



# THE GREAT LAKES GRAND BANKS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS FROM THE NORTH



**A little bit of snow never bothered anyone!**

### **GREETINGS TO ALL HANDS**

**T**his is the time of the year when our members are scattered all over hell's half acre, as grand pappy used to say. The largest contingent seem to be in southern Florida, somewhere along Hurricane Alley. I shouldn't say that, since all of them have come through the annual blows reasonably unscathed.

For us, we succumbed to my brother's invitation to southern Arizona. Not a Grand Banks anywhere to be found. No water—anywhere. Even jack rabbits have to pack a canteen down there! Sunshine? Yep: for all twelve days. One bloke had an old snow shovel on his lawn, with a sign attached that read "Rust In Peace". Now, back to reality.

**T**his Association would like to express a sincere debt of gratitude to Fred and Patti Foy, who are now completely and officially retired from the position of secretary and treasurer of the GLGBA. They have been in this capacity since the cows went to pasture. Robert and Diane Falk now fulfill these two positions.



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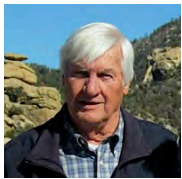
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To Desolation Sound

## EDITOR'S DESK



Yep, that's me. Some folks figured that since PassageMaker and Lakeland Boating had a mug shot of their editor and publisher in their magazine, our newsletter should follow suit. Perhaps it's a way to identify the rascal to chase down when things go off kilter. I wonder if I had dressed up in a tuxedo, if it would have reduced the incidence of possible flack! Or, better yet, if we had selected a photo of, say, Chevy Chase, if that might have served as a reasonable decoy. Whatever, you pay your dues and take your chances. **Happy New Year** to ALL!

**Membership Cards**—New for 2012, by Robert Falk

Welcome aboard! Enclosed with this issue of our award-winning newsletter is your 2012 Membership Card in the Great Lakes Grand Banks Association. If you are a past member, The Board of Directors extend their thanks for renewing your membership for 2012. If you are a new member, you will find the GLGBA to be a friendly and inclusive group, united by our love of boating and especially the Great Lakes. Your membership entitles you to five issues of the newsletter... Access to the Members Only section of our newly-redesigned website (visit [glgba.org](http://glgba.org))...An invitation to the 2012 Rendezvous to be held in Parry Sound, Ontario July 26 - July 28... And much more. 2012 looks to be a very exciting year for the GLGBA and we are glad to have you with us.

## Meanderings

I now know why people own boats in general, and why folks own live-aboard, luxurious Grand Banks trawlers in particular. It all relates to what is known as the game of golf.

When we were visiting my brother, in southern Arizona over New Years, I witnessed an interesting phenomenon. It began in the early morning, when I went for a pre-breakfast trot around the neighbourhood. Temperatures were in the 40's that time of day—balmy for a Canadian. Folks would be out for a power walk, wearing ski jackets, mitts and woolen toques pulled down over their ears. They asked inaudible questions through chattering teeth, when they saw me in a tee shirt.

This is the time of day when golfers began their self-imposed torture of hitting the fairways when the morning dew is heavy enough to make splashing sounds. (The only green stuff in Arizona is a golf course).

Demonstrating the reported virtues of golf being a game of extreme exercise, these duffers walk the ten steps from their vehicles to an electric powered ATV, commonly known as a golf cart. They, too, are donned out in Thinsulite jackets, scarves, mitts and woolen toques: perhaps anticipating an unexpected blizzard before the morning is out.