



THE LAKER

Newsletter of the Stinson Lake Association

Spring 2023 Issue

SUMMER 2023

Community Building Work Day - Sat, June 24, 9AM Please bring cleaning and yard tools to help.

JULY 1 (Saturday) – 9AM – Annual Board of Directors' Meeting - At the community building.

JULY 1 (Saturday) - Memorial Dinner – 5:30– Karen and Kim Lewis

Set-up, clean-up and desserts are greatly appreciated!

JULY 2 (Sunday) – Boat Parade – 4PM -Meet in the cove or join as the parade passes your shore. Rain date Monday, July 3rd.

JULY 3 (Monday) – 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 8 (Saturday) – Lake Day – See article below for information

AUGUST 5 (Saturday) - Chicken BBQ - 5:30 – Bill and Nonnie Hall (and very important crew!!)

Desserts and help with clean-up will be greatly appreciated!

AUGUST 19 (Saturday) - 9th Annual Stinson Lake 5K Run/Walk – The Harrington Family

Choose your preference! You may run or walk with others as usual or participate virtually. The link to sign up is already available. More info below.

AUGUST 26 (Saturday) – 9AM – Annual Meeting –At the community building –Old business, new business, financial report

SEPTEMBER 3 (Sunday) –Pancake Breakfast - 8-9:30 AM – Les and June Gove

Help with clean-up will be greatly appreciated!

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back Stinson Lakers to Spring 2023. Once again, I hope this letter finds everyone healthy and looking forward to some lake time. You really didn't miss much in the off season. The winter was slow to start but eventually we were able to get some overdue recreating in. The Spring has been a bit cooler to start but is trending warmer. The lake is still very chilly and takes some courage to get the docks in. The mountains are greening up and lawns finally need their first mowing. Our Loons are already active; probably because they heard that the local fish hatchery had stocked the lake a few weeks back. Our resident eagles have kept us entertained all winter and have apparently taken up residence in one of our neighbor's trees on the lake. Yet

again, the black flies showed up and seem to be worse than ever. Hopefully, just a couple weeks left of them. I want to take a moment to thank some of you that I think should be recognized for going the extra mile in preserving Stinson Lake's purity and its surroundings beautiful. Thanks to Janine Valentiner for her tremendous efforts in bolstering the Lake Host program and as the champion of the "Lake Day" that has been added to our annual events. Last summer, it was a huge success. Thanks to Paul Giannasca for his efforts monitoring the lake water and taking numerous samples in an effort to identify whether over-salting of the roads in the winter might be partially to blame for our brush with the Cyano bacteria last year. I also would like to thank Mike Randall for just taking a walk. A walk with a trash bag cleaning up what people carelessly discard on the sides of our roads. I am very grateful for these folks and those who volunteer every year putting on all of our suppers, BBQs, 5k, and breakfast. Without them, we would not be the Stinson Lake Association. Thanks to these people for making a difference. Be safe, and see you soon

Tim Lewis, President



Lake Host Program 2023 Season

We kicked-off our season on Sunday, May 21st. Our Lake Host Inspectors will be at the ramp weekends until late June, when then we will be staffing the ramp daily through Labor Day. Please stop by and say hello.

The grant we received this year from NH LAKES was in amount of \$2,010. This is based upon the number of courtesy inspections our Lake Hosts performed during the previous season and the amount of volunteer hours we have recorded in the season. We staff the ramp with volunteers primarily on Tuesday and

Wednesdays. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Janine Mori at valentinerjanine@gmail.com

Each year we have gratefully received funding for the program from the Stinson Lake 5K Run/Walk. This year the in-person and virtual event is schedule from Friday August 18th – Sunday August 20th. Please register to join in the fun and support the Lake Host Program. Sponsorships are available and donations are needed for raffles. Thank you!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Rumney/StinsonLake5KRunWalkVirtualInPerson>

LAKE DRAWDOWN OPINION SURVEY

As a follow-up from the Annual Stinson Lake Association meeting last August, an online survey link is provided here. This one question survey is to get your opinion on whether you are in favor of a lake drawdown in the fall of 2023.

The Conservation and Education committee has researched and provided a list of drawdown Pros and Cons, which are included on the survey page for your reference. Please take a few minutes to learn about lake drawdowns and give us your opinion.

The survey will be live during the month of June. Thank you, in advance, for your participation.

[Click Here for the Survey](#)

STATE OF THE LAKE Webinar, June 13th

Mark your calendars. On **Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm** the Conservation & Education Committee will be hosting a Zoom presentation where they will review water quality reports and discuss actions for lake health resilience. If you care about Stinson Lake, you do not want to miss this presentation.

ICE OUT

The ice officially went out on Saturday, April 19, 2023. Many thought it would be quite a bit earlier due to the warmer winter and spring weather here.

