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## A Message from the President

Summer at the lake! We hope you have been able to enjoy the lake in spite of our roller coaster weather. We think this issue of our newsletter will be of interest as we update you on a number of items related to keeping our lake healthy.

Our Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Edge Lake Farm. It was wonderful to meet in person this year and we had 39 folks attend. We hope it was informative and attached is a link to the minutes where you can find many details. <https://provincelake.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/PLA-Annual-Meeting-Minutes-July-17-2021.pdf>. We would like to thank Sabin Beckwith and the Porters for allowing us to use such a beautiful venue.

Our monthly beach cleanups are the second Saturday of each month and start at 10.00. We have had a good turnout and collected over 200 lbs of trash. We meet at the Donville Campground entrance and provide gloves and collection equipment. Please join us, meet your neighbors and help keep that stretch of beach clean and beautiful for all to enjoy.

A reminder that your membership makes all the difference and information can be found on our website [provincelake.org](https://provincelake.org). You do not need to be a property owner to join, you just need to love our lake.

You can always contact us at [president@provincelake.org](mailto:president@provincelake.org) or [provincelakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:provincelakemembers@gmail.com).

Enjoy your time at the lake and thanks for your support.

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## Your PLA at Work

Save the Date:  
Beach Clean Up: Second Saturday of every  
month, 10am, at the Donville Campground.

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**Loon chicks? Wait until next year.**

Those of us that love to watch and hear the loons on our lake and look forward each year to seeing one or two loon chicks, will need to wait until next year.

Although we have had an adult pair (and a single loon) on the lake since just after ice out in early spring, they have failed to lay any eggs this year, thus no chicks were hatched. The floating nest was launched in early May, but with no eggs as of late July, it has been removed from the lake.

Loons in NH typically incubate their 1 or 2 eggs between late May and early July, for a period of 28 days. In 2015 we had 2 eggs laid on June 29 and hatched on July 27; in 2017 we had a single egg laid on June 3 and hatched on July 1; and in 2019 we had a single egg laid on June 14 and hatched on July 11. On the other years (2016, 2018, and 2020) they laid eggs that failed to survive/hatch.

At this time of year, loons that are not raising chicks become social, and visit other loons on other lakes. Don't be surprised if some day you cruise the lake and determine that our pair is off on a social visit, ... or if you see 4 (or more!) loons on our lake as other loons without chicks this year come here for a visit.

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#### **Membership Drive**

To all of you procrastinators out there, -- Your ***Province Lake Association needs your help!*** We have had a good year with new and returning members, but there are a number of you that have been members of the PLA in previous years that we have not heard from yet in 2021. And if you are not sure if you have joined this year, please check our website where we keep an up-to-date listing of this year's members. If you misplaced the membership letter sent earlier this summer, that's fine, - the PLA mailing address is PO Box 24, Effingham, or you can pay the membership fee via PayPal.

To all paid 122+ families that have joined this year, thank you. And this would be a good time to ask your lake friends and neighbors if they are members. We would love to set a new record for member families in 2021.

We operated in 2020 at a small net deficit and are hoping that increased membership will put us back in the black. Our major expenses are a) Lake Host payroll, helping us maintain our unique status of milfoil free, b) our partnership expenses with AWWA, NH Lakes, LPC, UNH water quality monitoring, and MMRG, and beaver population control in the South River as we work to achieve a healthy balance between wildlife and lake water level.

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### **The Province Lake Association Board – What do we do and who are we?**

How does the PLA do what it does? We have a dedicated and tireless Board who loves the lake and works hard to keep it healthy. The Association was established to educate, communicate and coordinate with its members and the community to protect, preserve and improve the quality of Province Lake and the wildlife and habitat associated with the lake. We believe that collectively we are better able to recognize and respond to issues as they arise.

The Board is responsible for oversight of the Association by assuring we follow the rules of 501 (c) 3 non-profits to maintain our tax deduction status so that 100% of PLA membership fees and donations can go into projects and related work focused on Province Lake water quality. We manage programs such as our NH Lake Host program and lake hosts and water quality sampling and analysis. We work with our partners such as Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance; NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program; NH Lakes; NH DES; Green Mountain Conservation Group; and the Towns of Effingham, Wakefield and

Parsonsfield on mutual programs, provide outreach education and communicate information related to our mission.

We have fourteen board positions (four Officers and 10 Directors), of which eleven are presently filled. Our President is Lorie Dunne who will serve another year in the role, as will Jim Aiken, who is our Vice President and manages Membership. Thom Townsend as Treasurer manages our finances and Donna Luce is our Secretary and records our minutes. Their terms will end in 2022. Directors whose terms end in 2022 are Jon Samuelson and Tucker Vye. Pete Dinger, Mindy Schuman-Vye, Dennis Badman, Ryan Ruel and Larry Moody will serve as directors until 2023. Dennis, Ryan and Larry are new to the Board this year and we welcome and look forward to their leadership and contributions. Six of us are from Effingham and five from Wakefield (we'd love someone from Parsonsfield in the future!)

