

Little Ossipee Lake Association

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and Jay Wood

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Little Ossipee Lake Association

2018 Annual Newsletter

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

Ronald Gendron

"A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature." - Henry David Thoreau

You can protect the lake ... yes you!

When you become a member of the Little Ossipee Lake Association, you are providing financial resources to care for and protect the lake. Your membership dollars do more at LOLA; the board of directors are volunteers and so 100% of your donation directly contributes to keeping the lake clean and free of invasive species.

Give today. Support what you love.

Use the form below or visit us online at www.littleossipeelake.org

If you've already sent your dues, thank you.

2018 Dues Form

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

Dues are \$20 per household. 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 or the LOLA scholarship funds, please check the appropriate box and mail with your dues. We appreciate your generosity.

THANK YOU!

\$50 \$135 \$250 other

Save these dates!

JULY

7/4/18 **Terry Hackett Memorial Boat Parade**
Parade commences at 11:00am

AUGUST

8/3/18 **LOLA Golf Tournament**
Dutch Elm Golf Club, Arundel ME
Registration opens at 7:30am, Tee Off at 8:00am

8/11/18 **Annual Meeting, Cookout, and Dance**
Camp Laughing Loon
Meeting begins at 11:00am, Cookout and social time at 12:30pm
Dance the night away with Mirror Image from 8:00pm to 11:00pm

8/23/18 **IPP Plant Identification Workshop**
Time and location to be announced. Check the LOLA Facebook page for event details.



Looking to get involved this summer?

LOLA has open seats on its board of directors. Meetings are held monthly from April to October on Saturday mornings. Directors share in the effort to protect and preserve Little Ossipee Lake all while having a real good time!

If you're interested in joining, please email info@littleossipeelake.org for information.

Quality is Everything

Each year a team of LOLA volunteers monitor the quality of the lake from spring to fall. In collaboration the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) volunteers have been collecting this data since 1977. The testing is done every two weeks where basic chemical data (water temperature, water clarity, and phosphorous monitoring) is collected from the lake. Test results show water quality in the lake is considered to be in excellent within the state of Maine. ... But we're not scientists, (only volunteers!) and we encourage you to check out the results on your own. You can call the VLMP at (207) 783-7733 for detailed reports.



Roland Gendron

You're Shaping the Future

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. Your donation (above the annual cost of dues) helps our lake thrive.

"I've grown up on the lake and cannot imagine my life without being on the water. I feel so lucky to call Little Ossipee home that it's a privilege to give back."

- Mary DeRoo



Join Mary and become a Lake Steward today!

Greetings from the President

Dear LOLA Members,

As I celebrate my 12th anniversary as the Little Ossipee Lake Association's President, I am humbled and reminded of all the people who care for and protect the lake—including YOU! By becoming a member of LOLA, you're ensuring that this all-volunteer led organization has the financial support it needs to steward the lake.

When you become a member, or make a donation, you are joining a group of committed, passionate lake-goers who want to see the lake stay healthy. Throughout the year there is a team of folks who patrol the lake looking for invasive plants, a team testing and monitoring water quality, and a group cleaning our shore lines. Other volunteers are advocating for the lake at local town meetings, raising money to fight the threat of invasive plants, assisting in erosion-control projects, installing buoys, and coordinating the ever-festive (and competitive!) fourth of July boat parade.

You can be assured of LOLA's commitment to never stop serving. We're proactively identifying issues, and working closely with land owners and town officials, offering solutions where we can. The health of the lake and it's wildlife is our number one priority. Your association promises to defend this precious natural resource.

I hope you will enjoy the 2018 edition of our newsletter. Please see the full listing of summer events. I welcome you to join this Association at an event this summer and celebrate the work of protecting the lake for future generations.

Whether you are becoming a member for the first time, or renewing, thank you for your commitment to this association and the lake.

I am privileged to serve as your president and I remain grateful for this opportunity.

See you on the lake,

Mike Taflas



Mike with his granddaughter, Maggie

2018 Annual Boat Parade

- The 2018 Terry Hackett Memorial Boat Parade will be held on July 4th at 11:00 am
- The theme this year is 'patriotism'
- As you drive the parade route be sure to collect the red, blue and white stars
- Drive safe: maintain proper space in between boats, move at headway speed, and watch for swimmers
- Questions? Ask us on the LOL Facebook page



Lindsay Tafas

Don't forget to show the judges what you got as you drive by Weymouth's Point!



The 2017 theme was 'Christmas in July'. There were many (hot) bearded Santa's!

Photos by: Kristi Roy and Brad French



Scenes from around the lake



Photos: Lindsay Tafas, Jim Chrzan, Kim Lauzier, Carole Kussmann, Rita Costa, and Ann Osborne



Mike Taflas

Keep the lake clean everyday

Don't wait for an official lake clean up day—do what you can to remove trash in the lake and around the shoreline whenever you notice icky stuff floating by. We are all stewards of the lake!

