



**P. R. P. Association, Inc.**

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“Dedicated to promoting the welfare  
of Pine River Pond and its environs.”  
Founded 1986

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**June 2013 Newsletter**

**ANNUAL MEETING – Sat., July 13th – 9:30 a.m. :**

**Note NEW location.** This year the meeting will be held in the yard of Bob and Carol Lundgren on 94 Grenier Road off Lord Road. This is next door to the Dunn’s where the PRP “store” is located so shopping will be available! As is custom, please bring your OWN chair and dress for the weather! President Pete Congdon plans to start the meeting promptly at 9:30 a.m. As Pete is concluding his presidency, nominations will be accepted during the meeting. To express an interest in serving, please call Bob Lundgren (522-8235). Pete has done a wonderful job and we all appreciate his service.

**PRP “SHIRTS & MORE SHOP” – SAME PLACE**

Deb Dunn, 110 Grenier Rd (off Lord Rd) is our PRP Shop Keeper! **The Season Re-Opening will be Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (Father’s Day.)** Enjoy fresh muffins, coffee and candy for the kids! **Buy \$50.00 or more PRP apparel in the month of June and receive a free PRP mug!** Regular store hours will be Sundays 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and when the “OPEN” flag is flying. If you come by boat you may use Lundgren’s or Orosky docks. These are the two places to the left of Dunn’s. If you come by car, Grenier Road is a right about 3/10 of a mile down Lord Road – right fork. If Deb is not available, Linda Orosky

(522-8847) can also open the store. Maureen McCarthy’s beautiful artwork and cards will be available again!

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The 2013 PRP Golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 19th, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at the Province Lake Golf Course. It will be a scramble. You may sign up individually or as a team. The cost will be \$65-70. (Province Lake Golf members will be at a reduced rate). To sign up please call Don Cormier at 603-522-3292 (home) or 603-781-4952 (cell). Please sign up early – Don appreciates that!!

**FIREWORKS - SAT, July 13th 9:20 (NOTE TIME!)**

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. Weather consideration (rain or high winds) is at the discretion of Atlas Fireworks. We’ll try to notify you of any changes via the website and/or e-mail. **RAIN DATE IS JULY 20 - same time.** Don’t forget your donation.

**Details are as follows:**

The pre-loaded barges will be launched from the Lord Road launch site opposite the big sandbar and anchored mid-lake from that point. They will be fired electronically. Be sure to keep back from barges during the day and at show time to avoid wakes damaging set pieces. The lake is deep in that area but varies considerably from sandbar depth to 60’-65’ up near Boys Island. However 25 to 40 feet is most common so please be prepared with adequate anchor line.

**Oh, did I mention not to forget your donation?** ☺

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

**REMINDER – 150 FT MARKER BUOYS** There are two marker buoys that visually represent a 150’ distance which is the minimum “safe passage” from shore, other boats & swimmers, within which headway speed is required. Common places I’ve seen where this rule is ignored is between Pound of Tea Island and the shore and Hogback Island and the point. Go fast there and you’re easy pickin’s for the “Man” and his ticket book.

**LOON NEWS:** This year the loons have made us loony!

Returning just before ice out, the LPC (Loon Preservation Committee) was contacted about installing an artificial floating nest and arrangements were made for that to be done as we have had several years of failed nesting due to a lack of suitable shore front. Before that happened, they decided to start a nest on a small beach on Dog Leg Island. At this point the lake was down well over a foot. The new artificial nest was set in place by the LPC after this and it is located adjacent to the original loon nesting island near the east side of the lake. It has a camouflage covering to protect it from the resident eagle. The Dog Leg nest was abandoned in favor of a bit of sand at the edge of Ramalu Island and an egg was laid. Obviously, this was also a fragile spot and that nest washed out in the rains on

Memorial Day weekend. As I write the loons may be looking to re-nest. We hope they choose the floating nest, so stay tuned! Sanctuary signs will be placed once (and if) they nest again, wherever THEY decide! Stay tuned.

#### LAKE WATER TESTING – Seeking New Volunteer:

Barry Fryer has decided to step down as water testing coordinator. Our thanks go to him for his many years of overseeing this service with volunteers. Obviously, we would like someone to step forward to take over this critical role. Hopefully someone will step up before the annual meeting, but if you're interested call Barry at 603-662-2822 and he'll tell you what is involved.

WATER LEVEL ISSUES: The bright side of the terrible weather on Memorial Day weekend was it brought the lake up to nearly "full". I've been in contact with the Dam Bureau since late winter to find out more about the protocol for raising the lake in the spring. They claim they are doing a balancing act. If they try to raise the lake too much before ice-out, there is danger of dock damage from moving ice. Of course this year, with the benefit of hindsight, they were (in my humble opinion) too conservative. The lake is now at midsummer levels so we should be OK assuming we get some normal rainfall to offset evaporation.

WEED WATCH: Due to lack of participation we won't have a "Weed Watch Day" in August. However, in order to remain vigilant, we ask **all kayakers, swimmers & boaters** to be on the lookout for unusual weeds. If you come across something suspicious, carefully note its location, retrieve it and place it in a plastic bag with some water. Then contact an officer of our association.

