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THE HAGUE SNO-GOERS

by Thomas Haskell, president

Did you know there is an active and fun-loving winter sporting club based right here in Hague? There is!

The Hague Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club was started in 1969 - 70 to improve safety on snowmobiling trails and to increase participants' overall enjoyment of snowmobiling. For a while, there was a decline in the popularity of the sport and many of the members grew older and lost interest, so the club disbanded. The club was re-established in 2005. We are now members in good standing of the NY Snowmobile Association (NYSSA). We work with Warren County, NYS Parks and Recreation, and the Town of Hague and we assist the Hague EMS with our rescue sled.

In fifteen years, we have gone from grooming and maintaining our trails with utility snowmobiles to owning and using a Snow Rabbit 3 Track Groomer. It has a seven-foot-wide by nine-foot-long snow drag called a "Mogul Master." The cost of a new one of these is \$130,000, but we purchased ours for \$101,000. The club received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and we financed the balance. We think it is well worth the investment!

We now have twenty miles of groomed trails, proper signage that warns riders of hazards, trail ID markers, and maps, all which meet or exceed the guidelines for NYS Parks and Recreation and the NYSSA. In addition to snowmobilers, we allow cross-country skiers and snowshoers on those trails. Dogs are welcome on all of the trails we maintain. We also groom and maintain Rogers Rock Campground for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.



Photos courtesy of Tom Haskell

You can follow us on Facebook or visit our website at haguesno-goers.com.

To join the club, go to our website, call me at home (518-543-2015) or on my cell (518-538-5958) or email haguesnogoers@yahoo.com. We're always looking for new members, especially young men and women to help with trail maintenance and grooming. If you love winter sports like we do, we're the club for you!



SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



We will have Baked Potato Day at our regular meeting, starting at noon on February 25, 2020.

Game night will be on March 5th at 6:30 pm at my home.

The Annual St. Patty's Day celebration will be on March 12th at the community center at 4:30 pm, so come on out and enjoy a fun evening and great food.

At our regular meeting on March 24th at 1:30 pm, we'll play Bingo, so please bring a gift to share. ❑

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

In the month of January, we had 11 fire calls and drills and five EMS calls using 108 volunteer hours.

Our volunteers have been training on our new fire truck and used that training on February 11th. At 12:41 am, we were called to a possible structure fire on Route 8. When our trucks arrived, we found a fully-involved structure fire in an unoccupied house. The scene was cleared at 5:30 am and the road was re-opened to traffic.

We thank the Ticonderoga Fire Department and EMS for also responding. ❑

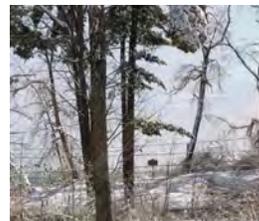


WILL THE LAKE FREEZE OVER?

As of today (February 15, 2020), the southern end of Lake George is frozen except for around Dome Island. There is still open water in Hague, Rogers Rock, and Anthony's Nose, which is usually the last to freeze as it is the deepest part of the lake.

Larry Eichler, who has monitored the lake since 1979 as a research scientist with the Darrin Fresh Water Institute (FWI), defines "freeze over" as when "someone can walk from one end of the lake to the other." When the lake does freeze over, it usually happens by mid-January.

The lake froze over in 2019, 2017, 2015, 2014, and 2011, according to records kept by the Lake George Association (LGA). It did not freeze over in 2018, 2016, 2013 and 2012.



Across from top left to bottom right: photos courtesy of Tom Haskell, Sandy Powell, Tony DeFranco, Seddon Beaty, Sheri DeLarm, Mary Ann Menges Eaton, Seddon Beaty and Mary Ann Menges Eaton

So, the big question is, "Will the lake freeze over *this* year?" Eichler says we are close and that the temperatures in the single digits

that are expected February 15th - 16th might finally cause freeze over.

These are photos of the ice in Hague in the past few weeks. ❑

ENGINEERING SURVEY IN WARREN COUNTY

The Zoning Office of the Town of Hague has been informed that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has contracted with the Nader Group to conduct an engineering analysis and floodplain mapping of Warren County.

Employees of the Nader Group will primarily perform their work on public land, but may be required to enter private lands for short times to do their surveys. The survey is expected to be completed by this August.

