

Grand Lake Association / Association du Lac Grand

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NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday July 7th at 10 AM at Crepin Beach (weather permitting or alternatively at the Grand Lake Sports Club). This will be followed by a free barbecue, rain or shine. If you have a tidy portable chair, bring it as seating can be a challenge



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, or volunteering to chair and manage special projects or activities. 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 makes the envy of other lakes in Val-des-Monts. This past year, 62 members also signed up for Winter Patrol. We want to thank James Lévesque, our 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 2018/2019 membership form. We really appreciate receiving these forms as they provide us accurate information as a means of communicating and creating up to date Grand Lake Directory's every few years.

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

rosfrith@outlook.com or jamesgarybeach@gmail.com



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

Treasury

Our treasury continues to reflect a strong surplus position, with reserves of \$61,509 invested securely and conservatively in CDIC-insured instruments plus a current account balance of just over \$3,000. 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.

Annual Golf Tournament -25th Edition

*July 27, 2018
Grand Lake
Golf Tournament at
the Edelweiss Golf
Club*



The 2018 Annual Grand Lake Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, 27st 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 Siobhan Devlin at devlinsiobhan@gmail.com.

Please register and commit by July 3, latest, (by July 3 will save you \$5 each!) 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 60 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

Water quality

The ice went out of the lake Spring 2018 between May 3-5. Water samples were taken at the three traditional sites on May 9th as well as an additional site on Lac Vert. Three samples were taken at each location and the test results were averaged. The results were: Culbute Basin - 12.0 (2017-14) ; North Basin - 0.6 (2017-9.5) ; South Basin - 33.5 (2017-11.5) , and Lac Vert - 11.0 .

At the same time, Secchi Disk readings were taken at the three sites. The readings were all 2.8-3.0 meters, substantially less than previous years. This will be repeated in late June as the proximity to ice-out/lake turnover may have had a greater influence than normal.

Perhaps most alarming is the constantly increasing spread of European milfoil. This is an invasive species which is difficult to control, but which is frequently assisted by

careless human activity, most commonly, boat traffic through milfoil patches. This results in quantities of milfoil “cuttings” which are capable of drifting with currents, settling to the bottom in a new site, rooting, and spreading further in this new location.

Interpretation

Phosphate ~ while the results appear to indicate some significant increases over last year, a review of past results does show that there have been previous peaks of equivalent magnitude. But behind occasional spikes, the 15 years of data which we have shows a clear upward trend year-over-year, which should be the focus and concern of us all.

Over the winter we consulted with a number of lake associations to investigate best practices. Several perform water testing on a monthly basis over the spring/summer/fall.... phosphate, coliform, and Secchi.

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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.

FYI – Points of Interest

As you will already be aware, the water level last fall was the highest ever as a result of that freak rainstorm late October. This combined with lots of winter snow and resultant melt leaves us with very high water levels through mid-June. Please take extra precautions with boat wake until our lake gets down to more normal levels. Our shorelines are already showing some devastating effects and we are losing very special old trees.

At the upcoming AGM, we will report on recent developments in our watershed with respect to the invasive species Eurasian milfoil and measures that are being tested to control its attack on our lakes. We intend to mark off several heavily infested milfoil areas with special colored bouys and will request that no motor activity (you can still fish there but paddle in and out) take place to prevent plant cuttings. Other area lakes have had measured success with this strategy to reduce spread of milfoil.

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. George Avon 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 George or any one of our executive whose co-ordinates are on page 8. At the AGM we will invite the Mayor to speak on the latest development activities that could impact us, as well as other matters.

Please take note of new septic inspection rules and also new garbage collection rules being imposed by Val-Des-Monts. Details are available on our lake website or on the Municipality website as well.

We hear a number of complaints about noise and frequent fireworks, as well as broken glass, campfires and related mess at Crepin Beach. We ask that all neighbours be respectful of that beach property and of the rights of others to peaceful enjoyment of their time at the lake.

Who said there are no fish left in Grand Lake-both were carefully caught and released



Sailing 2017: GLSA.ca

All are welcome to join in the fun. The first sailing race of 2018 will be held on Sunday 24 June at 12 noon, off the Pothecary dock (green cottage in the south basin). This race does not count towards the season's overall results, but is a good opportunity to get your boat on the water and see how it (and you) have survived the winter. The following week, Sunday 1 July, the race starts at 12 noon off Maclaren point, and counts towards the overall results. After the race, dock your boat at the Maclaren's and come to the annual Mug Up to socialize with your fellow sailors. There is a lot to discuss, including confirming the schedule for the following weeks, which will then be posted on the Grand Lake website and e-mailed to members. Keep an eye on the website each week for sailing results. If you would like your name added to the e-mail list, contact Sarah Pothecary (spothecary@strabo.ca).

For further information, contact the co-commoedores, Ian Maclaren (ikmaclaren@gmail.com) and Duncan Vipond (devipond@rogers.com).

