

The Lovell Lake Association Newsletter

Summer 2020

www.lovelllakenh.org

Letter from the President

Dear friends and neighbors:

When I wrote my first draft of this letter last winter, my plan was to review some of the more noteworthy events of the summer of 2019. I wanted to address the remarkable success of our loon parents raising two chicks to juvenile status; the evolution of our website thanks to the efforts of Marti Ortiz and Ann Howe, that Tom Prindle has agreed to take on the tasks of website manager; and that Chip Hagy was able to expand our Lake Host coverage through the use of volunteers.

Though the preceding events are no less important today, regrettably the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly changed our focus and priorities. As I write this, yesterday the State of New Hampshire became the last New England State to issue a stay at home order for COVID-19, requiring many nonessential businesses to close and residents to limit their movements through May 4. What occurs beyond May 4 is anything but predictable, but it is certain that 2020 will present us with a unique set of challenges.

Many organizations such as ours, NH Lakes, and AWWA have for years played a vital role in protecting the water quality of Lovell Lake. They have done that in large part through the generosity of donations. With the many business closures and the resulting layoffs, it is not unreasonable to expect that the volume of contributed dollars we have enjoyed in past years will be diminished, perhaps significantly. Though our association is on sound financial footing, your donations this year are more important than ever.

While not being insensitive to the suffering of many, and to the social isolation that we are experiencing to minimize the spread of the disease, we hope that we all can enjoy the lake this summer with our families and friends. While you enjoy your summer at the lake, please do your part to limit the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing and hand washing. While many unknowns concerning the direction and impact of the COVID -19 pandemic remain unanswered, the goal of the Lovell Lake Association remains to be an agent to help ensure that our lake remains a treasured resource. Together we will make a difference.

Craig Rowley President, Lovell Lake Association

An Update from AWWA

Jon Balanoff, Director

As we round the corner into spring, there are still many unknowns surrounding the effects of COVID-19. We don't yet know what businesses will be open or when it will be safe to socialize again. Although much remains unclear, I want to take a moment to fill you in on where AWWA stands as of

today and where we expect to be this season.

Our main summer programs are the Technical Assistance we offer to lakefront homeowners, and the Youth Conservation Corp that installs stormwater landscape designs for those homeowners. We have determined that we can still offer technical assistance upon request by respecting social distancing recommendations. As a result, we will still be doing home visits to help people with erosion and runoff concerns, but we will make sure to maintain our six feet of separation. We can also conduct these assessments without a homeowner present, which will further reduce the risk of virus transmission. We intend to continue with our YCC program this summer as well if things get better before July. We are currently hiring our youth crew and scheduling projects throughout the watershed.

In addition to our normal programs, AWWA will be moving forward with our Septic System Replacement Cost-Share Program. We received a grant from NHDES to provide cost-share funding to any New Hampshire property owner on one of the four Salmon Falls headwater lakes (Great East, Lovell, Ivanhoe, Horn). These funds will go to eight residents who we determine to have failing or inadequate septic systems that are impacting lake water quality. Please call AWWA at (603) 473-2500 to find out how to apply for this or any of our programs. You can also obtain further information about our programs at www.awwatersheds.org or email us at info@AWwatersheds.org.

Although much is uncertain, AWWA is still planning on doing everything it can to provide our water quality protection programs during and beyond this global crisis. The needs of our local waters have not changed, and we will be still be working to keep the lakes clean when this pandemic is over. Thanks for all your support, stay safe and healthy and I'll see you on the lake.

Weed Watch 2020

The Lovell Lake Weed Watch will continue again this year with our available WW Team members. If you are not currently a weed watcher and want to help protect the lake, email Dick DesRoches at dickdesroches@yahoo.com.

Ice Out 2020

First, a great big thank you to Chris Sherrill for his many and faithful years of service to the LLA as our official Ice Out expert. For 2020, a team comprised of Kathy Morin, Tom Prindle, and Angie Elliot was assembled to "make the call" on the date of ice out. The team's call was that ice out occurred on April Fool's Day, April 1, 2020. No foolin'!!!

