

Temagami. Thanks to the Seniors Home Support, a bus service for grocery shopping in New Liskeard was made available from Temagami on the first Monday of April, May and June. The continuation of the bus service will be re-assessed in June 2011.

Throughout the summer, a Community Market will be held every Saturday morning from July 2 to September 1 in the Temagami Train Station parking lot.

For more information on the business opportunity or more details on locations of retail businesses carrying groceries, please contact our Economic Development Officer at the Municipal Office 705-569-3421 or [EDO@temagami.ca](mailto:EDO@temagami.ca) for more details.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOVING FORWARD

The Municipality hired Matthew Fischer and Associates to prepare a new Economic Development Strategy, which Council has now adopted. Furthermore, Council extended our Economic Development Officer, John Santarossa's employment contract until the end of 2011. The original one-year contract would have ended in June 2011. The additional time will provide an opportunity for the creation of a long-term plan to implement the strategy.

Other initiatives currently being handled by the Economic Development Office are the development of a business case to potentially promote zip lining as a business opportunity in Temagami; the analysis of the feasibility of a MicroFit project for production of solar energy; ongoing promotion of regional tourism projects, such as the Lake Temiskaming Circle Tour, and other tourism and business initiatives.

### NEW BURNING BY-LAW PASSED

Enjoying an outdoor fire is part of the Temagami experience. This spring, Council passed a new Open Air Burning By-law, which balances the desire to preserve this experience with the need to ensure the safety of our community and surrounding wilderness. Under this new by-law, you do not require a permit for a campfire, provided that it is a "small" confined fire, on a non-combustible surface. "Small" means that the material being burnt at any one time not larger than 60 cm (2 feet) across at the widest point or more than 50cm (20 inches) high. If you are planning on having a fire any larger than a campfire this summer, please ensure that you do get a burning permit from the Municipal Office, and that you are fully aware of the requirements and limitations on open air burning. There are also some restrictions on campfires, such as distance from buildings and when they can be used. (See also "Questions and Answers on the New Open Air Burning Bylaw" on page 6 of this

issue.) For more details, please check our website at [www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/87](http://www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/87), or contact the municipal office at 705-569-3421.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Do you have a desire to contribute to your community and a few hours a month to spare? Are you interested in contributing your ideas and expertise in the areas of planning, economic development, or protection to persons and property? If so, please consider volunteering to sit on one of the Standing Advisory Committees of Council. All full-time and seasonal residents and property owners are eligible to sit on an advisory committee. For seasonal residents, remote participation when you are away from Temagami is also possible in many instances. Please contact the applicable Committee Chair (see Council Contact Information on our website: [www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/8](http://www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/8)) or contact the Municipal Office for more details.

### 2011 BUDGET

As of the writing of this Municipal Update, the 2011 budget has not been finalized, as we are currently waiting for the 2010 audited financial statements.

The goal continues to be that the total amount of tax dollars billed out will be less than the amount billed out in 2010. Although properties will not benefit equally from this reduction due to the disparity caused by MPAC assessments, which continue to be phased in until 2012, efforts are being made to minimize the effect of these on property owners.

### PUBLIC AGENDA PACKAGES CHANGES

While not all of our residents, particularly seasonal residents, are able to attend Council meetings on a regular basis, Council understands that many are still interested in the business addressed by Council at those meetings. Last summer the Municipality started posting agenda packages on our website to make them more accessible to all residents.

These packages contain staff reports, correspondence, bylaws, and other business that will be considered at each regular council meeting. In response to feedback from residents who expressed concerns that the packages were not posted enough in advance of the meeting, Council amended the procedural bylaw. Now the material is posted on our website by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before a Thursday Council meeting (or the Tuesday, if the Monday is a holiday).

In addition, Council decided to add to the package a list of draft proposed resolutions to be considered at the meeting. Please note that these **do not** represent decisions already

made by Council. Members of Council may or may not choose to move the proposed motions and Council may also choose to amend or defeat them during the course of the council meeting. However, Council feels that these changes will be helpful in fulfilling their commitment to you to be open and transparent in the transaction of Council business.

### COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Council is considering a change from holding regular council meetings on the second and fourth Thursday's of the month and going to a three-week cycle instead. Staff proposed the change, having noticed that in instances throughout the year when there are three weeks between the fourth Thursday of one month and the second Thursday of the next month, the additional week makes a significant difference in staff productivity and in being able to respond to Council's requests in a timely manner.

Furthermore, under the current schedule, there is only one meeting in the months of June, July and December when Council meets only on the second Thursday, in which case there could be 4 or 5 weeks between meetings. A three-week cycle would even out the time between meetings to a consistent interval throughout the year. Council accepted the recommendations in staff report 2011-31 at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (see the website for the full staff report) and will be considering at the May 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting a procedural by-law amendment to make this change. If passed, the first meeting on the new schedule would be September 1<sup>st</sup> to allow ample time to ensure notice to residents.