A letter providing more details about this survey is available [HERE](#) or you may call 859-422-3024 for information. ▣

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT THE FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE

The FUND for Lake George has announced the appointment of two new staff members. Hilary Kellogg Hurley has joined The FUND as Director of Development. In this role, she oversees all fundraising activities that help The FUND in protecting the lake from intensifying threats to water quality and in preserving the lake's clarity and cleanliness.

Mrs. Hurley's appointment marks a return to the region for the Glens Falls native after serving in development leadership roles with Wake Forest University and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society while living in NC over the past three years. She previously served as the Assistant Executive Director of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, a Major Gifts Officer at Emma Willard School in Troy, and the Director of Government Relations for Special Olympics New York.

Mrs. Hurley holds a bachelor's degree from the University at Albany and a master's degree in Community and Economic Development from the State University of New York Empire State College.

Brea Arvidson, an aquatic biologist, has joined The FUND as Program Associate. She works closely with Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky in the development and implementation of science-guided activities to achieve The FUND's protection goals for the lake and its watershed. This includes collecting, interpreting, and applying data to achieve success in The FUND's water quality, road salt reduction, and invasive species prevention and management programs, as well as with The Jefferson Project.

Ms. Arvidson previously served as an aquatic biologist with SOLitude Lake Management, a national sustainability solutions firm specializing in the development and execution of customized lake, pond, wetland, and fisheries management programs. She served as the biology lead on projects on Glen Lake and Saratoga Lake.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Marine, Estuarine and Freshwater Biology from the University of New Hampshire. ▣



TOP: Hilary Hurley
BOTTOM: Brea Arvidson

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

AARP Free Tax Preparation Services has kicked off its 15th year in the Ticonderoga and Hague area. Local volunteers have completed training and testing and are certified by AARP and the IRS for preparing federal and New York State returns for the 2020 tax season. The team of local volunteers is offering free tax preparation services in Hague, Ticonderoga, and Bolton Landing.

The schedule and locations for 2020 are:

·Hague Community Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am - 4 pm now through April 9, 2020

·North Country Community College, Ticonderoga Campus, on the following Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm: February 21st, March 6th and 20th, and April 3rd

·Bolton Landing Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 25th, from 10 am - 3 pm

Tax preparation services are scheduled by appointment only to ensure there are no long lines or waits for taxpayers. Reservations for Hague and Ticonderoga can be made by calling 518-543-6161. Call 518-585-9094 to schedule an appointment in Bolton Landing.

Taxpayers should bring tax information such as W-2, 1099s, interest and dividend statements, social security cards, and birth dates for all persons on the return, a check for direct deposit of refund, and a copy of last year's tax return, even if it was prepared by some other person or group.

Additionally, a picture ID (such as a valid driver's license) is required for each taxpayer, as well as for the taxpayer's spouse.

Last year, the team successfully filed 350 Federal and New York State returns for residents throughout our area.

The team of 22 volunteers is ready to again provide excellent free tax preparation service to our community. ▣

PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/16/2020

Chairman Dick Frasier and Board Members Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, and Dan Belden were present. Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. was absent.

PANNELL (26.6-1-21) 3 Forest Bay Road South (TRIR)

The board approved an application to replace an existing non-conforming house with a new single-family house. This property is included in Sewer District II. A variance was granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for more than a 25% sq. ft. increase to a non-conforming structure on December 19, 2019. Board Member Peterson proposed, and the owner agreed, that when they take down the six to eight old pine trees, that trees will be planted rather than shrubs. ❑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/23/2020

The meeting scheduled for January 23, 2020 was canceled because there were no applications. ❑

PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2/6/2020

Due to a winter storm, this meeting was postponed until February 13, 2020. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 2/11/2018

Present were: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant. Martin Fitzgerald II was absent. A moment of silence was held for Betty Heintzelman.

Tim Larson of the LA Group discussed the master plan for improvements to our town park. The committee's plans include: moving the crosswalk, reducing the width of the north entrance to create more parking spaces, installing a porous paved parking lot and rain gardens, putting in new handicap ramps, getting new playground equipment, creating a linking walkway, and developing a beach maintenance plan. A stand-alone performance shelter with open sides that would serve as a multi-purpose park/picnic shelter is planned in the northern lakeside corner.

