



# THE KEY EXCHANGE



## The Powell Report

It's here! The ice left nice and early. On April 12 Bruce and Dave left the harbour after a "WORK " visit in Bruce's boat. I do believe they had the male term of 'long hours of work' when they were really playing in Bruce's boat and our scoot breaking up the ice in the channel in front of us. I don't think we'll ever know the actual facts but regardless the river was open and ready for the 2006 season.

We came up on the 23rd of April, raining and windy and then just gorgeous weather. We all know if it is fantastic prior to the long weekend that we are going to get dumped on and this year that was OH SO

TRUE.....SNOW.....yes snow.

Whatever. After 26 years of Diamond Key, we had a first. The wind, weather and snow kept ALL our guests in. Never before have all our boats stayed in for an entire day. Needless to say Monday morning everyone in camp was up very early and out in their secret fishing area.

This gusty wet Sunday was also the day Evan, Darlene Ferrier. Edwin, Becky Aalto held a memorial service on Aalto's Island for Aune. Regardless of the weather most of the harbourites in were there to have say a last farewell. We all know she will be missed and I hope the turnout for her helped the family in their huge loss.

The buoys were all over the place again this year when we arrived and now the task of adding the extra weights and replacing them

was to be organized. This work took Bruce Irwin, Terry Plaskit, Jim Rogers, Chris Dawson, Mike Plaskit , Dave and Edwin with gas boat a full days work so lets hope it is appreciated by all that once again the deepest river route is in place.



We have a funny story. On BOB-A LOU'S arrival Bob MacDonald and the family working crew arrived to do the extensive hard labour that takes an entire week end to put in their dock. It actual takes an hour or two but I'm not to tell their wives. Anyway, one afternoon the working MacDonalds pulled up to our dock the same time as John and Jane Bell and their infamous lab Shadow. Bob gets out with the bucket of beer on ice and Rick has a fantastic tray of treats equal to anything Martha Stewart would create. They come up the dock and John Bell is stunned.

Never in his life has he ever seen such a sight. A bucket of iced beer and snacks! . A first for the Bells and an annual thank you for us from the hard workers of Bob A Lou. A great start for our season to say the least and appreciated

News is hard to come by up here so I'm going to tell of another incident. One evening, a seemingly calm call from OJ requesting Dave to come to their island as Scott has fallen off the ladder, seems to be OK . He has a nice gash on his head but the bleeding is under control but that is not the main problem ..... the box with the electrical hook ups on the roof is open and the rain predicted will mess up the connectors that are not hooked up. So, it's dark and with his huge light over Dave goes. Scott is wrapped in a blanket, shivering but appears to be OK, shaky, little scattered

talking to Dave and seated into a corner ..... BUT the wires are exposed!! Up Dave goes, does the connecting, closes the box up and down he comes HE goes inside again to ensure all is well with Scott. Scott is still in the corner wrapped and talking, remaining a little confused but seems to be fine. So Scott, although you were tended to first then shoved in a corner while the important work got done I do believe you "owe" her one. Kidding of course.

The foggy few spring days created a overnight stay from Dave Bolger. He was returning from Britt and just could not make it to his Geo Bay Camp. He's was having a tea and talking to Dave about his GPS and how the way points get used up and so then this little toy uses the points at the beginning of the route. I have nor do I ever intend to have knowledge of these things so when Dave called after his 5am departure to thank us for the stay, he agreed to go down to his dock and load up a whole lot of dots to install in his "toy" so he won't run out. How stupid does he think I am .....whatever.

A most important date to write down is Sunday July 3rd. This is the day that we are going to clean up the helicopter landing site. To date we have a couple of pumps to hose the entire area off, Scott Lorriman is looking into purchasing the white reflective paint for us, and the reflective material is already here for the pylons. Volunteers could help by coming to cut down larger shrubs etc. so those clippers or snippers weed eaters or whatever would definitely help. Anyway, any help is appreciated. We would like to start at 10:00 am and be finished by lunch. Hope to see you there.

Well, that's it. Time to get ready for our busy spring. Hope you all travel safely when making your trips to our wonderful little corner.

As ever The Powells.

## Annual Picnic...

Well its that time again, time to wash windows clean the cottage check for mice and clean the outhouse in case you have extra

company. Its also time to think about our annual picnic. First I would like to thank everyone who helped me last year you know who you are . This years picnic will be held, can you guess where? That's right Edwins Isle, would we have it anywhere else. Thank you Edwin and now Becky for the use of your little bit of heaven. Hope to see everyone there Aug.6th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you would like to help out please call me at 1-705 -734-5345 or drop in to the Coles cottage any weekend, also anyone wishing to drop of anything for the draw can do the same . Hopefully it will be a nice weekend, so come out bring the kids, dogs and meet your neighbours and make new friends, sorry no bears allowed!

B. Y. O. B.

What's on the menu? Its a surprise but if you're reading the newsletter you might guess. Pat Coles.



May 24<sup>th</sup> Weekend??

