

PARTRIDGE LAKE

Spring 2021

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A Lake Preservation Group

Letter from the President

John Schultz

In my message last year, I mentioned that we (folks from PLPOA, NHDES, and the Town) were in the process of evaluating the proposals received from consultants to perform the Partridge Lake Watershed Restoration Plan (The Plan). The award was made to Comprehensive Environmental, Inc. (CEI), a civil and environmental services firm with three New England offices, including Portsmouth, New Hampshire. CEI and The Town executed an agreement for services. CEI has extensive experience performing studies similar to the Partridge Lake Plan, and we are confident we could not have partnered with a more competent consultant.

The Plan is being conducted by and supported by a group of project partners that includes Doug Damko, the Town Director of Public Works, four members of the DES Watershed Management Bureau, the team of professionals from CEI, and Burt Bechtel and John Schultz of the PLPOA. The State of New Hampshire has a defined format for studies such as ours which must be followed in development of The Plan. The first task is the creation of the Site Specific Project Plan (SSPP). CEI provided supporting materials to the DES team, and Steve Landry and Katie Zinc of the DES Watershed Management Bureau created the SSPP.

The following tasks have been completed by the project partners, primarily by CEI. These bullet items are headings only. The complete Partridge Lake Water Quality Analysis report is available for review; however, I advise waiting for the full study to be completed to gain the most insight. Ultimately, we are interested in the proposed solutions to effect a healthier lake.

- Site Specific Project Plan
- Data Review and Analysis of historical and current total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a levels for the Lake and determined the "assimilative capacity" of Partridge Lake.
- Established Water Quality Goals for the Lake.
- Confirmed Phosphorus Loading Sources, including Internal Load

Fun Fact
Partridge Lake contains about
65 million gallons of water

Steve Landry of DES and his wife, Michele, conducted water sampling this fall prior to ice-in, utilizing Nina's canoe for the purpose. Prior to ice-out, they did sampling of the lake bottom sediment in three locations. Steve Hight and John MacIver drilled a dozen holes in the ice to facilitate the collection of the sediment cores. We then packaged these samples in an insulated container and shipped them to the Center for Limnological Research and Rehabilitation at the University of Wisconsin. The laboratory analysis is complete and the results have been provided to CEI for use in the Study.

Much additional work will be performed by CEI this summer and fall, and the contract mandated completion date of the Plan is January 2, 2022. Then, we will work with DES to identify sources of funding available to facilitate the actions recommended by the Plan.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon and spending time catching up this summer -- enjoying the water, our neighbors and our friends on docks, decks, and boats around and on beautiful Partridge Lake.



Annual Volunteer Clean Up Day Saturday, June 5, 2021

9:00 am

Join the Volunteer Crew, in front of the Warden Camp
It's Your Watershed! Get Involved Today!



SEPTIC SYSTEMS - Quality and Maintenance

The following practices can help extend the life of our lake.

- Conserve water, compost your kitchen waste, and be careful what you flush
- Prevent as much runoff from roads as possible, prevent erosion from properties
- Use phosphate-free fertilizer, dish, laundry, and cleaning products
- Keep sand away from the water, remove grass clippings and leaves
- Don't launch fireworks over the lake or watershed
- Have your septic system pumped every year for year-round residents and every 2-3 years for summer people.

Fun Fact
Partridge Lake has a
2.8 mile shoreline

Local Septic Tank Service Companies

Schofields Septic Tank Service, Lisbon (603) 838-6028
White's Septic Service, Dalton (603) 837-2728

The PLPOA currently offers a subsidy of up to \$2,500
for the replacement of failed lake-front systems.



Our relatively small lake has a long-standing rule of **COUNTER-CLOCKWISE** travel by boats. Observing that rule greatly reduces the potential for head-on collisions. It is vitally important to comply with the **COUNTER-CLOCKWISE** flow of boat traffic and to make visitors and especially renters aware of the rule.

Fun Fact
Partridge Lake has a surface
area of 104 acres

WEED WATCHERS

Join the Partridge Lake Weed Watchers Group. We ask that anytime this summer, if anyone sees something growing in the lake that does not look like it belongs, please contact **Nancy Ernsberger** at (603)-444-7269 or email her at nancyernsberger@gmail.com.

Water Quality Monitoring Program

Volunteers monitor changes in water quality and identify pollution by collecting water samples from the lake and streams that flow into and out of it. Testing is ongoing. If you are interested in helping with this process, please contact **Tom Norris** at (832)-776-8803 or email him at thosnoss@gmail.com.

