

Grand Lake Association / Association du Lac Grand

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NOTICE OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday July 9th 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 attracted to 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 who will report at the AGM.

Membership

This year's membership again stood at close to 100% of the property owners on Grand Lake and Green Lake, a statistic that continues to make us the envy of other lakes in Val-des Monts. This past year, 75 members also signed up for Winter Patrol (50% more than the previous year!). We want to thank James Lévesque, our new patroller for excellent patrol services.

Our data base includes double entries for surnames where indicated on the latest membership forms and in the order submitted. For your convenience, attached to this newsletter is a copy of the membership form. We would appreciate receiving via the new membership form your most recent information.

To date, almost all cottagers 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 rpaul.fnscsf@hotmail.com.



Treasury

Our treasury continues to reflect a strong surplus position, with reserves of \$58,500 invested securely and conservatively 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. In fact, some events actually contribute funds to the Association.

As most of you are aware, the Association maintains the reserve funds largely for contingencies and unexpected events that could arise and potentially impact our Members.

Certain reserves are also earmarked for specific purposes.

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 continue to work towards increasing the size of our reserve funds to maintain purchasing power.

Annual Golf Tournament -23rd Edition

***July 22, 2016
Grand Lake
Golf Tournament at
the Edelweiss Golf
Club***



The 2016 Annual Grand Lake Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, 22th July at the Edelweiss Golf Club in Wakefield, Quebec. Check in will start at 11:30AM with a shotgun start at 1 PM 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 Dale Smith at dale@dalegsmith.ca or Dave Helgason at roz.helgason@sympatico.ca or register in person at the Grand Lake Association AGM on July 9th.

Please register and commit by July 9, latest, 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 need at least 72 golfers to allow us a shotgun start- the only way to go to allow for proper socializing after golf/before dinner.

We are hoping to field a good mix of young and not-so-young golfers who want to enjoy a fun outing in a beautiful setting. Please encourage your neighbours, family and friends to share in a "Grand" experience and join us for a memorable day!



Environment

This spring the ice went out on April 22. Water samples were taken on April 30 at 3 sites to test for Phosphorous. 3 samples were taken at each site and then averaged with the following results: Culbute basin 9; North basin 8.3; South basin 8.7.

At the same time Secchi Disk readings were taken and at each site the readings were 5.0m or more (the rope only goes to 5.0m) According to standards used by the OME, these results mean that Grand Lake is **OLIGOTROPHIC**: “clear water with very low levels of phosphorous, algae and nutrients”. **GOOD NEWS ON BOTH FRONTS!**

The not-so-good news is that the lake continues to be infiltrated by

Eurasian milfoil; it is spreading all around the lake. Milfoil is an invasive species which is very difficult to control.

The Federation of Lakes of Val des Monts has engaged with the Municipality to hire a consultant to develop a PDE (Environmental Development Plan) for the Blanche River watershed (which includes Grand Lake). Because of administrative delays, unfortunately the Spring/16 start window has been missed. However, the process of consultation and co-operation has begun, so hopefully an action plan will be developed so that remedial measures for issues like milfoil can be implemented sooner rather than later.

Grand Lake is a member of the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts. Check the web site <http://www.federationdeslacs.ca>

Later in the summer we will test for e-coli. This is done to reassure us that the lake is safe for swimming which has far and away been the case every summer we have tested.



This is what Eurasian Milfoil looks like-please remove any floating pieces you see! They eventually sink to the lake bottom and multiply like rabbits.

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 to get details. Please refer to the new map in the 2016 Directory.

Action Checklist for Recreation and Water craft Use:

- All watercraft (powered or not) must be equipped with navigation lights if operated after sunset or before sunrise.
- 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 BY LAW** use a 90 degree angle in order to avoid unnecessary wake (causing shoreline erosion), hitting swimmers or collision with other boats.
- Please practice **BOATING** 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 (**WITHIN 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.

Condolences



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Corinne Forward Redlick on December 28, 2015. Peacefully, and without illness. First came to the lake in the 1950's.

Penelope Elizabeth ("Penny") Lindsay on January 26, 2016, beloved wife of John Munroe Bogie.

Thomas Barber on June 12, 2016. Tom died peacefully at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, surrounded by family and close friends. Above and beyond his very significant professional achievements, Tom was a willing and able volunteer, having served as President of our Grand Lake Association as well as the Federation of Lakes. His sharp wit and sage advice was much appreciated, and his contribution will be sorely missed.

FYI – Points of Interest

Enclosed with your spring package you will find a new Grand Lake and Green Lake Directory 2016-2017. As a result of the decision to publish dual names for couples who chose to do so, it required considerable reformatting. There were numerous changes since the last directory was published and it is as current as the information provided to us regarding paid up members of the Association. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of Brian Reynolds and Paul Butler, who teamed up to produce this masterpiece. Please note the new lake map and boating guidelines, which have some important changes in a couple of areas to promote additional safety.

