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“Dedicated to promoting the welfare of Pine River Pond and its environs.”

Founded 1986

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: by Joe Carriere

Welcome back from a long, cold and deep winter--a snowmobiler’s dream come true! The spring has been incredibly warm and equally dry which has the lake very s-l-o-w-l-y coming back to full capacity. Though the water level may be slow on the uptake, your PRP staff has been busily preparing for the summer season. Our new website is very close to bringing us into the digital age and following a little staff training and wring-out, it should be making a phased implementation over the summer. We’ve also been working on our small business partner coupons and we’re happy to report that this year we have established even more partnerships which become effective July 1st. But perhaps the most exciting event to report is that the Daniels’ (Tom & Shelly) have ‘adopted’ the PRP store and have done so in a BIG way. They have brought in many new items we’re sure you’ll love, and perhaps best of all.....the store now takes ‘plastic!’ So if you’re looking for something to do, go visit the store by boat or car, meet Tom and Shelly, and by all means.....use that plastic and buy with reckless abandon! In closing, I ask that if you have a new neighbor

this year, please print or email this newsletter for them so we can help welcome them into our tight knit community. Bless you all for the great support!

ANNUAL MEETING – Sat., July 11th – 9:30 a.m.

The annual meeting will be held at the lake home of Mark and Tracey Kolb at 87 Olde Pine Road, which is at the SE end of the lake off Route 153. This was the site of many former PRP meetings and was the former home of Mary Richards. We ask that you bring a chair and we’ll have a PA system so we can all hear. We appreciate the Kolb’s willingness to do this for our association.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCEDURE:

A renewal request was sent via association e-mail in early April and another on 30 May. Based on these requests, we have received around 157 renewals. Renewals are due by June 30th. For non-e-mail folks, a renewal application accompanies this newsletter. Please return promptly and don’t forget to make a generous fireworks donation! In case you’re wondering what the dues pay for, a small amount goes for operating expenses and donations (Loon Protection Committee, NH Lakes Assn, etc) but the bulk goes into our invasive weed fund. If we are ever “invaded” it can become a costly battle! Our estimate is that we currently have enough to cover about 1.5 years of remediation.

PRP "STORE": submitted by Tom Daniels

The first “official” weekend of The Pine River Pond store, at its new location, 500 Pinewood Shores, was outstanding. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to introduce themselves, see everything new, and support our Association by purchasing Pine River Pond merchandise.

The new store location is mid-lake, between the sandbar and Little Gluek Island. Don’t know where that is? We have a PRP Store sign and “Open” flag out on our dock and Pine River Pond maps on sale for just \$8.00. These great maps, drawn by Maureen McCarthy, are also for sale already framed and ready to hang on your cabin wall. All the great classic Pine River Pond items: books, sweatshirts, t-shirts, sport shirts, hats and aforementioned maps are in-stock. Lots of new colors to pick from and add to your wardrobe! We also have some great new items: Fleece Jackets (men and women), Wine Glasses (\$8), Ceramic Coffee mugs (\$7) and Stainless Steel Travel mugs – (\$9). Going to hang out at the Redneck Yacht Club? Stop by the store first to pick up some of new Pine River Pond Coolers/Koozies (\$3). Bring the whole family! We have an assortment of ice cream for those that are ready to start the summer. We all know that kids enjoy ice-cream –rain/shine, hot/cold, for breakfast or lunch.

Want to get something special for that special person, but don’t know what size? Pine River Pond Store Gift Certificates are now available. The PRP store will be open Saturday’s from 9-12am and Sunday’s from 10-2 beginning June 13-14th and now accepts credit cards.

We look forward to meeting everyone and having another great summer at PRP.

Tom & Shelly Daniels
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PRP WEBSITE UPDATES:

At last year's annual meeting, you may recall we discussed updating our website to bring our members increased capability and better user experience. Well that day will soon be upon us. It took us some time to capture all our requirements to send out for bid, and we are weeks away from launching the new look after the PRP Officers get trained on how to use/maintain it. There is a significant amount of new capability to make the members and volunteer staff's life easier, and our plan is to roll out the capability in incremental stages to keep everyone in their comfort zone. We're excited about the new site and we hope to bring you richer content and the opportunity to make life easier so you have more time to relax on the lake. With the new site, you'll be able to peruse a great number of items, but you'll find even more benefit if you're logged on as a member. The new site will have username/password, and once we do bring up the new website and load everyone's information, you will receive an email to 'reset your password.' We have no insight to anyone's password, so if you do ever 'forget' your password, you'll just hit the 'forgot password' prompt and a new temporary random/anonymous one will be sent by the system. It should be as easy as any other website you log on to, but should you have an issue, we'll be here to help. Stay tuned!

