



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - SPRING 2010



The sun is rising in a clear sky, the air is still, outside temperature -30C and smoke is spiraling lazily straight up into the frigid air. Groundhog day is just around the corner and then winter will be half over. Can spring be far away? No doubt there will be plenty of winter left to greet us before the ice and snow disappears.

Late fall brought some major winds to the lake. They removed some docks from their moorings and deposited them elsewhere along the lake's shoreline. Thus, when you arrive back in the spring, your first order of the day may be to check for your dock. There appeared to be no other damage and electrical outages were relatively minor.

During this winter I have observed some spectacular night skies, snowshoed and sledded in all kinds of weather and have curled up with some good books and watched some DVDs that tweaked my interests. The book "Shaped by The West Wind" written by Claire Elizabeth Campbell is all about the nature and history of Georgian Bay and its coastline. It covers this vast geographic area from

a number of different perspectives. Having worked all around Georgian Bay in natural resource management, this book struck home with me and I found it to be an excellent read. A DVD titled Rooted in Stone reflects on the history of the West Parry Sound area and is well worth a look. It is available from The Archipelago's municipal office in Parry Sound.

The 2011 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary is now available in hard copy and on line at Ontario.ca/fishing . If you are an angler or just interested in fishing you should get a copy of this very informative document. There will be an Ontario licence-free Family Fishing Weekend from February 19 to February 21 and a licence-free Family Fishing week from July 2 to July 10. These times are an opportunity to get outdoors have some fun perhaps catch a tasty meal and introduce young people to fishing. I would like to remind all cottagers of our Bob Bell Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday August 6, 2011. This derby has not been well attended and unless there is a marked increase in participants the lake association is seriously consider-

ing the abolishment of this event from our calendar.

The trading post section on our Kapikog Lake website has also seen very little activity. I would encourage you to make use of this service. You may find what you were looking for close to home.

Mark May 22, 2011 on your calendar as a reminder for our official kick off to the 2011 season at the Wine and Cheese Party at H&H Restaurant and Resort. We look forward to seeing you there. It commences at 2:00pm, come and reacquaint yourselves with your fellow cottagers. Share winter experiences and speak of your plans for the coming season. Your association dues for 2011 can also be paid at that time.

Some of your plans may include participating in some of the many recreational opportunities available around Kapikog Lake. Swimming, boating, hiking, exploring, riding your ATV and singing songs around a campfire are all fun pastimes enjoyed by many. Opportuni-

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### Remember these dates!

**Wine and Cheese Party...Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011...2:00pm**

**Bob Bell Fishing Derby...Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Annual General Meeting...Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> 2011...10:00am**

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ties from scenic airplane rides to ATV tours, paintball, target shooting, concerts and kayaking Georgian Bay Islands are also available to us from many local organizations and entrepreneurs. Any of these activities can enhance and broaden your cottage experience so be adventurous and enjoy!

member to do it safely. Check your place for damage from the winter and fall storms. Ensure that your equipment is in good working order before you use it and make sure that you use that appropriate safety equipment. Have a safe and wonderful spring!

*Geovy Haarmeyer*  
Association President

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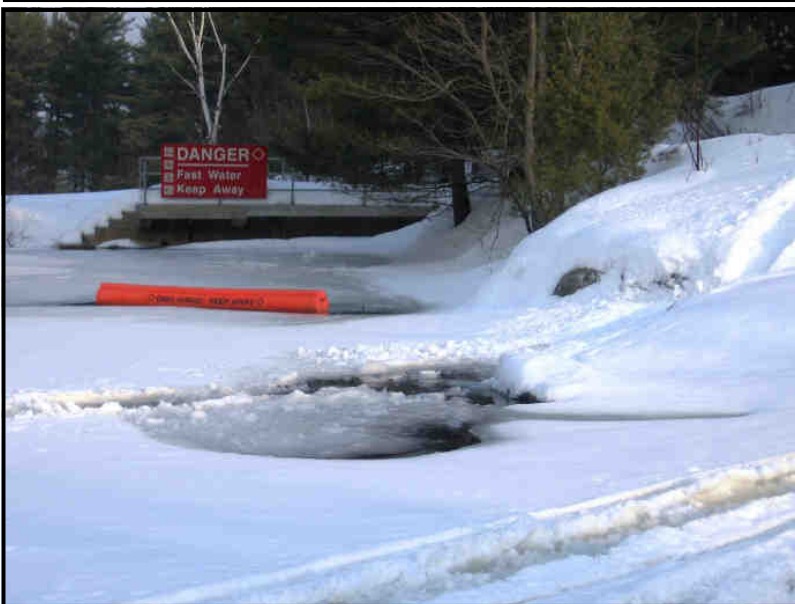
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### What not to do on a snowmobile...