### WHISPERING PINES CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

In the fall of 2010, the new columbarium in the Whispering Pines Cemetery was dedicated. The Cemetery Board extends their appreciation to everyone who made the Columbarium dedication ceremony such a success. There are too many to acknowledge each individually, but each one is appreciated.

The Cemetery Board would like to acknowledge, in particular, Reverend G. Stap, Nicky Plumbstead, Claude Levellier and Jim Kitts for their time and efforts contributed to the dedication. Thank you also to the Temagami Home Support for providing a delightful luncheon. Fortunately the weather for the event was marvelous, which in turn lead to a great turn out from both lake and town residents.

The Columbarium is a beautiful and timely addition to our cemetery.

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## I N R E M E M B R A N C E

*Sandy Navaro*

Ann (Sandy) Muhlhauser Navaro, died at home in Glendale, Ohio, on Sunday, September 5, 2010. It was her 46th wedding anniversary. She was 68 years old. Her husband, A. Ralph Navaro Jr., was with her when she passed away.

As many readers know, Lake Temagami was one of her bookends, the other being Glendale, in which she lived her entire life except for a brief period of residence in New York City. She summered in Temagami from about 1949, first on Island 1125 in the Northwest Arm, where her brother Rick and his family still spend time, and later on Island 1186 in Ferguson Bay, until her illness made it impossible possible to do so.

She was the first woman president and first woman board member of the TLA. She loved being an active part of the TLA since it allowed her to work to strengthen the community and to work to maintain the environmental purity of the lake against development pressure.

To her family and many friends, Sandy embodied the qualities of grace, intelligence, and independence, qualities that were reflected in her love of Temagami. Passions of her younger years on the lake, from square dancing on Bear Island to fishing with her father Bob Muhlhauser, to the many cocktail parties famous in the Northwest Arm, gave way to an enduring fascination with the natural world and the solitude in which she could enjoy it on the lake.

Every hike with her was a slow one - not because she couldn't keep up, but because she stopped every five feet to examine and explain the characteristics of plant varieties, especially a particular species of lichopodium, the subject matter of her PhD thesis. She also loved

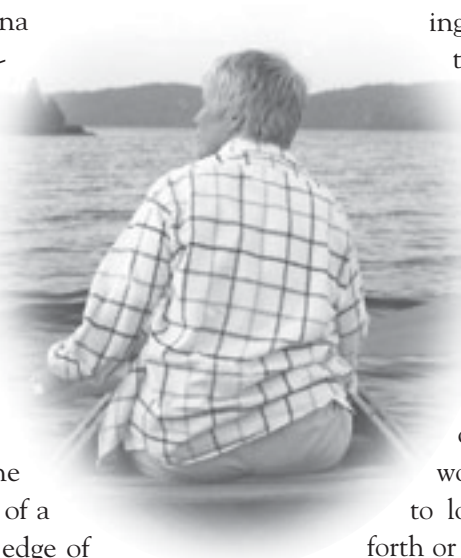
watching the fauna in Temagami, especially the birds. She recorded her observations of birds and plants in notebooks, in 1974 listing twenty-four bird species.

Ferns were also of particular interest, and she noted the location of a sensitive fern, "on edge of small lake at end of logging road in from E shore opposite island," presumably so she could visit again. Her grandchildren did not know her before her illness, but as they walk in the woods of Temagami they perk up at a birdsong, noting that Nana would know what it was — and she would be most proud that they could identify the plant lichopodium.

Needless to say, she and Ralph spent many wonderful summers together in Temagami, cruising the lake in their his-and-hers boats. And he was a primary beneficiary of her delicious traditional summer cottage culinary skills.

Her children, Ann and Trip, will always treasure her "Gift of Temagami". She leaves them with many wonderful memories. She would arise late at night and rush them, bundled into warm woolen jackets, outside to the edge of the island to view the northern lights. When moving into the new and still empty cabin on Island 1186, she chased mice around the cabin with Ann until late in the evening, putting them in a box to later set free on the mainland.

When Trip was interested in going out fishing in the evening, she would join him in a canoe for troll-



ing expeditions. With these experiences, she taught the value of seemingly doing nothing relative to today's standard of constant over stimulation and, simultaneously, understanding ourselves and the world by listening to loons call back and forth or examining the pattern of lichen on a rock. Sandy was just as active off the lake. She was an avid volunteer at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural His-

tory for many years, and served on boards of the National Audubon Society (Ohio chapter), the Mayor's Committee (Cincinnati) for Urban Greenery, The Greater Cincinnati Beautiful Committee, and the Central Ohio Valley Archeological Social Board. She loved history and served on the boards of Historic Southwest Ohio and Sharon Wood Village, and Gunston Hall, Mason's Neck, VA, the home of the author of the VA Bill of Rights. She served on the boards of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Ohio, the Cincinnati Jr. League and the Shut-In Society.

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Are Houseboats a Threat to Water Quality? *continued from page 13*

These results enter the realm of common sense – small discharges of grey water into large volumes of moving water tend to have a small overall effect. The issue here is the proximity of cottages using the lake as a source of drinking water. Public health policy in all jurisdictions has stated for decades that people should not drink untreated water from lakes or rivers.

