

Little Ossipee Lake Association

PO Box 204 E. Waterboro, ME 04030

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2017 Annual Newsletter



E³ Preserve and Protect Little Ossipee Lake through
Education, Eradication, and Erosion control

**Important news from the Little Ossipee Lake
Association—please read!**



Sunrise in Spring Photo: Ronald Gendron



LOLA Sign Still Stands

It looks like Little Ossipee Lake Association Sign survived its first winter! LOLA would like to thank Doug Foglio for his help in getting the sign installed. LOLA would also like to thank John Cyr for donating the galvanized posts. Any news that LOLA has to share will be posted at this location. Stay informed!

Annual Dues Collection

Have you sent in your dues yet this year? Become a member of the Little Ossipee Lake Association by paying your yearly dues. All monies collected supports the ongoing care of the lake. (The directors of LOLA are volunteers.) Postcards were mailed to all homes in early May. *If you already sent your dues, thank you.* If you haven't you can use the form below and mail to: **Little Ossipee Lake Association, PO Box 240, E. Waterboro, ME 04030**

2017 Dues Form

Mail to: Little Ossipee Lake Association, PO Box 240, E. Waterboro, ME 04030

We ask that you mail your dues by July 31st.

You may also pay your dues online by visiting www.littleossipeelake.org

Please make checks payable to Little Ossipee Lake Association.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address: _____ Map/Lot # (if known): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dues per household: **\$20.00** Scholarship Donation: \$ _____

If you would like to further support LOLA's mission with a tax deductible donation towards the Lake Stewardship program, please check the appropriate box and mail with your dues. We appreciate your generosity.

THANK YOU!

Save the Date!

Lake Clean-up Day:

Saturday, June 24th 2017

Meet at public beach at 10:00 am

Do your part to collect trash from around the lake.

Remember, everyday is lake clean up. You can always help pick up trash in the lake.

Terry Hackett Memorial Boat Parade:

Tuesday, July 4th 2017

Theme: Christmas in July

Parade commences at 11:00 am

LOLA Inaugural Golf Tournament:

Friday, August 4th 2017 at

Dutch Elm Golf Club, Arundel ME

Registration 7:30 am

Tee off 8:00 am

This is a fundraiser to support the mission of LOLA. Sponsorship opportunities available!

Annual Meeting:

Saturday, August 19th 2017

at Camp Laughing Loon

Meeting at 11:00 am

Cookout/Social at 12:30 pm

Dance 8:00-11:00 pm

Bring your own beverage



Lake Stewardship Program

The LOLA Lake Stewardship program is growing in membership in its fifth year. By joining this group of financial investors, you will be supporting the overall care and health of the lake. Your donation allows LOLA to focus on mission statement related endeavors. Your generous contribution will help to fund these important LOLA projects and more:

- Training of volunteers to become part of the IPP (Invasive Plant Patrol) team.
- Supporting the relationship between LOLA and the VLMP (Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program) and the YCSWCD (York County Soil and Water Conservation District).
- Purchasing proper buoys for boating safety.
- Identifying problem areas on the lake that need erosion control assistance.
- Expanding awareness and participation through events such as lake clean up day & annual meeting.

Becoming a Lake Steward is about *protecting* Little Ossipee Lake which currently has no invasive plant activity, and where the water quality is in the top 15% of the state of Maine. Please join us. Please help to maintain our beautiful Lake Community.

2017 Board of Directors

President: Michael Taflas Vice President: Stu Lamont

Secretary: Barbara Lamont Treasurer: Ed Doggett Parliamentarian: Ross Dindio

Directors: Bob Labelle, Sandy Labelle, John Cyr, Bob Thomas, Kevin Cunniff, Lindsay Taflas, Jim Chazrn, Bryan Wood, Brad French, Jay Wood, and Deidre Donavan

Alternates: Courtney DeRoo, Joan Farwell

With heavy hearts we remember Bob Farwell who was an alternate on the board and passed away this spring.



