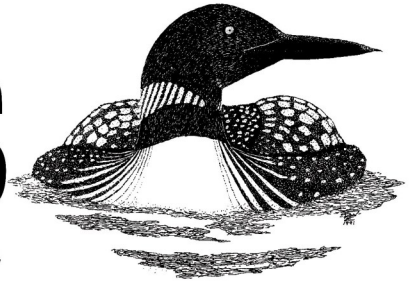


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Paw Prints



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2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 11th

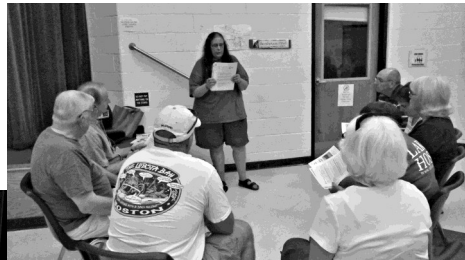
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Nottingham School

The PLIA is now a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Come to the meeting and learn about other ways in which our organization is growing

Questions?

Call or email
tom.duffy@verani.com



Discussion groups were a big success in 2015! We have a new lineup this year: milfoil, storm water runoff, water testing, and Pawtuckaway wildlife. Join in!

President's Message

by Tom Duffy

I'm pleased to announce that John Decker of Lakeview Drive has been nominated to succeed me as President of the PLIA. He and his wife Dee have been working on PLIA matters along with the rest of the Board of Directors.

In my years as President, we have entered into the Partnership Agreement with NHDES, bringing resources, grant funding, invasive species elimination, and some control over water levels. We have expanded our active water testing program, formed closer ties to the Town of Nottingham and

NH Lakes Association, who both help PLIA fund our boat inspections. Our website, www.Pawtuckawaylake.com, is getting a makeover (very soon!), and our educational efforts continue to make us all better lake citizens. Finally, we have realized my goal of becoming a real charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit and can now accept tax deductible

donations from many sources and the public.

Personally, the highlight of these many years was receiving the John Morton Award for Lake Stewardship from NH LAKES. I consider it the PLIA's award because it takes a team effort over many years to achieve this recognition. I will remain active as a Director, as a state and local liaison, with water testing, fund raising, and making a difference wherever I can. Thank you all for your volunteer efforts for our...

Little Piece Of Paradise.

SAVE THESE DATES!

May 26	DES/PLIA Meeting
June 11	Annual Meeting
July 4	Boat Parade
July	Loon Census
September 17	Nottingham Day

GOOD NEWS

Hooray! This is the first full year that our dues at all levels are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Please consider increasing your membership level this year to help protect our lake.

Lake Host Boat Inspections

The Lake Host Program is growing! Voters in Nottingham once again approved funds to help fund the Lake Host Program. The health of Pawtuckaway is vitally important to everyone in town and we appreciate the Town's investment. The State of New Hampshire started a Clean, Drain, Dry Campaign a few years ago and our Lake Hosts educate all boaters about the Program while doing courtesy inspections. This year we are partnering with the State Park to train their staff about invasive species and do courtesy boat inspections. We will also have volunteers at the Park on weekends to do inspections and teach boaters about the Clean, Drain, Dry Campaign as well as our paid Hosts at the Fundy Ramp. We pay our Hosts through a combination of grant funds from NH Lakes, the Town investment, volunteer hours, and PLIA funds.

In 2015 the paid Lake Hosts at the Fundy Ramp conducted 6540 courtesy inspections and worked 957 hours. We also had volunteers working the Horse Island Ramp with a total of 234 boats inspected. Volunteer PLIA Lake Hosts put in 276 hours. We submit all our volunteer hours to NH Lakes and they go towards our required match for our grant. We invite anyone who uses the lake with kayaks, canoes, inflatables, sail boats, as well as power boats to come and learn about the Clean, Drain, Dry program and invasive species when we hold additional trainings during the summer months. Notices will be sent out to all members, so be on the lookout!

Welcome Booklet

This past year the PLIA put together a Welcome Booklet/Resource Guide that contains useful resources for being a good lake steward as well as informational tidbits. You should have received one of these last summer. If not, more will be available at this year's Annual Meeting.

Weed Watchers' Report

In 2015, the Weed Watchers' ninth year, we had an extremely active and eventful season.

Volunteers found and pulled several areas of Phragmites, as well as a recurring infestation of Purple

Loosestrife on Horse Island. Then in mid-August a suspicious vivid green growth was spotted in the South



Channel by Weed Watcher Lilia Guerra, who then contacted Steve Soreff, then Lake Hosts John and Dee Decker. Neil Santos swam out to obtain a sample for immediate transport to Concord. On August 21, DES's Amy Smagula identified it as "variable milfoil, for sure, the invasive." John and Dee Decker with Steve Soreff placed markers around the infested section to keep motor boats away. On August 25 Amy surveyed the area and the next day DES divers went in and removed 20 gallons of material, indicating they believed they got it all. This represented a coordinated effort by Lake Hosts, Weed Watchers, and the DES.