Research on Grey Water Pollution from Houseboats – British Columbia

Shuswap Lake in British Columbia advertizes itself as the houseboat capital of Canada. There are approximately 100 houseboats for rent on a lake similar in size to Lake Temagami. However, there are also several sizable communities using Shuswap Lake as a source for drinking water, and as a discharge site for treated municipal sewage.

There has been concern for years that the houseboats were a major contribu-

tor to lake pollution and that seemed to be confirmed in a report released in the summer of 2010. There are questions raised about the survey, as it did not distinguish between houseboats fitted with grey water holding tanks and those not so fitted. In other words it seems that the study just studied water quality wherever houseboats were found.

The report, *Evaluation of Risk from Houseboat Grey Water discharges to Recreational Water Users on Shuswap Lake Beaches*, December 2009 published by the British Columbia Ministry of the Environment includes the following:

*“The bacteria host tracking results showed human waste as a consistent source of fecal bacteria around houseboats. However, wildlife was identified as another host for detected bacteria at test and reference beaches. Although wildlife were found to cause very high bacteria concentrations near a reference beach, those occasions*

*are less frequent than elevated bacteria concentrations near houseboats.*

*The significant association between houseboat numbers and the chance for fecal bacteria detection as well as the confirmation of humans as a consistent host of detected fecal indicators near houseboats provide a strong indication*

*for houseboats as fecal bacteria sources that may have significantly contributed to guideline exceedances (sic).*


Based on these research findings, the BC Ministry of the Environment published a Q&A document to inform the public. The most interesting part may be:

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Survey of Rental Houseboats on Lake Temagami			
Company	No. of Rental Houseboats	Grey Water Holding Tank?	Comment
CANUSA	4	Yes	Chlorinated drinking water provided.
Ket-chun-eny	2	Yes	Customers advised to bring own drinking water.
Leisure Island	13	No	No sink or shower. *Customers advised to dispose of grey water on shore 30 ft from water.
Tamar	4	Yes	UV treated drinking water provided.
Three Buoys	7	Yes	Customers advised to bring own drinking water.




# Tradition



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## Threat to Lake Temagami Water Quality? continued from page 21

"Is it safe to swim in proximity to houseboats and other vessels? A comprehensive water quality study was undertaken at Shuswap Lake in 2009 in the vicinity of congested houseboat usage. Upon review of the data, the Interior Health Authority qualified that the water quality in these locations does not pose a high risk of causing acute illness and as tolerable for the interim, but does anticipate future treatment and/or containment. However, from both a safety and human health perspective it would be prudent to avoid excessive contact with water in close proximity to "rafts" or groups of houseboats. The full report

of this study can be found at: <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eirs/viewDocumentDetail.do?fromStatic=true&repository=EPD&documentId=10060> ." (Source: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wat/wq/shuswap/greywaterqa.pdf> )

So again the salient factors are the numbers of houseboats and the numbers of people on them. The same can also be said for the number of canoe campers. Occupancy days determine the challenge to water quality. When 8 houseboats without grey water holding tanks spend the Labour Day weekend in Witch Bay on Lake Temagami, it

might not be a good time to go swimming there.

Given the size of our lake, the small number of houseboats without grey water holding tanks may be no more threat to overall water quality than canoe or boat campers. The advice from British Columbia would suggest taking care where there are large numbers of houseboats present in one place. If large numbers of houseboats are present near a cottage lake water intake, treatment of drinking water is essential, but public health authorities have always recommended treatment of lake water.



## Safe Towing for Waterskiing and Similar Activities

The rules governing waterskiing include other towing activities such as barefoot skiing, tubing, kneeboarding and parasailing. The Small Vessel Regulations require a spotter to be onboard, as well as the following:

- There must be a seat available for each person being towed in case recovery is necessary.
- Only personal watercraft designed to carry three or more people can be used for towing waterskiers.
- Towing activities are not allowed in the period from one hour after sunset to sunrise.
- The towing vessel cannot be remotely controlled.

(Source: Office of Boating Safety, Transport Canada. [www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-operation-towing-menu-294.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-operation-towing-menu-294.htm))

## More Pressing Issues Posed by Houseboats

There are other issues surrounding houseboats that may be more important. These include:

- **Safe operation.** Houseboats are among the largest vessels operating on the lake. While we all need to take a course and pass an examination to obtain our Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), a houseboat renter need only fill out a questionnaire to be deemed to have the equivalent of a PCOC for the duration of the rental. Every summer lake residents observe numerous cases of unsafe operation of houseboats, including the consumption of alcohol on moving houseboats. Erratic navigation of some of the largest vessels on the lake can be seen every weekend in the summer. Races and chases in marked channels are

common as well.

