

Grand Lake Association / Association du Lac Grand

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**FALL
EDITION**
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Fall is upon us once again, the leaves have changed colour and are slowly starting to fall, creating totally new spectacular scenery. and we know that the winter will provide more panoramic splendours.

We are indeed fortunate to be part of the Grand and Green Lake experiences we share, and as you will continue to read in this and future issues, we must all be continually diligent and vigilant to ensure that our lake environment remains as pristine as we found it - for future generations. We are all responsible for this legacy. Enjoy the off-season, wherever you spend it! Go Jays Go!

At the first meeting of the Executive following the AGM, President Dale Smith was elected President, Tom Barber was re-elected Vice-President, Gary Beach was re-elected Treasurer and Paul Butler was elected Secretary for the coming year. Brian Reynolds and Tom Barber were appointed directors-at-large for the coming year as well. See the last page of this newsletter for complete list of board members and their contact numbers.



Membership

Memberships for 2015/2016 are mostly in hand. We are always pleased with our participation level of virtually 100% year to year, the envy of lake associations in Val Des Monts. We will accept registrations for winter patrol (which commences mid-October and runs through mid-May) until November 13, 2015 when we will submit our final patrol list to our new patroller, James Levesque. We are planning to issue a new lake directory in 2016 (with double entries for each spouse if so indicated), so please make sure you have the correct information on file with us. If you have still not renewed your membership for 2015/2016, please complete the attached form and mail with your cheque to the address indicated. If you have any questions, please communicate with Roger Paul (rpaul.fncsf @ hotmail.com 819-457-1752).



Treasury

Our treasury again reflects a strong surplus position going into the fall season, with government-backed investments (GIC's) of \$58,500 and a normal operating account balance of approximately \$4,000 before paying for the winter patroller.

Membership dues essentially fund all annual operating costs. A \$5 per year increase in dues was approved at this year's AGM, making the annual dues \$25 if paid on time. This increase is only effective for next year's dues.

We should continue to work 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.

We continue to consider the establishment of a Grand Lake Legacy Fund that would receive donations from philanthropic members. Its goal would be to be in a position to fund larger projects, such as the possible acquisition of Crown land, with a view to preserving and protecting the lake and its surroundings to the extent possible.

22st Annual Golf Classic

Everything cooperated again, the weather, the golf course and all those participating. Following golf and a good cocktail hour, everyone gathered in the dining hall where the festivities continued with a fine buffet dinner, golf awards and prizes for all. The night was emceed by exuberant Jocelyne Lemery-Paul and Dale Smith. Music by "The New Classics" and dancing followed the dinner and prizes. Grand Champions (low gross score) – Val-des-Monts Mayor, Jacques Laurin, Dale Smith and John Wickenden. Most Honest Team – Marjorie George, Paul Butler, Tim Frank and Olivia Frank. Closest to the Pin Women – Julie Bergeron-Tymchuk. Longest Drive Women – Jocelyne Lemery-Paul. Closest to the Pin Men – Conner Rockburn. Longest Drive Men – Chris Evelyn, Longest Drive Senior Men - Dale Smith. Putting Contest – Jacob Gardiner. Opposite Hand 7 Iron Contest Women – Jocelyne Lemery-Paul, Opposite Hand 7 Iron Men - Grant Gardiner. A special thanks also goes out to all our sponsors who supported the tournament with financial donations, gift certificates or prizes. This year's sponsors included Assante, Fidelity Investments, CI Funds, Beaudry Deschatelets, PwC, Axep, David's Tea, Edelweiss Golf Course, Golftown, Modern Niagara, Hung Chan

Chinese Food, McClelland's Home Hardware, Mermaid Pools, Rona St Pierre de Wakefield, Rona Perkins, Metro Perkins, Chez Renaud Poltimore, Mike Enos and Dominic Gauvreau Transport. It took a lot of work but it turned out to live up to the previous year's success and it is largely due to your organizing committee and volunteers. Tom Martin, Jocelyne Lemery-Paul, Siobhan Devlin, Dale Smith, Dave Helgason (and family!), Sarah Martin, Roger Paul, Paul Butler, Sue Goodwin, Don Goodwin, Marjorie George and Paul Butler. Special thanks to Gaétan Deschatelets for his role in again sourcing \$2500 in sponsorships from Fidelity Investments, CI Funds and Assante, and also to Jocelyne, who sourced all the gifts and to Tom for leading the organization from start to finish!

Memorable Grand Lake Golf Tournament



FYI – POINTS OF INTEREST

We continue to closely monitor all indications of land 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 the 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. A parcel of land between Grand and McArthur Lakes which was a possible site for development of some 30 non-waterfront lots with possible access to both lakes has been acquired by a family resident on McArthur Lake from the Bourques. We understand that the acquirer did this to avoid any future development and we applaud their generous act which benefits us all.

