

Grindstone Trumpeter

2017 A Gem of a Lake



Mark Your Calendar for this

UPCOMING EVENT!

2017 Grindstone Lake Association

Annual Picnic

Saturday July 1st 10AM-12noon

Lunch provided!!

Bass Lake Picnic Pavilion

County Rd K

(near the Fireside Restaurant)

Presentation:

**Latest and Greatest on
Lakeshore Landscaping
and Protection**

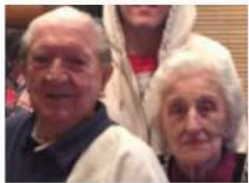
Brent Hanson

Hanson's Garden Village

Rhineland, WI

**Afternoon Shoreline Buffer
Protection Tour**

Trumpeter Salute!



World War II Veteran
Jack Baumgart 94 and
wife Betty 92, married
in 1947! They began

building their home on Grindstone in
1960. There they raised their 4 children.

What's the best part of living up here?

Jack replies, "My million dollar view."

**Have you ever thought of being
snowbirds and spending the winter in
a warmer climate?** "I wouldn't go south
for anything," Betty said. "You can
always dress warmer but you can only
go so far to dress cooler," added Jack.

What's your favorite thing to do? "We
love the fish fry at the Flat Creek Eatery,"
Betty said. "Our baby Carol runs that."

Also happily ensconced in Grindstone's
Williams Bay are granddaughter April
Baumgart-Johnson and her husband
Trent Johnson, along with children Jarrod
and Addison, with the million dollar
autumn sunset shown on Page 4.

Jack was at Anzio Beach and also later a POW whose squad was
liberated by troops led by none other than General George Patton near
St. Die in France. John and his Unit received France's highest honor of
heroism, the Croix de Guerre. Thank you for your service Jack!
Parts of this article are excerpts from the Hayward Review, June 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lake Water Quality Protection: A People Opportunity

Dear Grindstone Lake Association Members,

Summer will soon be here and I can feel the excitement of sharing another wonderful season with family and friends on the clear waters of Grindstone Lake. For homeowners and users of Lakes Tainter and Menomin, two flowage lakes on the Red Cedar River in Dunn County, Wisconsin, the experience will be very different. They love their lakes just like we love Grindstone, but each year between July and September, they experience some of the worst algae-blooms in the state. Runoff from agriculture, commercial and residential lands has added nutrients to the lakes in the form of phosphorus and nitrogen, which stimulates oppressive levels of algae. Lakeshore property values have declined and summertime swimming is a health hazard.

Despite the daunting challenge of nutrient loading and algae blooms, Ron Verdon, president of the local lakes association is optimistic and views lake water quality protection as a *people opportunity*. In that spirit the lake association is collaborating with farmers and lake residents to support protective land use practices. Lake residents are installing natural shoreline buffers composed of native species to stabilize their shorelines and to prevent nutrients and sediments from flowing into the lakes from their yards.

Although Grindstone Lake is very different, we have learned that our nutrient levels are slowly rising. Let's build on the energy and excitement of lake homeowners like those on Lakes Tainter and Menomin and work to prevent increased levels of nutrients in Grindstone. Reduced use of fertilizers and installation of natural shoreline lakescapes can help decrease nutrient loading, stabilize the shoreline, and protect the clear waters of Grindstone.

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Read more about our speaker on page 2 of this newsletter.

GLA MEMBERS WANTED AND NEEDED



If you are reading this, you are likely already a Grindstone Lake Association Member. If you are not, Please Join! And encourage any neighbors who may not be members to join as well. Membership is not restricted to lakeshore owners. We encourage family members who enjoy our beautiful lake to join as well. Complete the membership form on page 3 or sign up at our July 1st meeting and picnic at the Bass Lake Town Hall.

Boat Launching Monitoring

As we all know, we live on a beautiful lake. Grindstone is considered by experts at the Wisconsin DNR to be one of the very cleanest and clearest lakes in our state. To help keep it that way, for the last several years the Grindstone Lake Association has funded a project to have a monitor present at our boat launch to check for aquatic invasive species (AIS) on boats and props entering our lake. The monitor has been trained by the DNR to identify AIS, such as zebra mussels and Eurasian milfoil. When AIS enter a lake, they can take over, damage water clarity and quality, and harm native species.

Neighboring lakes do have some presence of AIS that is a challenging and expensive situation to address. As an aside, if you look into Lake Minnetonka in MN in the summer, you see the horrors of AIS gone wild.

