



THE LOVELL LAKE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL 60TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

SUMMER 2023



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, and Happy Spring to all my fellow Lovell Lakers. In our household this time of year is akin to a long Christmas eve as we await the time we can spend at our amazing lake. Our chant becomes “hurry summer”. For others of you the lake is your year-round home. No matter how or when we get to enjoy the lake, the lake needs us to participate in its preservation all the time.

Just because we may not have actually been at the lake doesn't mean the Board of the Lovell Lake Association has been idle. There are so many to whom we all owe a great debt of gratitude for their continuing efforts to preserve this terrific resource for all of us to enjoy. Among the accomplishments of the past year are: an electronic option for paying your annual dues and making donations; an eNewsletter whose frequency allows all of us to remain current on issues that relate to our mission; the establishment of an investment committee to make sure our funds are being put to the best use; and, an updated program for managing budget issues on a day-to-day basis. Please note the use of the word “among”. Established committees continued their invaluable contributions as well. For a number of reasons, we would urge you to go to our website, lovellakenh.org to see what all of these committees do and who to contact to volunteer your time and talent. Besides doing your part to keep our lake the source of enjoyment, you will meet a lot of terrific people. You will have the satisfaction of a job well done and likely make new friends. It's your turn, right? Get involved! Don't sell yourself short by thinking you have nothing to offer. You will be happily mentored by those who already know the ropes.

Accomplishments are not the only thing we have to celebrate this year. It is the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the LLA! And, we will be celebrating those who had the foresight to put us all together to meet whatever common needs may arise. That celebration will be on the first Saturday in August in conjunction with our annual meeting. Mark it on your calendar, details to follow. And, this information and more will appear on the website, too. Check it early and often (okay, there might be some plagiarism there)...do it anyway.

On a personal note, I never imagined being President of the LLA. An unexpected resignation put the Association in a tailspin to find someone in a timely manner so that programs pivotal to the Association's mission wouldn't be jeopardized. A “pop-up” nomination committee was formed that has become permanent. I was assured that I would be supported at every turn and I have been. The commitment of everyone on this board to its mission is extraordinary. They made me look good and I am so grateful to each and every one. I urge all of you who haven't taken your turn to do it now. You will never regret it. It is your turn.

Susan Davis, President

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 8	9:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting - location TBA
Saturday, August 6	Annual LLA Meeting - location TBA 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts 9:00 a.m. Meeting commences Later today, join the 60th Anniversary Celebration - details to be announced.
Saturday, August 26	5:00 p.m. Boat Parade - theme: “Light up the Lake” Camp decorating judging after sunset. Rain date - Sunday, August 27 at 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept 9	9:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting - location TBA

THE LOVELL LAKE ASSOCIATION:

60 YEARS AND NEVER BETTER

By Bob Spellman, Editor

It's 1963. I am 15. I am invited to spend four nights at my friend's camp on Great East Lake. My parents make me promise to be on my best behavior. I promised. That first night at camp, my friend and I raided his parents' liquor cabinet. We were high on enthusiasm, but low on expertise. We knew we wanted something manly, so we chose brown. We snatched a half bottle. I don't remember if it was scotch or bourbon. They were well-off Protestants, so it must have been scotch. We also took two cigarettes – Camels, no filter, totally manly. For a mix, we grabbed quart bottle of Half & Half, not the stuff you put in coffee, but a soft drink – a grapefruit and lemon soda that adults drank in the olden days. Not your first choice? The alternative was Moxie. We needed something to contain our contraband and found an empty half-gallon plastic Hood Ice Cream tub – the Tupperware of the 1960's.

After dinner, we excused ourselves and emptied the warm scotch and the warm Half & Half into the warm plastic tub, boarded the canoe, then placidly, yet purposefully paddled into the warm night on our first booze cruise. Once out of sight, we passed the tub back and forth, smoked the Camels, looked up at a zillion stars close enough to touch, enjoyed the gentle air, laughed, said many profound things and then threw-up all over the place. It was epic. The next morning, I became aware of agony which led me to believe that I was alive, but death would have been an upgrade. I promised never to drink again. That promise didn't fare much better than the first; 15 is a bad age for promises. The rest of my stay was dedicated to strictly wholesome age-appropriate lake-based activities. From that day on I was, like you, hooked on lake life; and vowed someday to have a camp of my own. It took only 50 years to save up the money, but our Lovell Lake home was worth the wait.

