



P. R. P. Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 98, E. Wakefield, NH 03830

“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 for the beginning of what we hope to be another relaxing and peaceful Summer sprinkled with an abundance of great weather. The past Winter may have been a bit slow, but your PRP Executive Committee has been hard at work -- looking at ourselves. During our Fall Board meeting, I asked our Vice President (Patty Philbrook) to review our organization from soup to nuts to ensure our Bylaws and Board structure meet the requirements for both 501(c)(6) and State non-profit entities. The results of this review were presented to the Board and accepted earlier this spring and Patty was subsequently requested to craft the necessary Bylaw changes to bring us into compliance. The amended Bylaws will be posted to the PRP website Members Section with ample time for review prior to voting the change at the annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING – Sat., July 8th – 9:30 a.m.

The location is not finalized but will be updated on the website and communicated through email and Facebook when established.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL by Tracey Hanlon

The 2017-2018 Membership Application can be found by clicking on the upcoming event New Membership Season link on the website landing page. Membership renewal is \$25 and is due by June 30th. It can be paid by check and mailed to PO Box 98, E Wakefield, NH, or paid at PRP Store by check, cash or credit card. We also encourage Fireworks donations of \$25 which can be included in the payment.

FIREWORKS - Sat, July 8th by Doug Stewart

We have contracted again with Atlas Fireworks for our annual show. This year the date is Saturday July 8 (rain date July 15). As in recent years the show will be held approximately mid-lake and will be shot from a barge. The fireworks are funded through separate donations (vs. through the yearly association dues). Please consider donating to the fireworks when renewing your yearly membership to ensure this event will continue.

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

2017 BOAT PARADE by Tracey Kolb

The 2017 Pine River Pond Fundraiser Boat Parade is on! A permit has been obtained for Sunday, September 3 at 2:00pm. All donations will go to weed prevention and the preservation of Pine River Pond. There will be a collection boat out at the Red Neck Yacht Club sand bar at 1:30pm and the parade will depart the sand bar at 2pm. Decorations are encouraged. This year we encourage spectators to decorate their docks! We will have jet skis following the parade so spectators can flag them down and donate to the fundraiser too.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE by Tracey Hanlon

The PRP Association Facebook page is up and running. If you are a current member of the Association and haven't joined our page - head on over to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PRPAssociation> and click on JOIN. As a reminder, the group page is only for paid members of the Association. If you have adult children that visit you on the lake, remind them that they can get their own membership!

PRP WEBSITE by Joe Carriere and Patty Philbrook

If you are having trouble logging onto the PRP Website, please send an email to VicePresident@pineriverpond.org for help. You will receive an email notifying you when the issue is resolved. Your patience is kindly appreciated while we resolve all issues.

PRP website build-out and refinement continues to move at the speed of 'volunteer'....as in we are still looking for one or more volunteers to help us build a knowledge base and complete the build. The website is built on WordPress and about fourteen plugins, so if you have experience with WordPress, WooCommerce, or Paid Memberships Pro, please step up and reach out to me or Patty Philbrook to help us cross the finish line.

COMMUNICATION by Diane Cobb

With summertime around the corner a lot of activity will be going on around the lake. As Communications Coordinator, it is my responsibility to ensure that all members are receiving my emails in a timely manner. Please ensure that Communications@pineriverpond.org and is on your safe senders list. This will prevent my emails from going to your SPAM or JUNK folder. Several emails have been sent starting in late May. If you did not receive these emails and listed the above as a safe sender, please contact Communications@pineriverpond.org or VicePresident@pineriverpond.org and we will work with you to resolve any issues.

PRP STORE by Tom Daniels

The Pine River Pond Store is fully stocked and ready to start another wonderful summer. It is a great place to meet families and guests from all over, and support the PRP Association from the proceeds raised through sales at the Store. If traveling by boat, we are located mid-lake, between the sand bar and Little Gluek Island. By car, we are at 500 Pinewood Shores.

