

# Grand Lake Association / Association du Lac Grand

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## NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. at Crépin Beach. This will be followed by a free barbecue. In event of rain, the meeting will be moved to the Sports Club. Bring your chairs and hope for sunshine!



Welcome to another summer in paradise, a time when residents and cottagers of Grand Lake and Green Lake find themselves again caught up in the incredible beauty of our environment we are fortunate to share with family and friends.

Your Lake Association invites you to become aware of the content of this newsletter and also learn of the various activities planned to make this another enjoyable season at the lake.

Please contact any member of the Board if you have any questions, comments or information that could be of interest to your Association. Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for a complete list of directors and contact details.

## Call for New Members for the Board of the Grand Lake Association

We are always seeking energetic candidates with new ideas interested in joining the Board of the Grand Lake Association. If you are interested in submitting your name for consideration, please do so by using the form attached to this newsletter. You may also submit the name of another member for consideration with his/her approval. All submitted names will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

## Membership

Almost all cottagers on Grand Lake and Green Lake continue to renew their annual membership, with a record number of members also joining our Winter Patrol Program. Our virtual 100% membership is the envy of other Val des Monts lakes-let's keep it up!

Our data base includes double entries for surnames if so desired by members, and the attached Membership form will be used to produce a new 2014 directory, so please provide the latest information.

To date, almost everyone have indicated that they prefer to receive their correspondence by e-mail. If you have any questions, or wish to provide your e-mail address for all Association communications, please e-mail your requests and information to [harrisboyd@rogers.com](mailto:harrisboyd@rogers.com).



## Treasury

Our treasury continues to reflect a strong surplus position, with reserves in excess of \$55,000 invested securely in CDIC-insured instruments. As usual, our annual fees cover all administrative costs, which are minor, and all Association events are designed to be self-financing.

We believe that it is prudent to continually seek means of increasing reserves creatively to allow us to be in a position to make a meaningful contribution to any significant problem that may surface, as well as provide critical funding to spending initiatives that could be brought to us by members to maintain, protect or enhance the lake environment and water quality we all cherish. A guiding principle for reserve spending is that the result will benefit all members.

*We should be working towards increasing the size of our reserve fund to maintain its purchasing power.*

As most of you are aware, the Association maintains the reserve fund for contingencies and unexpected disasters that could arise and impact our Members.

## Annual Golf Tournament -21<sup>st</sup> Edition

**July 25, 2014  
Grand Lake  
Golf Tournament at  
the Edelweiss Golf  
Club**



The 2014 Annual Grand Lake Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at the Edelweiss Golf Club in Wakefield, Quebec. Check in will start at 11AM with a shotgun start at 12 sharp for all teams.

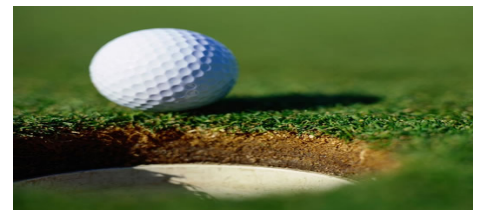
A registration form with all the details required is part of the newsletter package for you to easily complete and scan and e-mail or fax or mail to the co-ordinates on the sheet. We will also accept e-mailed funds for those who dislike using any paper transactions like cheques.

Please contact Tom Martin at [tom.martin@bell.net](mailto:tom.martin@bell.net) , Dale Smith at [dale@dalegsmith.ca](mailto:dale@dalegsmith.ca) or Jocelyne Lemery-Paul at [carpediem2010@hotmail.ca](mailto:carpediem2010@hotmail.ca) or in person at the Grand Lake Association Annual Meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please register and commit by July 12, as it assists with planning the event

properly and as well allows us to confirm the correct number to the Golf Club to avoid paying for people who do not show.

We are looking to field the largest group of golfers ever-72-so please encourage your neighbours, family and friends to share in a "Grand" experience and join us for a memorable day!



