

2003

100 years ago it was recorded that Ed Kenning made his first trip to Lake Wah Wash Kesh (*it was called Deer Lake at the time*). This gave the current day Members of Morton's Point Camp a 100th Anniversary to celebrate.



Bud Lutman July 2002.

Bud Lutman had finished his term as Treasurer in October 2002 but stayed on to assist Vic Kinsella in his taking over of the position and was assigned as co-signer for cheques. Bud took care of the December 2002 year end statement and income tax return. The ING account was transferred to Vic Kinsella and Bud Lutman took over as co-signer from Fred Isaacs. Bud Lutman was appointed assistant to the treasurer for 2003. Bud also took care of the refiling of the 2001 income tax as the Revenue Department lost our first one.

In March 2003, Danny Villeneuve declined his membership for 2003 due to his holiday schedule. He did attend part of a Camp in 2003 as a guest. Ed Urbaniak had sent in a letter of resignation but later withdrew it and continued as a Member.

Our Insurance Broker was changed to Frank Galvin Insurance in Hamilton and was handled by the Secretary, Tim Inkster. Premiums for all insurance companies had increased 25% for 2003 due to the losses in investments they held in 2002. The lowest bid to copy the previous policy was \$4,701.24. In 2002 the premium was \$3,850.00. It was found that even though we were paying premiums on all our boats and motors in the past that we did not have liability insurance for any boat over 16 feet in length with a motor over 9.9 hp. Many of the items insured by the Camp had a value below the deductible portion of the policy. A decision was made to drop coverages on all boats and motors which reduced the payment \$1,775.52. Building coverages were increased to current rebuilding amounts.

Bill Gracey became a Grandfather in 2003 and congratulations was sent by the Secretary on behalf of the membership. Dennis Pettit got a third grandchild. Vic Kinsella had a kidney removed successfully on April 9th 2003. His son Tom had a stroke early in 2003 and responded to treatment. John Gillies father passed away in April 2003.



Grampa Bill
July
2002.

The brown propane fridge in the kitchen (in picture right) had acted up during the 2002 season and the repairs done were unsuccessful

for the fall Camps. A new propane fridge was purchased at the Toronto Cottage Life Show by Rob Haddow and Tim Inkster for \$4,025.00 (less \$40.25 VISA dividend credit). A 14.5 cu. ft. Crystal Cold JC 15. A \$40.25 cheque was given back to the Camp by Tim Inkster for the dividend points credited to his VISA account for the purchase of the fridge bringing the final cost of the fridge to \$3,984.75. Estimates for the fridge replacement, for the JC 15, including taxes had ranged from a high of \$5,093.35 to the final price paid. A considerable savings for 5 months of investigation. Glen Noble had found a smaller cu. ft. unit for \$4,111.25 but it did not meet our needs. Glen got the price from Sun Volts Unlimited who were the people we bought from at the Cottage Show after many e-mails. It was set to go to Camp with Rob Haddow and gang in May 2003. The CO detector kept faulting and Steve Nyitray picked up a new replacement unit at Sunvolts in Parry Sound when heading into June Camp.

The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held on April 27th, 2003 at the home of President, Dennis Pettit, in order to save the \$130.00 cost of renting a meeting room in Sarnia at the Village Inn. Every penny was being looked at for the 2003 season with the heavy maintenance & purchase expenditures from the past three years (over \$16,000.00) and \$300.00 in assessments to help cover them. The used secondary kitchen fridge bought in late 2002 for \$500.00 and the new fridge being purchased for 2003 would take another chunk out of the wallet, followed by anticipated purchases of two new 10 cubic foot fridges (\$1,600.00 each) for the bar next year and the possible need for new outboard motors for the Pussy Kat and Crest Jon boat in the near future. The amount of money spent repairing the Hyah-Hyah in 2002 was very high and the expenditure did not get her running on lake for more than 7 days. The AGM was set for October 26, 2003.

