

# Portage Lake Association

## Newsletter

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### ***2017 Events and Activities***

Sat. June 17th	5 p.m.	Portage Lake Historical Society Annual Meeting & Dinner
Sat. July 8th	4 p.m.	PLA Annual Boat Parade; rain date July 9th
Sun. July 23rd	4 p.m.	Portage ATV Club Chicken BBQ at Pavilion
Tue. July 25th	11:30a.m.	Over 50's Annual BBQ Lunch (Pot Luck) @ Pavilion
Sat. Aug. 5th	8:00 a.m.	Annual Chub Fishing Tournament (sponsored by PLA)
Fri. Aug. 11th	5:30 p.m.	PLA Pot Luck Dinner, Annual Meeting and entertainment
Fri. Aug. 18th	6:30 p.m.	Just Desserts Community Potluck at Pavilion (Hist. Soc.)
	7:30 p.m.	Luminary Memorial Ceremony at Pavilion (Hist. Soc.)
Sat. Aug. 19th	12-2	Whoopie Pie Festival (hosted by Tourism Committee)
	4:30 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)
	8-12 p.m.	Live band and dance at Portage Hills Country Club
Sun. Aug. 20th	Noon	Town Parade on Main Street (Portage ATV Club)
	2 p.m.	Clam Bake @ Pavilion (Historical Society benefit)
Sat. Sep. 2nd	Dusk	Ring of Fire (hosted by PLA); rain date Sep. 3rd
Sat. Sep. 23rd	4 p.m.	ATV Club Spaghetti Supper

### ***Portage Lake Historical Society***

The Portage Lake Historical Society will hold its 7th annual Baked Ham & Bean dinner on Saturday June 17, 2017 at 5 pm at the Municipal Building. Donations will be accepted at the door. Part of the proceeds will go toward the purchase of the Old Town Hall building on Cottage Road. Separate donations are also being accepted specifically for the purchase of the Old Town Hall. More information can be found on the *Portage Lake, Maine Historical Society* Facebook page or the Town of Portage Lake website, [www.townofportage.org](http://www.townofportage.org). Contact Corrine Routhier, 227-0819.

### ***Best Boat Parade Ever***

The PLA boat parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, at 4 pm with a rain/wind date of Sunday, July 9th at 1 pm. Co-Chairs of the event are Susan Doyen and Martha LaPointe. Word has it that the 2015 parade was the best yet with 12 boats participating. There were 11 in 2016. Join the fun and make 2017 the best ever! NO BOAT IS TOO SMALL!

This year the parade will run OUTLET to INLET. Boats should gather at the OUTLET end, beginning one-half hour beforehand. PLEASE contact Martha 227-3849 or Susan 227-7003 to sign up, so that we can notify you if we have to postpone or cancel.

### ***Chub Tournament - August 5th***

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.

### ***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 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 19th. To reserve a booth, call Taunja Jandreau at 435-4361.

### ***Annual Canoe Carry - August 19th***

Long before Europeans arrived, two important river chains led Native Americans from the St. John River into the vast interior woodlands; the Fish River and the Aroostook River. The connection between these two waterways was a short portage between Little Machias Lake and Portage Lake. Each year Jim Dumond leads a group of enthusiastic participants in a re-enactment of this portage. This year's canoe carry is scheduled for August 19th.

As always, 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, including members of the Wesget Sipu Fish River Tribe, awaits. Join "les portageurs" at the bottom of the lake (near where the Maine Woods Road joins West Road) by 7:30 p.m. Call Jim at 277-1864 for more info.

### ***Fireworks Over the Lake - 9:00 p.m. August 19th***

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. As a reminder, the law requires you have lights on your craft after dark. Solar powered lights are an easy approach to take.

### ***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.

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

Portage Hills Country Club has opened for the season, and the course conditions are excellent. First-time visitors are always impressed by the scenic 9-hole layout. At the clubhouse, golfers can enjoy drinks and a bite to eat after their round and can enjoy splendid views from the inviting outdoor deck.

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For the second year, PHCC will celebrate with an Open House on Saturday, June 24th. Non-members can enjoy free round of golf. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., join us for a barbecue with a live band.

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 clubhouse on Saturday, August 19th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Later, dance to a live band from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

Reduced-fee memberships are available for first-time members, and youth under 18 years of age play for free. Evening golf leagues exist for both men (Tuesdays) and women (Thursdays).

Due to positive public response, servings of a variety of artisan pizzas will again be offered on Friday evenings throughout the summer.

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***

As they have done for many years, volunteers are generously donating 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, 35 volunteers contributed 293 hours of time, inspecting 416 boats. Happily, no invasive plants were identified.

This summer, CBI coordinator Ray Wakefield has an increased need for additional volunteers to cover the two-hour inspection shifts, either as individuals or couples. Ray is certified to train new inspectors, and is most happy to do so. Call Ray at 435-3063 for more information.

