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ANNUAL MEETING!

Saturday May 19, 2018

President's Message

by John Decker

Happy spring! It's just about time for the 2018 Annual PLIA Meeting. Last year moving Annual Meeting to the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend proved so successful that we are doing it again for this year's meeting. I'm hoping we have an even greater attendance than last year! Do you have neighbors who are not members? Bring them along!

The **agenda** for Annual Meeting is set forth in detail on the next page. Check it out!

The PLIA continues to be very active in the fight against milfoil in South Channel. Neil Santos was a runner-up finalist as a Cox Conserves Hero, resulting in the award of a conservation grant of \$5,000 to the PLIA. With the proceeds from this grant, a **diving hookah device** was purchased, enabling Neil to dive for longer periods of time to search for and mark milfoil plants for extraction.

As for prevention, our Lake Host Program needs to **increase hours** at both the State Park and Fundy launches. Two different lake hosts made **late season saves** within a week of each other! This means we especially need **volunteers for early and late season hours**, since most lake hosts are college students who return to school. Please consider volunteering a day or two to help support this very important program. Info@PawtuckawayLake.com or call me at **603-498-2032**.

Local Hero Award

The PLIA wants to honor our members who have made lasting contributions—both historic and current—to promote our mission. We asked for nominations and have considered many factors in deciding who should win this award. Come to Annual Meeting to celebrate our first honoree and the beginning of a great tradition.



The Raffle is Back!

For many years, at Annual Meeting the PLIA offered members the chance to win prizes through raffle tickets. Now we have revived this popular event and hope to see many of you try your luck—and raise money in the process—at chances in our fabulous raffle. Check out our list of generous donors on page 3 to see what surprises may await you!



ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 9:00 AM

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

8:30 - 9:00: Registration, membership, raffle tickets, refreshments, T-shirt sales

9:00 - 10:00: Business Meeting and Report of the President

10:00 - 10:15: Announcement of Local Hero Award

10:15 - 10:30: Break

10:30 - 10:45: Raffle Drawings

10:45 - 11:15: 1st Session of Breakout Discussion Groups

11:15 - 11:45: 2nd Session of Breakout Discussion Groups

11:45 - 12:00: Wrap Up

T-Shirts, Anyone?

For 2018, we have some new designs and offer them in summer colors and three graphic options.



Loon, Sunset Kayaker, and Fishing tees are sold in sizes S, M, L & XL. Pick your favorite before they are gone!

"Can We Talk?"

Here are the speakers we have lined up to lead discussion groups on topics of interest to those who love Pawtuckaway Lake:

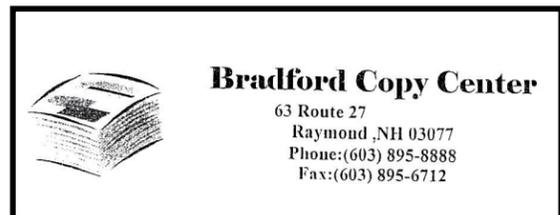
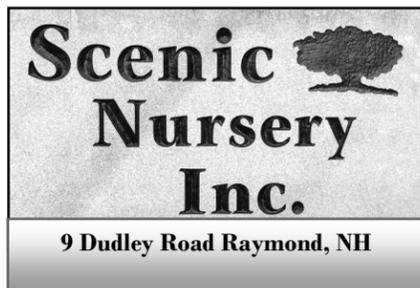
- ◆ **Tom O'Brien, from NH LAKES**, on the Shoreland Protection Act—Docks, trees, and other improvements to waterfront property. What can I do and how can I do it?
- ◆ **Steve Soreff**, on the naming and possible adoption of Pawtuckaway Lake islands—Some have well-recognized names, others have several names, others still are nameless. What do you know and what are your ideas?
- ◆ **Dee Decker**, on the Lake Host program—What does it do, what are its goals, how does it help the lake, and who can be involved?
- ◆ **A surprise** topic and facilitator, to be announced at Annual Meeting.



Step Right Up; Take a Chance on Our Raffle—Test Your Luck!



Here are the local businesses that have contributed to our raffle. We encourage you to visit these places and see why they are such an important part of our Pawtuckaway Lake community!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2018

MAIL TAX DEDUCTIBLE 501(c)(3) CHECK & FORM TO: PLIA Membership PO Box 30, Raymond

Name _____
 Lake Address _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Lake Phone _____
 Cell #1 _____ Cell #2 _____
 Email Address _____

- Your Membership Supports:
- PLIA's Dues to NH Lakes Association
 - PawPrints Newsletter
 - PLIA Annual Meeting
 - Lake Stewardship & Resource Booklet
 - Road & Island Clean Up
 - Water Quality Testing
 - Lake Host & Weed Watchers Exotic Species Prevention
 - State/National/Foundation Matching Grants
 - Studies & Projects to Improve the Health of the Lake

- \$25 Basic Membership
 \$50 Conservation Membership
 \$100 Guardian Membership
 Other amount please specify \$_____
 I would like to volunteer, please contact me

Join using PAYPAL! Use this email address members.plia@gmail.com and then send money to friend/family option in PayPal.

Thank you for your support!

PLIA
 P.O. Box 30
 Raymond, NH 03077

Call for Volunteers!

By Dee Decker and Steve Soreff

Hi everyone! It's almost time for boats to be in the water! And that means fishing tournaments! We need volunteer **Lake Hosts** for **late April and early May ASAP** for the Fundy ramp. Please let me know which weekend morning you are available. We also need volunteers at the Park May 19 - Oct 9 on Thursdays and Fridays. I would like to get these days on the calendar for the summer so I'm not scrambling each week. deedecker.plia@gmail.com Cell: 603 498-3830. **Weed Watchers** are also crucial, the sooner the better! Contact Steve at soreffs15@aol.com. Cell: 603 568-3202.

Survey

What do **YOU** think? Be on the lookout for an email blast with a link to our First Annual Survey. Please take the time to answer this short (anonymous) survey. Our members should shape our future, so we want to hear from you! If we do not have your email address on file, please send it to us at Info@PawtuckawayLake.com and help us improve the PLIA!

