

• SPRING 2018 •

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

Benefits of Joining GLPOA

WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR \$20 MEMBERSHIP?

The primary mission of Golden Lake and Bonnechere River Property Owners Association (GLPOA) is the preservation of the lake we enjoy and love. Strong membership assists promoting the responsible use, enjoyment and conservation of the lake, now and for future generations. The benefits of joining GLPOA include:

- Brand new website; www.goldenlake.
 co, housing all relevant information
 pertaining to GLPOA. Bi-annual
 newsletters, outlining all the current years
 work. Our Facebook group; Facebook@
 Goldenlakeontario, a forum for our
 members. All of this provide avenues for
 questions, concerns and information for
 events around the lake and river.
- Our water quality is very important to all of us. Our volunteers monitor water levels, water quality, invasive species and hazard/ shoal markers. In addition, our lake steward works closely with various local and provincial governmental authorities with respect to water levels and quality.
- Membership dues provide a fund to purchase and maintain shoal markers, costs associated with safeguarding our



water quality, and maps that indicate shoal and hazards.

- GLPOA is a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA).
 Joining this organization gives us all more power as a strong voice with the provincial government.
- The annual general meeting (AGM) provides a convenient and fun way to meet other members and voice your concerns. You'll also enjoy speakers who present interesting and informative topics relating to lake life, and the current state of our association.
- Paid memberships receives emails throughout the year, about upcoming events or any alerts as they arise.
- Membership supports GLPOA in promoting social events throughout the year, including the smelt fry, poker run, AGM and volunteer appreciation dinner.

When our canvassers come to your door to collect dues, give you a gift, map or newsletter please ask any questions you may have and whether you decide the \$20 is worth it or not, enjoy the GLPOA newsletter and please support our local business sponsors.

President's Message

Happy spring from the sunny shores of Golden Lake. Thank you to our many dedicated and hard working volunteers. We enjoyed another very successful year. Our poker run is now the biggest event on the lake, attracting record numbers last year. The smelt harvest and smelt fry are gaining traction and also had a big lift in attendance.

Our AGM continues to draw well over a hundred in attendance. We have received positive feedback for our special guests, content and our professionalism. Our board takes great pride in hosting the volunteer appreciation lunch. This is the only occasion where we can express our appreciation and gratitude to those volunteers who are the engine of our association.

We did experience challenges with the worst flooding in the lake's history. We have recently been informed by MNRF and

RPG that we should have a normal freshet. Lower water levels, half of the snow pack of last year, the predictions of a warm, mild spring and the cooperation of Mother Nature.

As my term is coming to an end, Ron Rimmer will become the new president of GLPOA this summer.

We share very similar views and philosophies, so I know that this will be a very seamless transition. Ron has the full support and confidence of the board.

We welcome back Jeff Raisbeck as Director, as well as two highly regarded individuals, Natalie Corbin and Theresa Rasp, who will also be joining our already strong board.

Looking forward to another successful year and wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer at the lake and river. *Sincerely, Don O'Reilly*



GLPOA DIRECTORS. Back row, from left: Chris Hamilton, Bill Gardner, Rick O'Brien, Ron Rimmer, Glenn Bingham. Front row, from left: Theresa Rasp, Natalie Corbin, Allison Wood and Kate O'Hara. Missing: Don O'Reilly, Sandy Nash and Jeff Raisbeck.



Shoal and Waterway Markers

An excerpt from www.goldenlake.co

Shoals on the lake used to be marked in an informal method. In the spring of '06, with the formation of GLPOA, this changed. Spearheaded by the late Weldon McEachen, thirty-five bright orange official shoal and waterway markers were purchased and each was stenciled with GLPOA. Additional shoal markers have been purchased over the years as needed.

Local contractor and friend of the lake, Bryan Fraser helped Weldon by pouring concrete anchors with steel rings in them over the winter months. Making thirty-five anchors is a lot of work.

To complement the shoal marker program, large waterway map signs were erected at four main boat launches on the river and lake: Deacon launch, Tramore bridge, Bonnechere Lodge and Island View Drive.

