

Golden Lake & Bonnechere River



Property Owners Association

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For those with an interest in the well-being of Golden Lake and the Bonnechere River

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you and your family from Golden Lake Property Association.



From right: Marion Zohr, Heather Bingham, Glenn Bingham, Deborah Farr, Dale Benoit-Zohr (kneeling), Far left: Julie Sanderson. The others in the image are Rangers from the MNR Pembroke assisting with clean up of flood debris at Kasdoffs' cottages.

Smelt Harvest 2018

Through very challenging conditions due to the extreme high water conditions of spring 2017, the resilient and dedicated members of the Fish Committee were able to provide us with enough rainbow smelt to support our second annual Smelt Fry.

The intent of the harvest is to reduce these predators in an effort to improve the lake's biodiversity and balance the prey-to-predator ratio. We encourage others to participate and appreciate the results of their efforts. Rainbow smelt is not only tasty, it also offer many health benefits. You can expect the smelt to start spawning in mid-April. It's a short run so please be prepared and harvest safely.

For those who wish to harvest, the process is simple. Golden Lake has numerous streams that flow into the lake. The rainbow smelt spawn along the shores of these streams after dark, usually starting around 10 pm. You must hold a valid fishing license to harvest legally.

Please note that the Bonnechere River is restricted to smelt harvesting only during the spawn.

Smelt nets can be purchased locally and they resemble a long handled landing net with fine mesh. Drag the net along the stream shore, close to the bottom, against the current. Dress appropriately with warm waterproof gloves and boots. Take a pail with a lid.

SMELT FRY 2017

The Smelt Fry of 2017 was a huge success! We moved the venue to the Sands on Golden Lake and the meal was prepared by the staff of the Cottage Cup. We cannot thank these two sponsors enough for their support in this community event. Without them, the event would not be possible. The 2018 Smelt Fry is scheduled for June 16 and will be held again at the Sands on Golden Lake. We are looking forward to seeing you all there for another fun event, with door prizes, music and a very tasty meal!

Call for Volunteers

GLPOA is looking to add to our roster of volunteers. Please consider donating a little bit of your time to help with various activities we are planning for 2018. It's a great way to interact with your neighbours while enjoying all the lake has to offer.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help the Membership Committee with canvassing in the summer months. If you are interested, please send us an e-mail at glpoainfo@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

NEW! Pay Your Membership Fee by Credit Card

We have partnered with the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA) so you can pay the \$20 annual fee with any major credit card. We will be updating our web site over the winter months to include a link to a secure web portal.

Other payment options...

Pay by E-transfer. If you already bank online, go to the website of your bank, find the link to E-transfer and follow the instructions. Your bank will charge you \$1 to \$1.50. E-transfer your 2018 \$20 membership fee to glpoatreasurer@hotmail.com. The security question is *What river flows into and out of Golden Lake?* and the security answer is *Bonnechere*. Type in your name and address in the sender's message.

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