



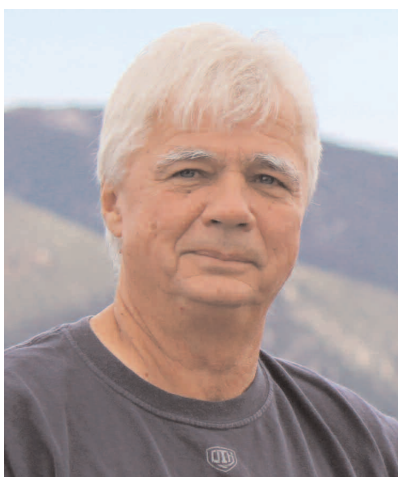
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# BLACK STURGEON LAKE NEWS

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**Jim Quinn, President BSLPOA**

## Message From The President

Whether you have just re-opened your cottage for the season or you are a full time resident, I hope you all wintered well. This has probably been one of the hardest winters to get through in many, many years. Extreme cold and extreme snow that never seemed to end. Well it's finally gone with the ice, so welcome back to Black Sturgeon.

It has been a rather quiet winter for lake business with only two minor variance applications received by the Association. A third application was recently received, which was submitted by Moncrief and involves a pipe dock on Peterson Rd.

This past March a meeting of the BSLPOA Exec. was held with our guest being Mayor Canfield. We had been in conversation with the Mayor over the winter regarding concerns of residents on the lake and he agreed to meet with the executive to discuss our issues. Our meeting went very well and lasted approximately two hours. We discussed The City of Kenora Mill Rate and resulting Property Taxes, MPAC Assessments, Thatcher Road, Building Permits and follow up, and lastly Hydro One.

The Mayor explained his views on these issues as well as other topics not on our agenda. In the end he agreed to attend our AGM on June 21st at The Super 8, and address the members as a group.

Make sure you mark this date on your calendar, as this is your opportunity to ask the question that you want answered.

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## Garbage and Recycling on Peterson Road

It's that time of the year again where we have now opened our cottages for the season and are ready to entertain and enjoy the lake. It is also that time of the year to re-visit the garbage and recycling guidelines for the containers on Peterson Road.

If the recycling bins are full, DO NOT leave your recycling outside the bins. Take it home or take it to Barsky Hill. If you crush your items you will make more room for others.

If you forgot your garbage key or tag, DO NOT Leave the bag outside the cage. Doing so only attracts animals and makes for a large clean up by other residents.

DO NOT Pile your old cottage items beside the the recycling bins. We have had tables, barbecues, light fixtures etc etc etc. Take these items home with you or take to Barsky's Hill. Please share the above with your guests, renters and anyone else who should know.

Last year the City of Kenora made the garbage unavailable to us for a short period of time, and will do so again if we do not abide by their rules (maybe that's the answer - remove the recycling and garbage bin)?

We ask that you guide yourselves by the above for the continued beauty of the area that we enjoy.

—BSLPOA

# Peterson Road Cleanup

The Association is looking for volunteers to spend a couple of hours on a Saturday morning to clean up the garbage along Peterson Road. Every spring there is garbage that has accumulated in the ditches and roadside that's either been deliberately tossed, or has blown from the back of a contractor's truck, from the recycling bins or from construction sites. The main section of Peterson needing cleanup is from Meadow Trail to 115 Peterson Road.

We are looking for one person to coordinate the clean-up and the volunteers. If you can lend a hand by organizing this event or would be willing to help with the clean-up please email the Association at [bslpoa@gmail.com](mailto:bslpoa@gmail.com) indicating your area of interest. For parents with younger children it is a great opportunity to teach and encourage community involvement. Garbage bags and tags will be provided.



This is the type of garbage found along Peterson Road after the snow melts in spring.

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## The Ritchie Road Report

Submitted by Steve Garrett, VP  
Black Sturgeon South Property Owners Association

At last, this long winter is behind us and hopefully a better summer lies ahead.

On May 17 I drove down Thatcher Road to the boat launch. The roadbed was not too bad with only the potholes to contend with. However, on the final straight line to the lake where one crosses the culvert there is a bit of a wash-out and that last down-hill run is pretty rough. Because of the high water levels the entire turn-around area was under about a foot of water. As the levels fall, I expect this to correct itself without too many problems. Jim Quinn has been in discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources to see if they can be of assistance once again with contributions toward repairs.



