

PARTRIDGE LAKE

Spring 2022



PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A Lake Preservation Group

Letter from the President

John Schultz

This message is a joint effort between Burt Bechtel and John Schultz and I am very thankful to Burt for his assistance, since I was suffering from writer's block before he offered to help.

The Partridge Lake Property Owners Association exists for the sole purpose of thoughtfully managing and, hopefully, improving water quality in our lake. In my previous messages, both in these annual newsletters and in the occasional email, I've attempted to keep everyone up to date on the status of efforts focused on this goal. As most are aware, the PLPOA, along with the Town of Littleton and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, is collaborating with the consulting firm of Comprehensive Environmental, Inc., developing the "Partridge Lake Watershed Restoration Plan", with the goal of improving the lake water quality and eliminating the cyanobacteria blooms the lake has been experiencing.

The contract between CEI and The Town of Littleton called for this study to be complete by January 02, 2022. There is a provision for extension of the completion date of the study which has been approved by the NHDES and we are expecting the fully completed study to be published soon.

Burt Bechtel, Jill Corey, and I have reviewed draft sections of The Study and were initially frustrated with the content of those drafts. Burt and I conducted a conference call with Steve Landry and Katie Zink of the NHDES Watershed Management Bureau to voice our concerns. As a result of that conference call, Burt and I are encouraged. I reiterate, this message is from both Burt and me.

SAVE THE DATE

Partridge Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Annual Picnic
Saturday, July 2nd, 11:30 am, Manning House, 146 Poulsen Point Road
(Small fee for your house guests.)

WEED WATCHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to join the Partridge Lake Weed Watchers Group, please contact **Liz Gattone** at **815-690-5889** or email her at **lizgat2015@gmail.com**. And let us know if you see something growing in the lake that does not look like it belongs.

***This is Your Watershed!
Stay Involved!***

Please note: There will not be an annual clean up day this year. The town has agreed to take care of cleaning our roads and ditches. We ask that everyone help in any way they can to clean up cans, litter, etc. from our shoreline and shallow areas of the lake. Thank You!



New Hampshire Boating Laws and Regulations

Age and Operator Restriction

New Hampshire law requires all personal watercraft (PWC) or boat operators who are 16 years old and operating a motor boat over 25 hp to pass a boater safety course and to carry a boater education card.

Enforcement

New Hampshire law enforcement officers patrol the waterways to make your boating experience safe and pleasant. Cooperate with them by following the laws and guidelines.

Carry the Card: Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer

Penalty: Not carrying your Boater Education Card when one is required can result in a fine.

Get Certified Online at Boat-ed.com

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.



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.

Take a Boating Safety Course -- Contact the NH Marine Patrol Bureau at (888) 254-2125 or (603) 267-7256.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS - Quality and Maintenance

Help extend the life of our lake.

Have your septic system pumped every year for year-round residents and every 2-3 years for summer people.

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.

Did you know that Loons are Carnivorous Birds?

Loons prefer to eat fish mostly perch, trout, smelt and minnows. But they will also eat frogs, crayfish, salamanders, and leeches.

At the end of summer, the loon migrates to the open ocean, where it spends the winter eating fish and crustaceans along the New England and New Jersey coastlines.

The loon has a special salt gland located between the eyes. This gland can shut on and off at will, allowing the bird to safely ingest salt water in the ocean without suffering any ill effect.

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.



