

**TOWNSHIP OF McKellar News..**

**LIBRARY** - Summers are for Reading



Cottagers as well as year round residents are welcome to use the McKellar Public Library. Available are books, videotapes, books on tape, and computers. There is nothing like a good book and a hammock.. As they say .. **Time well spent**

Library staff is most willing to bring in requested books from other libraries in the system.

The Library hours are:

Monday 12:00pm-5:00pm  
 Tuesday 12:00pm-5pm and 7:pm-9pm  
 Thursday 12:00pm-5:pm  
 Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm

**SWIM Program—**

**Call 389-2842 to get information**

**Landfill Site Hours:**

<b>May 1– Sept 30</b>	<b>October 1—April 30</b>
Sat – 10:00 - 4:00	10:00 - 4:00
Sun -- 12:00 - 8:00	10:00 - 4:00
Wed --12:00 - 8:00	10:00 - 4:00

**INTERNET – ACCESS** McKellar Township information is now available on the internet. Check out [www.mckellar-works.com](http://www.mckellar-works.com).

If you need to discuss any issues why not call McKellar Councilman Jury Naklowych @ 389-1307

Why not keep track of the decisions that are made affecting our tax dollars. Some of the issues to be discussed in the future are the additional tax assessments because of the “new Parry Sound hospital and the Senior citizens retirement home.

McKellar Country is sent to members of the McKellar Lakes Home & Cottage Association for their enjoyment.

This publication is not intended to provide legal or other professional advice. Readers should seek specific advice on all matters relating to their individual concerns.

While we would love to send copies to everyone, future issues may be sent only to the paid up members, due to cost restraints .

We would encourage you to complete the 2001 application for membership and mail it with your cheque today. Please consider joining by support your association. If you have not sent in your membership, come to the meeting August 25 the, 10:00 AM at the Council Chambers **PAY & PARTICIPATE....**

Chuck Kloetstra - editor

**WATER SAFETY**

Safety on our lakes is an important factor we attempt to teach and practice. It is difficult at time to explain all the special considerations on our lakes. Maybe it is appropriate for us to make note of some of these concerns.

**Slow Areas:** The lakes have “narrows” - areas where there is less than 100 feet across. In these areas, the “Act” states that the maximum speed is not to exceed 10 mph. On McKellar lake these areas are the “cut” at the big island and the Martha Road point, the small rock island area, and even the areas between the big island and the shoreline... The wake is devastating the shoreline.

The best place to water-ski, biscuit and enjoy the “speed” is in the main lake areas.



**Shoreline:** Both lakes have numerous weed beds, where the young fish are attempting to grow up to challenge the fisherman. Most of the residents have “white bottles” markers noting the water inlets for their pump systems. The water quality diminishes greatly with heavy high speed use of the boats.



**Be Considerate:** I enjoy a good boat outing as much as anyone. The happy screams of kids skimming over the water is enjoyable to see and hear.

**Practice Safety:** We have been advised by the OPP that you need to have all the equipment on not in the boat. A few PWC enthusiasts were not wearing PFDs, no spotters when towing tubes.. Safety needs to be 1st Priority for all of us. We are expecting OPP presence on the lakes, so be aware, be wise, be safe.... Wear the equipment, make sure you vessel has all the equipment on board. Don't be an embarrassment to the family... **Be a GOOD EXAMPLE..**

# McKellar Country

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## 2001 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

**Water Quality a Priority**

At the last meeting of the membership July 7th, three important water quality issues were decided to be a priority to ensure that our lakes remain as pure as possible.

**Lake Partners Program—** In conjunction with the Provincial Initiatives we will continue to provide sample water data to the Ministry of the Environment. This program reports the algae and the clarity of the water. Last years data indicated that our lakes were in the median range for the lake systems. Continuing monitoring will help determine the potential to restock our lake with fingerlings.



**Personal Water Testing.** Through the Ministry of Health, each of us are encouraged to test our drinking water and report the findings to determine if any e-Coli is present in our lakes. Earlier tests by members indicate that some contamination was present and action was taken.

- Each of us is requested to test our tap drinking water, take the samples to the Muskoka-Parry Sound Health Unit on Joseph St. in Parry Sound 705-645-4471.
- You will get your result by mail or by phone. The Sampling costs \$ 2.00 - paltry amount to ensure that we have pure quality water to drink.
- Report your results to Gord Kerr at [gkerr@attglobal.net](mailto:gkerr@attglobal.net). The results will be posted on the new association website.

