

PARTRIDGE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A Lake Preservation Group

**"Biggest Boating Event
in the History of Partridge Lake"**

Saturday, August 8, 2015

Fresh Strawberry Shortcake!

THIS EVENT WAS REALLY SPECIAL. It showed the true spirit and fun of being the luckiest PLAKERS on earth who have an extended family at Partridge Lake.



They came by boats, canoes, kayaks, pontoon boats, rafts, water bikes, and paddle boards, TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER OUR SPECIAL LAKE COMMUNITY.



"We are love and friendship forever. Memories that will never die..."

**Summer at Partridge Lake Kicks Off with the
Annual Volunteer Day, Saturday, June 4, 2016**

Contact **Dave Ernsberger** at dave@ePartnerships.net or call him at (603) 444-7269 or cell (210) 387-4627 if you want to be part of the Volunteer Crew... or just show up at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning in front of the Warden camp.

It's Your Watershed! Get Involved Today!



Note from our President



From Santa and his Elves wake boarding and skiing on the lake, to pontoon boat carolers on December 24, the year 2015 was certainly ushered out in unique style.

Winterfest 2016 was complicated by a lack of snow and warm temperatures the first weekend, to bone chilling cold the closing weekend. We were again dazzled with opening night fireworks at Herrick Point and party at Megan's...perennial activities at the Corey Ice Rink and Chum Bucket.... Lyne and Albert's premier afternoon of lake curling...culminating with the Super Bowl Pot Luck dinner at the Ernsberger camp. Week two's freezing cold activities included frisbee golf in the Hadwens' cove....biathlon at the Hutchins'... and the new official closing, the Viking Bonfire hosted by Dayton and Susan. We somehow always manage to make the best of what the weather gods/goddesses throw at us.

Most of the lake had opened up by the second week of March, leaving us with less than three actual months of iced-over lake. On March 26th at 4:08 pm, Patrick plunged through the ice to declare "official" Ice-Out.

Spring cleanup is just around the corner, scheduled for the first weekend in June and we hope that warm weather soon follows, welcoming our summer residents back to Partridge Lake.

Our annual lake picnic will take place this year at the Allen camp on Saturday, July 2nd. Since the 4th of July lands on a Monday this year, we look forward to a long weekend holiday.

Hoping to see you all soon,

Tom Allen



Notice

Cathy Parker

The DES is no longer doing the testing for private wells. The agency that's responsible now is the NH Division of Public Health Services, **(603) 271-3445**.

The woman I spoke with at the lab was Joyce and she was very helpful. They send you five bottles that need to be filled at different times during the day. This all needs to be sent over night to the lab for testing.

At this time we have not received our results. You might want to check out the **private wells report** that has made the news recently.

Treasures Report

Jill Corey

As of August 2015, there was a balance of \$1615.05. Water Quality Account has \$33,598.83.

Dues and contributions are higher than ever and we had another successful picnic, over the 4th of July. We fed 186 people!

Profits from our first Ice Out contest helped us buy extra food for the picnic.

Ticket price for the 2016 Annual Picnic will increase to \$5.00 across the board, under 10 years old will be free.

Where else could you have as much fun, eat SO WELL and enjoy each others' company? For only \$5.00!

Thank you to all who helped, cook, collected dues, sold shirts and pants, set-up, cleaned up and collected tickets! Many hands make light work.

Contact will be made with New Hampshire Lake Association to check and see if they have a speakers bureau. We will be looking for another interesting subject to share at this years' annual meeting.

Donations have been made to the Loon Preservation Society and the N.H. Lake Association.

2016 Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Lake Volunteer Day
Meet at Warden Camp 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Spring Board of Directors Meeting
The Berry Patch 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 2, 2016

Annual Lake Association Picnic
Allen Camp 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 30, 2016

PLPOA Annual Meeting
Open to all members! Please join us!
Ernsberger Camp 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 20, 2016

End of Summer
Board of Directors Meeting
Jeff & Jill Corey's Camp 9:00 a.m.



