

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere celebrates 100 years since incorporation.** It was founded in 1870, but in 1924, under the leadership of Henry Longhurst, the village applied for independent village status with the government of Ontario. Longhurst became the first Reeve (Mayor) of Windermere.
- **Windermere House** - Open year round. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
 - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Open 7 days a week: 12pm-10pm, late night menu from 9-10pm
 - **The Rosseau** - Open Saturday and Sunday 12 to 9pm, Thursdays & Fridays 5-9pm
Closed - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
 - **The Trading Post is open!** Artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** - **OFF-SEASON hours as follows:**
Thursday - Sunday 9am - 5pm
- **Windermere Golf Club** - open to the public
Restaurant hours:
Sun. - Wed. - 11am - 6pm
Thurs. - Sat. - 11am - 9pm
Wing night - Thursday 5pm
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
Lots of fall specials going on. Visit them!!
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. **Order fresh Turkey for Thanksgiving while supplies last.** Lots of strawberries, raspberries and corn available. Open until Thanksgiving.
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am -
(The church is closed from November - April - Evergreen Pastoral Charge worships at Raymond Hall Sundays @ 10:30 am.)

On Sunday September 15th, the Windermere Terry Fox Run raised \$83,95152! There were 125 registered runners. Over 25 years Windermere has raised a total of **\$675,277.00!!**

This week's "Historical Interest" Article

On our heritage walking tours this summer during the Chautauqua Festival, a couple of us were reflecting on the many interesting people that have called Windermere "home" over the years. We came up with three women in particular who we felt merited a mention. We are highlighting one of those women in this week's gazette, and will surprise you with the others over the course of the future Gazettes.... It will keep you coming back for more:)

Famous Women of Windermere Verena Margaret Newton

(Excerpts from Andrew Hind's article for the July 2020 Muskoka Region on-line newspaper)

Verena was Canada's first female golf pro! Born July 12th, 1912 in Windermere, Verena was the daughter Frederick William Newton and Verena Anderson, English immigrants. Fred Newton opened a small but prosperous lakeside resort called the Newtonia Inn, and Verena was raised in an environment of warm hospitality and efficiency, catering to guests. With the opening of the Windermere Golf Club in 1919, Verena was eventually taken under the wing of Windermere's first golf professional, Hugh Logan. He was both golfer and clubhouse manager (one time a foreman at St Andrews in Scotland), as well as a club maker (a former club maker at the London Scottish Club at Wimbledon). He taught Verena to play the game as well as how to attend to the needs of the members.

Verena rose to prominence in 1931 when "virtually unknown", she entered the Canadian Ladies Close Championship and "romped away with the handsome cup presented by the British Ladies Golf Union"

A unique opportunity came her way the following year when her brother, Fred Newton Jr. partnered in opening Lakeside Golf Club at Clevelands House, alongside the resort's owner, Arthur Minett.

Although Verena was only 19 years old, she served as Lakeside Golf Club's head golf professional.

As the first female professional in Canada, Verena attracted a lot of media attention, and in the May 1932 edition of Canadian Golfer, there was a profile noting that...



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 21st - Sam Galloway
 @ Windermere House
Sept. 22nd - Charlie McKittrick
 @ Windermere House
Sept 25th, 7 - 8pm
 Contemplative Ecumenical Taize
 Service - Windermere United Church.
*Search for communion with God through
 monastic chants, silence, prayers and personal
 reflection.*

October 5th, 7 - 9pm - @
 Windermere United Church
Music Night Fundraiser - Live
foot-tapping music featuring the
 Creasors, Kuepfers & Balodis.
*We will also have desserts! Bid on an original
 painting of our beautiful church from local
 artist - Marilyn Goslin. Check out her FB page
 soon for an early peek. All donations support
 Windermere United Church*

October 13th - 11am-3pm -
 Thanksgiving Brunch @ Windermere
 House in The Rosseau dining room.
Reserve Now - 705-769-3611

Wednesdays at the Ullswater
Hall - Games Night - 7-9pm
 Board Games, Cards, etc. Come
 meet your neighbours!

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **Police - Non-emergency**
(705) 645-2211
- **Fire Department**
(705)-765-3156
- **District of Muskoka Office**
(705) 645-2100
- **By-law Office Township**
(705) 765-3156
- **Wharf Master**
(705) 769-3611
- **Windermere Golf Club**
(705) 769-3381
- **Windermere Marina**
(705) 769-3661
- **Windermere House**
(705) 769-3611
- **Taylor Farms**
(705)-769-2368
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
(705)-769-3238
- **Archives**
windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com
- **Lions Club**

Have you
 ever thought
 about joining
 the Women's
 Institute of
 the Lions
 Club?

"She is not only an exceptionally good golfer, but is quite capable of looking after the requirements of golfers in regard to club repairs and the dozen and one things a capable pro is called upon to perform."
"The game is fun", she said. "And I hope I can make my own way and have fun playing too."

Verena worked a number of years at Lakeside, but her life was cut tragically short at age 28. She died of a heart attack December 13th, 1940, brought on by Bright's disease.

Frederick Newton (Verona's father) purchased the property up the road from the Maple Leaf House (Baldwins) in 1920 and built his hotel, The Newtonia Inn.



The Newtonia Inn, Windermere

In 1923 he sold the property to a man by the name of Cutten who eventually moved the building across Golf Avenue Road to Maple Leaf Bay.

This was later purchased by C. Lloyd Smith who turned it into the Silverbirch Lodge (shown right). The building is no longer there.



There are commemorative **"Windermere 100 Years!"**

T-Shirts still available in assorted sizes, either black or white. Lg. logo on back. \$30 - proceeds to the Community Fund.



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Vendors Wanted
 for the
28th Christmas Craft Sale

Ullswater Hall
 November 16th
 For more information call Darlene - 705-769-3830