



# Spring Newsletter 2010

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## *Yesterday/Yesteryear at Canning Lake*

By Jim Mitchell

While going through some old family photos recently, I came across several that reminded me of my childhood on Canning Lake. By way of background, my parents, Dorothy and Bud Mitchell, bought Silverwood Lodge in 1951. The property originally encompassed Dennis' Property (1206 Silverwood Road) around the point, up to and including Lithgow's property (1263 Silverwood Road). Until the sale of our remaining property in 1963, we were the only permanent residents on Silverwood Road.

In those days, the winters were long, snowy and cold. We usually didn't see our cottage neighbours from Thanksgiving until the May long week-

end. Although my 2 brothers (Paul and Mike) and I had to make our own fun, it was an idyllic existence for 3 young boys. Our Dad often contributed to our manufactured fun. He had an old Willys army surplus jeep, mounted with a narrow snow plow blade, that he kept the entire Silverwood Road plowed with. The road was not a municipal road back then. The jeep was also a major part of our winter entertainment. Dad towed us in and out of Silverwood Road on toboggans and flying saucers attached by our summer water ski ropes. He also plowed a rink on the lake. Two nets, skates, wooden hockey sticks, a puck, and, of course, our imaginations were all we

needed for never ending contests between the Maple Leafs (Mike and I) and the Montreal Canadians (Paul).

As snow melted and winter turned to spring, Silverwood Road turned to mud, puddles and rivulets. This provided hours of entertainment for us, particularly as we walked home from the school bus (the stop was at Janice Shaw's corner). We drained puddles, dammed the flowing water and made pretend boats from anything that floated.

After the Victoria Day weekend, we were ecstatic to see our summer cottage friends and a whole new season of fun began.

Those were the days!

## *Annual Golf Day*

By Bob Taylor

This year, the CLPOA Golf Day will be held on Saturday afternoon, July 17, 2010 and will be a 9 hole tourney played at Blairhampton Golf Course and you pay your own green fees. There will be a BBQ afterwards. The location of the BBQ will be announced at a later date.

It is for men and women young and old, duffers and real

golfers. It will be a best ball format with prizes for the lowest score, longest drive, closest to the hole and the team with the most water balls.

Dinner will be BYOB and will be \$10.00 for dinner which will purchase your main course and salads with pot luck for desserts.

RSVP to John Piper at [john.piper@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.piper@sympatico.ca).

### Special points of interest:

- See page 5 for interesting information contacts (Website and Phone Numbers)
- P.I.G. Day: Saturday, July 3 at 9:30 a.m.
- Dock Sale: Saturday, July 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- AGM: Sunday, July 4 at 10:00 am
- Golf Day: Saturday, July 17
- Family Fun Day: Saturday, July 31 at 3:00 pm
- Sailing Regatta: Saturday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m.
- Do you have a Canning Lake picture you'd like to submit for a newsletter publication? Can't promise it will be included but e-mail Janice at [jazzbänder@hotmail.com](mailto:jazzbänder@hotmail.com)

