

TLIA News

Tripp Lake Improvement Association is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is the well-being of Tripp Lake and its surrounding watershed in Poland, Maine

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Summer 2017

PO Box 33, Poland, Maine 04274

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

by Pat Palmer

Summer is upon us! It was a slow start to the summer season, but the days are longer and the sun is shining.

While I was visiting with the Laskey's earlier this year, John mentioned that the gulls had been a no-show for quite a while and we hope that continues. Without a doubt, these birds do pose an ecological threat to the cleanliness of the lake. Please keep us posted on any sightings so we can continue our advocacy efforts with the farm.

We're hoping that our membership will continue to grow! We've provided an envelope for you to send in your dues, and while you're at it, why not buy some raffle tickets! Also, please let me know if there is interest out there for a fundraising golf tournament. There was some discussion amongst a few of us a couple of years ago, and I have spoken to Allan Menne, golf pro at the Poland Springs Resort, who would be happy to help us arrange an event.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you all at the annual meeting on July 8th at 9:00 at the Ricker Library in Poland!

ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT

Pat Palmer is a former airline pilot and YMCA CEO. He chairs the Angela and Patrick Palmer Research Fund for Brain Cancer, which benefits the Center for Neuro-Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Pat lives in Newton, Massachusetts and is the author of the book *A Husband's Guide to Hand-On Caregiving* available at Amazon.com.

ANNUAL MEETING

Community Room at Ricker Library on
Saturday, July 8th. Business meeting begins at 9 sharp.
Join us for coffee and donuts early—around 8.

WE NEED YOU!

Help keep our lake healthy and beautiful by becoming a Lake Monitor. A workshop will be held for residents to become "Citizen Scientists" and learn how to evaluate our water quality.

Workshop:

Engaging Citizen Scientists to
Evaluate the Potential for Water Quality
Decline in Maine Lakes:
A Social Science-Physical Science
Collaboration for Lake Stewardship

Friday, June 30, 2017

10:00 AM - 3:15 PM

Maine VLMP;

24 Maple Hill Road; Auburn, ME 04210*

Pre-registration is required!

PLEASE NOTE!

The workshop, refreshments, and lunch are offered at no charge. However, pre-registration is required!

Please contact us at

vlmp@mainevlmp.org or 207-783-7733
to register, or for more information.

INFORMATION HIGHWAY

By Karen Pelletier, TLLA Treasurer

As some of you may know, we have a Facebook page for Tripp Lake (www.facebook.com/Tripp-Lake-Improvement-Association). I try to maintain the page with updates the best that I can and I do apologize if I miss something that someone wanted posted. However, I can only post what I am aware of and I can only become aware if someone passes the information on to me. You can contact me through my email or via the Facebook messenger or my personal Facebook page and of course you can always call. You may also post to the Facebook page yourself and (once I approve it) it will show up in the VISITORS POST section. Be sure to look for that section to see wonderful pictures and information from your lake friend community.

We have been tremendously successful with reuniting lost goods with their owners via the Facebook page and also with emails being sent out which leads me to my next information request. IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE LET ME KNOW! I will not and do not give anyone your email address or any other information without asking you first and getting your approval! When I send out emails I blind copy everyone so that no one has access to your email. And the only email sent to you will be about Tripp Lake business. This is a great way to stay connected throughout the year and to stay updated about anything going on around the lake.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you get connected with your Tripp Lake Community. My contact information will be at the end of the newsletter.

Looking forward to another fabulous summer on Tripp Lake!



Boat Parade

It wouldn't be the 4th of July without the Tripp Lake Boat Parade. Starting at the campground at 10 a.m. It's fun, especially if it doesn't rain! Wave those flags!



AROUND TOWN.....

TRIPP LAKE PUBLIC BEACH

Thanks to all of you who helped with our annual beach cleanup last year. According to Acting Town Manager, Mark Bosse, with the help of Maine DOT and the Town of Poland, we now have handicap access, have addressed erosion issues and put up new fences so that this can continue to be a beach that is enjoyed by our community.