This was a costly venture, with the buoys costing \$80 each and rope chain concrete etc. adding to it. GLPOA helped offset the costs by offering advertising space on the signboards. Today we have 30 sponsors on our map signboards and a waiting list to advertise on this successful project. We also sell maps at marinas and stores around the lake. The program is self-supporting now.

The marker buoys are placed in their GPS located shoals and narrows on Golden Lake and Bonnechere River by a dedicated group of volunteers that adopt the markers for their area of the

3rd Annual SMELT FRY

SATURDAY JUNE 16

12 noon to 5pm • at The Sands Co-hosted by The Sands, Cottage Cup and the GLPOA Fish Committee

Are you aware that rainbow smelt is a healthy food source high in heart healthy omega-3 fatty acids, protein and vitamins? What a great way to utilize the harvest of these predators. The friendly, skilled staff of the Cottage Cup certainly have the preparation of the meal down to a delectable science. Please plan to attend this great event and support the efforts of rebalancing the lake and river.

Tickets are \$11 and include meal, entertainment and loads of door prizes. Tickets are available by contacting Glenn Bingham, glennbingham51@gmail.com, or picked up at The Sands or Cottage Cup. Ticket sales will be limited to twohundred. Avoid disappointment and purchase in advance.

Fish Committee

The valued members of your fish committee remain committed and focused in doing their part to revive the natural reproduction of walleye within Golden Lake. We have an excellent working relationship with our local MNRF based out of Pembroke; we often rely upon their expertise as we consider new approaches to improve the walleye population.

Our first priority will remain the harvesting of the rainbow smelt as they present the biggest threat to the natural reproduction of not only walleye but also of yellow perch and other species as well. We realize that there is only a very brief window of opportunity to harvest the rainbow smelt and that change of prey to predator will be slow but it is worth the effort.

There is greater interest being shown in the harvest both from local residents and those from as far away as Lake Huron and Hamilton. This is great news as the more harvesters the better.

We will continue with the walleye watch this year and provide the MNRF with the results, as they become known to us. The water levels to date this year are more favourable to both the fishes and our volunteers and we hope the results of the monitoring will reflect and increase of walleye.

As a committee we continue to explore other options of improving the Golden Lake fishery and would appreciate feed back from our members and neighbours that share our concerns. We wish you a safe and enjoyable season on the lake and river. Please abide by the applicable rules and regulations.

We would like to promote catch and release as an effort to hasten the recovery of the walleye population.



From left: Gail McPhee, Bill Gardner, Bill Clark, Norma Bailey and Dave Lemkay (kneeling) Adrian Daley (kneeling) Leslie Moore, John McGuire and the late great Weldon McEachen.

lake or river. They place them in the spring around May long weekend and remove them in the fall usually by Thanksgiving weekend (conditions allowing).

The signs, maps and markers help property owners and visitors prepare themselves for a summer of safe boating on our lake and river.

Protect our Loons

AN INVITATION TO CONSIDER USING NON-LEAD FISH TACKLE

We all love the sight and eerily beautiful sounds of the loons on Golden Lake. These amazing birds are an early sign of summer and also a sign of good water quality and a healthy ecosystem.

Did you know that loon populations are decreasing in some lakes because of lead exposure from fishing tackle? Loons have no teeth and eat jigs and sinkers whole; eating even one will cause the loon to die from lead poisoning. A recently published study found that almost 50 percent of loon deaths between 1989 and 2017 in New Hampshire were due to lead poisoning from fish tackle.

Parks Canada has banned lead tackle in wilderness areas and national parks to protect wildlife, but it is not banned elsewhere. Non-lead tackle made of tungsten, steel, or bismuth-tin is available and may be a wise choice if we want to keep our loons and other wildlife as healthy as possible.

WATER LEVELS

Golden Lake is now represented by your lake steward, Glenn Bingham, sitting on the standing advisory committee representing North Algona Wilberforce, until a suitable candidate is recruited.

Regarding the freshet of 2017, we can be thankful that there were not any casualties within our area. Floods are the most frequent natural hazard to occur in Canada. They can occur at any time of the year and are most often caused by heavy rainfall, rapid melting of a thick, heavy snow pack or ice jams.