Weed Watch/Lake Host Training 2012 Left to Right, Rear: Tom Johnson, Steve Soreff, Ann Breazeale, Vic Maslov, Rick, Morrissey; Middle: Matt Gibbons, Ed Kotowski, Sara Urban, Sharon Symons, Therese Thompson, Maureen Morrissey, Liz Kotowski, Peggy Tucker, Mike Herron; Front: Donna Danis, Evan Koester. Crystal Kosta, Jack Johnson, Luke Grammont

Pawtuckaway Loons

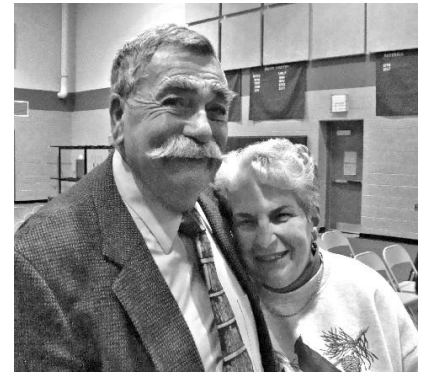
During Summer of 2015, the South pair of loons chose a very busy spot to make their nest, They faithfully took turns on a nest that was barely concealed by vegetation on a small rocky outcropping right in front of the State Park canoe and kayak launch at the head of Neal's Cove. One egg hatched and the parents raised it successfully until it fledged in the fall. Many visitors from the State Park delighted in watching the chick feed, swim, dive, and preen, and for the most part they kept a respectful distance while they made their observations. Meanwhile, lake residents kept an eye on the campers!

Frank and Peg Case

A word of appreciation to Frank for all the hundreds of hours you have been a Lake Host and ready with a smile. The lake is better because of you. Frank and Peg have been two of the lake's greatest advocates and figures at both the PLIA's Annual Meetings and Town Meetings as well as in New Hampshire's House of Representatives. For health reasons, both

The North pair hatched two chicks as they often do but lost one to a predator. The other chick was observed to have a deformity to its beak and one eye, which was possibly blind or at least impaired. The parents tended to its needs faithfully and it seemed to grow and develop normally despite its injuries. Sadly, although the parents took flight for their fall migration, the chick apparently was unable to leave the lake. Its dead body was found by a lake resident in early January, likely scavenged by an eagle. Pam and Jim Kelly collected the carcass and John Cooley from the Loon Preservation Committee came to retrieve its body from them later that week. No report of any findings yet.

Frank and Peg are now residents of Rockingham County Nursing Center at 117 North Road, Brentwood, NH .Call 603-679-5335 for visiting hours. If you get a chance, drop by and say hello and thank them from all of us.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP June 1st 2016 - May 31st 2017

MAIL CHECK & APPLICATION TO: PLIA Membership PO Box 30, Raymond NH 03077

Name _____

Lake Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Lake Phone _____

Cell #1 _____ Cell #2 _____

Email Address _____

I would like to volunteer, please contact me

NEW -To join using **PAYPAL!** Use this email address members.plia@gmail.com and the send money option in PayPal.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

\$25 Community Membership contribution supports:

- Road & Island Clean Up supplies
- Boating Safety
- Lake Stewardship
- Community Events
- Educational Programs

\$50 Conservation Membership contribution supports:

- Water Quality Testing
- Lake Host Exotic Species Prevention
- Weed Watchers

\$100 Guardian Membership contributions supports:

- State/National/Foundation matching grants
- Continuing studies & projects to improve the health of the lake
- Environmental Studies

\$10 Basic Membership contributions supports:

- PLIA's dues to NH Lakes Association
- PawPrints Newsletter
- PLIA Annual Meeting

Other amount please specify \$_____

Thank you for your support!

Sunfish Racing

It has been a couple of years since we have had sunfish racing on the lake. If there are people interested in getting their Sunfish out for racing or

pleasure sailing with others, contact John Decker at 603-498-2032 or JohnD.PLIA@gmail.com. In the most recent past, we raced on Tuesday evenings but another night is possible if we have interest.

MEMBERSHIP PLEA

Please consider renewing your annual membership in the PLIA and increasing the level of your commitment. This year we need to increase the hours of boat inspections performed by Lake Hosts, and membership dollars are crucial to support this effort. Last summer Variable Milfoil was found in the South Channel near the State Park Horse Island boat ramp. Although it was quickly removed, it is clear that we need to fund additional hours to perform boat and trailer inspections at the State Park in order to prevent similar incidents from occurring. Last year our membership was 177 families. There are approximately 370 properties that are on the lake or have lake access. Your membership to the PLIA helps protect your property values and quality of lake life by helping us fund this important program as well as the water testing program. Now that the PLIA is a nonprofit under 501(c)(3), your membership in the PLIA is fully **tax-deductible**.

It's definitely worth the investment.

WHAT THE PLIA DOES AND WHAT YOUR DUES SUPPORT

- Prevent Aquatic Species from Entering the Lake through our Lake Host Program
- Detect and Eradicate Invasive Plants in and around the Lake through our Weed Watchers
- Monitor the Quality of Lake Water through our Water Testing Program
- Partner with DES to Benefit from State Resources for Better Water Quality Services
- Sponsor Road Cleanup Teams for Community Betterment
- Organize Annual Meetings with Educational Talks on Lake-Friendly Topics
- AND the Fourth of July Boat Parade!

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