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This time !!



## Winged Winter Visitors

Snow laden branches, heavy squalls moving in from Georgian Bay, reduced visibility and cold temperatures have been the order of the day over the last few weeks. All of North America has been in the grips of a dandy winter. Road, rail and air traffic has been disrupted for many.

Yet, from dawn to dusk at all the feeding stations around Kapikog Lake air traffic from our avian friends goes on uninterrupted. No

air traffic controllers, no radar and in all kinds of weather our feathered friends alight at their chosen terminal to snatch a seed or two and then fly off with their precious cargo to a nearby branch to consume it and refuel their tiny bodies with energy. Black-capped chickadees, red and white breasted nuthatches,

downy and hairy woodpeckers and flocks of blue jays frequent the stations in what appears to be an orchestrated routine. Landing space is routinely at a premium, when one species attending a station may suddenly be displaced by another through some kind of natural command. On some occasions the feeding station may also be attended by goldfinches, pileated woodpeckers and now infrequently by mourning doves. All however scatter for cover when a northern shrike makes its appearance. The feeding station falls silent until this predatory bird vacates the area and then the normal flight patterns resume.

Countless hours of enjoyment are had by us, as we watch the antics of our feathered friends at the stations. All the human full time residents have feeding stations set up and enjoy the chatter, movement and colour outside our windows. It is indeed amazing that these tiny balls of feathers can withstand the harshness that the winter season throws at them. No matter how windy or how cold these avian creatures are out there, much to the delight of the human residents on the lake.

You do however not have to have a feeder station to view these creatures a ski or a walk through the bush may give you an opportunity to view these birds in their natural settings. Barred owls are regularly heard and occasionally spotted sitting on branches near open spaces waiting for their opportunity to silently swoop down on

their prey. The loud hammering of a pileated woodpecker on a decaying tree and its undulating flight from one tree to another is indeed a wonderful natural spectacle. A ruffed grouse exploding from its insulated snow covered hiding place can be heart stopping. You almost have to step on them to even become aware that it is hiding in the snow and when that happens a noisy explosion of snow and feathers takes your breath away!



Winter is a beautiful, harsh time of year to the lee of Georgian Bay. Snow draped trees, deep snows, cold temperatures and strong winds are a given. Our avian friends make this time of year a warm and enjoyable season that makes one marvel at the complexity of the natural world of which we are an integral part. So get out there and enjoy what nature has to offer you. Use your sense of sight and

sound to savour the beauty of the area.

Soon migratory birds will be returning, some to stay in this locale and others just passing through. Get yourself a checklist to mark off the birds that frequent the area. A good bird guide can assist you in this. Bird watching is a satisfying activity that can be enjoyed by all. I encourage you to participate, it is a rewarding experience

*Gerry Haarmeyer*

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Playing Games  
Nature presentation  
Lunch

The Harsant family will be hosting this event and it will take place rain or shine. Parents are welcome and must attend this day with their children as they will need assistance. We will have all projects ready to assemble so the children will decorate and paint their project. We have a fort and slide on our property and plan games as well. Last year the children really enjoyed the water balloon toss as well as other games. Please tell your children about this day so that your grandchildren can attend.

You must pre-register for planning purposes by June 15th 2011. Call and leave a message at 705 375-2809 or 905 264-3688 or Email [sharsant@rogers.com](mailto:sharsant@rogers.com)

We look forward to sharing a great day, which will begin at 10:30 am. and end around 2p.m.

. . . Susan Harsant

## Trap Shooting

The Parry Sound Anglers and Hunters will host members of our Lake Association interested in shooting trap (clay Pigeons) at their range facilities. This can be arranged for a Sunday afternoon during the summer.

Their range is located on Brooks Road east of Oastler Park Drive. The shoot will be supervised by qualified club range officers. Cost is \$5.00 per round of 25 clay birds and you are required to provide your own shells. All range safety rules must be adhered to.

