

LONI BEACH PROGRESS

Spring 2005

It has been said that the way of Progress is neither swift nor easy ... and certainly that can be said of this Newsletter! Although not a lot took place last year, we do have a lot to report ... silence does not necessarily equal inactivity ...

TO BEGIN

Your Membership Application for 2005 – 2006 is enclosed and the fee remains at \$10.00 per person. Members need NOT be property owners, so we encourage you to encourage others to join. This year, members will also receive a canvas tote/beach bag, available for pick-up at the Annual Meeting (TBA).

Your Executive Board members remain the same: me (Salín), Joan Guttormsson, Don Cobb, Anne Loewen, Robbie Waldman, Jeff Kerr, Larry Weber and Ted Wyman. We will be looking for new Executive members to be voted in next summer...

This summer, we plan to resurrect the Trash or Treasure Days, in conjunction with a "Pizza Prowl". With the assistance of Loni Beacher Blake Beardsley and Expressway Pizza, the mobile truck will set up at the Tennis Courts for a few hours, to provide our residents with some sustenance and a chance to say "Hi". In return, Expressway Pizza has agreed to "kick-back" a percentage of its sales to the LBRA.



UPDATES

GOOD THINGS

- We are still "investigating" the history of Loni ... Enquiries have been made of the New Iceland Heritage Museum and your Robbie Waldman may know of a contact in the research field. Again, hang onto your old photos and memorabilia. We are also thinking of creating a calendar for next season.

- Dorothy Goldberg's Awards were presented last summer and thanks again to Dorothy and to judges Hans Wuthrich and John Malek. The winners were:
 - ☆ Most Improved Yard: Bob & Marjorie Moroz – 10-6th
 - ☆ Runner-Up: Chris & Glen Brooks – 5 Vaughn ~~sp~~ ?
 - ☆ Best Garbage Receptacle: Maria & Giuliana Taiarol – 13 Chudd
- We remain members of the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium and are proud to announce that we were the very first "Cottage Association" to join this worthwhile cause. The LBRA has made a financial contribution to support the work of a graduate student this year and we hope to continue to contribute in the future.
- We have once again joined MACO (Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners), through which we can obtain liability insurance, if necessary and be added onto our own website...any creative types out there willing to take this project on?



- Cornerstone Enterprises has announced that the Depot Site has been removed and, as of May 1, 2005, curbside pick-up will be every Monday (except holidays) in Loni Beach.

NOT SO GOOD THINGS

- ◆ Task Force – The Task Force fizzled ... what more can we say?
- ◆ Speed Limit – This issue is STILL outstanding, however, I have been in regular contact with the Highway Traffic Board (read pestering). The most recent information, received in early April 2005, was that the HTA representative had planned to check into old by-laws with the Reeve/Mayor and that she will "make every effort to try and get this done when time permits". I have not given up ...
- ◆ Beach Use – I did give up on dealing with Council on the "beach and lakefront land ownership/use" issue and started to communicate directly with the Director of Crown Lands. The last here ??? As of early May, the Director was awaiting a report from another Director, the Director of Surveys, following which the first Director would be in touch ... nothing yet.
- ◆ Residents might also be interested in knowing that Loni Beacher Leanne Squair attended a Council Meeting last August, to present her views on the RM's responsibility regarding the groynes and beach access. Council was to have

reported back to her, but ... Check out Roger Newman's August 15 and 22, 2004 articles online in The Spectator Archives.

MORE FROM THE RM IT HAS:

- Forwarded our enquiries as to the placement of buoys to its Department of Public Works.
- Finally passed the Biffie By-Law (03-0020) on December 15, 2003
- Not yet amended the Neat and Tidy By-Law
- Considered enacting a "Woodsmoke" By-Law
- Revised its "Burning Permits" requirement – as of October 20, 2004, no permit is required for campfires contained within a firepit or burn barrel, so long as only clean, seasoned firewood is burned.



- Received a recommendation from its Fire Chief, based upon a request from the Pelican Beach Association, that limited access be created from/to Loni. Apparently, IF such access is to be created, it would be blocked to regular traffic, controlled by a gate or series of wooden posts.
- Advised it is unlikely any By-Law would be brought forward to address PWC (Personal Watercraft) noise issues, as there have been no complaints or expressions of concern.

