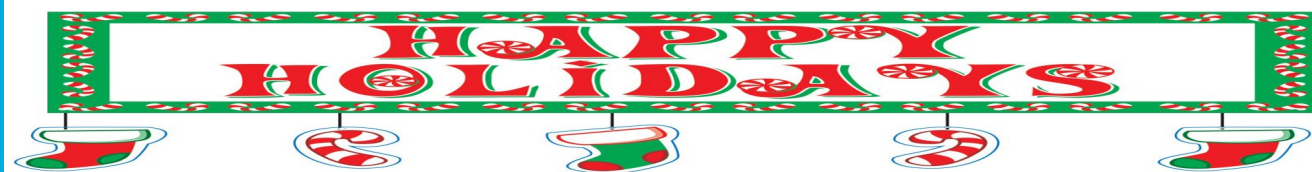




## Province Lake Association Newsletter



### Message From the President

As I sit here writing this, the lake has skimmed over with ice almost entirely with only a few open holes in the middle. It is amazing how quick things change after September gets here.

This is my first President's message since I was elected at the last annual meeting in July. I first want to thank Carl Davis for his hard work and dedication to the organization during his two year term as President. We started several new programs under Carl's leadership and I am happy that Carl will remain on the board to assist going forward. As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for more folks to be involved. We have a couple of association position open as can be seen on the last page, so should you feel the calling, please get in touch with us.

We had a very successful summer in 2012. We started a "Lake Host Program" to inspect boats for invasive weeds, and we started the process for a comprehensive watershed plan for the lake. What is also exciting is we have added 28 new members. Our membership in 2012 is 111; the highest it has been in recent years. That is about half way to our goal of getting 50% of surrounding area property owners to be members. Please help us achieve our goal by talking to your neighbors and friends and encouraging them to join our association. PLA membership is a very small investment to protect a very valuable treasure - our lake.

We developed e-mail distribution for our members so we can save postage and printing costs and disseminate information rapidly. Thanks to all of you who have given us your e-mail addresses, it is a big help to us. We understand that not all members have computers, but we will get the messages to them as efficiently as possible. Finally we had several successful fundraisers this past year, and are working on repeating this success in 2013.

In closing, I hope you and your families enjoyed the lake this past summer and created many fond memories. For those that also enjoy the lake when it is solid, perhaps I will see you this winter. For the rest of you, we will see you next year and thanks again for your continued support.

Jon Samuelson, President

### Water Quality

The water quality, although not the best due to high phosphorus and chlorophyll a, remained relatively the same this summer. A bloom of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) was spotted in several locations and was reported to NH-DES. Anyone seeing such a bloom in their area should keep dogs out of the water (because they like to drink the algae), do not let children put their heads under water, and be sure to shower after leaving the lake. Cyanobacteria looks like a blue-green scum on the surface of the lake. It has the consistency of a paint slick, similar to the pollen we get. It is not the green algae that looks like cotton at the bottom of the lake that eventually dies and turns brown. Pictures can be seen at our website, under Photos. If you see something like this, call DES at 603-419-9229 or 603-271-8803 and also please inform us at [president@provincelake.org](mailto:president@provincelake.org)

## W a t e r s h e d M a n a g e m e n t P l a n

The PLA has joined forces this year with the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance and the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) for the purpose of developing a Watershed Management Plan. Our lake is classified as an "Impaired" water body by the DES. This means that the nutrient levels in the lake are at moderately high levels. If these levels increase we could have a much larger weed growth issue along with other negative effects, including numerous cyanobacteria blooms.

The Watershed Management Plan will survey all areas around the lake that may contribute to nutrient loading. Following that, Best Management Practices will be designed and implemented around the lake to control and reduce sediment deposits and nutrient loading.

This plan will evolve over 2 years and will be funded in part by a grant through NH DES. Additional funding will come from private organizations, the towns with in-kind match and generous individuals. Please continue to visit our website to be updated on the progress of this Plan. Volunteer help will be needed as the grant does not cover all necessary staffing. Please keep this in mind for next spring and summer if you are able to become more involved. We are very excited and committed to this project with the hope that it helps to improve and protect the long term water quality of our lake so we may all continue to enjoy it.

## T h e L a k e H o s t P r o g r a m

This summer, the PLA joined the N.H. Lakes Association's lake host program. The program's main goal is twofold; to educate boaters about invasive weeds and to visually inspect all boats entering and leaving our lake at the Bonnyman Road boat ramp. The program was run from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The boat ramp was staffed by five paid lake hosts and three volunteers. There were 380 boat inspections. I am happy to report that there were no invasive weeds found. On four occasions suspicious looking weeds were analyzed by our weed expert Steve Craig. He reported that they were not invasive but, a common pond weed.

