

The Pipeline

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Round the Resort...by Al Robinson

Welcome to the most recent full-time residents of the resort – Hugh and Brenda Macdonald have moved from Nipawin to Tobin Lake effective June 27.

Cottages on the market have been selling fairly well this spring:

- Roger Ewert's cottage sold to Richard & Sheila Matye of Great Falls MT
- Bill Sherven's cottage sold to Rodney & Carol Pederson of Melfort; Jeff & Marla Pederson of Melfort; Wayne & Lee-Ann Love of Regina
- The Negreaff cottage sold to Janet Malic of Nipawin
- The Harasymuk cottage sold to Rodney & Cheryl Peters of Hepburn
- The Shenher lot sold to Duane & Margaret Tosh of Canora

We welcome the new cottage owners to our village and wish them many years of happy times here.

Driving around the resort we see quite a few construction projects underway. The Armstrongs on Pine Drive are in the final stages of a major renovation to their cottage – new siding, new windows, new doors and painting. The Mochoruks on Birch Avenue are in the process of re-siding their cottage as well. The Spanniers on First Avenue are building a garage.

The construction of the home of Alverta Stanger and Ray Bates is nearing completion. It is a beautiful home with a magnificent view. They did a major shoreline rip rap in order to control the erosion potential along their lake shore. The result was dramatic and is definitely a model for shoreline maintenance that anyone on the lakefront should consider.

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Our Tipi...by Joy & Ken Hanson

Tansi,

Actually it was Bill Sherven's idea for a tipi at Tobin Lake. Due to lack of room on his lot, we just moved the idea. The first one was made out of nylon tarp. We happened to find a used tipi on Ebay from a lady in Boise, Idaho. She said the tipi was blessed by the President of the Indigenous Peoples of the World and that some healings were also conducted in the tipi. This tipi is 22 feet across and is made from 13 oz. marine duck canvas. Originally, the Indians hunted the buffalo and the hides were used to make the tipi. The hide was usually kept white to keep the inside light and comfortable. Fresh conifer branches were burned inside the tipi for 24 hours. The resin in the smoke made the tipi waterproof. Unfortunately, a buffalo hide tipi only lasted about 2 years. We have been told our canvas one should last 10 years if we take it down in the winter. Typically the shape was a tilted cone with the door facing the rising sun - the back being steeper than the front to brace against the westerly winds. We used 35-40 feet long Jack Pine for the poles. We tied three poles together to form a tripod and then with the help of the neighbours, lifted it up. The tipi consists of 15 poles and each has a specific meaning and certain placement. Two smaller poles are used for the smoke flaps to act as a chimney. The shell is attached to the "lifting pole" and put into place, where it was easily unfolded and wrapped around the framework. The front is fastened together with lacing pins. The lower part of the tipi symbolizes the Earth from which all things originate and to which all things return. The upper part of the tipi represents the Heavens, the Great Spirit which is common to all creations on Earth. See if you can find the dippers, the north star and the Bear Constellation. When you see stars on the tipi, that reminds us to always care for our children. The poles symbolize the paths which lead from the Earth to the Spirit. Pulling the door aside, you would enter a cozy interior with a central fire pit ringed by rock. Just behind the fireplace was the family altar, a raised section of earth where sat a sacred buffalo skull and a long-stemmed stone pipe. Thick piles of soft buffalo robes ringed the edge. Women sat to the left, men to the right. All traffic into the tipi was always left to right, clockwise. You never passed between a person and the fire. The Indian tipi was in perfect harmony with nature. We would like to thank everyone who helped and donated items for the tipi. You are most welcome to go have a look inside.

Old Cherokee Saying: "When the white man discovered this country, Indians were running it. No taxes, no debt, women did all the work. White man thought he could improve on a system like this."

Food for Thought...by Marv Quiring

I highly recommend the movie "Pay it Forward" in which ordinary people really change the world. The idea is to do something that really helps someone else. Rather than expecting them to pay back the favour, you encourage them to "pay it forward" to three other people who, in turn, will each pay it forward to three more—and on and on into a global outpouring of kindness and decency. This may be a bit idealistic, but nevertheless the concept is something each of us can practice. It is worth a try. The responses have been known to be amazing and most rewarding.