- **Respect for Private Property.** Every summer some houseboats use private property for mooring.
- **Noise.** This remains an ongoing concern as some houseboat renters broadcast their music at high volumes that can be heard for kilometers.
- **Fireworks.** A common occurrence at all times during the summer. The potential for forest fires is obvious.
- **Garbage and Debris.** Sites frequented by houseboats are not as clean as those they cannot easily reach. Witch Bay, Sand Point, and Sandy Inlet are some of the sites that are heavily used by houseboats.

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# Changes To Consumer Boat Licensing/Registration Effective November 1, 2010

Service Canada will no longer issue pleasure craft licences over the counter. To get a free pleasure craft licence, boaters must now mail a completed application form, along with proof of vessel ownership and a signed copy of a valid piece of government-issued identification, to the Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre. For further information and forms go to the web site of the Office of Boating Safety at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-news-menu-3215.htm>.

## What is a Pleasure Craft Licence?

A pleasure craft licence is a document containing a unique licence number for a pleasure craft. The pleasure craft licence number must be displayed on the bow of a pleasure craft. You must display the licence number above the

waterline on both sides of your pleasure craft in block characters that:

- are at least 7.5 centimetres (3 inches) high; **and**
- in a colour that contrasts with the colour of the bow.

The Small Vessel Regulations under the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, require all pleasure craft powered by an engine 10 horsepower (7.5 kW) or more to have a pleasure craft licence. **You must carry a copy of your Pleasure Craft Licence on board.**

The Pleasure Craft Licensing system allows Search and Rescue personnel to access the information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the event of an emergency. This could mean the difference between life and death!

## Obtaining a Licence

Pleasure craft licences are free.

Owners of licensed pleasure craft now have up to 90 days from the date of purchase to transfer a pleasure craft licence, during which time you may continue to operate your pleasure craft with the existing licence and a copy of the transfer documents on board. (Section 102 of the Small Vessel Regulations)

Pleasure craft licences are valid for a period of 10 years. If there are changes to your name, address, or particulars of your pleasure craft during that period, you must update your licence by applying to the Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre. (Section 106 of the Small Vessel Regulations)

(Source: Transport Canada: [http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-paperwork-paperwork\\_boat\\_licence-1898.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-paperwork-paperwork_boat_licence-1898.htm))

# Lake Temiskaming Circle Tour

In 2009, municipalities and First Nations from Ontario and Quebec got together to form the Lake Temiskaming Circle Tour initiative. The project is also promoted as 3-2-1 GO. The 321 acronym is for 3 cultures, 2 provinces, and 1 lake. The route encourages automobile touring, motorcycling, and RVing around Lake Temiskaming on highways 11, 101, and 65 as well as secondary routes. The approximate 500km "loop" tour will enhance tourism in the region through the promotion of agriculture, local cuisine, culture, special events, and attractions.

On April 15 2011, John Santarossa, Temagami Economic Development Officer, participated in a forum in North Bay to discuss the marketing and promotion of the initiative, improving working relations between the provinces, and exchanging ideas on how to increase regional tourism.

## Tips for Saving Gas

With gas prices forecast to remain higher than last summer, here are 6 things that might help you save money on gas.

1. **Lighten the load.** Clear out all of that junk that accumulates over time.
2. **Get an engine tune-up.**
3. **Check the prop:** Props with little

dings should be taken to a repair shop now. This is also the time to ensure you are happy with your prop's performance - have a discussion with your marina or local prop shop to ensure you still have the right prop installed based on your current boating needs.

4. **Clean the bottom.**

5. **Check the trim.** Be sure that you boat is planning well. If you have a tachometer use it and a speedometer to get the best speed for lowest rpm.

6. **Slow down.** Enjoy the beautiful scenery.

(Source: [www.boatsandplaces.com/news/latest/5397-spring-commissioning-tips-for-saving-gas-from-boatus.html](http://www.boatsandplaces.com/news/latest/5397-spring-commissioning-tips-for-saving-gas-from-boatus.html) )



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## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Paul Oberman*

August 7, 1957 — March 7, 2011

Paul Oberman died tragically in a plane crash on March 7, 2011. Paul was returning from Halifax traveling to Toronto when his plane went down in a heavily forested area over the State of Maine. He is survived by his wife, Eve Lewis, and their six children, Erin, Melissa and Evan (Oberman) and Taylor, Brody and Stratten (Townley).

Paul was born in Toronto on August 7, 1957. For over 30 years he built a distinguished career in real estate development, with a particular eye and interest in heritage restoration. He leaves behind a physical legacy of extraordinary buildings and accomplishments.

Paul was an adventurer. He cycled, he hiked, he read and he flew. While he deeply cared about the city where he lived and worked, he loved, perhaps above all, the quiet solitude of the family's place in Temagami on Chimo Island. Here Paul welcomed family and friends and was the consummate host, always charming, entertaining and fun.

An award honouring Paul to benefit students studying at the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design will be established. Donations via cheque can be directed to the Daniels Faculty, Office of the Dean, 230 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R2.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Len Cunningham*

Leonard Joseph (Len) Cunningham passed away in the solace of his home in Kirkland Lake, April 5, 2011. He was 91 years old.

