

TLIA News

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TRIPP LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

FALL 2007

Letter from the President Thomas J. Dean

Another summer on Tripp Pond has come and gone as it lways does. I have raked our yard of leaves a half dozen times, squeezed in a last minute water ski run during the last week of October, pulled my boat and dock before the first frost, and am wondering what this winter will bring. More snow than last year? Colder than last year? I'll bet this winter will be the same as last... cold and white. My life is pretty much the same, because some things don't change a lot.

But around Tripp Pond things don't stay the same, additions are being put on homes (something I'd like to do one day), fancier boats are afloat, old homes are being taken down so that new ones can be raised or are sprouting up on empty lots. A housing development is starting to show signs of life. There is even a Dunkin' Donuts in town now. New neighbors, new friends and growth are coming.

I remember during the late 1980's that if we saw five boats on the lake it was considered a traffic jam. Today five boats on the lake all at once might be considered light traffic. And there



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Marine's find averts disaster

By Sabrina Cardin, staff writer, *Daily News of Newburyport*

BYFIELD -- While working the night shift on the Al Taqaddam base in Iraq, Marine Lance Cpl. Edmund "Joe" Hughes, a mechanic, was looking over a helicopter when he found a small crack on the boom that had been overlooked.

But it turned out it wasn't just a simple crack—it was big enough that it could have brought down the helicopter. The entire boom needed to be replaced.

According to his superiors, Hughes' discovery may well have saved the lives of the entire crew.

In the fifth month of his seven-month tour, Hughes, 24, has now received two Navy and Marine Achievement awards. His first award came also for his alertness—he saw an object fall off a helicopter. The latest award is for discovering the overlooked crack.

"The real award is doing what he thinks he should," said his mother, Didi Hughes, who now lives in Poland, Maine.

Joe, a 2002 Triton graduate, initially felt the call to serve his country when he saw troops returning home on the news. Having already received a degree in automotive mechanics from Universal Technical Institute Illinois in 2004, Hughes, then 22, saw enlisting in the marines as the next logical step.

After testing high on the aviation mechanic portion of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery exam, Hughes was offered a position repairing and

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Chuck Norris (center) with Edmund "Joe" Hughes on his left

ON THE WATER

by Rick Lundstedt



What a season! The Sox won the ALCS and the World Series, Patriots and Celtics are off to a record-breaking start and the fishing was very good! We had our niece, Eternity, stay with us as much as possible this summer. She can't get enough boating, fishing and swimming! She has a blast just being out on our boat (or Richard Smith's pontoon boat). She really does love watching "stuff" in the water, birds flying over and especially loons. Catching fish is an added bonus for her!

It was a great summer for all lake activities. The lack of rain didn't appear to hurt the lake any—in fact the clarity seemed the best in years. We'll have to check with John Laskey to see what the actual readings were but it sure appeared very clear. You could easily see the bottom in 6+ feet of water by the end of the season. Apparently the lack of runoff helps that more than the additional boats hurt it. The increased boat activity is unmistakable. More boats and an increase in motor size generally don't bode well for water quality due to the increase in silt disturbance. Kicking up silt adds phosphorus back into the chain and as we all know, phosphorus is the lake's enemy. The good news is that the bigger boats, for the most part, are keeping to the deeper water where their influence is minimal. If we keep operating our boats responsibly, we can maintain our fragile lake's water quality.

The lake temperature wasn't much higher than normal either, which is surprising since we had more sun than normal. Got some reports of folks catching trout through the summer by trolling the coolest water that held oxygen. It's possible for trout to survive the summer if they find a cool spring, food source and oxygen. The trick is that they won't get enough oxygen below 20 feet and the cooling springs don't emit dissolved oxygen. The trout that do survive have somehow overcome the Tripp balancing act. The warm water species which most people fish for are more tolerant of heat and low oxygen. The health of our bass fishery is still very good considering the increased angling pressure. It's easy to get spoiled when you fish a lake as good as Tripp but occasionally it's good to put that in perspective.

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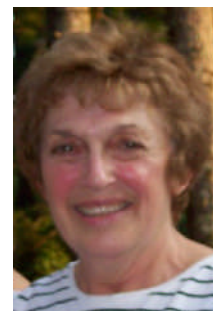


Rick Lundstedt and his niece, Eternity, in front of his cabin on Tripp Lake with small-mouth bass fish they caught.

NOTES FROM AN EX-PRESIDENT

by Babs Shapiro

Once again, summer has flown by in a blink, beginning and ending with celebrations. The Fourth kicked off the festivities and our nephew's 50th birthday bash on



Labor Day weekend concluded them. Family, friends, kids and grandkids were in abundance and we're most grateful. That's what camp and the lake are all about. Protecting it for generations to come is my aim.

We welcomed a new President, Thomas Dean, and new Board members at the Annual Meeting. We wish them good luck and hope they'll carry on the good works of their predecessors.

A new idea, proposed by Judy King and carried out by Peg Harris, was for signs requesting dog owners to pick up after their animals. Four signs were tacked to trees between Garland Swamp Road and the end of Jordan Shore Drive. For the most part, they've been successful. The addition of baggies and a couple of rubbish pails would complete the project.

The second annual 5K was a big success. Tees, ribbons and prizes were handed out to about 50 runners. It was another perfect day and to Jamie Rothfus, the chairperson, kudos and thanks for all your work. Hope it'll be bigger and better next year.