The Pussy Kat had been taken out of the water and to Dunchurch Marine for a good servicing over the winter. Steve Nyitray had the boat returned to the lake in time for the Haddow work camp in May. What a difference a good tune up made, she was next to new again and the 48 hp ran smooth as silk. In July, the spark control box went out on the Pussy Kat motor and the boat was taken to the Marina for repairs. Parts were very long in coming and the boat was off the lake for many weeks. The Crestliner and three small motors were next in at the Marina for service. Larry Ancypa picked the boat & motors up and brought them back to the lake with Pete Roth's trailer.



Rob Haddow with new propane fridge.

The Haddow 2 day Spring Work Camp got supplies to Camp, the new fridge to Camp, the new mattress & box springs to Camp, the mouse & bat crap cleaned up, the fridges moved around and set up the new one. The brown fridge was set up as a bar fridge and was tested by the next few Camps. Unfortunately the brown fridge



Fridge bought used from Andy Vurma to replace the small bar fridge.

did not work out as hoped and was replaced by a unit purchased on the lake in July 2003 from Andy Vurma for \$500.00 . Kenny Hayward was asked to pick up the fridge from the Vurma's and install it in Camp which he did in August. This unit replaced one of the 7.8 cubic foot units which was put into the boathouse waiting for a decision from the AGM as to what to do with it.

The toilet base and seals had crumbled over the years and it gave out on the first use. We blamed the guest, Jim Keast, for taking a heavy dump and destroying our pride and joy!! A new toilet was purchased in Sundridge and installed by Tim Inkster. With new bolts, seal, spare seal and a propane cylinder the bill was \$131.06 . The old toilet seat was in poor shape so a new seat stored in the bathroom was used. Unfortunately it was bright pink!!!! Not the colour for a fishing camp!!! This seat was later replaced with a basic white unit donated by the Thorup Camp along with a new Canadian flag. The 4 new Simmons mattress & box spring sets purchased through Al Glover were set up on frames and the oldest mattresses and wooden frames were disposed of. A third bed was set up on the second floor of the main lodge using the best wooden frame and a foam mattress from the bin. Now Camp had 2 beds in the Pulling Cabin, 2 beds in the Kenogan Cabin, 6 beds in the Main Sleeping Cabin, 3 beds in the main lodge, a davenport on the porch of the main lodge, 6 beds in the Boathouse and 4 beds in the Cook's Cabin. 24 beds in all with the Camp maximum set at 21. The Haddow Spring Camp started on May 16th after 2 long days of sweat & toil.

Doug Redcap did not respond to any correspondences from Tim Inkster, the Secretary, and his Membership was terminated for non payment of dues on June 1, 2003. He did submit a letter of resignation on June 13th, 2003 and his termination was reversed so he could attend Camp as a guest.

Kenny Hayward noticed water coming out of the starboard pontoon on the Pontoon II when he was getting it to the water in May and tried to repair it. It was found sinking at our dock after sitting overnight and had to be rushed to Kenny's beach where it could sink to the sand in shallow water. He had not repaired it by the time Steve Nyitray got to Camp in June and it was still sunk at his beach. Ned Riley's Camp got the boat back but the repair failed again, so back to Kenny it went. Third time lucky, the craft stayed afloat for the rest of the season.



Dennis Pettit brought the Past Presidents Plaque he donated to Camp and hung it on the fireplace between the plaques honouring Fred. B. Isaacs, Fred A. Isaacs and John W. Haddow for their 50th years in Camp. A very impressive line up!

Past Presidents Plaque donated by Dennis Pettit.



Locking gas cage. \$250.00.

Steve Nyitray Jr. built a metal gas cage as a school project at a cost of \$250.00. It was installed at the side of the boathouse in Fred Isaacs Camp by Steve Jr., his dad, Ben Clarke on a pad built by Al Glover's Camp. Ben Clarke and Steve Nyitray Jr. worked on the Hyah-Hyah in July in hopes we will all be able to enjoy the Hyah-Hyah this year.



Ben Clarke left.
Steve Nyitray Jr. right.

Base of pine tree was behind the boathouse.