The Focus of LOLA

2017 Message from the President, Mike Taflas

“As you know, each chapter in the book of life brings changes, that is just the way it is...”

This quote was written years ago by a close family friend (also a long time resident of Little Ossipee Lake) to console my family after the loss of my father. Just last summer, we lost the author of this quote too, Mr. Paul Kussman. Thinking about these two men—both great stewards, protectors, and admirers of the lake— I look at how I am leading LOLA in my 10th year as your President.

Change is constant but it offers time for reflection. When I think about the way in which our Association is changing I ask myself a few questions: are we on top of the environmental changes that are occurring in the lake year after year? Does our mission statement allow us to adjust with change or is it too rigid? Are we doing enough to support water quality, erosion and the ongoing battle to keep milfoil out of our lake?

I also wonder if the lake community is pleased with our activities and environmental priorities. It seems each year that the most pressing questions at the Annual Meeting focus on jet ski speed and when the Game Warden will be present on the lake. Last year the most assertive topic was concerning town regulations and docks. Based on the questions asked I’m forced to examine if the Association should change our efforts away from preserving lake quality and do more for the residents of the lake. Is this the direction our members want results for? Do we have resources to financially support this change? How would our mission statement, vision and direction be altered?

After much personal reflection, I feel that while I am your President, our Association should continue to be a voice for the lake. Our mission statement does enable us to grow and execute activities that preserve and protect the lake. The folks that volunteer to be on the Board of Directors are all just as passionate about caring for the lake as I am. Through water testing, invasive plant patrolling, and erosion control projects, we believe we are giving the lake the best chance for continued health.

While change is inevitable, I want to continue the focus of the Association to benefit the lake as much as possible. As a lake resident, should you feel differently, I would encourage you to come to a board meeting and see first hand the impact our Association has on the lake. Change will come, but for today, we are moving forward with our chapter in the book of Little Ossipee Lake life.

See you on the Lake!



Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) Team Update

By Deidre Donovan

During our last annual meeting in August, I listened to many of our members vouch for generations of family happiness here on the Lake. I also met some newcomers who spoke happily about the time they have enjoyed on Little Ossipee Lake. The truth is, whether you are a newcomer or have been here for generations, I've never met anyone who didn't love our Lake.

With loving the Lake comes the huge responsibility of taking care of it. Besides keeping the water clean and free of pollutants and debris we should continue to keep it free of invasive plants. Last summer we logged 52 hours of recorded investigation during plant patrols; two of the workshops were led by Laurie Callahan of YCIASP in July and August. We covered Ham's Cove and the dam area. Additionally, many of us inspected our own waterfronts and coves. The good news is that no invasive species have been found, but still we must remain vigilant.

LOLA was again a co-host of the Maine VLMP's Introductory Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop held at Massabesic Middle School on June 16, 2016. MMS students, under the supervision of Mr. Parent, presented an invasive plant forum during the fall, helping to keep the community informed. The students have also developed a towable submersible for future screening purposes. Our youth are our future!

I volunteered to replace Dave Raye when he moved from the lake last year, not realizing what big shoes I had to fill. Fortunately for me, the IPP team was already in place and very helpful. The reality is, however, that you personally know the water frontage where you are located better than anyone else. If you notice a suspicious plant, please notify LOLA immediately! Of course, you are invited to participate/join any of our surveys—new members are always welcomed and will be trained. (The next survey is July 30th .) What I discovered was not only are the surveys/patrols educational, they are fun. Friendships are easily made. How better to spend a morning than in the company of like-minded people in the quiet, pristine, beauty of the lake?

Congrats!

