# TROUT LAKE CAMPER'S ASSOCIATION

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#### REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT - Linda LaChance

Well, our lovely summer has flown by and now, almost overnight, it turned into fall. While I love the fall colours and cooler weather, it foretells what comes next.

I am very pleased to report that we have a volunteer who has agreed to take on the Bulletin Director position. I am delighted to welcome Peter Stewart to the Board and this position. Peter has worked hard to get this issue ready for you, including converting/transitioning it from a Microsoft program to Pages in Mac. If you have ideas, articles or information for any bulletins, please get in touch with Peter. He is listed on the Board of Directors page.

Discussions are ongoing with the municipality which is currently drafting new policies with respect to Site Plan Control, construction of docks and boathouses, short-term rentals (air b & bs) and other issues. If you read Cottage Life or the FOCA newsletters, you will note that these are all issues which are being experienced in cottage areas all over Ontario. Unfortunately, the local municipalities (many with few resources), are responsible for managing these issues by developing policies, laws, regulations, etc., and it will be a hodgepodge of solutions. All of these issues have been brought to the forefront in part, because of our discussions and appeal of the trailer by-law related to the Happy Summer Village development. The appeal is currently on hold, pending what we anticipate will be successful implementation of all of the above policies which will more effectively regulate future development.

We are also awaiting notice of the public hearings for the newly revised and updated Official Plan for the Municipality of French River. We anticipate that stronger protections for lakes which produce lake trout (our lake) will be included, as well as other improvements. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend and participate in the open house when it is publicized.

The Mayor and Councillors of French River have all been acclaimed, except for Ward 3. We have a new representative for Ward 1, Roger Landry.

I'd like to thank all of the members of the Board and the volunteers who kindly give of their time and expertise to keep this Association functioning. We wouldn't be here without you.

I hope everyone enjoys our beautiful fall.

Linda Lachance (The Prez)

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TROUT LAK	E CAMPERS	ASSOC	IATIO	N FINANCIAL S	TAT	EMENT
	JANUARY	1, 202	2 TO	SEPTEMBER	₹ 30	, 2022
ALL ACCOUNTS						
Gene	eneral Funds		\$ 6,708.05			
L.D.C. Funds			\$	8,895.83		
Lottery			\$	1,811.90		
BANK BALA	NCE AS OF D	ECEME	BER 3	1, 2021	\$	17,415.78
<u>REVENUE</u>						
Advertising			\$	1,654.70		
Bank Interes	t		\$	6.00		
Donations			\$	2,180.00		
Lottery			\$	3,028.00		
GoFundMe E	By Law Appeal	(LDC R	\$	2,160.75		
Membership			\$	4,250.00		
Picnic Rever	nue		\$	618.50		
Total Reven	ue				\$	13,897.95
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Administration			\$	2,497.66		
Bulletin			\$	2,032.98		
Environment			\$	-		
Land Use Permit & Taxes			\$	438.63		
Lottery			\$	1,958.42		
Other (L.D.C	. Expenses)		\$	11,186.63		
Membership			\$	-		
Picnic			\$	3,131.07		
Safety			\$	525.36		
Total Expenses						21,770.75
BOOK BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022						9,542.98
BANK BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022						\$9,542.98 \$0.00
	-	Cheques Outstand #				
Deposit Outstanding						\$0.00
12 MONTH (	\$	3,000.00				
TOTAL FUN					\$	12,542.98
Prepared By: Dave Moxham, September 30, 2022						

# TROUT LAKE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION – SUDBURY DISTRICT, ONTARIO

### **LOTTERY REPORT 2022**

We applied for a Blanket Lottery License, which included the Main Lottery, Art Raffle and the 50/50 draws, requiring a single report with the Municipality.

We printed 1,800 tickets (only 1799 received) based on 2019 sales of 1,529 tickets and ended up selling 15 less than last 2019.

The tickets were not available to distribute to members attending the Annual General Meeting and were mailed or hand delivered. Returns were steady through June and July and before the Picnic 1,219 tickets had been sold or 67.7 % of the total printed. The day before the Picnic all stubs received were sorted and any not filled out were properly completed with the buyer's info. Of the 580 not sold before the Picnic 285 were tickets not returned by members, this was very disappointing as we could have sold them at the Picnic. 120 were available for the Picnic and members returned 175 sold tickets on Picnic Day as well. In total 1,514 tickets were sold or 84.2% of the total printed.

