

Newsletter, June 2013



President's Welcome

Welcome to 2013 at Lake Parker! Camps around the lake are being opened, docks are going in and the humming birds have arrived. It is the time of year we look forward to for six months. Time for all the out of towners and year-rounders to catch up.

Not much has changed in West Glover but the same cannot be said for the Lake Parker Association. Since our Annual Meeting in July of 2012; two open board positions were filled, our web site "lakeparker.org" has been completely overhauled and our by-laws and standing committees are in the process of being updated.

Please check out our new web site. Our Vice President, Joe Little, worked closely with Ixora Brown Web Design and the new site looks great. Everything in this Newsletter is from our web site. The new site also has a forum, contact form, photo gallery and a place to buy/sell/rent! Go to lakeparker.org to see the rest of it!

Email Addresses Wanted!

We need your email! The cost to print and mail newsletters can add up. We also send (by email only) other important information that is often timely. You will not get all the information unless we have your email address. Please include it with your dues.

2013 LPA Membership Dues

The LPA needs your support. If you haven't been a member in the past or have let your membership lapse this is a great time to rejoin. There's a lot happening around the Lake and you need to be informed. Your membership will insure your voice is heard. Dues were due May 31. If you have not yet sent in your membership dues, please do so today. (Membership/Dues form is included on the last page and is on the web site)

New Camp Owners on Lake Parker

Welcome Art & Sue Greenbaum

Art and Sue hail from Brattleboro, Vermont where Art runs a commercial construction company. They bought camp # 99 from Chuck and Becky Holden last summer after more than ten years of visiting Lake Parker at Joe & Anne Little's camp #105. The Greenbaums have been unpacked since September 2012 and report a very warm welcome from their neighbors. "It already feels like home," according to Art. Both outdoor enthusiasts, they are looking forward to their first full summer season of boating, fishing, gardening, and grilling. Art and Sue have two daughters and two grandchildren. Colby, 9, and Abby, 11, can be spotted in the water with their grandparents when school is out this year!



Welcome Jim & Florence Scileppi



Jim and Florence have just purchased the Barber camp (#33) on West Shore Road. They are in the area for the summer and will be moving in as soon as a few upgrades are completed. Watch the web site for the official welcome article.

Welcome Gordon & Terri Emerson

Gordon and Terri Emerson have been at Lake Parker for over a year now, but this is their first formal welcome to the neighborhood. They purchased camp #121 from Steve and Marilyn Roberts in August 2011 after renting from the Buehlers (#42) on the lake for several years. They are fond of the whole region, but partial to Lake Parker for its quiet serenity. The Emersons live in Springfield, Vermont where Terri serves as director of a senior center and Gordon is retired from his role as vice president of a regional engineering firm. They have one daughter and just welcomed their second grandchild in January. Labrador retrievers Shelby and Merlin are also known to enjoy the camp (but mostly the water) with the rest of the family! The Emersons are feeling right at home and looking forward to the summer season. According to Terri, "Everyone we meet is so friendly and willing to lend a hand."



Welcome Dave & Ann Muller

Dave and Ann Muller have purchased a home on Cemetery Circle and were happy to join our association. Watch the web site for the official welcome article.

LPA Meeting!

The annual Lake Parker Association meeting will take place on Saturday, July 13, 2013.

5:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner, Meeting at 6:30 PM

Lake Parker Association

Green Up Day, a Success!

Thanks to everyone who participated in Green Up Day. It was a resounding success. We had 14 LPA members scouring the roads around Lake Parker. After just a couple hours we netted 19 bags of trash, 9 tires, 5 propane bottles, assorted hardware and a load of car parts. We really made a difference!! Thanks to Andrea Neil, Richard Pugliese & Stanley Corklin, Ken & MaryJo Kasz, Heidi Cooperstein, Art & Sue Greenbaum, Rich & Katy Little, Vicki Young, Norine Phillips & helpers and Joe & Anne Little.



Sewer Project Around the Lake

Have you been following all the news on the possible sewer line extensions for the camps on Lake Parker? "Can't wait for that new sewer" or "The cost is just too high"? Get more facts on our web site and give us your feedback.