**Special Association Water Testing.** Special water tests are being conducted by the executive to detect any possible “hot spots” for us to be aware of and to take action. These tests are closely related to the cottage septic testing that will be done by the Township of McKellar. These tests are being done by a private testing company.

There will be a reports on the water quality issues at the next meeting August 25th.

**Make sure you attend.**

**New Executive**

At the June 7th meeting the following people were elected to represent us and lead us for the coming year.

President	Doreen Levine
Vice-President	Gord Kerr
Secretary	Ruth Marie Braun
Treasurer	Jamie & Jill Groat
Auditor	Jeanette Clements
Editor	Chuck Kloetstra

Special Thanks to Maxine Begy for her enthusiastic work as our treasurer. We still look forward to her smile and participation at our meetings. Thanks for the help in getting the newsletter out.

**SEPTIC HOTLINE 705-746-7566**

To call to report a septic problem ( leaks, discharge,) call Carolyn Rheault of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.. Confidentiality is assured.

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

The McKellar Home & Cottage Association exists to promote the common interests of residents sharing McKellar and Grey Owl Lakes . We desire

- **To be diligent in caring for the health of our lakes;**
- **To instill in our families and friends an appreciation for the natural flora and fauna surrounding us in our cottage environment;**
- **To play safely on our land and water.**

## sightings

**Life is so interesting in McKellar Country...The latest reportings of wildlife include:**

**MAMMALS**— 2 Bear cubs along with their mother have been seen in the area of McKellar Lake Rd as well as evidence along Martha Dr. , Frontenac Rd and even off Sharon Park Dr.

Make sure when you go out for walks that you take precautions. Bears are fast, unpredictable as well as curious, so don't get close, don't let dogs or kids explore by themselves.

**FOWL**- A "Chukar" red footed type of partridge , originating in Asia, found its way to our lake.

**FISH** -McKellar lake seems to be coming alive again. The restocking program in its 2nd year appears to be working. We have noticed a lot of 4-6 " in the lake. We need to keep up the re-stocking program. Our kids will appreciate our efforts.

Let's all of us do our part to make our lake area alive with a fishing and release program.

We are fortunate to live on such beautiful lakes as McKellar & Little McKellar ( Grey Owl Lake). I continue to marvel at the beauty I see every time I'm privileged to spend time here. I know as well, that much of what I am able to enjoy is result of the hard work on my behalf by those who serve us are elected and provide valuable hours representing the needs we have as a full time or part-time residents.

I enjoy the quality of the water, the clear lakes, the easy access to my property as well as the special events planned to make summer or winter home. Some of you even enjoy the newsletter. Its time for you to take action join the McKellar Lakes Home & Cottage Association now.

## The View from my Dock

The chair is wet, so are the leaves and everything around me. I can hear the dripping all around me. The air is fresh, cool and clean. I enjoyed the heat but this is a wonderful change. We really needed the rain.

Everything in nature is always in perspective in harmony or balance. The cycles come and go, the water rises and has all time lows. One cycle in the wildlife population increases followed by extreme lows in those numbers.

Cottage life is the same you know. We have pleasant memories of what the cottage use to be. Boats without motors, with small motors and then larger ones. Finally, people want to reduce the horsepower, followed by no motors.

The water problems follows the same cycle. Years ago, we were concerned about the water quality, then we forgot about it for awhile. Now, with the Walkerton water quality in jeopardy many of us have gotten concerned about it again. Lets hope we don't forget about it this time and be concerned about not only the water quality we drink, but also the septic effluents we expel with our cottage living. Life is all about balance. Humans are the only species that has a choice about balancing the need for solitude, fun with family and friends, ensuring that we practice safety on our lakes and are considerate of others and our environment.

I know how much I appreciate the opportunity to retreat from the busyness of my other life, enjoy the interaction of friends and family at the cottage. I bask in the warmth of the sun, the coolness of the starry stream of the "Milky Way" overhead at night. The flames licking up from the fire-pit and the quiet awe of the kids( all ages) is a delightful experience. I enjoy the laughter of kids "at play" in the water, the sparkle of the water, the silhouette of the trees against the water and the sky.



The sights and sounds of the lake are experiences that I don't want to take for granted. Likewise, seek me out if I don't practice good stewardship to ensure that I pass on a "love of life" at the cottage balanced with a commitment that my kids and now a grandchild gets to enjoy it too.

