



The Lake Harvey Association Newsletter | Winter 2013

President's Message | Kath Bergeron

As your new President I would like to introduce myself to you. For approximately 20 years my husband and I and our growing children lived in our fifth wheel camper at Harvey's Lake Cabins and Campground every summer. We absolutely loved this lake and treasured every moment we were here. So in 2002 we sold our home in Waterford, Vermont (and our camper) buying Leon and Betty Bryer's cottage, which is located two cottages south of the boat access. It was a perfect place for us as we began planning for our future retirement. I always say I live 12 paces from heaven. I am now a retired social worker from the State of Vermont. My husband retired one year ago. My husband and I feel an almost unspeakable delight living on this lake. It is not just living here at the lake that is important to me, but also maintaining and protecting the lake for us and future generations.

As the association President I want to enhance the effectiveness of your lake association and I'm looking forward to your input and ideas. Although you have elected eight hard-working trustees to the board, every association member has an interest in maintaining the beauty, quality, and resources of this lake. Please don't hesitate to pitch in. No idea, skill set, or amount of time is too small in maintaining our efforts and pursuing our goal to preserve the quality of Harvey's Lake.

Labor Day signals the end of the summer season here on the lake. When gazing out on the lake at night you notice that one by one the cottage

lights disappear. The loons begin to take on their winter plumage. The geese fly overhead in formation making their southern journey. The foliage begins to color. Boats are loaded on trailers.

In January ice shanties dot the lake with every fisherman's dream of catching "the trophy". I am also convinced that ice fishing is a social event. I've seen bar-b-q grill feasts and horseshoe contests. Yes, people pitching horseshoes on the ice. Then there are the snowmobilers and the cross country skiers. I've seen one cross country skier hook his dogs to his belt, pulling him across the lake. Seems everyone finds a way to enjoy our own little "Golden Pond".

Each winter on an unspecified day in March, a block which is attached to a clock, is strategically placed on the lake. "Ice out" speculation begins! Your guess is as good as mine when spring will arrive, but oh what fun it is watch and wait. Place your bets ladies and gents. Challenge your friends and neighbors. You never know. You could be the next ice-out winner! Ice out tickets are included herein and are also available at local stores and at lakeharvey.com.

For those of you who don't know, 2013 is Barnet's semiquincentennial. The Barnet Historical Society is planning different events and contributions to a year long celebration of this 250th anniversary. Keep your eyes and ears open for details of all the festivities. We will try to list them for you on the website. That said I have an announcement. *Continued on next page.*

**Prevention is the only cure. Help us keep Lake Harvey pure!
JOIN US, www.lakeharvey.com**

President's Message *(continued from pg.1)* | Kath Bergeron

Lake Harvey Association is having a website extravaganza! On June 1st the Lake Association is launching a new website! The trustees are committed to making this a valuable and useful resource for the membership to have current information about the lake's water quality, preservation efforts here and around the state, a listing a community events, a classified ad section for you to buy and sell items on, etc. On June 1st check it out. Take a look. Then be sure to share your email with us and be eligible for summer give-a-ways. As with everything our new website is a work in progress so your input is both welcome and valuable to us. Visit us at www.lakeharvey.com.

In celebration of our new website there will be several weekly e-mail drawings this summer. The website will announce the dates and deadlines to sign up via email. So, as a reminder, make sure your membership status and email addresses are up to date. Prizes will range from Harvey's Lake T-shirts and baseball caps to free gas and groceries. It promises to be an exciting launch.

More information will be provided to you in the May newsletter so be watching for it. Remember to log on to www.lakeharvey.com. Tell us what you like, what you don't and what you want. Use it and use it often.

Also we now have an updated Harvey's Lake directory and map. They were handed out at the last annual meeting to those in attendance. The directory has two lists and a map with a lot numbers. One list is done by parcel identification number. You can locate a cottage on the map, take the ID number and then identify the property owner. The other is an alphabetical listing, which allows you to determine where a property owner's cottage is on the lake. Contact me at 633-3632 if you want one. They are free of charge to all members.

That's it for now. Go enjoy the many pleasures your lake offers every season of the year.

The Town of Barnet is turning 250 in 2013!!

That's semiquincentennial for those in the know. Planning is well under way for a year long series of events celebrating the history of Barnet. If you or your organization are interested in participating you can contact Dylan Ford at barnet250th@gmail.com or at 633-3831.

You can check it out on facebook:
www.facebook.com/Barnet250th.

March 5th, 2013 Town Meeting Day:

Barnet Song written and performed by Barnet students. Birthday cake.