Carly Chandler takes Annie on a tour

AROUND TOWN.....

5 CORNERS

Five Corners is officially a thing of the past. With increased traffic on Route 11 and Route 26 from summer campers, fall leaf peepers, winter skiers, year-round casino goers and more people enjoying our area, the time had come to install a working traffic light at that busy intersection. According to Fire & Rescue Chief and Acting Town Manager, Mark Bosse, complaints had been building over the past few years, and our new lights are up and working.



POLAND TOWN MANAGER

Acting Town Manager, Mark Bosse, also reported that the Board of Selectmen is in the process of selecting a permanent town Manager. Stay tuned.....



SUNSET CONCERT SERIES

The Poland Spring Preservation Society has renamed their summer entertainment as the "Sunset Concert Series". These free concerts will be held at the beautiful Gazebo on the lawn at Poland spring Resort every Monday night at 6:30 p.m.



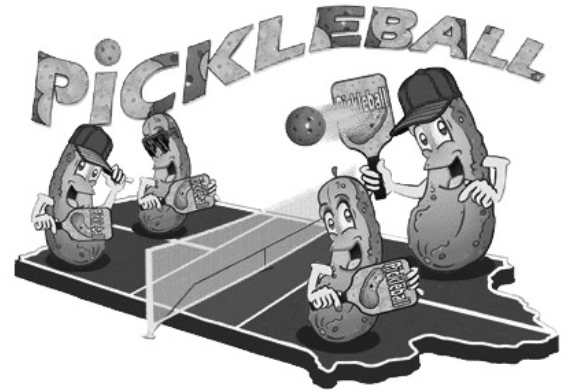
ICE-OUT, SPRING 2017

According to John Laskey, ice-out this year occurred on Wednesday, April 19, almost a month later than ice-out last year (March 18, 2016). It sets no record, but snowfall and cold weather kept the ice fishermen on the lake for an extended period of time.

Find your groove!

Back by request, Judy Stone has organized a Beginners and Leisurely pickle ball group at Casco Community Center, 940 Meadow Rd (Rt 121), Casco, on Tuesdays, 9 to 11AM.

On Tuesday, 6/20, Rocky Clark, local Portland resident and USAPA (USA Pickleball Association) for the northeast region led us through a beginners' pickleball clinic at Casco Community Center 8AM to 9:30AM.



Here is the Poland pickle ball 2017 summer schedule for adults at Poland community school gym:

Sundays, 9-11am Sarah Lyons coordinator

Thursdays 6:30-8:30 PM beginning 6/1.
\$2/session. Coordinating by Judy Stone.

Beginners are always welcome. Spread the word! Poland pickleball is a program of the Poland Park & Recreation Department.

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YOU KNOW YOU WANT ONE!

Update your summer wardrobe with an official TLIA T-Shirt, Sweatshirt or Ball Cap.
You can get one at our annual meeting on July 8th or contact Karen Pelletier!

Points To Ponder

By Sue Barry

We all have Lisi Clark to thank for this copy of this spring's TLIA News and we are so thankful that she has offered to do this; we are hoping for more.

I think Sara Struhs may have offered contributions and other help, too. If any of you out there in Tripp Lake land have a penchant for writing, organizational skills, and are seeking fame and fortune, it's a fun activity to create once in the spring and once in the fall. If several of you get together, it is very rewarding to see the finished product and to connect with other folks while doing it.

While I'm attempting to "sell" you on being a part of this project, let me thank those of you who so generously helped Babs for about 13 years and me for about 5 years. There was quite a group who joined us in writing, taking and submitting photos, selling ads to folks in the area to raise funds for snail mail delivery of the fall issue and delivering the spring issue on foot, come rain or come shine. Now that Karen Pelletier has set up most of the mailing list on her computer, almost all issues are e-mailed, which is much more economical. Plus, she has upgraded the TLIA web site, so please don't forget to check there for all the new activities that are about to occur there, along with lots of other info.