## Environment

For many years we have been testing the water regularly in our lakes to monitor various measures of water quality: clarity, Phosphate and E-coli levels.

Phosphate is a nutrient that promotes weed growth; human activity tends to increase the amount of phosphate in the lake, which is why we discourage the use of fertilizer, soap, etc. near the lake because over the past 10 years phosphate concentration in Grand Lake has been creeping up gradually, and we must remain ever vigilant.

Clarity is tested using a Secchi Disk. It is a 12" diameter disk which is quartered in white and black. It is lowered until it

disappears, then the depth is recorded. Ideally the testing should be done monthly. The first tests this year will be done in June.

We will test for e-coli during swimming season and report the results in the fall newsletter.

We have been advised that a blue-green algae bloom (cyanobacteria) was discovered and confirmed by the environmental authorities (MDDELCC) in Green Lake early this spring. This is an unusual time of year for such blooms to be present and we are awaiting additional information as to protocols that should be followed but believe this is a very isolated event. If you see anything unusual, please report same to a member of the executive.

*Grand Lake is a member of the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts. This summer Grand Lake and Green Lake will be the subject of a detailed study by the Federation's environmental consultant, Melanie Renaud, and her student assistant. Please provide them with any information they request, as this will improve the quality of the study results. For information about this study of Val de Monts lakes and other activities of the Federation, check the web site <http://www.federationdeslacs.ca>*

## Boating and Swimming Safety

**EVERYONE** who operates a motorized pleasure water craft (PWC) must carry on board at all times a proof of competency (such as a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, a Boating Safety Course Completion Card, proof of the successful completion of a boating safety course, or a certificate or other document pertaining to boating safety). Proof of competency is not required for pleasure craft without motors. Visit [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca) to get details.

### Action Checklist for Recreation and Water craft Use:

- All watercrafts (powered or not) must be equipped with navigation lights.
- Operating a boat or PWC if you are under age is subject to a fine of \$100.
- Scan constantly for people, objects and other watercraft on the water.
- Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others.
- As you leave or arrive at your dock with your boat or PWC, you **MUST** use a 90 degree angle in order to avoid unnecessary wake (causing shoreline erosion), hitting swimmers or collision with other boats.
- Please practice water sport activities as far as possible from the shoreline where the lake is wide and clear of obstructions. This will reduce, although not eliminate, the damage of wakes on our precious shores.
- Swim in designated swim safe zones (100 feet from shore) and boaters use extreme caution in these zones where most people swim.
- Be visible at all times while swimming. There have been reports of swimmers crossing the lake without proper accompanying spot boats. This is a very dangerous situation, and we have had near misses.

## **List of Services or Contractors Available to Grand Lake Residents.**

We are often asked for recommendations on services or contractors that could help Grand Lake residents in their various projects. Examples are: dock repairs, snow removal from the cottage roof, outboard motor or major appliance repairs, housekeeping, house-sitting. If you are aware of a reliable service provider or contractor, including lakers who have special skills to offer, please let any member of the Executive know and these people will be contacted to verify if and how they want their skills to be promoted (mailout to members only, website posting for fees as outlined below under "Website"). If you are not web savvy, no fear- call any member of the Executive and they will help you sort this out.

## **FYI – Points of Interest**

We are closely following any indications of development activities that could impact our lake and environment in any way, and regularly meet with appropriate representatives of the various authorities who have some role in this domain. A committee of past presidents and our incumbent president has a mandate to make appropriate enquiries and report regularly to the Executive and in due course to our Association members. If you are aware of any such activities that warrant further research, please advise one of our executive whose co-ordinates are on page 8. At the AGM we will invite the Mayor or Municipal Council Member to speak on the latest development activities that could impact us, as well as other matters.

## **Condolences**

Daniel James O'Leary died suddenly at Grand Lake on February 4, 2014. Few people enjoyed the peace and tranquility of Grand Lake more than Dan, and he provided a great deal of assistance to the Association in many ways over the years. He will be sadly missed by a number of buddies from the lake.

