

Little Ossipee Lake Association Newsletter

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Summer 2008

Watershed Project Completed

In 2004 a federal grant and matching town funds made it possible for York County Soil and Water to conduct a watershed survey in an effort to identify erosion sites that presented potential pollution to Little Ossipee. Lake Association President, Wayne Gautreau, made the watershed his number 1 priority working closely with representatives from York Soil and Water and the Town of Waterboro to keep the project alive and moving forward within the time constraints of the grant.

Project Highlights

- 13 severe erosion sites were identified in the survey and action was taken on those sites reducing 102.3 tons of sediment going into lake each year
- 25 technical assistance visits were conducted
- “How to” workshops were conducted on creating rain gardens; installing infiltration trenches and lake buffers planted with native vegetation; building bank stabilizers and the steps to forming private road associations

Time and money from the watershed grant has run out but much can be done by every property owner on the lake to preserve and protect lake quality. Not using fertilizer on lawns, allowing a buffer of natural vegetation to grow near the water's edge or planting trees and other ground plants near the water's edge, following boater safety rules by complying with “no wake zone” warning signs are just a few ways we all can make a difference within investing a lot of time or money.

Congratulations Ethel Hackett

Ethel frequents the Lake Association web site and knew about the 1st Annual Ice Out contest. Her prediction of April 18 was the closest to the actual date of April 20 according to our official ice watcher—Don Holden. Congratulations to Ethel—she won a Little Ossipee Lake T-shirt.

2008 Scholarship Winners Announced

The Lake Association is proud to name Ethan Lamb of Springvale and Owen Cunnane of Alfred as the scholarship recipients for 2008. Both will receive \$500 toward the purchase of books. Ethan is attending the University of Maine at Orono in the fall and plans to major in wildlife biology. Owen received the Guy L'Italien scholarship. He will attend Unity College in the fall and has his sights set on becoming a game warden.

We wish both young men much success in their educational journeys and in their chosen careers.

Thank You President Wayne

After serving six years as a Board member, most recently as Board President, Wayne Gautreau has decided to do what most people come to the for—relax.

Wayne joined the board as an alternate in 2002. He became a voting member in 2003, vice president of the board in 2004 and president from 2005-2008. Wayne resides in Saugus, Massachusetts, but that never prevented him from attending town meetings where matters impacting the lake were on the agenda. Wayne is a certified Invasive Plant

Patroller and was certified as a quality and dissolved oxygen water tester. Although Wayne will no longer serve on the board he fully intends to continue to be on the lookout for invasive plants in the shallow coves.

Board Seats Open

The terms of Directors Don and Dianne Holden will expire on the date of the annual meeting. Recently they announced they will not be seeking to serve another term on the board. Ed Doggett, Frank Salvo and Don Holden are the nominating committee for this year's board election.

What serving on the board involves

- Believing in the organization's mission to preserve and protect the water quality of Little Ossipee Lake and the habitat of wildlife species
- around the Lake while creating a safe environment for water recreation;
- The ability to attend 7 monthly board meetings from April – October. The meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am
- A willingness to serve on a board committee (committees include scholarship, annual meeting, boat parade, newsletter; special events)

If you would like to be considered to serve on the board please contact Don Holden at 207-247-5926 or Frank Salvo at 978-774-3295 before August 1st.

Cedar Loon Nest Floated-Not Without Peril

The Patriot's Day storm of 2007 caused Little Ossipee Lake to rise 21 inches in two days. Many were impacted by this unprecedented storm—not the least of which were loons who build nests for their eggs only to have them destroyed by the rising water. Shortly after the storm an article appeared in a publication received by the Lake Association that talked about the advantages of man-made loon nests that float on the lake. Board members Ed Doggett, Don Holden and Stan Goff volunteered to build the nest. Larry Goddard, owner of Big Fish Fence and year round resident of the Lake, donated cedar logs for the nest. The project consisted of three phases—(1) planning; (2) construction; (3) positioning of the nest on the lake. The final phase turned out to be the most difficult—and potentially hazardous. The committee selected a secluded, quiet spot in the vicinity of Turtle Cove-- a place already inhabited by some feisty geese who took exception to the trespassers. After a few anxious moments and a few good laughs the warriors returned unharmed. It is unlikely the loons will use this nest this season, but once they discover it they are likely to return year after year.