Lovell Lake Water Quality

We have water quality data for Lovell Lake going back over a 30-year period, data that is often used by other lakes as a benchmark for measuring water quality. Over that period water quality has generally been good. However, the current data indicates a continued upward trend for phosphorus, and very low dissolved oxygen levels in the deepest part of the lake. Increasing phosphorus is the cause of the rapid weed growth seen around the lake. The increased weed growth means more organic matter to decompose, which leads to the decreased oxygen level.

Increasing phosphorus levels also contribute to an increasing amount of cyanobacteria observed in Lovell Lake. Cyanobacteria are microscopic organisms found naturally in all types of water that use sunlight to make their own food. Cyanobacteria become a problem when they multiply quickly and form a bloom on the top of the water or a mat attached to the sediment on the lake bottom. These blooms or mats look like pea soup with a scum-like texture. Cyanobacterial toxins in large quantities can cause health problems in humans ranging from skin irritations to damage to the liver and nervous system. Gloeotrichia is the most noticeable type of cyanobacteria in Lovell Lake. You can see colonies of Gloeotrichia in late July through mid-September, they look like small, fuzzy balls with a brownish-yellow color. The levels and types of cyanobacteria in Lovell Lake are monitored every two weeks, June through September. If you suspect a cyanobacteria bloom or mat in the water contact Stephanie or Glenn Thornton at waterquality@lovelllakeNH.org or call 603-630-5470 so that we can collect a sample for identification.

We have the means to control phosphorus and to limit the damage by making sure that no runoff from rainstorms enters the lake. Each lakefront property owner has the ability and responsibility to make sure all rainwater that falls on their property percolates into the ground before any overland flow reaches the lake. See the AWWA article outlining help available from the local experts or contact dickdesroches@yahoo.com.

For more information, the Lovell Lake water quality report for 2019 can be accessed through the following link: https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource008024_Rep11719.pdf.

2020 Lake Host Program

It's time for another great summer at Lovell Lake, and your Lake Host program is in full swing! This is the 18th season that Lake Hosts have been working to protect our special lake. What a testament to the Association, and to our committed and generous membership.

With our collective enthusiasm to get out on the lake during the Covid-19 pandemic, you should know that our Lake Hosts and their safety are paramount. Governor Sununu

has designated Lake Hosts as essential workers, and as such they are required to wear face-masks and maintain social distancing while interacting with the public at the boat ramp. Protecting Lovell Lake from invasive species while also protecting the Lake Hosts is our dual focus for this season.

NH LAKES, which administers the Lake Host program across NH, has worked extremely hard to develop tools and technology to facilitate the hiring, interviewing, and payroll process for Lake Hosts in response to the pandemic. We had a great team last season, and we are fortunate that most of our Lake Hosts are returning this summer. We'll again have an experienced and committed team inspecting in-coming boats.

I would especially like to thank Marlean Porter for stepping up to take over as Program Assistant. This is an important position that involves a lot of work, and I'm thankful that Marlean is bringing her energy and enthusiasm to the role! Just like last year, we staffed the ramp on weekends in May with our wonderful volunteers. My most sincere thanks to Doug & Mary Soares, Fred & Bobbie Goodrich, and Annie Robbins. Their generous offering of time is very much appreciated, be sure to thank them if you see them around town or on the water.

We'll start with our paid Lake Hosts starting on weekends in June. And as we did last year the ramp will be staffed seven days a week from 7:00AM to 7:00PM in July and August. Our volunteers will again be at the ramp on weekends in September. If anybody has time in the fall, and you would like information about volunteering, please contact me at the number or email address listed below.

We all must remain vigilant because Lovell Lake is literally surrounded by waterbodies that are infested with invasive species. Our data collection last year revealed that over 10% of the boats that visit our lake have come from infested waterbodies! The Lake Hosts remain our best and final line of defense against allowing invasive species into the lake. The best way you can support these efforts is to continue to donate as much as you can to the Association, and the Lake Host program in particular, to help us to continue this VERY IMPORTANT effort! Thank you all very much, and have a great summer social distancing on Lovell Lake.

Chip Hagy, Lake Host Program Coordinator
chip.hagy@gmail.com

603-566-6458

Lovell Lake Association Scholarship

The 2020 Lovell Lake Scholarship was not awarded because we did not have any applicants. The scholarship was created to give back to our community and LLA members. The scholarship is open to any college or technical school student who is a resident of Wakefield or Brookfield, NH, or is the child or grandchild of a LLA member. Please encourage qualified students in your life to apply for the 2021 scholarship. Applications are due on April 1st each year, and more information can be found on the LLA website under "News & Events."