Grace Muriel Graham passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on March 10, 2014. Grace loved spending as much of her summers as possible at Grand Lake.

Hélène Marchand died peacefully in her 91<sup>st</sup> year on June 13, 2014. She had enjoyed over 30 years the beautiful seasons at Grand Lake.

On behalf of its members, the Grand Lake Association offers its condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed in the last year.

Whenever members hear of someone passing, please make sure you advise a member of the Executive so the person can be appropriately remembered in the next newsletter.

## Sailing 2014: GLSA.ca

The **FIRST SAILING RACE** of 2014 will be held on Sunday 29th June, starting at Sarah Pothecary's dock at the south end of the lake, at 12 noon. The **SECOND RACE** will be held on Sunday 6th July from Joy Maclaren's dock. For the full schedule of race dates and courses, consult the 2014 Info Sheet, distributed to GLSA members, available at the Grand Lake Association AGM, posted on [www.glsa.ca](http://www.glsa.ca), or obtainable at any time by ringing the co-commodores, Sarah Pothecary and Duncan Vipond.

This year, the GLSA is delighted to announce that Ian Maclaren and David Landsberg have agreed to offer a training day, for both new and experienced sailors. Ian and David have extensive experience in racing, and this is a truly unique opportunity to take advantage of their skills and knowledge. The training day will be held at Sarah Pothecary's green cottage on Saturday 28th June, the day before the first sailing race of the season. If you have been thinking of sailing in the Grand Lake races, but have not yet ventured forth, now is your opportunity. If you are an old sailing dog, you can learn new tricks!

The training day will consist of four sessions, covering onshore discussions of sailing techniques, rules of racing, boat handling, etc, as well as on-the-water drills. The day will start at 10am and finish probably around 4.30pm. Cost is included in the annual membership fee of \$20 per family, and includes a light lunch. Membership fees will be collected on the day. Please ring Duncan Vipond or Sarah Pothecary to register for the event.

We are always in need of timers. If you think you might be interested in timing, but are unsure of what it involves, you are welcome to attend the training day free of charge. Please contact Duncan Vipond if you would like to volunteer, or if you are one of our valuable existing timers who would like to offer your services again.

Other events this year will include the Mug Up at Joy Maclaren's on 6th July after the sailing race, to review plans for the season, and the AGM on Sunday 31st August at Sarah Pothecary's cottage, to award prizes and elect officers for 2015.

Looking forward to a great 2014 season,  
Duncan Vipond (819 671 1091, [devipond@rogers.com](mailto:devipond@rogers.com)) Sarah Pothecary (819 671 8799, [spothecary@strabo.ca](mailto:spothecary@strabo.ca))

Get those boats in the water and ready to sail. See everyone on June 28/29.



## Walking Trails Work Parties

The Grand Lake Trail System on the Crown Land at the north end of our lake is now complete with two paths heading out from the Trailhead dock. One trail heads east to Lac de la Montagne and up to fabulous view points of that lake, Lac Grand and the surrounding area from high cliffs, before circling back to the trailhead along old logging roads through beautiful wooded areas. The westbound trail tracks close to the northwest arm of Lac Grand before heading up to several rocky lookout spots which provide fantastic views of MacArthur and Grand lakes. The return follows the same route in reverse.

Each hike takes about 2hrs including stops for photos and a snack.

The trails are now well marked with white blazes on trees on the right hand side of the path. There are a few short out and back spurs to lookout points which are marked with blue blazes. There is also a path marked with blue blazes from the green dock on the northwest arm of the lake to the main trail. There are a lot of other markers in the woods - various colours of flagging tape installed by hunters and orange paint markings on trees which appear to mark areas to be logged. These are NOT trail markers which are clearly marked with white (and occasionally blue) metal blazes.

