

PARTRIDGE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A Lake Preservation Group

Spring 2012

PLPOA Board Clarifies Voting Membership

Recent annual meetings of the PLPOA have involved votes that were not unanimous or pro forma. The board has re-examined the association by-laws and decided to clarify, or reiterate, the rights to vote and to hold office in the association.

Dues-paying regular members for 2011 are noted with an asterisk in the enclosed property owners list, showing that they have paid dues in 2011. *Note: any errors should be reported to Judy Warden, treasurer.*

In order to vote at the 2012 annual meeting, or any PLPOA meeting, the current \$25 dues must be paid previously, or at the meeting itself.

The by-laws state:

All persons who own property on Partridge Lake may be members of this association upon the payment of the annual dues [which]... shall entitle the person to a vote at the annual meeting, to hold office in said association, and attend and participate at any function.

The spouse or children of members may participate in all activities and discussions, have the right to hold office, etc. *EXCEPT that an associate member may not vote for officers or on any matter raised at the annual meeting unless said associate member is casting the vote of a non-present regular member.*

This amounts to the following:

One camp, one regular member vote, if dues have been paid.

Copies of the by-laws are in the publication packet distributed in recent years, or can be obtained from members of the board. They will also be available at this year's annual meeting.



Empowering Clients One Hoof at a Time....

New Neighbors— Horses—Coming to the Watershed

The farm overlooking Partridge Lake on Old Partridge Lake Road, long for sale, will soon have new residents: two or three horses under the care and tutelage of Melissa Hamlett. Melissa and her husband, Lance, a contractor and stone mason, hope to close on the property by the end of May, having been approved by the Littleton Zoning Board for a business use exemption to an agricultural property. Soon thereafter, she will begin offering therapeutic horsemanship to children and adults.

Concern about the farm's impact on lake water quality were addressed at the Zoning Board meeting. The Hamletts have worked with representatives from the NH NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Services), and will meet the need to keep run-off to a minimum, fencing off areas at the pond and wetlands. Matters of

pasturing, parking, fencing, and an upper limit of six horses were also addressed.

Melissa, who works at Casey Family Services, has previously volunteered for therapeutic horsemanship programs in Goffstown, N.H., and Wilder, VT. Aiming by September to be a licensed therapist, she will offer three therapeutic programs:

1. For children and adults with disabilities such as autism
2. For teens, an equine teamwork program caring for the horses and their needs
3. Equine-assisted psychotherapy

Her website details her offerings: www.unbridledpotentialthp.com.

The program will be monitored and inspected before certification in about 12 months by PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship). It is a program, says Melissa, "that uses horses to provide unforgettable, interactive experiences that foster social, emotional, psychological, and spiritual growth in children, adolescents, and adults."

Melissa and Lance, residents of Landaff, hope to make their home on the property in a few years. In the meantime, a caretaker will be in residence.



We Need New Faces! Get Involved Today!



2012 Volunteer Day: Saturday, June 2nd, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Contact Dave Ernsberger at (603) 444-7269 or cell (210) 387-4627 or dave@ePartnerships.net

Measurements of phosphorous at the tributaries, surface water, and the deep "hot spot".

Data collection for the past 20 years is shown in the accompanying graph, showing measurements of phosphorous at the tributaries, surface water, and the deep "hot spot" that has been a major concern. Dayton Goudie, who has for many years gathered the data and sent it to the NH DES, replies to questions about the meaning and trending of the numbers.



Q. What is the most striking fact about our lake's problem?

A. The hot spot is still there, a very heavy concentration of phosphorous in the deep part of the lake.

Q. Why do readings vary so much from year to year?

A. Three possible reasons (which may not be the actual reasons): The sample location can easily vary by a few feet off the bottom; seasonal concentration differences interacting with the timing of the sampling dates; and real fluctuations caused by chemical/ biological factors in the sediments.

Q. What seems to be the trend?

A. In deep water, a moderately unfavorable trend. In surface water, a slightly favorable trend. The tributaries trend basically steady, but are inherently more varied due to rain events, etc.

Q. Why isn't there more progress in cleaning up the lake?

A. The answers are probably different for surface waters and the deep water. Other than the much-needed push to improve more septic systems, I personally feel that we are doing about all that can be expected with the surface waters, given the monetary, societal,

and political restraints to achieving major reductions. I am not aware of any natural event(s) that are likely to reduce the deep phosphorous significantly. (We have never been given a definitive answer as to why it is abnormally high in the first place.)

