate in the activities and events that take place within the association. I invite the membership to get involved. If you see something wrong report it, protect the environment, and be safe.

See you at the dance on Saturday, April 1st!