

# ***The Lac Sir John Newsletter***

## ***Spring 2014***

### **From the Editor**

After a lull of over a year, we are pleased to announce the resumption of the “Newsletter”. And there is lots of news to bring to you.

If you would like to submit a column or announcement for publication (in either French or English), please provide it by the first of the month (May, August, November, January), preferably in MS Word via email to [sanastass@gmail.com](mailto:sanastass@gmail.com)

This newsletter is intended to keep you informed about social activities and general information of interest to Lac Sir John residents. Messages from the president of SIJOLM , Merv Trineer, will be sent to you separately.

Susan Anastasopoulos (English version)

Josée Leblanc (translator: French version)

### **Recent Social Activities at the Lake**

The **annual Spring Dinner/Brunch** of the Lac Sir John residents was held last April at Montebello. A great time was had by all.

The **August Corn Boil** at Boathouse Beach was a great success with many residents with their family and guests in attendance. If you missed it, be sure to plan to join with us next August for this wonderful chance to meet and mingle with our neighbours.

The **Sailing Club** finished the year with the annual Labour Day sailing party. Both sailors and a number of social-only members attended this party hosted by Christopher Sweeney.

This year the Lac Sir John sailing trophy, originally donated by Cliff Sweeney, and later renovated by his son, Christopher, was awarded to Doug Dempster. The sailing club made a special presentation to John Bishop, who was appointed Honorary Lifetime Commodore for active participation in sail racing on the lake for more than four decades.

Of course, the sailing club (like all other Lake Sir John social activities) is open to all lake residents. (No experience necessary. If you don't have a boat, several others would welcome a new crew member to help.) In fact, Chris Vroom is making arrangements to have a spare Sunfish sailboat available for the upcoming year. Any resident or indeed one of their visitors

who would like to join one or more of our Sunday races in 2014 should contact either Doug Dempster, Commodore, at [Douglas.dempster@hotmail.ca](mailto:Douglas.dempster@hotmail.ca) to make arrangements. While the Sunfish is simple and fun to sail, the club would be pleased to provide coaching if so wished.

The **Lac Sir John Dinner Club** is also open to all and a great opportunity to get to know more of your neighbours, as well as dine fantastically. It meets on the last Saturday night of the month (October-May). Diners are assigned at random to various houses and a different theme of international cuisine is chosen for each dinner. The host house prepares the main course and coffee. Others bring either hors d'oeuvres or the salad or the dessert, as well as a bottle of wine.

If you would like to try out the dinner club, please contact Ross Cole. At [ross.cole@yahoo.com](mailto:ross.cole@yahoo.com).

The **Lac Sir John Symposia**. This discussion group meets during the summer months at various members' houses. Our symposia themes cover a wide range of interesting topics. A few readings and discussion focus questions are sent in advance. Then the discussion commences at Happy Hour, accompanied by wine, sangria, ouzo, etc. and nibbles. Traditionally, it has been followed by a pot luck dinner where the main theme plus other topics are discussed. Symposia topics this last summer included "Identity and Ethno-genesis", "Trade Unions" and "The Mind". All are welcome! If you would like to participate in 2014, please contact Susan Anastasopoulos at [sanastass@gmail.com](mailto:sanastass@gmail.com).

The **Entrances' Gardening Group**. This summer our three road entrances are to be landscaped. When this work is completed, we will be looking for volunteers to participate in a gardening group that attempts to maintain the beauty of the three entrances to Lac Sir John. If you would be willing to volunteer to help maintain the entrances, please contact Susan Anastasopoulos at [sanastass@gmail.com](mailto:sanastass@gmail.com).

The Annual **Lac Sir John Christmas Dinner** was held at O'Petit's restaurant in Morin Heights on a snowy evening this last December with lots of holiday cheer. Of course, all are welcome and encouraged to attend (with your families and guests) next year.