Q. Should we worry?

A. My personal worry is that some unforeseen future event might release an especially heavy slug of the deep phosphorous to the surface, with probable unpleasant consequences. This leads me to favor a DES-approved treatment of the sediment to remove or lock the phosphorous in place. The science is not a settled matter; PLPOA members would have to be educated and involved in the decision; and funding will likely be difficult. But yes, we should be concerned.

Q. Are we still on the state's "endangered lakes" list?

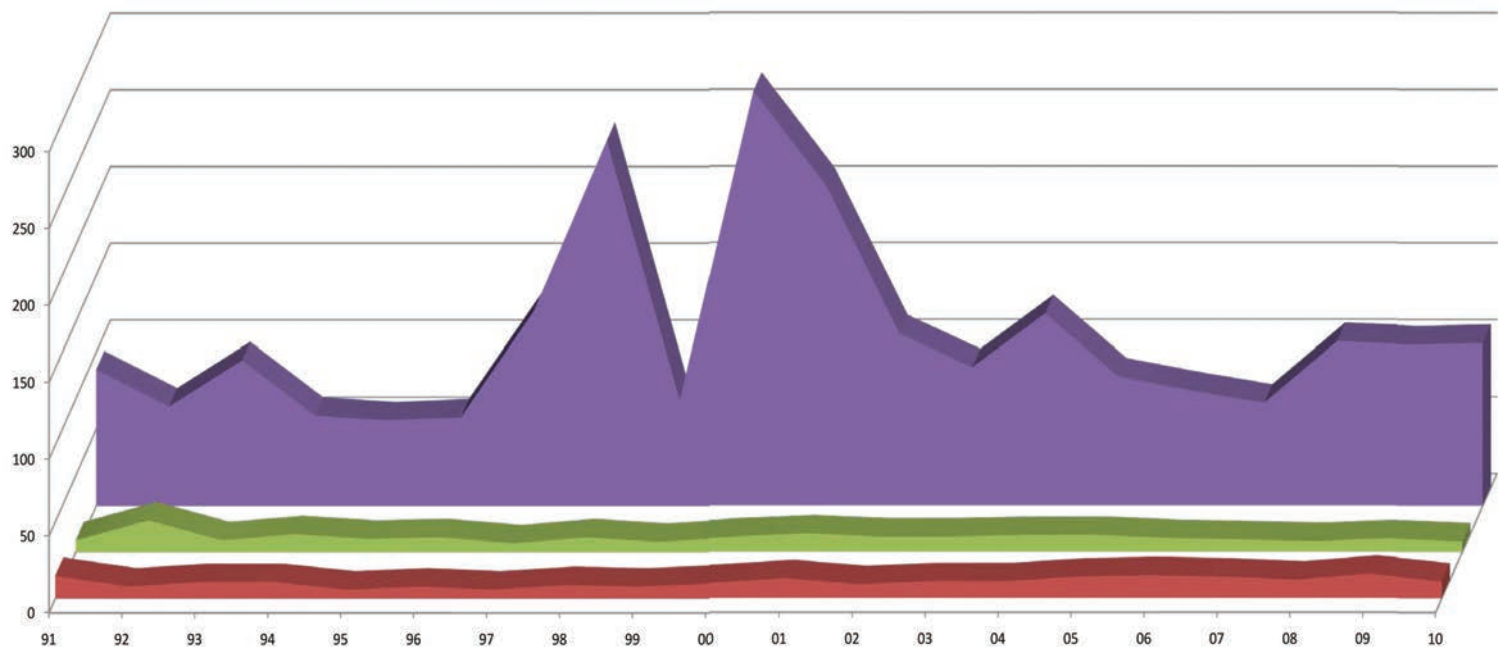
A. Yes.

Q. What can we do to make it better?

A. Educate, participate, promote, and (I'm not afraid of the apparently dreaded) regulate.... where it serves our lake.

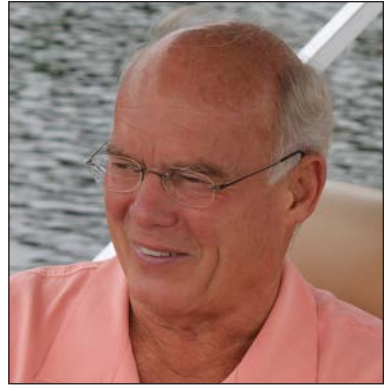
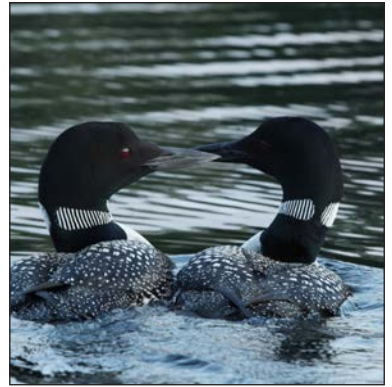
Yearly Mean Total Phosphorous in ug/L (approximately parts per billion)