Kids Korner

Dave and Nancy Ernsberger's Granddaughters

For all of our lives, us six cousins have spent most of our summers up at Partridge Lake. My younger sister and I have had many amazing summers there and have had so many wonderful experiences while doing so. The house that my grandparents own on the lake is amazing and so is the lake itself. It is always so exciting whenever we get to go up to the lake and we always have a great time. Some of my favorite things to do at Partridge Lake include kayaking, riding in the boat, fishing, and swimming in the lake. Kayaking is always a fun activity and I look forward to it whenever I am at the lake. I love looking at the beautiful scenery surrounding me and it is always so refreshing. There are also water bikes at the lake which you pedal like a bike and they float on the water. I also love to ride in my grandparents' boat. It is a pontoon boat and whenever we ride in it we always make sure to bring lots of food and drinks. Also, when we are on the boat, we will sometimes see the loons on the lake. The loons are there almost every summer and they are always so amazing to watch. Also, while on the boat, we like to go tubing. It is definitely one of my favorite water activities at the lake and is always really fun. Fishing is another one of the best activities to do at the lake. I usually get to go fishing either off of the dock or in a fishing boat and it is always lots of fun. Finally, we frequently go swimming in the lake while visiting. Most of the time we will go swimming just off of the dock, but we also sometimes go and use a neighbor's water trampoline. The time I have spent at the Partridge Lake has been amazing and will always be very special to me.

Avery Kydd, Age 15

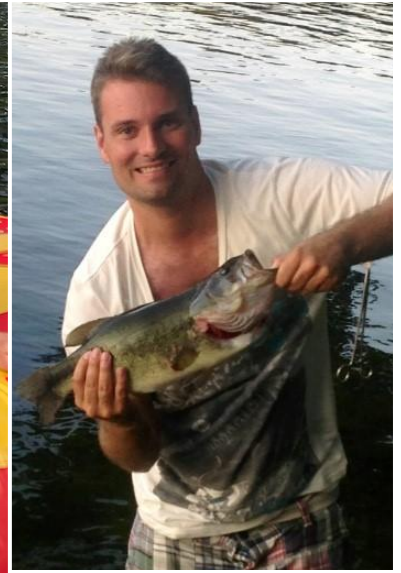


Partridge Lake feels like a second home to me. Every summer my family and I go, and I absolutely love it. Everyone is always so kind and inviting at the lake. There are so many fun activities at the lake. Once at our friends' Jon and Dawna's house, we made donuts and then went all over the lake in their boat and gave them away! It was SO much fun!!! People are so generous and like to make each other smile. Also, we get to see the loons. They are so pretty! We also used to see the baby loons, but they are all grown up now. Another fun thing about the lake is all the kids that show up. We have so much fun jumping on the trampolines and swimming in the lake. I have met kids from Norway and England! Partridge Lake is such a loving and kind community. If I were ever lost, I know there would always be someone to help me out. I am looking forward to being at Partridge Lake again this summer!

Harper Kydd, Age 12



Happenings Around the Lake 2021



Dayton Goudie celebrating his 80th Birthday with family and friends.

Second Plaker Open Golf Tournament Fall 2021

A special thanks to **Magan Carman** and **Marc Tarcotte** for Hosting.



Boating and Golf are not the only sports that PLakers enjoy. There is also, Football, Soccer, Tennis, and Fishing to name a few.



Quinn Murphy had a great junior season playing Quarterback for the Hilltoppers, throwing for over 2000 yds and over 20 touchdowns. Looking forward to Senior year!!

As a Freshman **Eihlis Murphy** was a Varsity starter at Center-Mid for the Hilltoppers. After an impressive regular season she is well into her travel season and looking forward to Sophomore year!



July 4 PLPOA Annual Picnic 2021

Come Rain or Shine - PLakers Love to Party!

Thank You Pamela Parker for the use of your property!



I Need Your Help.

Please send, stories, photos, captions, and ideas for future newsletters.

One of the neatest things about Partridge Lake is the abundance of wildlife. Send your photos of all the animals, birds, fish and even insects that are seen at the lake to jburdette1214@gmail.com for next years newsletter. We are so fortunate to share these beautiful, natural resources with wildlife,



The Yellow Camp Called “SOMEDAY”

Written by Jeanne and Patricia Burdette

Paul Gordon Burdette “67”

October 12, 1954 - April 8, 2022



I can't wait for spring... to venture off to see how "Someday"... survived the north. But, I always find that I've come to soon and she hasn't awakened from winter's gloom.

I will soon return without a doubt, as the new season begins to sprout. We'll warm "Someday" from her winter's sleep and feel with pleasure... she's ours to keep.