2023 MEMBER SIGNBOARD

The 2023 signboard is now posted. Please check your information to see that it is correct. I use the current data, then add or delete, names for next year.

IMPORTANT !! We take information from the membership to determine who will be on next year's signboard. PLEASE check the signboard box on that form to let us know what your desire is EVERY year. If you wish to keep the posting the same, please just put "SAME" next to the box. It will certainly save us lots of time by not having to contact people. Thank you!

LOON NEST

Once again, the loon nest has been placed on the lake. **The nest has been placed to the left of the lighthouse peninsula near Sucker Brook, at the north end of the lake. Please stay away from that area.** Loons made their own nest there last summer. It did have 2 eggs in it. Unfortunately, the eggs were destroyed. The Loon Preservation Society has suggested to Mike and Bill as to when and where to put the nest. Loons have been seen regularly on the lake this spring. At one point, they were seen performing all their mating performances!!! Let's hope they are intending to try again this year.

Thanks to Mike Donahue and Bill Hall for their continued efforts.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In addition to general contributions, 2022 Memorial Donations were made in memory of the following:

Karin Bleakney
Russell Block
Michael Cappuccio
Jay Comenitz
Landon Dawley
Ed Doggett
Bob and Jessie Furey
Carol Herbert
Win Hollis
Luke and Toni Lewis
Mary McKinley
Frank and Louise Osmer
Harold and Betty Roitman
Ken and Ann Trotter
Frank Wheaton

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Stinson Lake Association membership has grown exponentially in the past few years. We are at what I suspect is an all-time high in 2022! We had 148 family memberships, 25 individual memberships and our special

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



Lake Day – Saturday, July 8th

10am- 12pm Educational **Presentations** – Community House

- **Oh No Cyano**– Kate Langley Hastings, Cyanobacteria HAB Program Coordinator NH Department of Environmental Services
- **Get Smart, LakeSmart** – Kat Kelleher & Gloria Norcross, NH LAKES Conservation Program Coordinators
- **Shoreline Permitting & Planting** – Martha Shangraw, Landscape Designer, Golden Leaf Landscapes

12pm- 2pm **Tartaglia's Pizza Cart & Native Shoreline Plant Sale** – Community House

1pm-5pm **LakeSmart Property Evaluations** will be conducted by the NH LAKES team to determine if your property is ready for the LakeSmart Award. The site visit takes about an hour. Reach out to Janine Mori at valentinerjanine@gmail.com to get on the schedule. Only 8 properties will be inspected on Lake Day.

2pm-3pm – **Children's Activity** – White Mountain Camp Beach – North End of the Lake. Come join us as SLA Community Member Theresa Kraemer will guide the children through another fun learning experience lakeside.

STINSON LAKE SAILBOAT RACES

Who's up for more sailboat races? We hope to run some races again this year. Totally for fun, no stress. Get out on the lake and sail with your neighbors! Sunfishes, windsurfers, any lake-size sailboat is welcome! Sadly, David and Jeff have jobs that sometimes interfere with sailing plans ;-), so we won't have a regular schedule this year. However, we will email previous sailors when we can run a race. If you are interested in joining us, email drbkraemer@jhu.edu or jeff@nhwalker.com. Also, if you would like to run some races yourself, it's not difficult. We have temporary marker buoys that you can use, and we can give you some tips to make it quick and easy.

David Kraemer and Jeff Walker

ANNUAL STINSON LAKE 5K INFORMATION

The 9th walk/run is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th. Race registration is now up and running if you want to register early! <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Rumney/StinsonLake5KRunWalkVirtualInPerson>

The link is also available on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stinsonroadrace> As always a huge THANK YOU to Alex Kochon and all the Harringtons for their dedication to raising funds for our Lake Host Program. It has made it possible for this tiny, but very special lake, to continue ensuring that it remains a healthy waterbody.

STINSON LAKE WATER SAMPLING

A special thank you to the Fureys for their diligent work testing the lake water several times a year. We are fortunate to have Paul and Cheryl Giannasca, year-round residents take over this important job. Thank you to both Paul and Cheryl. We look forward to hopefully healthy reports!

As approved at our 2022 Annual Meeting, Kells Sprague has volunteered to be the administrator of this new Facebook link.

Hey friends,

Getting excited for some lake time!

This link will bring you to the Stinson Lake Friends fb group. From there you can join by agreeing to the rules of the group (e.g. be kind, no politics, etc) and answer the question that you are indeed a member of the Stinson Lake Association. (This is a closed group for SLA members.)

[Stinson Lake Friends](#)

[facebook.com](#)

This private Facebook group is a friendly community group for SLA members to build community/get to know one another as well as share photos, information, etc. This does not replace any official communications from SLA.

Looking forward to getting to know you all better! See you on the lake!

Cheers,

Kells Sprague, SLA Social Media Curator