YEAR	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Three Major Tributaries	15	8	11	11	6	8	6	9	8	10	13	9	11	11	14	15	14	12	16	11
Mid-Lake Surface Water	8	21	8	12	9	10	6	10	7	10	12	10	10	11	11	9	8	7	9	7
Mid-Lake Deep Water	89	65	95	59	56	58	127	238	69	270	208	112	90	125	84	75	67	107	105	106

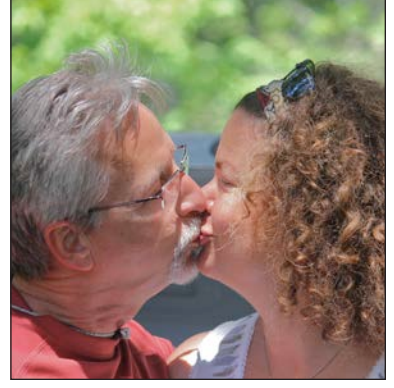
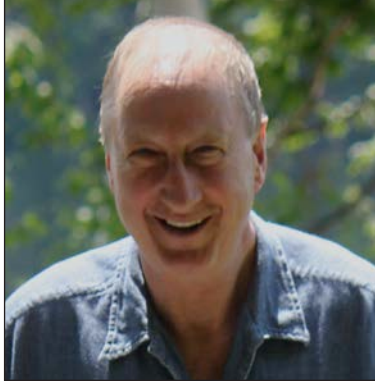


Data compiled from the VLAP yearly reports. If you have questions, please contact Dayton Goudie at (603) 444-2793.

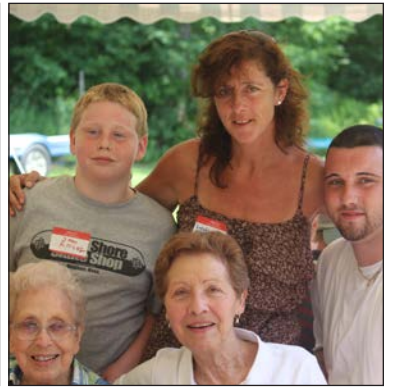
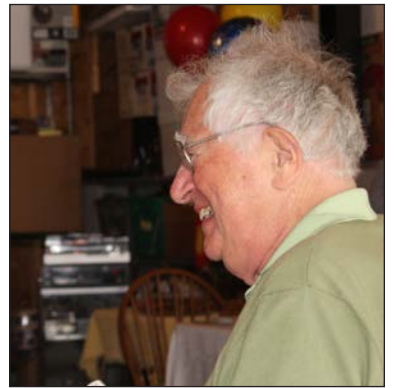
2011 PLPOA Spectacular Events



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FEBRUARY 2012 — FIRST EVER “PARTRIDGE LAKE WINTERFEST”



The first ever “Partridge Lake Winterfest” was held this past February. The Winterfest idea really started on a beautiful summer day while I was floating around the lake with the Ernsbergers. Nancy and I were chatting about how to have fun at the lake when we would all be here for a week in the winter. What started out as just a way to have fun with a couple of friends rapidly grew into an “event,” and Partridge Lake Winterfest was born! As we started throwing around ideas, we quickly realized we needed some “young blood” to generate enthusiasm and ideas. Without hesitation, Kimmy Allen, of the Allen Compound, volunteered to help out.

What followed was a great week of fun—getting to better know our neighbors, old and new. Whether it was the Opening Night Fireworks Display at The Point, the Superbowl Party and Pancake Breakfast at the Ernsbergers, the Littleton Jazz Trio & Dinner at the Beal House, or Trivia Night at The Oasis, everyone seemed to have a great time. We also discovered many of our neighbor’s hidden talents through the Best Winter Drink Contest, the Crock Pot Crock-off, Karaoke Night at Nina Johanssen’s, Curling at the Howes’ professional looking ice sheet and various sporting events at the Corey’s pond hockey rink and “Chum Bucket”, their warming tent. Additional highlights included the Martini Relay, in which one of the losing teams had to do a “shot ski” with the beverage being chosen by the winning team (If you don’t know what a shot-ski is, just ask a 20 year old!) and the dedication ceremony of Mr. Bobcat (a surly looking stuffed wild feline) at The Oasis bar room.

What impressed the Winterfest Planning Committee most was how everyone at the lake that week totally embraced the idea and participated with vigor. It proved once again what a great community we have at Partridge Lake. And for those folks who were not able to be there this past February, do not worry! By popular demand, it has been deemed an annual event!

