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Pleasant Ponderings

Pleasant Lake Association

Deerfield/Northwood, NH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25 - PLA Trash Pickup
9:00 AM Meet at Boat Launch

May 30 - Fins 'n Fun Kid's
Fishing Event Begins

June 27 - PLA Annual Meeting
9:30 AM Deerfield Town Hall

July 4 - Boat Parade
1:00 PM Meet at South Cove

Look for additional events at
www.pleasantlakenh.org.

JOIN THE PLA!

Send your \$25 (made out
to PLA) to your director or
the treasurer for your 2009
membership! Save Our Lake!

**Did you know that the PLA is
a 501 3C and contributions
may be tax deductible?**

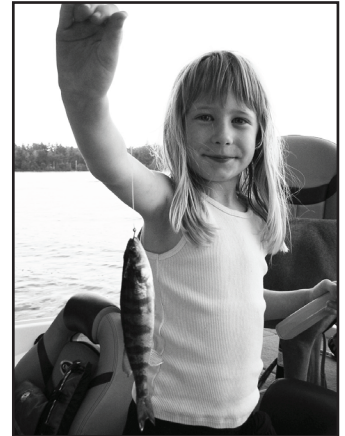
2009 Fins 'n Fun Kid's Fishing Event

MAY 30 - AUGUST 15, 2009

Check out the details of this fun event and find report
forms at: www.pleasantlake.org

Derby Rules:

1. All anglers must comply with the NH Fish & Game
Laws.
2. All fish caught & reported in this event must be taken
from Pleasant Lake, Deerfield/Northwood, NH.
3. Participating anglers must be represented by a PLA
member.
4. Only one pole per child in the water at one time.
Child must be holding the pole when fish is caught.
5. Event/sponsor officials are not liable for any injury, loss of life or property. All
anglers are responsible for their own safety & knowledge of their surroundings.
6. Age divisions: Tyke Division 2-5 years old
Junior Division 6-11 years old
Senior Division 12-15 years old
7. Categories: Sunfish Small Mouth Bass Large Mouth Bass



Taylor, age 8

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Lake Friendly Actions Along The Shoreline

If you have a home or a cottage on Pleasant Lake, you and your family should feel very fortunate. Invite some guests out to the lake for a day and simply listen to their comments.

How can we maintain what we have and insure that our children and their friends enjoy this same environment? There are many environmental issues pushing to degrade the quality of what we have. What can you do to help preserve Pleasant Lake? How can you help?

Check out our web site at www.pleasantlakenh.org and read the article titled "Lake Friendly Actions Along The Shoreline". A special thanks to the New Hampshire Lakes Association and especially to Andrea LaMoreaux for allowing us to reprint the article.

We hope to publish more articles like this in the future – watch the web site for updates. Involve your children; it is a great educational opportunity and should help preserve what we have for generations.

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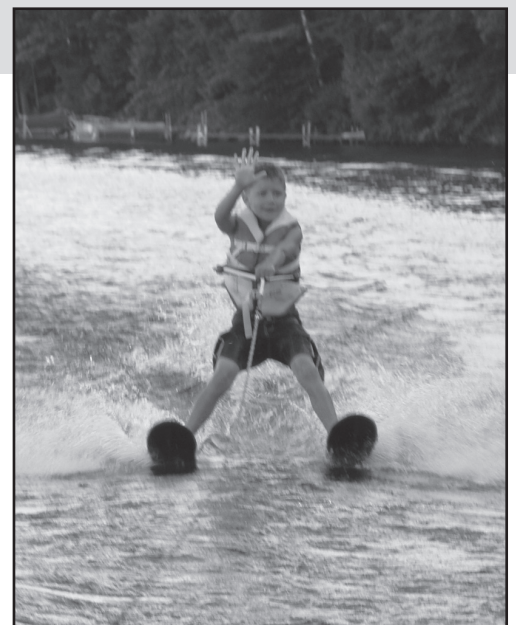
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Water Skiing

BY BROOKE MAKRI, AGE 12

Three girls filled with joy, jumping and giggling from excitement. Our bodies were shaking but we weren't cold. As we leaped on the boat, I looked back at the glistening lake, Strapped the water skis on and jumped in the water with a plop! 1,2,3, the motor of the boat started up. "Stand up! Stand up, Brooke!" I heard my "fan's" call from the boat. I stood up. Tipping, shifting, wobbling, tilting and then SPLASH! Into the water I fell. I lasted up for about 5 seconds, but the smile was still glued on my face. As I waited for the boat to turn around to get me, I was floating in the middle of the lake, teeth chattering. I said to myself, "I did it!" The best part of today is; It's the first day of summer vacation. I have already made a fantastic memory!



