

PETIT LAC LONG NEWS

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ASSOCIATION DES PROPRIÉTAIRES

President's Message

At last! After seven years in existence, our association has this week welcomed its **100th member!** This honour goes to the *Camlot family*, and the achievement, as far as we can tell, is thanks to the sustained effort of George Brehn. We can all be very proud! During the summer we finally had our Boating Safety Regulations adopted by the Municipality of Ste-Agathe Nord. Details of the regulations, together with a map of the lake showing tentative locations of buoys, are shown on an insert included with this newsletter. Also, steps have been taken with the goal of getting approval to fence off the area at the dam on Chemin Paiement, and there will be more on this in the Spring! If we judge by the mail we have been receiving, our association is starting to attract attention. In this respect, we have been contacted by a septic tank cleaning company, offering discount prices and other benefits to our *members*. Details will be explained once negotiations are complete. The summer season '94 is coming to an end. Already the leaves have changed colour and are falling from the trees. This means that my term as your President is also coming to an end, and so I am launching this appeal to find a replacement. It doesn't take much time over the year, and my successor can count on the continued support of George Brehn. Thank you, members of the Association, for your encouragement and support, and for allowing us to share with you our vision of a living, healthy, and protected lake!



Jacques

J.C.Y.



ERIN LUMER

Erin Lumer, age nine, daughter of Association Members Victor and Eileen Lumer, wrote an essay about *The things we do at the beach!* Excerpts are shown on page two.....

THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE BUILDING INSPECTOR...Sylvain Provencher

We at the municipal offices hope that you have enjoyed a nice summer and that you took advantage of the good quality of the waters of Lac Papineau. The shoreline of our lake plays a big part in the quality of the lake water. For environmental purposes 'shoreline' is defined as the boundary between the two milieus - land and water - *a strip of land ten metres wide running inland from the high water line*. This strip of land must be preserved in a *natural state* in order to prevent erosion and/or pollution such as over-fertilization which causes overheating of lake waters which in turn brings about the formation of algae and the growing of undesirable aquatic plants. In short, the shoreline protects the ecological balance and preserves the beauty of the surroundings. Existing laws make it illegal to upset or change the natural condition of the shoreline by digging, building, clearing of trees or shrubs, fertilizing, dumping earth or sand, building walls, etc., within the ten metre boundary from the high water line. Rare exceptions require a specific permit from the Minister of the Environment.



Septic Systems. A septic installation which conforms to Provincial Regulation 2.2.R.8, and which is emptied regularly should not cause pollution. Regulations require permanent residents to have their septic tanks emptied every *two years*. Seasonal residents must empty theirs every *four years*. Some people who do not understand the function of a septic system, think the tank should be emptied when it becomes full and/or stops functioning. This is completely wrong. Septic systems involve a biological action which converts human waste and other biodegradable materials into a clear liquid.continued on page two.....

The things we do at the beach....by Erin Lumer - age nine.

When the kids come home from camp, if it is a sunny day we go down to the beach. If it turns out to be really hot, we go in the water and sometimes we have water fights. We usually swim to the raft. When the kids are in the water, the grown-ups have a chance to relax, but they still have to watch us. My sister and my mother were in the water and a fish jumped out of the water. It was so fast you couldn't see it. Sometimes we have contests to see who could shoot the rock the furthest. Our record for skipping a rock is six times. The funniest thing that happened this year is that my friend's boat wasn't working and it turned out that there wasn't any gas in the boat. Sometimes after camp we go tubing or water skiing. The boom is the easiest way to learn how to water ski. What's the boom? Well, it's instead of water-skiing behind the boat, it's a bar that goes *beside* the boat. I went on the boom once. It was quite fun. The water has been pretty cold lately. At our beach, we see who can get in the freezing cold water first. We also dare each other to

do a lot of things. Well, this is why I love being up north in the summer time.

by Erin Lumer



THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE BUILDING INSPECTOR.....

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This clear effluent flows through the weeping tiles without clogging the system, but if the tank is not emptied on schedule, the end result is more pollution and very costly repairs.

Sylvain Provencher

(Editor's note:- We are presently discussing with contractors, an arrangement whereby our members will receive a reduced price for the pumping of their systems together with some other benefits. Details will be announced in the Spring!

The Editor

BOATING REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT

Ste. Agathe Nord, Aug. 26, 1994. At a public meeting held tonight, *unanimous* approval was given to the new boating regulations by all citizens present. The regulations are designed to promote both water safety and more enjoyment of boating, swimming and other activities on and around our lake. Once approved by the Provincial Government, the regulations will become law and any violators will be subject to fines and/or penalties. Floating markers will be placed at strategic points in the lake to remind boaters of the boundaries and speed limits. Full details are shown in the *Boating Regulations Insert* accompanying this newsletter. You are encouraged to review them with all family members, visitors, etc. to ensure they are understood and abided by. We also suggest that you read about *Boating Etiquette*, on the reverse side of the Boating Regulations.

WANTED - ONE NEW PRESIDENT

Yes - after over five years of hard work and great leadership our president, Jacques Écuyer has decided it is time to step down. We will be electing a replacement at our next Annual Meeting in the Spring of '95. Are you interested? Would you have someone to nominate? We need your help and suggestions.

We will also need two or three individuals to act as Directors, to help us make the right decisions on behalf of the membership.

So ladies and/or gentlemen, please give me a call and offer your services or recommendations.