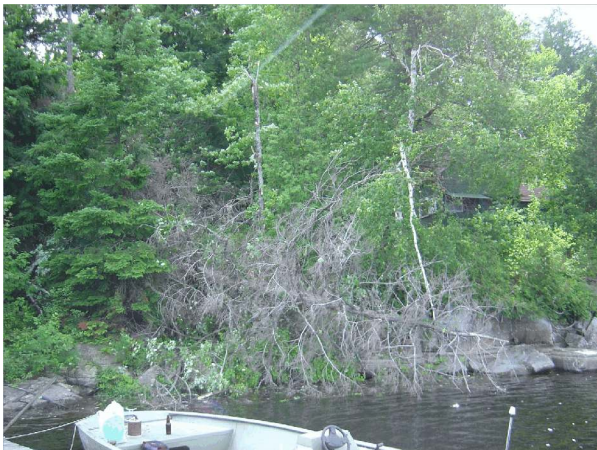


Fred Isaacs July Camp reported having an injured girl from a canoe trip brought into Camp. They took her over to Kenny Hayward's to call the leaders head office and then to Bennett's to be picked up. The injured girl was reported to have sprained her hip and to be a cute blonde from Spain. Sorry, no picture!

A very large red pine, over 50 feet tall, at the North West corner of the boathouse had died and fears of it falling on the boathouse, noted by Vic Kinsella, prompted Tim Inkster to cut it down in July. A birch tree which was also dying was in the fall path of the red pine. This birch had to be removed first to insure the pine would miss the building, gas tank and the new gas cage.

It took 10 minutes to drop the 2 trees and 4 days of off and on work to cut it up and get the wood to the wood pile behind the bathroom. Tim Inkster was assisted By Jim "Taxi" McCallum in the cutting up of the tree. Jim had brought a larger chainsaw to Camp with him to handle the

tree trunk size which was a thick as a 45 gallon drum. During the Pettit August Camp, guest Larry Turco split and stacked over 70% of the logs from the red pine. The sweat the rest of us had on from watching him work was incredible! He was a machine with an axe!!!!



Lucky guess or smart planning? The jury is still out on that one!!!!



The top of the pine tree was 15 feet out into the lake.



Kenogan Cabin siding project by Vic Kinsella and gang, May 2003.

Vic Kinsella and group completed the siding installation on the Kenogan in May. A nest of flying ants was found under the old asphalt sheeting during the demolition stage and were pesky things indeed. In later Camps it was necessary to bring in bug spray to eliminate the bugs completely. The Kinsella Camp also

gathered up a lot of garbage for the Lake Cleanup project. The load almost sank the dock..



Junk put on dock by the Kinsella Camp for pick up.

Ned Riley and group assisted the Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association with the lake clean up project in August by going around and picking up garbage from cottages on the lake and loading onto Ed Bennett's barge. Camp paid the low fee of \$25.00 to get rid of the two propane fridges, an old lawn mower and lots of broken furniture. The amount of stuff we chunked and the surcharge for dumping the fridges should have been over \$90.00 and a lot of effort on our part. Thanks was given to the Lake Association.

A motor, #4, had been left on a steel boat down river. Due to heavy rains, the boat sank and submerged the motor. Luckily Kenny Hayward was able to take the motor out and get it going without a problem.

Nathan Schonier and friends had a great week in Camp except for the poor state of cleanliness when they arrived and due to Orlyn Lewis getting ill in Camp. He had to be taken out of Camp mid week with chest pains and he flew home early. It turned out to be pulled ligaments from an earlier car accident in January.



Hyah-Hyah retired on October 26, 2003. Picture taken August 2003.

Steve Nyitray was to be the last Camp of the season, October 3rd to the 5th. His daughter and some other Girl Guides used the time to earn credits. Al Glover took advantage of the great weather supplied by our Indian Summer and spent a few days in Camp from the Wednesday after Steve left.

