

LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Late Winter, 2003

As we dig out from this latest snowstorm, about the one-hundredth storm of the season, and prepare to put away skis, ice drills and snowmobiles our thoughts turn to Spring. Soon the temperature will reach above freezing and the Lake will come alive with swimmers, kayakers, and fishermen. This has been a long hard winter and we look forward to a warm sunny summer.

Plans for 2003

Our application for an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant has been submitted. This will be our 23rd year of participation in a "weed control" program, and grant recipients will be announced in April. Included in this year's application are funds to hire scuba divers to search the lake bottom for Eurasian milfoil. We'll be looking for volunteers to help protect our lake from an overgrowth of native plants and the introduction of foreign invaders, especially Eurasian water milfoil. Whether you mow, rake, or search for weeds, your help is needed.

The Pot-Luck Supper and Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th, with dinner at 5:30 and meeting at 7:00. This is an election year and we are looking for volunteers to serve as President and vice-president for a two-year term. If you would like to volunteer or have names to place in nomination, please contact Frank at 518-483-3316 or fdavio@westelcom.com.

Lakefest Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 27th, at the Boat Access. The Maple Leaf Seven will provide entertainment, first as they travel around the lake, and then at the Access. Hot dogs and soda will again be available. Permission has just been received from the state.

The walking path was spruced up last summer with wider paths and more bridges, and a great picnic table. Maintenance is an ongoing project and Marilyn Morin, camp 121, will be looking for volunteers.

If the Quad-Lakes Fishing Derby is held again in September we will need volunteers to wash boats and provide information. More about that later.

The new mailing address for the LPA is:

Lake Parker Association, P.O. Box 40, W. Glover VT 05875

Marilyn Morin is our new Webmaster, and hopes you will e-mail info, pictures, etc., to her at camp121@msn.com for inclusion on the web page.

Our new Web address is www.LakeParker.org.

Please find attached the Membership Form for 2003. Dues will remain \$15 per family and can be sent to Joyce Croteau. If you can help with any of the summer's projects, please check the appropriate space on the membership form.

WALKING PATH WORKDAYS

AUGUST 3RD AND 4TH, 2002

Before the latest work was done on the path, hiking it meant wearing good boots or waders. It helped a lot if you liked climbing over or under downed trees. Now, it can be walked in white sneakers, without the agility of a gymnast. LPA members and friends pitched in to build 8 new bridges and a picnic table, cleared trees and made the walking path much more user friendly.

Our volunteers included Skip & Judy Burrell, Don & Lorna Kiley, George Young, Diane Barnes and yours truly as bridge builders. Jean Davio, Andrea Neil, Frank Davio, Ruth Young and Alan Barnes cleared brush and trees and moved bridges on foot and by boat to get them into place. Bob Johnson, Glenn Barber, Jeff Millette and friends built and moved the picnic table into place. We are especially thankful for Diane & Al Barnes for letting us use their camp for bridge building, and to Rob & Darcy Gregory for feeding the volunteers.

The walking path is a wonderful asset to Lake Parker, enabling us to complete the circle around the lake, viewing the birds that like to rest at the south end and getting some exercise in the process. The work is not done yet! We still want to build a few benches along the way, cut steps into the steepest hill and, of course, will have continued maintenance to clear fallen trees every year. I guarantee there will be another work day next summer, and I encourage as many as possible to walk the path, then come out to help keep it in good shape.

Marilyn Morin
Camp 121

FISHING DERBY 2002

The stars were twinkling brilliantly at 3:30AM on Saturday, September 7, 2002. One boat was already on the lake when the first volunteers on The Lake Parker Aquatic Nuisance/Fishing Derby Team arrived at the Boat Access to set up the hot water pressure washer and the coffee pot. When the sun came up, a half dozen fisherman were already on the lake vying for over \$5000 in prizes in the 15th Annual Quad Lakes Fishing Derby. By the time the washer was turned off and the canopy taken down on Sunday afternoon we had sprayed approximately 50 boats to remove possible Eurasian milfoil; most were also sprayed as they left to protect the next lake they visited.

Pairs of volunteers worked in two-hour shifts spraying boats, giving out literature and offering coffee, soda and donuts to hungry and thirsty fishermen. Most agreed it was a lot of fun, especially those working during the busy early morning hours.

Kudos to Barb Scribner for enlisting most of volunteers (she also makes great donuts) and to Sharon Smith for picking up and returning the washer and loaning her truck all weekend. Thanks to the Scribner's for our water supply, the Hazen's for our power supply, and the Royer's for loaning their canopy. Special thanks to all our volunteers: Don and Lorna Kiley, John Washburn, Barb and Cedric Scribner, Merrill and Myrna Labor, Alan Barnes, Fred and Barbara Loboda, Chuck Holden, Gene Lessard, Sharon Smith, and Frank and Jean Davio.

Jean Davio
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