### **Upcoming Spring Lake Sir John Dinner**

Everyone in the lake community is invited to join together in a celebration of spring – a Spring dinner will be held on Saturday, April 26. 18:00 at La Grange in Morin Heights. If you can attend, please let Kathy and Ross Cole know before April 21. They will be making the group reservation. Email [ross.cole@yahoo.com](mailto:ross.cole@yahoo.com).

### **Past Memorabilia: Photos ,Stories and Miscellaneous Documents from Our Lake Community**

In this new addition to the newsletter, residents are invited to share memorabilia from our lake community's history. If you have an interesting old document, photo, etc. please send it to the editor by email ([sanastass@gmail.com](mailto:sanastass@gmail.com)) to be included as an attachment to the next newsletter. Or perhaps you would like to send a very short story account of a lake memory (in French or English).

Quite by accident, your editor recently found an old copy of the brochure from the mid 1960's used by the original developer, Norman Romer, to advertise lots in his development around the lake. Photocopies of this brochure for his "Lake Sir John Estates" are included on the last four pages of this newsletter. It is quite fascinating to see the developer's original intent for Lac Sir John and compare his advertisement with our lake community as it has developed today.

### **New Faces at the Lake**

If you are new at the lake in the last two or three years, please send us a brief note about yourselves for the next newsletter.

If you would like to participate in a small informal welcoming committee for new residents, please contact [sanastass@gmail.com](mailto:sanastass@gmail.com).

### **In Memoriam**

Our long-time lake residents and friends, Eda Andres, Ken Barlow, and Lew Dempster have left us recently. They are much missed.

(If we have accidentally omitted anyone, please let us know so we can mention them in the next newsletter.)

### **Miscellaneous notices and announcements**

[1] Be careful to shred or burn any financial records to prevent identity fraud. A person has been spotted going through the recycling and garbage around the lake.

[2] The mayor of Gore, Scott Pearce, has invited all lake residents, whether they live in Gore or Lachute, to participate in the activities held at the Trinity Community Center at 2 Cambria Road,

Gore. These include exercise classes for seniors on Mondays and Thursdays 11:00-12:00 (\$2.00 suggested donation), a free luncheon by the Gore Seniors Network – “Meet and Greet” on the last Monday of each month at 12:30 (\$5.00 suggested donation), classes in dance, Tai Chi, Yoga, Qi Gong, art courses, etc. You can learn about all the Gore activities in their community newspaper, *The Gore Express* published monthly on the Gore municipal website [www.cantondegore.qc.ca](http://www.cantondegore.qc.ca) .

*The Gore Express* is also an excellent source to learn about environmental issues concerning the Laurentian lakes.

**If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter in the future, please notify the editor at [sanastass@gmail.com](mailto:sanastass@gmail.com) .**

