

THE LAKER

Newsletter of the Stinson Lake Association

Spring 2019 Issue

SUMMER 2019

JUNE 29 (Saturday) - **Community Building Work**

Day 9:00-11:30 – At the Community Building – Please bring cleaners, rags, brooms, rakes, etc.

JULY 3 (Wednesday) – Flares 9PM – Flares are available from Mark Herbert (Frog Hollow), NOT at the Memorial Dinner. They are on the honor system and are available for \$4 each. You can find them on his porch. A cannon will blast from the Eastern shoreline (Halls) at 9:00 for lighting the flares!!
Please take care to mount and dispose of flares properly.

JULY 6 (Saturday) - Memorial Dinner - 5:30– Karen and Kim Lewis **(Please note the dinner is the Saturday AFTER the 4th this year)**
Set-up, clean-up and desserts are greatly appreciated!

JULY 13 (Saturday) – 9AM – Annual Board of Directors' Meeting –At the community building.

AUGUST 3 (Saturday) – Chicken BBQ 5:30 – Bill and Nonnie Hall
Desserts and clean-up are greatly appreciated!

AUGUST 9 (Friday)-
16th ANNUAL Jonathan P. Gove Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament –Green Meadow Golf Club, Hudson, NH
Visit: www.jonathangove.org

AUGUST 17 (Saturday) - 5th Annual Stinson Lake 5K Run/Walk -Watch the sign board for more information.

AUGUST 31 (Saturday) – 9AM – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors–At the community building – Elections, new business, financial report.

SEPTEMBER 1 (Sunday) – Pancake Breakfast
8-9:30 AM – Les and June Gove

BINGO – This will be determined by popular demand! See Tim Lewis when interested.

Watch the signboard for all events!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring...I think! Although, there is not much evidence to support it. We are still waiting to see a couple of consecutive warm and sunny days. We actually had snow last week (May 14th). No worries, I'm sure the lake will be warm enough for swimming by August.

If you haven't visited the lake since last fall; be prepared for some intense Spring clean-up. We experienced a great deal of snow and a few extreme wind events that knocked out power and scattered debris. The local landscaping businesses have been working overtime this year.

Once again, we are looking forward to the Memorial Supper, Chicken BBQ, Pancake Breakfast and the 5K Run/Walk. Pay attention to the schedule of the events as the dates could shift from year to year. Thanks to all the folks that make them happen. Volunteers are always welcome, especially since we are experiencing a large number of attendees. You can help by bringing side dishes, desserts, or with clean up.

Our Lake Host Program is doing great; however, we could always use volunteers to help lessen the workload for our staff. Please contact John Allen if you are able to find some time to help out.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Tim Lewis, President

FRIENDS REMEMBERED

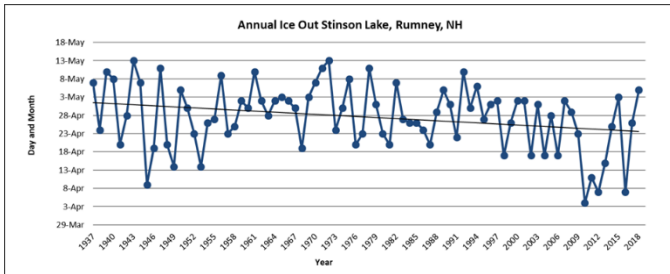
It is always difficult to include the passing of dear friends of our association each year. This year we bring the sad news that Judy Bangs, a longtime active member, has passed on.

Judy Bangs –

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=judith-lindahl-bangs&pid=191241796&fhid=6713>

ICE OUT

The ice officially went out on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. I am including the graph representing the ice out dates from 1937 through 2018.



CALENDAR YEAR STATUS

With the help of John Killion, CPA, of Concord, an application for changing our fiscal year from July 1-June 30 to the regular calendar year has been filed with both the IRS and the State of NH. This really doesn't affect members, other than we **won't** have to hold membership checks until after July 1! It makes the Treasurers' job much easier to file with the IRS!

UPDATED MEMBER SIGNBOARD

As you may have noticed on your arrival at the lake, the updated signboard has been printed and posted with the names and locations of members. Thank you to Louise Randall and Nonnie Hall for getting it updated. A new kind of plexiglass cover has also been installed. It was recommended because it does not cloud up as easily.

LOON NEST

Once again, the loon nest has been placed on the lake. It was put in shortly after ice out !!! The nest has again been placed just inside the outlet of Collins Brook. **Please stay away from that area.** Collins Brook is near the Nelson's property on the eastern shore. The water is very shallow in that area so no boats should be near it. Thank you to the Nelsons for allowing the storage of the nest on their property during the off season!

COMMUNITY BUILDING

PLEASE help clean the building on Saturday, June 29. It takes a village to run an organization and we desperately need your help!! It seems that a small group of people are responsible for the Association events and the burden gets heavy!!!

If you see the Phillips/Sergeff family this summer, please take a moment to thank them for allowing us to use their well for our Community House water!! We'd be in serious trouble without their generosity!

SLA VOLUNTEER LAKE HOST PROGRAM

The Stinson Lake Association's (SLA) Lake Host Program is in need of volunteers to man the ramp as Lake Hosts starting July 1. Volunteers would work a two hour shift between 8am and 6pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday inspecting incoming and outgoing boats to prevent the invasion of invasive species of plants and animals into the lake. This year we will be able to train our volunteers locally.

The Lake Host program is a collaborative effort between the New Hampshire Lakes (NHL) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to educate the public and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals into New Hampshire's water bodies. Our Lake Hosts' volunteer time is used to match funds received from the NHL for 2019 Lake Host Program which allows us, through NH Lakes, to have a paid Lake Host on duty for weekends, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, as well as certain holidays.

Please consider being a Lake Host this Summer. If you are interested contact, John Allen, the SLA Lake Host Point Person, at john1allen@gmail.com or visit John at the Lake Hosts table at the Memorial Dinner on July 6th.

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS

Elections to be held Saturday, August 31 at 9 AM.

The terms of all officers and directors of the Stinson Lake Association are up in August. Five officers, (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer) and seven directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting for two-year terms. If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer, please contact Virginia Pett, Chair of the nominating committee (pett@wooster.edu). The other two members of the nominating committee are Bill Hall and Karen Schwotzer.

our community's members and to enjoy their company, as well as to support your association.

You will find the membership application as a separate email this year. Please print, fill out and mail in both your form and dues. The Treasurers would prefer not to be inundated with new memberships at the Memorial Dinner, if possible. Thank you ☺

INTERESTING HISTORY AVAILABLE

There is a book out "Bits & Pieces" by Albin Seth Conkey, who was born in the house just before Brown Brook Falls in 1938. It's an autobiography of his life, and the whole first section concerns growing up just up the road from the lake. A copy has been put in the little 'library' box along the lake, marked "Stinson Lake copy" as well as 2 copies provided to the Rumney Library.

Thank you to member Bob Vogel for letting us know about this book and for making these copies available!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Stinson Lake Association has an active, vibrant membership. As of November 1, 2018, we have 139 family memberships, 35 individual memberships and our special Hawthorne Village membership!! If you have a neighbor who is not a member, consider recommending the Association to them, or let us know and we will reach out to them. We must depend on many of you to continue keeping our lake clean and healthy, as well as our association active and vibrant. Please consider volunteering to help with the Lake Host Program, Community House clean-up, or desserts, set-up, or clean-up at any of the following: Memorial Dinner, Chicken Barbecue, 5K Run/Walk, Bingo, and Pancake Breakfast. These events offer a wonderful opportunity to get to know