

Golden Lake
& Bonnechere River



▪ SPRING 2015 ▪

Property Owners Association

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For those with an interest in the well-being of Golden Lake and the Bonnechere River

President's Message

Hello and welcome to another beautiful spring on Golden Lake and the Bonnechere River. I hope that you and your property weathered the hard winter without damage.

The GLPOA dealt with some challenges last year, but also achieved some great successes. In May, Weldon McEachen died. He was one of our founders and the energy behind big projects like shoal marking, Deacon boat launch washrooms and the boater's Poker Run. Weldon was much loved and respected by everyone, and the success of GLPOA is in no small part due to his vision and effort. So a big challenge last year was to organize the popular Poker Run without the benefit of Weldon's

guidance. Thanks to Kirk Mandy, Don O'Reilly and a great group of volunteers who stepped up to make it another resounding success.

Since its formation in 2004, GLPOA has had large and active Boards of Directors of at least twelve people. We had some changes at the executive level last year, but I am pleased to report that Don O'Reilly has agreed to serve as our Vice-President with a view to taking over the Presidency in 2016. In the mean time, I will serve as your President with help from our Past-President, Gail McPhee, our excellent Board and all our volunteers. We have been so successful in recruiting some enthusiastic new Board members that about half the group are new to the Board

in the past two years. The calibre of these members will make my job a pleasure.

I hope you like our new expanded newsletter in which for the first time we showcase our 30 corporate sponsors who support all the popular GLPOA programs. We hope you keep it handy for the summer as a reminder of some important events and so you can refer to the directory of services offered by our sponsors. As usual, we expect a big turnout of over 100 members for our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, July 4, 2015. See the ad on page 3.

We will be joined at the AGM by the executives of Renfrew Power Generation, Peter Boldt and Shawn Cameron, who will report on the success of their project to install new generators that roughly double the generating capacity. Hear what impact this change may have on our part of the Bonnechere River watershed.

As in past years, our volunteer canvassers have done a superb job in building our membership to another record level. We are now 467 members strong, placing us solidly in the top ten of the largest lake associations in Ontario, according to FOCA figures on its 500 member associations. This is an impressive achievement in only ten years. Congratulations to everyone who has made GLPOA such an outstanding success.

We are pleased to list many of our dedicated volunteers on the back page of this newsletter. If you have a question, or would like to get involved, you can find out who to contact from that listing.

I look forward to seeing you around the Lake and at the AGM in early July. I hope you have a warm, sunny and happy summer. —Kevin O'Connor



One of Gord McMillan's spectacular photos of local wildlife. See Gord and his work at the GLPOA AGM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Golden Lake Property Owners Association started the 2014–2015 operating year with a balance of \$12,069.01. On March 31, 2015, being the end of the operating year, expenses were \$15,972.82 and revenue was \$16,911.54. The balance on March 31, 2015 was \$13,007.73.

A review of the financial records will be carried out and a final report will be given at the Annual General Meeting.

Water Levels Report

The freshet last year was a modest affair, with a peak level a full eight inches lower than in 2013 and more than 13 inches lower than in 2008 during the worst flooding on the lake in recent memory. As a result there was very little shoreline damage. The snow pack this winter was reported to be below average, between 60 and 90 percent of normal. That means there will be less melt-water running off, subject to how much rain falls during the freshet. This newsletter goes to print mid-freshet, so we can't predict how it will play out. We hope that the GLPOA email alerts during the freshet will help owners of low-lying properties to prepare and, if necessary, protect their buildings. The freshet normally runs from early April to the end of May. See the Water Levels section of the GLPOA web site for details.

Membership Report

Much of the success of the Golden Lake Property Owners Association is due to the tireless work of our volunteer Zone Reps who get busy in late May to visit all our members. Being a GLPOA volunteer is not a permanent job, so we are always looking for new recruits from our membership to relieve those who have canvassed for several years. This year we need volunteers especially in Zones 3 and 5, where we now have overworked people filling in. If you can spare some time in the spring and summer, your help would be welcomed and appreciated. It is a great way to meet your neighbours and make a contribution.