MORE FROM THE LBRA WE HAVE:

- determined Senator's Spivak's Personal Watercraft Bill is floundering ... It has been unable to move past a second reading in Senate and Bombardier Recreational Vehicles Inc., through its registered lobbyist, is pressing hard against its passage.
- noted the passing of these Loni Beachers – our sincere condolences ...

Ron Eyolfson – December 26, 2003
Sid Trepel – July 31, 2004
Jean Sigurdson – March 19, 2005

Ben Demchuk - May 15, 2005

- been fielding requests for rental properties – if you want to rent your place or know of someone who does, please call me at 475-3177 or drop me a line at dotsalin@hotmail.com.
- updated our Residents' Directory, but determined, due to the rather recent Privacy legislation, that we are unable to distribute copies to our members, outside of the Executive.

→ enclosed, just in case you were really lacking in reading material, the following:

- a Story on Mermaid's Tears (aka beach glass)
- a Notice from the Insect Control Branch on mosquito reduction
- a Publication from Transport Canada on PWC Boating
- an Excerpt from "Evil Incantations" on stones with holes (aka lucky stones); and
- a Runic alphabet and puzzle.

Hope you enjoy!

Salín



The Story of the Mermaid's Tears

When graceful, tall-masted sailing ships ruled the oceans of the world, sailors exchanged stories in port, whispering of beautiful and exotic sea creatures. Word spread of these graceful maidens who swam with ships and held the power of the waves and the luck of the sailors in their hands. The maidens could change the mighty course of nature, but were forbidden to do so by Neptune, the stern, watchful god of the sea.

One dark, storm-ravaged night, with sails ripping and masts cracking, a schooner fought to find safety in Friendly Cove off Nootka Island in the San Juans. The ship was familiar to the mermaid who swam along its side . . . she had weathered many crossings with the ship and its captain. As the ship heeled in the violent wind, the captain lost his hold on the wheel, tumbling perilously close to the raging sea. In an instant, the mermaid calmed the wind and tamed the waves, changing the course of nature and saving the life of a man she had grown to love from afar.

For her impetuous act, Neptune banished the sobbing mermaid to the oceans depths, condemning her for eternity never to surface or swim with the ships again. To this day, her gleaming tears wash up on the beaches of Puget Sound* as beach glass . . . crystalline treasures in magic sea colors, an eternal reminder of true love.

* AND LONI BEACH

Fight the Bite!

- Store inside or turn over containers that hold water
- Ensure eaves troughs and flat roofs are clean and drain properly
- Scrub bird baths clean and change water weekly
- Install a circulating pump or add fish to ornamental ponds
- Fill in low-lying areas where water accumulates

For more information please call 986-3210
winnipeg.ca/bugline



Do You Have What It Takes To Have Fun Boating?



Enjoying Our Waterways Responsibly

Safe and enjoyable boating means having the right knowledge and the right gear before you head out, and acting responsibly once you're out there. The new rules in boating safety are the result of the Coast Guard listening to boaters from across the country. New rules for personal watercraft (PWC) are supported by PWC manufacturers.

Learn what these improved rules mean for you.

Yes, it's a boat! Regardless of the type of PWC you own or operate, you are legally in command of a power boat.

When Must You Have Proof of Competency?

All operators of PWC must have proof of competency since September 15, 2002. Also, all operators born after April 1, 1983 must have proof of competency on board.

Competency Of Operators

Being a safe boater means having a basic level of boating knowledge. That's why the *Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations* require operators to have proof of competency and to carry it on board at all times while operating a power-driven boat for recreational use.

Proof of competency can take 1 of 3 forms:

1. A pleasure craft operator card
2. Proof of having taken a boating safety course prior to April 1, 1999
3. A completed rental boat safety checklist

The best way to get proof competency is to take an accredited course and successfully completing the test. **Experienced** boaters also have the option of taking this test without first completing the course.

Educating yourself on the craft and its limits and knowing nautical rules of the road and safe driving techniques will increase your chance of staying safe on the water. As you gain more knowledge and operating experience, you will enjoy the ride even more. Take a Coast Guard accredited boating safety course now and be proactive in getting your proof of competency!