We have been filing for grants from the DNR to help defray some of the costs involved.

Feel free to contact any board member to see what you can do to help prevent AIS from getting into Grindstone Lake. We have brochures and resources available to help you identify any AIS on the lake that will help with our monitoring efforts!!

**Let's celebrate our special lake
and keep AIS away.
Say 'Hi' to our monitor Rich Patrick
when you're at the landing!**



**AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION PROTECTS
NATIVE SPECIES AND SAVES MONEY**

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**Brent Hanson
of Hanson's
Garden Village**



For those interested in learning more about lakeshore landscaping practices with native species, Brent Hanson of Hanson's Garden Village in Rhinelander, Wisconsin will be joining us at the **July 1st Grindstone Lake Association Annual Picnic.**

Brent has installed beautiful and protective shoreline projects on several lakes in our area, including Lac Courte Oreilles. Brent will provide photos and hands-on practical guidance for the installation of these beautiful and protective features. After the picnic, Brent will take interested members on a tour of several natural lakeshore buffers he installed in our area. Join Brent, Grindstone lake residents, and association members at the annual picnic on July 1st from 10AM-12noon at the Bass Lake Picnic Pavilion on County Rd K (near the Fireside Restaurant).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Grindstone Lake - Show Your Love!

GRINDSTONE LAKE



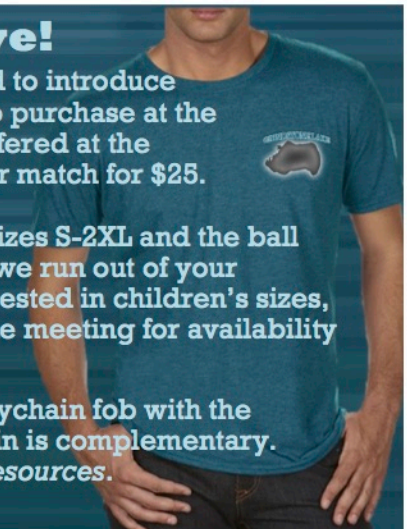
The Grindstone Lake Association is pleased to introduce new and exciting t-shirts and hats for you to purchase at the July 1st Annual meeting. Items are being offered at the low price of \$15 each and/or 2 items, mix or match for \$25. Cash or Check only, please.

T-shirts are available in Blue or Gray in Sizes S-2XL and the ball caps are in navy blue as one size fits all. If we run out of your specific size and/or color or if you are interested in children's sizes, we will be taking orders with payment at the meeting for availability by the end of July.

In addition, at the Annual Meeting, the GLA is providing a floating boat keychain fob with the Grindstone Lake logo and GLA's web site - grindstonelake.org. The keychain is complimentary.

Your GLA web site is always available for updates and the latest resources.

See you at the meeting!!



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The type font used in this newsletter is
appropriately titled for Grindstone: It's called
Rockwell!



COURTE OREILLES LAKES ASSOCIATION (COLA)

Our next-door neighbors to the south on Lac Courte Oreilles have experienced water quality problems including invasive species, cisco fish die-offs, and algae blooms. This, despite heroic efforts by COLA, including a threat of litigation against the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Litigation was only precluded by a settlement agreement reached March 31, 2017. As a result of the agreement, WDNR will be proposing creation of protective phosphorus Site Specific Criterion (SSC) for LCO. WDNR's initial refusal to do so was the basis for COLA requesting a judicial review. COLA and the LCO tribe retain the right to resume litigation if WDNR does not honor the settlement's terms. Much more information on the challenges faced by COLA can be found on their website, www.cola-wi.org.

LCO's water problems are compounded by much greater shoreline development than on Grindstone and the presence of active cranberry bogs, all of which contribute to phosphorus loading and algae blooms. As a Grindstone Lake resident, you can help maintain our water quality by maintaining a lakeshore buffer, not applying fertilizer, and limiting impervious surfaces, such as paved driveways and parking areas.



Dues payment to the Grindstone Lake Association is tax deductible.

**2017
Grindstone
Lake
Association
Renewals
Needed**

Thanks to everyone who renewed their Grindstone Lake Association membership in 2016. Your commitment every year is critical for this lake that we all cherish. Last year your \$40 annual membership provided the funding needed to ensure the future quality of Grindstone Lake.