To ensure that you receive all our latest information and newsletters by email, please confirm your email address with your Zone Rep, or contact us at glpoa@hotmail.com and we will update our email database.

ONLINE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES

The annual membership fee of \$20 can now be paid online through Interac e-Transfer, which is a convenient and secure way to send money directly from your bank to GLPOA. If you already bank online, go to the website of your financial institution, find the link to Interac e-Transfer and follow the instructions to sign up. Please note that your financial institution will charge you \$1.50 for the transaction.

Send your 2015 membership fee to glpoatreasurer@hotmail.com. The security question is Golden Lake and the security answer is glpoa2015. Please type in your name and address in the sender's message (max. 40 characters). The GLPOA treasurer will reply to the sender acknowledging receipt of funds.

Shoal and Channel Marking

In 2006 GLPOA began the formal shoal and channel marking program that has now become so important to lake and river users. There are now more than fifty regulation buoys marking the 27 potential hazards and four channels. The markers are expensive so the program represents a major investment for the association. The location of the highly visible buoys can be found on our popular maps and on the billboards located at each of the four boat launch sites.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers that give their time and effort to place the buoys in late May each year and take them out after Labour Day for winter storage. Placement, recovery, storage and cleaning of the buoys is a big job and our volunteers should be recognized and applauded for their efforts.

Eric Weckworth leads this team of volunteers: Jay Foran, Rick O'Brien, Ron Newman, Marion Fuder, Andy Kyle, Don Jones, Mike Cayer, Gord McMillan, Barry Dewis, Nathan Lefebvre, Ken Kruger, Ken Hall, Bill Gardner, Rick Schroder, Greg Clark, Malcolm Elliott and Hubert Webber.

GLPOA Website

A good website is essential for an organization like GLPOA, whose membership is too large and widespread to meet often face to face and who are often a long way from the area. Over the past few years the website has undergone some revisions and updating to meet the members' needs. The website is the main resource for members looking for information such as water level status during the spring freshet, flood emergency phone numbers for sand bagging supplies and instructions, dates of future meetings and minutes of past meetings, listings of our corporate sponsors and much, much more. Visit to learn more: www.goldenlake.co

Annual General Meeting

JULY 4, 2015

Killaloe Public School • 9:00 a.m. to Noon

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

*More than 100 people usually turn out
We look forward to seeing you there!*

Arrive at 8:30 for coffee and tea complements of The Cottage Cup in Golden Lake and baked goods complements of GLPOA.

Special Guest Speakers

Renfrew Power Generation will report on the recent rebuild of their generating station and what effect the changes may have on lake and river water levels.

Beulah Buchwald, a longtime summer resident of Golden Lake and local entertainer, will brighten your morning.



This painting by Doreen Dunn-Scully is one of the prizes in the Lucky Draw

Prizes for the GLPOA AGM Lucky Draw

Thanks to the companies and individuals that donated these great prizes:

Sands Spa at Sands on Golden Lake:

A gift certificate for a pedicure for two

Walkers Landing in Golden Lake:

Dinner for Two

Gord McMillan:

A video depicting local wild life by The Trapper Man of Golden Lake

Gwen Stewart of Killaloe:

A gift certificate for a massage

The Cottage Cup at Golden Lake:

A \$30.00 gift certificate

Gord McMillan:

A wildlife print from The Trapper Man of Golden Lake

The Deacon

Chinese Restaurant:
Dinner for four

Doreen Dunn-Scully:

An original painting of a scene of the Madawaska and Bonnechere rivers

Goldenville Cottage:

A weekend cottage get-away on the south shore

McMillan's Cabins:

A weekend cottage get-away on the north shore; package includes three meals

Bonnechere Lodge:

A weekend cottage get-away on the south shore

Sands on Golden Lake:

Overnight accommodation for two with breakfast and gift certificate for dinner



A relaxing paddle on Brennans Creek

Brennans Creek

A JEWEL OF GOLDEN LAKE

Tucked into the south-west corner of Golden Lake is the mouth of Brennans Creek, leading to one of the truly special places in our area. Best seen from a canoe or kayak, the creek can be paddled all the way to the "suburbs" of Killaloe. Between the lake and town it is a beautiful winding waterway that is open near the mouth but narrows with a canopy of trees that meet overhead closer to Killaloe.

