

PARTRIDGE LAKE

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Spring 2024

A Lake Preservation Group

In-Lake Treatment Plan Update

By Jack Eames

FB Environmental submitted the final draft of our treatment plan to NHDES at the end of March along with a request for funding from the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund (CMF). The plan calls for alum treatment (as expected) covering 50-65% of the lake. Dissolved oxygen monitoring is required to determine the exact alum treatment area. In May, NHDES will place a buoy in the middle of the lake (deepest point) with sensors attached every meter on a line that runs to the bottom. The sensors will take a measurement every hour from May to October.

The one-million-dollar Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund, that our very own Dave Rochefort helped create for NHDES, is first come first serve. Lake Kanasatka is the first in for their project this year. There are enough funds left for our treatment to potentially be fully funded. The current estimated cost of treatment for Partridge Lake is \$200,000.

The permitting process to treat the lake should be complete by this fall. The alum treatment contractor will likely be Solitude Company. You can read more about them at their website: solitudelakemanagement.com. Solitude will meet with the PLPOA leadership this summer to survey the lake for an equipment and supply staging area.

The treatment target date is May 2025. Based on the draft treatment plan, the lake will take five days to treat. Treatment is broken down into four zones with each zone (with the exception of one) taking one day to treat. One zone needs two passes of treatment. The process begins with a pilot treatment, which is the first day of treatment. Water samples are taken after treatment and sent for lab analysis, which takes two weeks. The samples are tested for PH level. Alum is toxic at low PH so if the PH is not low, the treatment of the rest of the lake can continue. NHDES said that Lake Kanasatka will help them fine tune the pilot process so it may change for our treatment next year.

The lake will be closed during treatment and may not be used. The PLPOA will post signs and notify owners prior to treatment. The lake is safe to use after treatment.

If all goes to plan, the pristine, cool, crystal clear water of Partridge Lake will return for future generations to enjoy.

SAVE THE DATES

Annual Picnic & Volunteer Day

Picnic: Saturday, July 6th, 12:00-3:00 pm

Rain Date: Sunday, July 7th

Location: Jeff & Jill Corey, Allen Road (off Herrick Point Road) Partridge Lake (Cost of admission: Free for Members and kids 10 and under, Guests - \$5.00. Dues can be paid at the picnic.)

Volunteer Day: Sunday, July 7th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

(Meet in front of the Warden Camp, Hatetoquitit, located at the Stop Signs.)



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.



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.

New Hampshire Marine Patrol is in agreement that we need to “double the distance!”. The safe passage law remains the same, restricting boaters to headway speed within 150 feet of any other boat, shore, docks, or mooring fields. Staying 300 feet from the shore and maintaining headway speed will help reduce your impact on the shoreline.

Pollution and sediment are added to the lake at an alarming rate. In rain events the ground only has the capacity to absorb so much. Because of the high water level, with the added height and additional wave power, waves are crashing onto the shoreline and affecting areas that normally would not be impacted. Storm runoff contains bacteria, pollutants, and excess nutrients that are washed into the lake. Reducing your wake and doubling your distance will help reduce your impact on Partridge Lake.

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

The New Hampshire Cyanobacteria Management Plan

stands as a comprehensive strategy devised to address the persistent issue of cyanobacteria blooms in the state's waterbodies. Within this plan lies the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund, designed to offer financial assistance to lake associations for their management and mitigation endeavors. Ted Diers, Assistant Director of the Water Division at the NH Department of Environmental Services, highlights that NHDES has received three current funding applications from the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund. These applications target projects on Lake Kanasatka, Tucker Pond, and our very own Partridge Lake, all of which have experienced significant cyanobacteria blooms over the past few years.

To date, the total funding requested across the three applications amounts to \$913,265. NHDES is diligently reviewing each application to determine the most effective project components, maximizing the utilization of the funds available from the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$1,000,000 to this fund, ensuring sufficient resources for the current projects. Our position as one of the first three lakes to receive funding is a testament to the dedication and foresight of those who have tirelessly worked on water quality initiatives for the past two decades.

While Partridge Lake is poised to benefit from these funds as one of the first three lakes to receive support, it's crucial to acknowledge that 47 lakes experienced significant blooms last year. The proactive efforts of the water quality team have positioned Partridge Lake favorably, ensuring its enjoyment by future generations. This collective commitment underscores the importance of ongoing collaboration and investment in preserving the environmental integrity of New Hampshire's waterbodies.