Looking Back: The Burynuiks

Tony and Sophie Burynuik have been residents of Foam Lake for 40 years. Tony was a high school teacher, and on weekends and evenings he did drywalling. Sophie worked part time at the school as a secretary. They have been retired for 23 years. The Burynuiks have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

Prior to Tobin Lake, the Burynuiks spent time at Long Lake and Fishing Lake. They spent a couple of summers working in Banff. Tony's brother and father built them the trailer that still sits on their lake property. It became their summer home on wheels. Pull-behind trailers were uncommon in those years. Tony has named the trailer "The Blue Bessborough".

In the early 1970's, Tony and Sophie brought their trailer to Tobin Lake and parked it at Sophie's brothers, Joe and Andy Karakachuk. They had a place 2 doors west of the now Burynuik property. In 1974, Tony and Sophie bought their lot from a school principal who lived next door. It required a lot of fill and clearing. Tony and Sophie speak fondly of those years when everyone came to help them get it prepared for the mobile home they moved on and still reside in.

The Burynuiks have been coming to Tobin Lake every summer since. Tony and Sophie were both avid fisherpeople. In their big metal inboard boat (one of the earlier inboards on the lake) they would cruise for hours and hours. They fished most often in the river area, but also many days out on the Big Lake. They loved company and so were usually accompanied by Tobin Lake friends or some of their friends from the Foam Lake area.

Until recently they picked berries and canned. Sophie even cans her own sauerkraut. Tony spends time sharpening knives. The Burynuiks love the company of neighbours and friends. Sophie, since coming to Tobin lake, has kept a log book containing names of folks who have visited them, who went fishing, and how many fish they caught.

The next time you walk by the Burynuiks, stop and say hi. Make sure you have time for a visit.



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Fishing Report...by Darren Opp

June 24th – NW wind 20 km, overcast 8C at 8:00 a.m. Water surface temperature still 16C. This report is for a shortened period and due to generally bad weather. Mostly due to the wind (NE, N & NW) of 20-40 km, most of the past few days, most anglers are not venturing out far from home. The Big lake has been fished very little but the few reports have not been bad. Those who fished the north shore, sheltered from the wind, did catch a few Walleye of eating and slot sizes. The Pike have been mostly slot or over. Trolling – Power rattlers, Canadian Wrigglers, other shallow plugs at 1-1.5 mph, casting shallow, with variable speed retrieve.

Slip Bobber: a smelt with 2-3 ft. lead and a quick strike rig, set on the edge of 8-20ft dropoff has been effective to those who have tried this technique. Tests anglers' patience, but will pay off with good Northerns.

Inconsistent weather (barometric pressure, winds, temperature, etc.) makes for some finicky Walleye. Most anglers get stuck in a rut fishing the same spots at the same depth, with the same lure or lures of choice. Consider these changes to your style:

- First, trust your electronics (fish where the fish are), not where you always do. Varying depths is the key to finding Walleye in ever changing conditions;
- Change up your presentation. When drifting river, vary speeds, sometimes faster, sometimes slower than the current presents. Trolling motor with or against current;
- Bright days – use bright colors; dull days – use dull colors. Darker colors on a dark day present more of a shadow in the water which is more visible to the fish. Brighter colors on bright days present more flash which is also more visible to fish.
- Lindy Rigs: various lengths (up to 10-14 feet) at various speeds and depths. Sometimes a bare hook and leech, the next time the addition of a bead, float, rattle, etc. will make the difference. Finding what the fish want is the key.
- Jigs: size, color, tipped with a leech, crawler, minnow. The same jig with different bait, or the same color jig, smaller size but might make the difference. Vary your depths and also the amount of movement on your jig may be crucial.
- Bottom Bouncers: Use a variety of color blades, depths and again speed is important. The weight of your bouncer is also important. Too much weight, you will lose your feel of the bite. Too little weight, you will lose your feel of the bottom. Try a few sizes of bouncers until you get the right feel.
- Small Slip Bobber: bare hook and bait. Just off the bottom sometimes will entice a finicky Walleye. Used in the spots you normally would jig can be very effective (a little more finesse sometimes helps).
- Walleye fishing in the river appears to vary significantly with a change in the speed of the current.
- One last thing: PERSISTENCE. Sometimes you can be doing everything right and just after you give up and leave or change spots, the guys and gals who stuck with it, catch your fish??? Fair weather fishermen enjoy the experience more than foul weather, but do not necessarily catch more fish.