For 2017, we added more etched items, which continue to be very popular. Now along with etched wine glasses and bistro mugs, there are 16-ounce beer glasses. For those who like to collect shot glasses from places they have visited, we have added etched shot glasses. Of course, there are lots of PRP embroidered clothing - hats, jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, towels, etc. For ALL of us, the PRP Store also carries a variety of ICE CREAM. So, make the PRP Store a destination on your next cruise around the Lake. Shelly and I look forward to welcoming you. The PRP Store will be open the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend from 10-2. Once the summer starts, we will announce our regular PRP Store hours of Saturday from 10-12 and Sunday 10-2. If you can't remember the PRP Store hours, just look for the OPEN sign hanging from our dock. You can also call, text or email any questions (978-880-8055 or tdanielsprp@gmail.com).

LAKE DRAW DOWN by Joe Carriere

Last Fall, there was a lot of discussion regarding lowering the lake level only four feet due to the ongoing drought. There's no doubt that weather patterns are changing and the Dam Bureau is trying to walk a delicate balance in maintaining flood control, minimizing ice damage and ensuring the lake fills in time for summer recreation. In my discussions with the Bureau, they are rethinking strategies of how much to lower the lake, fast/slow drawdown cycles, etc. given the weather's unpredictable change. If there's one thing that's clear about this topic it's that for every dock owner that wants a fast fill, there's one that doesn't and there's no way to make everyone happy. In discussions with the Bureau, they decided last Fall to bring the lake down the full eight feet given the lateness in the season, as a courtesy to prevent possible dock damage even though continued drought was forecast. As the weather continues to be difficult to predict, it would be wise for dock owners to consider mitigation actions to protect their docks (removal, hinge lifting, bubblers, etc.)

should the Dam Bureau change seasonal lake level policy. This year will be a fast draw down, so there should be ample time to take necessary mitigation actions. Please remember that all of our docks rest on State land and are placed at our peril so please consider the risks associated with potential future water level decisions.

SHORELAND PROTECTION by Patty Philbrook

Preventing erosion is essential to protecting Pine River Pond. The natural filter of vegetation, and properly constructed landscaping features control erosion in the Waterfront Buffer zone and help maintain a healthy lake. **Permits are required within the Waterfront Buffer zone** for projects such as walkways, expanding beaches, adding sand to existing beaches etc., and each zone (within 50, 100 and 250 feet of the water) has limitations, restrictions and permit requirements. The Town of Wakefield has a new Shoreland Compliance Officer, Victor Vinagro. The Town, recognizing the importance of water quality to Wakefield's quality of life, now requires that you have a local Shoreline Permit to ensure compliance with NHDES Shoreland Protection Rules (RSA 483-B and Env-Wq 1400 as revised). Victor ensures that the work conforms to the permit issued, and is a great advocate for protecting the Pond. Victor can be reached at 522-6205 X308, and is a knowledgeable resource to answer any questions you may have. The PRP Association welcomes Victor's help in partnering with us and our mission to promote the health, welfare and safety of Pine River Pond, its environment and its inhabitants.

SPRING LAKE WATER LEVEL by Patty Philbrook

The Pond is experiencing very high water levels this year causing greater concern for shoreline erosion. Please be very conscious of your wake while the lake water level is high. Remember - you are responsible for your boat wake and any damage it may cause. Along with the high-water level, navigation hazards (limbs, boards, floats, dock sections) are floating about. Many areas have accumulated items, so if you're missing part of your swim float, a dock, or perhaps a paddle boat, look on the PRP Association Facebook page or on the website classifieds to locate or list any lost items.

