



## 2011 SWIM ACROSS THE LAKE

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual “Swim Across the Lake” was held on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful event with fifty swimmers participating this year. All swimmers received a T-shirt, prizes donated by Coppertone and enjoyed the hot dogs and refreshments on the beach. The Swim raised \$1193.08 this year. Our expenses were \$81.93 (drinks, hot dogs, buns, ketchup and mustard).

Thanks to the efforts of Carol and Lesley Milligan, we were able to offer two weeks of swim lessons at Beswick Park this year. Each participant received 10 swim lessons for \$20.00. The lessons were subsidized by Swim Across the Lake monies (approximately \$550.00). Lead by our excellent swim instructor, Justin Harvey, the twenty participants enjoyed their lessons and most progressed one level in the Red Cross Swim Program. In addition, many of Justin’s students swam in the Swim Across the Lake with Justin swimming with them. It is our plan to offer swim lessons again next year.

In the spring, I was approached by Bob Reimer to see if the Swim Across the Lake would be willing to help fund the building of a new ballpark by the community hall. At that time we had about \$4700.00 in our bank account. The decision was made to transfer \$2500 of our funds towards the building of the ballpark.

### The Swim

Although the Swim is not considered a race, we do time the swimmers just for fun. The top ten swimmers are listed below with their swim times. Thank you to all the swimmers who participated this year. You all did a great job!

NAME	TIME IN MINUTES
Heather Shedden	20:10
John McNeill	23:45
Evan & Jim Kennedy	25:04
Mackenzie Timco	25:08
Monique Dube & Thomas Pugsley	25:55
Kennedy Assen	26:35
Grace McNeill	26:57
Tamara Assen	27:04
Mark McNeill	27:43
Shawna LaRacle	28:22

The rest of the swimmers were: Hanna and Will McNeill, Mary-Grace Maung, Tiffany Rivette, Jill Pawelko, Anthony Lange, Maindiaux Blandine, Tasha Ptasinski, Kelly & Katie Roth, Karlie Savoie, Lucas Stenberg, Grant Gordon, Kelsey & Emily McNeill, Seanna & Cole Muskego, Sherri-Anne, Olivia & Gunnar Kennedy, Landon Thomas, the deVlaming gang (Raylee, Tanner, Paris, Haley, Tye and Skyler ), Nick Baxandall,

Chelsey Thomas, Lauren Baxandall, Sarah Ellis, Cooper Roe, Dylan & Joanne Rveberer, Thomas & Michael Pye, Teagan & Shayna McNeill and Ian Lees. I hope I got everyone. If not, I apologize.

### **Sponsorship and Thank you's**

A big thank you to our major sponsors:

- AWE (Aging With Ease) for half the cost of the T-shirts.
- Stream Flo Industries for half the cost of the T-shirts.
- Coppertone and Sharon Somer for the prizes.
- The Milligans, Carol, Dave and Les for the use of their barge and their personal time.

Many thanks to the following for their support of this year's event:

- The Baxandalls for the use of their dock.
- The wonderful volunteers – Joan Shedden, Connie Ptasinski, Nora Head, Greg & Sharon Fuller and Karen Shaw.
- The many boaters that protected our swimmers (especially the lady on the pink Seadoo!).
- The McNeills for the use of their beach.

Next year's swim will take place on **Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** which is the Thursday after the 2012 Summer Sizzler.

Now for some bad news. The pictures that were taken by us were stored on a SD disc. Somehow when I went to download the pictures from the swim things just would not work and I could not retrieve this year's pictures (I think the disc somehow was corrupted). I would appreciate anyone that has pictures of the "Swim" sending them to me by email attachment ([fkhead@telus.net](mailto:fkhead@telus.net)). I particularly need a photo of all the participants at the end.

Yours in fun swimming,  
Fraser Head  
Swim Across the Lake Coordinator