



RED CEDAR LAKE POST

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NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT Mike Sidoti

Let me start by thanking all those who attended, or submitted proxies for, our Annual Meeting on August 29th. This was as good a turn out as we have had in quite a few years. Your Executive Committee is thankful for your comments and open discussion and for your overall support of our efforts. The Committee will be following up on all issues discussed including working to secure more support from the State DEEP with respect to maintaining the water quality of Red Cedar Lake. We will continue to address security issues and issues of member compliance with our Rules and Regulations and with State Boating guidelines.

If you did not attend the annual meeting, you should be aware that the membership approved by a vote of 44-16, the motion to increase the Annual Service Fee by \$75 making it \$300 per year. The new budget will allow us to avoid the deficit spending we have incurred over the past few years while maintaining a safe savings reserve and will provide funds for year round maintenance of our roads.

During this "off season", we will also continue working on the review of our documents, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations to insure that we are in complete compliance with all relevant Connecticut State Statutes. If any changes are recommended, they will be presented to the entire membership for review.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TJ Spero lot on corner of Liz Road and Lakeside Drive
Holly Morin 35 Diane Road
Chris Kelly lot on Diane Road
Nora and Pete Precourt 102 Lakeside Drive
Sharon and Patrick Paradis 28 Ellen Road

SNOWPLOWING

Any member who might need their driveway snowplowed this season could contact M&M Landcare 20 Jordan Drive Norwich, CT 06360 860- 889 2120 email address: mmlandcarect@gmail.com
M&M Landcare is the company we have contracted to plow our roads this season.

SUNDAY MORNING SAILING By Larry Berglund

2015 Sailing Season



The Sunday morning sailing activities which started July 5 ended September 6 of Labor Day weekend. It was again a fun series of sailing, competing and socializing. Two classes of boats participated Sunfish and Laser with a total of 12 different boats competing over the summer. Unfortunately, poor wind conditions as in photo above at start of 1st race on Sept 5 occurred every Sunday morning throughout the series and likely diminished the sailors' enthusiasm and participation. Because of the slow winds and very slow boat speeds, a half length race course was used for the majority of races.



Jack, George Curtin's grandson, receives 2nd place ribbon for September 5 race

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SUNDAY MORNING SAILING CONTINUED

The competition, in the Sunfish class was very keen all summer. Jan Wislocki did consistently well in the light air conditions, but none of the sailors were as consistent as Jeff Pasiuk. A surprise first time entry in the Sunday race series was George Curtin's grandson Jack. We had seen him practicing with his mom Amy and hoped he would race and continue George's sailing legacy. And Jack did, finishing 2nd of the 5 Sunfish. The class winners for the 2015 Season are: Sunfish Jeff Pasiuk and Laser David Chamberlin.

After the first race on the last Sunday of the season, it is a Red Cedar Lake tradition to have a picnic lunch and followed by a second race to determine the Lake Champion from among the top sailors. The sailors all sail the same class of boat, a Sunfish, but not their own, selected by a random drawing. This time the lead changed often with each boat leading for part of the course. Jeff struggled some but eventually got the lead and held it to win The Lake Championship.

Congratulations, Jeff Pasiuk - 2015 Red Cedar Lake Sailing Champion!



Some of the sailors after the last race, left to right: Bret Berglund, Jack, David Chamberlin, Jeff Pasiuk, Jan Wislocki, Larry Berglund. Jack holds a similar awards picture showing his grandfather George as Lake Champion. We look forward to the 2015 season and encourage other Red Cedar Lakers to join in this sailing and camaraderie.

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RED CEDAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TAX ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

by Honey Ragaglia

Emma Sousa, Assessor for the Town of Lebanon has provided detailed information regarding Appeals to the Board of Assessment Appeals. The appeal process is governed by CT State Statute Sec. 12-111.

If you feel your property is not appropriately assessed, you can file an appeal with the local Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA). Lebanon has three elected townspeople who comprise the BAA. The deadline to file an appeal is February 20, 2016. Appeal Forms are currently available in the Assessor's Office and will become available on the Town Website in January 2016. Appeal hearings generally last about 15 minutes. The homeowner or an authorized agent meets with one member of the BAA and states their case on why they think their value is anything different than what the town has determined. Some homeowners have brought in their own appraisals, field cards...etc. Any document they feel supports their case.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process or if you would like electronic copies of information provided by the Assessor, contact Honey Ragaglia.

If you would like to join the RCLPOA Tax Assessment Committee kindly email (honeyr@snet.net) or call Honey at 860-748-0112 (cell).

All association members are welcome to be active members of this group!

UPDATES ON THE PAST SEASON by Lynn Gonzalez

FISHING DERBY

This year we had 8 participates and a total of 196 junk fish were caught.

All participates won a prize for their efforts.

BINGO

The last bingo of the season drew a hugh crowd of about 34 members and guests.

Lots of games were played and many prizes were handed out.

ANNUAL POTLUCK AND AUCTION

This year's annual potluck and auction was held on August 29th. About 15 families attended the event.

Delicious food and a great time were had by all.

ITEMS TO WATCH FOR

In the 2016 Season we are planning on a new line of Red Cedar logo clothing for purchase.

Please watch your emails for updates and an order sheet.

Also in the early planning stages is an end of the 2016 season Hawaiian Luau. More details to follow as a date and location are chosen.

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BEACH AND BOATS by Peter Vam Steeden

A quick note to thank our volunteers Bruce Cagenello, Tom Corto, Jim Frazer, Frank Miano, Mike Sidoti and Bob Wislocki who assisted me in the beach swimming area teardowns. More hands definitely helped lighten the load.

The system we put in place this past spring worked as designed, so no one had to go swimming. I have a couple of niggles I will work on over the winter months to improve it for the coming year.

ALL BOATS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BOAT RACK NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Related news: We will work on the boating rules placard for this spring per a suggestion from the summer meeting. An incident last month has us re-evaluating the potential gate relocation at Little Beach. Solutions are being studied. Please watch for other notes regarding the beaches in future newsletters.

We would like to thank Bonnie Pezzella for the donated shingles used for our bulletin boards.

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