

Otsego Lake Association to hold annual meeting

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Staff Report

The Otsego Lake Association will have its 2015 annual meeting Saturday at historic Otsego Golf Club, "Top of the Lake," at 144 Pro Shop Drive in Springfield Center off state Route 8.

A full program of topics related to Otsego Lake past and present will be offered from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will begin with coffee, doughnuts and a business meeting, including election of officers and the presentation of the Lake Citizen Award.

Following the business meeting, Otsego Golf Club president John Reynolds will present a short program on the club, established in 1884, and one of America's oldest courses.

Professors Cindy Falk and Will Walker of the Cooperstown Graduate Program will present a slide show, "Shaping Otsego Lake: Roads, Docks, and Dams," using images of from NYSHA's Smith-Telfer and Florence Ward photography collections.

Paul Lord of the State University College at Oneonta Biological Field Station, will provide updates on OLA's efforts to establish a permanent boat washing station in the village of Cooperstown and discuss recent activities of the BFS dive team.

Peter Booth of Oneonta, a drone expert who is pursuing a degree in geographic information systems, will present updates on the Biological Field Station's newly acquired drone to monitor mud flow washing into Otsego Lake.

Tim Pokorny, fish biologist from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, will present research on the Otsego bass on Lake Otsego.

The event will also feature a silent auction. A tour of the clubhouse and a drone demonstration will follow the meeting. As seating is limited, participants are encouraged to bring folding chairs, organizers said in a media release.