Stay-up-to-date

Consider checking the LOLA sign at the public boat launch for info on activities that the association sponsors!



Mike Taflas

Congratulations

Each year LOLA awards two scholarships to local senior students who will be attending college in the fall. This year Brooke Cox was awarded the LOLA Scholarship and Dawn Gifford received the Guy L'Atalien scholarship. Best of luck in your studies!



Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) Team Update

By Deidre Donovan

This year's IPP update is full of both good news and bad. First the good news: last summer we had nearly 100 volunteer hours in search of invasive aquatic species. Volunteers of all ages came together to monitor the lake. Even better news?

We didn't find any problems.

The bad news: according to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), **Little Ossipee Lake is at high risk for acquiring invasive species.** Why?

1. We are next to a highway (Route 5)
2. We have a boat ramp
3. Proximity to an infested lake (Lake Arrowhead, just across the road from the dam)
4. Population density

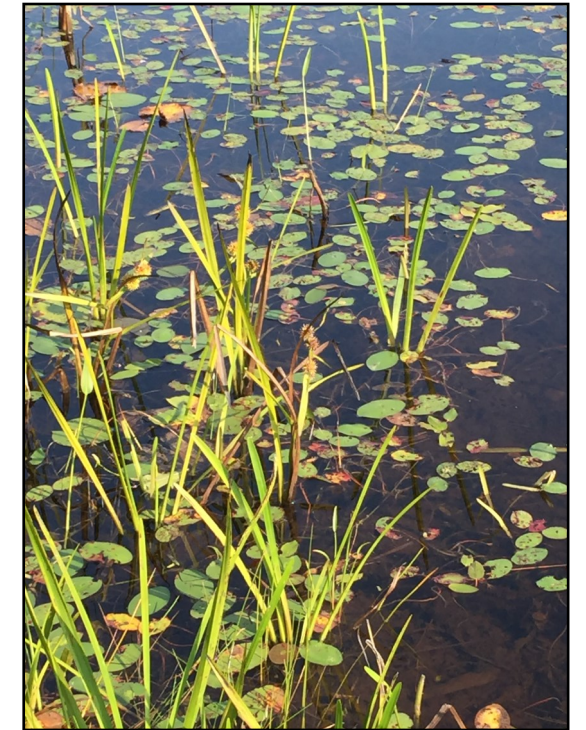
Why should we care? Dollar signs pop into my mind first. Within 24 hours of a confirmed sighting of an invasive plant, property values could drop 20% or more. The cost to remove invasive species is high and the work is labor intensive. When property values fall, ultimately there is less money for the town. But go beyond money. The recreational use of the lake changes; picture swimming or boating through masses of plants. The ecology of the lake, plants, animals, fish, even birds will change.

The IPP team needs help! Although attending a plant identification workshop is helpful, it is not necessary. Maine VLMP has developed Quick Key Guides to help with plant identification, and the association has them available for you. With a Quick Key Guide you can learn to identify as you paddle. Join us for our formal survey in August 2018 (check the LOLA Facebook page for the exact date and time). More importantly, be proactive—take time to inspect your own waterfront. Are there any changes? Is there an unfamiliar plant there? **Let us know; we'll come look.**

To spark your interest in learning about water plants, the plastigonia plant (a fake plant with my email address on it), also known as "LOLA the Lilly", will again be hidden somewhere on the lake by July 1st. Contact me when you find it and win a LOLA T-shirt! Hopefully it's a fun way to begin your search of aquatic plants.

Honestly, the people who volunteer for IPP are fun, dedicated, and love our lake. Besides, who would not enjoy paddling on the water with like-minded people?

See you on the water!



A few fearless members of the IPP team Photo: Mike Taflas

LOLA 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

It was a blast last year so why not do it again?!

On **Friday, August 3, 2018** LOLA will host the **2nd Annual Golf Tournament** at **Dutch Elm Golf Club** in Arundel, ME.

This Golf Tournament is a fundraiser for LOLA and all proceeds will go towards preserving and protecting our treasured lake.

There are two ways to get in on the fun:

1. Find three friends and register your team as a foursome.
2. Sponsor a hole or provide an in-kind donation such as a gift certificate or merchandise.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you can be part of the Golf Tournament 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!



Golfers and tournament organizers making it all happen!
Photos: Mike Taflas

Little Ossipee Lake Association



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

LOLA 2nd Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

In Honor of Ray Wood

Dutch Elm Golf Club
Arundel, Maine

Friday, August 3rd, 2018

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!

<p>E3: To preserve and protect Little Ossipee Lake through Education, Eradication, and Erosion Control.</p>	<p>Entry Fee \$100</p>
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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: _____

Contact: Woody1157@hotmail.com
Mail registration to Bryan Wood: 31 Benjamin St, Dedham Ma, 02026