Those of you who were 15 once and pilfered booze, “borrowed” a car, snuck out after bedtime, went skinny dipping, watched a midnight submarine race with Susan Davis and/or succumbed to any of the hundreds of coming-of-age clandestine activities that lake life affords - are asking yourselves this question: Did they get

caught? I am happy to report: Not that time. But we were worried. My friend's mother passed by our room and we heard her say: “Hmmm, there's an odd smell coming from the boys' room.” But we were 15 then and smelled odd all the time.

My immersion into lake life wasn't the only important event of 1963. There were a bunch. In August, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his stirring “I Have a Dream” speech. On November 22, at 12:30 p.m. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. We all remember where we were when we heard that awful news. Sean Connery (the only real James Bond) starred in “Dr. No”, which featured the greatest single scene in the history of motion pictures: Ursula Andress, in a white bikini, emerging from the Caribbean. The Beatles, then the talk of the musical world, recorded “She Loves You” (yeah, yeah, yeah). The Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP Codes) became part of our postal regimen. The Boston Celtics won the national championship, which they did for most of the decade. The Boston Bruins came in last in the NHL, which they did for most of the decade. The Red Sox finished in 7th, 28 games behind the team that lives 239.11 miles southwest of here, whose name shall never be written in a LLA newsletter.

One other important thing happened: In 1963 two forward-thinking residents, Morris Tucker and Carl Johnson, plus a handful of co-volunteers founded the Lovell Lake Association. From that first day until today and, we trust, for eons to come, our mission has been and will remain as stated in Article II of the original LLA Articles of Agreement signed September 12, 1963: “To promote the welfare of the lake and its environs, particularly to enhance its beauty and healthfulness...”

By the way, the Lovell Lake Association was an instant hit with the homeowners. By December of that year 191 residents had signed up and paid their annual dues of \$1.00 each.

Now, 60 years later, we attribute our longevity to three essential factors.

1. Our mutual love and respect for Lovell Lake and its environment, manifested in



our mutual goal to preserve and improve the region for future generations.

2. The dedication and stewardship of our stalwart brigade of volunteers. The good people who have contributed selflessly through the years, many of them for decades, to ensure the association's stability and permanence. These are our neighbors who take our collective concerns and have the heart to turn our thoughts into actions that benefit us all.

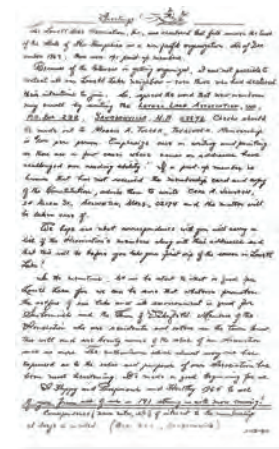
3. You, the LLA members. Think of it – 60 years – that's about three generations, all sharing the same goal: to maintain, improve and preserve our lake. Without you and this generational support, there is no Lovell Lake Association. When you think about the loyalty of our membership, consider this: 85% of you pay more than the annual \$25 dues! Can you think of another organization in which 85% of the members give more than required? LLA President Susan Davis had this comment: “It's so important to acknowledge those who made that prescient decision to provide the framework through which we could work together to solve any problems that might arise”. By the way, if you are among the 15%, you can join the majority today by going to our website and making a contribution.

So, let's wish our Lovell Lake Association a Happy 60th Anniversary. Let's take the summer to celebrate, enjoy the lake, and express gratitude for our natural treasure. And let's rededicate ourselves to the health and preservation of Lovell Lake.

THE FIRST LOVELL LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

January 13, 1964

Editor's Note: Amazing, isn't it, that we still have a copy of the original one-page LLA newsletter handwritten by co-founder Carl Johnson. See the insert. Over time, the ink faded and became difficult to read, so we spared you the struggle and typed it out. Although technology has changed and we no longer handwrite the newsletter, the message defined by our co-founders endures. If you wish to view the original newsletter, go to our website, lovellakenh.org. On the top right you will see News & Events Information, click and scroll to "Newsletter".



January 13, 1964

Greetings!

The Lovell Lake Association, Inc. was chartered last fall under the Laws of the State of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization. As of December 1963, there were 191 paid-up members.

Because of the lateness in getting organized, it was not possible to contact all our Lovell Lake

Neighbors – even those who had declared their intentions to join. So, spread the word that new members may enroll by writing the Lovell Lake Association, Inc., P.O. Box 232, Sanbornville, NH, 03872. Checks should be made out to Morris A. Tucker, Treasurer. Membership is \$1.00 per person. Emphasize care in writing and printing as there are a few cases where names or addresses have challenged our reading ability! If a paid-up member is known that has not received the membership card and copy of the Constitution, advise them to write Carl A. Johnson, 24 Allen St., Arlington, Mass, 02174 and the matter will be taken care of.