WEED WATCHERS: The Partridge Lake Weed Watchers Group will join other volunteers in cleaning up the shoreline on Volunteer Day. We ask that anytime this summer, if anyone sees something growing in the lake that does not look like it belongs, please contact **Nancy, Dayton**, or another Weed Watcher.

We all can help protect our beautiful lake from invasive species. Anyone who would like to join the Elite Weed Watchers group, please contact **Nancy Ernsberger** at nancyernsberger@gmail.com or call **(603) 444-7269**.

Water Quality Testing

Testing is ongoing. Anyone interested in helping with this process is encouraged to contact Dayton Goudie at **(603) 444-2793** or email him at daytongoudie@gmail.com.

Kids Korner



A Truly Unique Place to Grow UP

Partridge Lake by Morgan Eames

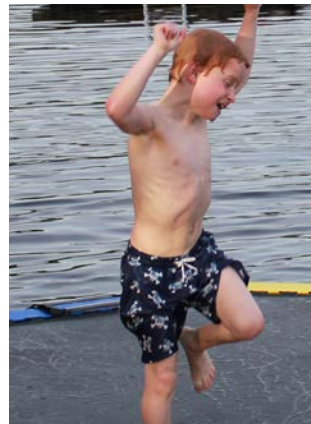
It's hard to imagine anywhere other than Partridge Lake as my home. Granted, I have lived here for all thirteen years of my life, but I have many memories here that make the lake home. I distinctly remember being around six and terrified of turtles, and I mean terrified. I used to be so scared of them I refused to swim and even go near the lake. So naturally when my parents wanted to take me water skiing I refused, there was no way I was going in the lake! However, I still found myself sitting in the water, with two big skis strapped onto my feet. I was so afraid that a turtle would bite me, I freaked out when a stray tree branch brushed against me. I thought it was a turtle that was for sure coming after me. Looking back now I find the irrational fear funny, after all turtles as well as fish are scared of people.

I also remember when we first got a tube. At the time Carson was too little to join Ethan and me on the water so we just went by ourselves. As soon as the tube was in the water, we were jumping in after it. Eager to get going we positioned ourselves at the very front of the three person tube, so close we could see the clip that attached the rope to the tube. Unfortunately for us the tube began to sink due to the poor weight distribution and we quickly went under. Just as quickly as we went under we came back up laughing the entire time. We laughed so hard we swallowed lake water and got stomach cramps. We laughed until the boat circled around and our parents got out to help us re-surface the water-logged tube. Tubing is actually one of our favorite thing to do in the summer. And I have to say we've come a long way from sinking on take off.

Partridge Lake is truly an unique place to grow up. As I recall, once in school a classmate of mine was talking about how they have never been in a boat before. I not only felt shocked but I also felt very lucky, lucky to live in such a great place with great people. Here I am with unlimited access to a beautiful lake where I can swim and ski as I please, whereas people like my classmate have never set foot in a boat before. I also have made so many great friends here, friendships that will last forever. I look forward to summers at the lake every year, for they bring friends, family and good times. Just this past summer I was at the annual picnic, and as I watched everyone laughing and having a good time together I remember thinking, I never want to leave this moment...



...there was a great sense of camaraderie and home, all of which make us one big family. All these things make Partridge Lake not just a community or a home, but a family.