The best way to mitigate the impacts of flooding is in preparation of the event. Renfrew Power Generation has an excellent site that members should visit. The majority of our membership, being seasonal dwellers, are most vulnerable since most are not here during the freshet. The RPG site explains how residents can prepare. Their site also has contact representatives for each township bordering Golden Lake. The responsibilities of residents, power generators and all levels of governments are clearly defined. General Meeting JUNE 30, 2018 Killaloe Public School • 9:00 a.m. to Noon Meet your Executive/Directors and Neighbours Golden Lake Property Owners Association

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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 Speaker

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR GERALD TRACY!

Gerald Tracy, owner and editor of the award-winning *Eganville Leader*, is a true legend in the valley! Come and hear why Gerald has so much passion for the valley and so much respect and admiration for the many volunteers who make the valley so special.

Gerald believes, "Volunteers have shaped the history of the valley. We need more people to step up and help out! It is truly a great feeling!"

Gerald was one of the original eight volunteers who was part of the original steering committee that formed GLPOA. He has volunteered as a canvasser.

Hundreds of dollars of incredible lucky draw prizes, donated by our local companies and sponsors!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Once again our membership came through for us in the face of an interesting 2017. The flood event was a major challenge faced by our property owners on the lake and the river. Their resilience is to be commended because by summer's end we were able to connect with many new and renewing members to bring our membership total to 416 for last year, down slightly from previous years, but we will be working with your help to rebound this coming season. We are already looking at a great start for 2018. As of April 13, we had 76 paid memberships, with 54 of those coming from e-transfer and credit card payments! Our canvassers will be coming to your door starting in May to deliver membership kits and to collect the best \$20 you'll ever spend.

We are expanding from 11 to 12 zones this year, as shown on the back page of this newsletter. Property ownership can change every year, and we are working to adapt to those changes. Our association goal is to meet as many people as we can on this big beautiful lake so we can grow and benefit the membership under the leadership of a dedicated volunteer board. We are all about *community* here at GLPOA—it is the foundation of our strong and vibrant association.

We look forward to connecting—and reconnecting—with you, our Golden Lake and Bonnechere family through the coming season!

Congratulations to Roger and Ursula Imhof, of Bonnechere Lodge! They are the 2018 winners of the GLPOA early bird membership contest, and have won two years of free membership.



GLPOA Volunteers

How do you define a volunteer? *Webster's* says it's "one who enters into or performs of his/her own free will; to give freely". But that's just part of what makes our volunteers special. At GLPOA we would expand that to include "a person who loves life on the water; has a desire to sustain our quality of life here; has a wish to be part of "the voice of the lake."

We are lucky to have strong roster of such people at GLPOA. We know there are more of you out there who would be wonderful additions to our dedicated team. If you are looking for a way to contribute—in a large or small part—to the GLPOA community, *here's what you need to know:*

Requirements: Any time or talent you can offer (short or long term options available!) to add to our wonderful lake and river experience.

Benefits: A strong association for future generations...priceless.

One thing is certain: this volunteer experience at GLPOA is not a chore, it's a joy. Contact us to get involved with a great group of people. It will add more to your spirit than it takes away from your calendar! glpoainfo@gmail.com

Thank you to our volunteers...



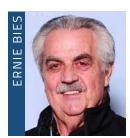
JAY FORAN FISH COMMITTEE

WENDY SUPAPOL

MCMILLAN ROAD

Jay is our quiet dynamo who's been with GLPOA from our beginning. He knows the lake better than anyone, is a most willing and able volunteer available to help when needed often we didn't hear what he was up to until it was a *fait accompli!* Jay was instrumental in the introduction of our buoy program—from summer placement to fall removal—and assisted often with dock stops at our poker runs. Jay remains active in Lake Stewardship on the Fish Committee, but we want to recognize and thank him for ALL his past contributions.





I have been coming to Golden Lake for summer holidays since 1970 when my parents brought the family to Red Pine Camp; a tradition we continued with our children. I love Golden Lake for its tranquility, its beauty on sunny summer days, its wildness and windiness in a storm, and the ever-changing patterns and colours of the water and ice. Volunteering with GLPOA has let me make wonderful connections with our neighbours and the community.

