

# 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.)

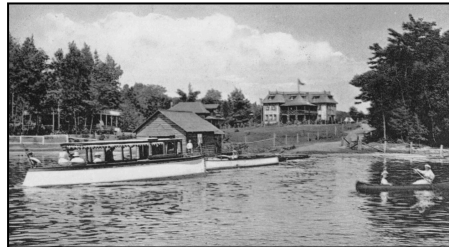
### Editors' Note

Last week's article about the Community Halls was contributed by Lena Dutton of the Women's Institute. Lena is a 5th generation resident of Windermere.

## This week's "Historical Interest" Article Maple Leaf House

*Excerpts from "Windermere" by Richard Tatley and the Archives of the Windermere Women's Institute*

Irenaeus Hough came to Canada in 1871. He settled in Muskoka, married Ella "Nellie" Clark in 1895 (one of the eleven children of Thomas Clark - the sawmill owner). He purchased land from Thomas Aitken, built a cottage and took in boarders arriving off the steamers. In 1901 he decided to build Maple Leaf House on the little bay just north of Paton Point.



It was an idyllic setting with woodlands, meadows, sandy beach and fresh spring water. There was a baseball diamond, a farm and vegetable garden. By 1903 it was taking in about 35 guests.

He provided his own wharf for the navigation company steamers, complete with canopy for shelter, and in 1904 he added a new

ballroom to the hotel and large fireplace. Unfortunately in 1905, his son Ivan, decided to build a fire under the front porch "to keep his little dog warm", and in the process burned the entire building down. He promptly rebuilt on the same site and by 1906 it was complete and expanded to accommodate 60 guests. It was an informal place with baseball, music and singalongs.

In 1941, Irenaeus Hough sold Maple Leaf House to his son Ivan Reginald and retired. Ivan, who had won paddling medals for Canada in the 1924 Olympics,



remodelled the hotel and changed the name to Maple Leaf Lodge. For entertainment the lodge offered tennis, horseback riding, baseball, dancing, boating and swimming at rates of \$16 - \$25 per week, American Plan.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Don't miss....

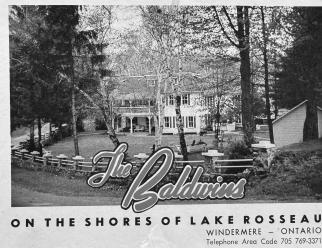
- **October 5th, 7 - 9pm - @ Windermere United Church**  
**Music Night Fundraiser** - Live foot-tapping music featuring the Creasors, Kuepfers & Balodis.  
*We will also have desserts! Bid on an original painting of our beautiful church from local artist - Marilyn Goslin. Check out her FB page soon 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**
- **October 17th - 5 - 7pm**  
**Christ Church Windermere**  
**Chili Supper**  
@ the Windermere Community Centre  
*Adults \$15 Children 8 & under - \$8*  
*Eat in or phone and order by Wed. Oct 16th to pick up on the 17th*  
**705-646-3099**
- **Wednesdays at the Ullswater Hall**  
- **Games Night - 7-9pm** Board Games, Cards, etc. Come meet your neighbours!

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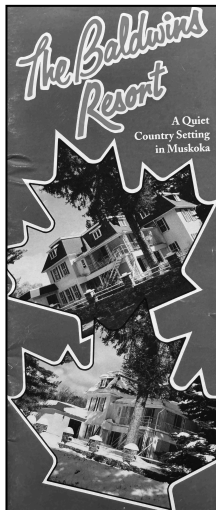
## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **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](mailto:windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com)
- **Lions Club**  
[windermere@ar2lions.ca](mailto:windermere@ar2lions.ca)

**Vendors Wanted**  
for the  
**28th Christmas Craft Sale**  
Ullswater Hall  
November 16th  
For more information call Darlene - 705-769-3830



badminton, croquet, shuffleboard, horseshoes, archery and table tennis. It was known for its home-cooked meals, and lively parties. Fred Baldwin died in 1962 and it was sold in 1964 to Ruth Paget. She continued to expand the hotel adding additional buildings and



In 1946, Ivan sold Maple Leaf Lodge to Frederick "Baldie" Baldwin, a former football coach at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. He and his wife changed the name to the Baldwins, and expanded with snack bar, several cottages, and new sports like



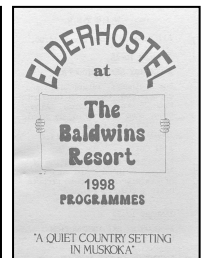
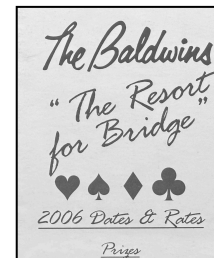
renovations as well as an outdoor pool. In the 1970's the dining room was expanded and a liquor license obtained.

In 1980 Ruth Paget sold it to Al and Pat Poutanen. They cleaned up the ponds, and remodelled and turned the Baldwins into a winter resort with cross-country skiing, skating, tobogganing, snowshoeing and ice fishing.

They added a sauna, indoor pool, nine hole mini-putt and new office.

The Baldwins has changed hands a number of times since the Poutanens sold the lodge 20 years later, and was well known for bridge, golf and then the arts.

It is no longer operating as a lodge, but sits on the same beautiful property as it always has, awaiting the next metamorphosis.



The village of Windermere and surrounding area is fortunate to have two very active community groups - the **Windermere Women's Institute** and the **Windermere and District Lions Club**. Both of these amazing groups are very open and welcoming to new members. They would love to have you join their group.

**Women's Institute** - contact Darlene - [jdpoirier@live.com](mailto:jdpoirier@live.com)

**Lions Club** - contact James - [windermere@ar2lions.ca](mailto:windermere@ar2lions.ca)

Lion's BBQ, Turkey Suppers, Sugar Bush Pancake Social, Community Appreciation Breakfasts and more. If you enjoy events like this, get involved! Help your community at the same time.