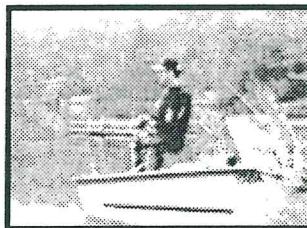
There really isn't much work involved.

Dial 514-484-9413 or 819-326-7409.

George Brehn

THE PERSISTENT ALPERS!

The many activities of the Alper family (4278 Chemin Paiement) include kayaking, fishing, swimming, sunbathing, waterskiing, cycling, and motor-boating. It is not unusual to see eight year old Ryan, paddling alongside his dad Mel in their twin kayaks, while **Mona** and daughter **Jennifer** sunbathe on the dock. Meanwhile, son **Daniel** keeps busy either catching trout or trying to get the motorboat started. The Alpers have been coming to Petit Lac Long for many many years, but last year they took the big step and bought not one, but *two* cottages on the first lake. Great members of a Great Community!



Daniel Alper fishing...!

LAST CHANCE FOR TAX SAVINGS WITH CAPITAL GAINS!

In case you didn't know it, 1994 is the last taxation year for you and/or your spouse to take advantage of the Capital Gains exemption on your income tax return. If you have not used up your full exemption and you don't declare a possible or probable gain on your '94 tax return, you will *lose* the right to do so in the future. And worse still, you will have to pay full income tax on any capital gain when you sell a property, stock or other asset. If your capital gain could be in your cottage property then it is suggested that you get an *Opinion of Value* from a qualified source such as a Real Estate Broker, or an *Appraisal* from a qualified appraiser. And *now* is the time to do it because Real Estate Brokers are already getting calls from hundreds of cottagers who want to make sure they don't lose out on this last opportunity to save some hefty income tax dollars. Two realtors who are familiar with property values in our area and who offer the required service to our members at attractive prices are - Joe Graham of Doncaster Realty, (819-326-4963) or George Fisher of George Fisher Realty Co. Ltd., (819-326-1212).

WEEKEND ATHLETES CYCLE OVER 110 KLICKS.....*by Peter Solti*

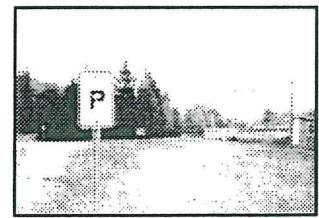
Sept. 10, 1994. For the second year in a row, a group of Petit Lac Longers mounted their trusted bikes and pedalled all the way from the West Island to the lake.



The well planned trip was undertaken by eight determined guys (Peter Prupas, Mel Alper, Robert Lapkovsky, Norman Adler, Peter Solti, Peter Spunt, Peter Vockathaler and David Cohen. Two of Peter V.'s sisters drove the course to keep the athletes supplied with nourishment and first aid supplies. The weekend athletes travelled part of the way on Highway 117, and part on the former Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way. The trip took over eight hours to complete, down from over nine hours in '93. Later in the afternoon, sounds of snoring could be heard around the lake!

UPDATE.....Annual Meeting report!

At our annual meeting on July 3rd, 1994 we discussed certain matters of interest to residents. The following is an update on developments! We talked about the possibility of putting up a fence at the dam site on Chemin Paiement with a view to cutting down on the volume of non-resident boating traffic on the lake, etc. For the information of those interested, Association President Jacques Écuyer has been in contact with two Ministries in the Provincial Government, as well as with the Municipality of Ste-Agathe Nord. While the prospects of being successful are not all that encouraging at this point, there is a glimmer of hope. In the meantime, Mayor Pierre Durocher has fulfilled his promise to put up No Parking signs at the site. More in Spring!



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS.....*read all about it!*

This spring and summer a special effort was made to increase the number of residents who were members of the *Association des Propriétaires du Lac Papineau*. The results were most gratifying indeed. Over the past several years, we averaged around sixty members. For the 1994 season, a total of **exactly one hundred** property owners and tenants gave us their support simply by filling out a form and sending in their twenty dollar fee. The accomplishments of the association have been many and significant over the past seven seasons. The renewed support will enable us to add still more achievements to the growing list.

On behalf of your hardworking executive, thank you very much! (Just in case you were not aware - none of the executive receives any type of remuneration or financial benefit. Indeed, they pay the same membership fees as everyone else!)

The members of the executive.

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LES HÉRONS DU LAC PAPINEAU

President's Message

Fellow fishermen\women

Another season is over and many of us have enjoyed some great fishing experiences on our lake. Many Rainbow trout have been caught, some as big as 17". And there are still hundreds and hundreds more in the lake, and these will grow in size over the winter for you and me to catch next spring when the season opens. Thank you for your support in '94. I look forward to next year's programme.



Leslie
Greenberg

LOST PET TURTLES

Three pet turtles, about 9" long, dark brown with yellowish underside, accidentally escaped from their enclosure. Indigenous to the area, they should be able to survive the climate. Susan Trow-Lepine would like to recover them if possible. If you have seen them, please contact Susan at 819-326-0371 or 514-747-7319

TRUE FISH STORY!

(OXYMORON)

*A LADY NAMED BONNIE THEY SAY,
TOOK HER ROWBOAT WAY OUT IN
THE BAY*

*SHE THREW IN HER LINE
AT A QUARTER TO NINE,
AND THEN PULLED IN A TROUT
RIGHT AWAY!*