Stewardship and the health of the lake remain my primary concerns. Continued education for newcomers and constant vigilance by all lake dwellers is the key to maintaining and improving the cleanliness of the water. In fact, it seems that an increased awareness for protecting the lake has permeated the lake community. John Laskey reported greater clarity at the

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THE AD MAN

by Sue Barry


This fall I talked with Ed Hinkley about Ed Hinkley because I truly feel that were it not for Ed Hinkley's endeavors and success selling ads for the TLIA News, none of us would be receiving the newsletter. The Association could not afford to print or mail the TLIA News to everyone without the sale of these ads. Ed has been our "ad man" for more than 10 years now. Perhaps some of you already know Ed, having met up with him somewhere on Jordan Shore Drive biking or walking, or as he heads out to his pontoon boat for a ride around the lake. He lives here on the lake year round and loves every minute of it.

In 1997, at the request of Babs Shapiro, Ed began selling advertising to help defray the cost of the newsletter. That first year he sold space to 17 advertisers. Since then he has more than tripled the number of ads, which is a testament to his diligence and commitment to the community, TLIA, and Tripp Lake. Being a perfectionist, it is most important to him, too, that each advertisement be presented to the best of our ability. As he says, "We can't charge these folks for space if that space doesn't look 100%."

Ed graduated from Lisbon High School in 1959 and went on to attend an industrial engineering school in Spartanburg, SC. He worked at Farnsworth Woolen Mills in Lisbon Center after high school and believed this additional schooling would fit with his future plans. He served in the Army during the Viet Nam War and was stationed in Germany, guarding the Berlin Wall. Following his discharge, he returned to Maine and worked at Cole Shoe in Norway from 1966 until 1971, Bon An Footwear in Lewiston until 1976, and then at Vincent Fruit in 1977. Ed's late wife, Gae, was instrumental in gaining employment for him at Vincent. She had been working there as office manager for a number of years when her boss, Johnny, asked if she knew of anyone in their 30's who might be able to step in and help run the company so he could retire. Gae suggested Ed. He was hired, and that year Ed and two coworkers bought out the original owner. To this day he continues to run the company successfully. Gae worked at Vincent until 1984 when she retired after 24 years of employment. For 28 years she and Ed managed their rental properties located in Lewiston, Auburn, and Greene, while Ed continued to work at Vincent Fruit.

In 1968, Ed & Gae, who were married in 1973, began spending summers on Tripp Lake, renting from Olum's Cabins on Jordan Shore Drive. Then, after several years of renting, they bought one of Aunt Ruth's cottages. Eventually, they

designed and built his current home on Jordan Shore Drive and moved in December of 1985, with work still to be done. He told me that when he began seeing Gae in the fall of 1968 he brought her out to Tripp Lake. When he turned down Jordan Shore Drive she said, "This is the most beautiful road I've ever been on. It's like Paradise." Ed & Gae's marriage in 1973 made the 30-something bachelor not only a husband for the first time, but also the father of 3




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FOLLOWING THE MONEY

Town Manager Dana Lee pledges to protect community's interests

BY DANIEL HARTILL--StaffWriter

POLAND — The public's money, like a precocious preschooler, needs constant watching. Turn away and you risk tragedy.

"Let's think 'evil' for a minute," said Dana Lee, who began work last week as Poland's town manager.

Imagine trying to steal the town's money, he said. Find the holes in the policies and procedures, the places where the town's attention is elsewhere. Then, make a rule to watch the money.

"I'm instituting those every hour of every day, so far," he said.

Not that Lee, Mechanic Falls' town manager for 16 years, minds the fuss. "I am happiest when I have a giant to-do list," he said.

He ought to be very happy.

On July 1, Lee succeeded Richard Chick, the longest-tenured town manager in Maine. Chick was widely respected, having served Poland since 1974.

However, he was sick the past two years. And while he was away, controversies erupted over the town's finances.

Last year, an auditor discovered a \$2.7 million shortfall in Poland's books. Audits took aim at the town's oversight of tax money.

No one took the money. Rather, too little was collected in taxes, and payments owed to Poland Spring Water Co. were not made.

With Chick often too sick to work, selectmen took a greater role in the day-to-day management of the town. Traditional roles between town staff and elected leaders blurred. Some fought.

To Lee, who left Mechanic Falls a year ago to sell real estate and teach classes for the Maine Municipal Association, Poland seemed the perfect destination.

"I was looking for a big challenge," he said. "I had grown rather bored in Mechanic Falls."

A town search committee hired Lee from a pool of 23 candidates. Though he was contracted to begin work July 1, he began informally the week before. He met with Chick and began examining the way the town office worked.

"I am thoroughly committed to getting the ship righted," Lee said.

Already, he has the endorsement of selectmen.

"For the past few years, we've been in crisis management," Selectman Wendy Sanborn said. "I think he's awesome."

Selectman Lionel Ferland also likes Lee. He gives the town manager credit for picking up on the recent work of the board to sort out the money woes.

Ferland and Sanborn believe their workloads will lessen as Lee's work increases.

"We can get back to what we're supposed to do: make policy," Ferland said.

One of Lee's first jobs has been to redefine the Town Office pecking order, creating boundaries between elected leaders and staffers. Within 48 hours of his arrival, he created a structural chart, placing himself between every department and the selectmen. "I'm not here to clean house," he said. "The point is accountability."

He also created a simple form that he distributed to selectmen and other leaders—a process to follow up routine requests from townspeople.

For instance, if someone wants a sign near their home, they can make the request to a selectman, who then fills out a sheet with the person's name and contact information.

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This is a reminder to check your camp from time to time after it's been closed up for the season. If you can't, ask a neighbor to help out.