Ethan is 15, Morgan 13, and Carson 9



The Winterfest That Almost Wasn't - February 2016

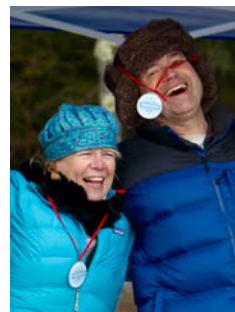


Every year the winter weather poses unique challenges for Winterfest and this year did not disappoint. While the lake ice finally got thick enough to set up the Corey hockey rink, a series of unseasonably warm and rainy days subsequently caused the rink ice to be too wet to have our annual Turkey (ahem, chicken) Bowling competition on the first Saturday. Not to be deterred from having fun however, the Ernsbergers graciously opened up the Man Cave for a very competitive and rowdy game of bingo instead. An overnight chill fortunately allowed the ever popular Curling Tournament to take place in the Howe's cove on Sunday. While there were a few faceplants and bruised knees, spirits remained high and the competition fierce. As always, the Superbowl Potluck Dinner that night filled our bellies full of delicious home cooked food bringing the close of the first weekend to a satisfying end.

Midweek, one of the new events this year was a cribbage/cards tournament hosted by the MacIvers. They tried to distract us by plying us with drink and yummy appetizers but the games ensued none-the-less. The hardest part was trying to count points and remember which direction to move the pegs as the night wore on. A few expletives may have been uttered in the name of defeat but all in good fun. Another midweek event was movie night featuring "Grumpy Old Men". Rumor has it that there were several similarities identified between a couple of lake residents (who will remain anonymous) and the movie's main characters.

The second weekend of Winterfest 2016 did an about face weather-wise as it was bitter cold. That did not stop the festivities however. The Friday night Dinnerfest at host houses followed by Dessertfest at Nina Johannessen's home just exemplified the insatiable appetite of the Plakers. On Saturday, Bruce Demers did a great job of organizing a Disc Golf Course on the lake. The brutal cold and prevailing winds made the competition all the more interesting. This was followed by the Biathlon in front of the Hutchin's camp where many unique X-C skiing techniques were demonstrated. Finally, to cap off the week was the Viking Bonfire at Dayton Goudie's. As always, Dayton's creativity shined in his construction of a Viking ship that was ultimately set ablaze—a most appropriate way to end a great week. Once again, I thank all of you who participated in making this an event that is envied by others outside of our small lake community.

By Meghan Carmen



Hello Fellow Partridge Lakers

Eric and Jodi Fogelin



My wife, Jodi, and I are planning to fly our homebuilt floatplane across the United States at the end of July to visit my parents, Bob and Florence Fogelin. It is a Murphy Elite amphibious floatplane built from a kit: all-aluminum, high wing, three-seat airplane which flies at 115mph at altitudes up to 15,000 feet. The floats contain wheels that are retracted inside of the floats to land on water and extended to land on airport runways.

I started construction in 1999. The airplane has 20,000 rivets and the floats, an additional 15,000. After 3 years of work spread over 9 years, I did the first test flight in 2008. Professionally flying de Havilland Beaver floatplanes in Ketchikan, Alaska, had convinced me we needed a floatplane of our own., Jodi enthusiastically enjoys flying the floatplane and is working on her pilot's license.

Our flight will start in Redding, California, and immediately require flying over the 8,000-foot Sierra Nevada Mountains, across the barren Black Rock Desert of northern Nevada (floatplane not needed), and over the Great Salt Lake (nice having a floatplane), with a first night stop with friends in Utah. Then it is up and over the 10,000 foot Rocky Mountains and across the wideopen Plains (wish we had a jet), to Oshkosh, Wisconsin and the annual largest gathering of aircraft in the world. From there it is 50 miles across Lake Michigan (nice having a floatplane), cut across Canada, then see Niagara Falls from the air. After flying south of the Adirondack Mountains and over the Green Mountains we will descend and land on Partridge Lake sometime in the first week of August. It is possible to do this flight in 3 days/2 nights. Weather delays and sightseeing will likely add a couple of days to the trip.

While building the floatplane, I always imagined landing on Partridge Lake. A top map of the lake hung on the wall of the hangar.

So, how do floatplanes and boaters interact? Easily! A floatplane must give way to every single other boat on the water — whether a power boat, sailboat, canoe, person in an inner tube, swimmers, sunbathers on rafts...everyone. We will delay takeoff or landing until it is safe. I also know to keep a sharp lookout for our very important Loon family.