Larson explained these plans would be implemented in phases as funds become available. If the town is agreeable, the next step will be to have a survey done and to apply for state aid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• Highway: Ramant/Bast

Ramant said more brine has been purchased. He praised the highway department staff for its work on road maintenance. Frasier said the department has been working on grant applications and on obtaining FEMA money to cover the costs of the road destruction from the storms of 10/31/19 and 11/1/19.

• Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald

Bast stated all new employees have started working. Eric Kramer, the maintenance worker, shares his time between the community center, the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP),

and the highway department; Donna Clarke works with Diane Trudeau; Beth Navitsky works with Cathy Clark; and Nate Swinton works at the highway department.

• Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier

Frasier inquired about setting up food trucks on Wednesday nights during the summer Music in the Park performances.

• Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett

Ramant stated the Lake George Land Conservancy will again help with the town's knotweed removal project this spring.

The board voted to reduce the number of members on the Planning Board and on the Zoning Board of Appeals from seven to five, with one alternate member each. ❑

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD - 2/11/2020

Present were: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Martin Fitzgerald II, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant.

Councilman Bast distributed an updated Sewer Law Enforcement Status Report. The status of various property owners was discussed in addition to thoughts on amending time limits and verbiage of the current plan.

All non-compliant property owners within the sewer districts have received first notices. Due to the town board's decision to extend the compliance date of the Sewer Law to December 31, 2020, revised second notices will be sent out at the discretion of ZEO Cathy Clark. This notice will inform the property owner that failure to connect by the end of the year will result in a third notice with a Town Court Summons for Judicial Review. These notices will be sent in January 2021.

Town Attorney John Silvestri discussed proposed amendments to the Town of Hague Sewer Use and Response Enforcement Plan. The board voted unanimously not to amend the plan.

The board approved the Delarm/Ginn appeal for a sewer compliance extension for 8979 Lake Shore Drive, contingent on them completing the changes to their existing septic system that were recommended by the town's engineer by the end of 2020. ❑

PLANNING BOARD - 2/13/2020

Chairman Dick Frasier, Vice-Chair Pam Peterson, and Board Members Dan Belden, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present. Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. was absent.

COOMBE (42-1-18 & 42.12-1-52) Pine Orchard Road (TRII & OCI)

The applicant is proposing to take 3.79 acres from tax map # 42-1-18, accessed from Holman Hill Road and merge it with tax map # 42.12-1-52 (= 4.79 acres) and is also proposing to take 0.28 acres from tax map # 42.12-1-52, accessed from Pine Orchard Road, and merge it with the tax map # 42-1-18 (= 119.28 acres). A site visit has been scheduled. ❑

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Edna Elethorpe Middleton Butler, 102, of Queensbury on December 28, 2019.

Edna was the daughter of Asel Elethorpe and Myra Balcom Elethorpe. She grew up in Hague and raised her family here. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living graduate of Hague Central School. She always thought of Hague as her home.

Her family wishes to thank the folks in Hague for all the kindness they showed her, even when she wasn't living here.

She is survived by daughters Nancy Ferreira and Susan (Larry) Wolcott; grandchildren Donna Ferreira Wickersty (Richard), Larry Wolcott (Terrie), Lori Wolcott Russo (Dominick), and Karen Wolcott D'Aloia (Peter); great-grandchildren Tyler Wickersty, Jeffrey Wolcott, Kelsey Russo, Joshua Russo, Cameron D'Aloia, and Jared D'Aloia; and great-great-granddaughter Camella Wolcott.

DIED: Kemp Dwenger, 90, peacefully, on January 17, 2020 in Denver, CO, with his children by his side.

Kemp was born in Brooklyn, NY and grew up in Montclair, NJ. He attended Oberlin College and upon graduation, took a job in NY with Sylvania (later known as GTE), where he spent the next thirty years working his way up to the position of a Senior Vice-President. This role gave him the opportunity to travel the globe. He enjoyed living on the Seine River in France and took pride in an evening he spent sharing several bottles of wine with Ernest Hemingway in Italy.

In 1980, Kemp fulfilled a lifelong dream when he had a home built in Arcady Bay Estates. Lake George was where his parents had met more than 60 years before.

He was actively involved in the Lake George Association (LGA) and firmly believed that education was the key to its success. The LGA will dedicate the Kemp Dwenger Captain's Chair on their Floating Classroom this spring, thus sharing Kemp's passion for the

preservation of the lake with young people for years to come.