We hope our next correspondence with you will carry a list of Association members along with their addresses and that this will be before you take your first dip of the season in Lovell Lake!

In the meantime, let us be alert to what is good for Lovell Lake for we can be sure that whatever promotes the welfare of our lake and its environment is good for Sanbornville and the Town of Wakefield. Members of the Association who are residents and voters in the town know this well and are keenly aware of the value of an Association such as ours. The enthusiasm which almost everyone has expressed as to the value and purpose of our Association has been more heartening. It's made a good beginning for us.

A Happy and Prosperous and Healthy 1964 to all of you from all of us – 191 strong – with more coming!

LOVELL LAKE LORE

OUR CO-FOUNDERS, MORRIS TUCKER AND CARL JOHNSON

By Amanda Spellman, Membership

We are fortunate to have descendants of our co-founders who continue to reside on Lovell Lake. They took the time to write wonderfully human biographies of their uncles and our co-founders.



World War I veterans, from left to right: Carol, Willard and co-founder, Morris Tucker

cottage has remained in the Tucker Family passed down first to my parents, Bob and Ethel (Charlie) Tucker, and then to me. There are several other Tucker cottages on Allagash Road, all of them still in the Tucker family."

"I can recall as a young boy sitting on the camp back step with my Great Uncle Morris as he very quietly fed chipmunks and birds right from his hand. Upon retirement Morris and Dorothy built a home in Brookfield so they could be close to their beloved camp on Lovell Lake. An interesting fact is that Morris and two of his brothers (Willis and Willard) married three Currell sisters. The story is told that the Currell sisters were attending an event at The Wakefield Opera House and the Tucker boys met and invited them to the camp for supper, probably beans and franks! Morris always had a keen interest in the great outdoors and a particular love for New Hampshire and Lovell Lake. Today we are fortunate that in 1963 Morris Tucker and Carl Johnson had the vision to create the Lovell Lake Association."



Photo of Carl and Grand-Niece Sue Mullins

Association in 1963 as a way to preserve the lake and its surroundings through education and fellowship. Carl was always "teaching" about the history of the area to all who knew him. He retired with his wife Sylvia to the lake and became one of the rare full-time residents on the lake. He loved the loons as they were very rare then."

"I remember him writing the newsletters and minutes for the association during my summer visits. In those days they wrote the newsletter long hand or typed without "whiteout" (if you are old enough to remember that life saving tool). In those days a single writing or typing error was cause for an entire rewrite of the newsletter."

"For many years until 2007, the Newsletter carried the Lake slogan coined by Carl. At that time many of the homes did not have numbered street or road addresses and were known by lot numbers. Hence the catchphrase: "To most of us Lovell Lake is a lot, and a whole lot more."

Morris Tucker

This history was sent to us by Richard Tucker, nephew of Morris Tucker and son of former LLA president Bob Tucker. "Morris Tucker was a long-time resident of Reading, MA where he and his wife Dorothy were both officers of the First National Bank of Boston. His father, James F. Tucker, was married to Mary Brackett (The Brackett Farm). Morris had 6 brothers and 1 sister. Morris and two of his brothers, Willard and Carol, proudly served in World War I. Morris, his brothers and father built his cottage located at 78 Allagash Road in 1917, that was 106 years ago. The two-story boat house was built in 1954. This Tucker

Carl Johnson

Marti Ortiz, grand-niece of Carl Johnson writes: "Carl Johnson landed on Brackett Road in 1958. He was a history teacher in Boston and a summer camp counselor in Wolfeboro prior to buying his camp "Overdew" on Lovell Lake. Carl was a talented artist and writer known for his injection of humor and art in his written communications. He was a naturalist before the term was in use. Carl had a passion for looking for ways to keep Lovell Lake special. He and Morris Tucker decided to form the Lovell Lake

WATERSHED SURVEY UPDATE

By Bob Spellman, Editor and Peter Lewis, Watershed Survey Committee

"The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost." G.K. Chesterton

This article contains information critical to the health of our lake. By the nature of the newsletter, we can't give all of the Watershed Survey data and details here. But we can provide a synopsis of the results and, if you have erosion on your property, what steps to take now to remedy the problem and what help is available to you.