PRP WEB PAGE: www.pineriverpond.org

Thanks to Dave Lee Jr. for maintaining the website for the last few years. As President Joe has mentioned in his message a new website is close to being ready.

PRP GOLF TOURNAMENT: Submitted by Don Cormier

The results for the 2014 Tournament were posted in the December newsletter. Thanks for all that participated. For 2015 there will be no formal PRP tournament. However, if there are any teams that would like to promote an informal tournament, call me (Don) at 603-522-3292 and we'll see what we can come up with. Last year was the 25th annual tournament and I'm blessed with the memories of fun times we had in those years that flew by! The number of participants has been declining over the years however, but we'll try one more big push in 2016 to see if we can get the community together. I hope we get the draw, but if not, perhaps we open the event up to the town and establish it as a charity tournament for 2016. I'll keep you posted on that. Thank you.

FIREWORKS - Sat, July 11th 9:20 PM: by Doug Stewart

Last year's fireworks program worked out well, so this year will be a repeat where Atlas Fireworks will set off the display from a barge in mid-lake in roughly the same position. Due to popular demand a larger show has been requested with a cost of \$7,250. Remember this when you make your fireworks donation and consider adding another \$5.00 or \$10.00 to your donation. Weather consideration (rain or high winds) is at the discretion of Atlas Fireworks. We'll try to notify you of any changes via e-mail. RAIN DATE IS Saturday July 18th - same time. Don't forget your donation.

IMPORTANT: During the show, boats must remain back about 300 feet or the show will stop!

REMINDER – 150 FT MARKER BUOYS:

Make note of the two 150 foot marker buoys on the lake. These give a visual clue of the allowable distance in the "safe passage law". If you're closer than that to the shore, a swimmer or another boat, slow down to headway speed. If you don't, the man in green may pay you a visit.

LIGHTS AND THE NIGHT SKY:

Do you have a bright light shining out onto the lake? Consider shading it or turn it off when not needed, since this may spoil night vision for boaters and star-gazers.

LOON NEWS: Loon Update submitted by Dave Lee

We have a mating pair of loons on the pond and on May 19th they laid an egg on a sandy spit of beach on an island. Due to the low level of the pond there was concern that the egg would be washed away once the pond starts to rise. Several calls were made to the Dam Bureau and the Loon Preservation Committee as to possible option to enable a successful hatch. It was further observed that the egg appeared to be abandoned so it was marked to be sure it was not being turned. Since that confirmed it had been abandoned, the LPC was notified and harvested the egg for further study on May 30. While we like to see a chick hatched early in the season when the lake is quieter, it is still not too late for another nesting attempt to be made.

If a successful hatch occurs, a plea for loon watch volunteers will be sent out.

LAKE WATER TESTING:

Dave Boisvert has volunteered to take Dave Lee's place for this important function and thanks to Dave Lee for handling the transition. Based on earlier requests for volunteers, Dave Boisvert let us know that he has had a good response so he is all set for the time being. We look forward to reading the results of these tests. The water testing is conducted with the guidance of scientists from UNH who take the various samples back to their lab for analysis.

WEED WATCH: Submitted by Cindy Pfeiffer

Weed Watch (invasive Milfoil, Hydrilla and much more) - The Kickoff Meeting for the Weed Watch Volunteers took place on Sat 5/23. Amy Smagula, DES Exotic Species Plant Coordinator presented the group with a lot of information! We are in the process of mapping out the shoreline that our current group of volunteers will monitor one day per month for the months of June, July, August & Sept. We still need help - we have a lot of shoreline to cover with all of our islands and coves. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cindy Pfeiffer at cindy_pfeiffer@verizon.net

WEEDS..Continued:

Last summer we became aware of an unusually thick growth of weeds in the two bog/coves at the Rte 153 end of the lake. Also, after the fall drawdown, another patch was found in a depression on the NW side of Bass Point near a

seldom used boat launch. Samples from all three locations were sent to Amy Smagula at the DES who, through DNA testing, found this plant to be a version of **native** milfoil. We have learned that since this species is native to NH (but not necessarily Pine River Pond) the DES exotic weed department does not seem to consider it a threat. However through the weed watch group and any interested individual it will be closely monitored and if it shows signs of spreading please notify Cindy Pfeiffer so we can determine what our options are.

