



RESORT VILLAGE OF GLEN HARBOUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER JULY 1, 1986 TO JULY 1, 2021

The Resort Village of Glen Harbour was incorporated from a Hamlet effective July 1, 1986. Nominations for Mayor and two Councilors took place in May, 1986 with Douglas Hunter, resident of Strasbourg as returning officer. The first meeting of council was held on Monday, July 7, 1986 at 7:30 in the public meeting room of the Main Public Library, Regina, SK. The first mayor was F. MacLean (Mac) Smith. Councilors were Judi Kehler and Jean Ebbes. The administrator was Cindy Anderson. (*Saskatchewan Urban Affairs, Municipal Directory 1987*)

Historical facts:

Homesteaders found traces of an old village when they arrived in 1883. Still standing were fireplaces and chimneys and still visible were the remains of garden plots and shrubs. Lilac bushes can still be traced to those early settlers. At least ten cellar excavations could be seen and several graves. The graves had been tended for many years by Indians in the area when they made annual visits to the site. The pioneers kept careful watch over these graves, but in spite of this, curious souvenir hunters opened one grave and found a body wrapped in a buffalo robe. When it was discovered the grave was filled in. It is speculated that this early settlement might have been the remains of a Metis settlement. (*From Buffalo Grass to Wheat, a History of Long Lake District*)

Steamboat travel on Last Mountain Lake started as early as 1904 when The Pearson Land Co brought a river paddle boat to what is now Valeport carrying cargo up and down the lake. It was changed to "The Lady of the Lake" then to the "Welcome". Later it was changed to a luxury steamer and rechristened the "Qu'Appelle". A passenger could buy passage from Lumsden to Glen Harbour for \$14.00 return. She was beached in 1913 until November 11, 1918 when she was burned as part of a peace celebration. (*From Buffalo Grass to Wheat, a History of Long Lake District*)

Original farm buildings: In 1960 Floyd (Bud) Robinson approached Helen Flavel, who was the owner of the Glen Harbour/ Flavel property at that time. He proposed an arrangement where he would tear down the old barn, which had fallen into dangerous disrepair, if he could use the lumber to build a cabin on a lot not far from the barn. The deal was struck and the barn taken down. The lumber was hauled a short distance up the small ravine and the Robinson (now Kehler) cabin was built. The foundation of the old barn can still be seen straddling the Holliday and Clairmont property just along their fence line. The original farm home which was located about where Robin Bay is now located, was purchased later by the Stadnyk family and moved to its present location on Bluebird Drive. **Note: Helen Flavel was the widow of Edgar Flavel, the son of homesteaders John & Annie Flavel. Helen Flavel died December 20, 2000.

Village development: In 1972 Fred Shtuka purchased Glen Harbour and several years later with partner Harvey McEwen they began the formal development of Glen Harbour. In April 1983 an advertisement appeared in the Regina Shopper offering lots for sale in the "newest sub-division 42 miles from Regina". Prices started at \$5,000.00 per serviced lot with underground power and telephone. The brochure selling the merits of the resort says "Glen Harbour has been used as a recreation area since the arrival of the homesteaders. Over the years Glen Harbour has been the focal point for summer and winter activities."

Sports and Recreation Committee: Members of the Village Sports and Rec Committee in 1987 – 1988 were Judi Kehler, Chair; John Elkew, Vice-chair; Ray Juneau; Kim Anderson; Randy Kachluba; Stan Dahl; Willy Dolha. The First Annual Sports “Daze” was held in July 1987. The Waterfront Press, a Lumsden newspaper, reported the second annual Sports “Daze” was held on July 9th, 1988. A ball tournament was held with four teams participating – the Glen Harbour Pick-Ups; The Harbour Regulars; Colesdale Park; and Strasbourg. It was reported that “the Harbour Regulars carried the trophy home for the second year running.” Other events included: a fishing derby, horseshoe tournament, Men’s Hairy Legs Contest, card games and Yahtze, a sand castle building contest; water slide; and of course a beer garden. Ted Bury was the local Fireworks genius and would put on a lovely show every year. The Sports & Recreation Committee was instrumental in installing the first boat launch and pier for public use. The original committee also installed the first playground equipment in the children’s play area.

Businesses: About the year 1983 to 1985 a local store was operated out of the original farm house. At the time it was being used by the family of Fred Shtucka. It was very convenient to be able to buy bread and staples; and for the kids to buy candy and pop. Howard Haider had two daughters. They wanted to stay in the city and work and Haider and his wife wanted them to spend the summer at the lake. So he bought a small travel trailer, set it up on the beach, equipped it for cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, and hired his daughters to work there all summer. Problem solved and everyone was happy. Many people from along the lake would pull into the Harbour for a snack and cold drink. At one time Shtucka and his partner ran a campground with pull-in sites, public washrooms, and wood for fires. Presently we have a water treatment plant and two septic tank pumping services operating from our Village; and the Glen Harbour Kids Camp as our closest neighbor.

2011 Flashflood: In early May of 2011 Saskatchewan was hit with what was called “The Flood of the Century”. The floods were due to a winter of record-breaking snowfall and a rainy spring. Last Mountain Lake rose to an unprecedented level and flood waters overflowed into boathouses and homes along the lake shore. Residents worked day and night filling sandbags and building a Berm wall. A berm is a man-made barrier to guard against potential flooding. Berms are placed in flood-prone areas to protect against erosion, run off and high water. The Glen Harbour Berm ran from the Glen Harbour Kids Camp lodge to the point. And it worked! Many dwellings were saved.

“There’s a lot of fine points to puttin’ up a first-class privy that the average man don’t think about. It’s no job for an amachoor, take my word on it. There’s a whole lot more to it than you can see by just takin’ a few squints at your nabor’s.” (*The Specialist by Charles (Chic) Sale*)



Do you recognize or did you make use of any of these?

In the more recent past the village has erected a Gazebo for public use; built a Community Center, now named the Fred Shtucka Community Center and surrounded it with lots of picnic tables and fenced in the whole area; moved the Horseshoe pits close to the Community Center; named the Harvey McEwen Park and installed a Book Swap and surrounded the area with trees. As the brochure said the Village remains a focal point for summer and winter activities!!