Pat and Leonard Adams reported a break-in at their camp at the end of Jordan Shore Drive this fall. Their daughter discovered it when she came for a brief visit. Some tools and other things were taken but no great damage was done.

We like to believe all men are honest, but some look forward to the quiet of winter when few people are around and "the pickings are good." Lock doors and windows. Contact the Androscoggin Sheriff's Department if anything's amiss.

THE AD-MAN

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beautiful daughters: Sue was 14, Diane was 12, and Christine was 10. Today there are also 5 grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Ed loves them dearly and brags about them to everyone who will listen.

Ed told me, "Gae and I both enjoyed the lake equally and all of the many friends and acquaintances we met over the years." Gae passed away in 2004 after a 4½ year battle with cancer. Ed is now engaged to Lois Cole, a Special Education teacher at Edward Little High School for the last 14 years. Lois enjoys the lake just as much as Ed does. They plan to be married next summer here at the lake.



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MARINE'S FIND AVERTS DISASTER

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rebuilding marine aviation. He currently rebuilds UH-1Y Hueys and AD-1 Cobras.

After attending boot camp at Parris Island and school in Pensacola, Fla., Hughes was assigned to his home base at Camp Pendleton in California. He spent nine months adjusting to life at Pendleton before he was sent to Iraq.

"He was very proud when he finished boot camp, and was all set to go," Didi Hughes said. "His father and I were nervous."

Didi Hughes regularly corresponds with her son through e-mail and every two weeks by phone. With every e-mail and conversation, her son is always insistent that he [is] safe. Despite the number of e-mails of scorpions and spiders tapering off, one aspect Didi believes her son still has not adjusted to is the heat, which can reach as high as 141 degrees. The soldiers' only relief comes in the form of another obstacle they have to overcome, sandstorms.

Helping combat the heat, she sends care packages containing videos, pictures, socks and lots of suntan lotion. Recently, a welcomed and rare glimpse of her son came in the mail, when Hughes sent home a photograph of himself with visiting celebrity Chuck Norris.

"He looked older," said Didi Hughes of her son.

Returning right before the holiday season, Hughes will enjoy a Thanksgiving and Christmas with his mother, Didi, father, Ed, and sisters, Becky and Jess.

After a seven-month tour, Hughes will return home to Camp Pendleton for a year of American comforts before returning to Iraq for another seven months. Despite the perks of traveling, Joe Hughes, via e-mail, said he still sometimes misses the East Coast.

"I would always think about New England and being in the snow and seeing the autumn," Hughes said.

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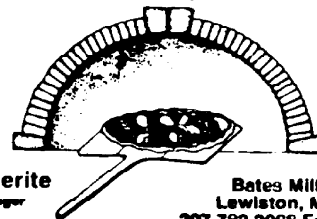
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HOW'S YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM.....REALLY?

Taken from: *For the Sake of Maine Lakes*
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Improperly operating and failing septic systems continue to be a major source of groundwater contamination. The primary reasons septic systems fail prematurely are:

1. Excessive water including household use and surface water infiltration.
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"A VIEW FROM THE LOG CABIN"

by Harriet Doolittle

What a wonderful summer and early fall this has been! The usual delightful Tripp Lake things were greatly enjoyed; the Maine summer weather, good friends visiting from near and far, the annual Fourth of July gathering, lots of birds and the usual array of squirrels and chipmunks to entertain the dogs. All of these contributed to the good times at the camp.

In addition some much needed refurbishing was accomplished. For many years I have been searching for someone capable of and willing to tackle the replacement of the filler between the logs of the cabin. Originally we used oakum both inside and out. This was laboriously driven in between the logs with hammer and chisel. Over the last 25 years squirrels, chipmunks and mice have wreaked havoc on this "chinking." They have torn it out and gnawed through it to gain access to the cabin for the winter and to use for their nests. In the last two years the mouse problem over the winter has reached monumental proportion. Even with the caretaker, Joel Anderson, trapping several dozen of them and vacuuming during the winter, the mess in the spring was almost overwhelming to the person that opened the camp for me. The logs also badly needed a coat of protective stain but the in-between-the-logs problem had to be solved first.

Imagine my joy when a man delivering a rented ladder turned out to know all about log cabin building and maintenance! Shawn S. Dostie, a general contractor from Mechanic Falls, not only knew what to do but also was willing to take on the project. After research and discussions it was decided to go with a special blend of cement and acrylic plus a brown dye to match the logs for the outside filler. Shawn put in many hours of tedious work removing the old oakum then preparing and placing the new filler between the logs. We were rewarded with a new and greatly improved look for the cabin. Joel followed with a coat of earth tone stain and the effect was complete; a bright new cabin, at least in outside appearance. The oakum filler on the inside of the cabin will be repaired over the winter, maintaining the rustic appearance that it provides. Hopefully, the new outside filler will reduce the massive mouse problem to more reasonable levels and the red and flying squirrels will be excluded completely.

In addition the deck and out buildings are all sporting new coats of paint. Much needed under-the-deck repairs are in progress. It was a busy and very rewarding summer. On Oct 14th the dogs and I returned to our winter home in Pine Hill, NJ. We are blessed with our usual happy memories of life on Tripp Lake as well as knowing that the physical structures are in better shape. Thank you Joel and Shawn!