We continue to closely follow 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.

Sailing 2016: GLSA.ca

ALL AGES AND ALL ABILITIES ARE WARMLY INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE GRAND LAKE SAILING RACES. If you wish to take part, contact the co-commodores:
Ian Maclaren, 613-291-5178, ikmaclaren@gmail.com
Duncan Vipond, 819-617-1091, devipond@rogers.com

Races start at 12 noon every Sunday. For a chart showing the courses, contact Sarah Pothecary, 416-365-3245, spothecary@strabo.ca.

Where do the races start? From the following docks:

June 26, Pothecary dock

July 3, Maclaren dock, followed by post-race Mug Up

July 10, Ford dock

July 17, Pothecary dock

July 24, Maclaren dock/ANNUAL FOUNDERS' REGATTA

July 31, Ford dock

Aug 7, Pothecary dock

August 14, NEW STARTING POINT: ROBERTS/LEE DOCK

August 21, Ford dock

August 28, Pothecary

September 4, Maclaren (AGM later in the day, at the Pothecary cottage)

If you would like to add your name to the list of people who receive e-mail communications about sailing activities, please contact Sarah Pothecary.

Get those boats in the water and ready to sail. See everyone on June 26.



Hiking Trail Update – June 2016



Ever feel like telling someone to take a hike? At Grand Lake “taking a hike” means exploring the exceptionally beautiful Crown Lands at the north end of our lake using a trail system mapped out, built and maintained by your Association and Grand Lake cottagers over the years.

As usual, following a hard winter, there are branches and other debris on the trail. Please help us keep the trail clear of obstacles by picking up and tossing to one side any sticks, branches or logs that have fallen on to the trail.

Trail markers are generally in good shape on both the Lac de la Montagne and Culbute sections of the trail. However, if you are out on the trail and have had trouble following the blazes, please leave a note in the sign-in box at the Trailhead or send me an e-mail. We'll do our best to take corrective action and install more blazes at critical points.

It's usually too hot for formal work parties in the summer so group work parties as usual will be scheduled after Labour Day.

Work parties usually last about 2 hours and involve a hike on one of the sections of the trail and removal of fallen trees, trimming branches, and adding new blazes and other signage. New volunteers are welcome.

If you would like to help out, please get in touch via the contact information below.

The annual Fall Colours Hike and Lunch for volunteers and others with a keen interest in the trail will take place as usual on the morning of Thanksgiving Sunday – October 9th. Meet at the Trailhead dock at 10:00am. Other trail work parties will be announced at the AGM.

If you would like to get involved or would like to take your first hike accompanied by someone who knows the trail routes well, please get in touch.

Abby Hoffman
Trail Co-ordinator
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613 – 730 7410 (home)
819 – 457 1289 (cottage)

WEBSITE

Grand Lake residents are all invited to submit information/ideas to be included on the website but it must be reviewed by the Website Committee before it can be posted.

To view the full set of website policies, please refer to www.lacgrandlake.ca.

We continue to look for volunteers to help us keep the web information up to date. If you are interested in “adopting” a section of the website, please contact a member of the Website Committee: Paul Butler at butlerpauld@gmail.com; Jonathan York at info@yorkdigitalsolutions.com; Jan and Don Poole at donjan.poole@gmail.com and Nathan Cooper at nathanscope@gmail.com.

We hope that Grand Lake residents come to see their website as a great source of current information about the lake and its activities. The key to any good website is a continuous supply of good content. When any of our members come across information that could be of interest to other lakera, please contact us.

If you have suggestions, photos or comments please contact butlerpauld@gmail.com.



Canada Day Celebrations

The 2016 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!

We are advised that Mike Avon (south end of the lake at Mike Avon's dock) will initiate a fireworks display to take place on July 1 at about 9:30 p.m. (dark). If you wish to observe same from the lake, please be careful and drive slowly when entering and leaving the viewing area.

Poker Run 2016

The Annual Poker Run will take place this year on Saturday, September 3rd, (with Sunday, September 4th 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 Goldberg (former 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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Attachment

**Notice of Intent to be a candidate for
the Board of Directors of the Grand Lake Association**

I, _____, hereby place my name in nomination as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Grand Lake Association. I am enclosing an information sheet (*) about myself.

Signature _____
Date _____

I, _____ nominate

_____ as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Grand Lake Association.

I am enclosing an information sheet about the candidate. I confirm that I have his/her agreement to submit his/her name as a candidate. I attach an information sheet (*) about her/him.

Signature _____
Date _____

**time of residency on the lake/ areas of personal interest/ any area of expertise relevant to issues impacting Grand Lake/ etc...*

Please mail before June 30, 2016 to the President or Board of Directors of the Grand Lake Association, 270 Ch du Lac Grand, Val-des-Monts, Québec J8N 5J7 or email to dale@dalegsmith.ca.