Our news begins with old news: Erosion is bad for the lake. An increase in phosphorus levels is linked to erosion. The just published 2022 Lovell Lake Water Quality Report shows a large increase in phosphorus levels. Bad news. Now, phosphorus in trace amounts occurs in nature, but too much phosphorus leads to excess growth of aquatic plants, algae, and cyanobacteria. If you need a clear and frightening example of the dangers of erosion, take a drive along Brackett Road to see the havoc caused to our watershed by the intense storms of late April. To read the entire 2022 Water Quality Report visit the LLA website.

To determine the extent of lakeshore erosion, in May of last year the Acton-Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA) assisted by six members of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) and twenty-nine Lovell Lake Association volunteers conducted a property-by-property survey of the Lovell Lake watershed area.

This labor intensive and logistically complex project was organized and operated by Jon Balanoff, Executive Director of AWWA with assistance from Peter Lewis and the LLA Watershed Committee. Both groups managed the project and the volunteers superbly. I had the honor of walking over a mile of shoreline with Jon visiting homeowners and becoming educated on the harm of erosion, its causes, symptoms and cures. Jon is diligent, smart and a gentleman. He has a realistic understanding of our concerns and respect for our rights as property owners. What's more, he has a knack for explaining the issues and the fixes clearly and free of jargon.

On a personal note, I can tell you that we volunteers were somewhat apprehensive

regarding the reception we would receive from homeowners. Would we be met with a shotgun or given chocolate chip cookies? We got cookies. In speaking with the homeowners, I discovered that they had similar worries about who was coming to their house. Would they be invaded by a bunch of Greta Thunbergs and the crew of 60 Minutes or visited by neighbors? They were put at ease when it became apparent that we are neighbors.

After the survey, we all convened at the Lewis home to enjoy a cookout. In discussions with our fellow volunteers, we were all impressed by the concern expressed by virtually all of the homeowners, their grasp of the problem, their understanding of the need to take action and the effort many had taken already to remedy the erosion sites on their property.

Last fall, Jon, Peter and their teams compiled and published the Watershed Survey report. For the detailed report, please visit: lovellakenh.org/water-quality-monitoring. Letters were written to all property owners advising them of the survey findings.

Here is the synopsis:

- 449 sites were visited on 430 properties.
- 317 sites came up clean – that's 74%.
- 113 properties showed varying degrees of erosion. Some had multiple problems, so to use an AWWA term – 132 total "remediation targets".
- Now of the 132 targets, 50% are within the capabilities of most homeowners to fix themselves. About 1/3 can be fixed with effort and garden tools and about 2/3 should incur "modest costs" for materials.
- 26 sites are apt to require "medium cost" solutions and 21 will sustain "higher costs". More on the financial stuff later.

So, what are the action steps for the 113 homeowners? Here is a case study of one of them: me. I received a letter from the LLA Watershed Committee, as you did, informing me that I had erosion on our property.

Not a huge issue – a medium issue, but it needed correction. I hired a landscaper and a couple of hundred bucks later, I was feeling good about myself. But usually, when I am feeling good about myself, I am missing something. Had I actually fixed the problem or just put a band-aid on it? The survey was over. How to find out?

So I called Peter Lewis and asked, "Since the Watershed Survey is over..." Before I could get another word out, Peter enlightened me. He said that the watershed project never ends. The survey portion of the project is just the first step. It is the information gathering and professional assessment of the erosion sites in the watershed area. The next step, and this is the big one, is for the homeowners to initiate the fixes to erosion on their property. The good news is that there is help and it is ongoing.

AWWA and the LLA Watershed Committee teams are here to assist the homeowners, answer questions, and, if necessary, reassess the property. The Watershed team will be reaching back out to the folks with observed erosion issues this summer to see if any follow up is desired. If the owners request, the team can evaluate their erosion prevention projects and offer feedback. But to be clear, it is the homeowner's responsibility to initiate the process. It is the homeowner's property and all of the fixes are done on a strictly voluntary basis. To finish my case study: Peter came to my house, evaluated the work and gave me a B+. I need to make a couple of minor drainage modifications to get the A.

Now, back to financial matters. There is help and much of it at NO COST TO THE PROPERTY OWNER. We would prefer that any initial inquiries for help are



Locations of the 113 home sites of notable erosion uncovered during the Watershed Survey

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sent to the LLA Watershed Committee at our watershedsurvey@lovellakenh.org email address. We will offer our ideas and assistance to help you understand the report for your property, explore available options to address the erosion issues identified, or point you to educational material regarding erosion and property maintenance.

Going a step further, AWWA, at no charge, is available to assist in developing a site-specific landscaping plan that will address erosion on your property for a DIY solution. Additionally, homeowners can apply for the AWWA's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program where these designs can be installed for a significantly reduced cost. YCC provides free labor for all projects, homeowners need only purchase materials. As they say on TV, "But you have to call now." The YCC is not sitting by the

phone waiting for your call. Their schedule is rapidly filling up.