Schedule: (races start at noon)

Sunday 24 June. Pothecary dock.
Sunday 1 July. Maclaren point. Mug Up

Tentative remaining weeks: (check <http://lacgrandlake.ca/> website for updates)

Sunday 8 July. Ford dock.
Sunday 15 July. Pothecary dock.
Sunday 22 July. Ford point.
Sunday 29 July. Pothecary
Sunday 5 August. Maclaren point - Founder's Regatta
Sunday 12 August. Pothecary dock.
Sunday 19 August. Ford point.

*Get those
boats in the
water and
ready to sail.
See you on
the water.*



Condolences

Mary Margaret Davies 1931-2018

John Monroe Bogie 1926-2018

Hugh William Campbell 1941-2018

Our sincere condolences to family and friends



Hiking Trail Update – June 2018



Based on notes in the log book at the trailhead, a number of Grand Lake cottagers enjoyed the hiking trails during the winter months. Great to see that the trail is considered a year-round amenity. Traversing Lac de la Montagne on cross country skis or snowshoes and returning via the old logging road to the trailhead is a great outing on a sunny winter day.

Now that summer is here and the worst of the bug season is behind us, there are ample opportunities to get out on the trail.

Please note that the work to restore the trail in the aftermath of the big logging operation in the winter of 2016-17 is still on-going. The route to the heights above Lac de la Montagne has been cleared of debris and felled trees and is well marked for counter-clockwise travel. If you want to avoid logging detritus, take an out-and-back route. The views at the various look-out points are spectacular and this route has just enough diversity of terrain to be challenging but not too difficult even on a hot day. (And there are some great spots for a quick dip in the lake on your way back.)

The original route to the Culbute still requires about 400m of clearing and installation of blazes. Unless you know this route well and are comfortable finding your way across unmarked terrain, it is probably best to stay clear of this section of the trail until the end of July when the necessary maintenance should be completed.

I am happy to report that quite a few new and younger cottagers are using the trail and have offered to contribute to its upkeep.

Information about trail work parties and hikes including the annual Fall Colours Hike and Shore Lunch on Thanksgiving weekend will be posted on the Lac Grand Association website and at the trailhead sign-in box.

In the meantime, if you would like to help out, have an idea about extending the trail or other improvements, or have other feedback, feel free to get in touch.

Abby Hoffman

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WEBSITE

We are always looking for new lake content to make the web site engaging, and volunteers are most welcome. Reports and photos from lake activities, Canada Day, Golf Tournament and Poker Run etc. get posted promptly when received. Sailing results go up each week but apart from that there is no actual recurring content. A number of Road Associations have meetings and minutes which are posted on the Community Page, and the Cottagers Map, which went up last year, has proven to be quite popular. For Services, For Sale or For Rent we post in the language we receive. Submitting in French and English guarantees the largest audience.

Please contact Paul Butler at butlerpauld@gmail.com



Canada Day Celebrations

The 2018 Canada Day Boat Parade will take place on July 1st (rain date July 2), 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 suitably for Canada Day. You will be eligible for one of the three prizes to be awarded, to be judged by a distinguished panel of independent experts! No promises, but watch out for a possible flypast from the Snowbirds!

For those who want to celebrate a little longer, there will be some raft party events in the culbute basin following the parade. BYOB (B is for bumpers of course!)

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. Rain date for this will be July 2.

Poker Run 2018

Join us for the annual Grand Lake Poker Run starting at 1:00pm on Saturday September 1, 2018 (rain date Sunday September 2, 2018 but the forecast sure looks good!). The first stop is Houghton's dock located at 11 Albert at the south end of the lake. For \$20 per hand of cards (max. 2 adults per hand) you will get your first card, sealed in an envelope, and a map of where to get the other 4 sealed cards at different docks around the lake. When you have all 5 cards, take your poker hand to the Goldberg cottage (formerly the Reynolds's cottage) at 347 Barrage where your 5 envelopes will be opened by the Dealer. . All cards must remain in their sealed envelopes ... no peeking! The BarBQ lunch (BYOB) will starting at 3:00pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best 3 hands and to worst hand. Children under 17 eat free but lunch is also available for adults over 17 not participating in the poker hands at \$5 per person. All children 12 and under will receive gifts!

Contact Susan Goodwin @ h 613-692-0734 c 613-851-9066 or smlgoodwin@gmail.com

This is not a race or a gambling event! Come and join the fun!!! And meet fellow lakere!



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Currently we do phosphate testing in the spring and coliform testing in late summer. The financial impact of this would require an annual expenditure of c. \$2500-, an increase of about \$1800 over current testing costs. This will be raised for discussion at the AGM in July.

