



Pleasant Ponderings

Pleasant Lake
Preservation Association

Deerfield / Northwood

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Donating From Their Hearts

You've all seen the Ice Cream Boat on hot summer days and hopefully bought a few ice cream bars for your family, friends, & pets. Jessie (11) and Jamie (13) Nelson are the co-owners and live in South Cove. At seasons' end they wanted to give back to the lake and generously made a donation to our association. What an inspiration to us all!



2010 Fins 'n Fun Results

chaired by Andy Partridge

Trophy Winners

Tykes
Brody Chisholm (7.5" Sunfish)
Ben Chisholm (4.5" Sunfish)
Asa Guldbrandsen (18" SM Bass)

Justin Decatur (21" LM Bass)
Grant Beattie (18" LM Bass)

Ribbon Winners

Juniors

Jessica Nelson (7.25" Sunfish)
Meredith Partridge (9.25" SM Bass)
Jessica Nelson (6" SM Bass)

Seniors

Max Porter (12" LM Bass)

Juniors

Zachary Partridge (10" Sunfish)
Meredith Partridge (9" Sunfish)
Griffin McKeown (15" SM Bass)
William Durant (13.5" SM Bass)
Jacob Decatur (20.5" LM Bass)
Ian Cumming (16.25" LM Bass)

Seniors

Grant Beattie (12" SM Bass)

We're looking forward to more entries this summer!!

This month's Ponderings is sponsored by:

Danco Sales
43 North Road
Deerfield

Pleasant Breezes

We are delighted to report that the Blue Sailboat featured in the last issue has had a terrific outcome. As you recall, two avid sailors on Pleasant Lake took on a restoration project on a "behind the barn" 14 foot Oday Javelin Sailboat. The boat needed considerable work and rigging. After several months of work the boat was ready to get on the Lake. The two



sailors wanted to ensure the boat stayed on Pleasant Lake to join three other Javelins that were already part of a growing fleet. Well, good news, the boat was purchased by an experienced Pleasant Lake sailor [sails Lake Champlain regularly and Pleasant Lake] who intends to keep "Pleasant Breezes" on Pleasant Lake. He is looking forward to launching it in the Spring. As reported earlier, some of the proceeds from the sale of the boat will go to the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association donated by Bob and Jackie Blanchard and Michael and Mary Lou Beaudoin.

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Moving Forward



In the past few years, we've added a website and started sending the Ponderings via email to our 'green members'.

Our newest update is our name - Pleasant Lake Preservation Association - which should better explain our goals and priorities as a group.

Note our unique new logo that was designed specifically for us & should identify the PLPA at a glance. The *blue* represents our crystal clear waters and the strong *silhouetted loon* reflects the strength in all of us working together to keep this lake a treasure.

HELP.....

defray the cost of the Ponderings and promote your company by sponsoring an issue. Simply make your donation to the PLPA & mention your sponsorship.

\$75 donation to PLPA will provide a colored issue.

\$50 donation to PLPA will provide a B&W issue.

Interested in Volunteering as a NH Lake Host?

(Store Continued)

Pleasant Lake Preservation Association is looking for High School students (age 16+) to train as Lake Hosts and volunteer at the boat launch on Gulf Road.

Training will be provided in the spring. This will consist of one Training Session after which teams of two students can begin greeting boaters at the Pleasant Lake Boat Launch. Our volunteers usually work 2 hour shifts. Flexible times are available to fit into busy schedules. For more information - call Carol Smiglin - 463-1063

There's a good selection of styles, sizes and colors -

For special orders - to add a line under the PLPA Logo (i.e. Family Reunion) or if you



have questions, contact: lkbrennan@metrocast.net

As a 'start-up store', we can't offer everything but you'll be surprised at what we have.

PLPA STORE



Our very own store! Shirts, hats, mugs, water bottles & more...

10% of ALL SALES WILL BE SENT TO THE PLPA

See store-

From the President -

As you can tell from the various articles in this issue of the Ponderings, your board has not been idle this winter. Accomplishments like the new name & logo, implementation of a "store", and establishing a connection between local high school students interested in doing community service projects and our lake host program should add a great deal of value going forward.

However, we still have much to do and we could use your active support and involvement. If you don't have the time to become involved we can certainly use your financial support by not only becoming a member but by making an additional donation to help support our Weed Watcher & Lake Host Programs.

Tom Brennan

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Spring is Coming!

Did you ever think that one of the most serious threats to clean water is pollution carried by spring's snowmelt runoff?

As you take your walk or drive by the lake and see those nasty brown snow banks, know that they hold a season's worth of sand, salt, debris, pet waste, chemicals, metals, and vehicle fluids. It's a special problem, unique to cold climates: months and months of snow accumulates in snow banks- holding on to whatever is deposited with it.

Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent snowmelt and stormwater runoff from slowly percolating into the ground. Instead, dirty meltwater will sheet across paved areas and into our tributaries and lake.

We can help by controlling storm water run-off from buildings, paths, driveways and road. Check your property on a rainy day and fix run-off sites by planting vegetation, placing gravel and small stones, or constructing swales and rain gardens to capture runoff and soak it into the ground. Cultivate a wooded buffer beside the lake. (I hear

blueberry bushes are good in these areas.) Trees, shrubs, and grasses protect water quality by slowing rainwater and filtering out soil and pollutants before they are carried to the lake.

THE PERFECT ICE

Pleasant Lake residents and visitors were treated to a special event sponsored by Mother Nature the week of December 18th. As Pleasant Lake froze for the first time for the 2010/2011 season something special happened. Due to a combination of temperature, lake condition, lack of wind, speed of freeze, and lack of snow, Pleasant Lake froze 3-4 inches "clear as glass". This phenomenon, which occurs rarely [once every 15 years according to a life long resident] was a remarkable occurrence that was great fun to see and walk above during that week. Snow and wind the following week changed the Lake's surface quickly. Many Pleasant Lake residents reported that viewing the week of December 18th included seeing fish 10 to 15 feet under the ice, and a shoreline report of a muskrat swimming from Veasey Park under the ice along the shore to some nesting sight near "the famous Pleasant Lake totem pole". Generally ice will develop with bubbles and clouding at the surface. That did not occur in this case and the ice was amazing to observe.

Summer Fun(d) Raisers

The **Yard Sale** at Northwood Storage netted a \$240 profit! Thanks to everyone who donated items and manned the booth. Frank Albert generously donated his facility and Andy Partridge organized the event.



Full Moon Cruise

All seats on the 4 pontoon boats were sold out for our first Full Moon Cruise fund raiser. Everyone had a great time & hopes for a repeat event. Thanks to boat captains: Russ Spangler, Walt Hooker, Dan Cote and Bent Prop.

PLEASANT LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION IS A 501 3C AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Volunteer Lake Hosts Needed



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