



Highland Lake Association

Annual Newsletter

Spring 2011

2010 Year in Review

Our June Annual Meeting day dawned cold and rainy with an overabundance of mosquitoes at the beach. Friend of the HLA Ron Dube offered us his barn for our meeting and picnic and the Lane family again took care of the cooking. We managed to stay dry and unbiten and in spite of a pretty low turnout, hold our elections and salvage the day.



Hot weather greeted our July Chicken Barbecue, as did record crowds. Over 200 chickens were cooked and sold.



Thanks to the Amari family for donating a dunk tank for the use of whomever wished to be cooled off. It was a big hit.



We did well with the coffee can raffle and also began selling raffle tickets for a quilted wall hanging, made and donated by Jane Crowell, to be drawn at the Labor Day Picnic. This proved to be our most successful event this year.



We had a very low turnout for our Ham & Bean Supper in August. We did have lots of support for the raffle, with the add-

ed incentive of the "Biggest Loser Raffle." All of the losing tickets were put together into a drum and drawn for the prize of 2 zero gravity lounge chairs with a patio table.

Here you see the lucky biggest losers, the Szymaszek family, enjoying their prize.



Our Labor Day Picnic featured Terry Jubert's chili and the cooking of the Bill Jubert family. The raffle drawing for the wall hanging was held and won by member Bob Clogston.



A rack of chicken being turned at the Chicken Barbecue.

Throughout our season the HLA generates revenue with its raffles and tickets for the Ham & Bean and Chicken Barbecue. Our 2 beach picnics, in June and on Labor Day weekend are complementary to the membership. The Horseshoe Tournament & Potluck Lunch in September for the first time went into the black with a \$1.00 donation from an anonymous member. It is one of the most fun days on our calendar. After a huge array of delicious food, brought by everyone, teams are picked at random and the matches begin. The entire afternoon is spent with teams matching skills. In the end, this year, Brian Branon and Gary Carmichael went home with the trophy.



Members who come up to the lake all year round are familiar with our one winter event, held the Saturday after the Super Bowl, the Ice Fishing Derby. It is actually our *first* event of the year, so by the time this publication comes out, it has already been run for 2011. This year the condition of the lake was poor, but our derby still did well with the 50/50 raffle and cookout attended by many. First place fishing winner was Kent Griffin of Haverhill, Mass.



In addition to all this fun stuff we raked the side roads twice, maintained the beaches and boat launches, and insured and provided Port O'Potties and tables for the beaches. Thanks to all our members and volunteers for a great season! !

Special points of interest:

- Do you know how the Horseshoe Tournament came about?
- Find out who is watching out for shoreline property owners.
- Mark your calendars with all the fun HLA events for 2011.
- First ever pics of the ATV parade on the 4th of July.

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HLA Horseshoe Tournament & Trophy History



Anyone who has attended the HLA Annual Horseshoe Tournament in September has got to have been impressed by the trophy that is given out to the winners each year. We thought you would like to know a little bit of the history behind the event, which has become one of the most enjoyable events that we sponsor during our short season.



It all began with just playing horseshoes in the yard of Brian Branon on Valley Road, eventually going around on quads and inviting anyone who was interested to play. Then people started bringing food and drinks.

After the first or second year Brian actually made the trophy, writing the winners names on the bottom each year (see photo). A house rule was made that the trophy would be kept for 6 months by each winner until the next year's tournament.

After about 4 years the size of the tournament was getting a little hard for Brian to handle in his yard, so the location was moved to the Stoddard beach. With the help of co-chairs, Bill Jubert and Mary Kate Perrotti, the new HLA event was born. Last year Spencer Jubert rebuilt the original trophy, welding it so that it would last for a long time to come.

This year the event is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th, with a rain date of the 24th. It all starts at noon with lots of delicious potluck dishes and the drawing of partnerships. So, practice up. We would love to see you all there. Just coming to watch is lots of fun too.

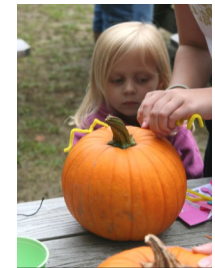


Shoreline Coalition

The recent passage of the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act (CSPA) has left New Hampshire shoreline owners with a dilemma. While trying to protect the waters of New Hampshire, it becomes clear that this bill can in some ways mean very stringent restrictions on homeowners. Ordinary activities such as cutting a path, moving rocks or pruning a tree could become illegal for shoreline property owners. Governor Lynch recently signed into effect bill HB1462 establishing a Shoreline Advisory Committee. They have a website: www.nhshorelinecoalition.com. Their dual purpose is protecting both the waters of NH, and the property rights of shoreline owners. This website is very informational and easy to understand. This impacts all of us, even non-shoreline owners, as the Highland Lake Association provides beaches for their use. This act (CSPA) could impact what we are able to do on our own beaches. Check it out.