Be a good neighbor in and on the lake! Keep your distance from others.

Remember the 150-foot law.

Motor boats must stay that far away from other boats, docks, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats, inner tubes, and swimmers. And those in the small craft should be thoughtful and not deliberately interfere with the pleasure of others in the motor boats.





Kids Korner



What Partridge Lake Means To Me

By Melody Burdette, Age 9
Paul & Jeanne Burdette's Granddaughter

Hi, I'm Melody Burdette and this is the Kids Korner. I go to visit my Grammy (Graham Cracker) and my Grandpa every year. We come from Massachusetts and go all the way to New Hampshire. Anyway, I absolutely love it in Littleton, and my family does too. The loons are gorgeous and the lake is spectacular! Canoeing and playing Uno are fun things that we like to do up there. I like making new friends too. My favorite friend up here is Charlotte. We would play all day like mermaids in the water, or have dinner together! This year is hard, but we can make it work, somehow. My other friends are Devlin Murphy and her little group of friends she brought there last summer. I appreciate everyone at Partridge Lake and what they do for the community!

Stay Safe!



Can We Go To The Lake?

By Charlotte Daboul, Age 9
Bob & Muffy Copenhaver's Granddaughter

Hi my name is Charlotte and I love going to Partridge lake because I have a camp that we can make fires at. I love tubing in the lake so much, I love meeting new people and having fun with them. I love swimming and fishing with people. My grandfather is the one that taught my how to fish. I love bouncing on water trampolines with my friends and kayaking with my grandmother and paddle boarding with my aunt. I love going on boat rides with my dog, family, and friends. When I wake up I ask, "Can we go to the lake?" I look forward to swimming a lot this year. My friends and family love hanging out with me at Partridge lake.





Fun Fact
Partridge Lake is 846 feet above sea level

2020 The Year of Covid-19

Summer residents missing from the lake – Summer 2020 How are they, where are they and what have they been up to?

By Nancy Ernsberger

What a crazy year this has been. We began hunkering down after Winterfest. By early March we determined that staying in a high rise (with elevators) in a busy neighborhood was not going to work for us. So by mid March we moved to a rental house on a channel off the Lower Colorado River about an hour northwest of Austin. Eric was with us and had a boat he could use for fishing. By June we realized that we were not going to be able to move back to our condo, so we bought a house about a half hour west of Austin. We are still settling in.

We miss our beautiful lake and our wonderful neighbors. This summer has made us appreciate even more our lake friends. Dave, of course, misses our cocktail cruises and I miss kayaking and visiting. We bought our home



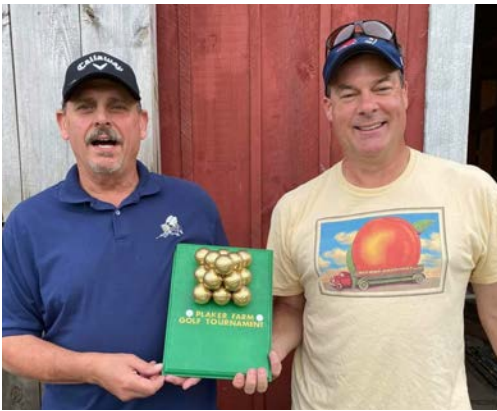
in 2001 and this is the first summer we have not been to the lake. We will be up at the lake next summer for sure. I have been playing mahjonn and having book club on zoom. Dave and I play euchre and Facetime with friends for cocktail hours. We are also getting pretty good at disinfecting packages and hanging pictures. Here is a picture of our grandchildren and their cousins building a fort during their stay at the lake this summer. They all had a great time!



Field of Dreams



Megan Carman



*Oh, How They
LOVE to Golf!*

As many of you know, Marc and I bought the horse farm on Old Partridge Lake Rd. in 2016. Why, might you ask? We're still trying to figure that out. LOL. I think mostly because we could see the potential beauty of the pastures if they were just cleaned up a bit. What started as a passing lark has turned into a bit of an obsession, I must admit. Many of you have witnessed us endlessly mowing the pastures, picking up the never ending fallen brush, cutting up dead trees, removing ancient barbed wire fencing and scooping heaps of muck out of the pond. You've seen us covered in sweat, mud and sometimes even a little blood over the years. The hard work has become increasingly gratifying as the fields have turned healthier, greener and more picturesque.