He first visited Lake Temagami as a teenager helping the Creighton sisters from Cobalt set up their summer Girl Guide Camp. He started vacationing there on a regular basis with his wife Jo and their four young children. They enjoyed their summers there so much that the family decided to own rather than rent. As it turned out, Liz and Alison Creighton were gifted a lot on island 49 for their volunteering, and Len and Jo purchased and built next door in 1961.



his whole life. Working in the bush suited him perfectly because he was a man who needed to walk. Island 49 was not big enough for his walking and he was often found on the trails surrounding the jackladder and Sherman Mine, or the Temagami Marine Access Road. He continued to walk every day right up until 4 days before his death.

He became an avid cross-country skier in mid-life, which opened up a whole new set of experiences at Temagami. He and Jo would once or twice every winter drive down from Kirkland Lake and spend a weekend. Their grandson William spent his first Christmas at the age of 16 days at Temagami. That was the year there was no snow and they all skated rather than skied.

His last visit to Lake Temagami was in July 2010. Over 100 people attended a party held to celebrate his 90th birthday. It culminated over 75 years of Len's visits to Lake Temagami.

Left to remember him fondly are his four children: Linda (Ron Magee)(Jessie Lake), Shay, Maurie (Jon Antonides)(Island 50) and Michael (Island 27); his grandchildren Dennis Ladouceur, William Cunningham, Jasmyn Cunningham and Jon Cunningham; his sister-in-law Joy Cunningham (Island 49), the Cunningham, Brosko, Damiani and Ryan nieces and nephews, and many, many treasured Temagami friends.

Len generously supported local organizations his whole life, and the family would be honoured if you donated to the Temagami Community Foundation or the Temagami Lakes Association in his name.

The "cottage" was Jo's refuge and she and the kids would cross the lake to the island as soon as school was out, laden with boxes of books and the cat. Len was no fool, and knew that bachelor cooking was not near as fine as Jo's, and so arranged to work as much as possible from the lake. After the kids grew and left home, he and Jo continued to enjoy the serenity of Lake Temagami.

He was an engaging and intelligent man, warm, courteous, generous and possessed with a quiet sense of humour.

He was born in Cobalt and, with the exception of his stint in the army during WWII, he was a mining man



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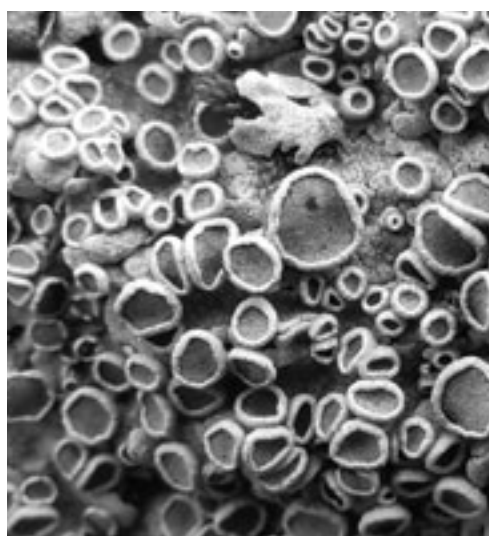
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# The Clever Botanical Odd Couple: a Natural “Marriage”

By Chip Kittredge. Island 1158

You don't have to look far around the cottage or campsite to find rock. By most people's standards, rock isn't a great place to grow things. There's no soil there for roots to penetrate and take up nutrients. No dirt to catch rain and hold moisture. Any gardener knows that to successfully grow plants, the deeper and richer soil, the better. That rule holds for most plants, but lichens are the exception.

Lichens are those little crusty, flaky plants you see on lots of Temagami rock. They can be found right on the shore, just above the high-water or ice line, adding a little muted color to the bare rock that's been there for thousands of years. You can also find lichens growing right on the bark of trees, or as a low, bushy layer on the ground that some people call reindeer “moss”. They are unique among plants, in that they don't need soil and can grow in the harshest of environments. How can they survive?



American Starburst Lichen.  
Photo by: Dawn Sherman

Though they don't have roots and grow in harsh places, lichens are considered to be plants by ecologists and botanists. They have individual species-specific Latin names like *Peltigera aphthosa* (Freckle Pelt or Spotted Dog Lichen) and *Cladina rangiferina* (Grey Reindeer Lichen).

The unique thing about lichens,

though, is that they really are not one single plant, but two. Lichens are a combination of a fungus and an alga (singular of algae). We commonly think of a fungus as a mushroom. But the mushroom we see poking up in the soil or on a dead log is really just the fruiting body ready to spread its spores to the wind. The rest of the fungal material, known as mycelia, is underground or in that rotting log. Peel back the decaying bark or pull away the loose, moist rotting wood and you can see the fungal strands.

You'll always find fungi on dead, decaying wood because that is how they acquire energy - by “feeding” off of dead, rotting material. Fungi don't have the ability to grow their own energy through photosynthesis, like most other green plants can. Trees, shrubs, and most other green plants take in carbon dioxide from the air, combine it with water taken up through roots, and through energy added by the sun, sugars are created that sustain the plants and enable them to grow.