The 44th Annual General Meeting was held at The Village Inn, Sarnia on October 26th, 2003. Finances were improving but still fell short of the comfort zone we have had in the past. Due to this, the new motor was not purchased for the Pussy Kat. Costs for

repairs and restoration of the Hyah-Hyah had been adding up over the past few years and in 2003 it was not supposed to cost over \$100.00 to keep her going but by the end of the season \$1,300.00 had been spent on her and an additional \$1,000.00 was being sought to repair the steering system which broke in the fall. A vote was taken at the meeting and the Hyah-Hyah was retired. It will be sold to recuperate some of the money spent on keeping her going. The club approved the purchase of two (2) used, deep V hull aluminum fishing boats with a minimum length of 16 feet. Derek Stratelak was given a \$1,500.00 US budget to purchase two boats with. He, Pete Roth and Larry Ancypa will get the boats to Camp in the Spring. Insurance rates had jumped 19% at renewal time to \$3,490.56 . That makes it a 44% increase over 2 years.



Damaged logs near kitchen on bar wall. Picture taken August 2003.

Estimates were needed to repair the logs on the main lodge by the kitchen and bar area as well as the shower building to get it working. Dennis Pettit was put in charge of getting the estimates. Tim Inkster was given the task of getting information and costs to replace all the propane gas lines and include shut off valves at all appliances in the main lodge and bring the information to the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

No assessments were made against the Members but yearly dues increased \$40.00 to \$300.00 per year. Extra man days rate for Members remained the same but Guest and Relative man days rates increased \$8.00 / day in off season and Summer Camps. In the past, Members were able to submit their dues after March 31st by paying a late fee of \$50.00 per month up until June 1st. This practice was stopped by vote at the 2003 Annual General Meeting partially to remove the headaches of collecting and to increase cash flow at Camp opening time. Now Members must be paid in full by the March 31st deadline. Ned Riley and Dennis Pettit finished their 3 year term on the Board of Directors. Rob Haddow was elected to the President position and Mark Farmer to the Vice President Position.

Derek Stratelak was authorized to purchase 2 used 16' or larger deep V aluminum boats with a budget of \$1,500.00 US. The first boat he came across (in December 2003) was a 16 foot 1991 Grumman which came with a trailer at an offered price of \$1,400.00 US. The



16' 1991 Grumman. Picture taken at sellers home.

Board was approached to come up with an extra \$400.00 US to cover the cost of the trailer so Derek had enough left over in his budget to buy a second boat later. This was approved by the Board and Derek was able to get the sellers price down to \$1,275.00 US for the boat and trailer and the deal was done on December 18th, 2003. This left Derek with \$625.00 of his budget left to get the second boat. Pete Roth offered to store the Grumman at his home until Spring 2004.

Resignations (3) Keith Balfour by letter of resignation received March 9, 2003. John Fingland by letter of resignation March 29, 2003. Doug Redcap by letter of resignation June 13, 2003.

New Members voted in at the October 26, 2003 Annual General Meeting. (3) Russell Clunas, Nathan Smale and Sean Smale.

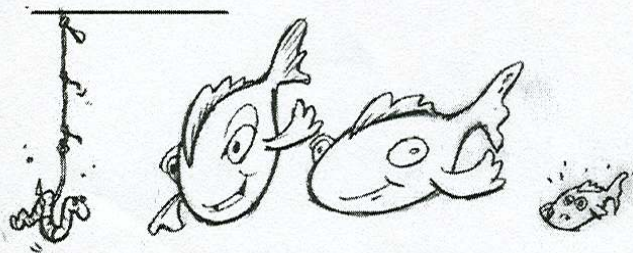


High water level in August 2003.

Sketches from Morfon Point Fishing Camp



Can I have another cup?
This one has a chip in it.



Timmy you take this one.



You must be staying in the Boat House.

Did you see it?
Where did it go? I must have hit it so well
it went over the island

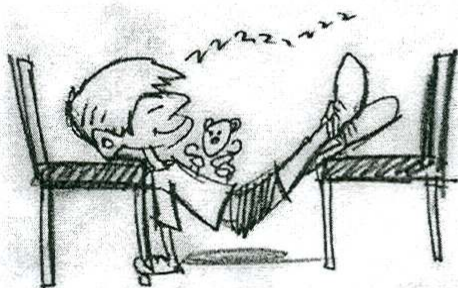


Keenan goes golfing, or is it fishing?

Sketches from Morton Point Fishing camp



Dude, he's wetter than we are.



6:25 time for Ed to go to bed





Kenny goes Rock Climbing.

Sketches from Morton Point Fishing Camp



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