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NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday July 11th at 2 PM 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

This year's membership again stood at close to 100% of the property owners on Grand Lake and Green Lake, a statistic that makes us the envy of other lakes in Val-des Monts. This past year, 54 members also signed up for Winter Patrol. We want to thank Ian Lemieux for many years of excellent patrol service. Ian has retired and we need to recruit a replacement for the coming year. Recommendations most welcome!

Our data base includes double entries for surnames where indicated on the latest membership forms and in the order submitted. There are 55 double names entered for this year. For your convenience, attached to this newsletter is a copy of the membership form. We plan to print a new directory in 2015. We would appreciate receiving via the new membership form your most recent information. Please note that we have changed our mailing address. Our new mailing address is 270 Ch du Lac Grand, Val-des-Monts, Québec J8N 5J7.

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.fncsf@hotmail.com.



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

Treasury

Our treasury continues to reflect a strong surplus position, with reserves in excess of \$56,000 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.

Annual Golf Tournament -22nd Edition

**July 24, 2015
Grand Lake
Golf Tournament at
the Edelweiss Golf
Club**



The 2015 Annual Grand Lake Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, 24th July at the Edelweiss Golf Club in Wakefield, Quebec. Check in will start at 11AM 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 Tom Martin at tom.martin@bell.net , Dale Smith at dale@dalegsmith.ca or Jocelyne Lemery-Paul at carpediem2010@hotmail.ca or register in person at the Grand Lake Association AGM on July 11th.

Please register and commit by July 12, 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 looking to field the largest group of golfers ever-last year we made the shotgun quota and had over 90 people at our gala dinner-so please encourage your neighbours, family and friends to share in a "Grand" experience and join us for a memorable day!



Environment

For several years we have been testing our lakes in the spring for phosphorus levels and clarity of the water. Phosphorus is the fertilizer that promotes plant growth. It occurs naturally but is enhanced by human activity: inadequate septic treatment, application of fertilizers that wash into the lake, depletion of vegetation at the shoreline that absorbs phosphorus and using cleaning products/soap that contains phosphorus. These are the things we can control.

Throughout the year we also test for water clarity using a Secchi Disc; murky water is an indication of declining quality. Secchi testing is done monthly throughout the open-water season.

TP testing is done within 10 days of "ice-out" because over the winter the water column inverts and is at its most homogeneous from top to

bottom. Over several years the ice has "gone out" on or about April 20. This year, after "the worst winter ever" the ice was gone April 28, 2015. With the aid of HMS Avon (thanks George), water samples and Secchi disc readings were taken May 3, 2015, with results as indicated in the adjacent table.

This summer there will be more testing. During July/August we will test for e-coli. Our lakes are quite clean but in the past hot-spots have been identified and brought to the attention of the proximate owners (usually duck s—t!). Grand Lake is participating in a program organized by the Federation of Lakes to establish the "history" of the lake (more about this in the fall newsletter)

Have a great, healthy summer. Don't bathe in the lake, shower with a friend!

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

	SECCHI	2015 (2013) TP (micrograms/litre)
A: South basin	4.5	10.3 (10.0)
B: Central basin	4.0	8.3 (9.6)
C: Culbute basin	4.0	11.3 (8.6)

These results tell us that our lakes are in good shape; there is no denying that it has been affected by human activity so we can't be complacent about guarding and limiting the impact we have, but at the same time we can be pleased and proud of the care we are taking of our lakes, particularly in the central basin. The Culbute basin increase of 32% is of concern, and must be attributable to shoreline erosion caused by heavy boating activity there, or incoming water via the Culbute.

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.

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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JOY MACLAREN

Passed away peacefully in Ottawa on November 19, 2014 in her 93rd year. Joy was predeceased by husband, Donald in 2009 and two sons, Duncan (1979) and Rodney (2007). She is survived by son Charles (Ciddy), seven grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. As long-time residents of Buckingham, Joy and Don discovered Grand Lake in 1954 and became involved in many activities especially sailing. Joy was a dynamic individual – a graduate of McGill University, Honourary Doctorate degrees from McGill and Carleton, a social activist, and a promoter of education for aboriginal youth. Of the many awards and accolades Joy received, she was very proud of the Aboriginal name “New Sun” bestowed her in 1995.

