

2004

Back on April 17th, 2000, Tim Inkster, had become so interested in the Camp History that he started to put together a Camp History Book. Steve Nyitray who knew how to make web pages and Tim Inkster who authored the Book put their combined skills together and created the first Camp Web Site using 10 Meg of personal web space on Tim Inkster's Sympatico Account. The set up worked at a basic level, but because Steve had to use a dial up connection to upload pages to Tim's site, the time factor, three hour uploads, became a real problem. Not only time was a problem, by October 2003, now the space allowance of 10 Meg on the server was quickly becoming far too small for the needs and desires of Steve and Tim. Much of what was printed in the hard copy History Book could not be put onto the web site due to the 10 Meg limit set by Sympatico. Together Tim and Steve paid for the subscription to a new host web site which allowed them 300 Meg of space. The old web site was transferred by Steve Nyitray from the Sympatico location and set up on February 1, 2004 under the new address www.mortonspoint.com. The site expanded like a wild bush fire, with room for so much more in the years to come. On February 13th, 2004, Steve and I announced the new site to all on line Members. Work continued on the site adding more photos, letters, log book notes and a password protected "Members Only Zone" for things like our Camp Schedule, Camp Fees, Members Roster and Treasurer's Reports which need not be seen by outsiders.



16 foot Grumman Before restoration.



Derek Stratelak, his daughter and dog with the Grumman after restoration.

The Grumman boat with a trailer purchased late in 2003 for \$1,275.00 US was taken to the home of Derek Stratelak for storage and to allow Derek to refinish the woodwork which was weather beaten and in need of some major TLC. Tom Rhadigan assisted Derek with reinstalling the seats which was completed in March 2004. Derek's daughter and the dog supervised the activities. Someone had to keep those boys in line! The Board of Directors approved an additional \$400.00 US from the Board's funds to purchase the trailer so Derek would still have \$625.00 US left in his budget to purchase the second boat authorized at the 2003 AGM.. Once the refinishing of the woodwork on the



Miss Stratelak, her dog and Tom Rhadigan.

Grumman was completed, the boat was taken to the home of Mike Meridith, a guest who has attended in Larry Ancypa's Camp for the past two years where it was stored until taken to the Board of Directors Meeting by Mark Farmer. Tim Inkster took it from there to his home and got the boat and trailer licenced prior to taking to the May Spring Work Camp.

The second used boat found by Derek was a 16 foot Bluefin which ended up being passed on when it was found to be too expensive to restore.



Bluefin needed too much work.

2002 16' Crestliner purchased by Derek Stratelak for Camp in 2004.



Next was a 2002 16 foot Crestliner Jon boat without the trailer or motor for \$700.00 US. The direction at the 2003 AGM was to get two stable Deep V aluminum boats, 16 feet in length or longer but the Board approved the purchase of the Jon boat as it is also a stable craft. The Board also allotted the \$75.00 US budget overrun to the Board's expense fund due to the fact the craft was such a good deal. The \$475.00 US over the budgeted \$1,500.00 US was money extremely well spent as the two boats and the trailer were in far better condition than what the Membership had discussed at the AGM. Derek was concerned about the budget overruns but the Board noted that figures set at the AGM were a guideline and the additional money was taken from funds made available to the Board for such items, therefore Derek did in fact come in on budget. A great deal of time and energy was spent by

