

Portage Lake Association

Newsletter

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This newsletter usually includes an extensive listing of the primary events planned for the summer here in Portage Lake. The various restrictions imposed by the State of Maine to contain the spread of Covid-19 have precluded a number of events from taking place. We identify below several activities that are currently scheduled.

Although Aroostook County has experienced a limited number of Covid-19 cases, the recent outbreak in the Houlton area reminds us that vigilance remains in order during the course of the pandemic. The Portage Lake Association asks that we all remember the most important national guidelines. Wash hands, social distance, and wear face masks in community settings.

Portage Lake Historical Society

Due to the current prohibition of large gatherings, the Historical Society has converted the annual Baked Ham & Bean Dinner to a drive-thru take out event. Meals may be picked up at 5:00 p.m. on July 11th at the rear entrance to the Town Hall. The cost is \$10 per serving. Please consider partaking in this alternative means of supporting the Historical Society and its mission. For more information, contact Corrine Routhier at 227-0819.

For information on membership, visit *Portage Lake, Maine Historical Society* Facebook page or the Town of Portage Lake website, www.townofportage.org.

Chub Tournament - August 1st

The 5th annual Chub/Junk Fishing Derby will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 1st. Entry fee is \$5. Check in at the Forestry Service wharf, and return with your bucket of chubs. Prizes will be awarded based on the total weight of your catch. Call Larry Duchette (435-4361) for information. Entry forms are available at Coffin's Store.

Fireworks Over the Lake - 8:30 p.m. August 15th

The Tourism Committee is sponsoring a fireworks display at the Forestry Wharf on Saturday, August 15th. Attendees at the site are asked to observe appropriate social distancing.

Safety reminder: Many people now watch the fireworks from boats from all over the lake. The law requires you have lights on your craft after dark. Solar powered lights are an easy approach to take.

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Dedicated to preserving and enhancing all those elements that make Portage Lake a unique Aroostook County recreation area.

2019 Membership List

Christopher Allen	Stephen & Susanne Gallagher	Pam & Brian Morris
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Scott & Pat Bagley	Steven & Margaret Gay	Chrystal Ouellette
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David & Angela Bernier	Frank & Pamela Hallett	Arthur & Anna Pike
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Andy Cusack	Robert & Nancy Langley	Jean S St. Pierre
Charlene Cyr	Martha LaPointe [D]	Charles & Eleanor Stetson
James & Eva Cyr	Dolores Laveway	Ron & Judy Stevens
Dean's Motor Lodge	Alan Levesque	Clarence & Bethany Struck
Amanda & Clint DeMusz	Dan & Kathy Levesque	Sonny & Judy Sutherland
Richard & Lorraine Donovan	David & Heidi Levreault	Skip & Betty Terres
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Rich & Barb Friscia	Moose Point Camps	Judith & Timothy Yates
Doug & Kathy Gagnon	Mark & Alanna Morin	

Note: [D] indicates a member of the PLA Board of Directors

Many thanks to all who initiated or renewed their PLA membership last year. To become a member, or renew your membership, please use the form on the following page.

Message from the President...

The PLA Board of Directors is a volunteer group of Portage Lake residents, both seasonal and year-round, dedicated to the preservation of Portage Lake as a pristine, attractive and popular destination to live, work and play.

Protecting the water quality of Portage Lake remains the top priority, as evidenced by our annual investment in the Courtesy Boat Inspection program, the PLA calendar magnets, and our investment in informational signage.

This annual newsletter gives us the opportunity not only to publicize our activities and accomplishments, but it also enables us to share information on behalf of numerous other community organizations. A second newsletter will be mailed to PLA members in late July. We welcome all new members, and encourage you to join us.

If you have ideas and suggestions that can help us achieve our goals, or are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please feel free to contact any of the PLA officers and directors listed below.

Sincerely,

Jim Kelley and Ray Wakefield

PLA Officers

- Jim Kelley, Co-President
- Ray Wakefield, Co-President
- Fred Edgecomb, Vice President
- Martha LaPointe, Secretary
- Peter Haskell, Treasurer
- Corrine Routhier, Town Representative

Other PLA Directors

- Steve Cyr
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- Julie Libby
- Louis Miller
- Ralph Miller
- David Pierce
- Ray Wakefield

DETACH THE MEMBERSHIP FORM (BELOW) TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF THE PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION

2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Membership Fee: \$20.00
(2020 fee waived for first-time members)

Name(s) _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____

Summer Mailing Address: _____

Winter Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional contributions are welcome.

Please return to: **Portage Lake Association, P.O. Box 224, Portage Lake, ME 04768**

Community Yard Sale - August 15th

Since the congregate Whoopie Pie Festival cannot be held this summer, the Tourism Committee is hosting a Community Yard Sale. Each participant will include whoopie pies in their yard sale and will be identified on a map for use by the public. Participants may also specify whoopie pie flavors to be advertised. Registration for inclusion on the map can be obtained for \$15. Please call Corrine Routhier (227-0819) with questions.

Portage Hills Country Club

Portage Hills Country Club is open for the season. Come enjoy our scenic 9-hole layout. The greens came through the winter in great shape. Food and drink are available in the clubhouse, but at present only on a take-out basis. Reduced-fee memberships are available for first-time members, and youth under 18 years of age play for free. Contact us at 435-8221, or at www.portagehills.org.

The following tournaments have been scheduled:

July 18th - The Mason's "Bikes for Books" Tournament

July 25th - Pratico/Siliski/Colutti Memorial Tournament

August 8th - Member-Guest Tournament

August 22nd - Rayno Cote Tournament

Courtesy Boat Inspection Program

Courtesy Boat Inspectors work two-hour shifts each weekend at the Campground/Boat Launch, as part of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program. Our inspectors are trained in the identification of invasive plant species, and help you inspect your watercraft when entering or leaving the lake. Last year, 20 volunteers contributed 262 hours of time, inspecting 305 boats. Luckily, no invasive plants were identified.

There is always a need for additional inspectors. Training is happily provided, and inspectors receive a minimum-wage stipend using grant funding the PLA receives from the State of Maine DEP. Call Ralph Miller (856-466-3799) for more information.