



Pleasant Ponderings

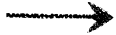
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Long ago on "Lake Pleasant"



Order your 2012 Historical PL Calendar featuring many old camps & sites around the lake. Retrieved from many archives these photos will not be repeated in the future. This \$10 wall calendar will be a keepsake. Contact: Andy @ 463-7242

or

andybpartridge@yahoo.com

Recently a new resident asked me when Pleasant Lake changed from Lake Pleasant or Pleasant Pond. Does anyone know?

This month's Ponderings is sponsored by Andy Partridge:

In loving memory of his parents

Lee & Doris Partridge

truly advocates of Pleasant Lake.



ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: SAT., JUNE 25TH
9:00 AM

BUY PLPA MUG
\$13



WHERE: DEERFIELD TOWN HALL

FUN THINGS TO DO AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.....

BUY HISTORICAL 2012 PLEASANT LAKE CALENDAR - \$10

PAY YOUR 2011/2012 DUES....STILL \$25.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

VOTE ON THE 2011/2012 SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Should be a quick meeting - no guest speaker.

PARTICIPATE!

★ **NEED LOON COVE DIRECTOR - contact Tom 463-5664**

★ **NEED ORGANIZER OF NEXT FULL MOON CRUISE - contact Linda 463-5664**

★ **NEED LOON COVE WEED WATCHER - contact Stan 463-7100**

★ **NEED YOUR RESPONSES FOR UPCOMING VOTING - WATCH YOUR MAILBOX**

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Weed Watcher Program



The Weed Watcher Program's (WWP) report to the BOD for 2010 indicated 53 inspections for invasive plant species were made along our Lake's shoreline by volunteers. Officially WWP runs from June 1 through Sept 30. Unofficially, some volunteers with canoes out of storage may even make an inspection in May.

The intent of the WWP is to have at least one Weed Watcher inspector for each shoreline of our Lake's nine districts. Only 1 inspection per month is required and recorded, but additional volunteers are always welcomed and needed. The Loon Cove district presently needs a volunteer and temporarily will be covered by others.

The WWP is a worthwhile simple/fun usually early morning program done when the Lake is still. Gliding along peering down through clear water at your Lake's remarkable clean bottom is in itself a rewarding experience. Who knows, your help might provide that crucial inspection (referred to as a Save) for preserving our Lake. If interested - training will be provided. Contact - Stan Clark 463-7100 or mapanh@yahoo.com

Lake Level Gauge

How would you respond to these statements?

- The water level in the lake is **HIGHER** than it has ever been!
- The water level is so **LOW** this Fall, I don't think there will be enough Spring runoff to fill the lake!

Both were real issues raised by residents on the lake with a sincere interest in understanding what was going on. We asked the folks at the NH DES - Dam Bureau to help us respond.

We learned that there is a bronze disk near the intersection of Gulf Road and Route 107 with a known elevation above sea level (NGVD 1929 for you engineering types). The elevation of the "staff gauge" at the dam is pegged to this disk. The last time the setting was checked was around 2002.

As a result of our questions, DES sent out a survey team in August 2010 to verify the setting. It was found to be at the same elevation as it was in 2002. A water level of 6.3 on the staff gauge at the dam is the same today as it was in 2002.

Are you interested in a bit of lake trivia? Do you know what 6.3 means? We will have the answer at our annual meeting on June 25th.



Picture Taken 6/4/11

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Pleasant Lake Passings

George E. Reese, Sr. - long time resident & Director on Pleasant Lake.

Jack Clougherty - resident on Gulf Road for many years.

Our sympathies go out to their families. They will be missed around the lake.

If we have missed someone please let us know.

Another Sailboat Donation!

We are delighted to report that the PLPA has again been offered a donation of a used sailboat. Stuart & Connie Hodgdon of Scott Lane on Pleasant Lake have offered a 12 ft. 1965, Oday Widgeon sailboat to the Association. As most of you know this will be the second sailboat we have refurbished, sold, and ultimately provided the proceeds to the PLPA. This Fall, the sailboat "Sweet Spot" will be refurbished, and refitted by Bob Blanchard, Mike Beaudoin, with assistance from Tom Brennan. The hull and deck will be repainted and the rigging upgraded to "like new" condition. We are hopeful that this sailboat will be purchased and sailed by someone on Pleasant Lake next Spring. These donations eventually provide much needed funding for important PLPA projects, as well as funding for communication vehicles like the Ponderings. We will provide updates later in the year on how this restoration project is coming along. Our thanks to Stuart & Connie.



Preserving Our Clear Water is An Effort for Some!

For approximately 80 days a season, Pleasant Lake has lots of ice fishing activity. I personally enjoy watching the bundled-up figures staring down into a hole for most of the day while their families ice skate, picnic, sun bathe in the bright winter sun, and play with their dogs. They have wonderful stories of what fish were caught & how big. Fun!

Besides the day-fishers, there are bob houses that grace our lake. It is my understanding that each bob house must have the owner's name & address posted on it. So, when the ice started melting and a bob house had sunk into the ice and then frozen, the owners opted to spray paint over their name, throw their trash inside and abandon the site. Fish & Game was called and after two trips, and a lab investigation determined the name of the bob house owner, it was finally torn down. Unfortunately the owners deposited their trash at the boat launch which required another call to get it all taken away. Who thinks it is okay to sink a bob house complete with beer cans and trash into a pristine lake? Next year with the budget cuts and lower personnel, will we have Fish & Game to save a potential pollution?

IT WASN'T A DEER!

It was 11PM and our dog, Birch, was going out for the last time when I heard her barking and my husband calling to her to come back. I went out the other back door door to see if it was a deer. Unbeknownst to me it was a black bear, and a good sized one! He was now sitting up in the maple tree about 4 feet from me and I was still looking toward the lake for a deer! I went back in and when Peter told me it was a bear, I was quite relieved I hadn't gone any closer. Yes, we still had our feeders and Mr. Bruin was here for his evening meal. We were able to watch him quite safely from the back window as he relaxed in our tree. He was very healthy looking and had a beautiful face. He just studied us as we did the same to him. After a while he decided it was safe to lumber off across the orchard toward the woods.

We now take our feeders in each evening until nature begins to serve him his favorite meal of berries and nuts. We certainly are glad we put the spotlights on before we went out to investigate. The following morning his claw marks were quite apparent in the tree. He had really scrambled to safety. Perhaps he was as frightened of us as we were of him. But maybe not!!! He seemed more annoyed that we had interrupted his meal.

Just a little reminder to not leave bird feeders out at night this time of the year. We understand there have been other sightings of bears around the lake in the last month as they look for food.

The Smiglins



2011 Fins 'n Fun Fishing Event Back for another year!!

Age Divisions include: 2-5 years, 6-11 years, & 12 - 15 years old.
Fish Categories are: Sunfish, Small Mouth Bass & Large Mouth Bass.

See rules & print out forms at:

www.pleasantlakenh.org

Win a trophy or ribbon.
Don't miss the fun!

Conservation Officers at Boat Launch

Conservation Officers are monitoring the parking lot by the boat ramp this year. If spaces are not available, boats are turned away. They are asking the owners of launching boats to provide the registration and their boating license. Also, they check to make sure that all necessary equipment is onboard the boat before it can launch.



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