As of April 1, 1999, all PWC operators in Canada must be 16 years old and older.

Required Items & Mandatory Safety Equipment

Whenever you go boating, make sure you take the following safety equipment on board.

That way, you'll have peace of mind knowing you're ready if something goes wrong. Also note that manufacturers and Coast Guard recommend daylight PWC operation only.

- Pleasure craft licence (Make sure your PWC is properly licensed and marked and don't forget to carry a (paper) copy of your licence on board!)
- Canadian-approved personal flotation device (PFD) or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board (Choose a bright one for better visibility, high-impact PFDs are recommended while using PWCs.)
- Buoyant heaving line (15 m)
- Watertight flashlight or 3 Canadian-approved flares of type A, B or C
- Sound-signalling device
- Manual propelling device or anchor with not less than 15 m of cable, rope or chain*
- Bailer or manual pump*
- Fire extinguisher (Class B BC)*

*If all people on board are wearing a PFD of appropriate size, then the last three items aren't mandatory.

Inflatable PFDs are not approved for personal watercraft activities.

Water-skiing Or Towing

In addition to the existing requirement for a spotter on board, the following new rules will apply:

- Seating must be provided on the PWC for each person being towed.
- Towing activities such as water-skiing are prohibited from one hour after sunset to sun rise.
- A PFD is required on board for each person being towed if they aren't already wearing it.

Careless Operation

An operator who is doing any of the following could be charged:

- Operating a craft in such a way that could affect the safety of people or property considering weather, boat traffic, hazards, etc.
- Operating in a careless manner, without consideration for other people.

Note: Unposted limit is 10 km/h within 30 m from shore in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and British Columbia.

Follow these rules to ensure safe fuelling:

- Stop engine and unload passengers.
- Do not smoke.
- Avoid over-filling and wipe up spilled fuel.
- Make sure to ventilate engine compartment by lifting the seat before you start the engine.

Enforcement Of The Law

Under the new *Contraventions Act*, enforcement agencies in many provinces can now ticket offenders on the spot instead of requiring them to appear in court. Tickets can be issued for offences such as not having required safety equipment or violating speed limits. The following provinces are using this system: New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Manitoba. Negotiations are ongoing with the remaining provinces and territories for implementation of the Act.

Ride Responsibly

To ensure that personal watercraft are always welcome, it's up to you to be a good boating partner with others who share in the fun of water sports. Respect others on or near the water and show courtesy when you are boating by following these guidelines:

- Allow enough space between you and other people so you have time to react safely.
- Avoid cutting closely in front of any vessel or concentrating your operation around any one vessel.
- Avoid attempting any quick turns if there are other boats, swimmers or obstructions nearby. Look to both sides and behind you before you turn.
- Respect your neighbours' peace and quiet by moving around the lake rather than operating in just one small area.
- When pulling away from docks, launching ramps or swimming areas, give everyone a wide berth and travel slowly.
- Maintain a constant look-out for other boaters, swimmers, buoys, and hazards such as rocks and shoals.
- Avoid crossing wakes or high waves. It is very easy to capsize or fall off a PWC when jumping wakes and/or waves.

Remember that we all share the responsibility to preserve ecologically sensitive areas.



Renting a PWC

Each time you rent a personal watercraft, you'll be required to complete a rental boat safety checklist unless you have other proof of competency. This is to ensure that the operator is familiar with the operation of the boat, local hazards and conditions, and knows the principal boating safety rules. The operator must carry the cosigned section of the rental boat safety checklist on board as proof of competency.

Lending Your PWC

Keep in mind that your personal watercraft is a power boat and not a toy. So before you turn it over to another operator, you must be sure that he understands Canadian boating rules and safety precautions as well as how to handle a PWC. It is important to ensure that the operator has proof of competency.

Making Boating Safer Together

To improve safe operation of PWC, the Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety, PWC manufacturers and the Canadian Jet Sports Association are working together on several joint initiatives.

To find out more about the regulations, get your free copy of the "Safe Boating Guide" by calling our toll-free number: 1-800-267-6687.
Be responsible, be safe, have fun!



"Look through a holy stone
And see the fairies pass.
O a violet blue Is a fairy shoe!
Blue violets in the grass."