I'm sure most of you know by now that the traffic light at 5 Corners is, for the most part, functioning! It took a while, but it was worth the wait. It will take me a while before I get used to it, tho', as I watch the cars pile up at a red light now and how close I probably came to being hit by someone. Had I really known how bad it actually was, I would have always taken the dump road or perhaps gone to McFalls/Auburn via Oxford. I used to say that I wish I was a puppet or a zombie so I could reach into my chest, grab the stick and turn my head the full 360 degrees to see who was coming in all directions. I think the State did a good job at putting it all together. There have been a lot of changes made and the Town Office was very patient and glad to answer questions. I called a number of times for info and I know others did, too. As much as I complained about the dangers at 5 Corners, it will be a while before I get used to it.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!!!!



MUSIC IN THE AIR

Are you an instrumental musician? Do you like to sing? Do you like to do both? Would you like to play your music with other local musicians in a relaxed environment?

A group of local musicians are interested in starting a Song Circle which would be open to public participation.

What is a song circle? A Song Circle is an informal gathering of musicians of all levels who want to play their music or sing a tune on a rotating basis with everyone else in attendance. You can perform your music alone or invite others to join in. There are no mics, but music stands are helpful as needed. Everyone takes a turn playing/singing one song. Once the circle is completed, we go around the circle again.

Guests are invited to sit in and listen for the enjoyment of the music. We are in need of an indoor space to accommodate inclement weather but an outdoor campfire on a calm summer's night is also a great option.

If you are an interested musician or know a musician, or have a venue in mind that could be used one evening every other week, 7 to 9 or 10 pm, depending on attendance, we want to know.

Contact Judy Stone, 857-998-0495, or email judystone8291@gmail.com.



Just another beautiful sunset on Tripp Lake.

ESSAY CONTEST

We are happy to announce the winners of the essay/video contest managed by Tripp Lake Improvement Association (TLIA). Two winners have been awarded \$635 scholarships (parents pay \$50 registration) for a week-long session at University of Maine Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center.

This year, the program was expanded to include the use of technology. Often times, there are students who may be very creative/ smart, but find writing an essay very difficult. The option was given to create some sort of video/ slide show explaining "Why I'd like to attend the conservation camp and what I hope to bring back to my community".

Two winners were chosen:

Olivia Austin who wrote an essay explaining how she wanted to learn how to protect nature, animals and our resources. The second winner was **Johnny Bsullak**. Johnny has some real challenges with writing, and the computer format gave him the opportunity for submission that he would not have previously had. Johnny loves being outdoors and caring for the animals and environment. He wants to learn how to preserve the environment and is looking forward to attending the camp.

Their projects will be read/shown at the annual meeting this summer. Thank you, Jamie Rothfus for championing this worthy cause!

LOST GULL EXPANDS



Lost Gull opened April 11th with a remodeled and expanded seating area and new rest rooms.

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

TRIPP LAKE TLIA RAFFLE ~ 2017

We've made it easy as pie to support our Association by purchasing the raffle tickets that are attached to this newsletter! As you know, the TLIA mission is to support community efforts to keep Tripp Lake healthy and beautiful so that it can be enjoyed for generations to come. This fundraiser is critical to that effort.

The 2017 TLIA fundraiser helps important programs such as children's Summer Camp scholarships, educational offerings to support community environmental awareness, and potential legal support.

The raffle will be held at the 2017 business meeting of the Tripp Lake Improvement Association on July 8th. The meeting begins at 9:00 AM with refreshments and greetings starting at 8:45AM. The raffle will happen at the end of the business meeting with several prizes awarded and randomly picked. (We do need some donations of prizes.)

Tickets will also be sold at the meeting. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Please contact Howard Sherman with donations for prizes and for raffle tickets at 781-799-0871 or violinhw@comcast.net. Thank you for your support!