Your membership enabled us to accomplish so much over the past year:

- **Lake Management and Monitoring** – We were able to continue our commitment to monitor Grindstone Lake public access points to help ensure that resident and visiting boats to our lake are free of invasive species. Thanks to the help of volunteers we also monitor critical areas of the lake so that invasive species introduced can be identified early, when remediation is still possible.
- **Education for Waterfront Management Best Practices** – Providing information to residents on how to keep our lake healthy for generations to come.
- **GLA Annual Picnic** – A chance once a year for Grindstone Lake residents to reconnect with each other and recommit to our Gem of a Lake.

As we continue our efforts in 2017, there will be new opportunities to share the information we need to keep Grindstone Lake healthy for years to come. If you have not been a member, or had your membership lapse, please join us again this year. **Your \$40 membership is a small price to maintain our Gem of a Lake**

Grindstone Lake Association! NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2017 - 18 YEAR \$40.00

Name _____ Spouse _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lake Property Fire Number _____

Lake Property Street & Zip _____

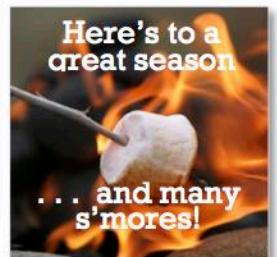
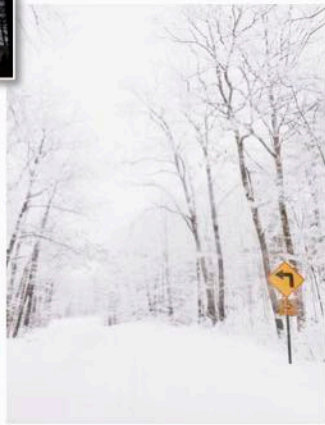
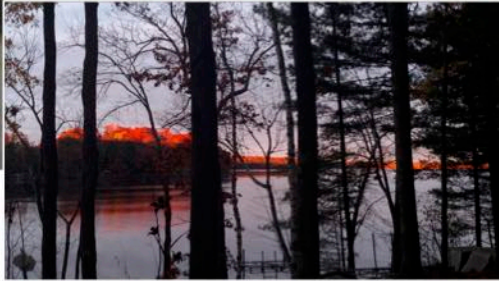
e-mail _____ Home phone _____ Lake phone _____

Make check payable to the Grindstone Lake Association.

Please mail your check and this form to: Grindstone Lake Association Box 292, Hayward, WI 54843

You can also Join or Renew at the July 1st Grindstone Lake Association Picnic!

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Cabin Fire Safety: Prevention and Preparation are Key

We never think it could happen, especially next to a lake, but wildfires and cabin fires can and do happen. Fire prevention can go a long way to keep you safe in your cabin on Grindstone. And, if the worst happens, proper preparation can help you and your loved ones be safe. Here are a few prevention and preparation tips.

Fire prevention indoors:

- Change batteries on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors once a year (try picking a specific day, like July 4th)
- Check your fire extinguishers to ensure they are properly charged
- Don't overload any of your wall outlets or use extension cords, especially with space heaters
- Make sure you use your fireplace or wood stove properly (screens to prevent embers from escaping and proper distance from flammable objects and floor coverings)

Fire prevention outdoors:

- Clear brush, fallen limbs, and leaves away from your cabin to create a buffer of at least 10 feet
- Remove branches from trees that are within 20 feet of your chimney
- Keep your roof and gutters clear of dead limbs and leaves
- If you have an outdoor fit pit, make sure you have a good water supply nearby and please don't burn on windy days

Preparation:

- Have a "fire plan"
 - Where to meet in the event of a cabin fire (away from your cabin but safely nearby) or evacuation (friend's house or hotel)
 - Identify a person away from your cabin to serve as a main contact for everyone at the cabin, in case you get separated
- Have a supply kit ready to go, including important documents, identification, medications, etc.
- Have a plan for your pets (food, medicines, carriers or crates).

Be prepared, take precautions, and help prevent cabin fires!

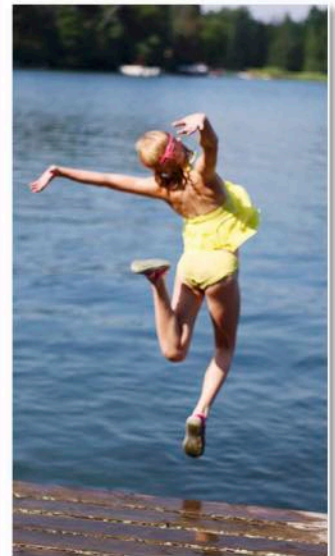


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