

## GLA Picnic Celebrates Summer

The Gifford Lake Association (GLA) Annual Meeting/Picnic took on added excitement this year under the direction of first-time co-chairs Adam Gordon and Brian Marton.

More than 100 members and their families took part in the activities on Saturday, July 6 on Morin's Beach.



*Above: Members dig in to the bountiful buffet!*

Adam said he didn't want to mess up a good thing and hired the Smoke Wrangler once again to expertly prepare the main course of smoked turkey, pulled pork and sausage. Members brought assorted side dishes and desserts.

"The pulled pork was a big hit," Adam said. "I'll order more next year to make sure everyone gets some."

Brian Marton kept things lively before the picnic with hysterical play-by-play of the paddle boat and kayak races as well as the run-around-the-lake competition.

"Try to keep your feet dry," Brian told the two participants in the running race.



*Above: Sailboats competing in the time trials before the picnic.*

Meanwhile, Amy Schulz and Georgia Donovan announced the winners of the sandcastle contest and conducted a bunch of kid games to keep younger participants entertained.

After the picnic, GLA President Doug Nienhuis conducted the association's annual meeting.

"It's been a good year with many members stepping up and becoming more active participants in our association," Doug said. "The executive committee truly appreciates everyone's interest and support."

Trustee Jim Redd was one of those members who put in extra effort. His evening fireworks display was booming and colorful and brought cheers from all those enjoying a beautiful night on the beach.

### **Competition Winners Take Home Prizes**

Nearly 25 members and their families participated in the kayak, sailboat, paddleboat races and the Gifford run-around-the-lake competition. For the younger bunch, there was a sandcastle competition and all sorts of games. And everyone was challenged by the Gifford Lake Trivia Contest.

#### **Kayak Race**

Lucas Gordon

Prize: A \$20 Gift Certificate to Baldwin Lanes

#### **Paddleboat Race**

Logan Cieszkowski

Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate to Baldwin Lanes

#### **Gifford Run-Around-the-Lake**

Aiden Cieszkowski

Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate to Baldwin Lanes

#### **Sailboat Race**

Kelly Marton

Prize: Commodore Flag

### **Sandcastle Contest Winners**

Octopus Castle by Jocelyn O'Brien and Tami Schnetz

Stonework Castle by Andrew and Adalyn Coons

Mermaid Castle by Gwen Ganem-Redd and Culver Ganem-Redd

Monster Jam by Wyatt and Maverick Getty

### **Gifford Lake Trivia Contest**

Gifford Ness Monster Team composed of Ethel and Fred Resh, Mary Hefferan, Barb Nienhuis, John Stegmeier and Georgia Donovan.

Prize: Three-hour Pere Marquette Rafting Trip for six from Baldwin Canoe Rental

Congratulations to all winners and participants and thanks to our gift card sponsors.



*Some of our Picnic Competition Winners Include: (L to R) Mary Hefferan (second place, Run-around-the-lake); Andrew Coons (Sandcastle contest); Adam Gordon (Picnic co-chair); Lucas Gordon (Kayak race winner); Aiden Cieszkowski (Run-around-the-lake winner); Logan Cieszkowski (Paddleboat race winner)*



Above: The Gifford Ness Monster team won the Trivia Contest. Pictured left to right: Mary Hefferan, Ethel Resh, Fred Resh, Barb Nienhuis, Georgia Donovan and John Stegmeier.



*Above: Brian Marton presents the Commodore flag to Sailboat Race winner Kelly Marton. First Mate is Kelly's daughter, Evie.*