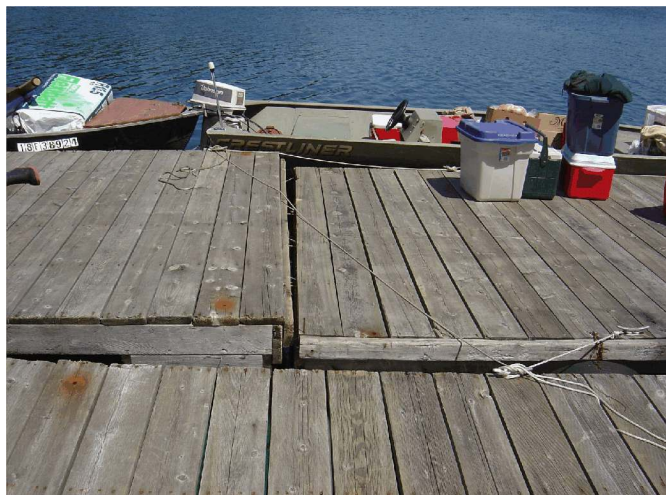
Derek in searching out and purchasing the two boats. Derek had purchased materials for the restoration of the Grumman woodwork and was offered compensation for his efforts and out of pocket expenses in completing the purchases of the two boats for the Membership by the Board of Directors but he declined the offer and donated all of the gas he used searching and picking up boats, his labour for the refinishing the wood work and all the materials purchased to the Camp noting that it was his pleasure to do it and an action on his part for the betterment of the Camp. This was the "Spirit and Intentions of Morton's Point Camp" at it's finest. Derek brought the 16' Crestliner to Camp for the Ned Riley June Camp.

Whitestone had assigned numbers for all cottages on the lake in 2003. Mostly for the use in an emergency but also to aid boaters in finding cottages. Morton's Point Camp was assigned the address - **17901 Wah-Wash-Kesh Lake.**

The 2004 Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held in London at the home of Dennis Pettit on April 25th, 2004. The Camp finances were in a far better position than in the past few years. Current Cash Assets of \$19,176.47 were reported by the Treasurer with only the property taxes, Kenny Hayward's bill and the \$700.00 US owing for the purchase of the 16' Crestliner left outstanding. The need to have better control over the purchases of Camp staples made on the lake was discussed by Vic Kinsella and it was decided that a purchase order book would be created by Vic and each Member charging anything to the Camp would have to fill one out in detail to be

allowed to purchase items. If an item was not deemed a Staple by the Treasurer, it would be billed back to the Camp Manager who in turn would get it from the Member. Most work was completed by the Audit Committee but Vic Kinsella did not have all the papers available for the committee to accept the Treasurer's Report at this meeting. The Board also wanted a breakdown of fixed costs to the Camp and made arrangements to finalize the audit at the Annual General Meeting. Three Work Camps were assigned times (Inkster / Nyitray / Kinsella) and the groups all declined the Camp food allowance which saved the Camp over \$600.00 . Ted Petter had submitted his letter of resignation to the Secretary noting time commitment as the cause and Russell Clunas declined his Membership voted on at the 2003 AGM. He will attend as a guest until he can commit to more time in Camp. Rob Haddow had created a boat and motor survey to be sent out with the Board Meeting Minutes. It was to be filled in and returned by Members so Rob could put together plans for future boat & motor needs. The Boat Committee reported that metal gas cans for the boats have been banned by the Canadian Coast Guard so plastic ones will have to be purchased in the future. No offers had come in re the sale of the Hyah Hyah and Kenny Hayward declined the offer to trade the boat for his services as he had too many boats already. Orlyn Lewis asked the Board of Directors to allow him the opportunity to match any offer for the Hyah-Hyah so he could see if he would buy the boat from the Camp, fix it, and donate it back to the Camp. All motors were reported to be in operational states and the need for new motors should not be required this coming season. On the Building Committee's plate were dock repairs, plumbing work for shower, work on sinks in the main lodge and crib work on the boathouse. \$3,500.00 was set aside to have Wade Stiles, a local contractor, replace the cribs on the boathouse to code as Kenny Hayward had not gotten anywhere with them for some time now. Rob Haddow was given control over the project and the \$3,500.00 budget. Vic Kinsella was able to get 20 barrels for dock floatation and took on that job as well as the shower house water pressure problem. The generators held their own last season but the points on the Onan were worn out and new ones were left in Camp in August for Kenny Hayward to install. The Annual General Meeting was set for Sunday October 31st, 2004 and at the Board of Directors Meeting it was decided to hold it at the Wellington Sportsman's Club, where Vic Kinsella is also "The Treasurer". The new Camp web site was discussed and Rob Haddow made a motion to repay Tim Inkster and Steve Nyitray for their money spent setting it up, which was declined by Tim Inkster who felt he also spoke for Steve Nyitray who was not present due to the recent passing of his mother. Topics for the Annual General Meeting were discussed and noted in the Minutes. Centennial projects were discussed and it was decided to ask for more ideas which would be brought up at the Annual General Meeting. One item that was most appealing was to build a new cabin and naming it "The Centennial Cabin". A generator for sale was discussed but proved not to be a stationary generator and therefore did not meet our requirements and was shelved. After the meeting, the group enjoyed time around the Grumman boat as it was hooked up to Tim Inkster's van. A great addition to our armada.

