

LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

May 5, 2002

Sorry for the long delay in communicating the activities of the Lake Parker Association, but it has been a busy year for me. With Mom and Dad working I have been kept busy guarding the house and when Mom gets home she insists that I go for a walk with her. It is a great disadvantage not being at the lake full time as JD was. But I understand from swapping emails with JD that the ice is out of the lake and it is getting close to time to return and open camp for the summer. In fact, Mom has already started buying supplies and piling them up by the door, but I don't see the dog food yet. I especially can't wait to go swimmin' again. If you are walking by and I am outside please stop by to chat especially if you happen to have a dog treat in your pocket. – Seiko

-Summer Calendar –

- June 8 Board Meeting, Davio's camp, # 113, 7:00PM (Saturday)
- June 29 Coffee Hour at Ducham's Camp, # 66, 10:00AM (Saturday)
- July 6 **Annual Meeting/Covered Dish Supper** at West Glover Church
Dinner at 5:30; Meeting to follow at 7:00 (Saturday)
- July 28 Lake Fest/Picnic at Boat Access (Sunday)
- August 24 Board Meeting, Davio's camp, #113, 7:PM (Saturday)
- TBA Work Day (Saturday)

Trying to reach us? Best way to reach Frank and Jean is by e-mail: fdavio@westelcom.com.

Lake Parker mail should be sent to: Lake Parker Association, Inc.

C/o Frank Davio
335 Duane Street
Malone, NY 12953

Phone: Home: 518-483-3316; Camp: 525-0005

-Grant Status-

Approved:

\$500 for improvements to the walking trail

\$1616 for aquatic weed control

Pending:

Better Back Roads Grant for improvements in King Hill

Walking Trail

Marilyn Morin and Bob Johnson acquired a grant for \$500 to make improvements on the walking trail. The project will include moving fallen limbs and trees out of the path, building additional bridges to get around wet spots and observation/sampling platforms, and perhaps making signs to identify native flora and fauna. They will be organizing a workday, so lend your muscle and expertise.

Aquatic Weed Control

This is the grant we have used every year to support our weed harvesting and control program. We have been tentatively awarded \$1616 pending passage of a couple of bills in the legislature. So keep your fingers crossed. For our final report, we need receipts to verify cash expenses for this grant, so keep receipts for gas, oil, etc. and turn them in for us to include with the final report. Also, please be sure to sign up and record hours spent using the weed machine. We also need to keep track of time spent walking, paddling, rowing or kayaking looking for nuisance weeds as well as time spent raking and removing weeds. Pictures are most helpful come Final Report time, so when you have a stack of weeds, call us and we'll take a picture. More about this at the Annual Meeting.

Lake Fest and Picnic

In compliance with directives given me by the Game Warden during last year's Lake Fest, I have written a letter to Mr. Angelo Incerpi, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife requesting permission to use the Boat Access on July 28th for our annual Lake Fest Celebration. To date he has not responded. We have optimistically scheduled the event pending permission, and have arranged for entertainment by The Maple Leaf Seven.

Boat Wash Station

In my letter to Mr. Incerpi I inquired about the possibility of building a boat wash station at the boat access site. Last year Eurasian milfoil was discovered in Crystal Lake in Barton. With Eurasian milfoil in the lakes all around us, I feel we must redouble our efforts to protect Lake Parker. I understand that other lake associations have tried to protect their lake with a boat wash station and have had problems with vandals, but I feel we should still make the effort. Any one with construction experience who would be willing to help with the plan, design and material estimates please contact me at camp #113 (525-0005) or at home (518-483-3316).