The revenue was \$3,028.00 and with total expense of \$1,958.42 the lottery profit was \$1,069.58 or \$611.16 less than 2019.

The decrease in lottery profit verses 2019 was due to \$30.00 less sales, \$447.81 more for prizes as none for 2022 were donated and we purchased good quality prizes. Ticket printing, mailing costs and the lotto license fee were \$133.35 more than 2019. At the Picnic, there was no Art Draw resulting in \$29.00 less revenue than 2019 but the 50/50 brought in \$295.00 more. This revenue is included in the Picnic numbers as there would be no sales without the Picnic, while the main lottery is, with draw date

exception, run independently of the Picnic Day.

Recommendations for next year:

- 1. Print 2,000 tickets for 2023 as we always sell a lot at the Picnic.
- 2. Do not send tickets to members that have returned them or to members that don't return them at all. This will save mailing costs and make more tickets available to sell at the Picnic.
- 3. Try to obtain prize donations again which lower our costs and allow us to purchase other higher value prizes. This should popularize the lottery more and help increase the current profit level.
- 4. Follow up with members who have not bought or returned tickets a week or so before the draw.

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Linda Lachance, President

Dave Moxham, Treasurer

### **Safety**

### **Joel Desmarais**

Happy Fall Fellow Campers,



Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the markers, lights and fire pumps this season. Your efforts help to keep us all safe and we are truly grateful. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist with markers and general lake safety in the future please do not hesitate to contact me. We are always looking for new volunteers to assist. With the arrival of fall please remember all markers are removed from the water usually by Thanksgiving. If there are still boaters out on the water before winter freeze please be mindful of dangerous areas that are no longer marked.

With freezing temperatures and snow on the way I would also like to remind everyone to drive cautiously on our roads and use appropriate speeds for road and weather conditions. It is important to also remember that we share these roads with wildlife and they can be around any corner. Sadly we lost a young moose late this summer on Trout Lake Rd due to a collision with a vehicle. Our moose populations seem to be improving every year and we would like to keep it that way.

With every passing year it seems like more and more of us are spending time at our camps and properties throughout the winter . Please take the time to educate your children of the dangers of being around the water this time of year and protect your pets from wandering out onto unsafe ice. Ministry Safety Guidelines recommend minimum ice thickness of 4" for walking, 5"-6" for a snowmobile and 8-12" for a car or small pickup truck, however no ice is ever 100% safe.

For those that plan on sticking around this winter, I look forward to seeing all of you out on the lake! As always if you see a black Polaris snowmobile towing a blue Otter ice hut please do not hesitate to stop and say hello! Ride safe and tight lines!

Joel Desmarais- Director of Safety

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### **Bulletin**

### **Peter Stewart**



**Greetings Fellow Trout Lakers!** 

I am pleased to take over the duties of the bulletin and carry on this fine tradition of keeping our members informed of happenings on the lake and other interesting "cottage related" news and tidbits. A special thank-you to Linda Lachance for not only keeping this bulletin going over the past few years while pulling double duty with other board functions and also for her help in producing this Fall edition.

The bulletin might look a little different as we change over from a new publishing program so please bear with me as we continue to refine the bulletin. Please feel free to contact me with any news or interesting stories that we can share in the bulletin. I would especially like to know if members would like to receive email bulletins during the summer months or even digital copies of the bulletin instead of hard copies.

The bulletin is only one of the ways to interact with the association. You can visit the facebook page and also the Trout Lake web page (where you will find back issues of all the bulletins going back to 2015).

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Peter Stewart

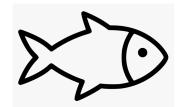


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### **Fishery**

### **Deven Stillar**



### **Trout Lakers!**

The rafts are pulled in, the docks are pulled out & the leaves have fallen from the trees.

It's hard to believe another summer on Trout Lake has come & gone.