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Dear Lake Residents,

As you come back to your Wakefield summer homes, first let me just say **WELCOME!** We are glad you are here and part of our wonderful town community. I am sure many of you have questions about our business and town openings as well as schedules. The following are some information, links, and tips to help guide you, as you look to register your dog or boat etc., are looking to go out to eat, or perhaps play a round of golf.

- **Wakefield Town Hall.** As of this writing we have opened the Town Hall with limited capacity. We are allowing 4 people in the town hall's upper level and 3 people in the lower level (Code, Assessing and Welfare). The door to the lower level will be locked so please call ahead. If you feel you do not need to have person-to-person service, inside the town hall connector you will see a box marked for each department where all business can be conducted. Registrations and licenses can be mailed back to you or you can pick them up even the same day. We strongly suggest calling the town hall first to speak to the department you need for further instructions. Our number is **603-522-6205**, and you will be prompted to the correct department.
- **Wakefield Restaurants.** Each restaurant owner determines how they will open, but as of this writing restaurants can open per the Governor's Stay at Home 2.0 order, which allows take out and outside dining only. June 15th we will see some ability for restaurants to open with 100% capacity inside serving, but with the appropriate distancing.
- **Grocery stores.** Gas stations and retail in town also fall under the Stay at Home 2.0 order. As with all businesses in town, we suggest calling ahead to find out specific policies for each operation.
- **Transfer Station.** Although very busy, the Transfer Station is open with the same hours: Fridays through Mondays 8AM-3PM. Per our Covid-19 Policy, we are keeping contact with our staff and the public at the absolute minimum, and we ask that you read and follow directions of the signs and staff.
- **Parks and Rec.** Sadly this department is closed for the summer, and all programs have been canceled. Discussions for opening our town beach are ongoing.
- **Libraries.** Still closed as of this date, but we encourage you to visit the Gafney Library website (<http://www.gafneylibrary.org/>), it is a great resource for many things in town.
- **Golf.** This is the tough one...Province Lake Golf is now open, but only to members and Maine Residents (the golf course is located in Maine). I am hoping this changes in June but we will have to wait and see. Please call ahead to the course.

Here are some great links to find more information for any questions you might have.

www.nh.gov

www.wakefieldnh.com

In closing, we are glad you are here and continue to choose Wakefield as your vacation and summer home. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Cordially,

Dino A. Scala

Wakefield Town Administrator

(Office) 603-522-6205 X307

Treasury Notes

The generous donations of our members over the years has placed the Lovell Lake Association in a strong financial position. By carefully managing our expenditures and creating reserves for hard times and a war chest for invasive plants and animals, our organization will be able to continue our efforts to protect our lake through these unusual times. The Association has several main areas of focus for protecting our lake:

- Inspecting boats as they enter our lake to help ensure invasive plants and animals are caught before they are introduced into our lake.
- Checking the water quality through testing. Snorkeling and visual inspection of our shoreline to identify any issues in the lake and quality of the water.
- Support of local organizations such as the Wakefield Action Watershed Association (AWWA) that help prevent pollutants from entering our lake.

The results of these efforts are often hard to measure but are seen every time you look into its clear waters, swim and ski without encountering weeds, or just enjoy the early morning breeze as the mist drifts across the glassine surface of the lake.

Other Programs:

- Bob Tucker Memorial Scholarship. Given annually to college-bound area residents and children/grandchildren of our members. The \$1,000 scholarship is funded only from donations specifically identified for the scholarships.

- New Hampshire Lake Association. We are a member of this association. They help with the administrative functions needed for our Lake Host Program and support legislative efforts in New Hampshire.
- Loon Preservation Committee. For those interested in the loons on Lovell Lake, the Association collects donations and annually forwards the money collected to the NH Loon Preservation Committee.

We are Financially Sound

- We live within our annual budget. We are able to pay our bills even though most are due before the annual dues are collected. We have reserves that allow us to continue all our preventative program to protect our lake.
- We continue to keep our annual dues at only \$25. If an optional donation may be outside your current ability, please continue or start your membership at the annual dues level.
- We can do all this because of the generous donations made by our members, community, and town.
- All of our officers are volunteers.