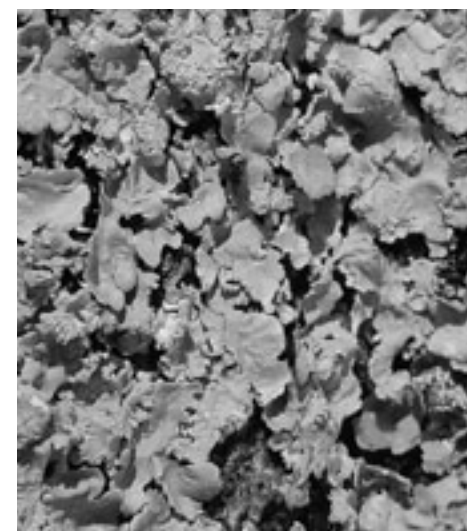
Algae are photosynthetic and can produce their own sugars, in the presence of moisture and sunlight. The fungi and algae that combine to form lichen have, over thousands of years, evolved together and struck a deal: the fungus provides the fibrous, mycelia strands that can cling to bare rock and can capture and hold moisture and, in return, the alga with no roots of its own provides the photosynthesis. One wouldn't survive without the other in what has become a clever, natural marriage.

Lichens grow in tough places, and as a result, they don't grow very fast. Odds are you won't see them spread or change much from year to year. Though life on the rocks can be challenging for lichen, they can live long. Some have been dated to be over 100 years old.

Ecologically, lichens have some important roles to play. They are often the first plant to colonize bare rock and can provide a place for windblown soil and dust to collect, thus beginning the formation of soil where other plants in

turn can take root. Farther north, caribou actually graze on reindeer lichen. Certain lichens have been identified to have medicinal benefits by being brewed as a tea to treat colds, arthritis, jaundice, constipation, convulsions, coughs, and tuberculosis, and as a poultice to relieve the ache of arthritic joints. It is known that lichen can be particularly sensitive to nitrogen and sulphur forms of air pollution, and thus can be closely monitored to provide an index of air quality.

Though crusty and seemingly insignificant, lichens in their various forms are an important part of the Temagami ecosystem. The next time you walk around on the rocky shore, remember there is something old and alive underfoot! Think twice before you carelessly scrape off a part of Temagami's natural diversity.



Common Greenshield Lichen.  
Photo by: Dawn Sherman

Resources consulted for this article include: <http://bolt.lakeheadu.ca/~borfor/lichens/lichen8.htm>  
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(Source: Office of Boating Safety, Transport Canada. [www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-operation-enforcement-menu-95.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-operation-enforcement-menu-95.htm))

## Get a Checkup, Not a Ticket

A Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check is a free voluntary service provided by the Canadian Power Squadron and Transport Canada to assist you in maintaining your vessel's safety equipment.

A trained Transport Canada volunteer will board your vessel, at your invitation only, and conduct a thorough check of all the safety equipment required to be carried on board. The Check includes making sure the equipment is present and in good working condition. As well a check of optional safety and navigational equipment will be carried out. The volunteer will also discuss general safety awareness and safe boating practices.

A Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check can take from 15 to 30 minutes. Upon successful completion of the Check, a decal will be issued, which should be displayed on the

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## I N R E M E M B R A N C E

*Ray Delarosbel*

The Delarosbel and Lowery families regret to inform the community of the death of Ray Delarosbel on April 28, 2011 at the age of 61.

Raised in North Bay, Ray first came to Lake Temagami in 1969 as an MNR summer student posted to the former Lands and Forests office on Bear Island. That summer he met his future wife, Patty Lowery, and began a lifelong relationship with the community of Temagami and the lake.

He completed a degree in Land Use Planning and a Master's in Environmental Studies. After graduation, Ray worked for the Province as a lake planner in Toronto before moving to the private sector as a planning consultant in North Bay. Patty and Ray spent summer and winter weekends at the Lowery family cottage until they acquired a vacant lot on Ogama Island in 1978. They camped out there until they got their cottage built in 1984. Ray cut his own logs, had the lumber milled and built his buildings on weekends. In 1982, he co-founded Temagami Barge Ltd. to fill a need for approved sewage systems on Lake Temagami and permit the proper development of island cottages.

Ray was an active participant in Temagami's community life serving on the local gov-



ernment study prior to amalgamation and as a long serving member of the Planning Advisory Committee after amalgamation. He served as a board member and later as president of the TLA during the complex settlement negotiations with the province and the Temagami First Nation. He led the initiative to install privies on 74 campsites on Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.

Most importantly, Ray appreciated and enjoyed the lake. He explored the backcountry by canoe and snowmobile. He hosted numerous successful fishing trips culminating in great food and conversation at the end of the day. Friends had the pleasure of listening to Ray recount the humorous stories taken from his experiences in daily life. He was an accomplished day tripper on Lake Temagami managing always to find a landform or historical site to explore. A shore lunch or supper in Sharp Rock was not uncommon – any long boat trip was just part of the fun. He also loved to get out and make maple syrup at his sugar bush on the lake.