If you have an erosion problem, now is the time to remedy the situation, before summer is in full swing, the guests arrive and the full distractions of lake life are upon us. Please do so before fixing your erosion problem becomes one of those projects you'll get to "someday".

One last time, if you need another copy of the survey results letter for your property, want additional advice, or have a question, email watershedsurvey@lovellakenh.org

Thanks and have a great summer.

2023 WEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Editor's Note: "Weed Watching" is critical to the health of our lake. Invasive species such as milfoil destroy lakes and demolish property values. Looking for weeds may not sound like much fun. But if you get on a paddleboard, or in a kayak, or put on a mask and snorkel, and engage your spouse or kids, it can be fun, educational and character building for the kids. Plus you are providing a most valuable service for us all. Inspecting your part of the lake only takes an hour once a month. Dick DesRoches will fill you in on the details. Dick is polite about asking for volunteers, but please help. Some of the weed watchers have been at it for 20 years and could use a break.

The 2023 summer season is fast approaching and with it the need to protect our most prized possession, the pristine waters of Lovell Lake.

Each year a dedicated group of weed watchers provides all of us with the second line of defense against the possibility of losing that clean water we enjoy all summer long. Thank you to the Lovell Lakers who participate in the program. So far, we are invasive weed free.

The best way to prevent invasive weeds from ruining our lake is to stop them from getting into the lake in the first place. That's what the Lake Host Program and the public education efforts are for.

If, however a piece of milfoil or another invasive weed does get in, catching it early is the only way to stop a major infestation from occurring. You only need to go over to Winnepesaukee in Wolfeboro to see what a disaster milfoil causes. We simply don't want that to happen to Lovell Lake.

We need additional weed watchers to help out and join the effort. It's easy and convenient. Each weed watcher takes a section of shoreline near their property and inspects the lake bottom for weeds that shouldn't be there. Make it a family affair and get the kids involved. A weed watcher's manual provides the details and no prior experience is needed. The watch takes about an hour, once per month, May through September. You can do it any time during the month. Weed watching can be done from a boat, canoe, kayak or in the water while swimming.

Join us and protect your lake. Contact Dick DesRoches: cell 617-272-6410 or dickdesroches43@gmail.com to get involved.

Thanks to the DesRoches Family

Every time we encounter Lovell Lake legends Dick and Judi they are in the middle of doing something wonderful for someone else. Whether it is managing the Weed Watch program, serving on the board of AWWA and the Gafney Library, producing the annual newsletter, or doing a myriad of other things that enrich our community, the DesRoches family is always there to lead by example. After 10 years of editing this publication, Dick and his family have decided to let others have some fun. He has entrusted the guardianship of the newsletter to our new team. We were honored to be asked and grateful for the opportunity.

When I spoke with Dick about the tasks involved, he was quick to say that the newsletter was a family endeavor. Dick collected and/or wrote the articles. Their son, Dave, edited and daughter, Susanne, helped with the editing, did the layout design and supervised the printing.

So, I am assuming Dick's role. I am pleased to announce that the amazing Ms. McKenna Sherrill is taking over the design responsibility. McKenna is a big talent and a delightful human being. The third member of our team is my incredible wife, Amanda, whose mission is to keep me from embarrassing the family.

So, if you have an idea for an article or wish to make a suggestion, please email me at newsletter@lovellakenh.org.

I wish you and your families a glorious summer.

Bob Spellman



Lovell Lake Host volunteer and excellent neighbor, Helen Watkins

2023 LAKE HOST PROGRAM

By Beverly Lawrie, Lake Host Coordinator

This is the 21st year of the Lake Host Program on Lovell Lake. The purpose of the program is to inspect boats at the town ramp for invasive, non-native weeds and aquatic species, remove suspicious specimens, and have them analyzed. Lake Hosts are our front line defense against invasive species. Other lakes in our area have variable milfoil infestations, while Lovell Lake has remained and needs to remain milfoil free. Last summer the Lake Hosts performed 1,241 boat inspections.

The Lake Host Program was started when John Hirsch was President in 2001. Lovell Lake was one of the few lakes to sign up for this new program run by the state of New Hampshire. Annie Robbins coordinated the first Lake Host Program which only inspected boats on the weekends. John turned the administration of the program over to his wife, Anusia. In 2002 Anusia became the Lake Host Coordinator and she managed the program on Lovell Lake for 16 years. During her tenure, the program grew from mostly volunteers to paid hosts. The first paid Lake Host was Sarah Connel. Chris Hagy then took over from Anusia for two years and now it's my turn. This will be my third year as Lake Host Coordinator.