Steve Garrett, Vice President  
BSLPOA

This past year saw three permanent full-time residents put their homes on the market in our Ritchie Road development of Black Sturgeon South. One had been listed for well over a year. Fortunately for the home owners, but unfortunately for their neighbors, we lost two of our permanent residents last winter. Gord & Lynne Tompkin and Ray & Lois Forzley have returned to Manitoba to spend the remainder of their retirement years. They were both part of the original group of us who purchased our raw properties in the late 1980s

and worked together for many years clearing the land and developing our properties for a long planned retirement on the lake. We share a lot of memories of those early years and they will be sorely missed. On the positive side, Jack & Barb Ross took their home off the market and will be remaining here, for which we are all grateful.

We have been joined by summer residents Matt & Anita Bestland from rural Manitoba who have



purchased the Forzley property. We understand that former Kenora residents have purchased Tompkins home and we look forward to meeting them and welcoming them to our community at our Black Sturgeon South Annual Meeting and Get-together on May 31.

The Ritchie Road and Lawton Drive roadbeds wintered well and we have no complaints this year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in June.

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## Spring Opener A Big Success

Every year on the Victoria Day weekend Black Sturgeon Estates holds a party for all the cottage owners of the area to get together. A lot of them open their cottages for the summer on this weekend. Many of the people have not seen each other since they closed up their places last fall and they used this occasion to renew acquaintances and socialize with their friends and neighbors.



The party was held at the home of Frank and Michelle Hink at 70 Sunrise Trail. There was a potluck meal and over 80 people attended the event.

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## Volunteers Needed

The Black Sturgeon Lake Property Owners Association (BSLPOA) urgently needs volunteers to step up and take charge of some of the activities that are normally offered.

The Horseshoe Tournament was one of the most popular events that was held annually during the August long weekend. It was always well attended and enjoyed by all the people in the development. Glen and Dianne Foster organized the tournament for 10 years until 2010. Don and Marvis Lenaghan did it for 2011 and 2012 and last year in 2013 there was no tournament because nobody volunteered to do it.



This picture was taken at a previous tournament.

The Fosters and the Lenaghans as well as all the other people involved in the past in organizing the horseshoe tournament are all very willing to help anybody who is interested in being the head organizer for this enjoyable event at the Glen.

Other volunteers are also needed to organize the annual garage sale and to publish the twice yearly newsletter.

# Pickleball

Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in North America, is becoming popular with many of our BSLPOA members. The sport appears to be similar to tennis but it is much easier to play mainly because of the smaller court and the much slower moving ball. It is very important with snowbirds who go south for the winter months but it is played by people of all ages all over the world. Nearly all the retirement communities in the southern states now have pickleball courts.

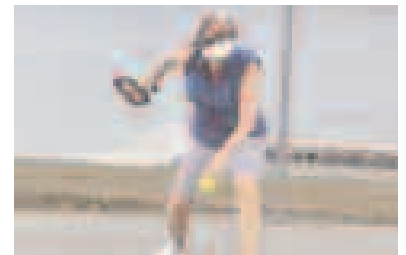
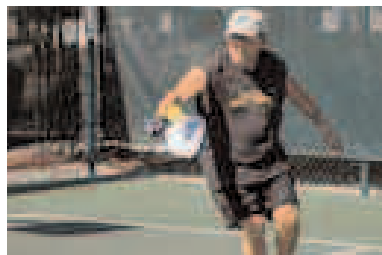
Kenora also has a pickleball club that plays three times a week at Garrow Park. The club has list of 44 members that come out to play whenever they can make it. The days that they play are:

Mondays - 6:00 PM  
Tuesdays - 9:00 AM  
Thursdays - 9:00 AM

Anyone interested in joining the club or who would like to just watch is welcome to come to Garrow Park during the times listed above.



Some of the members of the Kenora Pickleball Club getting ready to play.



## Area Reps needed

As our membership grows we are relying on Area Reps for some assistance. An Area Rep is responsible for a small number of residents in their own home area. They are the eyes and ears for their area and someone the residents can go to with their concerns. Area reps will be also be contacted for assistance early in the season for their assistance with collection of membership fees from their area. Following are the Area Reps we have currently and the vacancies that exist. If you are interested in getting to know your neighbours a little more, and have a few hours to spare, we could use your help! Please email us at [bslpoa@gmail.com](mailto:bslpoa@gmail.com) or call Anita at 807-548-4047. Your efforts would be very much appreciated.