Megan Carman

Jere Eames and the Eames Family History...Four Generations of Giving and Community Involvement!

For over 80 years the Eames family has made major contributions to Partridge Lake and the Littleton Community. Jere, Yvonne, and the entire Eames family have been active leaders and supporters of the lake's activities and have provided a legacy of charitable giving and leadership to the town of Littleton.

In 1920 Jack Eames moved to Littleton and purchased the Premiere Theater on Main Street. After a fire in 1924—and another in 1949— Jack Eames rebuilt the movie theater into an 800-seat movie house like no other in the North Country.

In 1939 when virtually all lake properties were summer camps, "Jack's Point," (built in 1931) became a year-round family home for Jack, his wife, "Meader" Foss, and sons, John and Jere, born at the lake in 1941 and 1943. The family has had a special bond—and famous parties—with their friends and neighbors for more than 80 years at Partridge Lake.

In 1970, Jere and Yvonne moved permanently to the lake; their son, Jack, born in 1971, has known no other home. Jack and Vicki, who were then serving in the military, were married in 1997 on the Island. They have continued the Eames family legacy of service to our country and community, and the next generation of Eames have joined us at the Point—Ethan, Morgan, and Carson. You may have already seen three generations of Eames cleaning up the roads at our annual Volunteer Day.

For years, Jere has provided guidance at PLPOA board and general meetings. He and the family participate and provide support to all of the lake association projects. Jack is a past president of the Lake Association, and several times in recent years they have hosted the annual picnic. Jere serves as the



"Jack's Point"
80th Anniversary
October 30, 1931 - October 30, 2011
(Photo: Jack and Meader Eames, 1940)

official photographer at all lake functions, and it is rumored that he is putting together a heavily anticipated book on the history of Partridge Lake. The Eames family supports (publicly and privately) so many things that make our lake special. If you go into town you will see the impact that the Eames have had on our community—from the Pollyanna statue... to scholarships given LHS graduates... to historic, award winning Main Street... the riverfront development... the Opera Block... and the historic Thayers Inn.

As Jere always says in his phone messages, "This is Jere Eames from the Fabulous Partridge Lake in Historic Littleton, New Hampshire, in the Beautiful White Mountains!" He always uses "fabulous" to describe his community, his life and his friends and neighbors! We are blessed to have the "fabulous Eames family" at the lake.

LAKE HISTORY

A CHIMP AT PARTRIDGE LAKE

The Vaughan Camp was built in the late 1890s by Frederick Chutter (1857-1939), of "Chutters" fame, who was a minister at the Littleton Congregational Church from 1887-1890. Following a short move, he returned to Littleton and opened a successful dry goods store in the same building which currently houses the famous candy counter. The next owner, Harry Adams Kahler, a wealthy Dallas investment banker, also of NYC, spent summers at Edencroft, and intermittently retreated to the house at Partridge Lake—a summer camp for a summer visitor.

His son, Woodland, married a Russian Baroness (her fourth marriage). In her autobiography, *Olga*, she mentions "a large bungalow a few miles outside of Littleton... on a knoll of pine trees, sloping down to the lake. The ten upstairs bedrooms had a high communal ceiling... Lots of bats lived up there... Downstairs, the sitting room had a

big fireplace directly opposite a huge picture window that looked down on the lake."

Olga and her husband spent one summer at the lake, accompanied by Olga's pet Chimpanzee, Susy!

Jack and Grace Cyr purchased the 34-acre property in 1964 and used it during the summer months with their seven children. In the early '70s, the Freitas family from Rhode Island subdivided it into 4 lots. Steve and Ellen Ray (Deacon's Bench) owned the two house lots for about one year, selling to the Vaughans in 1986. One of the subdivided lots was retrieved; there are now fifteen acres with the property. Winterized in 2000, the camp has been home to Tim and Kate since 2002.

The bungalow still sits on a knoll of pine trees. The picture window still looks down at the lake. The ten bedrooms have been reduced to five, but sadly, where are the bats?



We note the loss of Ralph Moore; Florence Antonucci, mother of Joan Prezioso; as well as Peter Haynes, son of Anna Haynes, who spent decades at the lake. With deepest sympathy, our condolences go to their families and friends.

Antonucci



Haynes



WEED WATCHERS plan to meet on Volunteer Day at Nancy Ernsberger's house for breakfast on June 2 at 9:00, then go on to early shoreline cleanup. It would be a chance to take a first look at our shoreline with just the new growth starting after a warm winter and early spring. All are welcome to join us.

