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Buck Lake News – 2015 February

Hello All

We had a wonderful Mid Winter Festival on Feb 7 at the Hidden Valley Campground. It was a snowy cold day, but around 63 hearty souls joined us for an afternoon of fun and festivities.

I would like to pass along the following thank you's to our very important committee.

First of all thank you to Grayden for chairing the event and doing much of the work this year.

Ross is just amazing. Through all this snowfall, he singlehandedly plowed and shoveled a very large ice rink, which was scraped clean for the activities. He also provided tables and electricity.

Cheryl is undoubtedly the best games coordinator and set up for horseshoes, snow golf, and Slooshing -- which continues to be the most hilarious event. She and Grayden also brought firewood.

We had a great warming and marshmallow bonfire, which Kevin took care of all day.

Liz made a great pot of chili and also hot Adult Cider.

Rose supplied a delicious pot of Crab Chowder and Susan made wonderful Teriyaki Turkey Meatballs. These two dishes certainly elevated the food table to gourmet status and were completely devoured. I also made a pot of Chili and Don was the BBQ chef for Hot Dogs and Buns.

Rob and Faye of the famous Perth Road Store generously donated the hot dogs, buns, condiments, and paper goods. All in all everyone was well fed.

Thank you also to Randy Ruttan and his family for joining us and allowing us to use the campground.

As you can see -- quite a few people put their hearts and efforts into this event and we thank them for their contributions. Once again the Buck Lake Community rules!!!!

Jo Anne Hopkins

First Annual Buck Lake Slooshing Challenge

As part of the Mid Winter Fest activities this year, we held a slooshing competition. We had a total of 6 teams participating. After a hard fought battle, it was the team of Ruby, Harris, Stella and Neko who beat out the 5 adult teams to win the event. Congratulations to the winners and thanks everyone for participating. It was great fun! Let's do it again next year.

Ralph Wirsig took a great video of one of the races. You can watch it here: http://youtu.be/TBHz8c37EbA



Slooshing Champs 2015

More pictures can be found here: 2015 Mid-Winter Fest Pictures



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Be prepared and take charge of your own safety this snowmobile season says OPP & OFSC



ORILLIA, ON, Jan. 4, 2015 /CNW/ - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) are reminding riders that a snowmobile can quickly take you away from areas where services, communities and emergency assistance are easily accessible or available.

Responsible snowmobilers take charge of their own safety and wellbeing by preparing their sleds, gear and equipment before the first ride of the season. In addition to getting properly trained and knowing the law, there are other factors to consider when getting ready for safe snowmobiling:

Service Your Sled - Avoid breakdowns that can leave you stranded by having your sled professionally serviced before your first ride.

Carry a Repair Kit - Ensure that you have either the sled manufacturer's tool kit or one of your own on board, including owner's manual, spare belt and spark plugs.

Inspect Your Gear & Equipment - Make sure that everything still fits and works properly, and that nothing is missing before you head out.

Prepare for First Aid - Pre-assembled first aid kits can be found at outdoor stores and online and so can information about first aid courses.

Get a Survival Kit - Any unexpected day or night spent out in the cold will be easier with assistance from a good survival kit, found at outdoors stores and online, including information about winter survival courses.

Go High Tech - Devices like GPS, cell phones, satellite phones and personal tracking units can be very useful in avoiding or dealing with emergency situations.

Contact Companions - Snowmobiling is more fun with riding buddies, and safer too, so avoid riding alone by getting in touch with friends and family who can join you on the trails.

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Review Safety Tips - As experienced as you may be, it's always smart to renew your familiarity with your sled's safety manual and the Safe Riders messaging on the OFSC website ofsc.on.ca/safety.

The OPP is committed to saving lives on Ontario's highways, trails and waterways through the reduction of preventable injury and death. Initiatives are developed and delivered through the Provincial Traffic Safety Program. Visit opp.ca for more information.

The OFSC is committed to proactive leadership in promoting safe, responsible riding, on and off Ontario snowmobile trails, by building safer snowmobiling knowledge, attitudes and behaviours through rider education, safety legislation development and enforcement. Visit ofsc.on.ca for more information.

From the Northumberland View

Coming Events:

Tuesday lunches at Perth Road Sunday School Hall are still happening. Excellent lunch for \$5.

April 11th Maple Syrup Festival from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Perth Road Sunday School Hall

Family movie night will resume on April 17th.

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Comparing Power Used by different Light Bulbs:

This chart was found on the internet and is a good way to show the differences in types of light bulbs available today. Incandescent bulbs are no longer available in Canada. Some stores may have old stock they will continue to sell until gone. Power used, environmental impact and other features are compared. The charts are on the following 2 pages.

Grayden McClurg

In order to promote the spirit of Buck Lake People, we invite your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements. Mail to: info@bucklake.ca
Lake Plan link: Lake Plan Web Version



Comparison Chart LED Lights vs. Incandescent Light Bulbs vs. CFLs

	Energy Efficiency & Energy Costs Life Span (average)	Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) 50,000 hours	Incandescent Light Bulbs 1,200 hours	Compact Fluorescents (CFLs) 8,000 hours
	Watts of electricity used (equivalent to 60 watt bulb). LEDs use less power (watts) per unit of light generated (lumens). LEDs help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and lower electric bills	6 - 8 watts	60 watts	13-15 watts
	Kilo-watts of Electricity used (30 Incandescent Bulbs per year equivalent)	329 KWh/yr.	3285 KWh/yr.	767 KWh/yr.
	Annual Operating Cost (30 Incandescent Bulbs per year equivalent)	\$32.85/year	\$328.59/year	\$76.65/year
38	Environmental Impact	Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs)	Incandescent Light Bulbs	Compact Fluorescents (CFLs)
	Contains the TOXIC Mercury	No	No	Yes - Mercury is very toxic to your health and the environment
	RoHS Compliant	Yes	Yes	No - contains 1mg-5mg of Mercury and is a major risk to the environment
	Carbon Dioxide Emissions (30 bulbs per year) Lower energy consumption decreases: CO2 emissions, sulfur oxide, and high-level nuclear waste.	451 pounds/year	4500 pounds/year	1051 pounds/year

Important Facts	Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs)	Incandescent Light Bulbs	Compact Fluorescents (CFLs)
Sensitivity to low temperatures	None	Some	Yes - may not work under negative 10 degrees Fahrenheit or over 120 degrees Fahrenheit
Sensitive to humidity	No	Some	Yes
On/off Cycling Switching a CFL on/off quickly, in a closet for instance, may decrease the lifespan of the bulb.	No Effect	Some	Yes - can reduce lifespan drastically
Turns on instantly	Yes	Yes	No - takes time to warm up
Durability	Very Durable - LEDs can handle jarring and bumping	Not Very Durable - glass or filament can break easily	Not Very Durable - glass can break easily
Heat Emitted	3.4 btu's/hour	85 btu's/hour	30 btu's/hour
Failure Modes	Not typical	Some	Yes - may catch on fire, smoke, or omit an odor
Light Output	Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs)	Incandescent Light Bulbs	Compact Fluorescents (CFLs)
Lumens 450	Watts 4-5	Watts 40	Watts 9-13
800	6-8	60	13-15
1,100	9-13	75	18-25
1,600	16-20	100	23-30
2,600	25-28	150	30-55