PUBLIC ACCESS and MILFOIL CAUTION:

We're very concerned about invasive species of weeds and animals so PLEASE...check your boat and trailer BEFORE you launch it. Even a stem can start the cycle. As you should be aware there is no PUBLIC launch site on the lake though there are many private sites. The Lord Road access is owned by the Pine River Association (the development on the nearby hill) and they allow PRP members with deeded water rights to launch there but there is NO PARKING so transients cannot use this.

REMINDER TO BE "LEGAL":

We all love a campfire but you need a *campfire* permit. These can be obtained from the Safety Building in Sanbornville or State Line Garage in East Wakefield. It is advisable to call the business lines first. Permits can also be obtained online at: <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/>. There is a fee for on-line permits but locally issued ones are free. Don't forget your boat registrations and fishing licenses as well.

LOST AND FOUND, "FOR SALE" & TIMELY

LAKE RELATED UPDATES: Contact Dave Lee Sr. (prpassociation@roadrunner.com) and he will "broadcast" information to our on-line group as necessary. This valuable, time-sensitive service is only for lake-related matters and for MEMBERS only. The PRP Assn reserves the right to decide what is appropriate.

LAKE HOST PROGRAM:

The lake host program is back again this year. The ramp will be staffed Saturdays and Sundays by our returning lake hosts, Mike Wons and Sinead Gaynor. Jim Fitzpatrick is also volunteering some of his time in order to help run the program. The intention of this program, to keep invasive species out of our lake (such as milfoil), has been highly successful as the lake is still free of these species. With the help of boaters who regularly clean their boat before entering a waterbody, it can stay this way.

NEW NEIGHBORS? If you have new neighbors, they may be interested in the PRP Association. When you have the chance, introduce yourself and mention the PRP Assn. and our web site. If you have an address (snail-mail or e-mail), let an officer know so we can welcome them too. You may want to print out a newsletter so they can get a handle on what goes on in our special place.

ICE OUT CONTEST:

Ice out this year was more normal with an ice-out time and date of 7:00 PM Sunday evening April 19. Actually it's hard to define what "normal" is any more. Two years ago ice-out was March 23 and last year it was April 19th as well. This year the last bits of ice left in the vicinity of Dog Leg Island. We have one winner of the \$100 prize. FYI, my definition of "ice-out" is when the lake is *essentially* free of ice. This provides some needed flexibility. The winner will be announced and prize awarded at the annual meeting.

CRIBBAGE LEAGUE: For you cribbage fans, there is a Monday and Tuesday league that plays at the Poor Peoples Pub from September to March. If you're interested let Howie Knight or me know and we'll refer you to the organizer.

PASSAGES

We were saddened to learn of the passing on January 2 of **Ruth Armbrust**, wife of past PRP President Bob Armbrust. We were recently informed of the passing in recent months of **Richard Sheldon** of Chandler Lane. We also learned that in the last year **George Leader** had died. On July 20, 2014
We extend our sympathies to their families.

Please have a safe and healthy Summer!

Bob Lundgren, Editor

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Membership Benefits

Pine River Pond Membership Enables and Provides:

- A cohesive approach to significant issues impacting the Pine River Pond Community
- A lake-wide monitoring program for noxious weeds
- A comprehensive water sampling and testing program
- Support for local small businesses with reciprocal preferred discounts for members
- Best-in-class annual summer fireworks display
- An community wide email system for community awareness and personal classifieds
- Exclusive merchandise at the Pine River Pond clothing store
- The annual Pine River Pond Ice Out contest
- Publication and distribution of the bi-annual PRP Newsletter
- An owners / visitors / renter's guide for peaceful, fun and safe lake enjoyment
- PRP association membership in the NH Lakes Association
- PRP association membership in the Loon Preservation Society

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