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

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: by Joe Carriere

Welcome back from a short, warm and relatively snowless winter—a snowmobiler’s nightmare! Ice-Out came quickly and the dam boards went in so the lake is full and boating season is full throttle (except within 150’ of shore that is). The water temperature is already above 72 degrees so put on a suit and ‘jump on in.....the water’s fine!’. The PRP store is open and stocked with many new items, so stop on by and check out the goods. The store now takes ‘plastic’ so it’s even easier to load up on all the newest PRP merchandise. There is also a fireworks donation box at the store for those that wish to support our unparalleled private show. Please help us keep the fireworks tradition alive and contribute with your membership and/or at the store. If you’re new to the pond,

welcome aboard and see you at the store! For our longstanding members, welcome back! This year we will have a few Board and Executive Officer positions opening up and we’ll be looking for a few to step forward in the spirit of community and take the reins. In closing, I’d like to thank all the members for your support and the Board and Executive Officers for your selflessness. Together we make a great community like no other!

ANNUAL MEETING – Sat., July 9th – 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 working 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 has been sent via association e-mail in early June. 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. Please note that applications can be processed at the PRP “Store” during business hours. Bring your completed application along with your check for dues and fireworks or pay via PayPal with a credit card.

PRP "STORE": submitted by Tom Daniels

The PRP Store is now open for the season! Shelly and I had a fabulous time getting to meet so many wonderful people from around the lake last summer, and hearing so many great Pine River Pond stories (legend or lore?). We are fully stocked up on all the best sellers (t-shirts, baseball hats, sweatshirts and jackets) and based upon your suggestions, have added a number of new items (Women’s T-Shirts (\$20), “Relax, Enjoy” T-Shirts (\$12-20), Guide Hats (\$20), Winter Hats (\$12), etched Bistro Mugs (\$14), Wine Glasses (\$13) and glass Christmas ornaments (\$15), PRP Car Stickers (\$3), hand towels (\$10) and tote bags (\$15).

Have a new neighbor? A PRP book or PRP map make great house warming gifts. Not sure what to get that special person? How about a PRP Store Gift Certificate! PRP Store hours will be Saturday’s from 10-12 and Sunday’s from 10-2 and we accept all credit cards, checks and good old cash. We will also be hosting our 2nd Annual “free lunch” with hot dogs, chips and lemonade on Sunday July 3rd from 10-2. So, please be sure to stop by on July 3rd, grab a free hot dog, meet some of your lake neighbors AND check-out all the great items at the PRP Store. We will fly the “Open” sign from our dock as well as posting open signs on our beach and driveway to let you know you found the right place. We have at least 1 spot on our dock for guests and a big sandy beach if you want to just pull your jet ski or pontoon onto our beach.

Remember that all proceeds from the PRP store go to the PRP Association. So, support the PRP Association that helps to protect our lake for all of us to enjoy.

See 'ya round the pond!

Tom & Shelly Daniels

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PRP WEBSITE UPDATES: submitted by Joe Carriere

Horseshoes, Hand Grenades and Websites:

Go ahead Charlie Brown, kick the football..... So our website didn't quite make the schedule we contracted for, so we are temporarily stalled at Phase One. Phase One allows us to make more information available to our members than our old site had, but is just a fraction of the functionality yet to be activated. We are currently working out the kinks to import our membership spreadsheet to support member log-on and automated email messaging, so please ignore any system generated emails you may receive (e.g. your email and password have been updated, etc.). Any support from members who have WordPress experience to offer would be greatly appreciated to speed up the process, as we're moving at the speed of learning 'WordPress for Dummies' and so far the title has been pretty accurate. We'll get there, and I ask for your patience.

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

2016 will mark the 5th year of the "new" fireworks location off of a barge at mid-lake.

The shoot will be performed by Atlas Fireworks company on Saturday July 9th (at approximately 9:20 pm). The rain date would be the following Saturday (7/16).

Please remember to provide a wide berth for the show. State rules require that all boats be a minimum of 250 feet from the barge.

The cost of this year's show is \$7250. For those members that continue to donate to this great event...thanks.

For those that do not **please** consider including an additional \$25. or so with your renewal.

Hope you enjoy the show!!!

