

Fire Restrictions

The period April 1st to October 31st is **Fire Season**, during which daytime outdoor burning of debris without a Permit is prohibited. Cottagers may be permitted to have a small camp fire in a fire pit or burn barrel if there is no outright ban on outdoor burning, the fire is started no sooner than two hours before sunset, and it is tended until extinguished (no later than two hours after sunrise) by a responsible person with adequate tools and water to contain the fire. Further information on fire restrictions and fire permits may be obtained from the Minden Fire Chief at 705-286-1202. As always, please be mindful of the impact that your fire's smoke may have on your neighbour's enjoyment of his/her property.

The FireSmart Cottage

In Ontario, the threat of wildfire is a natural phenomenon. Nearly 50% of all forest fires are caused by lightning strikes (the only natural cause); the remainder is caused by human activities including carelessness. The risks of cottage property damage and losses due to wildfires may be reduced by strategic preventative measures (some of which are very simple and usually without expense) and by FireSmart Protection Planning. For more information including details about fire safety-priority zone planning and a helpful check-list for a home and site fire hazard assessment, see *The Home Owners FireSmart Manual* published by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@mnr/@affm/documents/document/stel02_163826.pdf

Where It's At

Mountain Lake website: www.mountainlakepoa.com

Events: Most comprehensive site is at:
<http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/tourism/events.asp>

Get your tickets to a new exciting event in Minden:
<http://www.mindenhillbluegrassfestival.ca>

Follow Minden Hills Council & Committee minutes:
<http://www.mindenhills.ca>

FOCA has most interesting articles at: <http://www.foca.on.ca>
See the Healthy Waterfronts booklet on their environment page

For the latest in boating regulations, go to:
<http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca>

Mountain Lake Golf Tournament

The 20th Annual MLPOA Golf Tournament will be held at Beaverbrook Golf Course on Saturday August 13th at 9:00 am. The format will be a 4-person team scramble for nine holes, with emphasis on fun and camaraderie. Players must be at least 16 years of age; golfing experience is optional! All teams will be handicapped using the "System 36" procedure modified for 9-hole play. The golf will be followed by refreshments, a wholesome lunch and by a brief lighthearted ceremony to recognize golfing achievements and non-achievements! All golfers will receive prizes for supporting MLPOA tournament fellowship. Prize donations from participants and others are very much appreciated by the tournament organizers, Alex Roome, Geoff Byford and Steve Taylor. For further information and to register for this fun golf event, please contact Steve Taylor at 705-

Mountain Lake Picnic

This year's Mountain Lake Association picnic will be held on Sunday July 31. The picnic is for **all** Mountain Lake Cottage Association Members and their families. This event will run from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the M.N.R. boat launch site on Judge Jordan Road. We will be running games, mini-putt, fish pond and bean bag toss from 2:30 to 4:30 followed by the "Awards Ceremony" and bar-b-que supper at 5 p.m. of sliced beef or turkey on a bun, corn on the cob and hot dogs. If you are able to help in the running of games, site preparation, serving of food or have any ideas about who might wish to serenade us with their musical talents contact Lisa Kerr at 286-3696 or by email kerrfamily@cottagecountry.net.

Those interested in participating in the annual Lake Swim should register at 1 p.m. at southwest corner of Mountain Lake (Warner's). The race ends at the picnic site. Race starts at 1:30 p.m. As in past years, if there is interest, a short lake swim will take place immediately following the long swim. **ALL SWIMMERS MUST HAVE THEIR OWN GUIDE BOAT AS REQUIRED BY OUR INSURERS for the long distance swim.** Call Bruce for more details at 416-494-7453 or 286- 4890.

It's also a great way to meet fellow cottagers, especially if you are new to the lake. In past years cottagers who missed the opportunity to pay for their memberships at the Annual General Meeting or are new to the lake have paid their membership dues at the picnic. We also accept donations to offset the extra cost for people who happen to have cottage guests up for the weekend and would like to attend with their company (we just ask that you advise organizers in advance so we can estimate the food and drink quantities). *By Lisa Kerr*

MLPOA AGM Saturday June 25 at the Pepper Mill 10 a.m.

Refreshments start at 9:30. Guest speaker will address: "Threats to Water Quality"
Draws, clothing sales, brochures, confer with your neighbours and your executive.