

Gold Star for GLPOA

GLPOA was the recipient of a prestigious award earlier this spring.

The Federation of Ontario Cottager's Association (FOCA) presented President Don O'Reilly and Past President Kevin O'Connor the 2016 FOCA Achievement Award on March 4. This honour is bestowed on cottage and lake property associations in recognition of outstanding achievements, either past or present.

FOCA has 507 lake associations and we are middle of the pack, so to speak, in terms of size. It was also noted that we stand sixth amongst all the lakes in terms of membership.

When submitting the application for the award, we went back in our short history to dwell on some of the achievements GLPOA has made or been involved in. We were instrumental in bringing cellular service to our part of the valley. The original directors lobbied two big providers to install towers in our area. They presented a well thought out business case and through many hours, weeks and months of data gathering and lobbying, they were finally successful. The residents of our community that take this for granted today owe a great debt of thanks to the GLPOA directors.

GLPOA has presented septic seminars, safe boating courses, water safety courses, and healthy shoreline presentations.



Presentation of the FOCA Achievement Award on March 4, 2017. From left to right: Terry Rees (FOCA Executive Director), Kevin O'Connor and Donald O'Reilly of GLPOA, Lynda Corkum (FOCA Director), Terry Kennedy (FOCA President of the Board).

GLPOA also holds one of the most popular poker runs in the area and now we have introduced an annual smelt harvest and fry that is proving very successful.

Everybody enjoys safe boating but seldom see the work that a dedicated group of volunteers do in placing and removing hazard buoys at the start and end of boating season.

The goals attained in the relatively short life of GLPOA (2005) are a tribute to the founders and the dedicated volunteers who hold various positions as directors. They determined the main priorities of our association to be membership, lake

stewardship and communications and those priorities still stand today.

As our Past President stated recently "I feel that GLPOA is in as good hands as it has ever been." A shout-out must go to all the members and volunteers that support the Golden Lake Property Association—the zone reps and canvassers, the smelt harvesters, the directors that chair several important committees and the many volunteers that always come out to help keep our lake clean, safe, and fun.

Well done, GLPOA, upon receipt of the FOCA Achievement Award.

President's Message

It is truly an honour to be involved with the Golden Lake and Bonnechere River Property Owners Association. Our Organization is held in high regard by local and provincial Association's alike across Ontario. As I am writing this, we are experiencing the highest water levels in recent memory. Our Lake Steward, Glenn Bingham, has been working tirelessly for weeks. He has been working closely with MNR and Renfrew Power Generation, monitoring water levels, tending many phone calls and all this while being a flood victim himself. We are in the process of reaching out to all Townships and our local MPP for assistance. Our hearts go out to all flood victims.

This newsletter is a great communication tool for our association and Allison Wood works long hours to produce this quality product. The next few months will be very busy for us. Some of the programs and events we are working on are the installation of our water markers and buoys, smelt harvest and smelt fry, organizing the AGM, assembling committees for the Poker Run and the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. VP Ron Rimmer with Chris Hamilton, Kate O'Hara, Mary Beatty along with 35 volunteers will be canvassing all the roads surrounding the lake and river for membership this summer. This tireless group will be collecting a \$20.00 membership fee, which has not increased in 13 years. I firmly believe our biggest resource in our association is our volunteers. The above is just a sample size of their efforts. Their willingness to do whatever it takes is one of the reasons we are successful.

I hope to see you at our Smelt Fry, AGM or Poker Run. We truly are a community that comes together!

Sincerely, *Don O'Reilly*



2nd Annual Smelt Fry

SATURDAY JUNE 10 • 1–6 pm

Co-hosted by GLPOA, Cottage Cup and The Sands

The Fish Committee (headed by Glenn Bingham) and many volunteers have, for the third year in a row, continued the hard work of removing rainbow smelt from the lake and river. These predators have significantly impacted the lake and river by eating the eggs of other fish, thereby not allowing native fish to repopulate. Spring 2017 was a very difficult year to harvest the smelt, due to the high water levels. Volunteers had to work harder and longer to net the rainbow smelt. We can't thank the team enough for their dedication.

After the first smelt harvest in 2015, the Fish Committee thought about what

they could do with the 153,600 rainbow smelt that they had removed from the lake. That's when the idea for a community Smelt fry was born. Rainbow smelt are considered a delicacy to be shared with friends. Please join us for this great event and support the efforts of rebalancing the lake and river at The Sand's on Saturday June 10, 1 to 6 pm. Great food, live entertainment and loads of door prizes. Book your seating with Glenn Bingham at glennbingham51@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have and continue to make the Harvest and Smelt Fry a growing success.