**That's the view my Dock**

### ASSOCIATION Joins the Internet

Gord Kerr has managed to get support to set up our own Internet site. So why not make it one of your favorites. Click on [www.mckellarlakes.net](http://www.mckellarlakes.net) ( ready by Aug 1, 2001)

## Communications with Members - A Priority..

Over the past few years, the newsletter—"McKellar Country" has been the primary means the executive has communicated with members. In order to provide members with faster information, we are in the process of setting up a web site and an e-mail communication system.

Gord Kerr has secured assistance to get the site up by the end of July. It will provide news, links, lists of members and e-mail addresses.

We will have connections to McKellar Township news, weather, special projects and water report information to keep us in the know.

### What we need:

- Get involved, become a member, send in your \$ 25.00 annual membership fee. An invoice is in the mail to you ( if you haven't already paid).



- Send your e-mail address to Gord Kerr at [gkerr@attglobal.net](mailto:gkerr@attglobal.net). It will help us communicate issues and news to you and to get your feedback on these issues.
- Send in your cottage pictures, maybe we can use them on line.
- Have any interesting articles or information e-mail me at [ckloetstra@home.com](mailto:ckloetstra@home.com)
- Attend the meetings, help us make the association a viable representation of a safe, healthy lake retreat

**SEPTIC SURVEYS AND TESTING.** In accordance with MNR mandate the Township will begin surveying and testing all properties for septic discharge.

It is presumed that over the next 3 year all cottages will have their "day". It is anticipated that the oldest cottages will be checked our first...

So why not makes sure your septic is working properly ( if you have one) and be in compliance rather than having your cottage closed if you don't pass.. A couple of cottages failed recently and suffered closure..

**BE WARNED..**

If you have ideas or articles for the McKellar Country News please fax them to 1-800-561-3003 or e-mail [ckloetstra@home.com](mailto:ckloetstra@home.com)

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

### Cyber ANN SLANDERS

Last year I upgraded Girlfriend 1.0 to Wife 1.0 and noticed that the new program began unexpected child processing that took up a lot of space and valuable resources. No mention of this phenomenon was included in the product brochure. In addition, Wife 1.0 installs itself into all other programs and launches during system initialization where it monitors all other system activity.

Applications such as Pokernight 10.3 and Beerbash 2.5 no longer run, Crashing the system whenever selected. I cannot seem to purge Wife 1.0 from my system. I am thinking about going back to Girlfriend 1.0 but un-install does not work on this program.

Can you help me?

*Jonathan Powell*

### Dear Jonathan Powell

This is a very common problem men complain about but is mostly due to a primary misconception. Many people upgrade from Girlfriend 1.0 to Wife 1.0 with the idea that Wife 1.0 is merely a "UTILITIES & ENTERTAINMENT" program.

Wife 1.0 is an OPERATING SYSTEM and designed by its creator to run everything. WARNING, DO NOT TRY TO: un-install, delete, or purge the program from the system once installed. Trying to un-install Wife 1.0 can be disastrous. Doing so may destroy your hard and/or floppy drive. Trying to un-install or remove Wife 1.0 will destroy valuable system resources. You cannot go back to Girlfriend 1.0 because Wife 1.0 is not designed to do this. Some have tried to install Girlfriend 2.0 or Wife 2.0 but end up with more problems than the original system.

Look in your manual under Warnings-Alimony/Child Support. Others have tried to run Girlfriend 1.0 in the background while Wife 1.0 is running. Eventually Wife 1.0 detects Girlfriend 1.0 and a system conflict occurs. This can lead to a non-recoverable system crash. Some users have tried to download similar products such as Fling and 1NiteStand. Often their systems have become infected with a virus. I recommend you keep Wife 1.0 and just deal with the situation.

Having Wife 1.0 installed myself, I might also suggest you read the entire section regarding General Protection Faults (GPFs). You must assume all responsibility for faults and problems that might occur. The best course of action will be to push apologize button as soon as lock-up occurs.

System will run smooth as long as you take the blame for all GPFs. Wife 1.0 is a great program but is very high maintenance.

Suggestions for improved operation of Wife 1.0:

- Monthly use utilities such as TLC and FTD
- Frequently use Communicator 5.0

Happy virtual marriage

*Anne Slanders*