

## LETTER FROM LINDA...

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Help me figure this out. Aren't lakes special, yet non-renewable? Isn't Tripp fragile and at risk in maintaining good water quality? Doesn't the Town of Poland expect that we pay higher taxes for the luxury of owning lake properties? Water quality affects property value around a lake, doesn't it? I thought Maine people realized the above and passed Shoreland Zoning Laws which require towns to establish ordinances to govern building size, setbacks, tree cutting and brush clearing so that we **DON'T HAVE** "murky, smelly water, algae blooms, dangerous bacteria, lower property values and a lot less enjoyment."

If each of us ensures that these tools—the SZL and the Natural Resources Protection Act—are enforced, won't we be good stewards of our lake and maintain it for future generations? Why are people not looking out for Tripp? Why are folks not doing their best in caring for Tripp Lake? Why do so few look out for all of us? Why do some think that they don't need to use BMPs (Best Management Practices), learn how to control erosion or follow state and town laws which are made to protect us? Why do I make telephone calls, visits, attend meetings, and publish papers to present the Lake's needs?

If you are still reading this message, thanks! I guess I have to stay in this Anger Mode in order to accomplish TLIA's mission #1 which says, "perform all acts appropriate to a non-profit, scientific, literary and educational corporation dedicated to the promotion and development of environmental quality standards essential for satisfactory lifestyles and conditions in the natural community of Tripp Lake, its tributaries and watershed." What will you do to help us fulfill this mission? Please help by writing a letter to the Planning Board, the Economic Development Committee, or to Art Dunlap, Poland's CEO.

## BIRDWATCHER NEWS

This summer we had the opportunity of seeing our resident eagle up close and personal. Dell and I were lucky to see this beautiful creature fishing and showing off right in front of our cabin, down so low that we could see his eyes.

We spent one afternoon swimming off our boat with the osprey fishing all around us.

Howie Sherman, Richard Smith and Dell all spotted the pileated woodpecker this season. I missed it and am very jealous. Maybe next year. Dell and I did spot a red-throated loon on our last boat ride of the season. He/she looks like our local loons except is small and has a light-colored body and head and a speckled back. The bill was slightly turned up. We had to rush back to look it up in the bird books.



All summer we saw a loon threesome and a lone loon swimming on the lake. I wonder why the lone one was on his own. Could it be his breath or a political preference, disagreeable to the others?

We did see all our regular summer birds...finches, swallows, sparrows, woodpeckers, etc. Overall, it was great birding on Tripp Lake again this year.




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**CUSTODIAN ED HUGHES**

A big "thank you" to Ed Hughes for volunteering to maintain the TLIA sign at the Public Beach. The sign, designed to show people various sites around the lake, was erected several years ago with monies remaining from our Demonstration Project. It's important that someone clean it, cover it up for the winter and uncover it in the spring for all to enjoy.

**HAPPY OCCASIONS**

Congratulations to **Judy and Dell King** on the marriage of their daughter Samantha to Terry Hurley on August 12, 2006. The wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church in Woburn, MA, with a reception following at the Sheraton in Lexington. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Congratulations to **Wendy and John Webber** on the occasion of their son Ben's Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at Temple Emmanuel in Marblehead, MA. Best wishes also to his older sister **Charlotte** and to grandparents, **Babs and Mike Shapiro** and **Judy and Curt Webber**. Good going, Ben!

Congratulations to **Lois Cole** on the marriage of her son James F. Cole III to Amanda Nelson on September 30, 2006, at Poland Springs. Best wishes to the newlyweds who will live in Auburn after a two-week honeymoon in Barbados.

**CONDOLENCES**

To the families and friends of those who have passed away since last year, we offer our deepest sympathy.

**John Lundstedt**, the father of Rick Lundstedt, past treasurer of TLIA, passed away July 11, 2006. He leaves his wife Barbara and also son Alvin and daughter Gayl. Mr. Lundstedt spent many happy hours with Rick, fishing the waters of Tripp Lake.

**Dale Lee Osgood**, 54, of Waterhouse Road, Poland, died February 13, 2006, in Lewiston after a six-month battle with cancer. He was a proud 25-year veteran of the Navy. After retirement he worked in carpentry and home remodeling and loved motorcycling, boating and fishing. He leaves his wife Mary and will be missed by many neighbors and friends.