PROTECTING OUR LAKE
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ahh- - another summer on beautiful Lake Parker! I can't wait to sit again on our deck and enjoy the sights and sounds of the lake, eat s'mores around the campfire, and launch the canoe. These are things I've looked forward to each year since 1972 when we purchased our camp on the north side of the lake. It was a carefree existence for me until 1996! That was the year our lake association spearheaded a watershed survey that took three years to complete. We had begun to notice a decline in water quality and our survey results confirmed that a broad range of activities within the watershed threaten the lake. Many camp residents donated hundreds of hours mapping the watershed, planting trees to curb erosion, and educating each other. In a joint venture with the Town of Glover, we sought and received grant money to redo culverts and redesign ditches that empty into the lake. We've made some progress, but there is much more we can do. Ensuring that our septic systems work properly, allowing vegetative buffer strips to grow along our shoreline, and generally being aware of what flows off of our property and into the lake are all positive steps we can take. Join us in becoming an informed watershed citizen! All the little things we do, taken together, make a big difference. We are all so fortunate to be able to have "our little piece of heaven" on Lake Parker. Have a great summer and feel free to contact Bob Johnson or me, co-chairs of the land use and conservation committee, with your thoughts, concerns, or questions. Our annual lake protection coffee hour will take place on Saturday, June 29th and 10 AM at Ducham camp #66. Please mark your calendars and join us. It's always a pleasure seeing old friends and meeting new neighbors. Your attendance and interest will help to ensure that Lake Parker stays healthy for years to come!

Madeleine Ducham

Membership Renewal time again. Please see form on page 5.

News and Notes:

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Marjorie Smith last fall. Marjorie was an original member of the Lake Parker Association. Her smiling face, easy laugh and helping hand will long be remembered. Our sympathy is extended to Arnold and Daughters.

May 14 will be a good evening for viewing a rare occurrence: 5 planets will be visible with the naked eye in the western sky. Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn (plus the moon) will be clustered within 33 degrees of sky. This phenomenon occurs only once every 20-40 years, so grab your lawn chair and hope for a clear evening.

Winners of last summer's raffle, drawn at the LPA Appreciation Day:
Cedric Scribner, Lake Parker, VT--stained glass clock
Mary Lee and Bill, West Hartford, CT--gel candle
Roz Gittleman, West Glover, VT—stained glass night-light

The Lake Parker Association received a check for \$3151 from the 2001 Better Back Roads grant. This was used to repair the culvert on Steven's Brook on Tetrault Lane last fall. Frank Davio and Bob Johnson presented the check to the Town of Glover at the Glover Selectman's meeting in February.

The NECNALMS Conference, which was held in Vermont last year with a field trip to Lake Parker, will be held May 31 and June 1 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Anyone interested in attending can call Frank for more information, or log on to <http://www.NALMS.org>.

We need volunteers for our various activities this summer: Please check an area of interest on the Membership form. Your name will be given to the chair of that activity.

Remember the No-Mow zone? Our lake benefits if we don't mow or cut clear down to the water.

For more news, photos, membership forms, grant applications and reports, newsletters, etc., please visit our website at <http://www.tec-i.com/lpa/>

Save this date:
Saturday, July 6, 2002:
5:30--Covered Dish Supper & 7:00—Annual Meeting

Lake Parker Association, Inc.
2002 Membership/Dues Remittance Form

Please take the time to fill out this form completely so that our records are accurate, and return it with your annual dues of \$15.00

Name(s): _____ Camp/Lot #: _____

Address 1: Where you want mail sent between
September 15th and May 15th

Address 2: Where you want mail sent between
between May 16th and September 14th

Phone: _____
e-mail:(optional) _____

Phone: _____

Yes, I want to volunteer to help with Association Projects: I'm interested in helping with:

- Kitchen work at meetings Lake Protection Projects Grant planning and writing Boat Access Monitoring
 Newsletters Weed Harvesting Walking trail maintenance Fishing Derby Weekend
 Glover Day Table Appreciation Day Other _____

Please enclose your annual dues of \$15.00 and mail to: **Joyce Croteau, Treasurer**
14 Prospect Street
Orleans, VT 05860

Or deliver to Jean Davio at Camp #113 on Parker Road. Thank you.

Ideas/Suggestions: _____

Please remember that your Ambulance Subscription runs from March to March each year. You do not need to subscribe in order to use the services of the ambulance squad. However, if you do subscribe, at \$20 per household, any charges that your insurance doesn't pay will be absorbed by the ambulance squad. Please use the form below to subscribe.

GLOVER AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION FORM--2002

Name: _____
Names of members of household: _____
Local Address: _____
(include camp #: _____)

Please include a check for \$20.00 payable to: **Glover Ambulance Squad**
P.O. Box 64
West Glover, VT