Ray leaves behind his wife Patty, his son Dash, and his daughter Kelsey, each of whom love the Temagami area as much as their husband and father.



*Photo by: E. Gunnell*

## 2011 Flea Market Needs Silent Auction Items

The Silent Auction is a popular feature of the Annual TLA Flea Market. If you have items to donate, please contact us at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net) or simply drop items off at the TLA building in early July.

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# Temagami Community Foundation Report

By Victoria Grant

Chair, Temagami Community Foundation

We are excited about upcoming possibilities for the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) and planned events for this coming summer.

As the new Chair of the TCF, I would like to welcome our new Board members Debbie Nixon (Island 850), Tammy Cole (Bear Island) and Youth Board member Kendall White (Bear Island). I would also like to thank Cathy Dwyer for her leadership this past year.

Our 9th Annual Summer Arts Camp will be held this year from July 11th to the 15th on Bear Island. We are very proud of the Art Camp that has been made possible by the energy and enthusiasm of TLA member Bettina Schuller and her team of volunteers. It is hard to believe that the Camp is now in its ninth year. We are planning a major celebration for the tenth anniversary of the Art Camp in the summer of 2012.

There has been a lot of talk about water quality in Temagami. The Directors of the TCF agreed that it was time to get serious about this matter. We are at the top of the watershed and

if there are problems we have no one to blame but ourselves. The TLA has undertaken a considerable amount of work with limited resources, and a water-testing program is planned for this summer. More needs to be done.

Some possibilities were discussed at our meeting. Better information could be made available for cottager best practices, motorboat do's and don'ts, campsite maintenance, and backcountry practice and etiquette. Municipal regulation could be strengthened for septic systems standards and houseboat practices. We could organize a Lake clean up day to get rid of plastics, and we should really be thinking about the whole watershed, not just Lake Temagami. Can we think big on this issue? What is to stop us?

We would welcome your feedback. We have updated our website. <http://www.temagamicommunityfoundation.com>. We plan to introduce discussion features to the site soon. Have a look and tell us what you think.

We also plan to hold a fish fry again this year, on August 13th, details to be announced later. This event is growing in popularity, and we will plan for more salad this year!

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## TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Shelley Rowland

Spring is in the air and the lakes are finally open! It has been a long, cold winter and Temagami residents were happy to see spring finally arrive. Curling up with a good book was a great way to pass the cold winter months. However, reading on the deck, in the hammock, or on the beach is also a great way to spend your summer.

The library can provide you with a great selection of reading materials and at no cost – as long as you're a library member. If not, membership is free to any resident of Temagami, which includes seasonal residents, as long as you own property within the municipality. If not a seasonal card is only \$25.00.

### Summer Outreach Program – Temagami Treasures!

This is a free weekly program for children 5 years and up. The program runs 9:30-11:00 a.m., Tuesday mornings, July 5 to Aug 23. Join us for games, crafts, a story and book borrowing. Most sessions will be held at the Arena (Temagami North). August 16 and 23 will be held at the library. Stop in at the library to register or email us at [library@temagami.ca](mailto:library@temagami.ca) and we will send you a registration form.

We are looking for a youth assistant for this program and will be accepting applications for this position, which can be mailed to or dropped off at the library. Applicants must be at least 14 years old and have transportation to the program. The deadline

for applications is June 10th.

We would like to express our gratitude to St. Simon's Anglican Church for funding this program.

### Computer Classes

Temagami Public Library is offering free computer classes: Computer Basics, Internet for Beginners, Photo Fun, Internet Advanced, and Word Basics. We are also looking into having someone from Northern College Employment Options coming to do a workshop on resumes. If you are interested in any of these please call the library at 705 569-2945.

### OverDrive

This is a new database we hope to have up and running in June. Patrons will be able to download e-books at

the library or from our website. The library will also have a few new additional databases; Tumble Books, PebbleGo, and NoveList to name a few.

To access the e-books and some of the databases we had to create new barcodes for card holders. These numbers will have a prefix number that will identify our library and then a member number (which will be your original card number). Please be sure to come to the library and ask for your new number to access these services.

### Annual Book Sale

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## How to get out of Temagami

*Submitted by Friends of Temagami*

What we know as Temagami covers a vast wilderness, 15,000 square kilometres (5800 square miles), from just north of North Bay and Sudbury to just south of Timmins. But for an area that is so interconnected with waterways, there are relatively few routes into and out of Temagami.

In the east is Lake Temiskaming, providing access to the northeast (Abitibi), east (Quebec), and southeast (Mattawa, Ottawa). To the south are the Sturgeon and Wanapitei rivers, emptying into the French River and Georgian Bay. But to the north and west, the routes are few and little known. However, in the far northwest, three main routes head north to James Bay.

