



THE LAKER

Newsletter of the Stinson Lake Association

Spring 2018 Issue

SUMMER 2018

Dates to Remember

JUNE 23 (Saturday) - Community Building Work

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

JULY 3 (Tuesday) – Flares 9PM – Flares are available from Mark Herbert (Frog Hollow) from Saturday, June 23 through and at the Memorial Supper. A cannon will blast from the Eastern shoreline at 9:00 for a starting time to light the flares this year!!

Please take care to mount and dispose of flares properly

JUNE 30 (Saturday) - Memorial Dinner - 5:30–

Karen and Kim Lewis
Set-up, clean-up and desserts needed!

AUGUST 4 (Saturday) – Chicken BBQ 5:30 – Bill and Nonnie Hall 786-9411
Desserts are greatly appreciated!

AUGUST 10 (Friday)-

15th ANNUAL Jonathan P. Gove Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament –Green Meadow Golf Club, Hudson, NH
Visit: www.jonathangove.org

AUGUST 25 (Saturday) – 9AM – Annual Meeting –
At the community building – Officers elected, new business, financial report

AUGUST ?? (Saturday) - 4th Annual Stinson Lake 5K Run/Walk -Watch the sign board and Facebook page for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2 (Sunday) – Pancake Breakfast 8-9:30 AM – Les and June Gove 786-9531

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

Watch the signboard for all events!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Finally Spring 2018! Once again, winter at Stinson Lake decided to hang on a bit longer than it needed to. Although, the temperatures have already jumped into the 70's and 80's not allowing us to adjust gradually. You might think that with the late thaw it could confuse our state bird (the Black Fly) into staying dormant for a few more weeks...NOPE!!! They're already out and they're not very happy. So if you are planning to come up and begin your spring clean up, bring a head net. I realize they aren't very fashionable but when everyone is wearing them; nobody judges.

We are looking forward to the Memorial Supper, Chicken BBQ, Pancake Breakfast and the 5K Run/Walk as our staples of our season. Thanks to all the folks that make them happen every year.

Once again, we are looking for folks to step up and be a Lake Host volunteer during the summer. It is vital to keeping Stinson Lake clean and free of invasive species. If people want a clean lake, it is going to be necessary to have more than 4-6 regular volunteers to help. Please contact Mike Donahue if are able to find some time to help out.

Since we are all interested in keeping our lake clean and protected; it will take all of us to keep it that way. I can't imagine that people who come to Stinson Lake for the first time, see it and say to themselves, "Wouldn't it be great if I could change it?" I sure hope not. Stinson Lake is special because it has not changed like the "big" lakes in the area.

Unfortunately for them, they learned the lesson too late. Overpopulation and lack of enforcement has led to the introduction of milfoil and other species ruining coves and beaches rendering them useless. As a result, Squam Lake and others have instituted a very aggressive conservation mentality. Something we may consider before it's too late for us as well. A major ingredient in the process is our Lake Host program and monitoring of development. Most development or construction on the shoreline of the lake requires a special permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services. Each of us should not just sit and leave it to the next person to make those programs work. Our lake belongs to ALL of us. See something...say something. Our representative from the Department of

Environmental Services of New Hampshire is Amy Hudnor and her email is amy.hudnor@des.nh.gov. Have a great summer.

Tim Lewis

FRIENDS REMEMBERED

The most difficult part of putting this newsletter together is notifying our members of those who have passed away since last year. This year there are sadly 6 to report.

Ed Doggett -

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/edward-doggett-obituary?pid=185604049&view=guestbook>

Jay Comenitz -

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=jay-comenitz&pid=187227665>

Michael Joyce Sr. -

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=michael-j-joyce&pid=186626702&fhid=10929>

Barbara Mattuccio -

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=barbara-a-mattuchio-puchniak&pid=188212913&fhid=7579>

Bruce Bears -

<http://obituaries.salemnews.com/obituary/isaac-bruce-bears-1928-2018-1049262706>

Frank Osmer -

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/concordmonitor/obituary.aspx?n=frank-james-osmer&pid=188944964&fhid=4826>

ICE OUT

The ice officially went out on Saturday, May 5. This is much later than most New Hampshire lakes this year. Typically, our ice out is usually the last week of April or the first week in May, so it's not unusual. Our earliest and latest recorded dates are April 4, 2010 and May 13, 1972. Our records go back to 1937!!

