

PARTRIDGE LAKE

Spring 2023

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION *A Lake Preservation Group*

Letter from our Co-Presidents

Kathy Krejci and Nina Johannessen

Dear Neighbors,

Nina and I write to you this spring with great anticipation of our summer together on Partridge Lake. Welcome to new members, returning members, and old friends who have found their way back to us. When you return from around the country and the world, please thank the members of the PLPOA board whose perennial dedication has created our truly special community. I especially wish to acknowledge the Water Quality Committee for their commitment to correcting harmful phosphorus in the lake and eradicating algae blooms. They volunteer significant personal time to educate us and advocate for us at the state and federal levels in this vital and ongoing campaign. Your annual dues payment is critical to our efforts, and I thank you for your tax-deductible support. I hope you will consider making an additional donation to help preserve Partridge Lake for ourselves, our children, our loons, bears, moose, and turtles.

In August 1988, during an annual stay on the lake, my mother posted a letter from Littleton. She wrote, "...we have been content to walk, swim, sunbathe, read, and get together with [friends for dinner] ... On the walk home you could see millions of stars and the Milky Way. We stood on the dock and watched shooting stars. It is very bright and clear and quiet. The days have been brilliant and warm, and the nights cold and clear..." Much in our world has changed since then, but beautiful Partridge Lake stays the same, beckoning to all of us, year after year.

See you at the Picnic!

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**.



SAVE THE DATE

Partridge Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Annual Picnic

Saturday, July 1st, 11:30 am, Rain Date: Sunday, July 2nd

John & Kerry Schultz, 406 Partridge Lake Road (Small fee for your house guests.)



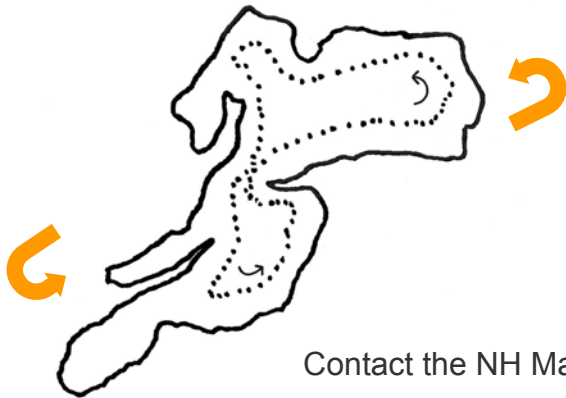
Remember the 150-foot law.

The lake is small; it has rocks and shallows; the area 150 feet from shore is not large; it has a dangerous “bottleneck” that allows only one fast boat to pass through at a time, and only then if there is no kayak, canoe, swimmer, or other motorboat.

Above 6 mph, by law no boat shall come closer than 150 feet to any person, place, or thing (docks, floats, etc.).

A water-skier is considered “part of the boat” and should also abide by the 150-foot law.

Taking off from the dock with a skier is allowed, but state law prohibits drop-offs at high speed.



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.

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

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.

Have Your Septic System Pumped Regularly.

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.

New Hampshire Lakes

The New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH LAKES) serves as a resource to the general public on all aspects of lake vitality in New Hampshire. You can make a difference by becoming a member.

Join NH LAKES today at nhlakes.org or by calling (603) 226-0299.

Your gift will help protect New Hampshire lakes and their watersheds for generations to come.



Kids Korner



Oliver Fogelin (age 18):

I've been coming to Partridge Lake every Summer for as long as I can remember, and quite a bit longer that I can't - and while I've moved country a few times it's always been a constant to look forward to, feeling more like home than anywhere else.

Getting overly competitive about mushroom-hunting, loon-spotting, and book-reading has always been super special to me - as is seeing the friends I've known forever and catching up on the year that's passed! Whether making silly movies (inspired by one too many Jax Jr trips), making S'mores (something England sorely misses) or meeting up for Cribbage nights, it's the people around the Lake that have made it such a great place to come back to every Summer.

