

# Portage Lake Association

## Newsletter

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### *2018 Events and Activities*

Sat. June 16th	5 p.m.	Portage Lake Historical Society Annual Meeting & Dinner
Sat. July 21st	4 p.m.	PLA Annual Boat Parade; rain date July 22nd
Wed. July 25th	11:30a.m.	Over 50's Annual BBQ Lunch (Pot Luck) @ Pavilion
Sat. July 28th	4 p.m.	Portage ATV Club Chicken BBQ at Pavilion
Sat. Aug. 4th	8:00 a.m.	Annual Chub Fishing Tournament (sponsored by PLA)
Fri. Aug. 10th	5:30 p.m.	PLA Spaghetti Dinner, Annual Meeting, and entertainment
Fri. Aug. 17th	6:30 p.m.	Variety Show at Town Hall (Historical Society)
Sat. Aug. 18th	12-3	Whoopie Pie Festival (hosted by Tourism Committee)
	4:00 p.m.	Pig Roast at Golf Course (hosted by PHCC & PLSC)
	6-7 p.m.	Canoe Carry from Little Machias (Historical Society)
	9:00 p.m.	Fireworks Over The Lake (hosted by Tourism Committee)
	9-12 p.m.	Live band and dance at Portage Hills Country Club
Sun. Aug. 19th	Noon	Town Parade on Main Street (Portage ATV Club)
	1:30 p.m.	Community Softball Game (Portage Lake Rec. Dept.)
Sat. Sep. 1st	Dusk	Ring of Fire (hosted by PLA). Rain date Sep. 2nd
Sat. Sep. 22nd	4 p.m.	ATV Club Spaghetti Supper at the Town Hall

### *Portage Lake Historical Society*

Join the Portage Lake Historical Society for its 8th annual Baked Ham & Bean dinner on Saturday June 16, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Donations will be accepted at the door. As part of the Portage Lake Summer Roundup, the Historical Society is also hosting a Variety Show at 6:30, Aug. 17th at the Town Hall. Contact Corrine Routhier, 227-0819 if you'd like to perform.

The Historical Society has created a display in honor of the Portage Lake Volunteer Fire Department in the voting room of the Town Hall. Please contact Corrine Routhier if you'd like to lend photos or other memorabilia to the project.

For more information, visit *Portage Lake, Maine Historical Society* Facebook page or the Town of Portage Lake website, [www.townofportage.org](http://www.townofportage.org).

### *Whoopie Pie Festival - August 19th*

The Portage Lake Tourism Committee will host the Whoopie Pie Festival again this year, from 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 18th. To reserve a booth, call Taunja Jandreau.

## ***Chub Tournament - August 4th***

The 3rd annual Chub Fishing Derby will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th. 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.

Entry forms will be available at the town office. Call Larry Duchette at 435-4361 for more information.

## ***Boat Parade***

The annual PLA boat parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 21st, at 10 a.m. In case of rain, or wind greater than 10 mph, the parade will move to Sunday at 10 a.m. Boats should gather at around 9:30 a.m. at the OUTLET end of the lake. Susan Doyen (227-7003) and Martha LaPointe (227-3849) are co-chairs for the event. Call them to sign up or to obtain more information.

## ***Annual Canoe Carry - August 18th***

One of the highlights of each summer's festive activities is the re-enactment of the portage that local native Americans made in order to pass between two major waterways that led from the St. John River into the vast interior woodlands; a portage from Little Machias Lake and its access to the Aroostook River, to Portage Lake on the Fish River. This year's canoe carry is scheduled for August 18th. Members of the Wesget Sipu Fish River Tribe will take part in the celebration.

Interested individuals should contact Jim Dumond at 277-1864. Even if you can't participate in the carry, Jim would love to have a great many canoes or kayaks participate in the final stage, which is the paddle across the lake to the old seaplane base, where an enthusiastic crowd awaits. Just make your way to the west shore at the bottom of the lake (near where the Maine Woods Road joins West Road) by 7:30 p.m.

## ***Fireworks Over the Lake - 9:00 p.m. August 18th***

The Tourism Committee is sponsoring a fireworks display at the Forestry Wharf on Saturday, August 19th. 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.

## ***Public Dock***

A new public dock will soon be installed at the old seaplane base. This will make it easy for people to take their boat to town instead of driving their car. The dock sections will be placed in a "T" formation to allow boats and float planes to get out of the waves, and for the dock to accommodate multiple users.