NH Lakes administers the Lake Host Program and has developed tools to facilitate the hiring and payroll for our paid Lake Hosts. The Lovell Lake Association received a \$2,090 grant from NH Lakes for 2023. Marlean Porter will once again be the Program Assistant. Last year she did an excellent job hiring and organizing the staff. Most of last year's paid Lake Hosts will be returning this summer. I want to thank the Poor People's Pub for storing equipment and providing beverages for our paid Lake Hosts.

Our paid Lake Hosts will start work on weekends beginning May 20th. Full coverage will begin in late June until Labor Day. During the summer, the ramp will be staffed seven days a week from 7AM to 7PM. Volunteers traditionally have been at the boat ramp on weekends after Labor Day. A special thanks to the following volunteers who did boat inspections last fall: Patty Prindle, Michael Prindle, Libby Cochran, and Mary Soares.

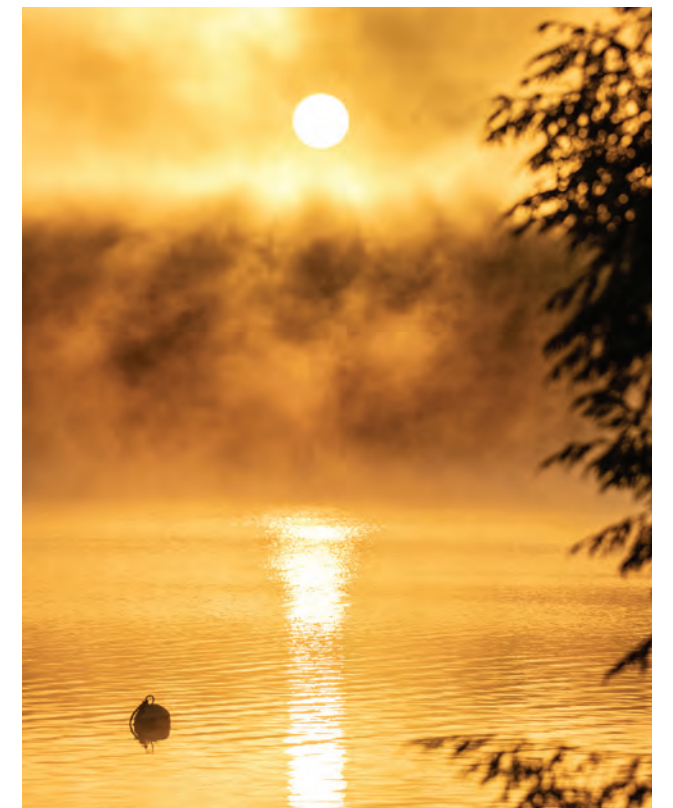
If you would like to help keep Lovell Lake free of invasive species by inspecting boats at the boat ramp after Labor Day, please contact Beverly Lawrie at beverly.lawrie@outlook.com. Volunteers are needed on weekends starting in September.

LOVELL LAKE...WHERE DOES THE WATER COME FROM? WHERE DOES THE WATER GO?

By Stephanie and Glenn Thornton, Water Quality Monitoring

The State of NH owns the Lovell Lake dam, located just north of the town beach. Each fall the state conducts a lake level drawdown. The water to refill Lovell Lake comes from many sources. Lovell Lake is spring-fed with some of the water coming from springs under the bottom of the lake. One of the springs is located under our boathouse dock. In addition, rain and snow falls not only in our lake but also in its watershed. The area of Lovell Lake is 552 acres while the area of the entire watershed is about 3,008 acres. This watershed drains into the lake through a network of streams, ditches, and overland flow. You can easily see many of these streams while walking along Brackett and Pond Roads. Horse Brook is the largest stream feeding Lovell Lake. It begins in the wetlands behind Anita's Beads, crosses under Route 153 and Witchtrot Road, and then empties into the cove behind Sandy Beach. Each spring we test the water in several of the streams.

The water in Lovell Lake flows to the northwest. The outlet is at the Lovell Lake dam. This outlet is the source of the Branch River. The Branch River flows south through Union Meadows and eventually connects with the Salmon Falls River at Northeast Pond in Milton. The river then flows south and becomes the border between New Hampshire and Maine. Just northwest of Portsmouth the Salmon Falls River combines with the tidal waters of the Piscataqua River which empties into the Gulf of Maine.



OH BOY, I SEE KOI!