David Rochefort

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.

Local Septic Tank Service Companies

Schofield's Septic Tank Service, Lisbon
(603) 838-6028

White's Septic Service, Dalton
(603) 837-2728.

Kids Korner



TUBING:

The Ultimate Adventure at Partridge Lake

By Kate Rochefort (age 14)

Of all the things to do at Partridge Lake, I think tubing is the most fun. I started tubing when I was quite little, and I absolutely loved it! As soon as my dad put the boat in the water, my sisters and I were ready to go—even if it was 50° outside! Of course, I enjoy regular boat rides, too. Especially just before dusk! Even kayaking is lots of fun. But there's something absolutely thrilling about flying across the water, jumping waves, sliding sideways on turns, and even getting DUMPED! Me, my sisters and my friends just can't get enough. Rain, shine, hot or cold—tubing on Partridge Lake is definitely one of the best experiences ever!



“CAMP SOMEDAY” ON PARTRIDGE LAKE

By Charlotte and Eloise Kellam (granddaughters of Jeanne Burdette)

Last summer, we went to Nanny's camp on Partridge Lake. We had lots of fun. We made new friends, went Canoeing, Paddleboarding, and fishing (there's a BUNCH of fish there!). Partridge lake is a breeding ground for the Loon. It's a bird that lives near the water. If you venture deep into the lake, you will find a floating Loon nest, if you are lucky, you might see a Loon nesting inside.

One of our favorite things to do was to go on Ms. Tonya's boat and go tubing. She even let us drive. We also liked going swimming at the beach and build sandcastles. We would make a moat around the castle and watch as waves from the boats would knock it down.

Another favorite thing to do at the lake was to be a waitress and have fancy dinners on the porch at “Someday”. We had sausage and tater tots. Maybe next time we can have guests.

I am going to come back this summer. The people of Partridge lake are welcoming you to their beautiful community. Come to Partridge lake!!!!



Perfect Weather for our PLPOA Annual Picnic - July 2023

Thanks to John & Kerry Schultz for the use of your property!



Third Annual Plaker Golf Tournament

September 2023

Thanks to our Hosts Megan Carman and Marc Tarcotte



Save The Date
**Fourth Annual Plaker
Golf Tournament**
Sunday, September 1, 2024
Labor Day Weekend





Not a PLPOA Event



Letter from Co-Presidents

Kathy Krejci and
Nina Johannessen



Dear PLPOA community,

Another summer season is about to unfold on Partridge Lake, and we will be seeing plenty of new faces alongside our old friends. First, I wish to welcome 7 new families: Debra and John LeBlanc, and Richard and Rebecca Welch moved in last summer, Bill Wilczek and Barbie Beck-Wilczek, Brian and Jeralyn Jacobs, Jeff and Theresa Winn, Joseph and Cynthia Hauptmann, and Audrey Goudie and Brett Owen have since joined our ranks. Take the time to welcome them to our lake.

The environmental steering committee continues working with the state of New Hampshire and FB Environmental Associates to address cyanobacteria in our lake. The combined effort and dedication of the members of the committee is remarkable, and we hope to finish remediation in the spring of next year.

In addition, members of the PLPOA Board are monitoring for the return of Canadian Geese to our shoreline to humanely discourage them from proliferating. If you see a pair of geese nesting on your property and wish to participate in this effort, please inform me or Nina.

Finally, I encourage everyone to pay your annual dues. Your generosity funds the newsletter and picnic, and your donations to the water quality fund are vital to preserving our beautiful lake for ourselves and the next generation of swimmers, kayakers and skiers. See you on the Lake!

In Loving Memory

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.

Florence Fogelin, "89" Local poet and editor, died on October 29, 2023

Born and raised in Newport News, Virginia, Florence earned a BA from Duke University and an MA in Teaching from Yale where she met Robert Fogelin, the love of her life and her husband of 60 years. In 1968 Florence and Bob bought a cabin on Partridge Lake in Littleton, NH and spent every summer after enjoying it. Florence was an active member of the Partridge Lake Property Owners Association and Board Member for many years.