Mary Kate always has something fun for the kids at the Horseshoe Tournament.



HLA Loses a Longtime Member and Friend

Gene Nason was on the Highland Lake Association Board of Directors for many years, with his wife taking over the position after him. Ada and Gene were single handedly responsible for the membership growth on their side road, Lake View Terrace. We all were shocked to learn of Gene's passing this past fall, having just seen him at the Chicken Barbecue in July. Many of us attended the memorial service for Gene in October, where his lake neighbors and friends spoke of his love for family, his skill in building his camp and his enjoyment of the time spent on Highland Lake. We will miss having Gene as part of our organization.



Ada & Gene Nason at the Chicken Barbecue this year.





2011 Schedule of Events

Annual Meeting & Member's Picnic

Sat. June 11th
NOON, Stoddard Beach

Chicken Barbecue

Sat. July 16th
1 P.M., Proctor's (2020 Valley Rd.)

Ham & Bean Supper

Sat. August 20th
4 P.M., Proctor's (2020 Valley Rd.)

Labor Day Member's Picnic

Sat. September 3rd
NOON, Stoddard Beach

Horseshoe Tournament & Potluck Lunch

Sat. September 10th
NOON, Stoddard Beach
(Rain Date—Sept. 24th)



Lining up for Chicken at the Chicken Barbecue 2010

Ice Fishing Derby

Sat. February 11th, 2012
7 to 3 P.M.

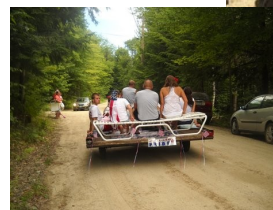
First Annual 4th of July ATV Parade

Mary Kate Perrotti was the author of this idea which grew out of just wanting to give the kids something patriotic to do to celebrate the 4th of July. She sent out a few e-mails at first, but then thought it might be fun to have a lot of people participate, or just watch the parade go by. So she enlisted the help of the HLA secretary, with her e-mail list of members. Mary Kate even thought of signing up Jeff & Helen Berry and Mike Jubert to be the judges of the participants, giving out ribbons for first, second and third place. The kids all had a great time decorating their bikes and the big kids enjoyed it too. We

plan to have this event again this year and will notify members via e-mail when plans are solidified. So, get that bike decorated.



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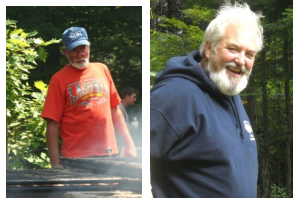


A special thanks to Terry Jubert for these great pictures of the parade.



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The Highland Lake Association sends representatives Willie Bearce and Mike Jubert to the meetings of the Highland Lake Unified Association (HLUA). We also have members Jeff Berry & Willie Bearce, who do weed and water testing for the HLUA. We contribute each year to the HLUA and its effort to man the boat launches with paid volunteers to check boats as they enter and leave the lake.



We also have members that keep on top of what is happening with the New Hampshire state government concerning boating and shoreline regulations. Joe Marinello always keeps us apprised of work on the dam at the end of the lake and is on the Board of Directors of the the HLUA.



Joe Van Schaick, President of the HLUA supports many of our events by attending along with his wife. They buy lots of raffle tickets too!!!!



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Board of Directors

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Vice President—Mike Szymaszek (2012)

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Secretary—Jane Crowell (2012)

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Steve Amari (2012)

Jim Berry (2011)

Dominick Grube (2012)

Gary Grybko (2011)

Bill Jubert (2011)

Joe Marinello (2012)

Ada Nason (2011)

Kim Feighery (alternate) (2012)

Bob Knowlton (alternate) (2011)

Jim Lane (Immediate Past President)

Board of Directors meet the second Saturday of the month from April to October. This year's dates are as follows:

April 9th

May 14th

June 11th

July 9th

August 13th

September 3rd

October 8th



Board Member Dominick Grube checking out the burgers at the Labor Day Picnic.

Meetings are held at the home of the President, 2511 Valley Road at 10 A.M. on the above dates. Any member may attend. Any changes to this schedule will be sent out by e-mail notice to the membership.

*Indicates year of next election for this position.