



PARKER POND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Corner

Here we are at the top of the year 1993 with enthusiasm and direction as to how to help keep our Parker Pond as clean and beautiful as possible. Last October your officers met with Dave Boucher (Fisheries) and Cynthia Kuhns (Water Quality) to see what steps would be prudent to benefit our pond. They suggested a Watershed Survey. This in essence means engaging volunteers to trudge out on those rainy days when the runoff from streams, culverts etc. are at their peak and record and track down their source if possible so as to better understand where the phosphorus input to the lake is coming from. Phosphorus, as you might recall,

is the enemy of clear water ponds in that it builds up algae and murky waters. It is our intent to work hard at nullifying its process. So if you see a couple of bedraggled human beings walking, stopping and pensively making notes in their rain splattered log, wish them well as they

are dedicated to keeping your pond in the health it is or even better. Any phosphorus input that we can check will be a benefit. If you are aware of a runoff problem please let us know. It is

only with complete landowner support that we will be able to achieve our goal.

On this same note we have in hand our seagull depredation permit enabling us to scare away in any manner we can the seagulls who roost on our islands and deposit their phosphorus laden waste.

Our dam committee is in place and when the weather breaks they will chain saw some of the trees on the dam so their roots will not grow large enough to create channels for water seepage through the dam.

Scott Williams has agreed to train a couple of Parker Pond Association members in monitoring the water quality of our pond so as to cut down on the yearly expense of this very important test.

So that about wraps it up on the present activities of your Association. If you have any suggestions, questions or problems do let me know. I am your president only to act on your requests for the preservation of what we have all come to love ----Parker Pond

Beverly Shaw
President
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FISHING REGULATION REMINDERS

Be sure to carefully check the 1993 Maine open water fishing regulations. For example, the daily limit on salmon is one fish and the minimum length changes from 14 inches to 16 inches this year. Since the majority of salmon caught in Parker Pond have not reached the legal limit, it is very important to gently handle and release undersized fish without netting them. To do this, leave the fish in the water and slide your thumb and finger down the line, grasp the lure and let the fish twist off. This is easily done with a streamer fly but use of any single hook, preferably without barb, should provide for the safe release and survival of your catch. And, remember to avoid squeezing the fish.

Bass are hardier fish and can be removed by grasping the lower jaw with the thumb and index finger. This will immobilize the fish and the lure can be removed. Just be careful not to get a hook in your thumb or finger. Another timely reminder is the recent change in the number and size of bass that may be taken daily or possessed. From April 1st to June 20th only one (1) bass 12 inches or more in length may be kept on a daily basis. From June 21st through the remainder of the open water season, only three (3) fish may be kept daily and only one may exceed 14 inches in length.

At this point it is important to clarify the Possession Limit Law:

YOU MAY NOT HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION (FREEZER, ETC.) MORE FISH THAN IS LAWFULLY ALLOWED UNDER THE DAILY LIMIT

If you have three bass in your freezer and the daily limit is three, then you may not take any more bass. On the other hand, if you then eat some of the bass in your freezer, you may catch and keep the amount you have eaten, so long as the total taken plus those in possession do not exceed the daily limit.

If we all comply with the regulations and insist that our guests do the same, the fishery should be somewhat self-sustaining. Salmon will require periodic stocking but with the added restrictions on the taking of smelts and a one (1) salmon daily limit, more legal size fish should be caught. The mentality of catching your limit for "bragging rights" and stock piling the freezer should be a thing of the past. If you want to catch a good mess of delicious fish to eat, try perch.