Fish Committee

This spring, members of our Fish Committee will once again address issues impacting fishing successes on Golden Lake and the Bonnechere River. Working with and learning from members of the MNRF based out of Pembroke we will attempt to prioritize our efforts.

We have engaged in our third documented harvest of rainbow smelt. From this effort we hope to have a significant impact in reducing the population of Rainbow Smelt in our Lake. We would encourage all stake holders to consider conducting their own personal harvest abiding by the rules and regulations of the 2017 Fishing Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary.

As we are sure our readers know there are several factors that are impacting the recruitment of Walleye on Golden Lake. We continue to address issues based upon a priority basis and within our ability to provide resources. Beyond the Smelt Harvest our volunteers also participate in a Walleye Watch and are considering targeting Black Crappie this coming spring and summer.

If we expect Golden Lake to once again support a healthy population of Walleye we strongly suggest a catch and release approach of Walleye.

WATER LEVELS REPORT

The freshet of 2017 is one for the record books and will not be soon forgotten. At time of writing, we are still unsure if Golden Lake has even crested. Crested or not, the power of nature is evident and we continue to have an appreciation of that power. The relentless rise of water levels along the shores of the Bonnechere River from the Tramore Dam to the Golden Lake Dam has certainly taken its toll in properties and emotions. Combine the water levels with the additional influence of wind and rain and we have the perfect storm. The total effect of the freshet will not be known for some time but it will be known and it will be responded to.

There is insufficient space to explain the details of a freshet within this newsletter but if you were to refer to our website you may be surprised to see the complexities and challenges of maintaining water levels. Our association has been a conduit of communication between various levels of government, the MNRF and RPG. We have tirelessly expressed concerns in the interest of our membership and our community in general. We are all neighbours.

In the weeks to come, there will be more news to be shared which we hope will be more positive. We have spoken of the power of mother nature and appreciation for the awesomeness of such power. We must not forget the power of communication for with such power comes wisdom and strength which, also must be appreciated. The human spirit will prevail under these difficult times and the power of community has been clearly evident.

Your GLPOA Executive Committee would like to give sincere thanks to: Cairine Cybulski and Ken Krueger both former Directors who continue to provide knowledge and support; our three townships of North Algona Wiberforce, Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards and Bonnechere Valley; and all those who have come forward and offered support and advice to our community.

Membership Report

Membership is the foundation of our association and a most important focus for our executive and directors. Our members are active over the whole lake which is divided into 11 zones, and canvassed by a dedicated group of owners who work to maintain and grow our numbers. Those numbers ensure we have a strong voice within our surrounding municipalities, and in FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottages Associations) where our numbers put us sixth in Ontario cottage associations. Those numbers mean we are able to provide the owners with strong lake stewardship, as well as good communication and education throughout the membership.

We are averaging approximately 460 paid members annually. Our canvassers will be coming to your door—please welcome them. And if we missed you last year, we'll be coming back to find you this year!

You can also pay your dues through Interac e-transfer by sending it to glpoatreasurer@hotmail.com. The security question is What river flows into and out of Golden Lake and the answer is Bonnechere. Please complete your name and lake address in the sender's message and you will receive a reply acknowledging receipt of funds. If you pay online, our canvassers will still stop by to thank you as well as drop off 2017 association updates for your information.

Thank you again for your continued support. Golden Lake Strong!

Shoal and Channel Marking

In the 2016 season, we saw a transition to upgraded marking and mapping of hazards. Two of our volunteers went out and GPSd all locations so they can be integrated to the new map. This map is currently being worked on by a local company and, when complete, a draft will be printed for the GLPOA executive to review. We hope to have new map printed in 2017.

As well, a *Procedural Manual* is being developed. It will contain a statement of direction, a list of contacts and volunteers, and the GPS coordinates of hazards. This

Annual General Meeting

JULY 8, 2017 Killaloe Public School • 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Meet your Executive/Directors and Neighbours

Golden Lake Property Owners Association

The feedback we receive is always positive.

Arrive at 8:30 am for coffee, tea and baked goods compliments of the Cottage Cup, Golden Lake, one of our corporate sponsors.

Please join us for a fun and informative morning with your fellow neighbours. Your support is vital to the success of Golden Lake Property Owners Association.

Special Guest Speakers

Mr. Dave Murphy The Bonnechere Valley Fire Chief will be speaking on: fire safety, campfires, burning permits and road accessibilities.

Also presenting this year Mr. Fred Blackstien.

He will be speaking on the value and need of volunteerism.

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

\$50.00 gift certificate

Doreen Dunn-Scully

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

Doreen Dunn-Scully

A painting done by local artist Doreen Dunn-Scully

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

NEW THIS YEAR—

Gayle Jacques, Royal LePage, Team Realty \$100.00 Gift Certificate

The winners will be listed on the GLPOA website

manual will enable future volunteers to take over with ease.

