

THE LAKER

Newsletter of the Stinson Lake Association

Spring 2020 Issue

SUMMER 2020

As you look at our schedule of events for the 2020 summer, you will notice most events are “to be determined”. Due to the unusual circumstances of the Covid-19 virus, the Board wants to err on the side of caution. You will be notified if any of these events **IS** going to take place.

Community Building Work Day - Will be scheduled if the Community Building is going to be used.

JULY 3 (Friday) – 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 4 (Saturday) - Memorial Dinner – Cancelled per order of the Board of Directors.

JULY 11 (Saturday) – 9AM – Annual Board of Directors’ Meeting – Either at the community building with social distancing or zoom meeting - to be determined closer to that time.

AUGUST 1 (Saturday) -Chicken BBQ - To be determined.

ANNUAL Jonathan P. Gove Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament – Cancelled this year due to uncertainty of businesses, economy and golfers’ employment situations. Many scholarships in Jonathan’s memory have been given to Alvirne High School students over the last 16 years.

AUGUST 22 (Saturday) - 6th Annual Stinson Lake 5K Run/Walk -To be determined.

AUGUST 29 (Saturday) – 9AM – Annual Meeting – Place to be determined.

SEPTEMBER 6 (Sunday) – Pancake Breakfast -To be determined.

Watch the signboard for all events!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Stinson Lakers! I sincerely hope this year’s Laker finds you healthy and safe. Winter here seemed uneventful until we all learned of the Covid-19 threat. Since then we’ve all had to completely readjust our priorities and learn how to cope with this unwelcomed guest. Fortunately for all of us, Stinson Lake has been spared from the effects of the pandemic. You might notice once you return that everything on the lake seems as it was when you left. The trees are greening, the water is crystal clear and warming by the day. The loons are back and just as outspoken as ever while the resident eagles perch high atop their favorite trees when they are not circling the skies scouting for their next lunch. Sightings of moose, bear, coyote, and deer are constant reminders that we not alone up here and fortunately, they seem to have a pretty good grasp of the social distancing that we must now practice. That said, even as things look unchanged, we must change the way we operate this year in an effort to keep everyone safe. We hope this is temporary and we can return to normal as soon as possible; however, we should be prepared to accept that this may have some lasting effects. It’s understandable that people are under a lot of stress in these uncertain times and patience seems to be in short supply. That’s why I hope that Stinson Lake will provide you with that much needed break from your worries and give you the physical and emotional rest you expect when you get here. I anticipate and look forward to seeing everyone out and about on the lake while being mindful of personal space and exercising some common sense.

Stay positive, be a good neighbor, and enjoy this place we all love so much.

Due to the current restrictions brought on by the pandemic, the Board of Directors has consulted and agreed to cancel this year's Memorial Supper and have taken a "wait and see" position on the remainder of the Summer events. However, in the spirit of the Memorial Supper, I would like to pay tribute to those we lost too soon in the last year. Geraldine Donahue, loving wife to Michael and long-time member of the Stinson Lake Association. I am certain that many of you have been touched by her kind, supportive, and sympathetic ear. Her adoration of our lake was evident as she was a huge supporter of the Lake Host program, enabling Mike to manage all the moving parts of the program that help keep this lake beautiful. She also helped give me the push I needed to take on the role and responsibility of the SLA presidency. Jean Roberts, a true cheerleader and longtime member of the SLA. She was ever present at all events and pitching in whenever she could. A veteran BINGO participant who never swore even when everyone else seemed to win; can't say the same for her sister. She was also of great support when LeeAnn and I took on the task of running the Store. Denise Hay, loving wife of Michael Hay of the "Hay Loft." She was super-sweet, high energy and a pleasure to be around. Just one conversation with Denise and you felt like you'd known her your entire life. Although our losses are heaven's gain, they will be missed terribly and our lake community will, without a doubt, feel less whole.

Tim Lewis, President



Lake Host Program

The Lake Host program is a collaborative effort between NH LAKES and the NH Department of Environmental Services to educate the public and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals into the state's water bodies. Clean water, happy wildlife and stable property values depend on a healthy lake, free of invasive species.

Due to COVID-19, NH LAKES has initiated several staff safety guidelines making it challenging for us to manage the program. On account of these new guidelines and concern for the safety of our volunteers, we will be launching the program this summer with only paid Lake Hosts. The boat ramp will be staffed Thursday –

Mondays beginning June 16th through September 30th. Staffing will be subject to change throughout the summer.

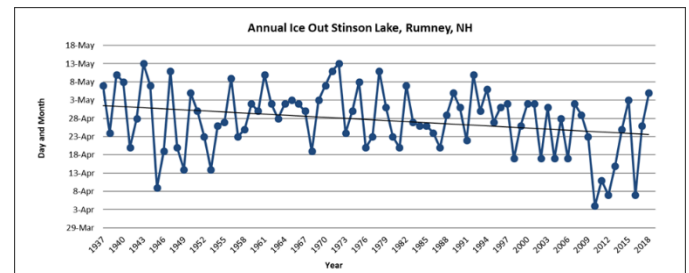
Please remember that as Stinson Lake Community Members, we are committed to the health of Stinson Lake. It is the duty of all of us to educate ourselves and our guests on the importance of the **CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY** method for aquatic invasive species prevention. Check out the NH LAKES website for numerous webinars and trainings to learn more about how to keep our lake and its surroundings clean and healthy. <https://nhlakes.org/clean-drain-dry/>

If you have any questions about the Lake Host Program or are inter

ested in volunteering in the future, please reach out to Janine Mori, Local Lake Host Program Coordinator. jvalent@optonline.net

ICE OUT

The ice officially went out on Saturday, April 25, 2020. I am including the graph representing the ice out dates from 1937 through 2018.



UPDATED 2020 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. This is now an annual event, therefore you need to be a 2020 member if you want your name on next year's signboard. The membership form will be a separate email this year.

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, especially kayaks, should be near it. Please inform your guests regarding staying away as well. Thank you to the Nelsons for allowing the storage of the nest on their property during the off season!

NEW SEPTIC INFORMATION

Community House septic system upgrade – The virus has also delayed the scheduled completion date of the new septic tank. However, the installer has agreed to work around our schedule if we start loosening up on restrictions and we can resume operations in the building. The work would only take 2-3 days.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the 2019 season, we are grateful for the Memorial Donations made in memory of the following:

Judy Bangs
Bob Bleakney
Carol Collins
Jay Comenitz
The Dawley's grandson, Landon
Ed Doggett
Howard Hollis
Windsor Hollis
Luke and Toni Lewis
Mary McKinley
Ken and Anne Trotter

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Stinson Lake Association has an active, vibrant membership. As of December 31, 2019, we had 130 family memberships, 28 individual memberships and our special Hawthorne Village membership!! Due to the fact that we may not have income-bearing events this season, we ask that you consider making a donation in addition to your membership to help defray costs. Our taxes, insurance, etc., as well as covering our lake ramp, are expenses that need support. Thank you for considering helping to keep the association in good financial stead.

You will find the membership application as a separate email this year. Please print, fill out and mail in both your form and dues.