Spring of 2004 was to be a spring from hell! The ice came into the lake early in the fall of 2003 and Kenny did not get the docks out. The ice broke the newer section of dock in half and ripped pins out of the rocks. Many fall jobs were not done due to the fast freeze and came back to haunt the



Inkster Work Camp in May. Food had been left in the fridges, the lawnmower had been left out and was under water due to the spring runoff lake level and the water lines to the bathroom had broken. The gas cans in the bottom of the gas cage had been submerged letting water in to the tanks which were unfortunately then installed on the motors and the water in the gas shut down every motor in Camp and made a 2 day job of cleaning out carburetors. The barbeque had been filled with sand at some point between the fall of 2003 and spring of 2004 for some reason and the burners, hoses and regulator were shot. Bill Inkster worked on the BBQ and got it working



Pontoon damage.

but it eventually, in the next few Camps, flared up near the propane tank and was shut down because of a potential fire / explosion hazard. This was remedied mid season but not before a new BBQ was purchased at Home Depot and taken to Camp by Al Glover in June. The Pussy Kat had been tied to the damaged docks and unfortunately the rear section of the pontoon was rubbing on the metal corner bracket of the dock which produced a hole in it. The Pussy Kat was sent out for welding of the hole and repairs to the motor in June along with the 20 hp motor from the pontoon II which had a broken water pump. As mentioned above, Derek Stratelak took the 16' Crestliner into Camp. Larry Ancypa had hoped to bring it in but was unable to procure a trailer to do so. The lawnmower

had been looked at by each Camp since opening in May and no one got it working. By the Ned Riley June Camp, it was decided to purchase a new one, so Ned went to Parry Sound and picked one up because the grass was getting higher than the porch steps. E-mails were sent out looking for loaner sheep and goats prior to getting the new lawnmower!!!!



In May, Vic Kinsella donated a can crusher to replace the one broken last year. He brought up 20 barrels for dock floatation. His main project was to get the shower water pressure working and every Camp was pleased when it was completed. The tap in the shower was malfunctioning so it was removed and valves on the outside had to be used to adjust the water flow until a new interior set could be installed. While in May Camp the prop & bolt on the 28 hp came loose and fell off. This was due to old cotter pins so Camp invested in a case



of 300 assorted sizes to ensure this would not happen again. By the end of their stay, the boys were down to only the Springbok working.



Docks unrepaired all season.

Steve Nyitray & Ben Clarke worked on the boats and motors in June and got the majority running. The Pussy Kat was at the Marina for welding and a new ignition switch, along with a 20 hp for service. Four new gas tanks & lines were brought into Camp to replace the problem tanks. The docks were still tied with rope as the water levels had not dropped enough to repair the metal rod system.

By July 2004, the Onan generator was still out of commission. Kenny Hayward had put in the new points during Ned Riley's Camp but it only ran for 45 minutes. Ned and gang did some screen replacements and repairs to pull cords on boat motors during their June Camp. The Kohler generator broke down for the Larry Ancypa Camp on the day they were leaving Camp, June 29th, and Kenny was told he had to get at least one them running for the Glover Camp on July 3rd. Carbon brushes and springs on the Kohler generator were purchased by Ned Riley and taken to the Steve Bachle Camp August 7th to 14th and Kenny Hayward was asked to install them.

Kenny Hayward welded the steel boat down river on June 28th when he took Larry Ancypa and group down.



Pontoons tied together for lake tour. What a sight!

away from their destination. They towed her back to her dock and she was thankful. The funny thing was that the guys had tied both the pontoon boats together, loaded with picnic tables and a small BBQ for a lake tour and were quite a sight for any passer byes.