The placement and removal of hazard markers are vital to a safe boating season. We are always seeking new volunteers. Anyone wishing to help with this program is always welcome.

As always, any questions or concerns may be directed to our Chairperson Eric Weckworth or Co chair Jay Foran. Here's to another safe boating season.

—Jay Foran for Eric Weckworth

GLPOA Volunteers — an appreciation... and an appeal

Our volunteers are the reason we have made remarkable strides since the Association was reborn in 2004. Our association grew quickly because a tremendous group of people were—and are—willing to give their ideas, time and efforts to a cause close to their hearts: the well being and preservation of our lake. Working together, our founders, executive, directors, and especially our canvassers have built a strong organization based on the priorities that make our association strong: membership, stewardship, and communication.

We are proud of our accomplishments over the past 13 years: cellphone service, pleasure craft operators' courses, septic seminars, community involvement, smelt harvest and fish fry, and our very successful annual poker run. Our lake steward committees take care of water testing for water quality, shoal marking to name just a few of their activities. And our membership is the cornerstone of our very active association. Our volunteers helped us bring home the 2016 FOCA Achievement Award—this could not have happened without their dedication and enthusiasm.

Our lake is a treasure. It remains the jewel at the centre of its surrounding municipalities and First Nation Reserve, each one providing support for our association initiatives. Our members—individually and as a group—continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to keeping the lake viable, usable and sharable by the owners, their families and friends. Each of us who has given some time to our lake association will tell you we have met some wonderful people, participated in worthwhile projects, and come away deeply satisfied as a result of our volunteer activities. It does not have to take a lot of your time—but the investment of that time will provide you with wonderful returns—connecting you to others and your lake community in many ways, while adding fun and fulfilment to your life at the lake.

Become an active member of GLPOA. Sign on to help us with canvassing in your area. We can tell you this is a wonderful way to meet your neighbours, make new friends and connections, and contribute to the growth of the association. Email us at glpoainfo@gmail.com.

A big thank you to our volunteers

We want to give some over due recognition to two of our long time volunteers and a warm welcome to two new members.



Marion Fuder

Marion and her husband Murray are long time lake residents in Zone 7, and Marion has been volunteering with GLPOA since it came back into being. Besides being an active canvasser and director on the board, Marion is also our "Queen of Promotions", supplying many of us with t-shirts, caps and hoodies over the years. Her input during her time on the board has been valued and respected, and we will miss her quiet humour and insights at future meetings.



Bill Gardner

Bill has over the years been a valuable resource with his history and knowledge of the river, as he and his family have been "on the Bonnechere" for many years in Zone 10. Bill is always ready to help where needed and has been a great asset in organizing people to canvas. He has also been part of many projects, including the billboards at the boat launch sites, the work at the Tramore boat ramp, bridge at Deacon, and boating safety, just to name a few. Both these volunteers began their contributions as canvassers in their respective zones, then stepped up to take on additional tasks to benefit the growth and integrity of the association. They have by their actions and enthusiasm inspired many of us to get involved with this association.



Mary Beatty

Mary has been at Golden Lake since her parents brought her to Beatty Island when she was 10 days old — and this has been her *happy place* ever since. She heard the call for volunteers so she started to help with the Poker Run Committee, the Kids' Zone at the Poker Run, canvassing the Highway 60 zone helping with the 2017 smelt harvest and fish fry. Mary has a great respect and love for the lake and wants to do all she can to preserve it. In her words: "I call on fellow Golden Lake



enthusiasts to join me in volunteering a few hours of their time this summer with GLPOA! Looking forward to summer on the most beautiful lake in the word!"

Chris Hamilton

Chris and Carole have been seasonal lake residents on Rocky Point Drive for over 50 years. Now that Chris has retired, he is spending much more time at the lake and will be contributing to GLPOA by canvassing, maintaining and evolving the web site, and in his role as Director of Membership Records. Chris also runs the scoreboard at the annual Golden Lake Poker Run, with software he wrote specifically for this event. His computer skills are exceptional and most appreciated by the rest of the board. Those skills are exceeded only by his good nature and willingness to step up and participate in whatever way he may be needed to assist with the GLPOA.

Treasurer's Report

For the 2016–17 operating year ending March 31, 2017, GLPOA has a balance of \$12,612.54. All records are given to an outside accountant for review and a final report will be given at the Annual General Meeting July 8, 2017.

The Golden Lake Property Owners Association presents its...

9th ANNUAL

SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2017

Cash and gift certificate

prizes valued

up to \$300

Join us for a fun day!