LOON NEWS by Carol Lundgren & Cindy Bourinot

Around noon on Saturday May 6th, there was some frenzied activity between loons in the middle of the lake about a half mile south of the dam. After several minutes the noise and agitation stopped but by mid-afternoon a dead loon was found almost washed up by the Lundgren's beach. Carol Lundgren called the Loon Preservation Society and John Cooley arrived within an hour to retrieve the bird. He concluded the death was due to a puncture wound in the soft part of the underbelly. The fatal puncture was likely administered from another loon's sharp beak. John explained that it is common to find evidence of puncture wounds on surviving loons. Since loons use this method to harm or kill foes they spend a lot of time peering underwater to avoid being skewered in turn. The dead loon was a good-sized male (13.4lbs). This battle was most likely a territorial issue. We have seen no nesting activity to date with the high water-level a severe hindrance

LAKE HOST PROGRAM by Tom Daniels

Lake Hosts inspect boats and trailers for invasive species both entering and exiting Pine River Pond via the Pine River Association (PRA) boat ramp. The PRA is gracious enough to allow as a courtesy, PRP Association members and their family and guests, along with vendors picking up and dropping off boats, use of the PRA ramp. Lake Hosts staff the ramp on weekends from 8-6 from approximately Memorial Day through Labor Day. This year we welcome back Mike Wons as a Lake Host. We also have Tori Woods joining Mike. Tori helped cover some open spots last season for us and has experience working as a Lake Host at Lovell Lake. To help provide more consistent ramp coverage, I am looking to create a "call list" of volunteers that would be willing to work 2-hour shifts when our paid Lake Hosts are unable to work. If you are interested in being part of our "call list" please let me know. (978-880-8055 or tdanielsprp@gmail.com)

ICE OUT CONTEST by Bob Lundgren

Another ice out contest was held with a wide variety of guesses. With only a total of 63 entries, the guesses ranged from March 16th at 3:00 PM to May 17 at 10:30 AM. The early guess was reasonable since last year's ice out was March 18th but the one for May was apparently in expectation of the beginning of the next ice age! It was an unusual winter in that January was quite mild but February and March made up for that. The date and time I called for ice out was April 16 (Easter Sunday) at 6:00 PM which made it easy since there were no other entries that day though there were several on the days prior to that. The name of the only winner will be announced and the \$100 prize awarded at the annual meeting.

PASSAGES

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

Janice Doyle, 87, formerly of Olde Pine Rd where her son Steve still resides on October 24.

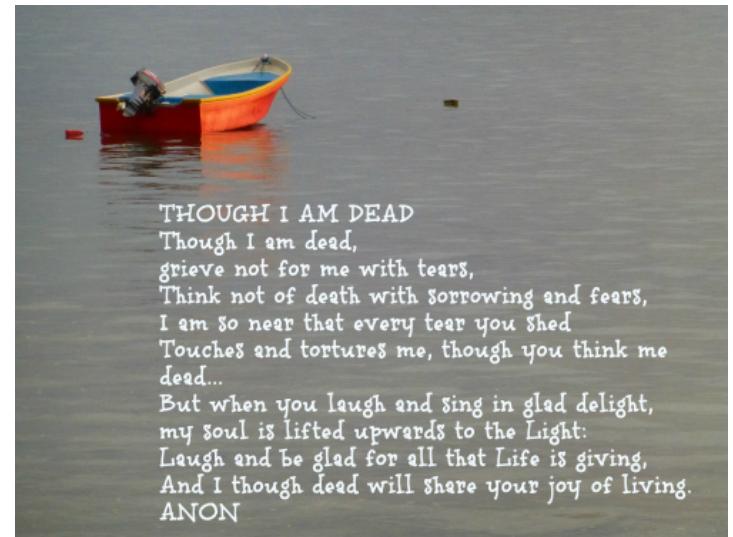
George Cook, 82, of Lake Rd on October 25.

Bob Armbrust, 84, of Virginia Lane on January 18. Past President of the PRP Association.

Rick Thomas, 61, of Lord Rd on February 14 survived by his wife Christine.

Ted Cathcart, 80 of Virginia Lane on March 11 in Naples, Fl. survived by wife June.

Patrick Cullinan, 77, of Camp Rd on April 18 survived by his wife Mary.



Wishing you a safe and healthy summer!

Bill Oatis, Editor