Donna and Carl Davis hosted a breakfast in June with the proceeds going toward our PLA matching requirement of cash and volunteer hours. It was a generous undertaking on their part and we thank them and all that helped make it the success it was.

Next year we could use more volunteers to help at the ramp. Time contributed can be as little as once a month for an hour or two.

This year's lake hosts were all personable, responsible, and a pleasure to work with. I look forward to their return for another productive, weed free season!

If you would like to help us next season, please drop me a line at [msmarycanary@yahoo.com](mailto:msmarycanary@yahoo.com)

Thank you! Mary McLoughlin



When times are tough and the day is long, Just look at the Lake, amazingly everything is just fine.....

## U p c o m i n g   E v e n t s

Two major events on the schedule for this coming year are: The Annual PLA meeting at the Province Lake Golf Course on July 20th 2013 at 9:00am, and the First Annual PLA Golf Tournament on July 29th 2013.

Please mark your calendars for these very important events .... we will be looking for participants.



## R e s c u e   a t   t h e   l a k e . . .

On Tuesday Sept 11th, PLA member Steve Craig and his wife Mary helped rescue a vacationing couple whose canoe had capsized. Steve, upon hearing the rescue call on the scanner, took off in his boat, drove to the Rte 153 end of the lake, assisted the couple back to shore and into the hands of Effingham Fire rescue and Wakefield PD. Steve and Mary recovered the submerged canoe and brought it back to the home that the couple was renting on Lakeshore Rd. The 79 year old man that was in the water was released from Huggins and is doing fine.

## F u n d   R a i s i n g   2 0 1 2

We partnered with the Province Lake Golf Course (PLGC) for an event called Chip in for Charity. This event for PLA was from August 27 to September 2. PLGC donated a portion of greens fees for all golfers playing the course and mentioning the PLA. We also sold raffle tickets for a Panama Jack bicycle. The lucky winner of the bike was the Bransfield family; enjoy your new wheels! The week long event raised a total of \$391 for the PLA. Thank you to all those who helped to sell raffle tickets or played golf.

The Annual Meeting Raffle was again a huge success, thanks to our local businesses and Friends of PLA that provided us with lots of prizes. We sold \$365 of tickets before and during the meeting and there were more than 25 winners. We are planning a similar raffle for this years Annual Meeting.

Finally, as previously mentioned, we had the first ever PLA breakfast at Carl & Donna Davis' house with the specific purpose of raising funds for our contribution to the new Lake Host program. We are planning on having another Breakfast next year. Anyone interested in helping please e-mail us, as many hands make light work and we have fun!

## A   w o r d   f r o m   t h e   e d i t o r   . . . . .

I am excited to start this new adventure with the PLA. I look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to contribute to this newsletter. I am looking for anything and everything: local news, history of the lake that coincides with the date or season, fish stories, pictures or whatever interesting information you may have. Send input to my email [news@provincelake.org](mailto:news@provincelake.org).

## A n d h e r e c o m e s w i n t e r . .

Many of us are still recovering from the recent storms. I guess 2012 wants to be a year to remember. If this early turmoil in the weather is a sign of the winter to come, I hope everyone can take the time to help people who may be affected. Simple acts like removing a tree branch from the road before someone hits it, checking up on neighbors during a power outage and reporting wires down or other damage can make the difference between someone having a great day or being miserable.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season!



### Officers

**President** - Jon Samuelson

**Vice President** -Pete Dinger

**Treasurer** - Thom Townsend

**Secretary** - Damaris Rohsenow

### Directors

Carl Davis      Donna Davis      Steve Craig

Bob Demer      Dennis Derby      Mary McLoughlin

### Other Positions

**Water control Device Engineer** Dennis Derby / Tucker Vye      **Webmaster** –Barbara Wilkins

**Membership Chairperson**      Pete Dinger      **Water testing Engineer**      TBD

**Weed Watching Chairperson** TBD      **Newsletter Editor** -Bob Moore

**Loon Observation** - Steve & Mary Craig

### Contact List

**For general PLA questions**      [President@provincelake.org](mailto:President@provincelake.org)

**To report possible weed problems**      [Weeds@provincelake.org](mailto:Weeds@provincelake.org)      or call Steve at 603-539-4167

**To Place an ad on the website**      [Adboard@provincelake.org](mailto:Adboard@provincelake.org)

**Website Question**      [Info@provincelake.org](mailto:Info@provincelake.org)

**To submit news, photos stories**      [News@provincelake.org](mailto:News@provincelake.org)

**Membership inquiries**      [ProvinceLakeMembers@gmail.com](mailto:ProvinceLakeMembers@gmail.com)

**Watershed Plan Questions**      [PLAWatershed@provincelake.org](mailto:PLAWatershed@provincelake.org)