By Michael Prindle, Vice President

For three summers now, sightings of Koi in the lake have been both thrilling and concerning. Koi are not native and Google searches tell stories of invasive species that can dig up the plants in the lake and compete with native fish for food. To better understand what we are dealing with I was able to speak with two individuals who are much more knowledgeable on the state of our lake and the threat to it.

Ben Nugent is our regional biologist from New Hampshire Fish and Game. He was very responsive to my inquiry and was already aware of the “bounty” that we have placed on the Koi in our lake. Currently there is no policy for Koi fish in New Hampshire. Ben was aware of only one other lake reporting of Koi several years back and that was in Weare, NH. He mentioned that he has never heard anything further. His understanding is that a released Koi (goldfish) may survive individually for a period of time, but the natural predators (loons, eagles, other fish, etc) will naturally deal with the problem. Ben suggested a plan that would estimate the numbers we are seeing and where we are seeing them. The size of them should be documented as well.

Trevor Banister is a professor’s assistant at UNH in the Department of Biological

Sciences, Freshwater Biology. “Can they reproduce?” is the issue Trevor said we should worry about. If not, the fish we see will die off naturally or be removed by one of the natural predators in/on the lake. He noted that even if they are able to reproduce, they still may not be able to thrive for multiple generations. Trevor noted that’s why when you Google “Koi” you will find older articles about the initial sightings and concerns, but very rarely do the fish thrive up north. He stated that removing an invasive fish can be extremely challenging. Trevor also suggested the best course is to monitor and track the Koi to understand the extent of the concern.

Your help in the tracking of Koi is needed. Whenever you or someone sees a Koi, please go to the Lovell Lake website at lovellakenh.org and click on the banner at the top that says “Have You Seen Something Odd In The Lake You Would Like To Report?” This way we can accurately understand the problem and whether the Koi are reproducing. Pictures tell a thousand words, so grab your phone when seeing one or provide as accurate a description as possible (size, color, distinctive features, etc.). Already this year a Koi has been seen in the launch ramp cove and the “rocky” cove along Witchrot Road. Is it the same one or are there more? This is what we would like to know.

How Koi got here is most definitely the result of someone releasing or “freeing” a goldfish into the lake. Although the sentiment may be pure, releasing any animal (fish, turtle, snake, hamster, etc.) that comes from a store usually means a death sentence for that animal and/or a threat to the habitat that the animal has been introduced to. Do not release non-native animals into the lakes region. Return them to a store.

Last year LLA initiated a “bounty” of \$100 per caught Koi and the reward remains in effect for this summer. Keep in mind that Koi don’t eat the usual items that our native fish do like worms. Koi like human food and hotdogs seem to be a food of choice. Good luck!



Photo taken by Kim Walker-Lewis on 5/30/23 on the Rt 109 side of the lake

THE 2023 SUNDAY SAILING SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING

By Richard Belofsky, Commodore

Sunday Sailing Regattas are again a Lovell Lake tradition. We’ve got plenty of water for more boats so don’t hesitate to join the Lovell Lake Sailing Association. No dues, just your participation required. We had a steady showing of Sunfish and small sloops last season. Most skippers were regular participants but there’s no commitment to race every week. I have heard from a few sailors who watched from shore because they didn’t have a boat available or didn’t think they were good enough. If you are new to sailing/racing don’t be intimidated. We’ve put together a FUN Sunday race program. Please know there are usually several Sunfish available that others have generously offered for race day use. We also have 4-6 sloops that might need crew if you’re feeling unsure, too old, or too stiff to spend a couple hours playing limbo in the cockpit of a Sunfish.

Sunday July 2nd is the first race day. We plan on Sunday starts commencing around 1:00 p.m. Welcome are both seasoned racing skippers and anyone else with a sailboat that knows how to sail. The best way to learn to sail better, is to have another boat sail past you and learn to catch them! Don’t be concerned about the rules – there are only a few rules you’ll need to know, and we’ll teach you those. Skippers will decide on how many will crew their boat. We’ll run short races, so we get in more starts with more chances to win. We’ll wrap up by 3:00 p.m. I hope to get in three or more races each Sunday. If you want to help with organizing, reach out directly to me.

Although there may be loaner boats available, if you want your own boat go online to Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, or Nextdoor. Someone is always done with their boat, which is now taking up space in the garage or yard. There are usually several available for under \$500 to over \$1,000. Beware, the cheapest ones are likely to be old and heavy. You’ll have fun but you’ll never win. Need a new sail? You can get one brand new at Intensity Sails for under \$200 in lots of colors. They also sell parts.