HAPPY OCCASIONS SPRING- SUMMER 2017

Best wishes to **Anna Rothfus and Clifford Merin** of Guilford, CT who will be married at Tripp Lake on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Anna is the daughter of Jamie Shapiro Rothfuz and Joel Rothfus, and granddaughter of Babs and Mike Shapiro and Judy Rothfus. Anna and her siblings, Tali and Drew, have grown up on the lake. She'll be entering law school shortly after the wedding; her fiancé is an attorney in Ct.

Best wishes to the soon-to-be married couple!

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Robert Harkins Sr.** of Bradenton, FL., who passed away July 16, 2016. He was the father of Bob Harkins and father-in-law of Sally Fernald Harkins of Tripp Lake and Bethel, ME., and also father of Jeffery and Kathleen and husband of Eda.

Though he didn't own a home on Tripp Lake, he did live on Harris Hill Rd. in Poland for many years, raising horses and working in the food industry. May his memory be a blessing to his family.



Condolences to Jean Mangini and her family of Jordan Shore Drive and Fl. on the passing of her brother **Robert Castello** of Shrewsbury NJ in October, 2016. May his memory be a blessing to his family.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Penny Forest Myrick** who passed away Jan. 5, 2017 at Central Maine Medical Center following an extended illness. She was a graduate of ELHS in 1981 and CMVTI where she earned an associate degree in architectural and civil engineering. She worked for Harriman for over 20 years.

She's survived by her husband Jim Myrick, two children, Casey and Brittany and a grandchild Zayden, as well as her mother Nancy Hutchinson and stepfather Bob Hutchinson of Auburn and Tripp Lake. Aunts, uncles, cousins and friends will all miss her.



Our sincere condolences to the family of **Robert (Bob) Thorpe** who passed away Jan. 13, 2017. He spent many years sailing on Tripp Lake from the family compound on the southern end of the Lake as well as at Sabbathday Lake in New Gloucester.

He leaves his wife Cathy Dunlap Thorpe, his sister Esther Thorpe Tucker who lives on Tripp Lake, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed.



Ken Grant, 62, of West Poland died unexpectedly in Casselberry, FL., on Saturday, April 1, 2017 while engaged in an activity he loved: running.

Ken was an lifelong athlete and had been a coach and referee for community youth programs. He was an avid fisherman and shared his love of the sea with "helpers" who were fortunate enough to spend time with him on his lobster boat.

He is survived by his mother, wife Daphne of West Poland, daughters Amanda and Sarah, brothers Michael, Wally, Paul and Jimmy. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family. He will be missed.



Rev. Laurence Jordan, 93, passed away Thursday, April 27, at his home.

He'd served during WW2 as a radio operator, gathering intelligence behind enemy lines. After the war, he married Mary Groves who survives him. They served as missionaries in Brazil until 1978, returning to Maine and settling into a home on Jordan Shore Drive. They later moved to a home on Mequiere Hill Rd.

He served as a pastor in Mechanic Falls, Greene, and East Auburn over the past 3 decades.

Besides his wife of over 70 years, he leaves five children, Judith, Jeanne, Mark, John and Peter as well as a myriad of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to his entire family.



Our condolences to the family of **William "Bill" Bentley** of Jordan Shore Drive who passed away during the winter. His wife Jean predeceased him several years ago.

He was a fisherman, hunter and master carpenter. He loved living on the lake and cooking his "catches." He was unique and will be missed. A lovely memorial service in his honor was held here at Tripp Lake officiated by The Reverend Kathleene Card on June 10th.

SIMPLE RULES FOR LIVING A GOOD LIFE

Live beneath your means. Return everything you borrow. Stop blaming other people. Admit it when you make a mistake. Give clothes not worn to charity. Do something nice and try not to get caught. Listen more; talk less. Every day take a 30-minute walk. Strive for excellence, not perfection. Be on time. Don't make excuses. Don't argue. Get organized. Be kind to people. Be kind to unkind people. Let someone cut ahead of you in line. Take time to be alone. Cultivate good manners. Be humble. Realize and accept that life isn't fair. Know when to keep your mouth shut. Go an entire day without criticizing anyone. Learn from the past. Plan for the future. Live in the present. Don't sweat the small stuff. It's all small stuff.

