



BEAR POND CURRENTS

August 2008

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224-7198

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754-5491

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Committee Chairs

- ◆ Dam - C. Burden & D. Twitchell
- ◆ Dam Fundraiser - Goddards
- ◆ Loon Nest - The Pilsburys
- ◆ Membership - Elizabeth Hoy
- ◆ Monitors - R. Bray, K. Holt, K. Mitchell, J. Sabine

Other Important Numbers

Hartford Town Office 388-2674
Turner Office 225-3414
Game Warden - 657-2345
Androscoggin Sheriff - 784-7361
Oxford Sheriff - 743-9554

BPIA SPONSORS YARD SALE Proceeds Go to The Bear Pond Protection Fund

**August 23 (Rain date - August 24)
9:30 - 3:30
PLEASE HELP!!!!**

Doreen Maxwell, Elizabeth Hoy and Mary Wallace will chair the yard sale. People can set up their items for sale near the Town of Turner Beach on Bear Pond Road (Rt.219) in Turner between 8:30 - 9:00 AM and remove them at 3:30. Anyone wishing to contribute items who are unable to bring them on the 23rd may bring them to Doreen Maxwell - 224-7147.

Volunteers are needed in 2 hour shifts - 8:30 - 10:30, 10 - 12, 11:30 - 1:30, 1-3, 2:30 to cleanup. Call Mary Wallace - 224-7198 if you can help.

Bear Pond Currents Is The Seasonal Newsletter



Of The Bear Pond Improvement Association

BPIA, P.O. Box 4 North Turner, ME

www.bearpondme.org

2008 Schedule Of Activities

FINAL 2008 BPIA MEETING — 9:00 AM August 31 At BQ Hall

Yard Sale - Saturday August 23rd at 9:30—3:30

Phase II Of Dam Plaque To Commence

Due to many inquiries as to whether there will be another opportunity to contribute to the dam fund and have a name appear on the plaque, it was decided to begin phase II of the fund raiser. Phase II will last until we have sufficient names to order an addition to the plaque. Contributions of \$100 or more will entitle the contributor to place a name on the plaque. All contributors will have their names published in the newsletter. Use form below to send in donations.

Our first new donors are:

David and Brenda Harrington - \$100.00

Janet Diaz - \$75.00

Mary Wallace - \$100.00 in memory of "Uncle" John Shepard

Boosters	\$10
Patrons	\$25
Silver Circle	\$100 +
Gold Circle	\$250 +
Platinum Circle	\$500 +

Lee & Marjorie Pettingill Restoration Fund For The Guy Timberlake Dam

Name of contributors _____ Amount \$ _____

Bear Pond Address _____

Name to appear on plaque (if applicable) _____

Make check payable to BPIA Dam Fund Send to: Mary Wallace, BPIA Dam Restoration,
202 Bear Pond Road, Turner, Maine 04282

2007 Membership Roster

Adams, Ron and Irene
 Adams, Jim and Sue
 Arnold, Kip and Barbara
 Ayotte, Bert and Jeannine
 Beedy, Ron and Barbara
 Bilodeau, Norn and Connie
 Blaise, Roger and Theresa
 Bourgoin, Leo and Joline
 Bray, Dick and Claire
 Bray, John and Lynette
 Bray, Rich and Ann
 Bryant, Rodney
 Bubar, Josh and Cronin Marybeth
 Buckley, Henry and Janice
 Bunker, Steve and Cheryl
 Burdin, Carl and Darlene
 Burgess, Arnie and Roberta
 Calawa, Arthur
 Camp Berea
 Canton Lake Association
 Carver, Beth
 Carver, Bruce
 Chappell, Bob and Beverly
 Colwell, Harold
 Conant, Bernie and Glennis
 Conn, Doug and Heidi
 Cooper, Mike, Lisa and Verna
 Curtis, Gary and Mary
 Deane, Ron and Laurie
 Diaz, Janet
 DiSotto, John and Lynn
 Dodge, Linda
 Dolan, Chuck
 Douglass, Larry and Nancy
 Driscoll, Jim and Susana
 Dudley, John and Margo
 Duguay, Jerome
 Dunn, Josh
 Dwyer, Marie
 Entrekin, Herbert and Mary
 Faunce, Linda
 Fisher, Roland and Sylvia
 Fisher, Lorraine
 Fournier, Lorraine
 Frost, Howard and Barbara
 Fuller, Earle and Doris
 Gardner, William
 Gardiner, ken and Mona
 Giroux, Larry and Cynthia
 Goddard, Bruce and Gloria
 Goding, Blaine and Pracilla
 Goodwin, Bertha
 Goodwin, Ike and Jodi
 Gordon, Terry and Teri

Grant, Garrick
 Grant, Emma
 Grant, Kenneth
 Green, Gary and Glenice
 Harlow, Bob and Rosie
 Harms, Ellen
 Harrington, Dave and Brenda
 Hathaway, Bernard and Lois
 Hinkley, Homer
 Holt, Ken
 Hoy, Rob and Elizabeth
 Hudnor, Francis and Rebecca
 Hutchins, Vinton
 Hutchinson, Harold
 Jarrell, Beth
 Jarrell, Elinor
 Johnson, Paul and Beverly
 Jordan, Roland and Martha
 Kovacs, Dave
 Kretzer, Bill
 Lamb, Bill and Barbara
 Landry, Bert and Monique
 Leavitt, Pete and Eva
 Leclerc, Moe and Doris
 Lipham, Bo and Sheila
 Welleford, Bede and Breidenbach, Leigh
 Maguire, John
 Marshall, Roger and Natalie
 Marsteller, Jerry and Darlene
 Maxwell, Bob and Doreen
 McAllister, Bernie and Anne
 McFarland, Gary and Poulin, Terri
 McCarthy, Dan and Joanna
 Merrill, Larry
 Miller, Chris and Betsy
 Millett, Gordon and Janice
 Mitchell, Kent and Pat
 Morin, Richard
 Murphy, Earl and Bev
 Nardone, Frank and Kathy
 Nickerson, Roy and Thelma
 Nilon, Jerome and Sue
 Nolkemper, Van
 Palamountain, Phil and Geraldine
 Parrott, Elmer and Lavon
 Patton, Susan Rice
 Pelletier, Henry and Patricia
 Pelletier, Paul and Shelli
 Pettingill, Marge
 Pettingill, Hugh
 Pilsbury, Pete and Nat
 Plummer, David and Lori
 Poisson, Joe and Maureen
 Polson, Gloria

