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- Membership Dues must be received by February 20, 2011
- Name the Newsletter Contest Submission Date is February 28, 2011
- What's in a (Road) Name? Submissions due February 28, 2011
- Photography Contest Submission Date is March 1, 2011
- Merchandise Order Form due April 25, 2011
- Pictures due NOW for History in Photographs

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CLPOA Winter Newsletter 2011

January 2011

President's Report

By Doug Shaw

Welcome to 2011. Last year at this time we had dealt with one of the largest snowfalls in Minden's history. This year we have barely enough to cover the ground (about 15 centimeters at the time of this writing). This makes it great for driving into the cottage but a challenge for many local businesses who need and count on a reasonable amount of snow to entice the skiers, snowmobilers and all outdoor enthusiasts to the area.

We are currently in the process of addressing and submitting any major areas of concern on behalf of our members to the Township of Minden Hills as they are updating their Official Plan.

Thanks to your feedback from last year's survey, we have made a few minor changes in 2011. Most

of you told us that we are heading in the right direction.

Remember to keep up to date and informed on the County and Township issues by reading your local newspaper or by going online.

We continue to value your

thoughts and ideas and would appreciate once again that you take a few minutes to fill out the survey on the back of this year's dues notice. Please remember that our Directors act on your behalf.

All the best for you and your family in 2011.



Name the Newsletter Contest

By Janice Lithgow and Lois Rigney

Do you have your thinking cap on? Do you enjoy being creative? Do you like entering contests? Then this is for YOU!

We receive and read the CLPOA newsletters -- Fall, Winter, and Spring. The only part that changes in the name is the year at the end. We like to think (and yes, one of us is wearing the newsletter "editor" badge right now) that our newsletters are as special and unique as is Canning Lake, therefore,

we need to name our newsletter.

This contest is open to everyone on Canning Lake. Submissions are to be received no later than **February 28** by e-mail to Janice Lithgow at jazzbander@hotmail.com or by Canada Post at 1263 Silverwood Rd., Minden, ON K0M 2K0. If your submission is by e-mail, please indicate "Name the Newsletter Contest" on the subject line to ensure that if the e-mail is directed to the "Junk" folder, that it will be opened.

Please include your name, cottage address, and home phone number with your newsletter name submission.

The winning newsletter name will be selected by the CLPOA Executive, and used for the first time in the Spring edition where the contest winner's name will be published also.

The winner will receive a Canning Lake water bottle to be delivered with the spring newsletter package by the Road Captain. Good luck everyone!

Safeguard Openings in Ice

The following information is provided from an article "OPP Remind Citizens of Their Duty to Safeguard Openings in Ice", EMC News, February 11, 2010; and "Ice Smart Tips From the Lifesaving Society"

* It is critical that the ice quality or type of ice is evaluated before you travel.

* Clear, hard, new ice is the only kind of ice recommended for travel. Be sure to measure clear, hard ice in several places. STAY OFF ice that is 3" (7 cm) or less. Ice fish, walk, or cross country ski on ice that is 4" (10 cm). Drive one snowmobile or ATV on ice that is 5" (12 cm). Drive one car or small pick-up truck on ice that is 8-12" (20-30 cm). Drive one medium-sized truck on ice that is 12-15" (30-38 cm).

*AVOID! Slushy ice; ice on or near moving water (i.e. rivers, currents); ice that has thawed and refrozen; and/or layered or rotten ice caused by sudden temperature changes.

* Other risk factors that weaken or "rot" ice include snow on ice that acts as a blanket to prevent hardening of ice; and/or pressure ridges due to wind or current pressure.

A device, commonly known as a "bubbler" is used to create open water areas around docks or boathouses. This, as well as ice fishing holes without a hut, and holes in the ice to access water cause safety concerns, especially if the lake is frequently used by people walking, cross country skiing, and/or

quote to prevent persons from falling in by accident and is adequate to warn them that the opening exists.

Let's ensure that Canning Lake remains safe for people and animals by guarding open water with markers and/or fencing. Adhere to the guidelines provided regard-

**"STAY OFF ICE
THAT IS 3" (7
CM) OR LESS"**



"Kody & Bauer — Going Home"

Photo by Janice Lithgow

snowmobiling. Under Section 263(1) of the Criminal Code states: *Every one who makes or causes to be made an opening in ice that is used or frequented by the public is under a legal duty to guard it in a manner that is ade-*

ing the thickness of the ice and appropriate use.