April: Grange Month:

Lakeview Grange is hosting a "history of the Grange" event Spring education fair at Barnet School focusing on the 250th birthday

June 15th:

Barnet Studebaker's baseball game and Studebaker car show at Barnet School

July 4th :

Barnet Public Library annual Art/Craft sale and 250th event. Barnet Center Chicken BBQ

July 19th and 20th:

Harvey's Lake weekend Pavilion Dance – exact location to be determined (contact Lisa Adler if you are interested in working on the dance – laaBarnet@gmail.com) Annual boat parade with 250th theme
Chicken BBQ
Fireworks at dusk

A full schedule will be available at all events and around town at the local stores by the end of February. The party will kick off on Town Meeting day. The schedule is still evolving but here is a listing of events thus far. And there will be more...

July 21st:

Kirkin O' the Tartan at the Walter Harvey Meetinghouse

August 10th:

Croquet Tournament at McIndoes Academy. History display includes framed charter. Children's games.

October 11th:

Northern Sea Gas (music) provided by Barnet Preservation Group. Barnet Congregational Church in Barnet Village. Dinner followed by music.

Under Some Very Sunny Skies . . . | Don Burke

Under some very sunny skies and gentle breezes, Harvey's Lake boat owners let us all know what "Happiness is..." for them. That was the theme for this past summer's LHA boat parade. Obviously food and drink seems to be the main ingredient that makes them happy. As a matter of fact, this year's boat parade was akin to a floating "carbohydrate fix". Some felt that "margaritas" make them happy while others are addicted to "ice cream". Then there were those who imbibe in "coolers of beer". Even the mere sight of "a red solo cup" makes some start to salivate.

There were a total of twelve entries this year and, despite an engine breakdown, all went well and much fun was had by all. As the parade started around the lake, one of the entries, "Powda Day", experienced engine problems and had to retire to the side of the lake to fix their problem. For those of you non-skiers, a "powda day" is all about the ideal light powder skiing conditions on the slopes. (It took me a while to figure it out too.) About an hour after the parade ended, the repair was complete and a very excited and enthusiastic Bisson family displayed their entry around the lake to the resounding applause of all the shoreline viewers. As a result, they were awarded the "Better Late Than Never" Judge's Special Award.

Two boats earned a perfect score from the judges and shared the first place award: "Margaritas" and "Ice Cream". The parade was organized in two sections - non-motorized and motorized.

Non-motorized Contingent: (Kayaks & Canoes)

Every year the boat parade is led by our Grand Marshall Emeritus, Art Jennings, in his kayak. This year Art made it around the lake with his traditional entry, Happiness is....."A day at the lake with Harvey & Roy, the Two-Headed Monster". First place honors in the non-motorized class went to the Glentz Brush family with their entry, Happiness is "A New Box of Crayons". Close behind were a couple of new parade entries, "Sunflower" by the Alger and Anzalone families and "Family", by the Chapmans.

The motorized group entries were: "Happiness is . . ."; "High Speed Internet...Is It Here?" by the Mosedale family; "Margaritas", by the Perrins; "The Three Stooges", by the Gadapees; "A Red Solo Cup", by the Bedards; "Ice Cream" by the Elliot & LaBounty families; "Our Troops Coming Home Safely", by the Burke and Proctor families; "Cooler of Beer", by the Buckingham; and the aforementioned, "Powda Day", by the Bisson family.

We had a record breaking twelve entries which involved fifteen different families and seventeen boats. It was great to see the increased participation with multiple families partnering to sponsor a boat entry. Also, the word is getting out that kayak and canoe owners can join the fun and get involved. This group only has to go a manageable distance rather than around the entire lake. Thanks to all who participated in this year's boat parade. Each entry received a gift certificate to the local Quick Stop Market courtesy of Deb King.

We're already looking forward to next year's parade. The goal is to get fifteen boats participating. Maybe we could then be legitimate competition for the Rose Bowl Parade! It's never too early to stir up those creative juices and come up with a boat decoration for next year's boat parade theme which is: **Barnet: 1763 - 2013**.



In Memoriam

A long-time camp owner here at Harvey's Lake, Dick Brock, passed away in early December of 2012. Dick's and Bev's camp is located three camps south of the boat access. They have been long-time members of Lake Harvey Association. Dick was born and grew up in West Barnet. I believe he built his camp in the early 60's from a "kit" he purchased from Sears. Many of you may remember him for his Dalmatian-painted boat and his four water skiing children. His grandchildren also enjoy the excitement and thrills of living at the lake. Dick had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to share his memories and stories about the camps around the lake. With his loss is also the loss of some of the history around the lake. The Lake Harvey Association would like to extend its condolences to Dick's wife, Bev, and his family.

Guess The Ice Out Time and Date!!

Review ice out dates for the last 56 years at lakeharvey.com. Last year it went out early (March 22nd at 4:16 PM). An anomaly? A trend? You decide....

2012 Summer Kayak Raffle:

Passumpsic River Outfitters graciously donated the kayak. Peter and Julie Murphy won the kayak, then donated it to Chris and Sara Bunnell. Very nice!

[Read the 2012 boat monitor report at lakeharvey.com](http://lakeharvey.com)

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