## ***Portage Hills Country Club***

Portage Hills Country Club, with its the scenic 9-hole layout, has opened for the season. The course is steadily recovering from a brutal winter. At the clubhouse, enjoy delightful views from the outdoor deck. After your round, enjoy drinks and a bite to eat. Reduced-fee memberships are available for first-time members.

On Saturday, June 23rd, PHCC again hosts an Open House. Non-members can enjoy free round of golf. A BBQ begins at 2 p.m., and you can dance to live music (Wally & the Virginian) beginning at 9:00 p.m.

As part of the Portage Lake Summer Roundup weekend, Portage Hills Country Club and the Portage Lake Snowmobile Club will again host the annual Pig Roast at the PHCC clubhouse on Saturday, August 19th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Later, dance to a live band (Too Far North) from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

Throughout the summer, Friday night is “Pizza Night” at the clubhouse, where a variety of artisan pizzas are served. Come on up and join your friends and neighbors for great food, refreshments and conversation.

For more information, call the clubhouse at 435-8221, or contact the club at [www.portagehills.org](http://www.portagehills.org). You can also check out *Portage Hills Country Club* on Facebook.

## ***Courtesy Boat Inspection Program***

Volunteers continue to donate their time as Courtesy Boat Inspectors each weekend at the Campground/Boat Launch, as part of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). Our inspectors are trained in the identification of invasive plant species, and help you inspect your watercraft when entering or leaving our beautiful lake. Last year, 24 volunteers contributed 256 hours of time, inspecting 272 boats. Fortunately, no invasive plants were identified.

There is always a need for additional volunteer inspectors. Training is happily provided. Call Ray Wakefield at 435-3063 for more information.

## ***Water Safety***

One task that the PLA undertakes each year is to install safety buoys on the lake to mark shallow water areas, underwater hazards, etc. Ray Wakefield and Jim Kelley will soon put the buoys in place for this summer season. For your safety and the safety of others, please heed the warning that these buoys provide. One other important reminder: “Headway” speed is mandatory within two hundred feet from shoreline, and while motoring on the Fish River.

Warning: After this spring’s lake flooding, there are reports of “deadhead” logs floating just below the water surface. Boaters should exercise extra caution.