Dam Report 2007-2008

Summer Level = 6' 6"

Winter Level = 4' 6"

This past year (2007) the start of winter level draw down was to begin on October 15th, but the gates and The lake completely froze over December 19, 2007 and we settled in for a very long tough winter. The Waterboro area received between 130 and 150 inches of snow and we got off easy compared to the areas just north of us. Because of the heavy blanket of snow, complete ice-out did not happen until April 20th, at which time the gates were closed. Summer level was reached just six days later, but a heavy rain storm caused me to open the gates 100% on April 27th. After that event, the gates were closed and it has been the easiest spring I have ever had, with just two minor adjustments to maintain summer level. I can't believe Mother Nature is giving me a break. What's up with that??!?

Upcoming Events You Won't Want to Miss

Saturday, July 19—Community Dance—Sponsored by Little Ossipee Lake Association

Location: Sokokis Hall, 19 Foss Road, Limerick, Maine

Music: Mirror Image

Time: 8 – Midnight

Cost: \$10 per person

This is a BYOB event—MUST BE **21** TO ATTEND.

Thursday, August 7—Historical Society Presents “Early Years at the Lake”

Location: Carle’s Corner Museum next door to the Town House

Time: 7 pm

The program will feature a panel headed by Nancy Deering Goddard and will talk about memories of the Lake before the 1947 fire.

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Have you been to our web site lately? The Lake Association’s very own member Karen Cummings designed and maintains the site. From the cry of the loon to the information about life on the lake visiting the web site is a real treat. Karen is always accepting information and pictures that will interest our members and other visitors to the site.

Membership Update

Paid Association members as of June 14 – 221. Your dues help to support ongoing projects such as water testing, the boat parade, newsletter printing and mailing and annual scholarships.

Little Ossipee Lake Association Board of Directors

Officers

Dianne Holden, President	Mariann Goff, Secretary
Mike Taflas, Vice President	Ed Doggett, Treasurer

Directors

Bob Labelle	Don Holden
Barbara Hamor	Jon Tufts
Stan Goff	Robert Cyr
Donna Taflas	Frank Salvo
Karen Cummings	Pam’heureux

Alternates

Larry Jacobsen	Ray Spencer	Dianne Schultz
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TICKETS NOW ON SALE

FOR THE LITTLE OSSIPPEE LAKE ASSOCIATION DANCE

TO BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PRICE: \$10/PERSON

DATE: JULY 19, 2008

TIME: 8 – MIDNIGHT

LOCATION: SOKOKIS HALL, FOSS ROAD LIMERICK

ENTERTAINMENT: MIRROR IMAGE

A Contemporary Rock Band

THIS IS A BYOB EVENT

ABSOLUTELY NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE ADMITTED

TICKETS ARE LIMITED

VISIT OUR WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR CONTACT STAN AND MARIANN GOFF AT 247-5399

TERRY HACKETT MEMORIAL BOAT PARADE

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

PARADE STARTS AT 11 AM AT THE DAM

PICK UP NUMBERS AT RED BOAT HOUSE (LEFT OF DAM)

JUDGING AT WEYMOUTH POINT

THIS YEAR'S THEME—ANYTHING TO DO WITH GEESE
(In honor of our brave Loon Nest Committee)

CASH PRIZES

Boats: 1st Prize \$75
2nd Prize \$50
3rd Prize \$25

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2nd Prize \$50
3rd Prize \$25

DUES REMINDER

221 Members have paid their dues—have you?

If you have not paid your dues please make your check payable to Little Ossipee Lake Association and mail to PO Box 204, East Waterboro, ME 04030-0204.

_____ Dues, \$10 Per Family

Name: _____ Map/Lot # (if known) _____

Home Address _____

Lake Address _____ Tel # _____ Email _____