

Salmon Lake

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Lakes, Snakes and Barbecues.



Ministry of Natural Resources researcher Chris Parent demonstrates art of rattlesnake handling.

After a long, cold, rainy summer it was a pleasure to spend a warm, sunny afternoon with 62 lake neighbours at the Annual Salmon Lake Ratepayers Association barbecue on August 13th. We were fortunate to have several guest speakers in attendance.

Constables Kristine McConegal and Tim Nicksy from the Parry Sound OPP presented information on the new boating regulations. Many of us were surprised to learn that canoes and paddleboats must comply with standard boating safety regulations. Materials were provided that outlined requirements in detail.

Councilor Doug Graham brought us up to speed on current happenings in the community of Sequin.

Reeve George Strivins stopped by to wish us well as he headed off to Ottawa to gain Federal funding for local road improvement.

Chris Parent from Killbear Provincial Park put a lot of myths to rest about the Massassauga rattlesnake. With a live rattler, Chris demonstrated how timid these misunderstood creatures are. Then he and Doug Graham showed us how to capture a snake in a garbage pail, should we find one on our property. Through Chris, the Ministry of Natural Resources acknowledged our successful Brake for Snakes campaign. Our signs are getting motorists to slow down, not just for snakes, but other animals as well. Plus, the signs have had a rather amusing secondary benefit - - campers are no longer trespassing in the local sandpits!