Ben Clarke once again answered the call and worked on motors during his July Camp. He also took up a chain to lock the Crawdad boat up in Farm Creek.

The boathouse crib work had been tentatively set for the week of July 17th by Rob Haddow at a price of \$4,200.00 for 12 cribs. This date was not met due to the wet spring which delayed the contractor on other jobs. Attempts to get a start date on the crib project were unsuccessful in August. Kenny Hayward assisted Rob Haddow and Glen Noble in moving the docks around so all boats could be docked.

The Thorup Camp came into Camp and found that there were not enough life jacket in Camp (only 12). It must be assumed that some were stolen from the boats as we did have 18 good and 4 below standard units last year. A problem with changing gears on the Pontoon II 20 hp was resolved by the group with some advice from the marina. Raccoons were a problem, playing havoc in the kitchen. An entry area was discovered and boarded up. A picnic table was

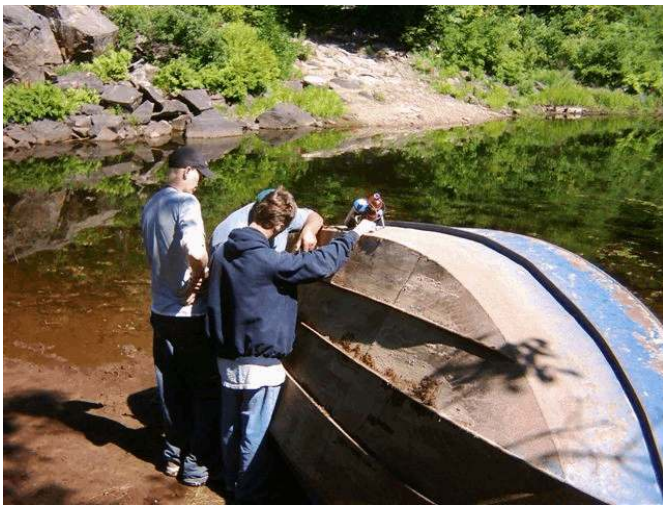
Al Glover had his group carried the Crawdad into Farm Creek in July and had a great time fishing up there with many large bass kept. During their stay in Camp a canoe group came by and were given some food supplies by Al as they had lost food when the canoe upset. They had to return for another favor from the Camp when one of their canoeists hurt their back on the down river trail and needed a ride to Bennett's Bay Docks. Gerry Shaw took the fellow over in his boat and got him on his way. Their next good deed on the lake was to help a woman and her children whose boat had stalled and the wind was pushing them



donated to the Camp bringing the total to 3 and all three were stained.

Vic Kinsella noted a heavy odor from the propane appliances during his July / August Camp. Broken windows in the boathouse were replaced by the group and blocking was installed inside the trusses. A stone step was built for the Kenogan Cabin which was needed to avoid stepping into the river that flowed by during a rain and the outer light reinstalled. A sample of siding was taken to get paint matched for the Main Sleeping Cabin so the cabins all match. Fascia for the Cook's Cabin and Main Lodge was expected to be brought in this fall. The Cook's Cabin had a resident red squirrel living in it. The group found the entry point and closed it off as well as hooking up the water supply to the building which had not been done by Camps before.

The August Bachle Camp started out with great weather but the last 4 days were thunderstorms and rain the whole time. The Deep Bay Club stopped by and picked up our old bar fridge they bought from us for \$200.00 . While out on the lake, they noticed that the boats on the west side of Wedding Cake Island were ready to sink with the amount of rain we had. They stopped in and pumped them out, leaving a note for the owners that it had been done. The generators were worked on and the Onan was used all week. A GFI plug was blown during their week and the next Camp, Bud Lutman, was called to bring up a spare. A new swim ladder was brought up by Ned and can be detached and stored in the boathouse when not in use. Extra lumber was removed



from the sleeping area above the boathouse and stored under the Main Sleeping Cabin. The exhaust pipe on the Onan rusted out and parts were ordered, hopefully to be installed in the Riley Fall Camp.