NO ICE IS WITHOUT SOME RISK...MINIMIZE RISK FACTORS

What's in a Name?

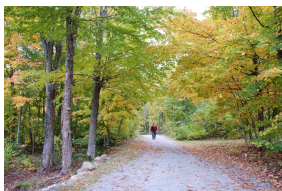
By Lois Rigney

We are coming out this Spring with a brand new look for our Spring Newsletter. We need your help with a new column we are running: "What's in a Name?"

We are asking the person who named your road for the 911 address to submit a short article that tells us how your road got its name. For example, Silverwood Road is named after the Silverwood Lodge that is located at 1218 Silverwood Road, now a private cottage. Hamlin Lane is named after the Hamlin family who owned the tract of land extending down what was formerly Silverwood Road Right. They owned a cottage on the property that is now 1051 Silverwood Road. Got the picture?

Now get busy and send the reason for your road name to Janice Lithgow via e-mail at jazzbander@hotmail.com, indicating "What's in a Name?" on the subject line and including your contact information (name and phone number). Submissions can also be received via Canada Post at 1263 Silverwood Road, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

The due date for your submission is 28 February, 2011. Keep it short! Send it now!



How did our Canning Lake roads get their names?

Canning Lake Merchandise

By Kathie Wagg

The 2011 merchandise descriptions and order forms are enclosed separately in this Winter newsletter publication package. Back by popular demand are full zip hoodies and T-shirts as well as the playing cards, fly swatters and water bottles.

Thank you for your suggestions received last year. All are being reviewed as future merchandise possibilities.

We encourage you to support this venture as profits from the sale of our merchandise goes to our environmental fund to help keep and improve the quality of our lake and environs....for our enjoyment, and for our children and grandchildren.

This is your single opportunity to place your merchandise order for 2011. Merchandise will be available during the long weekend in May.

Pitch-In Garbage (PIG) Day

By Paul Riddolls

The Canning Lake Property Owners Association continues our long standing tradition of supporting and promoting Haliburton County's "Adopt-A-Road" program. The "Adopt-A-Road" program's purpose is to remove litter from the County owned roadside ditches.

In 2010, we collected 8 bags of garbage discarded by passersby on just over 14 kilometers of roads we are responsible for. We need lots of help so we moved the event off of the long weekend.

Please set aside a few hours on the morning of Saturday, June 25, 2011 to help out. We welcome High School students who are looking to fulfill their 40 hours of community service requirements.

Meet at Ingoldsby Park at 9:30 a.m.

Canning Lake Photography Contest

By Janice Lithgow and Lois Rigney

Calling all Canning Lake Photographers! We know you are out there....YOU seek opportunities to get that perfect picture or take the perfect picture because you are in the right place at the right time....

As part of our "new look" Spring newsletter, we are running a "Life on Canning Lake" photography contest for colour, black and white, or sepia photographs. There will be 3 picture categories: Nature Scenes, Children, and Animals/Wildlife. Birds are to be included under Animals/Wildlife. The age categories are: Children 8 to 13 years; Youth 14 to 18 years; and Adult 19+ years. Only one submission per photographer per picture category will be accepted.

Submissions must be received no later than March 1, 2011 via Canada Post to Janice Lithgow, 1263 Silverwood Road, Minden, ON K0M 2K0. Written on the back of the photograph must be the name of the photographer, the year

the photograph was taken (approximately if it is an "oldie"), contact information: name, home address, cottage address, phone number, and a brief description of the picture (example: moose walking on Hamlin Lane). Unfortunately, the picture submissions will not be able to be returned so please ensure a copy is submitted of your favourite photograph.

The Judges for this contest will be June Anderson, Local Artist and Will Goldsby, Amateur Photographer.

The winners of each picture category (Nature Scenes, Children, Animals/Wildlife) and age category (Children, Youth, Adult) will be published in the Spring newsletter as well as on the Canning Lake website

(www.canninglake.ca). Runners up in second and third places will be announced in the newsletter but those pictures will be published on the website only. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st Place Winners.

Good luck to everyone!