The finale will be dedicated to Alton Bryant and the generous donations made to our Association by his family and others in his memory.

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: (annual request)

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 Sr

Update as of 6/1/16: There has been no nesting activity this year up to this point. But we are hoping for some soon. The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) made some modification to the access to Ramalu Island in the fall and returned in early May to open the access to the island. We are hoping that these modifications will enable the chick(s) to exit the nest area without any assistance, which has not been the case in the past. We are monitoring the island for any activity and will notify the Association if/when that happens.

If we do have a chick again this year, we will be organizing our Loon Watch Volunteer Program as we have did in years past. I look forward to having more chicks and I hope you will continue to support this program.

LAKE WATER TESTING: Submitted by Dave Boisvert.

The PRP water testing for 2016 began in May and will continue through Aug.. Thanks to our devoted volunteers samples will be collected throughout the summer then analyzed by the University of New Hampshire. This program is important to our efforts to preserve the excellent water quality we now enjoy.

WEED WATCH: Submitted by Cindy Pfeiffer

Weed Watch 2016 kicks off this month with volunteers monitoring shoreline once per month during the months of June, July, August & Sept.

We are still in need of volunteers– if you have a kayak, canoe, other small boat, scuba equipment or love to snorkel – please think about joining. It requires you to be out on the pond just part of 1 day per month with bright sunshine and could potentially be a HUGE return on your investment of time if we locate an invasive species before it has a chance to take hold of our pond. Cindy can be reached at 781-690-0681.

Several of us attended the AWWA (Acton/Wakefield Watershed Alliance) roundtable discussion on 5/7 at the Wakefield Town Hall that included volunteers from most of the lakes in the Acton / Wakefield area. There were informative presentations on invasive species that are currently found in the region along with actual samples to view. It was made really clear just how lucky we are to not have to treat any area of the pond for these invasive weeds. The annual cost these lakes are incurring to cover the variety of techniques used to combat the spread of their infestation, averages from 20K - 40K PER YEAR ! We will continue to monitor both bogs and the Bass Point Boat Launch for the native milfoil that had an overly impressive growth in 2014. We also ask that any new findings of the **Chinese Mystery Snail** be reported as we are trying to keep a record of areas of the pond that this species is found. Currently, the only location that we are aware of is the Lord Road Boat Launch.

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. PLEASE NOTE that after the annual meeting, Dave Lee will no longer be performing this service. Thanks for his many years of service. Any volunteers?

LAKE HOST PROGRAM: Submitted by Jim Fitzpatrick
The Lake Host Program began its 7th year on May 27th by staffing the ramp off Lord Road. Mike Wons, Managing Lake Host will be starting his 4th year and Mat Daniels, Lake Host his 2d year. They will be checking boats, trailers and fishing gear entering and leaving our lake for milfoil and other invasives.

Our Pine River Pond remains free of any invasive vegetation and our property values remain strong as a result. PRP Association membership dues help support this invaluable program. The coverage will be on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

This year Jim Fitzpatrick will be passing the duties of Point Person on to Tom Daniels who, with the help of his wife, run the PRP store. Tom can be reached at 978-880-8055.

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.

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. New

homeowners are entitled to a free first year membership in the PRP Association.

ICE OUT CONTEST:

Ice out this year was the earliest ever with an ice-out time and date of 6:00 PM Friday evening March 18. Lake Winnepesaukee went out on the same day. Actually it's hard to define what “normal” is any more. 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.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES:

As I announced at the last annual meeting, after about 20 years, I am stepping down as the PRP Assn newsletter editor. I am pleased to announce that my Grenier Road neighbor, Bill Oatis has offered to pick up the task. Bill's a very capable guy but if he needs any help with this, I'll be glad to assist him. Bob Lundgren

PASSAGES :

The following people passed away in recent months. We extend our sympathies to their families.

Don Dodge of Crew Road on Jan. 20 2016 leaving his wife Beverly.

Paul Larson of 92 Windy Point Road in late February. He and family were PRP residents since the 1950's

Mark Sheldon of Chandler Lane passed away recently.

Norm Sherwood, former Lee Road resident passed away in Florida in early January.

Wishing you 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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