Bruckenberger - Ken Shrier  
Worona and Mineault - Tedd Evans  
Hill Top Tr and Peterson 1 (from Rose's to Meadow Tr) - Dan Olscamp  
Meadow Tr and Peterson Rd 2 (from Meadow Tr to Sunrise) - Marcia Karp  
Sunrise - Jim Quinn

Sunset and Lakeview - Bruce Wiseman  
Peterson Road 3 (from Sunrise to Lenaghan's - Tino Brambilla  
Peterson Rd 4 (from Lenaghan's to end) - Hardy Bock  
Black Sturgeon South - Steve Garrett  
James Road - VACANT- Area Rep needed  
Scurfield Area - Norm Sukkau

The Black Sturgeon Lakes area is large, and though we try to reach all the residents in whatever way we can, we rely heavily on our email list. If you know of any neighbours or residents in your area that might be unaware of our association and its efforts, please consider giving them a copy of our newsletter and tell them about us. We would be pleased to welcome them to our membership.



# Membership Report

The BSLPOA has 133 members to date and only 36 of those so far, have paid their dues for this year. We thank all of our members for their continued support and welcome our new members. Please



note that memberships expire at the end of MAY every year. The annual membership fee of \$20 can be mailed to BSLPOA, c/o Anita Shrier, 370 Bruckenberg Rd, Kenora, ON, P9N 0E3. If you are unsure you can contact Anita at 807-548-4047 or send an email to us at [bslpoa@gmail.com](mailto:bslpoa@gmail.com)

For your information – there will be a table set up at the AGM on June 21. If you would like to pay your membership dues there, please bring them to the AGM or get them to Anita Shrier a cheque or cash.

NOTE: To all area reps who have not yet forwarded their area members list and monies to us, please bring them to the AGM or get them to Anita Shrier as soon as possible so we can update our membership list.

The BSLPOA is only as good as the people involved. We are fortunate to have a great group of volunteers, who like you, have personal commitments and busy schedules. But despite that, they still find a little time to devote to the association and its members. We sincerely thank them. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please consider volunteering in some capacity with a few hours of your time, to help in whatever way you can.

## Never Give Up

When fishing there is nothing more satisfying than landing a large fish and the battle that comes with it. That is what came to mind last August when I noticed this Bald Eagle out of the corner of my eye. From my deck, about 1 km away, I saw this guy dive into the water, obviously fishing. The interesting thing was he didn't do the usual grab and go. In this case, he never came up which was very odd in my mind. As he was so far away I had to grab a pair of binoculars to see what had happened. To my amazement he was swimming to shore, which was about 30 meters away. The eagle would lift and rotate its wings forward above the water and pull itself through the water. When he got close to shore I could no longer see him. So, I hopped into my run-about, with my camera, to make sure he had made it. When I got to the island he was headed for, there he was on shore with what looked like a 3 foot Pike at his feet.

No wonder he couldn't snatch the fish out of the water after his dive and no wonder why he never let go. What a remarkable way to learn eagles can swim.

–Phil Burns



# Sailing Lessons

For the third year in a row, Sail Manitoba will be coming to Black Sturgeon Lake with a trailer full of sailboats to teach folks of all ages how to sail. Sail Manitoba brings 4 - 2 person Fj's for adults and 6 Prams for the kids. Each class will hold 6 kids and 8 adults. Typically, two sessions are run each day so 28 people from the lake have taken part each year. This year July 19 and 20 is no exception with the classes already being full. We only have room for one adult at the moment. If you are interested in this spot email [phil.burns@nbc.ca](mailto:phil.burns@nbc.ca)







## Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand as of June 21, 2014      \$5,802.54

### Deposits

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| August 22/13 Membership        | \$420.00          |
| BSLSouthPOA Membership         | 320.00            |
| October 18/13 Membership       | 120.00            |
| December 6/13 Membership       | 110.00            |
| January 4/14 Membership        | 400.00            |
| May 2014 Tent Rental (F. Hink) | 20.00             |
| Interest                       | <u>.48</u>        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$1,390.48</b> |

### Disbursements

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| May 17/14 Newsletter      | 35.00         |
| Bank Fees                 | 2.50          |
| Annual General Meeting Ad | <u>204.94</u> |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>242.44</b> |
| Petty Cash                | 17.85         |