E. WINNIFRED DEMPSEY

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of our wonderful Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 at the age of 92. Wyn was living in Red Deer, Alberta at the time of her death. She had been a resident of Grand Lake since 1953, when she and her husband, Jack Dempsey purchased the land where the Dempsey cottage resides. After moving to Alberta in 2011 Wyn still returned back to her cottage each summer to enjoy the beauty of Grand Lake.

There will be an informal gathering to celebrate Wyn’s love of life at the Dempsey Cottage on Saturday, August 1st from 2-5 pm. Please set aside this date to share with us your stories, adventures and love for Wyn Dempsey.

MARY MACLAREN

Passed away peacefully at home in Ottawa on May 3, 2015 in her 84th year. She is survived by her husband A. Kenneth Maclaren and their four children Gordon, Janet, Wendy and Alec and their families. Mary was committed to her medical profession. She spent many years as a doctor at the Civic Hospital and in private practice. Mary was a lifelong lover of the outdoors and took great pleasure in her time spent at the cottage on the west shore of 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.

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.

Sailing 2015: GLSA.ca

The GLSA will kick off its 2015 season on Sunday 28 June from Terry Ford's dock (12 noon start). This will be a timed race -- but is typically somewhat chaotic, an opportunity to discover which vital parts of the sailing boat have gone missing over the winter. The second race of the season will be on Sunday 5th July. Details of the remaining nine races and other sailing matters will be made available at the Lake Association's Annual General Meeting.

Immediately following the second race on Sunday 5th July, the traditional Mug Up will be held at the Maclaren cottage. This year we will miss the presence of Joy Maclaren who passed away over the winter. The Mug Up will provide an opportunity to remember Joy and all she did for the Sailing Association. Past members of the sailing club who would like to come and commemorate Joy with us are welcome.

NEW EVENT! It is proposed to hold a day long regatta on 26 July (weather permitting) off the Maclaren dock, featuring shorter races. This is a great opportunity for new sailors to find out what it's all about. More details about the planned regatta will be available at the Lake Association's Annual General Meeting.

Please contact any of the committee for further information. Co-commoedores: Duncan Vipond (devipond@rogers.com) and Ian Maclaren (ikmaclaren@gmail.com). Social director: Sally Lee (sallybLee@gmail.com). Treasurer and results co-coordinator: Terry Ford (ttford@outlook.com). Communications director and secretary: Sarah Potheary (spothecary@strabo.ca). Elizabeth Vipond (devipond@rogers.com) will coordinate timers and looks forward to hearing from volunteers.

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



Hiking Trail Update – June 2015



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.

Trail projects for this year include installing a swim ladder at the Trailhead dock, building a new ramp to the shore at the Trailhead and reconnoitering a possible extension of the Lac de la Montagne section.

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 11th. Meet at the Trailhead dock at 10:00am. Trail work parties are planned for Sunday September 20th and October 4th (10:30 – 12:30 – meet at the Trailhead dock.)

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.

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Website

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Grand Lake's web site has recently relaunched with an all new colourful graphic look, featuring images from around the lake, and a simplified navigation system. The main background changes from session to session, and from season to season, while "themed" pages, such as Sailing, Golf, For Sale, Lost and Found, and Events have set images. We are always looking for members to "adopt" part of the web site and make reports or updates ... for instance the Sailing club will be posting Sunday race results each week. To provide new content and stay current, we will make an effort to have photos and timely write-ups on lake events such as the AGM, the Golf Tournament, The Poker Run, Canada Day activities, etc. Please visit the website, and if you have suggestions, photos or comments please contact pbutler@artech.ca.



Canada Day Celebrations

The 2015 Canada Day Boat Parade will take place on July 1st, departing at noon from the south 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.

No promises, but keep your eyes peeled for Canada's Snowbirds, who may make an appearance en route to or from the Hill around noon.

Poker Run 2015

The Annual Poker Run will take place this year on Saturday, September 5th, (with Sunday, September 6th 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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