LOON TALK

As soon as the ice goes out of Parker Pond the loons will return after spending the winter somewhere at sea. The young that hatched and survived last year will not return to fresh water until they are sexually mature in three or four years. Annual loon censuses conducted on Parker Pond for the past ten years indicate a relatively stable adult population. However, in recent years very few young have hatched and survived to become adults. On many lakes, the average hatch for a pair of loons is 0.50; that is one chick every two years. On some wilderness lakes the average is higher approaching one chick per year. Studies suggest that loon chicks have a better chance of survival on lakes that are sparsely developed and where human activity is minimal or absent. There are many hazards that loon chicks face during this critical period which extends from their arrival in early spring until their departure in the fall. These hazards include predation by gulls, raccoon, mink and snapping turtles. People, although well intentioned, probably present the single greatest threat to chick survival by pursuing and harassing them in boats. What can we do to assure that we will always hear loons on Parker Pond? If we are to co-exist with loons in the face of increased shoreland development and added boat traffic, it will be necessary to make every effort not to disturb or harass them in any way. View them from a distance and stay away from their

nests. Anyone observing a high speed boat pursuing loons should report the incident to the Maine Warden Service by calling 1-800-253-7887. A description of the boat including the number would aid in their apprehension. Artificial nesting platforms have been quite successful in many lakes where nesting habitat has been eliminated by increased shoreland development. This technique is being explored on Parker Pond with the hope that it will increase chick production. Let us all make a commitment to protect our loons.
John Peterson

For those of you keeping records for IF&W or for your own information, the fin clipping code for the past few years is as follows:

SALMON
 1992 F
 1991 NOT STOCKED
 1990 E
 1989 B

BROOK TROUT
 1991 E&F

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Parker Pond Association was called to order by President Marty Arnold at 7:35 on July 10, 1992. Thanks for a job well done to Beverly Shaw, Betty Heutner, Jean St Clair and Flora Arnold for arranging and providing a great pot-luck supper.

Committee Updates:

1. Treasurer's report
Balance \$5918.25
gain over last year \$419 (approx)
2. John Petersen's report.
 - a) A few signs (yellow-black letters) "Don't disturb loons" are in place.
 - b) Loon count will take place later this month.
 - c) Osprey Bills Island nest not occupied but a new nest at the south end of the boat cove is occupied.
3. Water Quality
 - a) Civil engineer and Waine inspected the dam. It is stable but he suggests

that the association cut brush from top and downstream side.

b) Perhaps a culvert or spill control through the dam to lower the lake level each fall. Officers, trustees and water quality committee will discuss, study and explore benefits in modifying dam. Concept being that a rapid drop in lake level will help move sediment out of lake.

c) "New" algae has appeared on west shore where bog drains in. Will ask Scott Williams to take a look.

4. Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for 1992-1993 is:

President	Bev Shaw
Vice Pres.	Jean St Clair
Secretary	Steve Cowperthwaite
Asst Sec.	Jere Hughes
Treasurer	Waine Whittier
Trustee 3yrs	Marty Arnold
1yr	Verne Shaw *

* completes Bev Shaw term (Ray Anderson term has two (2) more years to run)

By a show of hands, the above slate was elected unanimously.

Comments and Questions:

1. How many members and potential members?

ans. 81 members now, possible 200+

2. If money is tight, then perhaps using some of the money now spent on water quality testing could be used for other issues, such as the culvert situation at the source of the lake. (broken culvert



on Ithiel Gordon and Seavey Corner Rds? 3.

Include "environmental hints" section in future newsletters.

4. Action Item-have water quality committee meet later this summer.

5. Action Item- David Pond residents join PPA ? Consider.

6. Any ideas for fund raising.

Meeting adjourned 9:30

(my thanks to Chig for the minutes)
Marty Arnold

PARKER POND ASSOCIATION 1992 MEMBERSHIP LIST DO WE HAVE YOUR NAME?