Please thank those on the enclosed Donor List for their generous donations. Your donations do make a difference.

Now more than ever, it is important that every resident on the lake become a member. Please encourage your non-member neighbors to join. Membership forms are available on our website and community Facebook account.

Best Regards,

Alan Heacock

Lovell.Lake.Treasurer@gmail.com

Obituaries

TERRY TUCKER lived a beautiful, accomplished life. She was a loving wife and mother, a brilliant lawyer, a prolific writer, an avid reader, and a lover of nature and music. Terry had a quick, dry wit, a keen intellect, and a kind heart. She was a very dear friend. Terry and her husband Rich are the reason we live on Lovell Lake, having spent many a summer's day at their "Just a Mere Camp." Because of our friendship with them, we decided Lovell Lake was the place for us too!

Terry inspired so many folks throughout her life wherever she lived, whether in New England or in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. She fought a courageous battle with brain cancer for almost five years. She was lovingly supported and cared for by her husband Rich, her son Jak, and her extended family. Her sister-in-law Robyn helped care for Terry in her last days with great compassion before she went home to God. What a blessing! Terry will be so missed by her wonderful family, her many friends, her dedicated co-workers, and most especially by our family. With thanksgiving for a life well-lived!

The Hagy/Dobbins Family
77 Lovell Lake Road
Sanbornville, NH

PERSIS WILKSHIRE HILDEBRANDT, 90, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died April 29, 2020. Mrs. Hildebrandt was born in Cambridge, MA, attending Cambridge Latin High School and then attended Simmons College in Cambridge, graduating with a degree in English.

She and her husband, the late John B. Hildebrandt, had spent their summers on Lovell Lake at a camp built by her parents in 1936. She had come to the lake every summer until she was 87 years old when health issues made the long trip from Maryland difficult. She was active in the Lovell Lake Association and in the early 90's helped put together a cookbook with other lake residents. She always cherished spending summers on the lake with family and friends.

To submit an obituary to the LLA Newsletter, please write to: dickdesroches@yahoo.com

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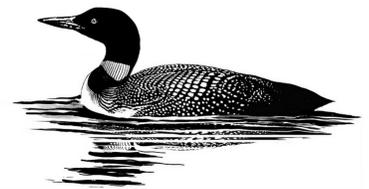
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GIFTS

Memorial & Honorary Gifts
 Lovell Lake Association wishes to thank friends and family for their generous donations in honor of those who cherished Lovell Lake. Why not include LLA as a favorite charity in your estate, will or burial plans? Including LLA in your planning will ensure that the ongoing work to maintain a clean lake will continue for years to come.

Contact:
 Lovell Lake Association
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 Sanbornville, NH 03872



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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



LOVELL LAKE ASSOCIATION

Event Date & Time Location & Contact

Water Testing (volunteer!)
 June - Sept Weekly - Sundays 8:00am - 9:30am
 Stephanie & Glenn Thornton
 saythornton@gmail.com

Weed Watch (volunteer!)
 June - Sept Weekly
 Dick DesRoches
 603-473-2216

LLA Executive Committee Meeting
 Sat. July 11th 11:00am
 Zoom meeting - email susannedesroches@gmail.com for link
 All Members Welcome

LLA Annual Meeting Speaker TBD
 Sat. August 1st 9:00
 Location TBD
 All Members Welcome
 refreshments served at 8:30

Boat Parade Theme:
 Sat. Sept 5th 5:00 PM
 Meet at the waters in front of the campground
 Rain Date: 9/6 at noon

Salute to First Responders - no need to decorate to participate
Prizes will be awarded following the parade

LLA Executive Committee Meeting
 Sat. Sept. 12th 11:00am
 Location TBD
 All Members Welcome

Remember to check out the LLA Website at www.lovelllake.org

Lovell Lake Association

Annual Photo Contest

Will your Lovell Lake picture be selected to be on next year's Membership Sticker?



Possible subjects including the lake's natural beauty, wildlife, lake events, or lake history.

Mail your entry to:

Lovell Lake Association Annual Photo Contest
 PO Box 232
 Sanbornville, NH 03872

Or email to: LovellLakePictures@gmail.com

Include your name, lake address, phone number, picture title, and year taken.