One of the best parts of this process however, has been how our lake neighbors pass by, stop for a chat and give us repeated encouragement in this endeavor. Not too long after the first mowing, folks would stop and jokingly ask when the golf course was opening. We would laugh but never gave it serious consideration. That is until Jeff Corey, an avid golfer, asked if he could drive some golf balls on the fields. One thing led to another and before we knew it, Jeff had designed a 9 hole golf course in the pastures! We had our first Plaker Open Golf Tournament in the fall of 2020. Golfers of all levels played and even Marc dusted off his old high school clubs. As a non-golfer, I provided refreshments and recovered lost golf balls. All in all, it was great fun and definitely something we will offer again this coming year.



**In loving memory of
Thomas Berry
Kelly Lane
Phyllis Neaves
Richard Warren**

It is with great sadness that we have lost our dear friends and neighbors from the lake. We will cherish their memories forever. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of those who have lost their loved ones. May you find strength in knowing that others care.

My sisters and I are profoundly saddened by the sudden passing of our mother, Phyllis Neaves, on August 22, 2020. Better known as Mimi to her seven grandchildren, Partridge Lakers will remember her sitting under an umbrella on the dock at Log Haven, wearing a wide brimmed straw hat and reading a book, always happy to chat with passersby. Phyllis met Judy Warden in Pennsylvania when they were both young mothers, and the two friends worked together at Strath Haven High School where my mother finished her professional career as a teacher. It was, in fact, the Warden family that introduced the Neaves clan to Partridge Lake roughly forty years ago. Thereafter, my parents traveled to Log Haven annually, eventually buying the camp and introducing another generation to life on the lake. After my father, Angus, passed away in 2009, my mother continued to summer at the lake, often with her granddaughter Emma Straw in tow. She was a member of the PLPOA, as well as the Ladies of the Lake, and an ad hoc group of book lovers. I feel so lucky to have spent last summer with her, sharing Prosecco on the front porch of my camp while watching the sunset, gliding over the water in the Eastman's pontoon boat, and kibbitzing with the ladies on the Schultz's deck. My mom even swam last summer, at the age of 82. I did not know that Mimi would leave us just two weeks after I drove her back home from our summer idyll. She departed this world in mid sentence, still active, intellectually curious, always empathetic, wise, and beloved by so many. This summer, as you walk by Log Haven, Alison, Betsy, and I hope that you will pause for a moment to remember Phyllis, Mimi, our mom.

-Kathy Neaves Krejci

Fun Fact

Partridge Lake has a maximum depth of 50 feet

Thank You

Tom Allen for renovating the loon nest. It was long overdue.

Can Squirrels Really Swim?

Photo taken by Eric & Jodi Fogelin a few years ago.



The Loons Are Back! Keep Your Distance!

Let's try to be mindful and know where the Loons are at all times when boating.

- A. Scope the lake to locate the loons before beginning tubing or skiing.
- B. Have a dedicated spotter strictly to keep an eye out for the loons.
- C. Leave clear information to any renters regarding fishing and boating and our loons.



Keep them coming back to Partridge Lake. Give them some space!

“Thank You” for Making Partridge Lake a Better Place!

As we embark on an exciting new chapter in the story of understanding and improving Partridge Lake water quality, it seems appropriate to again recognize and thank the many people whose vision and hard work has gotten us to this point.

The list of names is very long. It would certainly include Dayton Goudie who, more than 40 years ago, began monitoring water quality and making us aware of our collective impacts on the watershed. Thanks also to Dave and Nancy Ernsberger who brought our community together, energized the Board of Directors and launched programs like the “Weed-Watchers.” They helped to encourage the involvement of the Town of Littleton and New Hampshire DES and enhanced our working relationship with Steve Landry and Amy Spagula of NHDES. Then there is the extraordinary artistry of Jeanne Burdette who has made what was a one page newsletter into an ongoing inspiration.

Many entire families stand out for their efforts and generosity - particularly the Eames family, the Corey’s, Fogelins, Parkers, Warden’s, the Aja’s, the Schultz’s, and the Norris family. Dedicated individuals including Steve Hight, John Maciver, Megan Carman, Albert Howes, Nina Johannessen, Scott Manning and Tom Allen have always been ready to do what needed to be done.

Creating a complete list is impossible. Virtually every member of our community deserves personal recognition. So, thank you all for caring, for helping with a Spring Clean-up, for attending the meetings, for driving a water sample or suspicious weed to a lab down south, for helping to get the Warrant Article passed, and for generous contributions to the PLPOA Water Quality Fund, without which the current study would not be possible. On behalf of that living entity that is Partridge Lake, and the fish who swim in it, the critters who roam the watershed, and the generations of kids who have splashed in that water, “thank you” for making this a better and healthier place. Please keep up the good work.