RAYMOND E ANDERSON GAY M ANDERSON
MARTIN G ARNOLD FIORA ARNOLD
JOHN W AUSTIN

PETER BAILLARGEON ANN BAILLARGEON
LEON A BAKER RACHEL BAKER
SIDNEY BALCH

HAROLD BERLINER JUDY BERLINER
Dr DOUGLAS BOYINK NONA BOYINK
GEORGE BREAUT JULIA BREAUT

ROBERT BRUNDAGE LINDA BRUNDAGE
RICHARD BURHOE JOSIE M BURHOE
MURRAY F CAMPBELL LINDA T CAMPBELL

PAULINE CARLSON
STEPHEN COWPERTHWAIT
JANET BRAGDON CROSS MICHAEL CROSS

JOHN P DAVIDSON, Jr LUCILLE DAVIDSON
ROBERT B DAVIS SYLVIA DAVIS
GERALD DESCHENE JANE DESCHENE

CLAYTON DOLOFF
WAYNE DOMIN BETSY DOMIN
ALTON B EARLE BETTY B EARLE

WESLEY W FORD
RICHARD K FOX MARIE FOX
KATHLEEN GIDEON DAVID E GIDEON

GREGORY GIFFIN LORRAINE GIFFIN
COLEMAN GRANT, Jr SHIRLEY GRANT
ALWYN T GREELEY ANN GREELEY

DONALD GREENE LINDA GREENE
REV ROBERT L GRIESSE ROSALIE GRIESSE
ALAN GROMETSTEIN MARGARET GROMETSTEIN

MORGAN HENIKA JEAN M HENIKA
THOMAS HOLLORAN KERRY HOLLORAN
ADAM HOMICK HELEN HOMICK

ELIZABETH HUETTNER
JERE HUGHES
ERIKA D KARP TONY DILLER

KINGSLEY KELLY SARAH KELLY
MARK KELLY
DEBORAH KUNTZ

BONNIE LINDER STEVE LINDER
DEBORAH LOFTUS
DAVID MARKOVCHICK KATHY MARKOVCHICK

THOMAS H MARSTALLER BETSY S MARSTALLER
DONALD MARTIN JOYCE MARTIN
THOMAS MOORE MARGARET A MOORE

ALCIDE NADEAU LUCILLE NADEAU
RAYMOND NICHOLS MARGARETE NICHOLS
KAREN PARRY

JOHN W PETERSON LOIS PETERSON
DAVID QUIMBY KATHY HOLT
EVERETT M QUIMBY, Jr LILLIAN QUIMBY

EARL P RHODA CAROLINE DUNN
FRANCIS D ROBERTIE MARGARET M ROBERTIE
WILLIAM ROGERS KAREN ROGERS

ARTHUR E SEBELIUS
ALAN SHACTMAN RUTH SHACTMAN
RUTH HINERMAN

FRED W SHARIS MARGARET SHARIS
BEVERLY B SHAW
JENNIFER SHAW VERNE SHAW

ALTHEA D SHUSTER
THEODORE ST AMAND
BRENT E ST CLAIR JEAN ST CLAIR

GEORGE ST CLAIR MARY GENA ST CLAIR
BEN STERN KATHY STERN
SANDRA STOLT ROBERT STOLT

KATHLEEN VOLANTE JOHN VOLANTE
HARRY W WELLS
ARTHUR W WELLS

PORTER B WHITTIER RUTH WHITTIER
WAINE WHITTIER MILDRED WHITTIER
ALBERT ZIMMERMAN KATHERINE ZIMMERMAN

Parker Pond Association, Inc.

The Parker Pond Association was formed more than thirty years ago when the old dam at the end of the lake went to pieces. Our association is made up of property owners and other interested individuals (resident and non-resident) from the four towns adjoining Parker Pond. We built and own the earthen dam at the south end of the lake which maintains the water level of the lake for protection of property and enjoyment of all. Our members represent diverse backgrounds and interests: however, we all share a great love for Parker Pond and a profound interest in welfare and future of the lake. We consider ourselves to be the advocates for Parker Pond, and we are determined to protect the lake from any kind of degradation. Please join us in this effort.

Parker Pond Association, Inc Membership Form

Membership entitles one to vote at the Annual Meeting In July, 1993. Those unable to attend the meeting may use the proxy at the bottom of this page.

Please Enroll Me As A Member New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Local Address _____ Firelane _____ Lot# _____

Town _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Home Address _____

(if different than above)

Town _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Membership dues are \$20. Please make checks payable to Parker Pond Association, Inc. and send your remittance along with this form to :

Waine Whittier, Treasurer
RFD#1, Box 1060
Mt. Vernon, ME 04352

Comments:

PROXY

I Hereby designate and appoint _____
to serve as my proxy, with full power to vote at the annual meeting of the Parker Pond
Association to be held July, 1993.

Dated ____/____/____

Signed _____