Recent Cottage Break-Ins

I have just become aware that there have been 4 break-ins on the West Shore that took place over the last few months. Some personal property was stolen, there was damage to enter the properties as well as copper pipe cut out. One of the properties was checked daily by Bob Richards and he identified the loss immediately and reported it. In addition there have been several reports of suspicious vehicles and in one case a pickup truck backed into a driveway around midnight and turned off the engine and lights. They left quickly when the owner turned on the outside lights. This has occurred in the past and will probably continue but we can all help each other avoid this by being more vigilant. **BE AN OBSERVANT NEIGHBOR.** Report suspicious activity to the police and your neighbors. Do not attempt to intervene on your own. Also tell the LPA board so we can post a warning on the website and track the occurrence.- Joe Little

UPDATED 5-19-2013: We have added a 'Safety & Security' discussion forum on the "Forum Tab" of the new web site so you can share your thoughts with others.

Walking Path Work Day

We are planning our next work day for the walking path that goes around the lake. We will need help from anyone who can use a trimmer, large clippers or a chain saw. We will also need help with other less physical jobs. We are looking at the last two weekends in June. Watch the web site for details.



Fishing on Lake Parker, by Lloyd Klinger

It is time to get out the fishing tackle and get it ready for spring fishing. I have already bought some new lures and line. Lake Parker has a wide variety of fish available and if you choose your lures carefully (guess right), at the end of the day you can note that you have hooked several species. They may not all be keepers, but in the long run it is the experience (fun) that counts.

My son and I have landed just about every species in the lake: bass (large mouth and small mouth), pickerel, yellow perch, white perch, blue gill (pumpkin seed) catfish, dace, and trout (when stocked) all on lures. We use light tackle, 1/8oz. lures usually. As you can imagine, sizes run the spectrum, from fry about the size of the lure to around four pounds. The great thing about this lake is that the small size makes it easy to fish the whole lake in a day and catch fish almost anywhere on the lake.

Spring fishing usually produces the most catches per unit of time spent. Spawning and water temperature contribute to nearly ideal conditions to catch the active bass and pickerel. As time progresses to mid-summer, the fish are not as easy to fool and they are not as active. However, they are still in the lake and are catchable if you persevere.

The summer months bring times to get the kids out with live bait (worms). It is just as much fun to take the children and grandchildren out in a boat or on the dock and with bobber and worm to enjoy the thrill of the first catch. Perch and blue gill are eager to take a worm all summer long. Sometimes you get lucky and they hook something much different and they become hooked on fishing as well. My granddaughter still talks about the fish that took her bobber across the lake at a good clip and when she took hold of the rod the bobber went under then came up without hook and worm. She is convinced that it was a big-big fish. She was hooked.

Fishing on a relatively small lake is a lot of fun. There is a lot of wildlife to see, not a lot of high speed boating, and nice neighbors to talk to as time passes.

I hope to see you on the lake this summer. Good luck.

Lloyd Klinger

LPA Executive Board

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Lake Parker Association, Inc.

Now is the time for all property owners (and friends of the lake) to become members of the Lake Parker Association. We need your time, talents and financial support. With everyone participating, we have the best chance to preserve our Lake. The \$25.00 annual membership fee is the source of funds for supplementing the costs of mailings, meetings, weed harvesting, insurance, required dues and for such projects as deemed appropriate for the benefit of the Lake Parker Watershed by the Executive Committee.

Lake Parker Association, Inc.
2013 Dues Payment Form

Primary Residence:

Full Name (and spouse/partner): _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

2013 Dues: \$25.00

Lake Parker:

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Street Address: _____

Total paid: \$ _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

Map No.: _____

Email address: _____ (Email helps save the cost of mailings. Your address will not be shared.)

If any of your information has changed since last year, please write "NEW" next to it. Thank you.

Checks should be made payable to **Lake Parker Association, Inc.** Please mail this completed membership form and annual dues of \$25 by May 31st to:

Lake Parker Association, Inc.
PO Box 40
West Glover, VT 05875

The Association depends on volunteers to keep the Lake healthy and safe for you and your families. We are seeking members to volunteer in the following areas:

_____ Glover Day Table

_____ Membership

_____ Boating & water safety

_____ Walking Path Maintenance

_____ Grant Planning/Writing

_____ Meetings: Setup/refreshments

_____ Lake Protection Projects

_____ Newsletter and/or Website

_____ Recreation activities