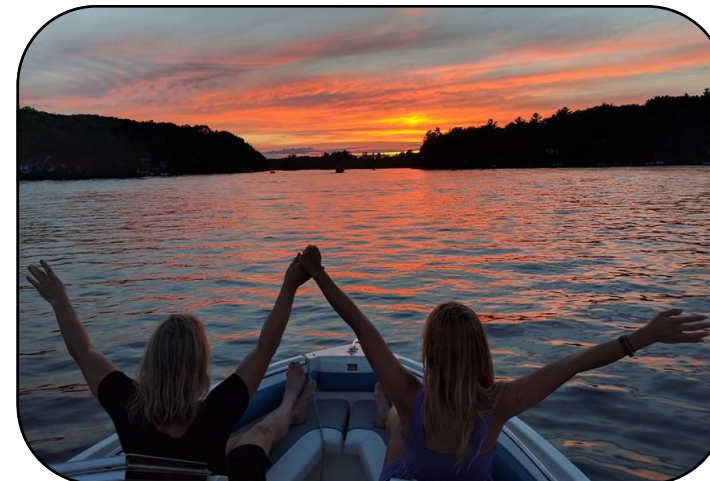
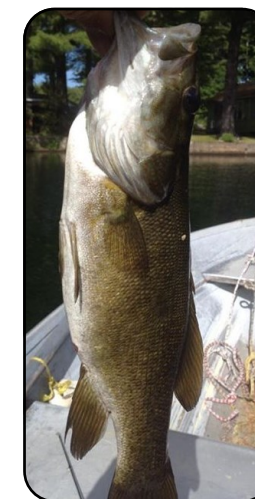
Each year LOLA awards two scholarships to seniors who will be heading off to higher education institutions. This year Emily Scavoni was awarded the LOLA Scholarship and Emily Kelley received the Guy L'Atalien scholarship. Best of luck in your studies!



Identifying lake plants at the annual IPP workshop. "Lake Celery" Photo: L. Tafias



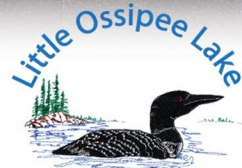
Here's Looking at You!



Little Ossipee Lake Association

Catering by
Mac's BBQ

macsbbqandcatering
.weebly.com/



Lots of Raffles & Prizes!
Closest to the Pin!
Longest drive!

LOLA 1st Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

In Honor of Ray Wood

Dutch Elm Golf Club

Arundel, Maine

Friday, August 4th, 2017

Tee off: 8am • Shotgun Start • Best Ball

Registration: 7:30

Even if you aren't the best golfer but love to
have fun and support the lake come on down!

E3:

To preserve and protect
Little Ossipee Lake through Education,
Eradication, and Erosion Control.

Golf & Mac's BBQ Lunch

\$100

Lunch Only \$25

Please make checks payable to LOLA

Team Name: _____

Golfer 1 Name: _____

Golfer 2 Name: _____

Golfer 3 Name: _____

Golfer 4 Name: _____

Interested in being a sponsor?

If you or your family would like
to sponsor a hole, please check
one of the following:

- _____ Single Hole Sponsor (\$100.00)
- _____ Hole In One Sponsor (\$200.00)
- _____ Longest Drive Hole Sponsor (\$200.00)

Name as you want it to appear the sign: _____

Please make all checks payable to: Little Ossipee Lake Association. This Golf Tournament registration form can be mailed to:
Little Ossipee Lake Association PO Box 204 E. Waterboro, ME 04030

2017 Annual Boat Parade

- The 2017 Terry Hackett Memorial Boat Parade will be held on July 4th at 11:00 am
- The theme this year is Christmas in July
- As you drive the parade route be sure to collect both the red and blue stars
- Questions? Ask us on the Little Ossipee Lake Facebook page



Boating Safety Reminder

If you enjoy boating around sunset, you'll want to check your navigation lights every time you prepare to leave the dock. If you've got a light out, don't put yourself and others at risk. Stay safely on shore until you can fix it. A light out can often be fixed quickly by taking out the bulb and cleaning the contacts. A little dab of grease or a shot of spay lubricant will protect it when you put it back in. If cleaning doesn't work, most replacement bulbs are available at an auto parts store. Bring your in your old bulb and ask them to match a new one for you.