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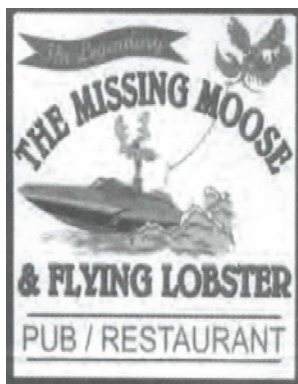
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The Tripp Lake Store

Just a reminder that the Tripp Lake Store, located at 84 Meguire Hill Road, (next door to Laskey's) is open year-round. Marion & Claire Chesley are the new proprietors, and can be reached at 207-998-4389 if you would like to buy a gift for a friend or family member or yourself. T's and sweats, both in children and adult sizes, are available, as well as caps w/logo. Our wonderful Tripp Lake "throw" is available, too. The good part is that the quality of these items is excellent and the sale of these items benefits TLIA.



Claire Chesley and Marion Emery Chesley displaying TLIA merchandise to Gerri Tinkham.



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SECOND ANNUAL 5K RUN BY THE LAKE

By Jamie Rothfus

The 2007 Run by the Lake was a huge success! It was an overcast day but was a great day to run. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help set up, break down, time the runners, serve water and food before, during and after the race. Thanks to the participants...it was nice to see the enthusiasm of the runners and walkers.

One large Thank You goes to the sponsors of the race: Poland Spring Water, G. A. Downing, Shapiro Hearing Aid Center, Wendy Webber-Sagan Realtors, Poland Recreation Department, NuImage Awnings and Vincent Fruit. Thanks to all who gave great prizes: Wolf Cove Inn, Kearsarge Inn and Restaurant, Eggcettera, Ruby Rose Frozen Custard, Crestholm Farm and Rustic Pizza.

Save the date for the 3rd Annual Run by the Lake: **Sunday, July 27, 2008.** We look forward to another great race!

The results of the race were:

Men

1. Dylan Lajoie	18:52	<u>12 and under</u>	
2. Bob Poirier	19:21	1. Sophie Mester	23:40
3. Mike Saras	21:30	2. Katie Packer	26:15
		3. Luke Sidle	27:20

Women

1. Lindy Shapiro	22:07	<u>70 and over</u>	
2. Emily Gerber	22:57	1. Dick Lolla	46:26
3. Maggie Norton	23:23	2. Jean Mangini	46:27
		3. Dick Harris	54:54

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HAPPY OCCASION

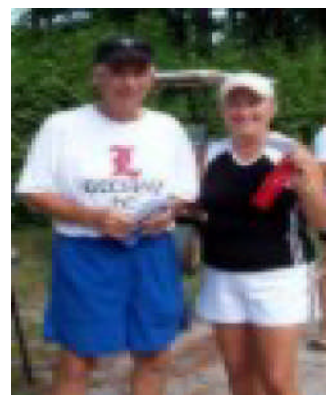
Congratulations to **Arnold Leavitt**, who was recently honored with a Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Award at a State House ceremony. (This is a state award recognizing all branches of the services.) The award was presented by Gov. Baldacci. Leavitt, who is 84, joined the army following college graduation. His squad was fired on and he and one other soldier were the only survivors. They were taken prisoners and walked to a POW camp in Austria from a field near the Rhine in Germany. They were there several weeks when they heard that Hitler had ordered all POW's to be killed on his birthday. On April 30th Leavitt and the other soldier escaped and hid in a haystack until American troops appeared. Leavitt weighed 95 pounds when he escaped. *Reprinted in part from SunJournal of October 12, 2007.*

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to family and friends whose loved ones passed on this summer and fall.

Beatrice G. Haines, 86, the mother-in-law of our newsletter publisher, Trudy Haines. She lived in Mexico on the Swift River Road. She was very talented, always busy with needlework, oil painting, stained glass creations and gardening.

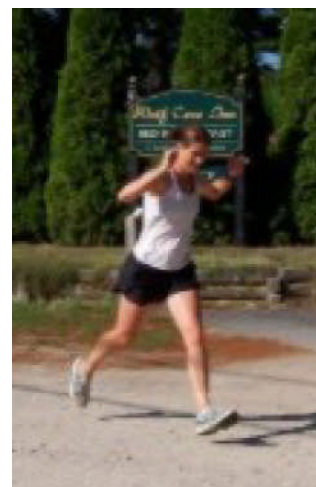
Nancy Feeney of Abington, MA, passed away in September, after several years of failing health. She loved coming up to her camp on Garland Swamp Road with her husband, Bill. She is survived by four children, their spouses, and two grandchildren. She was a wonderful addition to our summer days. We will miss her.



Dick Lolla and Jean Mangini



#1 Men's Overall Winner, Dylan Lajoie, with Jamie Rothfus



Lindy Shapiro, #1 in Women's



Awaiting starting signal.



Runners approaching the finish line.



Anna Rothfus with young runner.



Camp Fernwood runners.



Walkers Babs Shapiro and Judy Abromson.



Susie Stegman and daughter.



Quinn and Ellie Shapiro waiting for Dick Harris to cross the finish line.



New sign on lake.



Dave O'Donnell with wide-mouth bass.



Dave O'Donnell with fish.



Jessica O'Donnell with fish.



Wendy Webber, her niece Ellison Shapiro, and mom Lindy Shapiro.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Tripp Lake

Please keep in mind that the condition of Tripp Lake is quite fragile and we continue to urge everyone to use only phosphorous-free fertilizers and detergents.

DEP Hot Line Numbers

Have you ever wondered whom to call when you have a question or a problem relative to land use, surface water, water pollution, septic systems, or storm water? I know you have seen this before, but it can't be shared too often, so, here are some numbers for you to tack up on the inside of a cupboard door somewhere in your summer place (wasn't that a movie back in my other life?). The main switchboard is 1-800-452-1942 or, for land development, land use, and septic systems, you can call this number in Augusta: 287-3901.

