



# PROVINCE LAKE THIS SPRING

## A Message from the President

Hi All,

As I write this, I confess I am very much looking forward to Spring weather. The longer, sunny days and presence of robins are harbingers of things to come. For those away from the lake the snow is still piled high and the lake is frozen over though I hope for not too much longer!

This is a time that we start to think about what is in store for 2019. As mentioned in other parts of this newsletter Membership information will be going out shortly and we hope to see all our members return along with new residents who have recently moved in. The PLA will be continuing the Lake Host and Weed Watch Programs as well as our Water Quality programs. The good news is that Province Lake Golf is making progress on their rebuilding efforts and the PLA Annual Meeting will return to Province Lake Golf. Thank you, Province Lake Golf.

We look forward to "ice out" and the return of the loons. Our Loon Team will be ready for the first sighting.

As always, we focus our efforts on keeping Province Lake healthy and our membership informed.

Looking forward to the activity of you all returning and reconnecting, hope to see you around the lake soon!

Mindy and the PLA Board

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## Membership

Our formal membership drive for 2019 will launch in April so please stay tuned for our mail and email invitation to join. As always, we need all of you to be successful in keeping our lake the gem that it is. Your membership will be used to support our Watershed Plan (septic improvement, erosion and lake buffer projects), Water Quality (monitoring, testing, phosphorus study) and the Lake Host Program.

The membership runs January to December, and is renewable every year. If you prefer to join now, you can do so at [provincelake.org/about/membership-2/](http://provincelake.org/about/membership-2/)

As a reminder, we had a successful 2018 with 146 active members, of which 134 were returning and 12 were new members. Our members have been very generous in contributing, often above the basic membership dues of \$25. A total of \$9,038.00. was raised to fund our ongoing projects.

## Ice Safety

Yes, spring is coming but in the meantime our lake is iced in. Please be aware with the warmer weather that you should use caution for any activities on the ice. The NH Fish and Game has an excellent reminder on their website you can find here <https://nhfishgame.com/2019/03/11/use-caution-on-the-ice-as-spring-approaches/>

## Mysteries of the Weed Watchers

**Carl Davis**

Every month through the extended summer season, a group of dedicated folks, take to their boats and “Weed Watch” around the Lake. What does that mean? Truly, that is Mystery #1! We are trained professionals who paddle the shore line looking for “exotic invasive plants”. What do they look like? How to tell if they are native plants or exotic invasives? That is the Mystery we solve. Are we seeing Native Milfoil or Eurasian Milfoil (the bad stuff)? Is it a find of Variable Leaf Milfoil or just “Coontail”. Is that Hydrilla or not? This is what we do. We survey the shoreline and unravel its mysteries. Yes, we are “Trained” at identification, but even for us there are times the proper identification is difficult. That is when we contact “Steve” the Lake Weed Guru. If he cannot make a conclusive identification, the sample is sent to Concord where State botanist’s make an absolute identification and another Mystery is solved.

A second, and last, Mystery, is much more fun for the Weed Watcher! Our job requires that we paddle back and forth along the shoreline looking inquisitively into the water, occasionally stopping and looking intently. We frequently look up and around, gazing at the beauty of the Lake and surroundings, which includes homes and camps. There is the second Mystery! Imagine you are in your house on a Sunday morning, enjoying your favorite coffee, and this kayak keeps going back and forth with the paddler looking at everything. You think, why is this person doing this? It makes no sense. Am I being stalked? Or even being looked at to rob? “No”, we tell the homeowners, “We are out here Weed Watching to try and protect the beauty that you are enjoying now”. Mystery solved. What fun we have!

A quick note about this summer’s findings. All the Weed Watchers noticed a VERY large amount of “Filamentous Algae” around the Lake. These are the “Green Blobs” you may have seen that grow on the bottom. It in itself is not harmful, but it can be quite disconcerting. Our Lake is not alone with this increased growth. The entire region, for whatever reason, is experiencing the same trend. Stay tuned for next year’s findings.

Your Friendly Lake Weed Watcher

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## Your PLA at work

- ❖ If the Mysteries of the Weed Watchers piqued your interest, please volunteer for this coming season of weed watchers. We'd love your participation in this important activity.
- ❖ Please feel free to utilize our PLA Ad Board as you look to sell or find items. You must be a 2019 member to post any item on the site. The link is <http://provincelake.org/photos/adboard/>
- ❖ We have compiled WELCOME PACKS for new owners around the lake. Please let us know of any new owners near you, or that you are aware of, so we can reach out and deliver a Welcome Pack to them.  
We are happy to provide Welcome Packs as well to anyone who leases their property and would like to have a copy available for their renters. Please email us to request a pack at <mailto:provincelakemembers@gmail.com>
- ❖ We have added an [Important Info](#) link to our website dedicated to supplying helpful information to the residents and visitors of Province Lake
- ❖ We will publish our newsletter quarterly- March, June, September and December. If you have a topic you would like to see addressed or if you would prefer to opt out of receiving the Newsletter please let us know. You can always contact us at [provincelakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:provincelakemembers@gmail.com).

## Calendar of events and items of interest

### Spring is coming. Really!

March 26, 2019:

Carroll County Flood Resiliency & Aquatic Workshop- Contact

[joan.richardson@nh.nacdn.net](mailto:joan.richardson@nh.nacdn.net) or 603-901-3003 for details.

May 11, 2019 :

Wolfeboro Water Summit- Focus on cyanobacteria.

Details at [www.wentworthwatershed.org](http://www.wentworthwatershed.org) on their About us- calendar of events page.

May 30 & 31, 2019:

NH Lakes Congress- Details at

<https://nhlakes.org/events/lakes-congress/>

## About the PLA

Membership in the PLA is open to anyone who has a love and concern for Province Lake. The PLA has an active membership and we encourage all to become members by completing a brief membership form and paying annual dues. Click here to [join](#) and to see membership information. 100% of PLA membership fees and donations go into projects and related work focused on Province Lake water quality.

### Links to our partner websites:

Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA) <https://awwatersheds.org/>

Moose Mountain Regional Greenways <http://www.mmrg.info/>

NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program <http://www.cfb.unh.edu/programs/LLMP/nhlImp.htm>

NH Lakes <http://www.nhlakes.org>

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*Icy and snowy March at the lake*

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