His wife, Sandy, predeceased him in 2015. He is survived by: his son Tim (Lindsay); his daughter Kendra (Chris); and his grandchildren Story, Havyn, and Payton.

Kemp's was a life well lived! He did not want a memorial service, as he recently celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends of more than 60 years and he and his family agreed that was the best celebration of life anyone could ask for.

Those who wish to make memorial contributions may donate [HERE](#) to the Lake George Association.

DIED: Roderick L. Geer, 91, on January 20, 2020.

Mr. Geer was born in Syracuse and graduated from Syracuse University. He was the Executive Director of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for 20 years, growing its global membership of the top life insurance providers and estate planners. He was recognized across the U.S. as a leader and innovator in the field of association management and was known for his masterful speech writing abilities. He finished his career as Chief of Staff for Prudential Insurance Company at its corporate headquarters in Newark, NJ.

He and his family have been at Lake George for over 60 years, first exploring the lake in a small cabin cruiser and then spending summers in Forest Bay for more than 20 years.

He greeted people in a way that honored his Irish heritage, saying, "Top of the morning to you." The response he taught everyone was, "and the rest of the day to you."

He was a devoted husband to Mynema Geer for 72 years and a devoted father to his three children. His beloved daughter, Cheryl Geer Alexander, predeceased him. Survivors include his son John S. Geer (Jennifer); his daughter Lila Geer York (Michael Alexander); and his grandchildren Roderick Geer, Elizabeth Alexander, Christopher Alexander, and Matthew Alexander.

DIED: Betty B. Heintzelman, 90, of Silver Bay, on February 1, 2020,

peacefully in her sleep at her daughter's home in PA, surrounded by family.

Betty was born in Cleveland, OH on September 10, 1929. She attended Miami University of Ohio and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education.

Betty first arrived at Silver Bay in 1946, when she began working at Silver Bay YMCA. She and her husband, David, were married in the Silver Bay Chapel in 1951. In 1961, they purchased a home that was once Silver Bay's one-room schoolhouse, enjoying it every summer with their family. She moved to Silver Bay full-time in 1986 and enjoyed becoming part of the greater community. She even worked at Silver Bay YMCA until she was 82!

Betty greeted everyone with that big Heintzelman smile. She loved to share her love of Lake George with anyone who would listen and enjoyed introducing people to Silver Bay.

She was predeceased by her husband, Rev. David Heintzelman, in 1986. She is survived by: sons Tom (Joan), Tim (Jane), Peter, and Matthew (Kelly); daughter Kathy Becker (Fred); ten grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Silver Bay Chapel in August 2020.



The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish important happenings in the lives of our readers. Please send announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths to editor@thehaguechronicle.org and we'll publish them as space permits. Thank you.

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*

Happy “Marmota Monax” Day! Or, should I say Happy Groundhog Day?



Groundhogs are the largest member of the squirrel family in the Adirondacks and are usually seen foraging in fields and on roadsides. They are large burrowing herbivores with grizzled brown fur. They are most abundant on the Adirondack Park’s periphery.

The non-scientific name is derived from the Native American name “wuchak,” which means “the digger.” Other non-scientific names include “groundhog” and “whistle pig,” probably because they make a whistling sound when alarmed.

Groundhog Day is a popular traditional holiday, celebrated in Canada and the United States on February 2nd. The celebration first

occurred in German communities in Pennsylvania. The legend said spring will arrive early if the groundhog does NOT see its shadow. This year, he did not see his shadow, so maybe we’ll have an early spring!

Woodchucks graze on the vegetative parts of plants but will eat bark and twigs if no green leaves are available. These mammals can consume up to one-and-a-half pounds of vegetation a day. Vegetation is also their source of water.

In the Adirondacks, red clover is their favorite food in all seasons. They also eat berries and apples, if available.

Woodchucks have adapted to the seasonal lack of food by hibernating for about five to five-and-a-half



months. In the Adirondacks, they begin hibernating in late September or early October. Their heart rates decline from 80 to 100 beats per minute down to four or five beats per minute when they are in deep hibernation. Body temperature and oxygen consumption also decrease.

Imagine the joy of avoiding the harshness of the cold winter by sleeping and then waking up and it’s spring! ■

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by *Mike Strutz*

“And now for the rest of the story,” as Paul Harvey used to say.