Many of our Board members have served multiple terms and we welcome new folks who would like to contribute. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to [president@provincelake.org](mailto:president@provincelake.org). We have a nomination subcommittee that will meet with interested individuals to discuss mutual interests and fit. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting per our By-laws.



Dennis Badman

**Dennis Badman** has been a year-round resident of Province Lake for the past 12 years after converting a three season camp on Point Road to his permanent home. Dennis came to Wakefield 30 years ago after being recruited by Dr. Bozuwa to take over and provide a consistent medical presence to town, so that he could then retire. The rest is history.

Dennis spent all his formative years in southeastern Pennsylvania, then lived in Colorado, Alaska and Washington while completing his graduate and medical

training. His three grown children live in Seattle, Northwood, NH and over Maine in Wells. Dennis loves the peace and tranquility of our lake and can sometimes be seen in his little sailboat, trying to figure out which way the wind is blowing. He looks forward to doing what he can to help with the Board to manage and protect our shared investment.



Katie Jones

Hi, I'm **Katie Jones** and am excited to be able to help with the water quality collection efforts on Province Lake! I have been enjoying this lake my whole life as my grandfather built the house my parents, Jon and Joanie Samuelson, now live in on Sunset Road. I recently moved back to this area I love so much now that the company I work for is allowing remote work. My husband, Ben, and I frequently walk our dog, Sandy, around so please feel free to stop and say "hi" if you see us walking!

Larry Moody

Hi all, my name is **Larry Moody**. I have been a resident of East Wakefield, N.H. for over thirty years, and reside on Bonnyman Road.

I am fortunate to have enjoyed Province Lake, and the surrounding area my entire life, as have several generations of my family before me.

In recent years I have assisted in activities sponsored by the Province Lake Association, and now as a Board Member will hopefully be making a larger contribution.

I want to thank all those that have encouraged, and voted me the ability to become PLA representative.

Respectfully, Larry





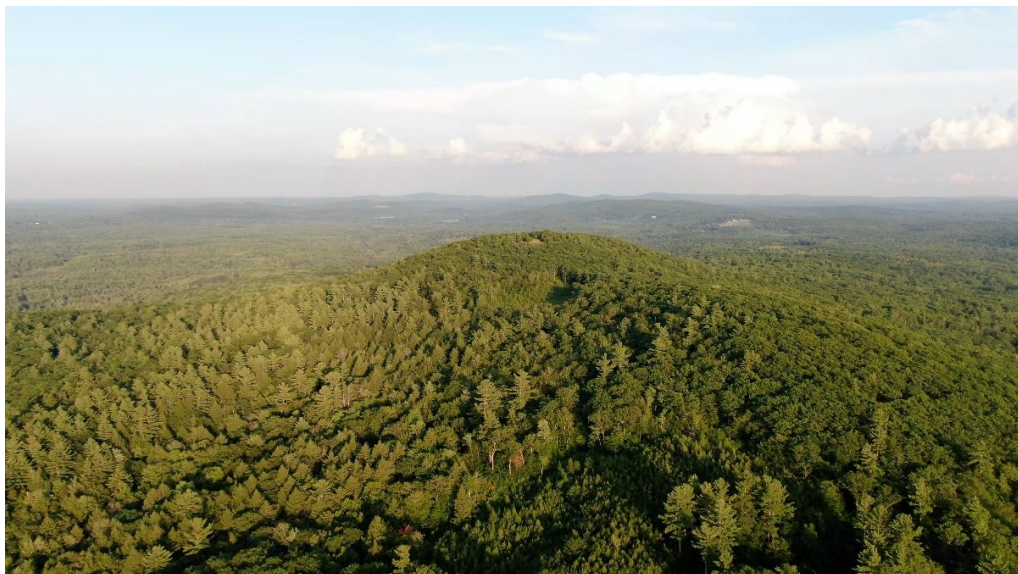
Ryan Ruel

Originally from Barrington, NH, Ryan attended Dover High School and later studied Computer Science at the University of New Hampshire. Ryan currently lives and works in the Boston area as a Principal Software Engineer.

Six years ago, Ryan and his sister began talking about how it would be nice to regain a connection to New Hampshire and began the search for a vacation home together for the family.

Having found a home on Province Lake, little did they know at the time how lucky they were to have chosen a home on such a natural, pristine lake with a rich history and great community.

Ryan has expressed a strong interest in aiding the Province Lake Association and the important work they do to ensure the lake remains this way (and improves) for generations to come.



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### Links to our partner websites,



[Action Wakefield Watershed Alliance \(AWWA\)](#)



[Moose Mountain Regional Greenway](#)



[NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program](#)



[NH Lakes](#)



[Green Mountain Conservation Group](#)

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### 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.

### Our mailing address is:

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