

Summer 2013



Province Lake Association Newsletter

M e s s a g e F r o m t h e P r e s i d e n t

I hope you all have been having a wonderful summer on the lake with family and friends. The weather sure has been mixed this summer, but I sure am glad that humid stretch has finally broken. As all of our members that have given us their e-mail addresses know, we had a cyanobacteria bloom on June 20/21 and it was especially heavy down near the boat ramp on Bonnyman Rd.. NH DES issued an advisory for that area. A week later, DES was back to take another sample, and based on the results they were able to lift the advisory just in time for the 4th of July holiday week. Sadly, the bloom came back on July 11 and in a much worse manner. It was the typical green/blue scum that we have seen in the past few years in late August/early September. As a result, NH DES issued another warning for the entire lake as the bloom was found on most of the lake. There are pictures on the website of what a bad bloom looks like, however, if you look in the lake and can see the small yellowish/white clumps that are in the top layers of the water, this too is cyanobacteria. Please pay attention to the warnings with the red signs, the e-mails we send out and the postings on the website/facebook. We all need to keep a close eye out and if you see a very bad build up like the pictures on our website (www.provincelake.org), please keep children and pets out of it and contact us at 207-200-3234 or contact the cyanobacteria hotline of NH DES at 603-419-9229.

We have had a lot going on this summer. We launched a new website and now have a facebook account, so make sure you and your family "like us". The fastest way to get the word out about things affecting the lake is an e-mail. The best way for people to keep up to date on what is happening with the lake is to be members of PLA, provide us with an email address and go to the PLA website and Facebook page regularly. If you have friends and neighbors who have not joined, please encourage them to do so. The twenty-five dollar annual membership dues is a small price to pay to help preserve and improve our lake. All of the activities going on (lake host, watershed plan, golf tournament, weed watching, etc.) as well as the back office items (website maintenance, newsletters, facebook, membership communications, etc.) take time and effort of volunteers. We can always use help. If you are interested, please drop me a line at president@provincelake.org, or call us at 207-200-3234.

The annual meeting was a huge success this year with about twice the participation that we have had in the past. A huge thanks to Province Lake Golf and the Porter Family for allowing us to use their facility each year for the meeting. It was also a public forum for the Watershed Plan which will reduce the pollution that causes an increase in phosphorus, reduced oxygen and general deterioration of the water quality and we hope will fix the cyanobacteria blooms we have been having.

Enjoy the rest of your summer making memories on Province Lake. If you are a member, thanks for your support. If you are not a member, please consider joining and getting involved in protecting the lake.

Jon Samuelson
President, PLA

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2ⁿd Annual PLA Breakfast

Saturday July 6th what a morning we had! With a beautiful sunny sky and a slight breeze to ruffle the water. Breakfast was served! The Davis yard was set up with shade tents, canopies and an assortment of tables to hold the many that had come to enjoy breakfast by the Lake, for the Lake. Many arrived by boat, Jet Ski or car, many walked and at least one bicycled in for the festivities. It was not unusual to see 3 generations of families gathered, sharing stories of summers past and appreciating all that the lake offers. We appreciate everyone's support and enthusiasm and hope you enjoyed yourselves and will come back again next year.

For the many contributions that defray costs, and help the Province Lake Association we would like to thank:

Jon and Joanie Samuelson

Bob and Carol Demer

Charlie and Felicia Antonopoulos

David and Donna Luce

Lovell Lake Food Center

Ken and Linda McKelvie

Don and Karen Harrison

Stan and Barbara Maluchnik

Tom and Michelle Schank

Beverly Cressey

Lastly a huge thank you to all our Volunteers that worked very hard baking, cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up. Your many hands make everything easier and a lot more fun!