### ***GBA Outside channel celebratory cruise***

On Tuesday July 18/06 the GBA is planning a cruise from Cognashene to Killarney. This 115 nautical mile trip will take around 8 hours. Two OPP launches will accompany the fleet as well as some filming from the air.

The current "outside channel" runs from Midland to Twelve Mile Bay. The second leg would take the route north from there to Parry Sound. It would follow a line

approximately ten kilometres off the existing route to Parry Sound and then shift twenty kilometres out. "As the Outside Channel is partially a "virtual channel and takes you some distance off shore, there are long unmarked offshore sections. We recommend that at least one boat in each group has a GPS navigator and a VHF radio for emergency communication."

## About the buoys and hitting rocks.....

Once again a great big thank you to all the guys who spent the day reinstalling our Key River channel markers. Each buoy now has two 150 lb anchors and lots of chain. I heard that it was a tough back breaking day. I know the guys were paid but they still had to schedule their time and volunteer to do the job. Hopefully the anchors won't shift again.

It was fun going up the river those first few times. Kind of reminded us of the good old days (before channel markers).

Even though the channel is well marked we all have to realize that boulders will move and dead heads will float.

Keep your wits about you, pay attention, tilt your motor up, don't plough, etc., etc., etc.,

### *COTTAGE ASSOCIATION MAP*

*Is there anyone who would like to undertake the task of creating a cottage association map?*

*Please talk to OJ at the AGM or Picnic or visit our island or phone me at home 905 859 0710 or email [oj.grolman@sympatico.ca](mailto:oj.grolman@sympatico.ca)*



## About The Helipad...

Please volunteer for the Helipad Work Party. Sunday July 2, 2006 starts at 10:00 am and hopefully finished by 1:00. We need people, shovels, branch cutters, chain saw, work gloves and a good sense of humor.

Some facts. Women's college hospital donates \$3500 for the upkeep and annual maintenance of the helipad. They also provided the \$700 roll of reflector tape. This is a pretty good fee for a few hours of volunteer time. Our responsibility is to keep the area clear of branches grass, twigs and small stones. The rotor blades don't like small sand and gravel pieces. I don't think anyone would like to feel that stuff flying around! We need to fill the ruts and cracks,

do some power washing, painting and reflective taping, cutting and clearing of branches; there's also a few boulders that need to be rolled away.

Many thanks to Paul Ruston for installing the dock.

This volunteer maintenance project needs to be done

annually.

This area is to be used as a helipad ONLY. A chopper won't land if there's a crowd and it won't land if there are boats tied to the dock. Some lucky Key residents witnessed the levitation of a boat and motor. Apparently it was quite a sight.

In an emergency please stay away.

## **Parry Sound Air Ambulance 705 746 6262**

Triage rules apply-critically injured get first priority. The Parry Sound number will determine the need and dispatch the air ambulance from either Sudbury, Bracebridge,

Toronto, London. If a chopper has been dispatched and it gets redirected this is because a more critical accident has happened. This diversion is authorized by a doctor. An ambulance is always dispatched for backup.

## **SUMMER DUMP HOURS 2006\*\*\***

Monday 2 – 6pm

Tuesday closed

Wednesday 8 – 12

Thursday closed

Friday 8 - 12

Saturday 2 – 6

Sunday 2 - 6

\*\*\*unless the township changes it's mind

## **GBA ENVIORNMENT DAY\***

Monday, July 17, 2006 10:00 – 3:00

Pointe au Baril Community Center

Pointe au Baril Station

This is an opportunity to meet other cottage associations. GBA Presidents from invited associations: Please email us by July 10<sup>th</sup> with a guess as to how many families from your association might be expected – to allow us to provide chairs/tables/food for all.

\*see appendix for all the details

## **MORE VOLUNTEERS**

Remember the Canoe and Kayak Channel Sign that Bob MacDonald put together. We need a few volunteers to install those signs. One by the entrance to the Key and one by

the highway. Talk to Bob MacDonald or Dave Powell.



## **KRAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Key Harbour Lodge**

**Sunday August 6 10:00 am**

## **ANNUAL PICNIC AT EDWIN'S ISLE**

**Sunday August 6, 2006 4:00 pm**

The Key River Area Association has about 100 members. That's a lot of people to get to know and recognize. We've also had many new comers that we'd like to welcome. Plan on attending the KRAA Annual General Meeting at the Key Harbour Lodge on Sunday August 6 at 10:00. It's a good place to start to meet people.

A few hours later the picnic starts. Last year some of our members got together and fried up some turkeys. The food was good. I'm hoping that this year's batch of turkeys will be another taste sensation. The association pays for the birds, the rest is potluck style. \*\*\*we still haven't confirmed the menu

Bring your own drinks, chairs, plates and cutlery, and your pot luck contribution. If you have guests bring them too! If you're not a member bring \$20 and sign up.

The weather sometimes messes up things but plan on attending anyway. Don't forget Edwin has a workshop. Patti Coles is organizing the turkey fryers. We need volunteers to plan activities for the kids, and any other activity that you want to organize.