Bert Bechtel

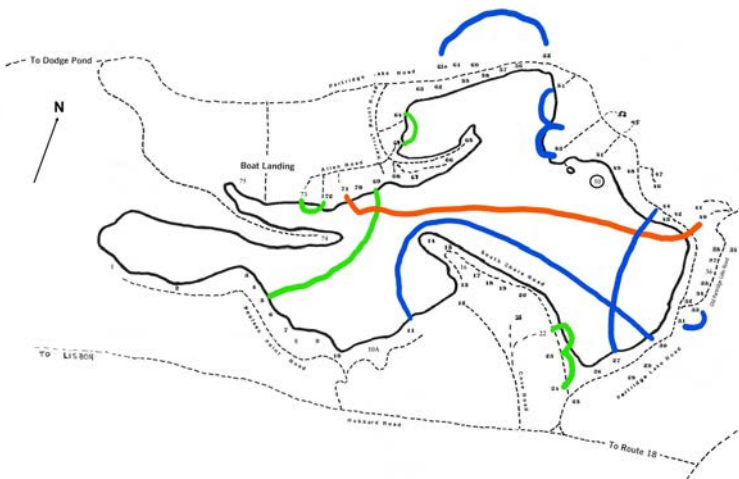
Family Connections

By Florence Fogelin

We all know that Partridge Lake is a family place --- great for kids, parents, and grandparents. But it also has a network of family connections.

In the early days, Littleton families had summer camps where they raised happy kids --- who grew up and wanted a place of their own. Time passed and families sometimes bought or built adjacent houses. Now we have family compounds: Parkers, Allens, Wardens, Eastmans, Farquharson/Hadwen, Eames. Other owners attracted family members to buy --- siblings and cousins: Norris/Schultz, Coreys, Copenhaver/Fogelin. Children of owners bought properties “up or down” the lake: Parkers, Neaves/Krejci, Campbell/Souter.

The result is a “KINFOLK” map.



Fun Fact

Partridge Lake is 1.6 miles long and 0.8 miles at its widest point

Cousins

Camp #: 71-40

Siblings

Camp #: 64-64a, 72-73, 69-5, 22-23-24

Parent-Child

Camp #: 44-27, 11-30, 61a-55, 53-53a-54, 31-33

Conserve Water

- When you use less water, the possibility of nutrients leaking into the lake is reduced
- Take shorter, less frequent showers, and run laundry cycles with full loads
- Install water-saving devices

It's Your Watershed! Get Involved Today!

Spotlight on Volunteers

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If you would like to contribute to future newsletters please contact Jeanne Burdette at jburdette1214@gmail.com.

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Winterfest 2021

"Super Curling Sunday was the only organized Winterfest activity this year. The turn-out was less than past years but we had just as much fun. Lila Kee, one of our new lake neighbors was on the winning team and won a medal."

Fun Fact
Partridge Lake has a 850 acre watershed area

2020 PLPOA TREASURER'S REPORT As of 12/31/2020

BALANCE CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,819.72
BALANCE WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$40,686.69
INCOME 2020	
DUES PAID (55 OF 75 CAMPS)	\$1,655.00
DONATIONS TO WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$2,691.00
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	\$310.00
CLOTHING SOLD	\$609.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$6.55
EXPENDITURES	
NH LAKES ASSOCIATION	\$325.00
LOON PRESERVATION	\$250.00
TAX RETURN FEES	\$385.00
MERCHANDISE COST	\$55.60
NEWSLETTER	\$299.49
WATER TESTING	\$220.00
ADVERTISING FOR WARRANT ARTICLE	\$207.34
CLEANING OUT BEAVER DAM AT OUTLET	\$650.00

2021 Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 5, 2021	9:00 am
Lake Volunteer Day Meet at Warden Camp	

Saturday, June 19, 2021	9:00 am
Spring Board of Directors Meeting Jill Corey's House	

Saturday, July 3, 2021	11:30 am
Annual Lake Association Picnic Location TBD	

Saturday, July 24, 2021	9:00 am
PLPOA Annual Meeting <i>Open to all members! Please join us!</i> Ernsberger's Camp	

Tuesday, August 24, 2021	6:00 pm
End of Summer Board of Directors Meeting John Schultz House	

Mail your Dues, Lake Quality Donation, Memorial Donation Today!

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