If you are interested in trying this activity contact Gerry Haarmeyer at 375-5618 for more information.



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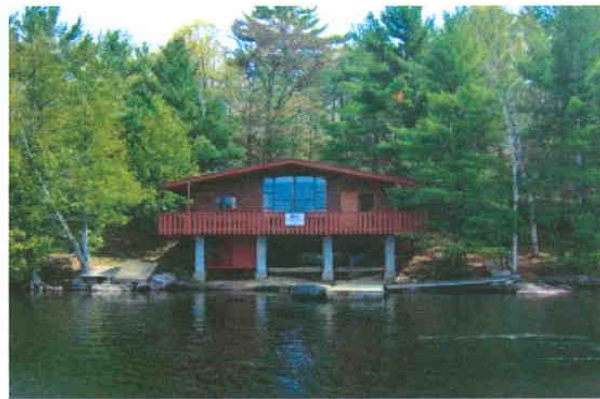
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Toronto International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ont.  
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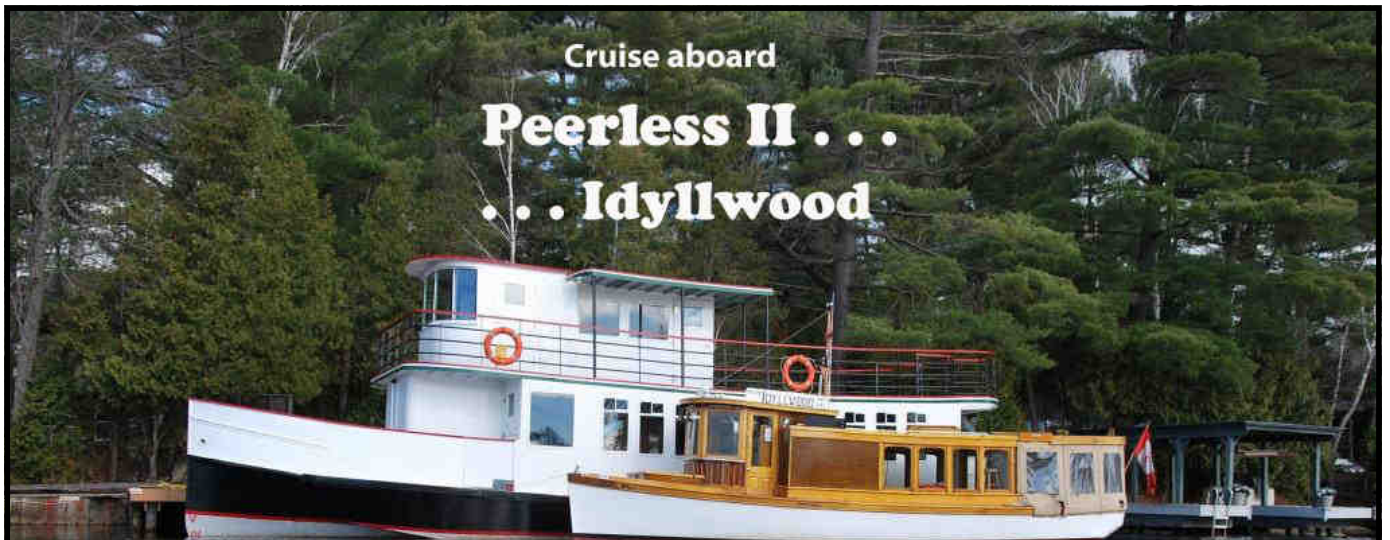
Yes, the weather here is wonderful  
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## Cottage Watch

It has been an interesting winter at the Lake. Because of thin ice and then snow around New Year's, we have not had good ice on the lake which makes it difficult to check cottages if you cannot use your snowmobile.

I was up on Wednesday, February 15th and the lake was slushy but it turned cold overnight so I was able to 'cruise' the whole lake the next day. There was still about 18 inches of snow on the ground but I am sure that has gone down with the warm temperatures of February 17th and 18th.

I did not see any damage to cottages (no fallen trees, etc.). A number of cottages have had snow removed from roofs. There is between 12 and 18 inches on most other roofs. If you think you would like your roof cleared, give Andy a call at H&H.

Spring is 30 days away.

*Ed Harsant*

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