Along the way you'll see herons, fishers, turtles, ducks, kingfishers, as well as the rare and beautiful cardinal flower. It is serene and silent because there are no developed properties along the route. It feels like wilderness, until you see a place to pull your craft out of the water, and the roof of a suburban house through the trees.

A leisurely paddle up Brennans is a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon for your family and for visitors to the area.

The winners will be listed on the GLPOA website

Fish Committee

This spring will be a learning experience for the Fish Committee as it leads the effort to reduce the population of rainbow smelt, which is considered an invasive species. We will be documenting the harvest and reporting the results to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers, and the Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research. The report will give these groups a better understanding of the impact invasive species are having on Golden Lake.

Our goal is to remove as many rainbow smelt as possible in efforts to reduce predation and limit reproduction, which will provide a better chance for survival of other species. If you take part in the harvest, you can enjoy a fish fry or use them as garden fertilizer. However you choose to use the smelt, your effort will be a benefit to the lake and the populations of desirable fish species such as pickerel, bass, pike and whitefish.

The spawn will commence shortly after the ice is off the lake in temperatures between 3°C and 9°C. The spawn occurs at night over a very short period of time and is concentrated up streams that feed the Lake and River. **If you would like to be involved in smelt harvest please contact Glenn Bingham at glennbingham51@gmail.com or 613-625-1017.**

A big thank you to our volunteers

Here are profiles of three of our hard-working volunteer canvassers.



Doreen Dunn-Scully

Doreen visits her neighbours within Zone 9 which covers Rocky Point Drive, Tranquility Bay and Mundts Lane. This hard-working woman lives at Rocky Point in summer and in Pembroke in winter. She is a gifted artist and has donated many paintings to worthwhile causes, including a painting this year for our Lucky Draws at the AGM. She has been a volunteer for many years and in many roles, and we value her participation with GLPOA.



Marion Zohr

Marion took responsibility for Zone 4, which includes McMillan Road, Goldfinch Drive and Kasdorff Lane, after being prompted by a neighbour. Marion was sought out to help us while we were in dire straights for a Zone Rep in her area. She agreed to help us out and did so very systematically within a short period of time. The grass does not grow under her feet! Marion also plays an important role in the administration and

management of Kasdorff's Cabins, a family business since 1946. Marion has been a pleasure to get to know and to work with.



Noella Lehman

Noella Lehman and Clarence, her husband, have a family cottage on Tramore Road in Zone 10. When not at their cottage, they live in Ottawa. Noella and Clarence came to the family cottage, which was built in 1962, before they were married. Their children and their families continue to enjoy the water and the good life of swimming, fishing and boating. We look forward to that lovely smile and easy going way of

both Noella and Clarence at our Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck Dinner every Fall. Noella has help now in Zone 10 from Judy Hartwig, a permanent resident of River Lane. We value both Noella's and Judy's involvement with the organization.

GLPOA installs clearance signs under Bonnechere River bridges

In its ongoing efforts to improve boating safety, GLPOA has installed clearance signs where boats must pass under highway bridges. Bill Gardiner installed one under the Deacon Bridge on Highway 60, and Rick O'Brien installed one under the Golden Lake Bridge on Kokomis Road (County Road 70). The signs will assist boaters in passing under the structures at various times of the boating season.

**WATER
QUALITY**

The monitoring of water quality continues to be high on the priority list of services offered to the GLPOA membership. This summer the frequency of sampling and the number sites will be more than doubled from previous years. The samples will be analyzed for total phosphorous, nitrogen and E-coli concentrations. The water clarity will also be monitored and documented.

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Organizers of last year's event Kirk Mandy far left, and Kevin O'Connor far right with big prize winners (L to R) Bailey Bechard, first place winner; Bernie O'Neil, second place winner and Harold Weckworth, Jr., third place winner.



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