Amy Smagula is scheduled to meet with the Weed Watchers on July 21.

Treasurer's Report

This year 54 camps paid dues out of 75. We would love to see more participation because that is our only source of revenue.

Balances for 3/1/12	
General Checking Account:	\$28,304.86
Lake Fund Savings	\$28,413.69
Total	\$30,718.55



Spotlight on Volunteers

Board of Directors

Mark Meau	<i>President</i>
Dave Ernsberger	<i>Vice President</i>
Jeanne Burdette	<i>Secretary</i>
Judy Warden	<i>Treasurer</i>
Tom Allen	Albert Howes
Jill Corey	Jayne Johns
Tonya Eastman	David Merrill
Florence Fogelin	Cathy Parker
Eileen Goodrich	Pam Parker
Glen Hadwen	Kate Vaughan

Thanks to our 2011 Annual Lake Association Picnic Hosts

Eames Family

Photos

Jere Eames	Dayton Goudy
Tom Allen	Meghan Carman
Jill Corey	

New Lake Residents

Toby & Kim Knighton

Mark your calendar!

Saturday, June 2, 2012

Volunteer Day
Various locations 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Meau camp 9:00 am

Saturday, July 7, 2012

Annual Lake Association Picnic
Goodrich Camp 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, July 28, 2012

PLPOA Annual Meeting
Ernsberger camp 9:00 am

Saturday, August 25, 2012

End of Summer Board of Directors Meeting
Hadwen Camp 9:00 am

Connect with us: 

Operation Wild, Wet and Frigid

Young loons aren't ready to leave the lake with their parents in the early fall, but this past winter brought full-bore attention to the plight of one in a shrinking patch of open water in late December.

The problem was publicized on the PLPOA Facebook page and in a series of emails beginning December 18. Nearly a dozen concerned would-be rescuers consulted with John Cooley, a biologist at the Loon Center, who called daily with advice and concern. "We have been sternly reminded by NH Fish and Game not to do anything reckless," wrote Dayton Goudie on Monday, Dec. 19. "There is a plan for early tomorrow morning" involving loon calls as a decoy "to test and consider plans."

On Tuesday morning, just after daybreak, nine volunteers showed up. Jill Corey had recorded loon calls. An ice boat equipped with a landing net was at the ready. The loon answered the calls but stayed in his "pond." A test run of the ice boat worked well—"with plenty of help." The ice was thick enough to support the boat as it was pulled to the edge of the water, when the haul crew, pulling from shore, was able to hop the boat back up on the ice and give it a brisk ride back to shore. But with a warming trend enlarging the open water, the ability to capture the loon was not encouraging.

"And some of us have to be away over Christmas weekend!" lamented Goudie. "John Cooley remains interested in our progress --- checks in each day, answers questions, offers



solid suggestions and continues to remind us to be safe!"

That afternoon, Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Facebook page reported: "It's gone!... Sometime between 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon it came up missing. ...[After checking for signs of a predator or a crash landing], all of us here want to believe that the loon got very lucky and caught a good gust of wind that allowed it to get liftoff. It had been seen making short attempts this morning. That's our story. We want to believe it."

Maybe this is just a vivid reminder of the reluctance summer folk feel each year to leave. But we get to return, year after year. Young loons are not welcomed back by their parents.

PET PEEVES

Light Pollution (not pollution lite)

One person's light "pollution" can be desirable for another. Light that *accidentally* crosses a property boundary and annoys a neighbor is generally considered wasted and pollutive light. Solution: ask your neighbors what they think, even if they live across the lake.

- ♦ **Light trespass** occurs, for instance, by lights shining over a neighbor's fence or through the trees into the neighbor's windows. By limiting light to 90° from vertical, most light trespass issues are reduced by 80–90°.
- ♦ **Over-illumination** is the excessive use of light. National energy audit data demonstrates that about 30–60% of energy consumed in lighting is unneeded or wasted.
- ♦ **Light clutter** refers to excessive and distracting groupings of lights.
- ♦ **Skyglow** refers to the glow effect that can be seen over cities, redirected by the atmosphere back toward the ground and interfering with our view of stars and northern lights.

We can work toward being non-offensive non-polluters by carefully selecting the correct light source in each outdoor application. Generally, we should illuminate only what we need to see: steps, walkways, docks etc. Avoid powerful flood lights which illuminate great areas. Rather, use smaller-wattage lamps and point the fixtures down at the ground onto the areas that need to be lit. Your lighting will be more effective, cost less to operate and help preserve the beautiful surroundings in which we live.

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep," said Robert Frost.
That's why we live here.*