Eric, age 8

Free College Lectures on Pleasant Lake

No grades, no homework, no cost. Yes, it is true. During the summers of 1989 – 1995, seven retired couples from Pleasant Lake attended the weekly geology lectures of Dr. Jim Hume. Jim, the former Chair of the Department of Geology at Tufts University went to a great deal of effort to stimulate our imaginations. He 'trekked' back and forth to Tufts to acquire endless visual aids for us. While absorbing knowledge, we were able to relax at the Hume cottage in South Cove with a wonderful view of the lake.

Jim's wife, Pat, the former President of the NH Archeology Society substituted on occasion. We learned much about her local digs as well as her collection of Eskimo artifact from the summers that the Hume family spent in Barrow, Alaska. Some of us have had the opportunity to view Pat's artifacts at the Peabody Museum in Andover Academy, MA.

Our final lecture was celebrated with our very own 'dig'. The Humes presented us with a huge barrel filled with seven different layers of sediment. As we dug, each couple had the challenge of finding a personalized gift. (A certain attendee is still using his silver mustache comb.)

A memorial scholarship was established at Tufts University in memory of Jim who died in 1995. Pat still participates in the annual distribution of the scholarship – a fitting tribute to a kind and very knowledgeable Professor who so willingly shared his talents with us.

- Martha Clark

PLA Donates to NHLA

The New Hampshire Lakes Association maintains key lake protection programs such as our Lake Host Program and the Lake Conservation Corps. The Lake Advocacy Programs are extremely important not only to lake property owners but especially for the general public who use the lake. The NHLA is the voice for all NH lakes in the NH legislature.

As it has been for most public charities, the economy has severely impacted NHLA's fund raising capabilities. With loss of funds from core supporters, the State of NH, the Federal Government and others, the NHLA could use our help. The directors of the PLA have sent a donation to keep this association active, and the NHLA could use your donations as well. Make checks payable to: NHLA and mail to: Three Silk Farm Rd, Concord 03301

Trash Pickup

Hasn't the Spring made all the road trash an eye sore? Help us do something about it! Last year a group gathered on a Saturday morning and within two hours we had cleaned a large area and took two pick-up truck loads to the dump.

Join us this year!! Meet at the boat launch at 9 AM April 25th and we'll divide up into different sections to be most productive. Bring your own trash bags (we're low budget) and join your neighbors in sprucing up our neighborhood. Make it a family affair or bring your scout troop to help. We need to get to the dump before it closes so we work fast! Call Jackie Blanchard if you have questions: 463-9027.

High Water / Ice Damage Survey

A high water / ice damage survey is located on our website:

www.pleasantlakenh.org

If you are concerned about these issues please complete the form and send it to Stan Clark, PLA President at mapanh@yahoo.com or give them to your director.

Other News

NIGHT VIEWS

Have you watched the satellite/shuttle from your boat at night? Check out: <http://spaceflight1.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/> to find its location in the sky for your evening adventure.

WILDLIFE

A lot of beaver sightings along the West shoreline this past Fall.

Wonder why?



SPRING IS HERE!

There has been an eagle sighting already!



Safe Boating

The NH Marine Patrol was seen on our lake many times last summer. Be sure your boat has a current registration and you have your boating license on board.

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8. Trophies will be awarded to anglers for the longest fish in each category. Senior Division will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies/awards. Junior Division will have 1st thru 5th place trophies/awards. Tyke Division will have trophies/awards to the top 10 longest fish.
9. Judges decision final. Tie records will be voted in favor of earliest entry.
10. Fish & Game laws and Fish Descriptions can be found at:
www.wildlife.state.nh.us
11. Report forms can be found on the PLA website or from directors.
12. Report forms must be in the hands of Andy Partridge by August 18, 2009. An appropriately labeled 'tackle box' is located at the end of his dock, Camp #90.

LAKE LEVEL DRAW DOWN

Jun 1	(full) 6.3
Jun 26	6.2
Jul 1	6.1
Jul 12	6.0
Jul 19	5.9
Jul 26	5.8
Aug 1	5.7
Aug 8	5.6
Aug 15	5.5
Aug 22	5.4
Sept 1	5.1
Oct 10	All Boards Out

Loons Continuing to Die From Lead Fishing Tackle

Biologists from the Loon Preservation Committee documented four loons that died of lead poisoning in the summer of 2008 in NH. The ingestion of lead fishing tackle is the largest single cause of mortality for adult loons. Even after the passage of laws restricting the sale and use of lead tackle, it continues to be a major cause of death.

The timing of these deaths suggests that loons are dying from current use of lead fishing tackle even though they are illegal. The good news is that if anglers use available non-lead tackle, made of steel, bismuth, ceramic, stone, or other non-toxic materials, loons can swallow the tackle and suffer no ill effect.

So, clean out your fishing tackle box and don't use lead! Loons are too precious to lose. For more information on loons or this article check out: www.loon.org

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