HISTORY OF POLAND

by Babs Shapiro

From Poole's History of Poland, 1890

This softbound book, left to me by Ellie Kelley, is filled with the history of Poland and its environs as well as a partial history of Maine. Some of the information is close to 200 years old and gives us a glimpse of our town in years gone by.

“Geographically, Poland is located about 10 miles from Lewiston and 36 from Portland (on the Grand Trunk Railroad line) and was incorporated into Androscoggin County in 1854. Geologically, it consists of great outcroppings of granite; its soil in the lowlands is alluvial, sandy with lots of vegetative debris while the uplands are of a gravelly loam. It's an agricultural town, its soil being adaptive to producing all kinds of agricultural products common to this latitude. Dairying is also carried on to a large extent, especially near the railway.”

“The town is well supplied with ponds: in the southerly part are the three Range Ponds (commonly pronounced ‘Rang.’) In the westerly portion we find Thompson and Tripp Ponds. Tripp took its name from one Richard Tripp who first settled near its southern extremity. It's a most beautiful sheet of water of no great depth, surrounded by fine, highly cultivated farms. Near its western terminus is a large meadow, between which and the shore is a large embankment nearly a mile in length, 10 to 12 feet in breadth, with an average height of six feet. No person has the least positive knowledge of its origin or purpose; it must have existed for ages as the remains of gigantic trees which had grown on its summit, long since gone to decay, are still plainly visible.” (Could this be the Tripp Lake Camp land?)



Tripp Lake Camp today.

Since politics has been in the news for the past year, I direct your attention to a partial list of men who were active as Poland Representatives or Selectmen from 1824 to 1890. “Prior to that records were kept in the loft of someone's house in an unbound volume. It was totally destroyed by some idle boys.”

Some of these names are still familiar.

Representatives were **Col. Wm. Dunn** (1824), **Jabez True, Jr.** (1826), **Daniel Waterman, Jr.** (1829), **Reuben Dunn** (1830), **Benjamin Waterhouse** (1832), **Wm. Maxwell** (1834) **Stephen Marble** (1836), **John Megquier** (1838), **David Dunn** (1840), **Freeland Marble** (1845) **Robert Martin** (1848), **George Bridgham, Jr.** (1853), **Wm. Stanton** (1854), **Thomas Lane** (1856), **Charles Jordan** (1858), **Wm. Cousens** (1860), **H. G. O. Haskell** (1861), **Adna Denison** (1864), **John Pulsifer** (1865), **A.J. Weston** (1869), **Luther Perkins** (1870), **Wm. Rounds** (1872) **V. P. Waterhouse** (1880), **L.C. Herrick** (1885), **James Chipman** (1880).

Some of these individuals served for more than one term, but I only included beginning year.

Selectmen included some of the same names as above but also included **Wentworth Ricker** (1824), **Daniel Herring** (1831), **Moses Snell** (1832), **Elphalet Davis** (1840), **Rufus Haskell** (1848), **Daniel True** (1849), **James Gerry** (1851), **Whitney Frank** (1853), **Wm. Tobie** (1855), **John Allen** (1858), **Luther Cobb** (1864), **Simon Libby** (1870), **Peter Tileston** (1870), **Charles Hackett** (1878), **Orrin Keen** (1879), **Alfred Thurlow** (1880), **S. L. Littlefield** (1884), **James Downing** (1885), **S. I. Jewett** and **John David**, (both 1889.)

Again, many of these men served multiple years but I've included only one.

These were our Town fathers and they spent endless hours developing plans for the community, just as our present-day volunteers do. If anyone wants to borrow the book for further perusal, I'd be happy to lend it to them. A copy is also available in the Ricker Memorial Library.

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Orrin and Paul Chandler on the ice

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