In the last two issues, I made a point about the significance of the depth of soil to the proper functioning of a septic system.

In fact, there are a number of criteria used to determine the effectiveness of septic systems. Since this is much more than I can cover in this short article, I refer the reader to “Town of Lake George Septic Initiative Program, an analysis of the management of onsite wastewater treatment systems in the Town of Lake George,” published in December 2018. (You can read it [HERE](#).) Authored by Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky and supported by the FUND for Lake George and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, the report summarizes an extensive study of the 548 septic systems in the town’s



“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”

environmentally-critical zone, which is defined as an area 500’ from the lake and within 100’ of tributary streams.

To prioritize properties, an algorithm was developed that considered three factors:

- 1) Site suitability (reviewing surface water setbacks, soil type, and depth of soils and slopes, all of which influence overall treatment efficiency);
- 2) Existing system evaluation (reviewing a system’s age, components, maintenance, and inspection record); and
- 3) Algae biomonitoring indices (applying existing protocols and metrics to collected samples as evidence of water quality impacts).

Every individual system was assigned a score based on these three factors. A system’s score indicated where that system fell on a scale of greater or lesser impact on the lake and its water quality.

The report determined that property owners often lack knowledge about their systems and that many systems are undersized, aged, or use outdated technology. It stated, “maintenance is

falling well short of what is necessary for systems to function properly and provide adequate treatment. All of this justifies the consideration by the Town of Lake George for an onsite wastewater treatment system management program.”

Many recommendations were made in the areas of management, outreach, monitoring, regulation, and funding. In terms of regulation, the report recommended that the Town of Lake George implement a Septic System Inspection Transfer Law. This law would require inspections and system improvements, if needed, at the time of any property transfer. Similar transfer laws have already been enacted in Queensbury and Bolton.

The Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC) is working on drafting a law for the Hague Town Board to consider that would provide greater oversight of septic systems.

For more information on how you can help protect our lake, please visit the HWQAC on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

CHORALE HAS RESUMED REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale has resumed rehearsals for its upcoming spring concerts. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga. They will continue until the concert presentations in June.

New singers in all sections are welcome and no audition is necessary.

For further information, please contact Bob Elling at 518-585-2173. ▣

HONOR ROLL: 2ND QTR

Grade 1: High Honors -

Noah Mydlarz and Cerina Swinton
Honors - Maddison Smith

Grade 2: High Honors -

Allison DeBuque
Honors - Ryker Mott and Markenna Winter

Grade 3: Honors -

Cohen Winter

Grade 4: Honors -

Wyatt Barnes

Grade 5: High Honors -

Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage, and Kaiden Smith

Grade 6: First Honors -

Aidan DeBuque, Dunavinn Harrington, and Brady Kennedy

Grade 7: First Honors -

Peyton Granger and Alyssa Mydlarz

Grade 8: First Honors -

Sofie Hubbard
Second Honors - Dalton Rivard

Grade 9: First Honors -

Quentin Gargan

Grade 10: First Honors -

Madalynn Hubbard
Second Honors - Teegan McLaughlin

Grade 12: First Honors -

Mckenzie Harrington
Second Honors - Colby Clemons

TICONDEROGA END OF WINTER CARNIVAL AND FIREWORKS

The Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival and Fireworks will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Ticonderoga Armory and Ticonderoga Recreational Areas at 123 Champlain Avenue.

The schedule of events is:

11 am - noon: Juggling, magic, a unicycle, and a variety show

11:30 am - 3 pm: Carnival games, food, a bouncy house, photos, full face art, music, crafts, snowmobile rides, snow painting, giveaways, and more

3 - 5 pm: Mini Golf at Five Nations Golf

5 - 7 pm: FREE Family Movie Night (*Miracle on Ice*) at the Ticonderoga Armory - popcorn, cookies, Gatorade and family fun

7 pm: FREE Campfire and S'mores at Bicentennial Park

8 pm: Fireworks at Bicentennial Park



The section of the road above the park will be closed from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

All of these events and activities are free or at a low cost. Adult supervision is required for all events and activities. Outside activities are weather dependent.

For more information, call 518-585-6619. ▣

BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH 2020 IS GEARING UP NOW

The 2020 Best 4th in the North Celebration will take place July 1 - 4, 2020 in Ticonderoga with a fireworks display, parade, Montcalm Mile Race, live music, food, vendors, rides, games, and much more.