It's also a wonderful place to connect with family; if you're reading this Nanna you owe me a Bishop's trip! I've been incredibly fortunate to be able to spend so much time with my grandparents every year, and I'll always have fond memories of picking blueberries - or playing word games - or learning to swim - or reading poetry - or playing chess puzzles on my grandad's lap - and though I doubt I'll ever find a sufficient reason for how or why Santa's Village came to exist in the middle of New Hampshire, going there in the middle of July was pretty awesome. I even got a super cool snow globe.

The drama of learning to drive next to a very large and very scary body of water is also pretty memorable - as is getting stuck in a metal canoe during a thunderstorm, or having a whole floatpane land and moor up to our dock. It doesn't really compare to the rage I felt after hiking up Mount Washington and finding a bunch of people at the peak who drove up... though I forgave them after discovering there was hot food and cheap t-shirts.

I'm very much looking forward to going back to New Hampshire in a couple of months and I am so grateful for all of the friends and experiences that have made it such a cherished place!

Isabelle Fogelin (age 14)

As I've just returned from possibly one of the best trips I will ever have (in Sri Lanka), I can safely say that Partridge Lake is still my favorite place in the world! From the sound of the loons during a thunderstorm, to swimming with lifelong friends, I know for a fact that I will never stop going there every Summer for the rest of my life.

I have so many amazing memories of sitting by the fire-pit, roasting marshmallows while listening to my dad's guitar. It is also my time to share special memories with my grandmother, Florence, especially over her secret chanterelle toastie recipe!

Of course, I couldn't talk about Partridge Lake without mentioning the wildlife! Seeing the chipmunks run around in the trees and hearing the faint buzz of the hummingbirds outside our windows is the best experience ever. The hauntingly beautiful call of the loon is always the best way to wake up. Every morning, I go down to the dock to watch the mist clear on the lake surface. Then in the afternoon I might go to Littleton to the Library or Chutters, or I'll kayak to my friends' houses across the lake. We spend all day playing games and swimming. Sometimes we even walk up to a rope swing at a nearby lake!

Most evenings my dad and I go out on the canoe to go fishing or even just appreciate the wildlife. I've seen great blue herons standing on my dock, turtles basking on logs sticking from the water, and snapping turtles swimming under my dock. I've even picked up frogs and toads that have wandered near the house, and admired the mother loon teaching her chicks how to take a bath!

It's my favorite place in the world and I believe nothing will ever change that.



Fun with Family and Friends at the Lake



Life at Partridge Lake is special.

Especially in the summer when the children and grandchildren come to visit. The sound of happy voices and thundering feet around the house is heart-warming. The family is expected this summer for *FFF (Forced Family Fun-a family joke)*. Especially excited as the two oldest grandchildren will be here after 4 years. *Cathy & Stan Parker*



PLPOA Annual Picnic - July 2022

Awesome Families, Friends, and Neighbors only found at Partridge Lake!

Thank You Scott Manning for the use of your property!





February 10th - 12th

- Viking Bonfire
- Cocktail Party
- Mexican Potluck
- Corn Hole
- Turkey Bowling
- Martini Races
- Broom Hockey
- Free Skating
- Super Curling
- Potluck Dinner
- Super Bowl Party



Weed Watcher Volunteers Needed

As warmer weather is upon us, we wanted to remind everyone that the Partridge Lake “Weed Watchers” will begin surveying the lake starting in May. You’ll likely see either Liz or Lila boating/stand up boarding around the shoreline looking for species the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) have determined invasive for our region. NHDES has equipped us with “kits” that help us identify native (good) and exotic (bad) species easily, via photographs we can use to compare what we see living in the lake. When in doubt, we’ll grab a sample or snap a picture and send over the NHDES who to date have been extremely helpful and responsive. So far, none of the samples provided have been of concern, but in the event of a suspicious plant or shellfish, a biologist from NHDES will come to the lake for further investigation. We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with NHDES. If anyone wants to get involved or has any findings they are concerned about, please don’t hesitate to contact Liz or Lila with the details, and we’ll be more than happy to paddle on over. Please note, our charter is limited to identifying invasive species, whereas water quality initiatives are being handled through a separate initiative.

If you would like to join the Partridge Lake Weed Watchers Group, please contact **Liz Gattone** at 815-690-5889, lizgat2015@gmail.com or **Lila Kee** at 617-872-6835, lilakee@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!