Run your red/green lights whenever you are moving. Your white light should be on the whole time that you are on the water. Even standing still. If you have docking lights, don't use them like headlights on a car when you're just cruising around. They can blind other boaters at night. If you see a boater with a light out, let them know. Remember, if ANY of your lights don't work, don't go out at sunset. Safe boating!

Lake Clean Up

The LOLA Board of Directors invite you to help in the preservation of the lake and all it has to offer. Please join your neighbors and friends for the annual lake clean up day on June 24th, at 10 am. Participants will meet at the boat launch (by our new LOLA sign!) to divide areas of the lake that need attention. Please, join us for the annual lake clean up day—your effort is appreciated and is a small price to pay for continued enjoyment of the lake.

- Meet at the boat launch at 10:00 am
- Bring a trash grabbing device if you have one
- Trash bags will be provided
- Come for an hour or help all day
- Kayaks, paddle boards, and small boats work best for collecting trash close to the shore



LOLA Inaugural Golf Tournament

LOLA is pleased to announce the Inaugural Golf Tournament that will support the mission of the Association: E3: To preserve and protect Little Ossipee Lake through Education, Eradication and Erosion Control.

On **Friday, August 4, 2017** LOLA will be hosting **The Inaugural Golf Outing at Dutch Elm Golf Club** in Arundel, ME. This Golf Outing is a fundraiser for LOLA. Sponsorship funds will be used to purchase prizes for the tournament, and all additional proceeds will go towards preserving and protecting our treasured lake. This is a great opportunity for you, your family, or your company to support a worthy cause and receive valuable exposure.

Sponsorships Include:

- "Hole Sponsor" You will receive your company's name displayed on signage located at the tee box at one of the 18 holes, as well as mention at the post tournament banquet.
- "Hole in One" or "Longest Drive Hole Sponsor" You will receive your company's name displayed on signage located at the tee box at one of those two holes, the Club House, and a mention at the post Tournament Banquet.
- We are also looking for donated goods such as gift certificates, merchandise, and other in-kind donations to include in our raffle. Your involvement will make this year's event a special and successful celebration.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you can be part of the Golf Outing whether you participate as a golfer (registration form is found on the next page) or as a sponsor. Once your form is received our Tournament Director will contact you to confirm the details. Should you have any questions, feel free to call Bryan Wood, LOLA Director, at 617.212.0735 or email at woody1157@hotmail.com. Thank you!



Little Ossipee Lake Association Inaugural Golf Outing Sponsor Form

Please Check One: Single Hole Sponsor (\$100.00) _____
 Hole In One Sponsor (\$200.00) _____
 Longest Drive Hole Sponsor (\$200.00) _____

Company/ Sponsor Name (As it will appear on signage) _____

Company/ Sponsor Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make all checks payable to: Little Ossipee Lake Association. This sponsorship form can be mailed to: Little Ossipee Lake Association PO Box 204 E. Waterboro, ME 04030

LOLA apparel now available for purchase

Wear your LOLA pride! The items below are now available for purchase and shipping is available. All sales support the mission of the Little Ossipee Lake Association. Order information is below. Thank you!



T-Shirts
\$12
 Yellow S-L , Grey S-2XL



Hooded Sweatshirt
\$35
 Grey M-2XL Blue S-L



Sports Shirt
\$30
 Grey S-2XL Blue S-XL



Towels
\$25
 Green, White, Brown



Bags
\$16



Coffee Mugs
\$11

Shipping Available. For order info contact Bryan Wood at woody1157@hotmail.com or call 617 212 0735.

Make checks payable to Little Ossipee Lakes Association. All proceeds go to LOLA. Visit www.littleossipeelake.org