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Photo by Will Goldsby

The Dark Night—A Bat Story

By Dave and Jennifer Houlding

It was a dark night that brought the creature to me. At 4:00 a.m. in the middle of a deep summer sleep, I felt something crawl on my leg. It was a warm night and I had one leg exposed from the blankets. As I grew more awake, I was certain there was something on my leg. I shook my leg and the creature clung on tighter. I shook again violently and it fell to the floor. I turned on the bedside light and saw a bat crawl under the bed. The ensuing scream sent my husband to the roof and within minutes twenty cottage lights went on in the Minden Arm.

I ran out of the bedroom and closed the door, leaving my husband with the creature. I suggested, compassionately, at the top of my lungs that he find it and get rid of it. "You don't come out til it comes out with you." This proved more difficult than I had foreseen. Under the bed are stuff sacks with tents and sleeping bags. Lots of hiding places for stealthy creatures. My husband emptied out each one, wondering which

one the creature was going to fly out of, land on his neck and suck all the blood out. After an hour of searching, nothing was found. Now my husband was wondering if there was anything at all. Somehow I was able to be convincing again, at the top of my lungs.

I tried to get to sleep on the couch. My husband stayed in the death pit with the creature. I left him with a tennis racket. After a while, he heard some rustling in a magazine on the floor. Sure enough, it was the creature. Doing his best Nadal forehand impersonation, he hit it into the corner, picked it up, took it outside, and threw it into the woods. He claims its teeth were bigger than the dogs. This, we thought, was the end of our ordeal but in fact it was the beginning of a whole new chapter.

Upon returning to the city, I did some investigating. We had had a bat in the cottage before. That time when it flew around, we opened the door and my husband - again with the Nadal - convinced it outside with a tennis racket. The bat on the



leg was unusual behavior. Rabies? A call to the Toronto Board of Health set off alarm bells. I think they sit and wait for outbreaks. They were adamant that everyone in the cottage get treated for rabies. I had no idea what a deadly disease rabies can be. I didn't think I was bitten but you cannot tell because their teeth are sharp like razors and any scratch can allow for the transfer of the disease. If we'd kept the creature and got it tested for rabies we would have known. It is very likely it wasn't rabid, but if you are not 100% certain, you should get treated because rabies is such a deadly disease, according to the health officials. So my husband, my son, and I went through a series of needles the size of horse tranquilizers just to be safe.

Things eventually got back to normal. A few months later the "For Sale" came down but my night with the creature will not soon be forgotten.

The following information was published in "The Minden Times" article "Help Protect Ontario's Bats", January 12, 2011.

The "white nose syndrome" killing bats was detected in Ontario in March 2010. The public can protect bats by staying away from sites where bats hibernate and reporting any unusual bat behaviour (such as daytime flying) or deaths.

If you see bats flying during the daytime in winter, or you see dead bats, contact the Canadian Co-operative Wildlife Health Centre at 1-866-673-4781 or the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.



Did you know? Wolves are capable of many facial expressions such as pursed lips, smile-like grins, upturned muzzles, wrinkles foreheads and angry, squinting eyes. Wolves even stick their tongues out at each other — a gesture of appeasement or submission.

Canning Lake Wolves

By Janice Lithgow

On December 26, 2011 at approximately 9:00 a.m., Pat and Ray Moss observed one wolf close to the Silverwood Road (west) shoreline. Three wolves were then viewed through binoculars across the lake on the east shoreline.

On January 5, 2011, while walking my dogs on Hawkins Trail over the noon hour, I realized there was another set of tracks in the fresh snow besides those belonging to my 2 Labrador Retrievers. I recognized the tracks from those I'd

seen on this same road last winter. The tracks went in a straight, direct line almost down the centre of the road going in the same direction I was going, away from the cottages, towards Silverwood Road.

Further along in my walk, I became aware that the tracks looked different. More of them. I backtracked and discovered that a set of tracks came out of the woods and then followed in the same path as the first set of tracks...like single file. Every once in a

while, one set of tracks would veer off by about a couple of feet but then link back up to the initial track that never varied from its straight line course.

Using the palm of my hand as a guide, I checked the size of the print and also noted by comparison to my dogs' tracks, that they were fresh tracks.

By referencing "Animal Tracks of Ontario" by Ian Sheldon © Lone Pine Publishing 1997, I learned that a fore print

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Canning Lake Wolves (cont'd)

measures 2.4 to 3" L and 1.6 to 2.4" W. Based on my hand measurement against the track, this wolf paw print was 3" L and 2.5 W. This book states: "A wolf leaves a straight alternating track. If you find a wolf track in the snow, it is likely the track of several wolves, because in deep snow wolves follow their leader." This excerpt describes exactly what I had seen.

