

RIL LAKE SPRING 2004 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the lake!!!

If you're like what we were like when we were waiting for the May 24 weekend to start, usually by about noon on Friday, work productivity suffered greatly. The truck was packed and pointing out the laneway, ready for the get away.

The lake was pretty quiet this winter. Not as many people snowmobiling, at least not down at our end. Lots of people using the OFSC trail, not a lot of machines on the road.

Hummingbirds, ducks, herons, bitterns and the Canada Geese are all back for another season. (Along with a wolf and one bear, so far.) If you feed the hummers, please make sure that your feeder is clean, no soap residue and no mould is present on or in the feeder's main body or in the narrow outlets. If you're not sure, buy a new one. I put out a mixture of ¼ cup sugar NOT HONEY and 1 cup boiling water, stirred and then cooled.

While you're in getting your new feeder, be sure to pick up batteries for your smoke alarm and Carbon Monoxide monitor. Check your cottage for signs of mice having gotten in over the winter. Be careful when cleaning up their droppings/urine stains. Check your BBQ before firing it up for the first time, spiders like to set up residence where the gas comes out. Could cause a fire or explosion if not cleaned out. Be sure to pick up and remove any mouse bait that was left over the winter before Fido or a grandchild gets into it. If you left canned goods in the cottage over the winter, you might want to make sure that none have split open and gone bad.

Before you put your boat in the water and especially if you used it in any other lakes last year, please take the time to scrub the hull with an anti-zebra mussel solution. Don't forget to purge the boat motor's innards for the same reason. Check with our local marina for the correct product. 767 3323

Please be respectful of your fellow cottagers and appreciate the fact that perhaps their noise level and type of music and entertainment differs from yours

Don't feel like cooking one night? Try one of the local eating establishments. They welcome your business!

The Ril Lake Plan is still being discussed. Several people have volunteered to work away at it.

Have you hit our website recently? www.rillake.ca New items are always welcome but subject to editor's review.

Had a major break-in this winter on the lake. It's always rough when that happens. Make sure that you lock your place up well before you head back to the city. Don't leave enticing items lying about and don't advertise all the neat new toys you got for Christmas. I know that there are a couple of us who drive around the lake at some given

intervals to see if anything strange is going on but that is only a minor deterrent if the robbers are serious. Don't be afraid to call the OPP if you see anything out of the ordinary in your part of the lake.

The Twp has been out several times since the snow has gone to grade our roads. Quite a few of us called in and finally they sent out the grader. According to them, no serious money will be spent for a couple of more years on the road.

No new news about the severance application for the Green/Garay property. It was temporarily halted last fall when apparently possible dump sites were found on the property.

Please contact June about Association dues. Some may still have a bit of a surplus from 2 years ago.

Have a great weekend, don't let the flies and mossies put you off. Les

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