



SSCA April Newsletter

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Greetings!

Have you got Cabin fever minus the Cabin? I'm certainly feeling that way these days.

Its been over 5 weeks since most of us retreated to self-isolation in our homes to wait this thing out. Retreating was easy compared to the process of re-entry. Its going to take a while to re-open the outdoors. When is this going to happen? Well as Yogi Berra once said, "I never make predictions, especially about the future". The only thing certain these days is our rising water levels. More details on that in this edition.

I want to do a shout out to the people we depend on the most for getting to our cottages - our Marinas. I appreciate the awkward position you are in with cottagers wanting to get their boats in the water and provincial regulations preventing you. We will wait.

During all this, your Board continues to work on revised plans for the summer. As I am writing this update, the **2020 Directory** is being mailed out to all paid members leveraging the most recent GBA Update edition mailing. Summer's coming!

Take care and be safe.

Here is your update for April

- TOA Reeve's Message
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Cheers,

Eric

Eric Armour - President, SSCA

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TOA Reeve's Message - Bert Liverance

The following is an April 24th message from TOA Reeve, Bert Liverance.

Dear Resident(s),



As cottage season approaches, like you, I feel the cottage calling me to the place where I find peace and tranquility. But sadly, these are not normal times. The world including our own backyard is experiencing an unprecedented crisis. Council and staff are proactively thinking ahead as best as we can given these dynamic time, but we need your help.

There were 483 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario when I sent my last letter to you on Apr 9th. Yesterday, there were 634 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. Cases are still rising.

<https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/coronavirustracker/> We need to stay the course and follow the direction from the province. The Township staff and council[more info](#)

Fitness House Update

Good news! The SSCA Fitness Center renovations were completed in September 2019 and the facility is ready to be enjoyed by all SSCA members. The enhancements included purchasing an elliptical machine, spin bike, functional trainer, adjustable bench, new free weights, medicine balls, skipping ropes, TRX Band and exercise mats. In addition, we cleaned up the facility and changed the lay-out to significantly improve the functionality of the space. We hope everyone will get out and take advantage of the new Fitness Center when the warm weather arrives. [more info....](#)



Katie Eaves & Richard Roos

SSCA Book Club Recommendations

Along with this summer's Book Club recommendation posted on our website - [here](#), Libby Stratton has a couple more recommendations for reading this Spring. Libby has recently discovered a Canadian explorer and author, Adam Shoalts. He has written 3 books that she recommends:

1. Alone Against the North: An Expedition into the Unknown
2. Beyond the Trees: A Journey Alone across Canada's Arctic
3. A History of Canada in Ten Maps: Epic Stories of Charting a Mysterious Land



The Book Club has plans to meet 4 times in July and August – every other Tuesday at 3:30 PM- at the picnic tables on the north deck. During inclement weather, they will meet inside the Schoolhouse.

All SSCA members and their guests are welcome to participate in the Book Club gatherings.

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SSCA Directors Update

Gregg Scott (Iron City Fishing Club) has made the decision after more than 10 years as Membership Director and ICFC liaison to retire from the Board. Gregg has agreed to join the Advisory Committee to continue providing his sage advice. The Board acknowledged at the April Directors meeting great thanks to Gregg for his energy and imaginative ways of growing our Membership and well representation of the ICFC. Thank you Gregg!

Walter (Wally) Sloan (Iron City Fishing Club) has joined the SSCA Board as the Iron City Fishing Club (ICFC) Liaison. Wally's first visit to the Bay was in 1970 to visit his girlfriend Natalie McCarthy at the Iron City Fishing Club. This began his long relationship with his wife Natalie and Georgian Bay. With their children, they enjoy summers in the family cottage called Windswept on Dominie Island. Wally has served the club on various committees - primarily Finance and Property; Chaired Property for several years, and served several terms on the ICFC board. He has a degree in Architecture from Penn State, and worked in his family company, Sloan Brothers Co. until his retirement in 2018, when he passed the company to his sons, the fourth generation. Welcome Wally!

Sans Souci Marina Message to SSCA

Remi and Claire, owners and operators of Sans Souci Marina wanted to inform SSCA members of the following changes to their operations this summer.

Dear Cottagers and our extended Sans Souci Family.

Before we begin, we hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy. It is April 5th when this letter was prepared and there will likely still be at least 5 days left of ice at the marina [Update: All gone]. Regardless, the Ontario Government has severely restricted our operational ability. While the store remains open at this time we are unable to deliver boats to any customers. Nor are we permitted by law to transport any person except to their permanent residence. We do not know when these restrictions will change..... [more info...](#)

Georgian Bay News



Friends of Massasauga Park is a small, active group of individuals that work with the Ontario Parks staff to support projects that enhance the Park experience. The *Friends* Board is seeking one or two **Board members** from the Sans Souci area to assist with their planning and activities.

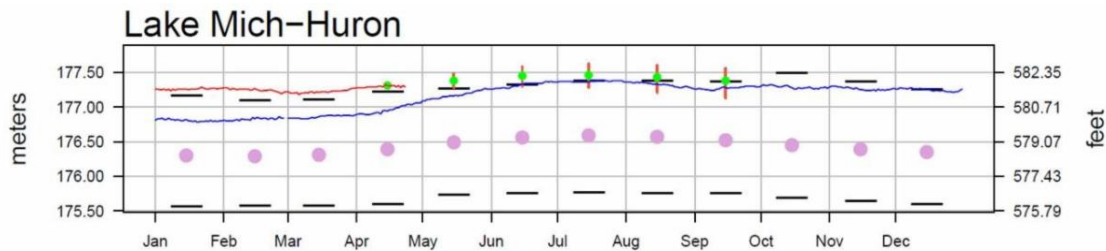
Activities include trail maintenance and phragmite removal in the Park, creating projects which encourage eco-friendly use of the park such as the art and photography competitions and fund raising for park projects such as stabilization of buildings at Calhoun Lodge. See the website (<https://friendsofthemassasauga.wildapricot.org/>) for more details and the Strategic Plan.

Board meetings are held usually thrice a year, and participation can be by phone if necessary. Involvement through committees depends on your interests and skills.

If you are interested in joining the Friends as a Board member, and/or if you'd like more information, contact Nancy Christie (nancy.christie@utoronto.ca) or Dan Purdon (dpurdon@bmts.com)

Nancy Christie - Director
Friends of the Massasauga Park

GBA Water Levels Report - Apr 25, 2020



Water levels continue to be well above average and near or above record high levels, but **the difference from last year's level for Lake Michigan-Huron has declined by 3 inches over the last week (from 14 to 11 inches higher) reflecting the drier conditions.**

From a month ago the water levels on Lakes Superior, **Michigan-Huron**, St Clair, Erie & Ontario are **up 2, 3, 2, 3, 6 inches** respectively.....[more info...](#)

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