#### PUBLIC ACCESS and MILFOIL CAUTION:

Nothing new to report - yet. There are many private launching spots on the lake so it is incumbent on all who use them to be SURE trailers and drive systems are FREE of ANY weeds. Local lakes with milfoil are: Belleau's, Wentworth, Balch and Winnepesaukee (especially Back Bay). All it takes is a **STRAND** to infect our lake, create a financial nightmare to resolve and threaten to reduce property values, not to mention spoil recreation.

REMINDERS TO BE "LEGAL": Don't forget boat registration stickers, fishing licenses and dump stickers. In addition, seasonal campfire permits are available at the Safety building in Sanbornville as well as Rte 153 Garage (Rhodie's) in East Wakefield. Permits to burn brush are normally issued only when it's raining, except in winter when there's snow on the ground. Dump stickers are now sold right at the dump. How easy is that? By the way, the "dump" now accepts plastic of most types so keep that separate.

Fishing licenses can be purchased on line and printed on your own printer. NH residents 68 yrs and over can get a free license though these have to be purchased through an

agent. There is a new salt water license requirement (even for those 68 and over). However this is not required for fishing from a party boat.

#### 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. The PRP Assn reserves the right to decide what is appropriate.

#### PRP WEB PAGE: [www.pineriverpond.org](http://www.pineriverpond.org)

Maintained by Dave Lee Jr. If you have pictures you wish to have Dave review for the photo gallery, please e-mail him through the website. Those members who get the newsletter by e-mail will now be directed by e-mail to view the newsletter on our web page. We now have over 175 members in this category saving us a lot of time & \$\$.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND BOAT PARADE- This fun and popular event is no longer officially organized as it requires a PERMIT and I have no idea why. Perhaps it will happen informally and spontaneously. Question -what constitutes a parade? Hmmm?

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCEDURE: Along with this newsletter you'll receive a membership renewal application with return envelope for your convenience (as well as hopefully being an incentive for prompt return to us). Please update information and return with your check for dues and a fireworks donation for this year's show. Why not **DO IT NOW?** If you know of anyone who wants to join, applications can be downloaded from our website: [www.pineriverpond.org](http://www.pineriverpond.org)

Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance (AWWA) is looking for a few new board members and would like a member from Pine River Pond. The Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance, a non-profit charitable organization established in 2005, is dedicated to protecting and restoring the water quality of the lakes, ponds, rivers and streams of Wakefield, New Hampshire and the border region of Acton, Maine. The board's responsibility is to oversee the governance of the organization and act as liaisons between AWWA and the lake associations, town boards, and other organizations that share a common purpose. Some of the board members volunteer to assist with the workings of AWWA by helping with fundraising and publicity, assisting with school programs, or representing AWWA at community functions.

The AWWA board currently meets once a month. Their website, [www.AWwatersheds.org](http://www.AWwatersheds.org), will give you a good idea of the organizations activities and purpose. If you are interested please contact Linda Schier at 603-473-2500 or email: [info@AWwatersheds.org](mailto:info@AWwatersheds.org)

#### ROAD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION NEEDED

The PRP Association would like to know the names and contact information for all the various road association leaders on the lake. In this role, you'll be invited to attend the Spring and Fall PRP Board meetings. Please e-mail [prpassociation@roadrunner.com](mailto:prpassociation@roadrunner.com) with this information.

**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.

**ICE OUT CONTEST** Ice out this year was more normal with an ice-out date of Sunday, April 14. The last bit of ice left in the vicinity of Pound of Tea 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 at annual meeting. Just under 100 guesses were received!

**TAX ABATEMENT ISSUE:** (submitted by Rosemary Stewart) "Our tax abatement appeal is moving along. On May 20th we received notice regarding the town's motion to transfer and consolidate the BTLA appeals and the Superior Court petitioners appeal. The BTLA denied this motion. The town has filed three motions. One to excuse the town from mediation. The second asked the Superior Court judge to join the BTLA with the Superior Court petitioners and the third asking the BTLA to join our cases. All three motions have been denied. On May 6th, we met with Attorney Margaret Nelson, who is representing the petitioners at the Superior Court, and with our expert witness. The expert has performed an independent Market Study of sales on Pine River Pond in the time periods preceding the tax increase. He has also reviewed sales in Wakefield for non-waterfront property and waterfront property on other lakes in Wakefield. His study compares actual sales to assessments and appears to support our case. The expert is now completing the first phase of appraisals of the petitioners' properties. Periodic updates will be issued."

**MARY RICHARDS HAS MOVED** Long time resident of Pine River Pond, co-founder of the PRP Assoc. (1986), past President and Vice President, first ever "PRP Store" manager, Mary has moved to downtown Wakefield – not far away! As a dedicated supporter of all things good for the lake and the Town of Wakefield, we want to take this moment to publicly say deep thanks and appreciation for all of Mary's public service in the past. For sure, her mind and heart will continue to be engaged in important matters. Her phone and email are still the same: 522-6527 and [maryr22@roadrunner.com](mailto:maryr22@roadrunner.com). Stay in touch Mary!

**PASSAGES – Heartfelt Sympathy to families of:**  
*Bill Carney* of Barend Drive

*Doug Schaub* of Michawanic Village  
*John Paragona* of Lake Road  
*Arthur Wheeler* also of Lake Road

We honor these wonderful people who found peace here in the Pine River Pond community during their lifetime.

Please have a safe and healthy Summer!

*Bob Lundgren, Editor*