The Bud Lutman Camp used Steve Nyitray's Argo and trailer to take the 14' aluminum boat to Porcupine. The leak was repaired in the boat already there also. A trip was made down river and the Camp torch set was tried to weld the remaining leaks in the steel boats there but the tank had drained. Braising and an epoxy were used to repair the leaks and

the boat is now fine. The trailer has been left in Camp for future trips down river by the group.

The 20 hp motor on the Pontoon II died. It was taken to Dunchurch Marina but could not be repaired. The Onan generator worked for the Camp but if the battery was removed it would quit. Kenny Hayward was asked to inspect it.

Bruce Herbert was in Camp with one guest until Tuesday night when joined by Tim Inkster. Members Jack Campbell, Nathan Schonier and Jim Shelton were unable to attend the Camp. Tim Inkster donated a TV, microwave oven, carpets and upholstered furniture to the Camp and took them into the Bruce Herbert Camp. The old microwave was sent to the dump.



Microwave donated by Tim Inkster

Dead tree from in front of Main Sleeping Cabin.

The Pettit Camp had great weather and fishing but still found time to repair the damaged roof on the power plant and re-shingle it, cut down the dead fir tree in front of the Main Sleeping Cabin, do a wood run, cut down a large branch which had grown above the fire pit, give all the grounds a sprucing up and make a trip to the dump with the old microwave and debris from Camp.



Damaged plywood replaced on the roof & re-shingled by Tim Inkster. Debris removed by Brett & Scott (labourers).

The Riley Fall Camp enjoyed great weather for the time in Camp. The motor from Porcupine was brought back to Camp from Porcupine Lake. Young Kenny Bachle found a golf club out in the lake while diving which must have been from a temper tantrum or a poor grip from a Guest in the Pettit Camp.

Bud Lutman was not able to attend his Fall Camp due to the health of his wife. Al Glover went into Camp alone for the available time and spent his time leveling the paths, cleaning the buildings & grounds and getting firewood in preparation for the Haddow Camp he was bringing people up to.



Young Kenny came up with a golf club as well. Lost in a temper tantrum?????????

The last two Camps of the year were Work Camps for Vic Kinsella and Steve Nyitray. Vic and gang found the weather to be right and painted the Main Sleeping Cabin during their stay in Camp. The aluminum work is to be carried over to next year. Steve Nyitray was asked by the Board of Directors to try a "Closing Camp" and report back to them. Anticipated requirements to close the Camp ourselves had been projected well but the time allowance and man power required was more than predicted. It was a good beginning though and much was learnt by the attempt. Kenny Hayward was left with the shutting down of the water system, generators and small boat removal & storage. The Pussy Kat, the Pontoon II and the 18' Crestliner were sent off the lake to Dunchurch Marine for storage and maintenance.

The Annual General Meeting was held on October 31st, 2004 at the Wellington Sportsman's Club in London where Vic Kinsella is also a Treasurer.



Wellington Sportsman's Club.

The room was acquired for a low cost and was the reason for switching from the Village Inn in Sarnia. A 95.5% vote was achieved for the Meeting. The income from the 2004 season was higher than 2003 even though there had been an assessment income of \$3,400.00 in 2003. Higher man days from Guests and Members was the reason for the high income. Rates dues and fees were kept at the 2003 figures and no assessment was put in place even though a new 40 hp, 4 cycle Suzuki motor was authorized for purchase. The motor will be purchased from surplus money from 2004 and initiation fees from the 4 new Members elected at the Meeting. The crib work on the boathouse never got done in 2004 and the group

voted to give Wade Stiles until July 31st, 2005 to complete the project at the quoted price. A minimum of \$30.00 per day income was set for Off Season Camps and \$50.00 per day for Summer Camps so that the fixed costs to the Camp were covered when a Camp Manager did not use his allotted time in Camp. Steve Nyitray was thanked for the use of his 8 wheel Argo and trailer which he used to get the boat into Porcupine Lake, move motors and general heavy work only the Argo could handle. This saved the Camp charges from Kenny for his vehicle as well as getting the jobs done which may not have happened if left to



