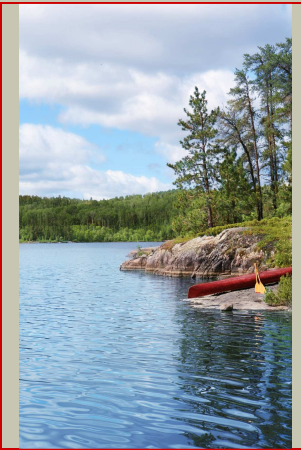


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NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday July 7th at 2 p.m. 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 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.

Your Lake Association invites you to enjoy reading this newsletter and learn of the various activities planned to make this another enjoyable season at the lake.

We hope you find this issue to be of interest and informative. 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.

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

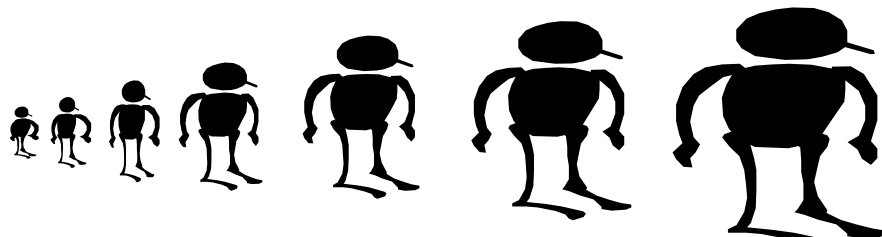
We are always seeking candidates interested in joining the Board of the Grand Lake Association. If you are interested in submitting your name for consideration, please do so by using the form attached to this newsletter. You may also submit the name of another member for consideration with his/her approval.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

Membership

This year's membership stood at 215, which represents about 98% of the cottages on Grand and Green lakes. This past winter, 73 cottagers (34%) also signed up for Winter Patrol.

The new database and Grand Lake Directory will have double entries for surnames where indicated on the latest membership forms and in the order as submitted. There are 40 double names entered for this year. For your convenience, attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Membership form.

To date, 108 of our members (over 50%) 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.





Treasury

Our treasury continues to reflect a strong surplus position, with reserves in excess of \$50,000 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 or enhance the lake environment we all enjoy.

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.

19th Annual Golf Tournament

**July 27, 2012
Grand Lake
Golf Tournament at
the Edelweiss Golf
Club**



The 2012 Annual Grand Lake Golf Tournament will be held on July 27th at the Edelweiss Golf Club in Wakefield, Quebec. Start time will be 11:00 a.m.

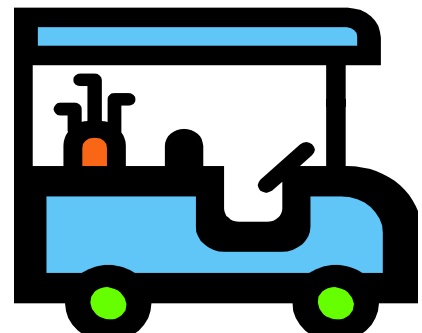
The cost of \$64 per person includes 18 hole green fee, shared power cart and dinner; for golf only - \$47 per person includes 18 hole green fee and shared power cart; for dinner only - \$26 per person.

To register, contact: Paul Méthot - pamethot@mermaidpools.com or Louise Dubois loudubois@rogers.com or Bob and Louise Potvin bobnlouca@yahoo.ca or call Louise Dubois at 613-741-8085 or 819-671-7526.

Please register and commit by July 13 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. Payment can be made at the Grand Lake Association Annual Meeting or at the golf tournament itself. Invite your family and friends.

All participants are asked to bring a prize valued at \$15.00 so that all participants can then receive a prize.



Environment

In cooperation with the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts, Grand Lake has been regularly testing the quality of the lake water for the past number of years.

In the spring, we test for Phosphorous, which is the primary nutrient/fertilizer for water plants. This year's results reflected similar levels to last year, and no alarming upward trend is indicated. The Federation tabulates the results from a number of lakes in Val des Monts, and we rank middle of the pack. Throughout the summer we test the water clarity using a Secchi disk. Some variability is to be expected but overall the lake continues to be quite clear.

During swimming season we will test for e-coli.

FYI: Phosphorus in detergent and shampoos end up in lake waters and many lakes in Canada are dead or dying. It is our responsibility to preserve our lake and encourage others to do so as well. Make sure ALL your cleaning products are phosphorous free, and that all water containing cleaning product residue gets filtered by your septic system.

Grand Lake is a member of the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts. We believe the Federation is a very good vehicle for communicating the concerns of lake-front property owners to the municipality and on up the political food chain. For information about the activities of the Federation, check the web site <http://www.federationdeslacs.ca>

Note that Water Quality Day this year is at Parc Thibault (Chemin du Parc) at 10AM on June 10. It would be great if we could show some "Grand" support for the important work of the Federation-it is also a very informative venue and opportunity to share ideas.

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 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) 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.

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 lakera 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 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.