THE NEXT FOUR PAGES ARE FROM THE ORIGINAL SALES BROCHURE OF  
“LAKE SIR JOHN ESTATES” IN THE MID 1960’S

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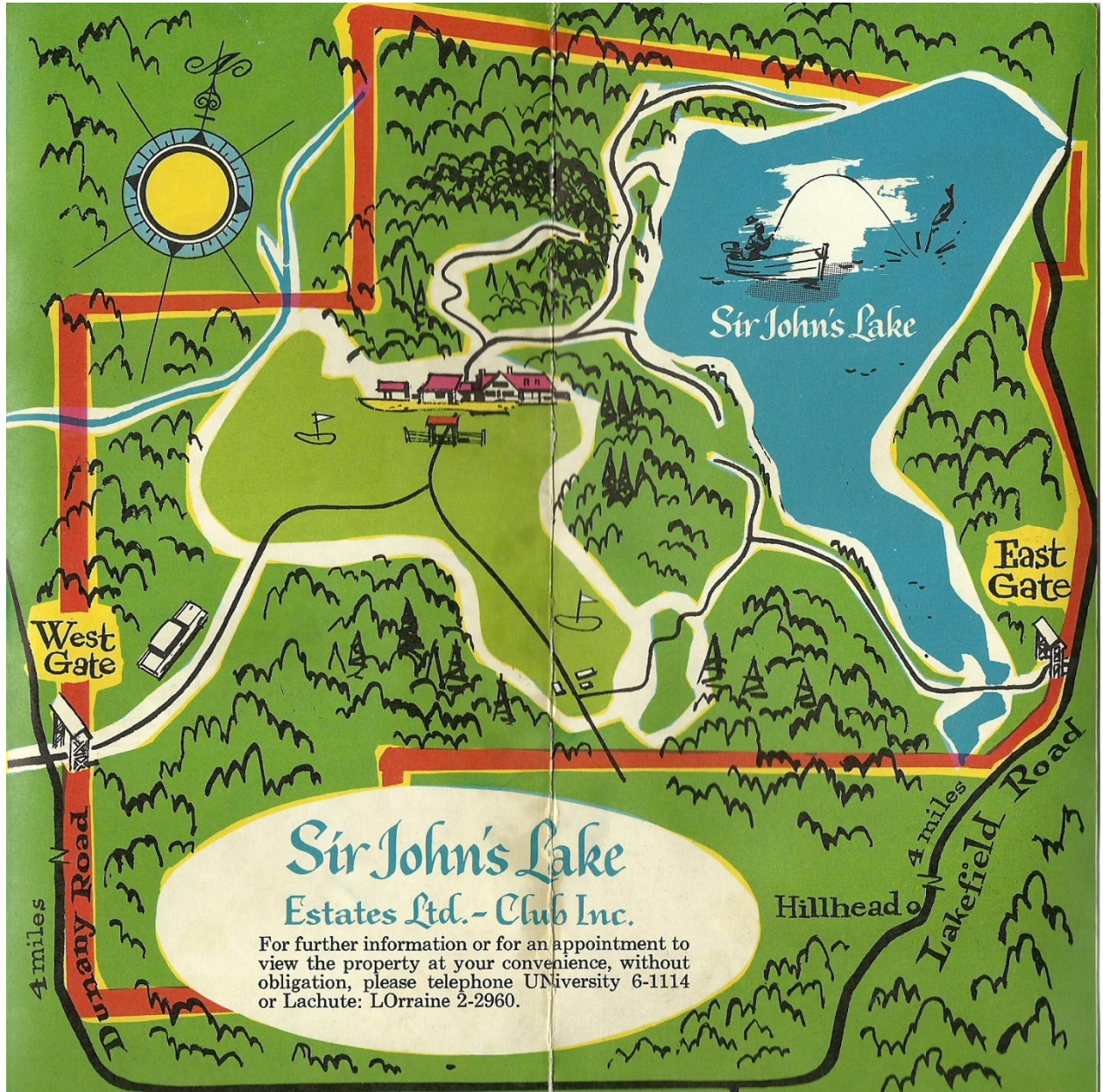
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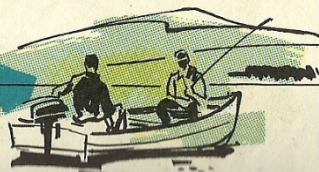
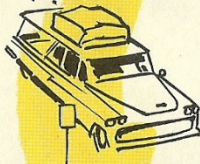
# Sir John's Lake

## Estates Ltd.

Located in the beautiful Laurentian foothills, this 1400-acre estate, including a magnificent 300-acre lake, was originally a Seignory granted to Sir John Johnson in 1812. Since that time the property has remained privately-owned, retaining throughout the years its natural unspoiled beauty, unlike so many other lakes and properties within easy access of Montreal.

A mere forty miles from the Island of Montreal — less than an hour's drive on good paved roads, with no tolls to pay — this lovely estate is as secluded as if it were hundreds of miles from civilization . . . the perfect location for those who wish to escape from the heat and hustle of the city without a long tiring drive, to the quiet restfulness of woods and lake and clean invigorating mountain air.