The following excerpt from "Mammals of Ontario" by Tamara Eder © Lone Pine Publishing 2002, provides interesting information about the Grey Wolf also known as the Timber Wolf.

"A Grey Wolf resembles an oversized, long-legged German Shepherd with extra-large paws. A wolf's coat can range from coal black to creamy white. The bushy tail is carried straight behind the wolf when it runs.

A wolf pack is extremely

sophisticated. A pack behaves like a "super organism", cooperatively making it possible for more animals to survive. By hunting together, pack members can catch and subdue much larger prey than if they were acting alone.

Wolves primarily hunt White-tailed Deer, Caribou and Moose. Although large mammals typically make up about 80% of the diet, they also prey on rabbits, mice, nestling birds and carion.

A wolf pack can be described in terms of the alpha pair (top male and female) and subordinate adults, the outcasts and the pups and immature individuals. Usually, only the alpha animals reproduce while the other pack members help with bringing food to the pups and defending the group's territory. If there is an outcast in the group, it is often picked on and usually gets just a shred of the good meals.

A wolf pack generally occupies a large territory (usually 260-780 km).

Wolf dens are usually located on a rise of land near water. They are bank burrows and are often made by enlarging the den of a fox or burrowing mammal. The burrow opening is generally about 60 cm across and extends back 2-10 meters to a dry natal chamber with a floor of packed soil.

A litter usually contains 5-7 pups (with extremes of 3-13) which may be different colours. The newborn pups resemble domestic dogs in their development: their eyes open at 9-10 days, and they are weaned at 6-8 weeks.

Recent research of wolves in the Algonquin area indicates that they may be a separate species for the Grey Wolf. If these findings are correct, the new species is called the Eastern Red Wolf.

**When enjoying
the winter
outdoors, take
advantage of
fresh snowfalls
to find animal
tracks and then
research them
to determine
what animals
are sharing
Canning Lake
with us.**

Canning Lake's History in Photographs

By Janice Lithgow

The Canning Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA) will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2012.

One idea to celebrate our history is to create a book of photographs depicting life on our lake, starting with old photographs.

Roger Saaramaki and Pat Moss have volunteered to create this book but we need your help. Because we love Canning Lake so much, this book is for us, and that means you. Please send your treasured pictures of the past 50 years so we can honour them by publishing them in our 50th Anniversary memento.

Send your pictures to Pat Moss at

1194 Silverwood Road, Minden, ON
K0M 2K0 starting NOW!

Pat will scan your pictures and they will be returned with your Spring newsletter package, delivered on the May long weekend.

When you submit your picture(s), please:

- write a sentence to describe the scene;
- provide the year (or full date if known) the picture was taken on; and
- include your full name, phone number, and cottage road address.

If you have any questions, you can call Pat at (705) 286-4070 or e-mail at mossgatherings@rogers.com.

Lake History Project

By Jim Mitchell

In partnership with the "Canning Lake's History in Photographs" book to celebrate the CLPOA's 50th Anniversary, I am aiming to complete the Lake History Project for 2012.

For the past 8 years, I have been collecting information from cottagers regarding Canning Lake's history. The history of numerous properties through stories and photographs as well as detailed research by the U-Links students is exceptional.

As Roger Saaramaki, Pat Moss and I work together, I encourage you to contact me at (705) 286-3485 to share any relevant information pertaining to your property.

A wonderful example of something most of us didn't know is the story on page 6 "Canning Lake History: Ingoldsby (Austin Narrows)" by Kurt Andre. Thank you, Kurt!

Canning Lake History: Ingoldsby (Austin Narrows)

By Kurt Andre

We usually think very little about the past as we motor or paddle our way through the lake. For most of us the lake is pretty much as it has been with the addition of some new buildings, docks or toys along the shoreline. This marks the first of what will hopefully be a series of articles looking at the history of our lake from one end to the other. As I've been fortunate enough to find myself enjoying the narrows bordering on Kashagawigamog, I thought it fitting that I should contribute to the series starting there. That won't stop me from mentioning briefly those at the far reaches of our lake to keep them from feeling left out.