The reader is probably aware that if he be at the bottom of a deep uncovered well he can see the stars at noonday. Or that if he look through a long tube he can distinguish objects more clearly--for it is not generally known that all the properties of a telescope are not entirely in the glasses. Nay, even a small roll of cardboard like a funnel helps us to see pictures in a gallery. And if we only look through our hand in a cylinder, or shade our eyes, or draw the lids together, we, by keeping off the "side-lights," improve our vision. The reader who wishes to preserve his sight unimpaired should never read by night facing a light. Then he will have a double strain on the eyes, one from the light, and one from the type. Let him read with his back to all light.

It was the discovery of this principle that led to an old belief that by looking through certain consecrated rings, or stones with holes in them, or a wreath of verbenæ, one could improve the sight, or see things invisible at ordinary times. How far the imagination aided in this with people who habitually "see visions and dream dreams" I cannot say. But the ceremony by which it is effected in Tuscany is as follows:--

"To see spirits, take a stone from the sea, one which has a hole in it, *un buco tondo*--a round hole--then go to a burying-ground, and, standing at a little distance from it, close one eye, and, looking at the cemetery with the other, through the stone, repeat:

"In nome di San Pietro,
E di San Biagio!
Fate che da questa pietra
Io possa vedere che forma
Fanno gli spiriti.

Then repeat a *de profundis* thus:--

"De profundis clamabo,
In te Domine, Domine.
Et Domine, et fiantis.
Eugene et regina materna.
Edogno Domine!"

English:--

"In the name of great Saint Peter
And for Saint Blasius' sake,
By this stone I fain would see,
What form the spirits take!"

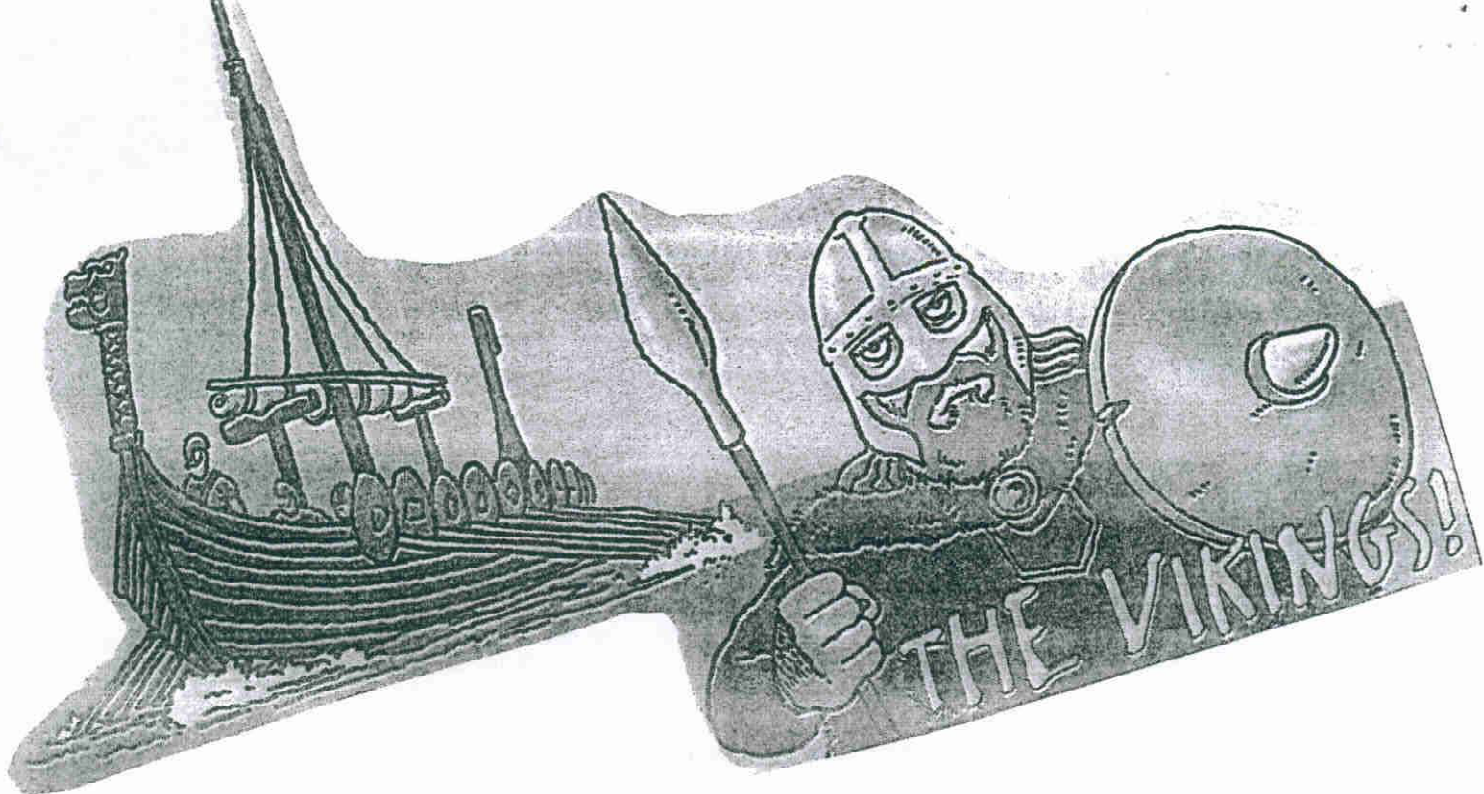
"Then you may see by means of that stone the spirits which have no peace, all in flame, *chaminare in persona chome quando, erano vivi*--wandering in such forms as they were when alive--some like priests in white or black garments, some in black, some as friars or an old woman with a torch in her hand. And of these are many who, being avaricious in their life, left behind them hidden treasures, the thought of which gives them no rest.