When you acquire a home-site in Sir John's Lake Estates you are not just buying a "lot" in the country: You are participating in a pleasant way of life amidst beautiful surroundings, where you can roam at will over a thousand acres of your own private Club; and, as property may only be purchased by those who are accepted for Club membership, you are assured of congenial neighbours, and that the value of your property will be protected. At the same time you will enjoy the full use of the many Club facilities.



# Sir John's Lake

## Club Inc.

Carefully modernized to retain its traditional beauty within the graceful structure of a fine old manor-house, the Club is a unique feature of Sir John's Lake Estates . . . serving both as a hub for member-owner's social activity and as a comfortable hostelry, wherein members and their guests may be accommodated and entertained. Membership is limited and exclusive — restricted to those who share the same interests and enjoyment of life.

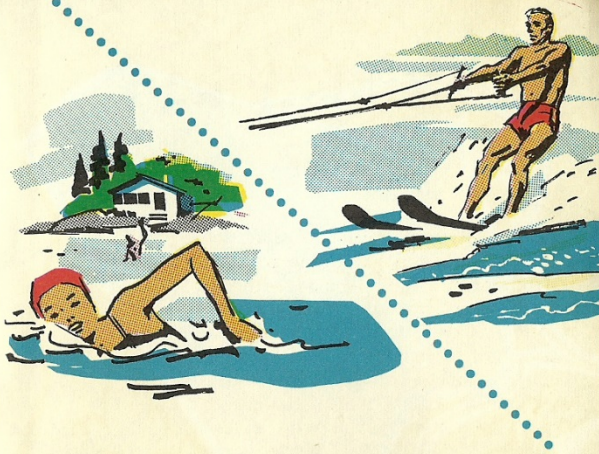
Facilities include bedrooms for up to twenty guests (you may wish to stay there while supervising the building of your home); family-style cuisine; varied refreshments; spacious lawns for outdoor relaxing; playroom for games and dancing.

The private lake provides swimming, boating, water-skiing, bass-fishing; there is speckled trout fishing in a stocked pond and streams; riding-stables where you may keep your own horse, or rent one to enjoy the many miles of beautiful bridle-paths. A nine-hole golf course, tennis-courts, and skeet-shooting range are being prepared; and for the golf enthusiast there are two championship eighteen-hole courses available at the famous Lachute Golf Club within ten minutes drive.

In fact, everything you need for gracious country living is here for you to enjoy!

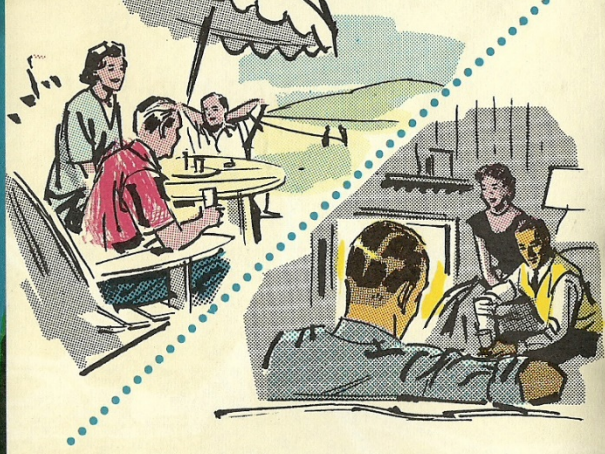






All summer long there is swimming, water-skiing and boating on the beautiful private lake, with safe beaches for the youngsters...

Bass-fishing on the lake, fly-casting for speckled trout, golfing, riding, hiking — there is always lots to do for the energetic...



Spend lazy days relaxing in the sun — and pleasant evenings before a cosy log fire, enjoying the company of congenial friends...

For evenings or rainy days there is table-tennis, darts, and dancing. Also planned entertainment every weekend...