Before the 19th century, the area was visited largely by First Nations people passing through on hunting trips. The rivers served as their principal transportation. The Ojibwe tribe frequented the area and occasionally the Mississauga and Mohawk may have passed through. It seems that the narrows where the bridge now stands was a frequent stopover and meeting point. A dig on the East side of the narrows by Tom Ballantine the director of the Haliburton Highland Museum uncovered pottery, arrowheads, as well as tools made of stone and bone. There were no permanent settlements in the area.

In the 1800's the area was visited by trappers and the occasional brave settler till around the middle of the century. The prospect of logging the impressive timber stands in the area and hopes of riches from mining encouraged development in the Highlands. As more loggers and settlers came to the area the First Nation's people visited the area infrequently. The 'wastelands' were declared open for development and surveyed in the 1850's.

Development came to the area in a big way in 1859 when the road came north to near Minden in 1859. Goods and people could then be transported to Minden via a very rough stage ride and from there were initially transported to this area overland for transportation by water to Haliburton along the lake chain.

Shortly after, Willett C. Austin and his family took over a farm on the east side of the narrows. With this being a bit of a transportation hub people and development followed. Yes folks Ingoldsby, or as it then became known as Austin Narrows, was a relatively big thing! Charles Austin became the Reeve for the entire area by 1865. In 1864 he built the log cabin 'Episcopal Methodist' church which sits on the west side of the narrows. It was later used as a school for the area and then as a meeting hall and private dwelling. People would trek in for services through marshy lands from as far away as Minden for fellowship and the Sunday services.

All good things must come to an end and shortly after the river was dammed where Scott's Dam is now located by Charles A. Wastell to allow the steamer **Haliburton** along with a rowed skiff to transport goods with relative ease 15 miles to Haliburton from the Minden arm of Canning Lake. This point was only about a three mile trip over land from Minden. The steamer was in operation by 1867 negating the need for launches from the area of the Austin Narrows.

Don't ever let the Trent Severn people claim they were responsible for creating a navigable waterway on our lake chain!

Willett Austin died at 85 in 1915 and his unmarked grave lies in the cemetery to the west of the Narrows. A trip through the cemetery will show the results of the smallpox epidemic which went through the area in 1871 and how hard life was for the early settlers and their children.

From there most of you have spoken to people who could recount the tales of gradually improving roads and transportation, how cottages went from basic to showcase and so forth. If you'd like to hear more about the later years invite a more senior neighbour over for a coffee and make your summer stay even more memorable....

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Photos from
Kurt Andre



Commercial Advertising Coming to the Spring Newsletter

By Janice Lithgow, Lois Rigney and Linda Taylor

In response to the growing need of CLPOA members for goods and services; the growing interest of merchants to advertise in local publications; and to help new members connect with businesses and services unknown to them, we will be accepting advertising in our Spring newsletter publication.

If you are interested in this advertising opportunity, please contact Linda Taylor at (705) 286-1856 or linda.taylor@bell.net for more information.

10-Digit Dialing Arrives in Cottage Country

By Janice Lithgow

Effective January 15, 2011, when you are dialing any (705) phone number in cottage country, you must include 7 0 5.

Previously, 7-digit dialing was accepted (example: 286-0000). Now, using this example, you need to dial 705-286-0000 for your call to go through.

Remember to update your speed dials and/or contact lists in your telephones.



Yesteryear / Yesterday: New Years on Canning Lake

By Lois Rigney

For many years Canning Lake revelers rang in the New Year at a party at Jim Mitchell's cottage on Silverwood Road. All would bring items of goodies for the table and beverages for celebrating.

Families came with their children who were put to bed in one of the bedrooms as they slowly faded. The adults rolled up the rug and danced and boogied the night away. At midnight the champagne was popped, Auld Lang Syne was sung, and kisses were abundant!!

How marvelous it was for us to walk home in the wee hours

across the lake with stars shining in the crisp winter air – a new day- a new year!

In 1987 we reappeared on New Years Day out on the lake for a broomball game, again with our children. A rink area was cleared, teams were formed, goals were established, brooms of all shapes and sizes and hockey sticks were ready and the game began.

Certain individuals thought body checking was in order as they tried to knock me off my feet whenever I neared their goal!! We played in our boots so injuries were at a minimum!!

As dehydration set in two of the Moms appeared from the

cottage with beverages and cookies and a much needed break was taken.

This game became an annual event for a few years. Some of those children are now married with children of their own.

It seemed like half the lake gathered at Mitchell's to bring in the year 2000. The host greeted us at the door resplendent in his tux just to set the tone to usher in a new millennium.