## *Portage Lake Association*

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

### 2017 Membership List

Herb & Molly Andrews	Bill & Dayle Footer	Moose Point Camps
Breen & Marria Bagley	Robert & Dorothy Frank	Mark & Alanna Morin
Winston & Marie Bagley	Doug & Kathy Gagnon	Ken & Joyce Nelson
Dana & Jacqueline Bagwell	Stephen & Susanne Gallagher	Scott & Lisa Norton
Steven & JoAnne Barnes	Steven & Margaret Gay	Philip & Chrystal Ouellette
Nate & Kim Berry	Robert Gegetskas	Nicholas & Andrea Pesut
Edward & Caroline Bodeau	Frank & Pamela Hallett	Craig Phair & Lynn Tracy
Sean & Kara Bouchard	Mary Ellen Hanling	David [D] & Maggie Pierce
Humphrey & Dorothy Bridges	Dennis & Jennifer Harmon	Arthur & Anna Pike
Peter & Bette Briggs	Martha & Peter [D] Haskell	Jeff & Jeanne Poirier
David & Terry Brinkman	Greg & Jan Hedrich	Amy James Polyot
Penny Buck	Perry & Mary Jane Higgins	Portage Hills Country Club
Nancy L. Buker	Dan & Alice Higgins	Alden & Patricia Rathbun
Rick Bulduc	Ann & Frank Jackter	Bob & Brenda Rayot
Nelson & Christine Burke	Larry & Jane James	John & Jeanne Richey
Ray & Hazel Bushey	John & Patty Jandreau	Corinne & Arthur Routhier
Charles Campbell	Bob & Katie Johnson	Dominic & Loretta Santangelo
Lee & Heather Caron	Gehrig & Holly Johnson	Rick & Mary Saunders
Roland & Linda Caron	Keays Family Trust	David & Susan Scullion
Reuben Caron	Vicky & Jim [D] Kelley	Todd Skillin
Raymond & Fern Chasse	Pat & Sheila Kelley	Derik & Ellyn Smith
Jean B Clark	Ab & Lynne Khambaty	Jeff & Dory Smith
Milton & Dawn Clark	Donna & Ken Kincer	Gordon & Mary Somerville
Coffins General Store	Amanda Kiruthi	Richard & Libby Somerville
Mark Cormier & Patty Labbe	Robert & Nancy Langley	Dale & Evelyn Soucy
Bob & Alice Cormier	Martha [D] & Ralph LaPointe	Darrell & Sandra Soucy
Brian Cote	Donald & Dolores Laveway	Brent & Pam Spaulding
Shannon Currier [D]	Julie Libby [D]	Joyce St. Peter
Andy Cusack	Bob & Heather Lowrey	Jean S St. Pierre
Charlene Cyr	Jon & Leisa Lowrey	Charles & Eleanor Stetson
James & Eva Cyr	Mike & Kathe Lowrey	Ella & Judy Stevens
Ray & Therese Cyr	Nancy Lowrey	Clarence & Bethany Struck
Steve Cyr [D]	Nate & Tracy Lowrey	Sonny & Judy Sutherland
George & Dawn Dandaneau	Thomas Lowrey	Steve & Karen Theriault
Dean's Motor Lodge	Linda B Lunney	Eugenia Townsend
Amanda & Clint DeMusz	Paul & Emmaleen Lynch	Dennis & Judy Tozier
Richard & Lorraine Donovan	Donald & Patricia MacInnis	Michael & Lynn Umphrey
Phil & Karla Downs	John W Madore	Jeannine Vaillancourt
Keith & Beth Doyen	Pam & Michael Marston	Ray [D] & Elaine Wakefield
Ross & Susan [D] Doyen	Michael & Pamela Martin	Darrell & Cecile Wilcox
Larry [D] & Connie Duchette	Gretchen McFee	Gloria Wilcox
Jim & Betty Dumond	Torrey & Jeni McPherson	Rich & Wissa Winslow
Fred [D] & Patricia Edgecomb	Dale & Donna McQuarrie	Margaret Woodman
Lyn Edgecomb	Louis [D] & Beverly Miller	Ronald & Rena Wrobel
Nancy England	Ralph [D] & Cindy Miller	Judy & Tim Yates
Jerry & Marilyn Everett		

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.

Please feel free to contact PLA President Ralph Miller (435-2098) with any questions about the PLA or its activities.

### *Message from the President...*

The PLA Board of Directors is a volunteer group of Portage Lake residents, both seasonal and permanent, 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.

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,

Ralph Miller

#### **PLA Officers**

Ralph Miller, President  
Fred Edgecomb, Vice President  
Martha LaPointe, Secretary  
Peter Haskell, Treasurer  
Jim Kelley, Immediate Past President  
Larry Duchette, Selectboard Representative

#### **Other PLA Directors**

Shannon Currier  
Steve Cyr  
Susan Doyen  
Julie Libby  
Louis Miller  
David Pierce  
Ray Wakefield

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

### *In Memoriam*

The officers and directors of the PLA would like to express our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of two past board members and long time volunteers who gave much of themselves in service to the Portage Lake community.

Alison Mount (1934-2018)  
Phillip Ouellette (1938-2018)

### ***Important Phone Numbers***

Police, Ambulance, Fire (Emergency)	911
Aroostook County Sheriff	800-432-7842
Game Warden (Dave Milligan)	227-9135
Fire Warden (Larry Duchette)	435-4361



Ashland Health Center	435-6341
Portage Lake Town Office	435-4361
Portage Lake Post Office	435-6947
Coffin's General Store	435-2811
Dean's Motor Lodge	435-3701
Portage Hills Country Club	435-8221

### ***Local Church Schedules***

Catholic Church - Portage Lake Sunday, 9:00 a.m.  
 Congregational Church - Portage Lake Sunday, 10:00 a.m.  
 Catholic Church - Ashland Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
 Congregational Church - Ashland Sunday, 9:00 a.m.  
 Advent Christian Church - Ashland Sunday, 9:30 a.m.



### ***Portage Hills Golf Tournaments***

July 21st	Pratico/Sileski/Colutti Tournament
August 11th	Mason's Bikes for Kids Tournament
August 25th	Rayno Cote Mixed Couples Tournament
September 8th	Glow-ball Evening Scramble

### **2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Annual Membership Fee: \$20.00**  
(2018 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**