"Then if any one who is bold and brave, will, while they are talking among themselves, speak out and say, 'If in the name of God you would be at rest (salvo) tell me where your treasure is, and what I must do to obtain it, so shall ye be saved!'

"Then if he be poor and would be rich, it is enough that he have no fear to do this thing, and this is an easy way to become wealthy."

Truly, "easy, enough if it be true"--and I would remark by the way that the old woman with the torch in her hand is a classical character. But there is much strange lore as regards stones with holes in them which is worth studying. It begins apparently in India. There are found by the river Gundak in Nepaul, stones called *Salagrama*, which are regarded as very sacred. Once when Vishnu the Preserver was followed by Shiva the Destroyer he implored the aid of Maia (Illusion or Glamour) who turned him to a stone. Through this stone, Shiva, in the form of a worm, bored his way. But Vishnu escaped, and when he had resumed his form he commanded that this stone of delusion (*sala-maya*) should be worshipped. As they are found by Salipura or Salagra, they receive their name from the latter. They are generally about the size of an orange, and are really a kind of ammonite.

In the later Edda we read that Odin once, in order to steal the mead of poetry, turned himself into a worm and went his way through a hole in a rock. Hence all stones with holes in them were called Odin-stones, or, in England, holy-stones. There are many superstitions attached to them, as is well known to every one who is at all familiar with British folk-lore, but what is most important is the fact that as an amulet against witchcraft or nightmare, and in being lucky-stones, they correspond exactly to the *Salagrama* stones of India. I know of a family in Yorkshire which has a stone in the shape of a harp with a hole in it, which always hangs behind the front door of their house. What is to be specially noted in the Hindu myth is a principle which appears very strongly in the Norse and Algonkin mythologies. This is that of Maia, or Glamour, or Illusion. Thor is fooled by it when he goes to Jötunheim; it plays all the time like summer-lightning through the midnight mysteries of Norse tradition; even Oddo the monk in his life of King Olof declares that all the incredible marvels narrated in the old legends were due to it. It is quite as clearly enounced and illustrated in the Algonkin sagas which were in all probability directly derived from the Norsemen.



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The Vikings used symbols called runes, not just to write, but also to tell fortunes and create charms. The runic alphabet is called "futhark" after the first six sounds - f, u, th, a, r, k - just as our alphabet takes its name from "alpha" and "beta," the first two letters of the Greek alphabet. Decipher this runic message to find three things that Vikings are known to have eaten on a regular basis:

PFFRNS PNFFM
LXFFR BMFR



Contrary to popular myth, Viking warriors didn't wear horns on their helmets - they would have broken off too easily!