At midnight, someone flicked the breaker to put us all in darkness, making some think the dreaded rumours of power outages had actually happened! Then fireworks were lit down on the lake and the party was in high gear.

Great memories, great fellowship, great times!! Those were the days!!

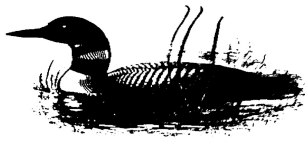
Such are our memories of yesteryear.

“How marvelous it was for us to walk home in the wee hours across the lake with stars shining in the crisp winter air....”



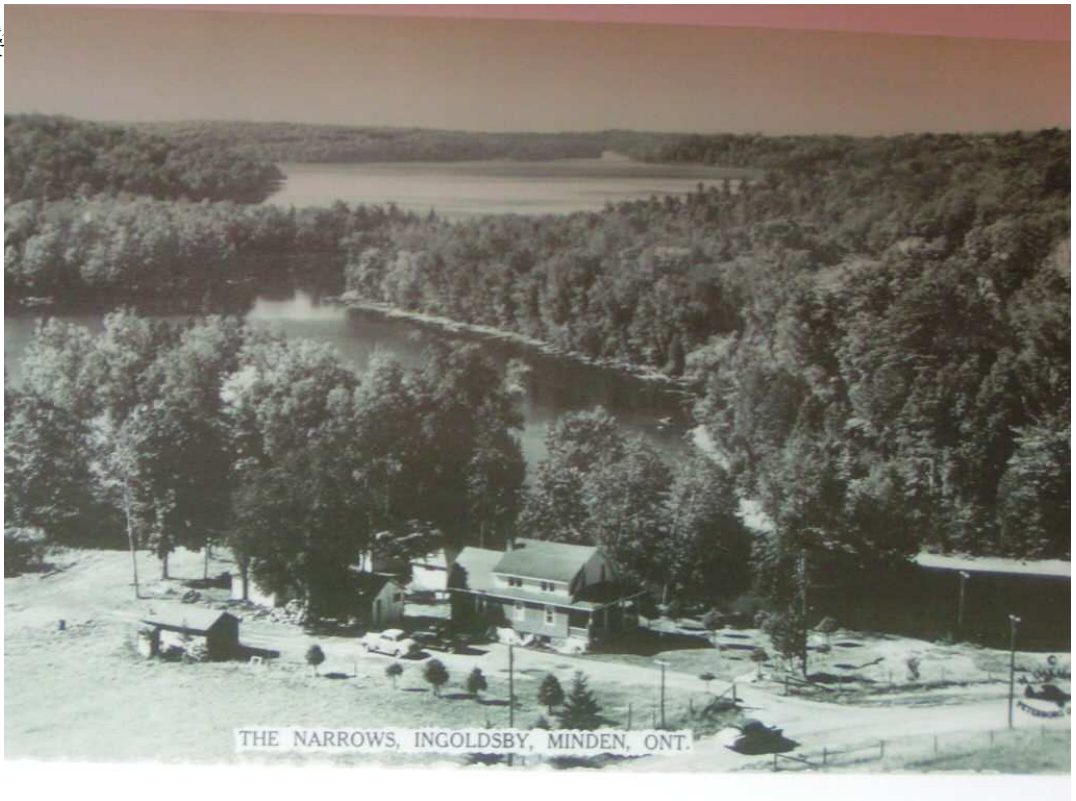
First Annual Broomball Game
Canning Lake, January 1, 1987

Photo from Jim Mitchell



We're on the Web at
www.canninglake.ca

*“Did you know?
Canning Lake
froze over on
December 10,
2010.”*



 **Cut and post the dates so you don't miss out on the fun!** 

2011 Summer Activities

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Fred Jones Bass Award Contest	May to Labour Day	Anytime	Contact the Rigney's for weigh-in.
P.I.G. Day	Saturday, June 25	9:30 a.m.	Ingoldsby Park
A.G.M.	Sunday, July 10	10:00 a.m.	Rigney's Roost 1037 Hamlin Lane
Golf Tournament	Saturday, July 16	3:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Blairhampton BBQ (location TBD)
Family Fun Day	Saturday, July 30	3:00 p.m.	Ingoldsby Park
Sailing Regatta	Sunday, July 31	10:30 a.m.	Canning Lake (middle of the lake)