Pomerleau, Norm and Honey
 Poskus, Peggy
 Pratt, Eugene and Muriel
 Randolph, Kenneth and Joyce
 Ray, Bruce and Sheila
 Reddy, Betty
 Rivet, Ed and Brenda
 Robinson, Don and Ann
 Rose, Michael
 Rowe, Michael and Mary
 Rowe, Tom and Susan
 Sabine, John and Allison
 Samson, Pat and Jerry
 Sampson, Gary and Gail
 Sampson, Bob and Goldie
 Sanderson, Scott and Lisa
 Scammon, Ron
 Schwanauer, Francis and Johanna
 Shaw, Dorothy
 Shaw, Paul and Connie
 Siekman, Bob and Margot
 Spencer, Fred and Susan
 Stankeiwicz, John and Cheryl
 Stanton, Brian and Kathy
 Stevens, Gary and Susan
 Sullivan, Paul and Nancy
 Thayer, Richard and Peg
 Theberge, Steve and Kathy
 Therrien, Barry and Julie
 Town of Hartford
 Town of Turner
 Tripp, Dwight
 Turgeon, Don and Kathy
 Twitchell, Dale and Anna
 Twitchell, Mike
 Wahnowsky, Harold and Terri
 Walker, Jean and Carla
 Wallace, Mary Monahan
 Warren, Roland and Barbara
 Warrimer, Dave and Jen
 Weed, Willie and Nancy
 Weeks, Bill and Maureen
 White, George and Marie
 Wight, Leslie
 Woolford, Stan and Jane

154 members

Welcome new members - '08

Beaudet, Richard and Martin, Kathleen
 Olivo, Meg and Chuck

We Need Your Help For Membership Drive

Please help the Membership Committee. We are trying to update our lists. We are also trying to increase our membership. Share this newsletter with non-members and ask them to join. Take their name and dues and give it to us at the next meeting or send it to the address on the membership form. Or contact our membership chair, Elizabeth Hoy, with information and the committee will follow up. Her number is 224-7207. We have chosen to increase membership rather than raise dues. We have over 200 families on the pond and about 154 belong. Help us help the pond by increasing membership.

The following names should have been on the membership list:

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| Grant, Kenneth | Hutchinson, Harold |
| Vinton Hutchins | Henry and Patricia Pelletier |
| Susan Rice Patton | Randolph, Kenneth and Joyce |
| Dorothy Shaw | Willie and Nancy Weed |

New members for 2008
Richard Beaudet and Kathleen Martin

Remember To Pay 2008 Dues

Please Send \$25.00 To: BPIA, P.O. Box 4, North Turner, ME 04266

Name:

Pond Address & Phone #:

If Applicable,
Permanent Address & Phone #:

Members Needed To Battle Threats

Bear Pond is a beautiful lake but, as with all lakes, it is a very fragile natural resource that could be permanently impacted. One does not have to look far to see examples of various threats.

- Problems with the Canton Lake dam resulted in very low water levels.
- Invasive weeds in Lake Auburn have taken over one cove.
- Numerous algae blooms on Sabbattus Pond impact swimming and boating.

In the effort to preserve and protect Bear Pond, the BPIA sponsors the following activities:

- Membership in the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program and Maine Congress of Lakes Association which, in turn, trains and certifies our lake monitors for detection of invasive plants and water quality testing.
- Pays for water sample testing to look at long term water quality trends.
- Controls the water level to prevent erosion.
- Maintains and repairs the dam and dam gates.
- Provides help and advice to correct erosion problems around the pond and watershed.
- Applies for soil and water conservation grants to repair erosion problems.
- Monitors the pond for any invasive plants.
- Provides an educational newsletter 3-4 times per year.
- Maintains a web site on the internet at www.bearpondme.org.

If you have not yet sent in membership dues, please use the form in this newsletter to join BPIA and send in your \$25.00 membership dues. The BPIA is working hard to protect and preserve Big Bear and Little Bear, and membership dues are a key source of funding.

Highlights of June '08 Meeting

35 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$3,344.63

Bear Pond Protection Fund: \$3,526.96
(plaque to be paid from this fund.)

Fund Raising Committee: We need volunteers to be on this committee. There will be a huge yard sale with profits going to the BPIA Protection Fund (see article elsewhere). It was also decided, due to continued interest, to begin Phase II of the dam plaque.

Nominations Committee: Elections will be during old business of the August meeting.

Membership Committee: Plans to conduct a huge membership drive rather than raise dues. See article elsewhere.

Watershed Committee: Anyone seeing erosion problems can contact Dick Bray (phone number listed on front) for advice and help.

New Business - The membership committee at the next meeting, will make some recommendations about possible tiered membership dues and lifetime membership.

Old Business - Officers and directors presented a recommendation to the membership to drop insurance on the dam. A lengthy discussion ensued on the ramifications of dropping the insurance. Seeing no serious reasons to keep the insurance, the membership voted to drop the insurance immediately.