Quest for Queenie; There will be only a few folks who are <del>crazy</del> brave enough to bear the chilling winds & falling snowflakes of late fall & early winter in order to try to catch the fish of a lifetime. (I call her Queenie)

If you are one of the <del>crazy</del> brave ones like me, please remember that the most important thing about fishing in the fall is being safe. With that in mind, here are things I do to be extra safe on while on the water in the fall!

First & foremost, the water is SOOOO COLD this time of year that me & all my passengers (even Michael Phelps!!!) wear lifejackets at all times.

Non-negotiable, sorry Michael I don't care how many gold medals you've won.

Because it gets dark so quickly now, you can never have too much lighting packed. I like to have a headlamp on & I keep a rechargeable spotlight in the boat. I also have a backup flashlight that I hope I never have to use.

Clean visible boat lights are essential & I will turn them on at the first sign of dusk.

Whether you're catching fish or not, not many things beat cruising Trout Lake & enjoying the beautiful scenery that surrounds it. Be sure to dress warmly & pack some snacks so you can cruise for as long as you want. Wool long johns, thick socks & a toque are staples of my fall fishing wardrobe. Peanut Butter & Jam sandwiches, Oreos and hot cocoa are all staples of my fall fishing lunchbox.

It's our last bulletin for 2022 so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the fellow board members, the volunteers & the passionate people who donate their time & energy to improving our lake. It's not glorifying work but it is much appreciated by all who are fortunate enough to visit Trout Lake!

Wishing everyone a beautiful fall, and a short mild winter! (sorry but not sorry snowmobilers)

Your friends from,

The Fishery Department.

Say it isn't so! Cottage closing time approaches, once more.

# Check out these top 10 tips from FOCA related to seasonal cottage closing:

- Leave no valuables at the cottage electronics, personal items, tools etc. unless you're prepared to lose them.
- **Sporting goods** fishing rods & equipment, water skis, toys etc if they're not **secured** (locked up, hidden or both) don't expect them to be there next spring.
- If you are leaving vehicles, make sure they're winterized, secure and disabled for snow machines, remove track and hide keys, ensure boats are covered and locked, outboard motors locked and slightly disassembled. ATVs disabled leave nothing on trailers unless it is locked or disabled. Remember "Lock it or Lose it!"
- Secure your cottage windows and doors close window curtains or blinds and put up shutters to protect interior from marauders (animals and human).
- Pack up and take home all alcohol.
- Do <u>not</u> leave firearms or weapons at the cottage.
- Marking your personal items can make it difficult for thieves to resell stolen goods, and will make it easier for your items to be identified and returned if found. Record the serial numbers of anything of value left behind.
- Make a list of the property you are leaving at the cottage, and also a list of the property that will return to your cottage on your first or next trip there.
- Identify who is your cottage property key holder for alarms, thefts, weather damage or animal problems; their contact info numbers; are they paid to check your cottage regularly or are they friends/ neighbours? Your insurance company may give you a deduction if you have one.
- Know your local OPP Detachment (1-888-310-1122) that patrols your cottage community.
- See more at: http://getintheknow.ibc.ca/Blog/2014/September-2014/there next spring.

# **Membership Report**

### **Debbie Lanktree**



Greeting Trout Lake Campers.

Our membership count for 2022 is now at 192 - our highest count since 2019. It's clear that our annual picnic is important to many of our members and encourages renewals.

Big thank you to Silvery Moon Lodge and all the volunteers who made the picnic a success this year.

As always, thank you to our members for your continued support. If you have any questions, suggestions or updated contact information, please feel free to reach out. Hope everyone has a great winter!

Debbie

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Director, Membership



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### Who Hibernates?



This is the season when some of our native critters are sound asleep. If you were a Canadian Grizzly Bear, you would have spent your time in late autumn preparing for a lengthy winter rest, trying to consume as many as 30,000 calories a day. From bears to bats, many of Canada's wildlife species spend the winter in some form of hibernation. How they hibernate, and for how long, depends on the species and their habitat.

There are three types of hibernation – true hibernation, brumation and torpor.