50/50 Raffle

The raffle was a success. The winners of the drawing were Carol & Randy Spargo from CT. They own a camp on Sunderland Lane. Congratulations to them! Thank you all for your participation again this year. There were also

four winners of \$25 gift certificates, a donation from the wonderful "Fall's Country Gift Shop" in Mechanic Falls. The winners were: John Mangini, Linda Laskey, Diane Harper, and Winnie O'Donnell. Also, John & Linda Laskey donated a composter, which was won by Del King, and a rain barrel, won by Ditty Hughes.

Poland Town Meeting: April 5, 2008

This is an endangered species. Go just for the experience and to support our endeavors to keep the Tripp Lake Watershed healthy.

Recipes, recipes, and more recipes

We're still begging for recipes for our Tripp Lake Recipe Book. But, this is the last time it will be mentioned in this publication. We don't like to nag. If you have a contribution, e-mail to sueb2@fairpoint.net, or by snail mail to Sue Barry, 5 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, ME 04274. Linda Laskey would also be glad to receive your suggestions at ormpoland@prexar.com.

Thank You

We received nice thank yous from Ashley Chitwood and Alana Chipman,

winners of the Conservation Camp Essay Contest. They shared with us some of their experiences and the good times they had learning boating safety, outdoor games, and about conservation and the environment.

Congratulations to Dick & Peg Harris for receiving this year's TLIA Environmental Award at our annual meeting in July.

Family Picnic

A decision was made at our annual meeting to not organize a Family Picnic in 2008 due to the low attendance over the past few years.

Conservation Camp "Essay Contest" and Entry Deadline

Linda Laskey will continue to coordinate the Conservation Camp "Essay Contest." This is open to fourth graders at the Poland Community School and also the children of TLIA members, who are 10 years of age. The deadline to enter is April 30th of 2008. Contact Linda at ormpoland@prexar.com or call her at 998-4227, if you would like more info about the program.

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Seasonal Hours



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Following the Money

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"It gives everybody a way to take down a beef, a concern, an idea," Lee said. That sheet then goes with the new town manager to department head meetings.

Decision-makers may not decide to erect the sign, but the request goes to the right people.

"People deserve an answer," Lee said. "I'm very open. I want to hear from people."

At first, however, such work comes after financial security.

Lee plans to meet with everyone who touches town money and work out iron-clad procedures.

"We're going to hammer out how money gets from point A to point B, how it's accounted for, where is the check and balance on it."

And other changes? They'll come with time.

"This is a time of rebuilding," Lee said. "I hope people will be patient and allow us to get our feet under ourselves."

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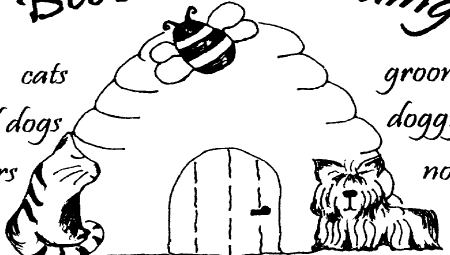


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Letter from the President

Thomas J. Dean

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were hardly any party barges on the lake. Party barges have become the mini-van of the boating world and can be seen everywhere. I've sworn not to succumb to the H₂O mini van. A buddy of mine across the lake has talked about getting a party barge one day and trading in his ski boat. I think Kenney and I can still be friends if he does surrender.

Things change and so do we.

Managing change and foreseeing the effect change will have on the lake and our lives is important to all of us. At a recent board meeting for the association we discussed the mission statement of the Tripp Lake Improvement Association (TLIA) and changes taking place on the lake. One of the problems discussed was the rate of speed that cars often travel on the roads where we live, walk and play. We discussed the safety on the water, educating boaters on the rules of boating and offering safety tips, a common discussion point in the state of Maine after this summer's tragic accident on Long Lake that claimed two lives. We also discussed the proposed zoning change along Route 11 from Rural Residential to Village One, i.e. light commercial. And of course we discussed the water quality of the lake, which has come a long way but still has a ways to go to catch up with some of our neighboring lakes.

The board is an outstanding group of people, who have their hearts set into their work and into each of these issues. Sometimes the board could use help in achieving objectives of the TLIA by being available to sign a petition or provide input to these issues and challenges.

Please pay attention to what the board is trying to achieve, and don't be shy about adding in your two cents.

Thank you.

HOW LAKES TURN OVER

By Babs Shapiro

(From Maine Sunday Telegram, September 23, 2007)

Ever wonder about the term "turning over" for lakes and how it happens? Here's a brief explanation.

After a beautiful warm sunny summer, the lake starts to cool in the fall and fishing seems to get better. Why? The more shallow depths warm the most and as a result the water tends to form layers called thermal strata. Cold water fish, such as trout and salmon (in short supply in Tripp) being adapted to cooler water, gravitate to the layer that best suits their requirement for temperature and oxygen levels. Other species, such as bass, prefer that layer too, which may be only one to two feet, and they all move in and out of that preferred layer.

When fall arrives, the days shorten, daily temperatures begin to drop and the sun angle decreases, all of which play a role in the process called turnover.

The upper strata of the water begins to cool. Cooler water is slightly denser than the now warmer layers beneath and it slowly begins to break down the thermal layering effect. The warming and cooling of the atmosphere creates winds that push the surface water in one direction until it "piles up" on the downwind shore. Water stacks up until gravity pushes it back, creating a net reverse movement. The waves observed on the downwind shore on a windy day are akin to mixing water in the bathtub to get the right temperature.