Water clarity ~ “The Secchi depth is a measurement of water clarity. Water transparency directly affects the amount of light penetration into a lake. Algae and suspended particles from erosion make the water cloudy and decrease the Secchi transparency in a lake; therefore, the lower the Secchi depth, the higher the algal concentration and lake productivity. A lake can vary in water transparency seasonally, so it is important to take numerous Secchi disk readings per summer. Once a month from May to September is the minimum, but every two weeks is even better. If Secchi depth is measured in a lake for numerous consecutive years, the data can be analyzed for water quality trends. If a significant trend indicates increasing Secchi depth over time, the water quality is improving. If a significant trend indicates decreasing Secchi depth over time, the water quality is declining.”

The way forward

The direct link between human activities on a lake and phosphate increase/water clarity decrease is irrefutable. Short of Draconian measures, which would be totally unrealistic and unsupportable, there is really no action that will halt or reverse the gradual degradation of the lake without complete buy-in and cooperation of all lake residents. Simply, water quality and environmental stewardship is and will be the responsibility of all of us.

The three most significant contributors to this degradation are shoreline erosion, chemical runoff, and careless operation of boats.

The three most effective countermeasures to which we can all contribute are:

- 1) Maintain your shoreline in the most natural state possible. Native vegetation does an effective job of retaining many of the products of surface run-off, particularly phosphates and nitrates, and offers some protection against shoreline erosion.
- 2) WYW ~ Watch your wake. There are still a number of boaters who seem completely unaware of the serious impact of their wakes on the lake shoreline. The Grand Lake Association Boating Guidelines were not formulated as an attempt to restrict fun or use of the lake; rather, they were intended to acknowledge the large increase in lake population over the years and the need to try to balance the varying uses of the lake with a minimal impact on its ecosystems. Wakes require time and distance to expend their energy, otherwise, the full impact of that energy will be absorbed by the shoreline directly. A wake that drives hard onto shore will drag sediment back into the shallow water, causing silt to cloud the water and gradually smother the bottom. The first 10 feet of lake bottom supports almost 90% of the aquatic life in the lake. It is not rocket science to extrapolate the importance of protecting that buffer zone.

If you are within 100 feet of shore, you should be travelling dead slow, and producing no wake. Try to avoid patches of weed. There is more than likely milfoil within the patch and if it is cut loose, will continue its invasion of the lake.

- 3) Perhaps the easiest, make “greener” decisions regarding many household products (we are a long way from a municipal drainage system with sewage treatment etc.) For example, if you operate a dishwasher, consider using an environmentally-gentler brand of detergent....same with laundry soaps. There are many other examples. Specialty shops now cater to this market niche. In most cases, the cost is comparable to “less-green” items.

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, 2018 to the President or Board of Directors of the Grand Lake Association, 274 Ch du Lac Grand, Val-des-Monts, Québec J8N 5J7 or email to dale@dalegsmith.ca.

Grand Lake Association/Association du lac Grand

225 Lisgar St., Ottawa, Ontario, K2POC6

Membership Form / Formulaire d'adhésion

Names/Noms : _____

Home Address/Adresse à la maison : Unchanged Please check ___ Inchangée : SVP cocher ___

New Address/Nouvelle adresse : _____

Cottage Address/Adresse du chalet : Unchanged : Please check ___ Inchangée : SVP cocher ___

New Address/Nouvelle adresse : _____

Telephone Numbers/Numéros de téléphone:

Unchanged : Please check : ___

Inchangé : SVP cocher : ___

New Numbers/Nouveaux numéros :

Home/Maison : () _____

Office/Bureau : () _____

Cottage/Chalet : () _____

E-Mail/Courriel : _____

Please send all correspondence by email / Veuillez faire parvenir toute correspondance par courriel

I accept to having my name, address and telephone number appear in the next Grand Lake Directory:

Please check : ___

J'accepte que mon nom, adresse et numéro de téléphone soient inclus dans le répertoire du lac Grand :

Cocher svp : ___

Language Preference / Langue préférée :

English /Anglais

French/Français

Membership (June 1st 2018 to May 31st 2019) / Adhésion (1er juin 2018 au 31 mai 2019)

Membership & Winter Patrol: before July 7th AGM \$65 () after July 7th \$70 ()

Adhésion & patrouille d' hiver: avant le 7 juillet 65 \$ () après le 7 juillet 70 \$ ()

Contact name, telephone number and address for winter patrol: _____

Nom, numéro de téléphone et adresse pour la patrouille d'hiver : _____

OR/OU

Membership Only: before July 7th AGM \$25 () after July 7th AGM \$30 ()

Adhésion seulement: avant le 7 juillet AGA 25 \$ () après le 7 juillet AGA 30 \$ ()

Please make cheque payable to: **Grand Lake Association /**

Veillez faire le chèque à l'ordre de : l'Association du lac Grand

If you prefer, you can e-transfer funds to Gary Beach at jamesgarybeach@gmail.com

Si vous préférez, vous pouvez effectuer un transfert bancaire à Gary Beach à jamesgarybeach@gmail.com