Have a great summer and we hope to see you all again at next years Breakfast

A Laker's Dozen

13 Ways You Can Help the Lake

1. Always check your boat, trailer and equipment for plant fragments.
2. Respect Shoreland Zone Regulations.
3. Control storm water run-off from buildings, paths, driveways and roads.
4. Cultivate a wooded/planted shoreland buffer.
5. Take a Break, Retire the Rake and Save the Lake – Limit lawn size.
6. Use only phosphorus free fertilizer.
7. Don't stress the septic system, pump it regularly.
8. Construct docks and floats with lake-friendly materials.
9. Dogs, humans and boats should never be washed in the lake!
10. Observe headway speed within 200 feet of shore in Maine, 150 feet in NH.
11. When you replace a boat motor, choose a clean 4-stroke engine.
12. Don't feed the ducks or geese. Ducks can poop 28 times a day! And pick up after your Dog! (nutrients that feed the weeds and cyanobacteria)
13. Support your local and regional lake associations.

W a t e r s h e d P l a n U p d a t e

As we progress through the summer season, the Watershed Plan is in full swing. We have accomplished a great deal, but still have much to do. To date, our biggest effort has been the Watershed Survey on May 18. Properties around the lake were visited by one of seven teams of volunteers. Approximately 60 erosion issues were identified. Many of those have the possibility to be resolved by using the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance (AWWA) Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). A letter has been sent to those home owners that may benefit from the YCC program. Should you feel you have an erosion problem on your property, please contact AWWA at (603) 473-2500. The information from the survey has also been given to FB Environmental (the engineering firm we have hired) to incorporate into the "Plan" they are developing.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped so far. Please keep August 24 open on your calendar as we will be conducting a "Septic Survey" of properties and will need volunteers.

As those that attended the PLA Annual Meeting on June 20 are aware, FB Environmental gave quite an informative presentation on the progress of the Watershed Plan. We also had a very successful (a bit long) Q&A panel session after the presentation with watershed experts from FB Environmental, NH DES, and AWWA fielding a vast array of questions from the attendees.

Carl Davis
Project Coordinator

1 s t A n n u a l P L A G o l f T o u r n a m e n t

The Golf Tournament was quite a success for being the first one we have ever had. Although the weather looked questionable for Monday, the rains held off and a good time was had by all. We ended up with 11 teams playing a scramble format tournament with prizes for low gross score (Winners Spud, Miller, Karen Chase, Jerry & Karen McDonald), 2nd low gross (Ken Davis, Mark Micale, Ray Stevens), long drive men (Kenny Davis) and women (Janet Murfey), "on the green" raffle (Ruth Compton) and most honest team (Jeff Gilman, Don Cudmore, Pete O'Connell, Doug Gisonno). There were also several raffle prizes that you could buy a chance to win. The day wrapped up with a fantastic barbeque and the awards/raffle prizes being distributed. We especially want to thank Bob Demer for taking lead on pulling together this first tournament and also want to thank all of our volunteers (Donna Davis, Paula Inglee, Thom & Janis Townsend, Pete Dinger, Carol Demer and Mandy Finizio) that helped sign folks in, sell raffle tickets, etc.. Special thanks also to Charlie Antonopolis and Carl Davis for preparation and organization help. In addition, a huge thank you to Eastern Propane who sponsored the longest drive hole as well as our corporate tee sign sponsors of Lightship Wealth, Baron's Appliance, Bye Insurance Group, E.F. Dolaher & Sons, FB Environmental, Lino's Restaurant, Poor People's Pub, and The Dunn Deal ... some also played in the tournament. Individual sponsors of Remick Road Neighbors in memory of Buzzy McKelvie, Fred Pritzker, and Dennis Badman. And finally a thank you to Province Lake Golf for allowing us to hold the event and help with all the activities. Any that were there, if you have any suggestions/comments please let us know.

S u m m e r i s s u r e l y h e r e

Rain, heat, wind, lots of ducks and geese, and Cyanobacteria blooms, what a start to the summer vacation season. I must say, IT IS GREAT. I hope everyone is enjoying the Lake. Just a few reminders. Don't feed the ducks and geese, they are not good for our beach areas or water quality. Please, please, please be careful when out boating on the lake there are a lot of Boats, Skiers, Jet Skis, Kayakers and swimmers out there.

Have a great summer
- Bob Moore



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