- True hibernation is characterized by low body temperature, slow breathing, low heart rate, and a low metabolic rate. In this reduced state of activity, animals conserve energy during the long, cold winter months when there is little food available. During true hibernation, animals will not wake up if there is a loud noise or if they are moved or touched.
- **Brumation** is the hibernation-like state that cold-blooded animals (reptiles and amphibians) enter during very cold weather. It is triggered by the onset of colder temperatures and shorter daylight hours and can last for months. Animals in brumation typically wake up to drink water and might shift before returning to sleep.
- Torpor, or light hibernation, helps species survive the harsh winter months.
   Unlike true hibernation, torpor lasts only for short periods of time, allowing the animals to wake up during warmer winter days.

Here are some examples of species that hibernate during winter.

- Little Brown Bats hibernate in humid caves or abandoned mines that remain above freezing. Found across most of Canada, they do not feed or drink while hibernating.
- Groundhogs (Woodchucks) are one of Canada's largest true hibernators, going into a deep, comatose sleep. They survive on accumulated body fat, dropping their temperature to 3 degrees C and their heart

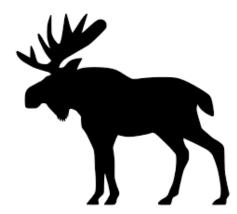
# Who Hibernates? con't

- Blanding's Turtles and Northern Leopard Frogs are brumating species. The turtles remain under water until the beginning of Spring, and the frogs spend their winters under the ice of rivers, creeks or ponds. A high concentration of glucose in the vital organs of Leopard Frogs prevents freezing. Once the weather warms and the ice melts, the frog will thaw and its heart and lungs resume normal activities.
- Richardson's Ground Squirrels, Eastern Chipmunks and Striped Skunks are light hibernators. The Ground Squirrels an important part of the prairie ecosystem can be in the torpor state for four to nine months a year, waking up for short periods of time. The chipmunks don't sleep all the way through the season but wake up every few days to feed on their stored food. Unlike many rodents and birds, which hoard food for the cold months, the skunks have spent the autumn eating as much as possible. Once settled into its den, the mammal goes into a torpor, waking from time to time.

Of course, some species – including most carnivores and members of the deer family – don't hibernate at all. Here are some examples:

- Beavers take advantage of the insulating snow and their waterproof coats get thicker in winter.
- Moose store up large quantities of fat in autumn, relying on their stored





# **Environment & Forestry**



### Miranda Vitanen

After a busy summer, the fall is a perfect time to recharge and enjoy the changing colours of the leaves. We are still anxiously awaiting our summer data collection results and look forward to sharing them with you in the near future. This fall we were planning to sample dissolved oxygen levels in Trout Lake. However, due to unforeseen circumstances in the equipment that we were going to borrow, the samples could not be collected and have been postponed until next fall. The TLCA is exploring the possibility of purchasing our own dissolved oxygen meter to be able to reliably collect annual readings. This will require obtaining additional donations to fund the expense – another reason why your membership and support is integral for the work we do.

Did you know that community science programs are not restricted to wildlife and can be done year-round?! You can be an IceWatcher by reporting the fall freeze and/or spring thaw to NatureWatch.ca. It is an easy and fun program that collects data on the freeze-thaw cycles of Northern water bodies. The national volunteer monitoring program is designed for all ages to participate in discovering how and why our natural environment is changing. This data is important because it helps to monitor the effects of climate change on ecosystems.

#### How to be an IceWatcher:

- 1. Select a waterbody
- 2. Select an observation point
- 3. Select the part of the waterbody you are going to observe
- 4. Watch for fall freeze or spring thaw and collect your observations
  - Fall Freeze: the date the ice completely covers the lake, bay or river and stays intact for the winter.
  - Spring Thaw: the date the ice goes out or completely disappears from the lake, bay or river.
- 5. Submit your observations to NatureWatch.ca. All observations provide essential information that can be used in the analysis of climate records.

Thank you for helping to take care of Trout Lake for the current and future generations!

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### Stay Safe on the lake this Winter

Each winter, there are a number of stories in the news about people being rescued after falling through thin ice. To avoid these unfortunate accidents, exactly how can we tell if ice is safe to go out on?