Working together, these natural forces mix the water until temperatures, now cooler, are close to the same temperature. Since the water is cooler, it is more in line with the habitat required for cold water fishery. The better fishing suggested above is a result of fish being able to utilize a variety of depths to forage rather than concentrating in a relatively narrow layer of water.



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end of the season than he's seen in years, so we're doing something right. Keep up the good work!

Never got to monitor Purple Loosestrife removal this year—perhaps people are now doing it on their own. I'm always happy to help identify it and find help to remove it if necessary. Another survey next summer would determine whether it's spreading or not. If so, we've got to work harder.

We connected with Thompson Lake's Youth Conservation Corps at the beginning of the summer and by summer's end they'd provided us with assistance. Installing a razor bar and rip rap were among the projects completed. We hope more people will request help next summer as this is a long-awaited dream come true. Lake management requires that we monitor our properties for runoff and find solutions to prevent it. If you need help, please call. Engineers and workers are just a telephone call away.

The Town of Poland is planning for future development via TIF's (Tax Increment Financing District) and a vision of its future through the Comprehensive Planning Committee and input from the community. What type of businesses should locate in Poland's business corridor? Design and planning are a big part of this as well as how much development should be allowed. Your ideas are important. Please think about it and contact Stan Tetenman or a member of his committee through the Poland Town Office.

A potential threat to our lake community is the request for rezoning, from Rural Residential to Village 1, the stretch of road from Five Corners to the end of Bakerstown Road, by an individual who lives on Bakerstown Rd. and would like to expand his storage unit business. **Rezoning would allow all sorts of businesses to be built in this area and would most certainly change the nature of the land around us. A secondary request, should the first fail to pass, would be to allow for a Change in the Land Use Chart, meaning storage units only could be built in this three-mile section of road.** We, the lake community, must be on our toes to assure that such changes don't adversely affect Tripp as it's all within the lake's watershed. The requests will be voted upon, **by year-round residents only**, either on a special ballot or at Town Meeting in the Spring. If the first request fails, the second will be sought. A Planning Board meeting was held where people could speak, voicing their concerns. TLIA requests and recommends no changes, that the area remain Rural Residential. We suggest you call Art Dunlap, CEO, for further information. **We ask that permanent Poland residents vote in a way which most directly protects our lake.** Will keep you updated in the Spring Newsletter.

Have a safe, healthy and happy winter.

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ON THE WATER

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As good as the fishing is on Tripp, venturing out can be fun as well. We managed a couple of kayak trips down the Little Androscoggin before the water got too low. That's a great family trip that's close to "home." There are a couple of spots where you need to drag the kayak over some downfalls but no big deal. We did one kayak trip on the Androscoggin from Gilead to West Bethel and two kayak/fishing trips on the Dixfield-Canton section further down river. That's the one you want if you want to catch lots of quality smallmouth, even in the dead of summer. Richard and Scott got to share most of those trips with me which made them even more enjoyable!


Anna and I went down to visit friends in Charleston, SC, mid-September. We got incredibly cheap airfares and couldn't pass them up. I also couldn't pass up the chance to fish with Steve for redfish and sea trout. We went out twice and got some decent trout and a small red before we hit the hot spot. We were working a marshy shoreline with mud minnows and just about to quit when Steve hooked a monster red. After four good runs and two attempts to dive under the boat, the 29-inch red was safely in the net. It was Steve's largest red of his life. Not sure if we were going to keep it anyway but it was clearly beyond the slot limit so we watched it swim away.

Thoughts of heading back to the marina quickly vanished and we continued up that same shoreline. We went about twenty feet and I saw tails—big tails! When redfish feed off the bottom they tilt, exposing their tails above the shallow water. Could this be the school of huge reds you read about? Were we on the verge of a rare experience that yields a lifetime of memories based on huge reds thumping out baits? Well—almost. It turns out the tails were attached to extremely large gar! While not reds, these gar were huge! They have a long snout lined with razor-sharp teeth. These guys had a 20-inch girth and between 3 and 4 feet long—not including the snout! We caught several of these before the school spooked. Out of bait, tide heading in the wrong direction and a thunder storm approaching, we called it a day. The only bad news is that Steve's camera didn't work. Oh well ... just have to go back and try to replicate the experience next year..with a good camera!

Have a good winter—see you in the Spring—on the water !

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“OAK TREES”

by Winnie O'Donnell

As I read my new publication of the TLIA News, our newsletter which is always hand delivered to us in the spring by thoughtful Tripp Lake residents, I always think the same thought, “How kind of these people to take such precious time out of their relaxing and oh-so-short summer on Tripp Lake to ensure that each member gets their copy of the newsletter.” For, no matter who you may be, parents of young children, teenage children, grandparents with grown children, or married couples with no children, our time on Tripp Lake is precious and too short for all. While I sat on my dock in front of the lake reading my newsletter, I realized that every issue asks neighbors to become more involved in keeping our lake beautiful. This has always been important to me, but, with small children to tend to, I knew that there was not much time I could devote to helping. However, now that my kids are older and I reflect on how much Tripp Lake has given to us, I would like to give back what I can.

If I may, I'd like to share a conversation that I had with my cousin. During the summer of 2004, on or around the 4th of July, I decided to plan a cookout for my Maine aunts, uncles, and cousins to celebrate the holiday.