TAX-FREE STATUS

In consultation with Attorney James Raymond of Concord and John Killion, CPA, of Concord, an application for reinstatement of our 501C3 status, as a tax-free organization, was submitted as authorized at our Annual Meeting last fall. We are happy to report that our application was approved. This approval included not having to pay past taxes for the years 2010-2017 when we did not have the 501C3 status.

BY-LAW REVIEW

A review of the by-laws, a copy of which are attached, is being undertaken by a committee appointed at the Annual Meeting last fall of Mike Randall, Bill Hall and Mike Renkert. Please forward suggested changes you might have to Bill Hall at stinbrit@comcast.net. He will then share these when this committee meets.

LOON NEST

Once again, the loon nest has been placed on the lake. It was put in just 4 days after ice out!!! Mike Donahue has been in touch with the NH Loon Preservation Society and the nest has 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 Nelson's for allowing the storage of the nest on their property during the off season!

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Our Community Building is in need of being cleaned for the upcoming season. It would be appreciated if people who are available on Saturday, June 23, give just a couple of hours to help out. Tim Lewis ends up doing way too much for our organization, so please chip in and help!!

The Phillips/Sergeff family has supplied the building with water over the years and I wanted to make sure that we acknowledge their gift to us! We truly appreciate their ongoing generosity! THANK YOU Phillips and Sergeffs.

SLA VOLUNTEER LAKE HOST PROGRAM

The Stinson Lake Association's (SLA) Lake Host Program is looking for Volunteer Lake Host Inspectors to work at the Stinson Lake boat access ramp starting June 15th. We are looking for volunteers to work between 2 and 4 hours on a weekday between 6 am and 6 pm. SLA volunteer Lake Host Inspectors will be trained to educate the public on aquatic invasive species and how to prevent their spread. Lake Host Inspectors are not enforcers of local or state ordinances, rules, or laws. Lake Hosts provide boaters with courtesy information about state and local laws, rules, and ordinances.

The Lake Host program is a collaborative effort between the New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH LAKES) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to educate the public and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals in New Hampshire's water bodies. SLA volunteer time is used to match funds received from the NHLA for the 2018 Lake Host Program.

If you are interested in becoming a SLA Lake Host Volunteer this summer, please contact the SLA Lake Host Point Person, Mike Donahue, at mpdgsd@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER WEED WATCHER PROGRAM

We would like to try to formalize the Stinson Lake Association Weed Watcher volunteer program. This program is a proactive approach to exotic plant control that we need your help with. A number of Stinson Lake Association members currently weed watch once a month during the summer months. A few members have been trained by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Weed Watcher program and watch for exotic or strange weeds on the Stinson Lake shoreline. Variable milfoil, fanwort, water chestnut, purple loosestrife and common reed are blanketing water bodies

throughout the state. Infestations of these plants in Stinson Lake would really affect the recreational and wildlife habitat not to mention property values. Once these plants are established they are rarely eradicated. Most of you are familiar with our native weeds at Stinson Lake but if you see something different please contact Mike Donahue and he will help you get a sample of the weed (or a photograph) to Amy Smagula, Chief Aquatic Biologist, at DES for identification. If new infestations are caught early, low tech methods like hand pulling can keep them under control and prevent a whole lake infestation. If you are interested in becoming a weed watcher please contact Mike Donahue at 786 2763

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Family Membership consists of parents and their children under 18. Children 18 and older must take out their own membership rather than continue as part of a family membership!!

The Stinson Lake Association has an active membership! We are only able to continue keeping our lake clean and healthy with your help. We also offer the Memorial Dinner, Chicken Barbecue, 5K Run/Walk, Bingo, and Pancake Breakfast as a time to enjoy each other's company. **Please send your dues in!!** The new Treasurers would prefer not to be inundated with new memberships at the Memorial Dinner, if possible!! Thank you ☺

You will find the membership application as an attachment this year. Please look for it there!