The Ticonderoga Best 4th in the North Committee, a subcommittee of the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP), is now accepting nominations for the Grand Marshal of the parade.

"For a Grand Marshal, think of people who are truly dedicated to the community, serve the Ticonderoga area throughout the year, and people who have been an inspiration to the community," stated Debbie Barber, Best 4th in the North committee chairperson. Nominations can be submitted on the Best 4th in the North Facebook page or by emailing tmstp@timainstreet.org. The deadline to submit nominations is **March 20, 2020 at 4 pm**.

Parade applications/registrations are also being accepted at this time. There is no charge to participate, but all entries must be family friendly and follow parade guidelines. The theme for 2020 is "70s & 80s Music." The committee would like to see floats from attractions, businesses, sports teams, clubs, organizations, and so forth, all done in red, white, and blue.

Applications can be found at www.timainstreet.org or picked up at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office. Parade participants are encouraged to register as early as possible. ▣

LOOKING BACK

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel



The Northern Lake George Stock Utility Marathon

Most people come to Hague for peace and quiet. But, in the mid-20th century, that peace and quiet was shattered for a few days each August as outboard boat racers arrived for the annual Northern Lake George Stock Utility Marathon. This grueling 90-mile race attracted up to 125 entries from as far away as Michigan and Wisconsin. The start and finish line was near the Trout House Hotel and Casino in "downtown" Hague, with the town park serving as the pit area.

The marathon was the brainchild of a group of Hague residents who decided, in 1954, to reconstitute the Lake George Regatta Association (LGRA), an organization originally founded as the Hague Rowing Club in the early 1880s. The original LGRA remained active until 1930, holding an annual regatta at the Island Harbor House, with races for rowboats, canoes and classic inboards, Gold Cup boats, and steam and naphtha launches, as well as swimming events. LGRA's officers included such notable summer residents from Bolton and Hague as John Boulton Simpson, E. Burgess Warren, Albert Judson, James Buchanan Henry, Harry Watrous, and Colonel William d'Alton Mann.

The Depression, followed by World War II, put an end to the frivolity of regattas and the LGRA disbanded. But then, along came the Fabulous Fifties. In 1954, the LGRA was reorganized, and an exhibition was staged. Three inboard hydroplanes sped around a closed course on Hague's waters: *Juno*, owned and operated by Robert E. Henry, Jr. (Bob), *Chloe*, owned by Bob and driven by his brother, Jack Henry, and *Why Not*, owned and operated by Bill Morgan. These boats hit speeds of up to 90 miles per hour!

For the next ten years, the 90-mile marathon was held on the third weekend in August. Several of the organizers were also racers - including Dick Bolton, Charlie Fitzgerald, Jamie Fitzgerald, Ray Laudree, Jack Henry,



Gerry Boyd, and Alvin Middleton. The race originally consisted of four laps over a 22.5-mile course, stretching from Baldwin Dock in Ticonderoga to Sabbath Day Point. In later years, boats completed six laps over a 15-mile course, with the southern end at Scotch Bonnet Island.

Rough waters were the norm on marathon day. It was not uncommon for fewer than half of the entries to complete the course, with many flipping.

1958 was the first year that a woman entered the marathon. Marian Grimes of Hague, whose family owned the Bywater Coffee Shop, remains the



only female ever to compete in the marathon. I was registered to compete in it in 1962, at age 13, but had to withdraw at the last minute when my pit crew discovered a crack in the bottom of my boat. But that's a story for another day.

To view a narrated slide show about the history of the regatta, with many fabulous photos of the race boats and the people, visit <https://youtu.be/GvKYlbbgjSY>. ▣

STUART LILIE RECEIVES AWARD

Fort Ticonderoga Vice-President of Public History Stuart Lilie was recently awarded the Museum Association of New York's (MANY) Individual Achievement Award of Merit for 2020. The award ceremony will take place on March 30, 2020 at the Hilton in Albany.

Lilie holds a Bachelor of Arts from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA and has more than 15 years' experience in the museum and historic sites profession.

He joined the fort's leadership staff in the spring of 2011 and oversees the Public History Department, which reaches nearly 70,000 visitors annually through daily programs and events. Outreach programs engage an additional 3,000+ students in classrooms across the northeast annually. Lilie strives for high standards in historical accuracy of content, authenticity, visitor engagement, and customer service.