I called one of my cousins and asked, “Hey, Raymond, I would love you to come to a ‘family cookout’ this 4th of July and watch the annual Tripp Lake Boat Parade! Do you plan on coming?”

He replied, “Of course I will be there! I love Tripp Lake!”

I asked, “Do you know how to get to the camp or do you need directions?”

His response was, “I know exactly where your camp is. Drive up the road towards the farm and after the thousands of beautiful and perfectly lined oak trees, take a right and your camp is down the road.”

I thought a minute and then said, “What oak trees? There are no oak trees near my camp! You're not going to find it, you won't know where it is.” He just laughed and said not to worry; he'd be there.

So I packed my car with all my beach gear, hustled and bustled the kids in the car and hurried on my way. Off we went for our summer vacation. I had plans for us to do this and that. It was going to be just great! And, as I drove up Megquire Hill toward the camp, I looked over for the very first time, slowed down, and saw the beautiful, perfectly lined, thousands of oak trees. That is when I said, “Winnie, you have got to slow down and smell the oak trees!”

From that year on, I always stop to look at those beautiful, perfectly lined, thousands of oak trees, because I know now that that is what it's all about! I turn back to my unobserving kids in the back seat and say, “Hey, kids. Look at all those beautiful, perfectly lined oak trees. Aren't they just wonderful!”

“Yes, Mom,” they say, “just great.” Maybe they will learn, and I hope to teach them, that this is Maine, the way life should be.



Yoke of oxen, Hackett's Mill's Road.



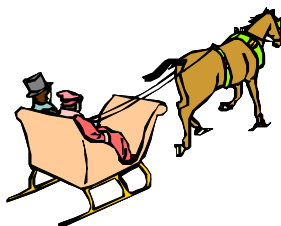
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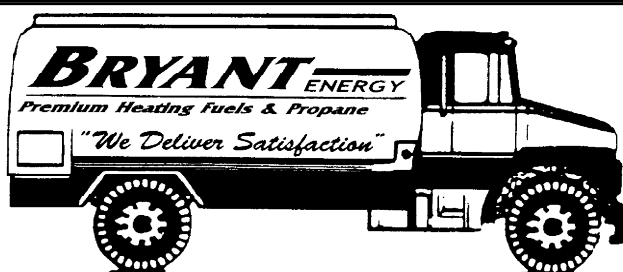
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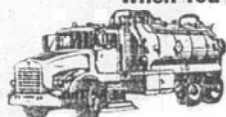
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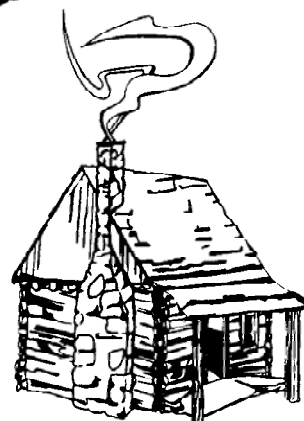


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RIP RAP PROJECT

by Sue Barry

Due to extremely high water on the lake in 2005 and 2006, we acquired a serious problem with shoreline erosion in front (or is it in back?) of our cottage. We were very concerned that we might actually find Rick Lundstedt in our family room someday, fishing away, if it continued. We looked at several alternatives to correct the problem ... all very expensive and not really feasible. Then we “found” Joe Kiley, Wendy, and the Thompson Lake Youth Conservation Corps (TLEA) through a presentation that Joe Kiley and Jim Bishop brought to our TLIA Annual Meeting. They had a solution and were looking for a spot for an experiment. After discussing the project and hiring them, Wendy, the project supervisor (who worked just as hard as the students did) and four PRHS students from the Youth Conservation Corps began work in August. They were here and gone in two days and did a thorough job of cleaning up. As you can see from the pics, they did a great job. It hasn't been thoroughly tested yet, because now we have the opposite problem with the level of the lake ... it's low. But, aesthetically, it looks much better and I feel sure we'll have high water sometime in the future to give it a real test.

These pictures illustrate segments of the rip rap process used to prevent shoreline erosion. Give Joe Kiley a call at TLEA, 539-4535, in late spring if you have need of their services.



Rip rap project: Tyler Wax, Oxford; Chris White, Poland; Drew McClarron, Harrison; Cody Smith, Oxford.



Phase 2



Phase 3



The completed project

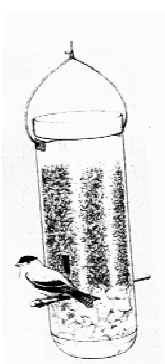
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4 small rectangles (your choice) on either side of tube so the poor birds can eat. Do not cut yourself. Birds don't like blood, especially if it's human. Now you are ready to collect some pebbles or small rocks to pour into the bottom of the tube, below dowel holes. These provide weight to prevent feeder from swinging in the wind, which we get a lot of out here on the tundra. Now, it's time to run the wire (as in picture hanger wire), through the 2 holes that are opposite from each other (hopefully) and have been made with an ice pick (remember them?) near the top of the tube. Please make sure they are below the top of the tube's screw-on cover! All else is up to you to make and enjoy, along with the birds. If you don't understand these written instructions, look carefully at the picture. Don't forget to put thin strips of duct tape around each end of the dowel so the squirrels can't push them out of the tennis tube onto the ground.

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Co-presidents Judy King and Linda Laskey lounging on their new retirement rockers.