While the trail is well marked, as is usual at this time of year there are leaves, overhanging branches and other debris on the trail. Formal work parties to clear up the trail will be organized in the fall. In the meantime, if you are out on the trail you can help with

maintenance by removing fallen logs and sticks and trimming overhanging branches. Take care on the up and down sections where accumulated leaves make the surface quite slippery in spots. The wet snow and ice this past winter produced a lot of bent over trees on the logging roads. Pack a pruning saw or pair of loppers and help remove these impediments!

There is a sign-in book at the main Trailhead. It's fun to read stories of hikers young and old who have enjoyed their time on the trail. If you have done some work on the trail, please record your contribution in the book. And, if you have suggestions about how to improve the trail experience, leave those notes as well. There are maps of the trail for your use in the sign-in box.

Watch the Grand Lake Association website and the Annual Meeting bulletin board for work party and hike dates.

For further information please get in touch via e-mail at [abby.hoffman@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:abby.hoffman@hc-sc.gc.ca), or phone (819-457-1289).

## Website

([www.lacgrandlake.ca](http://www.lacgrandlake.ca))

Grand Lake residents are invited to submit information/ideas to be included on the website.

In response to members' feedback, the website now includes a section that allows members of the GL Association to do free advertising of items or services they wish to sell, buy, barter or give away. This includes advertising to sell/rent cottages. If you would like to take advantage of this free advertising, contact Louise Dubois at [loudubois2@gmail.com](mailto:loudubois2@gmail.com) ; or for registering lost or found items, contact Nathan Cooper at [nathanscoope@gmail.com](mailto:nathanscoope@gmail.com) .

We continue to look for volunteers to help us keep the web information current. This would not take up much of your time but would make the overall project easier to keep up to date. If you are interested in "adopting" a section of the website (such as the For Sale section), please contact a member of the Website Committee: Harris Boyd at [harrisboyd@rogers.com](mailto:harrisboyd@rogers.com) ; Paul Butler at [pbutler@artech.ca](mailto:pbutler@artech.ca) , Louise Dubois at [loudubois2@gmail.com](mailto:loudubois2@gmail.com) ; Jonathan York at [info@yorkdigitalsolutions.com](mailto:info@yorkdigitalsolutions.com) ; Jan and Don Poole at [donjan.poole@gmail.com](mailto:donjan.poole@gmail.com) and Nathan Cooper at [nathanscoope@gmail.com](mailto:nathanscoope@gmail.com) .

To view the full set of website policies, please refer to [www.lacgrandlake.ca](http://www.lacgrandlake.ca) .





## Canada Day Celebrations

The 2014 Canada Day Boat Parade will take place on July 1st, departing at noon from the north end of the lake. A clearly designated boat will lead the boat parade around the lake. Everyone is welcome, regardless of boat size, and you are asked to decorate your boat suitable for Canada Day celebrations. You will be eligible for one of the three prizes to be awarded, to be judged by a distinguished panel of independent experts!

This year our fireworks display will take place on July 1 at about 9:30 p.m. (dark). They will again be commissioned from south end of the lake at Mike Avon's dock. Please be careful and drive slowly when entering and leaving the viewing area.

Our thanks to the Municipality of Val-des-Monts for providing grants in support of our celebration of Canada Day 2014.

## Poker Run 2014

The Annual Poker Run will take place this year on Saturday, August 30th, (with Sunday, August 31 reserved as a rain date). This is an excellent opportunity for new cottagers to come out and meet some of your neighbours. No knowledge of poker is necessary. Participants will pick up five cards at five different locations around the lake. The first card will be picked up at the Houghtons' dock (south end) at 1:00 p.m. and the fifth and final card will be picked up at Brian Reynolds' cottage, where a corn roast as well as hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks await all participants. Prizes will be given out for the top three poker hands. Cost per hand is \$20 and includes the BBQ for 2 persons over 12. Children 12 and under eat free. The charge for those over 12 not included in the "hand" is \$5 each. For further information, please contact Sue or Don Goodwin at (613) 692-0734.

*This is a family event attended by many lakers, including children-all of who get prizes!  
This is not a race or a gambling event! Come and join the fun!!! And meet fellow lakers!!!*



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