



Golden Lake
& Bonnechere River
Property Owners Association

▪ WINTER 2019 ▪

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



Top row, left to right: Chris Hamilton, Rick O'Brien, Glenn Bingham, Ron Rimmer, Don O'Reilly, Bill Gardner. Bottom row, right to left: Kate O'Hara, Sandy Nash, Natalie Corbin, Allison Wood, Theresa Rasp.

Membership Update

What a year it was for our membership team—we finished off 2018 with a grand total of 465 paid members—a record! And something we should all celebrate. We accomplished this due to a number of things coming together: a better start to what was the hottest summer in recent memory (as opposed to the previous year of the flood); another great season of volunteer effort by our team of canvassers; and the contin-

ued support of all our new and renewing members in GLPOA.

Your memberships and your volunteer contributions continue to make our association a dynamic and active organization working for the enjoyment of all of us who use and love the lake. Your membership committee is setting up now for the coming season. And maybe—just maybe—we can break another record in 2019...

GLPOA ▪ Schedule of Events ▪ 2019

MID-APRIL	Smelt Harvest
APRIL 30	Deadline for draw for earlybird membership payment 2019
MAY 11	Meeting for canvassers 2019 (info and kit pickup)
JUNE 15	Smelt Fry
JULY 6	Annual General Meeting
AUGUST 3	Poker Run
AUGUST 24	Volunteer Appreciation Social

WIN YOUR 2020 GLPOA MEMBERSHIP!

Pay your 2019, \$20 membership fee by **April 30, 2019**, and your name will go in a draw for a chance to win next years membership paid for!

HOW TO PAY FOR 2019 \$20 MEMBERSHIP

- 1) **By credit card**, through our website www.goldenlake.co.
- 2) **By e-transfer**. If you already bank online, go to the website of your financial institution, find the link to e-transfer and follow the instructions. Please note that your financial institution will charge you \$1.00 to \$1.50 for the transaction. E-transfer your 2019 membership fee to glpoatreasurer@hotmail.com. The security question is *What river flows in and out of Golden Lake?* and the security answer is *Bonnechere*. Please type in your name and address in the sender's message (max. 40 characters). You may receive an acknowledgement of payment.
- 3) **By mail** (cheque or cash) made out to: Golden Lake Property Owners Association, P.O. Box 99, Golden Lake, Ontario, K0J 1X0.
- 4) **At your cottage door** when your local canvasser comes by in spring or summer.



**Congratulations to Stephanie Zohr Mundt,
GLPOA's Fish Committee's Catch-and-Release photo contest winner of 2018!**

Fish Committee Update

2018 was a year that exceeded all expectations of the GLPOA Fish Committee. Although the spawn did not start until April 27, the run was strong and the harvesters filled their pails with relative ease. Blessed with additional volunteer support in excess of 5000 rainbow smelt were prepared for the Smelt Fry.

June 16 was a beautiful warm sunny day for the Fish Fry and what better venue, than The Sands with further support by the staff of Cottage Cup in meal preparation. Two-hundred and seventeen guests were additionally treated to exceptional entertainment by a local band known as Grey Street.

We have additional new members to the Fish Committee and we are looking forward to new initiatives to improve fishing opportunities of Golden Lake and the Bonnechere River. Smelt Harvest usually takes place mid April and this years Smelt Fry will be June 15, 2019, at The Sands. If you would like to get involved with the fish committee, please contact Glenn Bingham, Glenningham51@gmail.com.



Golden Lake—A Winter Wonderland

We are often asked *“What in the world do you do up there all winter?”*

Well let me try and answer that. For those of us lucky to live on the lake all year, winter is what you make it. The landscape changes and it is beautiful as attested by the links to the winter album on our Facebook and web pages. You'll see our forests and lake in a winter setting. You can walk on water, literally, and explore areas on and around the lake. It is a photographer's dream.

Ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and hiking are just some of the winter activities. KHR Library offers a Lending Hub where one can borrow snowshoes, cross-country skis, Nordic



walking poles etc. for those who may wish to try one of these activities without buying equipment. It is fun to watch to the families in our bay just walk out on the ice, drill a hole and start fishing on a nice sunny day. We also have great snowmobile trails all around the lake and a marked lake crossing to get north to south or vice versa trails.

Several winter festivals abound in the area from the Festival of Outdoor Rinks (www.festivalofoutdoorrinks.com) to the popular KHR Logger Sports Festival to numerous community winter carnivals.

Mid-February finds Eganville hosting www.bonnecherecup.ca, an international snowmobile race that attracts professionals and amateurs alike. “Some of the greatest names in snowmobiling history have experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat right here at our track. Names like Lee, Vandolder, Riemenschneider, Wahl, Vessair, Schulz and of course, Villeneuve, have all shaped the course of their careers at the Bonnechere Cup.”

Life in the Valley is truly a winter wonderland.