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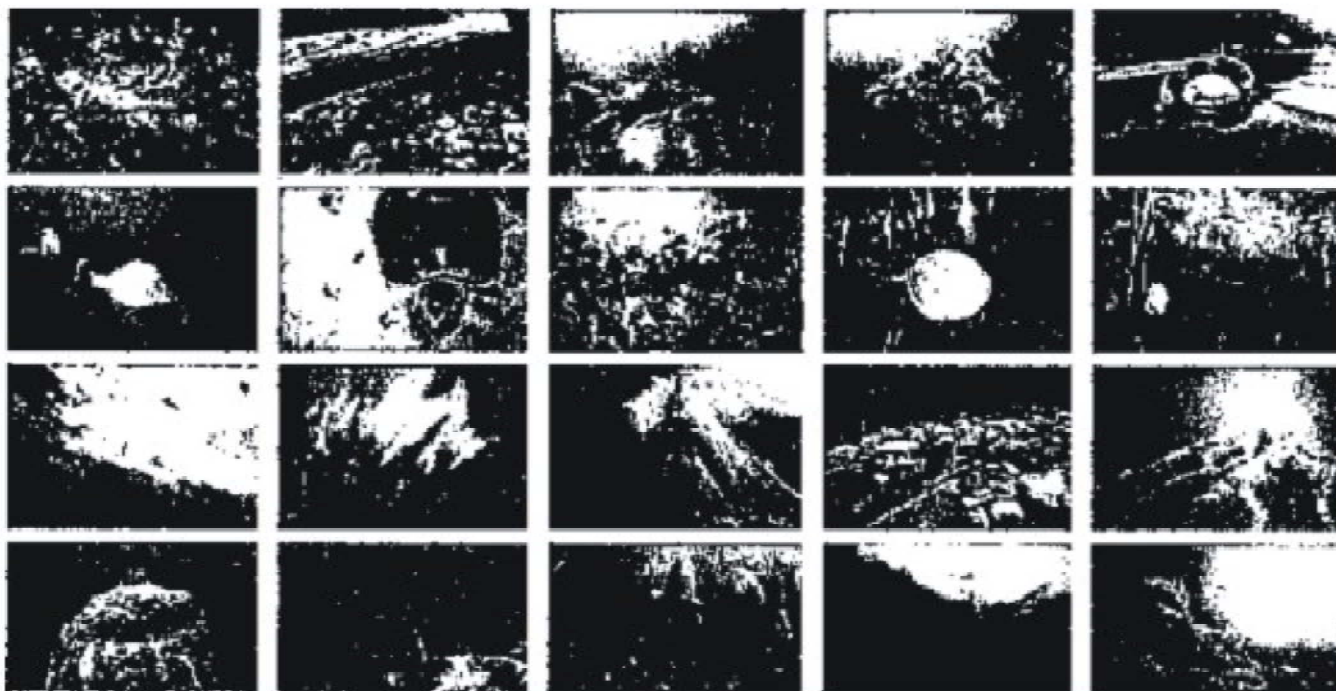
WONDERS BELOW THE SURFACE

It was almost forty years ago since those first complete, full-color portraits of planet earth floating in the vast sea of space were beamed back to earth by Apollo astronauts. The photos had an instant and dramatic effect on many of us who saw them. They helped us to see, as if for the first time, the wonder, beauty, and fragility of the planet we thought we knew so well. Not surprisingly, this collective sense of awe inspired by the Apollo photos is now largely credited for kick-starting the environmental movement here in the United States and around the globe.

Dennis Roberge's photos of the littoral life in Maine lakes have the ability to elicit a similar experience. As lake monitors and plant patrollers we know, perhaps better than most, the remarkable nature of these shallow, sun-filled areas of Maine's lakes, ponds and streams. But one's sense of the beauty, intricacy, wonder and fragility of these areas is suddenly intensified when one gets a chance to see these areas as a fish, or a turtle, or a diving bird may see them. As we saw in the 1970's, such an experience has the power to inspire not only awe, but action. And though it is too early to know for certain what kind of "movement" may result from the release of Dennis's amazing photographs, there is little doubt the potential for a positive and lasting impact is here.

So please sit back for a moment to view these lovely images of life in the "fertile fringe." Each glimpse is unique, and each, as you will soon see, speaks eloquently for itself. Words have been kept to a minimum on these pages in order to allow more space for the images. And one last thing ... what you see here is a very small sampling of the thousands of photos Dennis shot during the summer of 2007.

Enjoy!



Lake life photos by Dennis Roberge. (For detailed color photos, go to www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org/LakeLife/)



*Some volunteers for the 2007 beach cleanup:
(L to R: Peg & Dick Harris, Marilyn Sidle,
Wendy Webber, Babs Shapiro and Rich Sidle.*



*Cleanup volunteers (L to R) Jack Quinn, Tom Dean,
Rich and Marilyn Sidle and Howard Sherman.*

RECIPE OF THE SEASON

by Susan Barry

Here's another recipe from our future TLIA cookbook, submitted by Lorraine Sawyer. Thank you, Lorraine.

Vegetable Soup

1/2 lb. of leftover roast or steak, chopped
1 c chopped onion
2 tsp. salt
4 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
1 1/2 tsp. chili powder

1 c celery, corn & green beans
1 c potatoes, cut up
1 qt. can tomatoes
5-6 c water
2 bay leaves

Combine all above ingredients in a 5-quart pan with cover. Simmer for 2-2 1/2 hours. Any other veggies can be substituted or added to pot. Remove bay leaves before serving.

And here's another opportunity to remind you to send your recipe or recipes to Linda Laskey, Sue Barry, or Marion Chesley at PO Box 119, W Poland, ME 04291.



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