Judith Ann Warden, "84" May 28, 1939 – June 21, 2023

Judy is celebrated for her love of family, friends, and being a "professional volunteer." Judy adored her loving husband of 63 years, Edward, and her children and grandchildren. Judy's favorite place to spend her time was sitting on the porch of her Partridge Lake camp; Hatetoquitit. She was an active member of the Partridge Lake Property Owners Association for many years and served as the treasurer and hosted annual Board Meetings.

James Walter Varrill, "94" March 4, 1929 – December 6, 2023

The lake lost another wonderful member of the Partridge Lake community. James and his family have enjoyed their camp at Poulsen Point for many years. James was born in Barre, Vermont the only child of Roy and Ester (Niles) Varrill. He attended Barre Public Schools, went on to further his education at the University of Vermont and Burdett Business College in Boston. He enlisted for three years in the Army in 1950 and served in the Korean War, receiving the Korean Service Medal with four Bronze stars and the United National Service Medal. After being honorably discharged, he married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Fielder.



Erline Jesseman, "88" July 22, 1934 – May 8, 2023

Erline was the loving wife of Wendell Jesseman for 65 years. Born in Littleton, NH, she was the daughter of Kenneth "Tom" and Pearl (Santy) McBurney. Erline earned a RN degree from Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing. She was involved in several civic activities in her community, including serving on the Littleton Regional Hospital Board of Trustees, Chairman of North Country Home Health Agency, President of Friends and Council, Treasurer of The Shared Ministry, a member of the Church Council, and on the original board of the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country. Erline enjoyed skiing, golf, and was greatly involved with dog showing. Above all she loved spending time in her home with friends and family.



Last fall, while closing camp, I had a surprise visit from Partridge Lake legend Gordi Eaton. Gordi grew up on our lake, before he became an Olympic skier. He later opened Gordi's Fish and Steak House with his ski champion wife Karen, and friends and fellow PLakers Muffy and Bob Copenhaver, while spending summers with his own children on the lake. Gordi has long since moved to Oregon to herd his grandchildren, which is how I became the lucky owner of the Eaton Camp, but he remains an indelible part of North Country lore.

Kathy Krejci

Spotlight on Volunteers

Board of Directors

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Judy Warden

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The loon nest is currently under reconstruction and will be ready to bring out to the usual spot in Tilton's Cove in early summer 2024. We hope to have a repeat experience of the loons following the boat that hauled the nest out in 2023 while they swam and dove around the boat, cooing and acting so happy that their nest was being put in place. Once situated, one of them immediately climbed onto it and the other one circled around with apparent approval!



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

2023 PLPOA TREASURER'S REPORT As of 12/31/2023

BALANCE CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$561.24
BALANCE WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$56,118.91
INCOME 2023	
DUES PAID (66 OF 75 CAMPS)	\$2,163.00
DONATIONS TO WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT including memorial donations	\$16,398.15
INTEREST WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	\$915.09
CLOTHING SOLD	\$2,585.00
PICNIC GUESTS	\$160.00
EXPENSES FROM REGULAR ACCOUNT	
NH LAKES ASSOCIATION	\$325.00
LOON PRESERVATION	\$250.00
TAX RETURN FEES	\$290.00
MERCHANDISE COST	\$2,873.08
NEWSLETTER	\$371.98
ANNUAL PICNIC	\$1,435.90
EXPENSES FROM WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT	
TOWN OF LITTLETON (Cost from NCIC for Water Study Grant)	\$2,600.88
SEPTIC REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,500.00
SEDIMENT TESTING	\$2,000.00
FBE CONTRACT PAYMENTS	\$4,094.50
WATER TESTING	\$490.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$1,888.00

2024 Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 1 9:00 am
 Spring Board of Directors Meeting
 Jill Corey's House

Saturday, July 6 12:00-3:00 pm
Rain Date: Sunday, July 7
 Annual Lake Association Picnic
 Location, Jeff & Jill Corey

Sunday, July 7 9:00-11:00 am
 Volunteer Day
 Location, Meet at the Warden Camp

Saturday, August 3rd 9:00 am
 PLPOA Annual Meeting
Open to all members! Please join us!
 Location, Greg and Tonya Eastman

Saturday, October 5 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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