Condolences

Joan Kermode Frank, wife of John and mother to lake residents Debbie and Tim, passed away on November 12, 2011. She had been a Grand Lake cottager for many years.

Dr. Robert David Hutchinson passed away peacefully in Ottawa on April 20, 2012. He was a long time cottager on 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 2012: GLSA.ca

Ahoy Grand Lake Sailors!

The sailing program for the 2012 season has yet to be firmed up and will be discussed at the Mug Up proposed for 1:00 p.m. on June 24th at Joy Maclaren's cottage. To get more sailors to participate in sailing on Grand Lake, we are thinking of changing the schedule from the current fixed Sunday Races to a system of "opportunity races" that would start at a specified time on either a Saturday or a Sunday depending on weather conditions. The race could be called for a simpler course around either the north or south islands or from around specified markers. These "fun races" would not require timers nor any record keeping for trophies.

Our main goal is to get more people to come out and have fun. To achieve this, we need to establish a list of all existing and potential sailors on the lake. Anyone interested in such a program is welcome to the Mug Up on June 24th or please contact any member of the Grand Lake Sailing Association.

Please submit your comments to the co-commodores, Don and Jan Poole at donjan.poole@gmail.com or at 819-671-1034. Or you can post your comments on the GL Sailing Association website <http://glsa.ca> or the Grand Lake Association web site www.lacgrandlake.ca.

Get those boats in the water and ready to sail. See everyone on June 24th!



Poker Run 2012

The Annual Poker Run will take place this year on Saturday, September 1st, (with Sunday, September 2nd 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 at 1:00 p.m. and the fifth and final card will be picked up at Brian Reynold's cottage, where a corn roast as well as hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks await all participants. Prizes will be given out for the best poker hand and the winner will have the honour of arranging next year's poker run. Cost per hand is \$20 and includes the BBQ for 2 persons over 12. Children 12 and under eat free. For additional others over 12, the BBQ is \$5 each. For further information, please contact Joe or Judy Houghton at (819) 671-6872.

This is a family event with usually 75-100 attendees including 20 or more children-all of who get prizes! This is not a race or a gambling event! Come and join the fun!!! And meet fellow lakers!!!



Walking Trails Work Parties



Maintenance of the two hiking trails at the North end of Lac Grand continues.

From the trail head dock just to the right of the northernmost channel of the lake two trails through beautiful woods lead to the heights above Lac de la Montagne (to the east), and, to outlook points above the Culbute (to the west). Maps are available at the sign-in box at the trail head. Out and back trips in each case take about one and half to two hours.

The trails are marked with white blazes - generally on the right hand side of the trail. A single white blaze means continue along the trail in the same general direction; a set of double white blazes indicates a turn with the higher mark indicating the direction of the turn. We are gradually adding more blazes to make following the trail easier but without adding too much visual pollution to the woods! In the

meantime, tricky parts are also marked with fluorescent flagging.

The trail is maintained by the foot falls of casual hikers and through organized work parties. Volunteers are always welcome. This season, work parties (actually hikes combined with debris removal, branch trimming and installation of blazes) will take place on Sunday, July 15th, Sunday September 16th and Saturday October 13th at 11am in each case departing from the Trail Head.

If you are interested in helping out or in a group hike, please get in touch with **Abby Hoffman** abby.hoffman@hc-sc.gc.ca
819 - 457 1289 (cottage).

Enjoy the trails - one of Grand Lake's great assets!

Website

Over the last year, the Grand Lake website (www.lacgrandlake.ca) has evolved and now provides more news on happenings around the lake and other events of interest to Grand Lake residents. This information is kept current as much as is possible. Members of the Grand Lake Association are invited to submit information/ideas for the website to members of the Website Committee. The members of the Website Committee are Harris Boyd, Louise Dubois, Paul Butler, Jonathan York, Jan Poole, Don Poole and Nathan Cooper. All proposals will be reviewed by the Committee before being approved and posted. To view the full set of website policies, please refer to www.lacgrandlake.ca. We are looking 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 Harris Boyd harrisboyd@rogers.com or Louise Dubois loudubois@rogers.com.

Association members and suppliers of goods and services to lake residents are invited to advertise the sale of their products. To help offset the cost of operating the website, there will be a charge for advertising: for cottages/land for sale - \$100.00 for 3 months; other items for sale - \$10.00 for 3 months; services for hire - \$100.00 for one year. There will be no charge for advertising items Grand Lake residents want to make available free to other residents.

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



The 2012 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 trophies 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 Department of Canadian Heritage and the Municipality of Val-des-Monts for providing grants in support of our celebration of Canada Day 2012.

Get Your Grand Lake Bestseller – “The Grand Experience”!

Out of the 750 books printed of “The Grand Experience” there are only 27 of these attractive coffee table books remaining. It is an ideal gift for those who have had connections with Grand Lake over the years or for new cottagers wanting to learn about early cottage life in the area. To acquire one of these books, please contact Don or Janice Poole at donjan.poole@gmail.com or telephone them at 819-671-1034.

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