Please talk to others you know who might want to join in. This is not only a fun time for sailing but also an opportunity to meet others on the lake and expand your community. We plan to rotate race committee on a weekly basis, so everyone gets to sail. Anyone who just wants to run the race is encouraged to contact me. I am very excited to help revive this tradition. I’m hoping we can have at least a half dozen boats participate each Sunday to make the effort worthwhile.

If you are interested in participating, please send me an email with your contact info so I can best prepare, communicate, and share the location of the racecourse, which will be influenced by the day’s weather. I can be reached at rabelofsky@gmail.com or cell: 617-943-8016.

Let’s sail fast and have fun.



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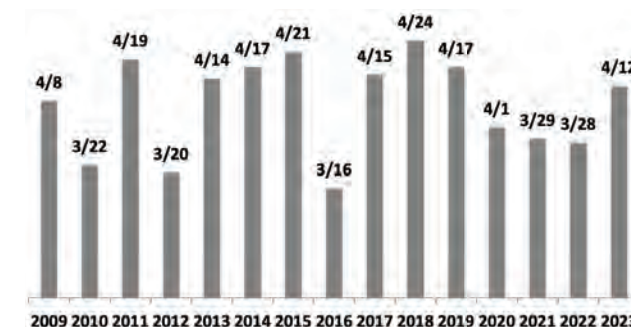


LLA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

By Lindsay Rowley Geddes, Scholarship Committee

The LLA is happy to share that the 2023 Bob Tucker \$2,000 Scholarship recipient is Hannah Stewart. Hannah is a dedicated student of Spaulding High School and an East Wakefield local. Among her many achievements, her commitment to NH lakes stands out. Hannah has volunteered as a lake host at Pine River Pond and a social media content volunteer with AWWA. We are proud to support her as Hannah continues her education at UNH’s Paul College of Business. We wish her the best of luck. **Do you know any current or soon-to-be college or trade school students? Encourage them to apply for the scholarship next year. Information can be found on our website under the “News & Events Info” tab or by contacting Lindsay Rowley Geddes at scholarship@lovellakenh.org.**

ICE OUT DATES



Ice Out! Thomas Prindle called it on April 12.



2023 LOVELL LAKE ASSOCIATION BOAT PARADE AND CAMP DECORATING

Dan Nicholson, Grand Marshal

THEME:

“Light Up Lovell Lake”

WHEN:

5:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26th . Rain date is Sunday, August 27th at noon.

4:00 to 4:50 p.m. Registration off the shores of Sunshine Acres.

THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE 2 CATEGORIES:

The first will be the top decorated boats. Keeping in mind the theme, you can decorate your boat anyway you want. Something fun, bright or a December holiday. (Use your imagination!)

The second category will be the best decorated camp on the lake. Break out the holiday lights! Plaques and prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category.

2022 BOAT PARADE



“HERBIE THE LOVE BUG” | THE GOLDEN FAMILY



“THE BLACK PEARL” | THE NICHOLSON FAMILY



“LITTLE MERMAID” | THE BOUCHER FAMILY

2023 TREASURER’S REPORT

By Alan Heacock, Treasurer

Our organization continues to be financially strong and focused on the principles of our founders. We have a dedicated membership that has always been very generous with their donations of time and money.

For the fiscal year 2022 we had membership income of almost \$35,000 and expenses of just over \$35,000. For 2022 we also had three additional donations: The Town of Wakefield of \$4,650, an Anonymous donation for the Lake Host program of \$6,000, and the final donation from the estate of Warren Reeves of \$10,847. Our expenses were all within our annual budget. We have reserves of over \$165,500 to combat any invasive species and to cover any shortage in our operating budget.

Looking forward to 2023. With the establishment of a membership committee, an electronic periodic newsletter, and all the volunteers helping our lake association, I expect 2023 to be a banner year.

For 2023, we have established a finance committee and funded the committee with \$50,000. We have an approved budget. For donation categories, we have combined Lake Host and Water Quality. We removed the pass-through Loon Preservation category. Individuals wishing to donate to the Loon Preservation Committee should do so directly. The 2023 budget for the Town of Wakefield did not pass, so we do not expect any assistance from the town for our Lake Host Program. If required, we will use some of our reserves to cover this shortfall.

Our Financial Review committee has reviewed our 2021 books and given us a clean bill of health. I expect our 2022 financial records to be reviewed shortly.

Our basic dues have remained the same for almost 20 years. By having low basic dues, we hope all families on the lake will become members and support our efforts to keep our lake pristine for future generations.

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