Kenny. The Constitution was changed by a 93% vote to change the wording of Directors Positions to include the Secretary / Treasurer position as being able to be made as one with 2 Directors positions, or as it is currently with a Secretary and a Treasurer with one Director. The Board budget for items not authorized by the Membership was increased to \$3,500.00 from \$2,000.00 to give the Board more breathing space when it came to additional spending

throughout the season. Tim Inkster was re-elected to the Board and Derek Stratelak was elected to replace Bob Larson. The Board Meeting followed the AGM and Rob Haddow continued as President, Mark Farmer as Vice President, Tim Inkster as Secretary, Vic Kinsella as Treasurer and Derek Stratelak assumed the Board of Director position. The Board will have a very tight financial year in 2005 with having to purchase a new motor along with the ongoing building repairs and replacements as they did not get an assessments or increases to fill up the Camp purse. It was felt that the funds available could be squeezed to do the job but by the end of next season it was felt that all funds may be depleted leaving the Camp short for closing costs. Hopes are that man days increase again to pick up the slack.

2004 was a great year for Camp income, for work done and the enjoyment all who attended the Camp were able to receive. Very few things went wrong during the season mostly due to the repairs and maintenance that have been done over the last few years. A definite POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW!



Resignations (3) Brian Soehner and Ted Petter by letter of resignation, Russell Clunas declined Membership.

New Members (4) Bill Tisdell, Tyler Smale, John Depater and Sean VanRootselaar. All voted in at the Annual General Meeting on October 31, 2004.

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Letter sent to members January 7th, 2004.

Hyah-Hyah fellow Morton's Point Camp Members,
Here's hoping that 2004 is going well for you all.

2003 was the beginning of our 7 years of centennial celebration for Morton's Point Camp. The reason for this is that our earliest records tell us that Ed Kenning, one of the original Founders of the Camp, started to visit the lake by attending the Cameron Island Club during the summer of 1903. Ed Kenning was followed by Bob Morton and W. H. Isaacs who were recorded to have arrived at the lake in 1907 and were also original Founders of our Camp. September 6th, 1907 was the recorded date when these three men started looking for sites suitable for a camp. In 1909, another original Founder, A. D. Green joined Ed Kenning and Bob Morton on the lake in search of sites of which they found 22. By 1910 they heard back from the government that only 2 of those sites were available and they took both, one of which was given to Ed Kenning and one to Bob Morton. The 12 acre site patented to Ed Kenning on February 25th, 1910, at a cost of \$60.00 is the present day site of our Camp. Our true Centennial year will be 2010 but it does not hurt to have a 7 year party does it? Nine men who grouped together to start the Camp, originally called Deer Lake Syndicate, need to be acknowledged for what we have today. They are Robert M. Morton, Edward Campbell Kenning, Colonel Sydney C. Robinson, William Henry Isaacs, Abram D. Green, Dr. Herman H. Sanderson, William J. Burns, Walter Leishman McGregor and John Northwood.

Dennis Pettit donated the Past President's Plaque as the 2003 commemoration which has been enjoyed by all and will continue to be added to over the next 100 years.

I would like each and every current member to submit an idea of how to commemorate the highlight dates and the Camp's Centennial. Recommendations for maintenance and improvements are very welcome too. Between now and then we can all pitch in to get the Camp into top notch shape for the festivities. The History Book I am putting together is nearing completion with the discovery by Ned Riley of the lost Meeting Minutes from the 1960's. As the book is added to yearly, I hope it will be a "never ending story"!

My ideas include a special Camp / Open House to be set up in September 2007 (open to all Members even if it means we have to set up tents to house us all) which includes the September 6th date when the Founders searched for the locations, and a commemorative plaque with the nine Founders names engraved with the dates 1910 - 2010 to be installed onto the face rocks south of the docks in 2010 and also to schedule the Board Meeting for 2010 on February 25th, 2010, the date the patent on the land was registered, to kick off the year. It may seem early to start this but we need to plan this out very well to make the proper tribute Deer Lake Syndicate / Morton's Point Ltd., Morton's Point Camp and the Founding Fathers deserve.

Waiting for you input.

Tim Inkster
Secretary
Morton's Point Camp.