Some of you will be aware that two Association-owned “dead slow, no wake” buoys marking such a zone in the south end of the lake were stolen in July 2015. We believe that the culprit(s) are most likely from our own lake folks who are perhaps disgruntled at having to navigate this narrow channel-now heavily populated with swimmers and small craft-at dead slow speed. This is an unconscionable act, as these are safety buoys. One can only pray that until another marking solution that is tamper-proof is in place, that no accidents happen as a result of speeding watercraft. Such a disaster will be on the heads of the culprit(s). A similar theft of two safety buoys (owned by Tim Frank) marking the channel between Tim Frank’s island property and his landing took place in September 2015. Very disturbing and this behavior, which ultimately creates risk to property and lives, is totally unacceptable. The buoy owners are co-operating with police to investigate these incidents.

Need more content contributions for the website

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.



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Sailing 2015: GLSA.ca

The Grand Lake Sailing Association had a very successful year in 2015 with eleven races held and none cancelled. The GLSA was gratified to see cottagers joining in the fun on a one-off basis this year, and remind all residents of Grand Lake that they are welcome to join in one race without paying membership fees. The GLSA was also happy to see some temporary residents taking part in the races for the few weeks they were at the lake. The ranks of regular sailors are swelling, too, with novices from age 14 to age 60 joining in.

The results of each race are now posted weekly on the Grand Lake website (lacgrandlake.ca). Go to 'Sailing results' where there is also a link to photos of the races. Thanks to Paul Butler for helping us to get this up and running, and to Kaleigh Maclaren for setting up the photo album. For more detailed information (courses, starting places, dates, committee members, etc), go to our own website (glsa.ca -- note there is no 'www' before it) which also carries a history of the GLSA, which has been going for more than fifty years. Thanks to John Langlois for maintaining this website.

The co-commodores from 2015 did such a splendid job that they are being retained for 2016: Ian Maclaren (ikmaclaren@gmail.com) and Duncan Vipond (devipond@rogers.com).



Grand Lake Poker Run-Family BarBQ

Thanks to all who made the 2015 event the biggest yet. More than 100 of your fellow Grand Lakers were at Reynolds' party place for the annual get together for corn, hot dogs, hamburgers (and veggie burgers) and drinks, as well as prizes for the children. We all enjoyed the musical entertainment by Dominic Darcy and Natalie Harrison. Barry, a guest at Gary Beach's cottage, had the best hand this year and as tradition has it has committed to getting the corn for next year. Thanks to Susan and Don Goodwin (and family) for organizing the event, to the cooks and to other volunteers including Don Poole and family for the help with the set up and tear down; to the Houghton's, Gunther's, Grand Lake Fishing Club, Coopers, and Sue Neill for card distribution; to Diane Parent for getting and husking the 10 dozen corn cobs; and a very big thank you to Brian and Glennis Reynolds for the use of their property once again to host this final event of the season. Susan has volunteered to organize next year's poker run which will take place on Saturday September 3, 2016 (rain date is September 4). All are welcome and you can just join the participants at the Reynolds' cottage where you can buy a hand or just the food. Come and meet your Grand Lake neighbours and celebrate the summer past.

Poker Run 2016 is planned for Saturday, September 3 with a rain date of September 4.

Save the date!



Website (www.lacgrandlake.ca)

As it continues to evolve, the Grand Lake website is gradually becoming a go-to source of information on activities around the lake. The information it provides is updated regularly and kept current as much as is possible. This summer each Sunday sailing club race report was posted.

The Executive has recently agreed to add a new section to the website that will allow members of the GL Association to do free advertising of items or services they wish to buy, sell or barter. This includes advertising to sell/rent cottages. This modifies the current policy whereby members could advertise but at a nominal cost. We hope that this change will attract yet more interest to the website. We will monitor the success of this new function.

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.



Canada Day Celebrations



Over 50 decorated boats participated in the Canada Day flotilla on Grand Lake on July 1st. They proceeded in grand form from the North end to the South end of the lake. With so many floats to choose from, judges had a difficult time selecting the three winners who received trophies at the Annual General meeting on July 6th. The winners for the best decorated boats were: Shelley Baker-Kirby, Ed Hemphill and Rob Wright. July 1st celebrations culminated in a traditional fireworks display organized again by Mike Avon from his property in the south end. Residents watched from their boats while others selected various shoreline vantage points to take in the spectacle. Everyone enjoyed the end of another great Canada Day. The Grand Lake Association and its members thank Mike Avon for his efforts and the Municipality of Val-des-Monts for their continuing generous financial support for our festivities.

Condolences

STOTT, Thomas "Tom"

Passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at age 70. Beloved son of Marion and the late Thomas Stott. Survived by his sister Margaret, and brother George. Predeceased by his brother John and sister Shirley. Tom is known to everyone as a teacher, mentor, friend, and prankster. He will be sadly missed, in particular by his many friends at Grand Lake
Leon Lavergne

Whenever members hear of fellow members from Grand or Green Lakes' passing, please make sure you advise a member of the Executive so that person can be appropriately remembered in our next newsletter. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of any member's passing that we are unaware of at this time.

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