We'll get warm welcomes from the friends we've made It's always a pleasure to see them again.

Camp has an atmosphere all its own nothing like you would feel back home. And yes, I work hard and get little sleep but find pleasure in knowing it's my time to keep.

I look back now on the progress I've made at the times I've worked and the times I've played I see how my family continues to change how the boys have grown... will they come back again?

But how could they not... enjoy "Someday"

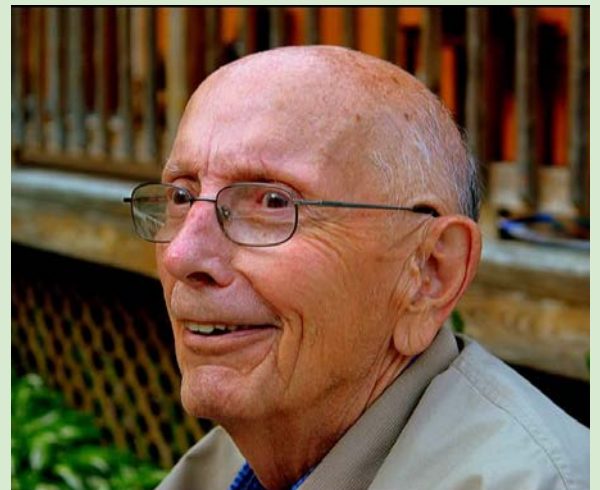
They must share in the joys of a "Littleton" know the pleasures of its warm invitation. To swim and canoe in Partridge Lake take a hike, ride a bike for old time sake.

The treasures are endless, the memories... priceless.

I will leave my mark upon this place for my children's children to embrace. And when I die, my ashes they will stray over this beautiful place we call, SOMEDAY!

RIP William "Bill" Ellingwood "84"

Sept. 19, 1937 - Jan. 23, 2022



Partridge Lake Residents enjoyed a visit with Bill at the Morrison Nursing Home in Whitefield, N.H. on October 1, 2019.

L-R: Stanley Parker, Dayton Goudie, David Ernsberger, Jere Eames

Spotlight on Volunteers

Board of Directors

John Schultz President
Nina Johannessen Vice President
Jill Corey Treasurer
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Jeanne Burdette
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Ex-Officio

Jerry Eames
Bill Ellingwood
Dave Ernsberger
Florence Fogelin
Dayton Goudy
Stanley Parker Jr.
Judy Warden

In loving memory of



Bob Butson

It is with great sadness that we have lost our long time friend Bob Butson of Partridge Lake. We will cherish his memory forever. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of those who have lost their loved one. May you find strength in knowing that others care.

Did You Know That Loons Can't Stand Up?

A loon's legs are set far back on its body and are essentially useless on land. A loon cannot stand up on its legs and walk but must drag its body to move across solid ground.



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

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2021 PLPOA TREASURER'S REPORT As of 12/31/2021

BALANCE CHECKING ACCOUNT \$922.06
BALANCE WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT \$46,237.11

INCOME 2021

DUES PAID (61 OF 75 CAMPS) \$1,950.00
DONATIONS TO WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT \$4,510.00
MEMORIAL DONATIONS \$940.00
CLOTHING SOLD \$2,249.00
INTEREST INCOME \$0.42
PICNIC GUESTS \$153.00

EXPENDITURES

NH LAKES ASSOCIATION \$325.00
LOON PRESERVATION \$250.00
TAX RETURN FEES \$290.00
MERCHANDISE COST \$1,850.00
NEWSLETTER \$373.57
WATER TESTING \$1,123.59
ANNUAL PICNIC \$972.50

2022 Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 18, 2022 9:00 am
Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Jill Corey's House

Saturday, July 2, 2022 11:30 am
Annual Lake Association Picnic
Location, Scott Manning
146 Poulsen Point Road

Saturday, July 30, 2022 9:00 am
PLPOA Annual Meeting
Open to all members! Please join us!
Ernsberger's Camp

Saturday, August 27, 2022 9:00 am
End of Summer
Board of Directors Meeting
John Schultz House

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

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