



# The Pritchard News

Spring 2003



## **CEMETERY CLEANUP**

### ***2003 Cleanup***

This year's cemetery cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after Victoria Day. Of note, the home adjacent to the cemetery entrance was sold this past summer so lets have lots of people come out to meet our new neighbours. If you would like to participate but are unsure of how to get to the cemetery please contact Craig Dillabaugh (613) 234-7309, for directions. Cleanup starts at 9.30 am.

### ***2002 Cleanup Report***

Last year's cleanup was held on a wonderful sunny day and we had a good turn out. There was plenty of work to do. A large tree had fallen and knocked down at least one tombstone, but Ruggles Pritchard showed up with his chain saw and the workers were able to make quick work of the tree. Frank and Lilia Roy came all the way from Perth to help out. Other helpers included James and Ruggles Pritchard, Derlin, Sondra, Kristie and Craig Dillabaugh, and our youngest worker Reyn Layer.

## **2003 PRITCHARD REUNION**

The 2003 version of the annual Pritchard Reunion will be held once again at the home of Ruggles and Marika Pritchard. The date for this year's reunion is July 13<sup>th</sup>, which is as usual a Sunday. Food should be out on the tables by around noon, so that would be an excellent time for you to show up too! There will be games provided for children, young and old. Please bring one of your culinary masterpieces to contribute to the meal. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Address:**

1598 Lakeshore Drive  
Lakeland Estates, Osgoode, Ontario  
(613) 821-4160

### **Directions:**

- Take Hwy 31 (Bank Street) south, turn right (south) on Albion Rd.
- Follow Albion Rd. (past the Casino – please do not stop at the Casino) to end (about 11 kms) and turn right on Mitch Owen's Rd.
- After a short drive (0.4 kms) turn left (south) onto Stagecoach Rd.
- The fifth road you come to on the right is Lakeshore Drive (there is a sign for Lakeland Estates) turn left (east).
- The Pritchard home is about the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> on the right (they keep building new homes around there so its hard to say for sure)!

## Reunion Forecast



Naturally, we are expecting nothing less than ideal weather again this year, as it NEVER rains at a Pritchard family picnic.



## 2002 Reunion Report

Just as we predicted here in the 2002 newsletter, weather for last summer's reunion was perfect - sunny and warm with just enough of a breeze to keep things cooled off and mess up your golf shot (if you skipped the reunion to golf - we hope you hit lots of balls into the water). Attendance was good, with many people of all ages attending and having a good time. Please don't let fear of overcrowding keep you away this year though, Ruggles and Marika have lots of room. Of course there was plenty of food and no one was in danger of going home hungry.

Games for the children and adults were organized by Kirk Dillabaugh and everyone had fun. The traditional egg toss was a big hit. I don't remember who won the egg toss, so it obviously wasn't me. Following the games a small water fight broke out, but no one was injured. Later in the day a number of the younger people took advantage of the lake behind the Pritchard home to go canoeing and swimming. The business meeting was conducted by President Victor Dillabaugh. Victor thanked Ruggles and Marika for the use of their home. Secretary Craig Dillabaugh then reported on the family finances.

The collection hat brought in \$396 – whoever brought that hat please bring it again this year - and \$150 in donations were received during the year. Reunion expenses totaled \$177 and the family bank account is now overflowing with \$903.78. As you can see despite the recession the Pritchard family continues to be profitable! Perhaps we should consider selling shares next year since we are doing so well. A big 'Thanks' to everyone who have so generously donated.

At the business meeting a number of suggestions were made to the current executive including:

1. spending some of the surplus funds on the cemetery clean up.
2. trying to find out if there are any government grants available that could be used to obtain money for cemetery maintenance.
3. sending out the family newsletter by email.

We have managed to make some progress on numbers 1 & 3, and hopefully will have some progress to report on #2 by the time the reunion rolls around. For #1, Kevin Easey has arranged to get a wood chipper to help with the clean up! For #3, we are planning to produce a digital newsletter that will be mailed to all the address we can obtain from the Pritchard family web site.

## Other News

This past year we have learned of a few long lost relatives who have been added to the newsletter mailing list. Welcome to Mary Muse, Carolyn Spilde and Lynn Henslick from the United States and Carol Pinnel and Reta Irwin from the Ottawa area.

*We look forward to seeing you all in July. If you have any questions please contact Craig Dillabaugh by phone at (613) 234-7309 or by email at: [craig\\_dillabaugh@operamail.com](mailto:craig_dillabaugh@operamail.com)*