ERNIE BIES SLEEPY HOLLOW LANE

Recovering from an exhausting repatriation from Edmonton in 1983, Sandy and I found salvation at Golden Lake. After several years of renting, we bought on Sleepy Hollow Lane in 1989. I was soon recruited by Marion Fuder to be her assistant canvasser and before I knew it, I had my own route. Neighbour Craig Cosgrove presented me with the Pink Panther a few years ago and the legendary adventures of the Panther began. Who better to assist me in canvassing and, following Marion's lead, to eventually take over from me!

GLPOA website gets a new look!

The communications committee has given our website a new look and feel over the winter, which we hope will make your next visit more enjoyable.

The site has been re-designed to make it easier to navigate and locate frequently visited pages, with links to the most popular topics available directly from the home page. As well, the GLPOA calendar of events is also listed on the home page for quick reference. The new design also lends itself to improved viewing from most mobile devices.

Visit us at **www.goldenlake.co** and see for yourself! Let us know what you think—give us a shout at glpoainfo@gmail.com



The Golden Lake Property Owners Association presents its... 10th ANNUAL IN PRIZES! Cash and gift certificate prizes valued up to \$300

Join us for a fun day!

SATURDAY AUGUST 4, 2018

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!





Finish line at The Sands on Golden Lake Same-day registration 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. PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS available from: George's Marine and Sports Killaloe Sports Plus The Sands on Golden Lake Pikwakanagan Fuels

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TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial summary for the ninemonth operating period ending December 31, 2017, shows a starting balance on April 1, 2017 of \$12,652.54, revenue of \$17,359.86, disbursements of \$17,202.57, and a balance on December 31, 2017 of \$12,809.83.

The 2017 financial records have been reviewed by Michael J. Afelskie, Certified Management Accountant (retired), of Golden Lake. He reported that "The records and supporting documents were all in very good order." The financial report and approval note by Micheal J. Afelskie will be presented at the Annual General Meeting June 30, 2018.

Membership Zones and Canvassers

ZONE	LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Zone 1	Golden Lake Village, Pikwàkanagàn	Clare Addison 625-2714, Rick O'Brien 625-2707
Zone 2	Island View Drive, Abby Way, Red Pine Camp Way, Log Cabin Trail	Heather Bingham 625-1017 Kate O'Hara 625-1050
Zone 3	Mundts Bay Lane, Fish Hut Road, Bunchberry Lane, Twin Maple Lane, Hwy 60	Clare Daniels 625-2101 Linda Gauthier 401-5457 Brenda Maunder 625-1324
Zone 4	McMillan Rd, Goldfinch Dr., Kasdorff Lane, Hwy 60	Wendy Supapol 905-220-7920 Glenn Bingham 625-1017 ** <i>seeking volunteers</i> **
Zone 5	Hwy 60, McMillan Rd. McNee Dr., Brown's Cres.	Glenna and Bill Cooke 625-2036 Gail Crepin 625-2735
Zone 6	Black Point Rd., Harrington Rd., Hwy 60, Great Heron Rd., L'Escale Lane	Cheryl Gibson 601-5251 Burk Hein 757-2343 Dick Piper 757-2979 Abbie Buch 830-7337
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 Way, Billena Way, Golden Mile Way, Cedar Beach Lane, Lynch- Reid Lane, Richards Lane, McSearsull Way, Ruby Rd.	John Beatty 625-2057 Chris and Carole Hamilton 889-3148 ** <i>seeking volunteers</i> **
Zone 9	Rocky Point Dr., Mundt Lane, Hoffman Rd., Tranquility Bay	Don O'Reilly 625-9935 Jim and Cairine Cybulski 625-1274 Steve Butler 625-1454
Zone 10	Tramore Road	Mark Hammer Dean Bergstresser 757-3186 ** <i>seeking volunteers</i> **
Zone 11	Boyle Lane, Bonnechere River Lane, Libby Lane, Eady Rd., Narrows Lane, Jeffries Lane, Okum Lane, Old Bridge Rd.	Bill Gardner 757-2909 Judith Hartwig 757-3123 Barb Gardner Lucy King 757-2018 **seeking volunteers**
Zone 12	Karmak Haven Rd, Carty Rd., Muskie Bay Lane, White Church Rd., Griffith Wagner Rd., Tramore Rd.	Dennis Brock 327-4235 Theresa Rasp 862-6216 ** <i>seeking volunteers</i> **