We will be noise-friendly and hop over to Moore Dam to give floatplane rides. Most of the time, the floatplane will be high and dry at the Mount Washington Regional Airport. Just like boaters who trailer their boats from lake to lake, floatplane pilots do their part to stop the spread invasive species.

Looking forward to fulfilling a lifetime dream and sharing the experience with adventurous Partridge Lake families who would enjoy a floatplane ride.

Special Moments from Summer of 2015

Photos Courtesy: John MacIver



The contrast between Italy and our lake is vivid — two places I dearly love. I will be reading from my new book, *Once It Stops*, at the NEST sometime in July or August and hope you can come.



Let Them Be Left

I'm back from places picture-perfect:
Tuscany, a sunlit dream
where every hill town punctuates its presence
with double rows of cypress trees
trim as exclamation points.
Back to Partridge Lake,
its spring-fed, snow-filled, muddy wet.

From Italian gardens and city boulevards
defined and caged by geometry –
hedges, topiary, pear trees splayed against a wall,
walks swept impossibly clean, even dirt and gravel.
Back to where the soil's so poor
it needs a granite bed to hold the lake in place.
No one planned this mix of pine, birch, and hardwoods
quarreling for a patch of light,
strangling rocks in search of food so scarce
ancestral rot is nourishment.

In this wild, wet clearing in the woods,
the undergrowth welcomes me home with strangeness:
the smell of a mushroom, the careless ease of ferns.

Florence Fogelin
from *Once It Stops*
Deerbrook Editions
Oct., 2015



Spotlight on Volunteers

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Dave Ernsberger

Thanks to our 2015 Annual Lake Association Picnic Hosts:
 Paul and Eileen Goodrich

Thanks to everyone who provided photos and articles for this issue of the PLPOA newsletter. We greatly appreciate all your help.

If you would like to contribute to future newsletters please contact Jeanne Burdette.

Connect with us: 

A Buddie in the Boat "BUTCHIE"



Cover Photography Courtesy:
 Donna Alexson, Sugar Hill

Butchie Parker (since deceased) in his canoe on the Parker beach. Due to his stunning breeding and good looks, Butchie was chosen as the cover dog for the 2016, 26th edition of Profile Guide. Butchie was a beloved member of the Stanley Parker, Jr. & Stanley Parker, III families, but was often sighted looking for treats, hugs, and boat rides at the Maclvers.

Butchie was a rescue dog that we got in 1999 from the Lyndonville Animal Rescue after seeing his picture in the Caledonia-Record. He ended up being the lake Mascot as he was adopted by several families. After we started our RV travel lifestyle we discovered that he was not a good traveler. He ended up staying with Stan III during the winter months when we were away. We shared him during the summer until Butch decided he liked the bachelor life better. His routine eventually came down to several visits during the day so he could get a dog biscuit.

Stan & Cathy Parker

2nd Annual "Official Partridge Lake Ice-Out Contest"



And we have a winner!

Paul Allen brother of Tom Allen

Patrick took his plunge at 4:08 am 3/26/16
 Pauls time was 4:10

Thanks to Paul for graciously donating his winnings to the Partridge Lake funds.

Thanks to all that participated.

**We will start selling
 "Ice Out" tickets for 2017
 at the Annual Picnic
 on Saturday, July 2.
 Get your tickets early!**

PLPOA Merchandise Pre-season Sale

As we look forward to summer in Littleton and to the activities on and around Partridge Lake, one of the ways to show your support to the PLPOA is to purchase some of the items we have for sale.

Nancy Ernsberger will be selling PLPOA merchandise in the man cave on Volunteer Day, Saturday, June 4th, and throughout the summer.

NEW THIS YEAR!!

PARTRIDGE LAKE note cards.
 A package of ten cards for \$10.



We note the loss of **Joe Richards**, a long-time resident of Partridge Lake. With deepest sympathy, our condolences go to his family and friends.