Darren said: "I was given the ultimatum 3 weeks ago. Tessa said it's me or your fishing! Gee, I miss her".

Classified Ads

• **You are invited** to a ladies' morning out at 1001 Birch Ave, Saturday July 10 and Saturday August 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Come & enjoy a Satin Hand/Foot Treatment plus muffins n' make-overs. RSVP your deck chair the day prior to each event by calling 862-3003. Please bring your own foot basin & towel.

• **Tobin Lakeside Diner:** Open 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 7 days a week. Sunday smorgs 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Watch for daily specials. Phone 862-4445.

• **For Sale:** 1993 Ford Ranger XLT Supercab 4x4, 4.0 L EFI V-6 engine, 5-speed, dual range trans, tilt, air, cruise, tach, AM/FM radio cassette, 166,700 kms, \$6,800 OBO. Call A. Robinson @ 862-5801.

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Deadline for ads for July 16 issue is July 13. Price is \$2.00. Payment to A. Robinson at time of placement.

Water Bylaw Information

The village has a water bylaw which describes the terms and conditions for utilizing the village water system. In brief, it sets out the procedure for turn on/turn off, and that there will be different rates for seasonal and year round users. Seasonal refers to the period of time from May 1 to October 15. All service to seasonal users will be turned off as of October 15. Turn on will happen at the owner's request anytime after May 1st provided the seasonal and any other required payments have been received. The turn on and off can ONLY be done by a person authorized by Council. Contravention of the water bylaw can result in the application of the village General Penalty Bylaw passed in 1974 which provides for a fine of up to \$500 for infractions.

What's Cooking...by Glenda Bueckert

This is the time of year for rhubarb. The following tasty recipe was submitted by Eleanor Smerchynski:

Rhubarb Cake: 2 cups flour, ½ cup margarine, ¼ tsp salt, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 beaten egg (save a little to put over the top); 4 cups rhubarb, 1-1½ cups sugar, ½ cup melted margarine, ½ cup flour, 2 beaten eggs. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon over top. Bake @ 325 for 30 minutes.

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Bird's Eye View...by Pat & Barry Hankewich
Raptors.

In the birding world, raptors relate to the eagles, owls and hawks or any predator that seizes with bill or claw. Sorry, Guys, this does not apply to the mother-in-law! Here at Tobin Lake, we are graced with quite an interesting array of raptors. Starting with the smallest, the American Kestrel and Merlin, we've identified Northern Harriers, Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Northern Goshawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Golden Eagles and the unmistakable Bald Eagle.

A very interesting point was gleamed as of late, that being the word "bald", as in Bald Eagle, which is an old English term meaning "white headed". The common Turkey Vultures that we see gliding over our resort may have the beak and claw features but fit into a different category of birds because of their lack of feathers on their heads and being more so carrion eaters.

Tip: With the weather warming and the insects increasing, watch for the warblers in the low bushes!

Bits & Pieces

Walleye Classic Fishing Tournament: Mark your calendars for July 10 & 11. Entry fee \$175.00. For more info, call Bob @ 862-4808.

Garbage Dump: Please make use of the signage at the dump and place your garbage in the appropriate areas! It only takes a few minutes to separate your items so you can put them in the section they are supposed to go into - i.e., household, metal, cardboard, compost.

Work Bee: There was a work bee on Thursday, June 24 to finish up the playground and hall area fencing. The picnic table painting still needs to be finished sometime soon.

The Weather has been quite rainy, windy and cool - just the kind of weather some madman in a red kayak loves apparently! It is always surprising to see Rob in his long, slim kayak shooting over the rain-lashed whitecaps!

Tobin Lake Community Hall: Rent for weddings, reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. (4 hours or less \$50; full day \$100). Call 862-2895.

Village Telephone Directory: The latest issue of the Village directories are available for \$5.00 from the Village Office or either of the stores.

Village Pipeline: There are 3 Pipeline mailboxes ready to go. Street number will be added after purchase. Call Glenda @ 862-2833.

Village Facilities Passes: These passes have been on the market for the past few weeks. We expect there will be many more in evidence now that the filleting plant is open. Prices are: Seasonal \$25; Weekly \$15; Daily \$5