## ***Fertilizer Restrictions***

Please be reminded that Maine law now prohibits the application of fertilizers containing phosphorus or nitrogen within 25 feet of a lake shore's normal high-water mark, except that such fertilizers can be applied to within 10 feet of the high-water mark if applied with drop-spreader, a rotary spreader with a deflector, or targeted spray liquid. Phosphorous and nitrogen both can severely degrade lake water quality.

## *Portage Lake Association*

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

### 2016 Membership List

Herb & Molly Andrews	Jim & Betty Dumond	Don & Barb Paradis
Dana & Jacqueline Bagwell	Fred [D] & Patricia Edgecomb	Nicholas & Andrea Pesut
Steven & JoAnne Barnes	Heather & Scott Ehlin	David [D] & Maggie Pierce
Bill & Cindi Beach	Nancy England	Arthur & Anna Pike
Duane R Beaulier	Bill & Dayle Footer	Jeff & Jeanne Poirier
Pierre Beaulieu	Robert & Dorothy Frank	Portage Hills Country Club
David L Beebe	Doug & Kathy Gagnon	Alden & Patricia Rathbun
Janith Bergeron	Stephen & Susanne Gallagher	Bob & Brenda Rayot
Nate & Kim Berry	Robert Gegetskas	John & Jeanne Richey
Edward & Caroline Bodeau	Frank & Bob Growney	Charles Robinson III
Matt & Missy Boutot	Frank & Pamela Hallett	Dan & Sue Rogers
Humphrey & Dorothy Bridges	Mary Ellen Hanling	Corinne & Arthur Routhier
Peter & Bette Briggs	Dennis & Jennifer Harmon	Dominic & Loretta Santangelo
David & Terry Brinkman	Martha & Peter [D] Haskell	David & Susan Scullion
Penny Buck	Greg & Jan Hedrich	Todd Skillin
Nancy L. Buker	Dan & Alice Higgins	Derik & Ellyn Smith
Rick Bulduc	Perry & Mary Jane Higgins	Jeff & Dory Smith
Nelson & Christine Burke	Ann & Frank Jackter	Wayne & Denise Smith
Ray & Hazel Bushey	John & Patty Jandreau	Gordon & Mary Somerville
Rudi Buttron	Bob & Katie Johnson	Richard & Libby Somerville
Robert S Carns	Gehrig & Holly Johnson	Dale & Evelyn Soucy
Roland & Linda Caron	Vicky & Jim [D] Kelley	Darrell & Sandra Soucy
Reuben Caron	Pat & Sheila Kelley	Brent & Pam Spaulding
Jean B Clark	Ab & Lynne Khambaty	Joyce St. Peter
Milton & Dawn Clark	Donna & Ken Kincer	Jean S St. Pierre
Coffins General Store	Amanda Kiruthi	Steven & Bethany St. Pierre
Amy & Jim Collins	Teresa Krass	Charles & Eleanor Stetson
Bob & Alice Cormier	Robert & Nancy Langley	Ella & Judy Stevens
Brian Cote	Martha [D] & Ralph LaPointe	Clarence & Bethany Struck
Darcie & Scott Couture	Donald & Dolores Laveway	Sonny & Judy Sutherland
Barb & Tim Currier	Jon & Leisa Lowrey	Skip & Betty Terres
Andy Cusack	Linda B Lunney	Laurel & Anita Theriault
Steve Cyr [D]	Paul & Emmaleen Lynch	Steve & Karen Theriault
Charlene Cyr	John W Madore	Dennis & Judy Tozier
James & Eva Cyr	Gretchen McFee	Hollie Umphrey
Jan Cyr & Gerry Cormier	Dale & Donna McQuarrie	Ray [D] & Elaine Wakefield
Ray & Therese Cyr	Jim & Leslie Michael	Darrell & Cecile Wilcox
George & Dawn Dandaneau	Louis [D] & Beverly Miller	Gloria Wilcox
Dean's Motor Lodge	Ralph [D] & Cindy Miller	Rich & Wissa Winslow
Richard & Lorraine Donovan	Moose Point Camps	Margaret Woodman
Phil & Karla Downs	Mark & Alanna Morin	Rebecca Martin Wright
Keith & Beth Doyen	The Morris Family	Ronald & Rena Wrobel
Ross & Susan [D] Doyen	Ken & Joyce Nelson	Judy & Tim Yates
Larry [D] & Connie Duchette	Philip & Chrystal Ouellette	

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...**

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 the annual Boat Parade.

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.

The PLA Board of Directors are fully committed to our responsibilities. Our business meetings are held monthly between May and September.

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**

- Steve Cyr
- Susan Doyen
- Louis 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**

**2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Annual Membership Fee: \$20.00**  
(2017 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**

### ***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 15th	Ashland Masons Tournament
July 29th	Pratico/Sileski/Colutti Tournament
August 12th	Rayno Cote Mixed Couples Tournament
September 8th	Glow-ball Tournament and live music