"With constant drive and always seeing opportunities in challenges, Lilie provides focus and leadership to staff, while providing a coherent, thought-provoking experience for visitors," said Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth Hill. ▣



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

The Fort Fever Series programs are held on Sundays at 2 pm in the Mars Education Center. Admission is \$10/person and admission is free to Fort Ticonderoga Members and Ambassador Pass holders.

On March 8, 2020, as part of this Fort Fever Series, Museum Registrar and Site Archeologist Margaret Staudter will present *Discovering Women in Fort Ticonderoga's Collections*. This will be a survey of objects in the fort's collections that were owned and used by both famous and unknown women.

As part of the Winter Workshop Series, on March 14, 2020 from 9 am to 5 pm, the program *French Women's Jackets* will be presented. Participants will construct their own English women's clothing accessories from the 1770s.

Also on March 14, 2020, but from 10 am to 4 pm, the Living History program *Proceed to Canada with all Possible Expedition* will be presented. ▣

MOM PROM 2020

The Sixth Annual Ticonderoga Area Mom Prom will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 7 - 11 pm at the Ticonderoga Employees Mutual Association (EMA) Club at 9 Maplewood Drive in Ticonderoga. It will benefit the Best 4th in the North Celebration. This is a ladies' night out. You do not have to be a mom to attend, but you must be at least 21.

The theme of the event is "80s Rockin' Rewind." Attendees are encouraged to dig out their spandex and leg warmers and tease their hair to be 80s ready.

There will be an array of appetizers, desserts, music, dancing, raffles, photographs, a cash bar, and the random drawing for the 2020 Ticonderoga Area Mom Prom Queen and her court.



Tickets are available now for \$40 per person at Glens Falls National Bank and the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC). Advance purchase is *required*. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

"Save the date, get your ticket, and pull out that old prom, bridesmaid or wedding dress, or try something new" said Chair Starr Smith. ▣

MASON/STAR DINNER

A public roast turkey breast dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A. M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, February 21, 2020, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street.

Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12-years-old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ▣

TI'COUSTICS

The next Ti'Coustics music shows will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 and Wednesday, March 18th from 7 - 9 pm. The shows will take place at the American Legion at 104 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. Featured local musicians on March 4th will include Dan Kirsner and others and on March 18th (for St. Patrick's Day), it will be Larry Conley, John McDonald, and others. ▣

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HIKE-A-THON 2020

This year's Hike-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, July 5, 2020. Early Bird Registration opens at midnight on March 2, 2020. There will be 20 sites from which to choose. The After-Party will again be at Bolton Conservation Park, with refreshments from Adirondack Pub and Brewery.

Go to <https://lakegeorgehikeathon.org> for further information.

Check out the Volunteer Tab for information on specific volunteer opportunities and

responsibilities. The volunteer application is now open.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, go the Sponsor Tab or contact Sarah Hoffman at 518-644-9673 or shoffman@iglc.org. ▣



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CALENDAR

February 2020

FEBRUARY

- 21** 4:30 – 6 pm Mason Star Dinner
- 25** noon Senior Club meeting at the community center
- 25** 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

MARCH

- 2** 12 am Registration open for 2020 Hike-A-Thon
- 4** 7 pm Planning Board
- 7** 11 am – 3 pm Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival
- 8** Daylight Savings Time begins (spring forward)
- 8** 2 – 3:30 pm Fort Fever Program at Fort Ticonderoga
- 9** DEADLINE for the March issue of *The Hague Chronicle*

- 9** 6 pm Town Board
- 12** Seniors St. Patrick's Day at the community center
- 14** 9 am – 5 pm Winter Workshop Program at Fort Ticonderoga
- 14** 10 am – 4 pm Living History Event at Fort Ticonderoga
- 17** St. Patrick's Day
- 19** Spring Equinox – The beginning of spring!
- 20** March issue of *The Hague Chronicle* published
- 20** 4 pm Deadline for nominations for Grand Marshal for the Best 4th in the North
- 2** 11:30 Senior Club meeting at the community center
- 28** 7 – 11 pm Mom Prom at the EMA Club

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

September 2 through June 30: Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm | Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm | Sunday: CLOSED