## Reader Feedback

OJ...How is Scott doing. We are thinking of doing a ladder safety course on the Key. Next to drinking while driving a boat and slipping on wet rocks, falling off ladders is the biggest cause of injury at the Key. Jerry

...thought the following would be inspirational for the KRAA newsletter. Jane Sorensen

"Let us not forget our local trusts and duties...Let us especially remember our lake and its shore...May we all do something...so that after another hundred years, our successors shall meet together and rejoice and thank us for what we have done."

John Barrow, Centennial Address 1876

...See you on the Key..or drop in any time to the Maybee Point cottages. Where is your place..and can I get a map of the various cottage owners in the area. I remember a map from the book that was written 20-25 years ago and that is the last map that I know of. Kathy M

"Also I have several members who put donations in the misc. category. Two asked that their donation be put 'where needed most' and 'raise H2O levels please'" Carl



### From the editor:

I'm a quilter. The computer is tucked away in my sewing room, gathering dust. I've

learned the fine art of procrastination and I'm your new newsletter editor!!!

Bear with me. I'm very new at this job. Give Scott a pat on the back—he's trying to teach me how to use a computer! Here's to learning new tricks.

This is a massive appeal to all to please submit pictures, items of interest, stories, Key River facts. You can email me: [oj.grolman@sympatico.ca](mailto:oj.grolman@sympatico.ca) or snail mail me Box 839 Nobleton, ON LOG 1N0.

## Boat Operator Card

In the fall of 2006, "At Home" testing will be discontinued. Registration now insures testing under the present system even after the changes take effect. Future testing will only be conducted at set times, places, etc. For more info: [www.TheOperatorCard.ca](http://www.TheOperatorCard.ca) or call 1 877 355 0515

## Slow Down...

Over the past few years we've seen lots of cottages change hands. The river becomes a hive of activity. Kids, dogs, swimming across the river, fishing boats, fishing off docks, jumping off docks, paddle boats, more swimming—there's constant action in the river.

Every time we come and go from the highway I remember Allan Lyte's comment when he sold us our cottage; "going up the river is part of the cottage experience, slow down and enjoy it". (those probably weren't his exact words OJ)

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2006

Ensure your name is on the voters list for the 2006 Municipal & School Board Elections. Email for more info: [enquiry@mpac.ca](mailto:enquiry@mpac.ca) or phone: 1 866 296 6722

## Wetlands Research

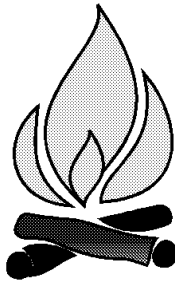
John Bell and Jane Sorensen are billeting a few McMaster students sometime this summer. Their mission is to study wetlands in the area.

## Fire Reminder...from

Jim McMullen, Conservation Officer with the MNR.

If cottagers/residents in the Key River/Harbour area witness or hear of a natural resource violation they can contact me at my office at 705-773-4223, they can contact our TIPS hotline at 1-877-847-7667 (1-877-TIPS-MNR). I will be happy to answer any questions about fishing regulations and fire regulations.

\*\*see the appendix for fire regulations.



*The Moose 103.3 fm (Parry Sound) will give extreme and high fire warnings during their news. Weekend newscasts are at 7, 8, 9, noon. During weekdays news runs every 30 minutes from 6 – 9 am; then at 12, 4, 5 pm.*

*EZ Rock 105.3 fm (Sudbury) has a web site, which should list fire hazard conditions.*  
[www.790cigm.com](http://www.790cigm.com)

## Bell Telephone Update

I spoke with Wendy at Bell telephone on Friday. Our installation is now in the engineering department and should be released soon. There were 15 people who have submitted applications. Bell is contacting them to get the location of their properties. Once the order is released for scheduling they will contact each property owner to schedule

an exact date. They committed to getting the phones installed sometime this year. If someone still wants to order a phone installation they can. They need to call Wendy at Bell 1 (866) 713-7496 and request an application. Its still \$1000 to get a phone. \$200 deposit \$800 due after install. The \$800 can be billed to your account or payed in full. If you choose to have it billed to your account they will divide it by 11. \$72.72 per month will be added to the base cost of monthly service. Please inform the Key Harbor Association that phones will be installed. Don Milkovich

**2002 Annual Meeting Reminder:**  
**Sunday** August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Key Harbour Lodge, 10:00am

**2006 Picnic**  
**Sunday** August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Edwins Island 4-7pm, same format as last year, more details available at AGM. More details are in the newsletter. (Volunteer organizers needed!)

## Nominations.....

If you're interested in joining the board of directors contact Dana Porter email: [Dporter@stikeman.com](mailto:Dporter@stikeman.com)

Or come to the AGM and make your presence known. I know we need a treasurer. The board of directors meets 3 times a year. Currently there are 16 directors in total and there are spots for 20 directors. Come to the AGM on Sunday August 6 at 10:00am and get involved.