Start/Finish Line at Sands on Golden Lake Registration at 8:00 am at the Sands • Everyone welcome! FEE: \$25 PER PERSON, includes entry to the Poker Run, a chance that your winning hand will earn you a great prize and a delicious lunch. There will be musical

entertainment at the Sands when you arrive back for lunch. If you have questions, please contact Ron Rimmer 613-401-3590 or Don O'Reilly 613-625-9935.

REGISTRATION FORMS available from: George's Marine

and Sports **Killaloe Sports Plus**

Sands on **Golden Lake**

Back by popular demand we will be awarding prizes for best decorated boat. So use your imagination, have fun and win great prizes! There will be a kids fun centre with face painting, games and more!











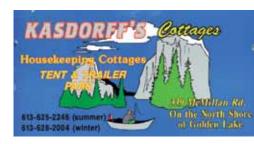


















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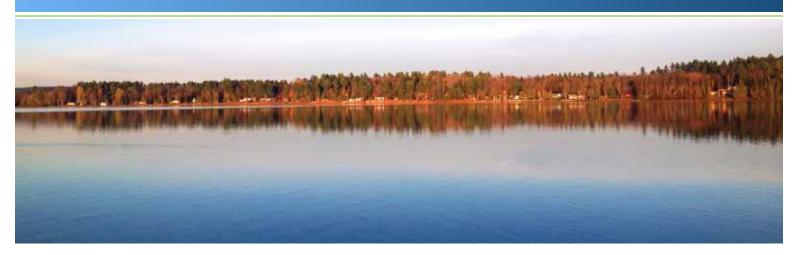


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GLPOA website: www.goldenlake.co

The GLPOA website is your one-stop-shopping location for all things GLPOA. With such a wide spread base of readers and members, it's important to keep the site functional and relevant to all. The site contains information on all of the association's programs, events and activities, including electronic copies of all of our newsletters.

Membership Zones and Canvassers

ZONE	LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Zone 1	Golden Lake Village and Pikwàkanagàn	Clare Addison 625-2714, Rick O'Brien 625-2707
Zone 2	Island View Drive, Abby Way, Hwy 60, Olivia Island	Kate O'Hara 625-1050, Heather Bingham 625-1017
Zone 3	Hwy 60, Mundts Bay Lane, Fish Hut Rd, Log Cabin Trail, Twin Maple Lane, Bunch berry Lane, Red Pine Camp Way	Clare Daniels 625-2101, Linda Gauthier 401- 5457, Mary Beatty 625- 2057, Brenda Maunder 625-1324, Glenn Bingham 625-1017
Zone 4	McMillan Rd, Goldfinch Dr., Kasdorff Lane, Hwy 60, Log Cabin Trail	Wendy Supapol, Christine LeClair 625-1407, Dan Ralph 625-1441
Zone 5	Hwy 60, McNee Dr, Browns Cres, McMillan Rd	John Beatty, Bill and Glenna Cooke 625-2036, (seeking volunteers)
Zone 6	Black Point Rd, Harrington Rd, L'Escale Lane, Great Heron Rd, Hwy 60	Cheryl Gibson 601-5251, Burk Hein 757-2343, Abbie Buch 830-7337, Dick Piper 757-2979
Zone 7	Hawkins Dr, Skelly Rd, Nien-Mar Lane, Sleepy Hollow Lane, Bonnechere Lodge Rd, Gorman Rd, Sheedy Lane, Bob's Lane	Allison Wood 601-6000, Ron Rimmer 401-3590, Boyde Vincent 882-3579, Ernie Bies 625-2558
Zone 8	Golden Lyn Lane, Billena Way, Golden Mile Way, Cedar Beach Lane, Lynch- Reid Lane, Richards Lane, McSearsull Way, Ruby Rd	Lorraine Costello 416-524-2734, Janice Kelly 628-6995, (seeking volunteers)
Zone 9	Rocky Point Dr, Tranquility Bay, Mundt Lane, Hoffman Rd	Don O'Reilly 625-9935, Steve Butler 625-1454, Chris and Carole Hamilton 889-3148, Jim and Cairine Cybulski 625-1274
Zone 10	Tramore Rd, Boyle Lane, Bonnchere River Lane, Libby Lane, Eady Rd, Narrows Lane, Jeffries Lane, Okum Lane, Old Bridge Rd	Judy Hartwig 757-3123, Terry Howard 757-3456, Phil Godon 757-0166, Lucy King 757-2018, (seeking volunteers)
Zone 11	Karmak Haven Rd, Carty Rd, Musky Bay Lane, White Church Rd, Griffith Wagner Rd, Tramore Rd	Dennis Brock 327-5235, Irene Young, (seeking volunteers)

This year we have established a small working group to review and enhance the website, with the intention of improving the overall look, feel, and user experience. If you have any comments or suggestions, please submit them via email to glpoainfo@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!