The first route out of Temagami is north of Matachewan. At the north end of Matachewan Lake, a portage crosses the height of land to Radisson Creek. The Radisson flows north to Night Hawk Lake, which flows into the Frederick House, Mattagami, and finally the Moose rivers.

The second route out of Temagami lies farther northwest. At Pigeon Lake on the West Montreal River, four portages lead north to the Grassy River, which flows into the Mattagami near Timmins. Robert Bell, a surveyor with the Geological Survey of Canada, writes about them in his 1875 report:

*From the northern extremity of Pigeon Lake, the route which I followed passed northward over four portages and three ponds, to the eastern extremity of Kaik-kaik-ose or Little Hawk Lake. The four portages are called the Little Hawks. The first is 897, and the last 510 paces long, while each of the two intervening ones measures about one mile and a-quarter.*

Kaik-kaik-ose is today known as Ferris Lake, which empties into the Grassy River. Craig MacDonald researched the history of this area for his landmark Historical Map of Temagami. MacDonald says, "The Little Hawks are of immense historic importance. They were the main fur trade route between Temagami and Moose Factory."

The third route out of Temagami rises further up the West Montreal at Shining Tree. It crosses a height of land to the Opikinimika River. From here, one can head west to Biscotasing, northwest to the Groundhog or Missinaibi, north to the Mattagami, or south to the Wanapitei or Spanish.

Before the railway, all three of these routes were used extensively by Temagami youth camps to travel north to James Bay. Today they are used by Camp Wapomeo to travel from Bisco to Matagamasi and by Camp Kee-waydin as part of a great circle route from Lake Temagami to the Wanapitei and Chiniguchi rivers.

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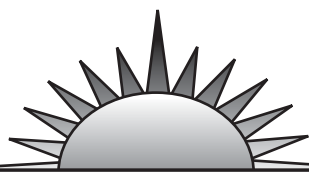
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## Zip Lining in Temagami – A Business Opportunity

The Municipality of Temagami has identified zip lining at Caribou Mountain as a potential business opportunity. In fact, zip lining as well as eco-adventure activities related to the



*Zip lining is gaining popularity as a tourism attraction and Temagami is an excellent potential setting for this activity. Photo: Big Bear Zip Lines*

Old Growth Forest were identified in the recent Economic Development Strategy.

Caribou Mountain offers excellent site characteristics, topography, ecosystems, and visibility to provide an excellent setting for zip lining and related adventure tourism activities. It is felt that a zip line attraction, with potential complimentary activities, would enhance the tourism product offering in Temagami.

This type of experiential attraction is gaining popularity among the general public, tourists, eco adventurers, and other segments such as the educational, recreational, and sport-related markets. A few zip-lining operations currently exist in the province but none in North-eastern Ontario.

With funding assistance from the South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation, a business case has been developed to attract a potential zip line investor/operator.

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			<p><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>GOODERHAM PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY EXHIBIT &amp; SALE</b>  <b>JULY 2011</b>          Chamber of Commerce office in The Town Hall. Call Gerry at 705-237-8904</p>



## Mission: Success!

Welcome to the 2011 Boating Season! “Evolution” is a key word for Temagami Marine this year. We have been successful in adding two local members to our team for this summer. Gloria Sanderson has recently graduated with an accounting degree and will join us the first week of May. Marty Butler is returning to our technician crew after a 9 year absence. Marty loves to learn and brings an eagerness to improve our collective skill set in that department.

As you know already, there are issues beyond our control in the marketplace. The earthquake and subsequent tsunami is affecting the supply of outboard motors and components manufactured in Japan. There will be shortages of both this season. Similarly, continued uncertain economic conditions in North America, the strength of the Canadian dollar (affecting our US clients), the federal election in Canada have caused us to be very cautious with respect to our inventory. Indeed, last August, I decided to reduce our boat, motor and trailer units in stock. Shortly we will have no non current inventory and will replenish with guarded optimism from the curtailed support chains. This may even include new product lines that are more appropriate for this and future markets. I have consulted with our fuel supplier and will do everything possible to keep fuel prices reasonable during this boating season. As you have noticed, prices have fluctuated substantially in the last few months and the forecast is for continued volatility in the market place over the near future. On a positive note, we will be serving “Ethanol Free Premium Grade” gas this season; that is a change from the mid grade in the past. This way, you can be assured of an Ethanol free supply which is critical for the marine industry. Ethanol, as we know absorbs moisture and causes all kinds of issues in fuel systems. For those who have not had a water separator installed as of yet, you should do so now. We, at Temagami Marine, have increased our supply of same in preparation for a busy season. Fuel grade and quality vary from location to location. Call now for an appointment and ask Bernie in service to have yours installed this spring.

Temagami Marine has been approved to represent the full line of Bass Pro Products. Our display will be modest at first but as we receive feedback from our customers we will adjust our inventory selection and levels. Come on in to pick up a gift for your loved one or to add to your array of fishing gear. This will be available from the May long weekend onward.

Visit Temagami Marine for all your service, parts, accessories, storage and sales needs.  
Enjoy your summer,

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