In Loving Memory

It is with great sadness that we have lost two of our long time friends at Partridge Lake. We will cherish their memory 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.



Richard Edward Warden, “85”

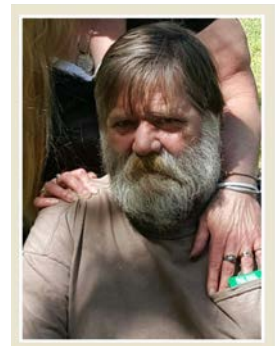
December 10, 1936 - July 11, 2022

We are saddened at the loss of our longtime friend and neighbor Ed Warden. He died peacefully after complications from a lengthy illness. Ed is celebrated for his love of family, skiing, fishing, and spending time in the outdoors. He adored his living wife of 63 years, Judith, his children, and grandchildren. Ed’s favorite place to spend his time was sitting on the porch of his Partridge Lake camp; Hatetoquitit. He worked tirelessly remodeling the camp and was proud of this special legacy. Ed enjoyed sitting on the porch listening to the loons and watching the sparkle on the water. He was an active member of the Partridge Lake Property Owners Association for many years and volunteered at the annual picnics and hosting Board meetings.

David Karl Byron, “67”

September 23, 1955 - November 15, 2022

David was born in Littleton and lived here his whole life. He was employed by Ric Brown Construction for forty years. David enjoyed riding his Harley, mowing the lawn with his John Deere mower and tending to his vegetable garden. He found pleasure in lobstering, fishing and watching Nascar racing. He had many fond memories of spending time at the lake in his camp called “Little Bit O’Heaven”. He always made time to help a friend in need. David is survived by his loving wife Diana who cared for him unconditionally in their home for eight years after he suffered a stroke in 2015. He will be missed by all those who knew him well.



Spotlight on Volunteers

Board of Directors

Nina Johannessen Co-President
Kathy Krejci Co-President
Jill Corey Treasurer
Tonya Eastman Secretary

Tom Allen **David Merrill**
Burt Bechtel **Lisa Morello**
Jeanne Burdette **Tom Norris**
Megan Caman **Cathy Parker**
Kevin Kee **Pamela Parker**
Scott Manning **John Schultz**

We must continue to be vigilant in our monitoring of invasive species, as they can have devastating consequences to lakes such as ours including:

- Disruption of aquatic ecology severely altering lake food webs by competing with existing native fish and shellfish for food and space
- Unwanted release of phosphorus and nitrogen into the water causing dissolved oxygen depletion increased algal growth
- Native and local vegetation become outcompeted by invasive plant growth
- Impairment of shorelines areas, ultimately impairing recreational activities



Ex-Officio

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



Save The Date

Third Plaker Open Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 - Labor Day Weekend

Hosted by Megan Carman and Marc Tarcotte

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

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2022 PLPOA TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 12/31/2022

BALANCE CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,362.53
BALANCE WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$51,215.72
INCOME 2022	
DUES PAID (63 OF 75 CAMPS)	\$2,250.00
DONATIONS TO WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$7,598.15
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	\$1,010.00
CLOTHING SOLD	\$269.00
PICNIC GUESTS	\$170.00
EXPENDITURES	
NH LAKES ASSOCIATION	\$325.00
LOON PRESERVATION	\$250.00
TAX RETURN FEES	\$290.00
MERCHANDISE COST	\$0.00
NEWSLETTER	\$431.16
WATER TESTING	\$440.00
ANNUAL PICNIC	\$1,167.35
EXPENSES FROM WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	
TOWN OF LITTLETON	\$4,300.00
(Cost from NCIC for Water Study Grant)	

2023 Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 10, 2023 9:00 am
Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Jill Corey's House

Saturday, July 1, 2023 11:30 am
Rain Date: Sunday, July 2
Annual Lake Association Picnic
Location, John & Kerry Schultz

Saturday, July 29, 2023 9:00 am
PLPOA Annual Meeting
Open to all members! Please join us!
Ernsberger's Camp

Saturday, August 26, 2023 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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