After a particularly cold spell of weather, lakes and ponds can freeze over rapidly, and the ice will grow thicker the longer the temperature remains below freezing.

There is one easy way to get a reasonable estimate of the ice thickness, which can be performed safely from the shoreline - we can look at ice colour.

The strongest and safest colour of ice is either **blue or black**. This is the ice that forms as the surface of the lake or pond directly freezes in cold weather. As a result, it is very dense.

If the ice is opaque white, it can appear safe, but that is not necessarily the case.

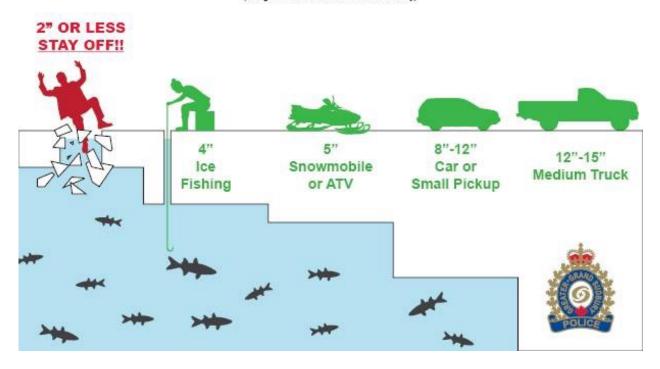
White ice or 'snow ice' is white because it forms when a layer of wet snow freezes on top of blue ice that has already formed. Snow layers contain a lot of air, which end up as air bubbles trapped in the ice structure. While it can be reasonably thick, the presence of these air bubbles weakens the ice, so it may not be safe to walk on. It is still the thickness of the blue ice underneath that determines, ultimately, whether it is safe to stand on.

Most importantly: If the ice is grey or greyish, do not step out onto it. If the ice is any shade of grey, it is likely decaying or melting, and it is probably fairly thin and weak. The source of the grey colour is typically the dark liquid water underneath showing through the ice. Even if it is very light or pale grey, it is best to err on the side of caution.

### So, if the ice is grey, stay away!

### **Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness**

(Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only)





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# Time for a laugh.....

### A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and ... cola."

"Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them."

### Knock! Knock!

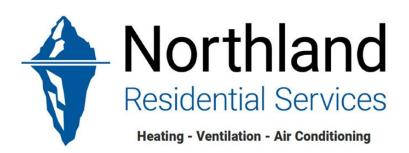
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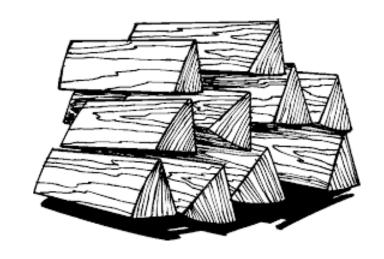
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### Thoughts on a Woodpile

A neatly stacked woodpile is a work of art — In geometric shapes, in shadow and light; a gift from the forest, a monument to strength and sweat; and one of the few places in life where old and grey, hardened and weathered is more desirable than young and blonde, soft and yielding.



### Anne Hoffand



# Easy 3 Ingredient Shortbread Cookies

Try this easy Shortbread Cookie recipe that has a buttery fix that will give Walkers Shortbread Cookies a run for their money

### Ingredients

1 Cup (8oz/225g) 1/2 Cup (2oz/58g) Butter, softened

Powdered Sugar (sifted)

2 Cups (10oz/280g) all purpose flour

- Preheat your oven to 350°F (180°C) and line a baking tray with parchment paper.
- In a large bowl cream together the soft butter and sugar with an electric mixer on high speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes.
- Add in the flour and mix until the dough just comes together.
   Turn the dough out onto a counter dusted with powdered sugar and gently roll the dough into a long two-by-two-inch log.
- Wrap the log of cookie dough in plastic wrap and allow it to firm up in the fridge for at least 60 minutes but up to 3 days.
- Once the dough is firm, slice the cookies into ¼-inch thick rounds. Place each round on your baking tray and bake for 18 20 minutes or until just golden.
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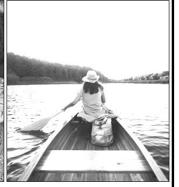




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