



BEAR POND CURRENTS

September 2007

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- ◆ Dam - C. Burden & D. Twitchell
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- ◆ 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

Dam Plaque To Be Dedicated In June 2008

We invite all Bear Pond Improvement Association members and contributors to attend the June 2008 meeting of the Association on Sunday, June 29 at 9 am at Boofy Quimby Hall on Rte 219 in North Turner. Immediately following the meeting at approximately 10:15, we will assemble at the dam for the rededication of the dam and the unveiling of the plaque. This plaque honors members whose contributions of over \$11,000.00 enabled the dam to be completely rebuilt of steel in the fall of 2006. It also honors many deceased members whose families have placed their names on the plaque. Please make every effort to join us, particularly if you were a donor or helped rebuild the dam.

This event will mark the first event in a summer that will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association.

Dam Gates Will Open On October 1

Boats should be removed shortly thereafter.
Minor work to be done in October.

Bear Pond Currents Is The Seasonal Newsletter

Of The Bear Pond Improvement Association

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



www.bearpondme.org

Photo CDs From Auction Are Available

Additional copies of the photo CD that Claire Bray prepared for the Potluck Supper auction are available for \$10 each. The CD contains photos of historic postcards of Bear Pond and photos of the 4th of July Boat Parades from 2003-2007. The 2006 & 2007 photos include many shots of the shoreline celebrations. If you want a copy, call Claire at 224-7763 to order and arrange pickup. When picking up, bring the completed form with a check payable to BPIA.

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| Name: | # Of Copies: |
| Amount due @ \$10.00 per copy = | |
| Address & Phone #: | |

Remember To Pay 2007 Dues
Please Send \$25.00 To: BPIA, P.O. Box 4, North Turner, ME 04266

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| Name: |
| Pond Address & Phone #: |
| <u>If Applicable,</u> Permanent Address & Phone #: |

Members Needed to Help Battle Threats

The effort to keep Bear Pond healthy and pristine is not an easy task. Unfortunately, there are several threats that could severely impact the quality of life on Bear Pond such as:

- Algae blooms resulting from excessive phosphorus carried into the lake from land erosion.
- Invasive aquatic plants taking over and choking off boating and swimming.
- Dam problems resulting in wildly fluctuating water levels.

Bear Pond is a beautiful lake but, as with all lakes, it is a very fragile natural resource that could be permanently impacted by any one of these threats. These problems are very real and one does not have to look far to see examples of these threats.

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

In the effort to preserve and protect Bear Pond, the BPIA sponsors the following activities to ensure that property values and recreational opportunities are not negatively impacted by these threats.

- 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 methods.
- Supports the water quality testing that is performed by our volunteer monitors 4 times per summer, and pays for 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. Last October a major reconstruction was performed to stabilize the dam.
- 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 pond for any invasive plants.
- Provides an educational newsletter 3-4 times per year.
- Plans and organizes social events each summer: Boat Parade on the 4th of July, Pot Luck Supper and Auction, 3 membership meetings per summer.
- Makes annual contributions to the Turner Rescue Unit.
- Pays an annual premium of \$3,000.00 for insurance on the dam.
- 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.

Stage 1 of Dam Fund Wraps Up

Below are the names as they will appear on the first plaque placed at the dam. The association will continue to accept donations and in the future another plaque will be added.

New Contributions

Barbara and Ron Beedy - \$100.00
 Dan and June Conley - \$100.00
 Mark and Judi Gardner - \$100.00
 Eva and Peter Leavitt - \$25.00
 Kent Mitchell - \$25.00

Ann and Donald Robinson - \$25.00
 Mary Wallace - \$200.00
 Ron and Irene Adams - \$100.00
 Jerome Duguay - \$100.00

NAMES THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE FIRST PLAQUE

Call Mary Wallace 224-7198 if the name below is NOT exactly the way you want:

Platinum Circle

Pilsbury Family
 Ron Scammon
 Wallace/Monahan Family
 Camp Weekela

Gold Circle

Dick and Claire Bray
 Barbara and Howard Frost

Silver Circle

Ron and Irene Adams
 Jeannine and Bert Ayotte
 Beedy Family
 Leigh Breidonbach and Bede Wellford
 Roberta and Arnold Burgess
 Bob and Vicki Calawa
 Beth Carver
 Dan and June Conley
 Jerome Duguay
 Mary Robinson Entrekin and Janice Robinson Buckley
 Don Frechette
 Ken and Mona Gardner
 Mark and Judi Gardner
 Larry and Cindy Giroux
 Jody and Ike Goodwin
 Beverly and Paul Johnson
 Roland and Martha Jordon

Bill and Kathie Kretzer
 William and Barbara Lamb
 Moe and Doris LeClerc
 George and Jeanne Lovett
 Marstaller Family
 Bob and Doreen Maxwell
 Larry Merrill
 Gordon and Janice Millett
 Chuck and Meg Olivo
 Robert and Gloria Polson
 Bruce and Sheila Ray
 Michael D. Rose
 Gerard and Yvette Samson, Sr.
 Paul and Connie Shaw
 Robert and Margot Siekman
 John and Cheryl Stankiewicz
 Brian and Kathleen Stanton
 Dale and Anna Twitchell

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In Memory Of:

Bilodeau/Lacombe Family
Norm and Amy Bray
Vernine Burdin
Gordon and Sally Carver
Leo and Cecile Cloutier
Terri Lynne Curtis
Eugene and Rose DeCoster
Edwin J. Dewling
Mary Jane Dunn
Richard J. Dwyer
Robert J. Fisher
Maurice Fournier
Don A. Goddard
Bob and Marilyn Gordon
Laura "Red" Gowell
Roger W.T. and Wesley N. Grant
Barbara Hinkley
Harry E. Holt
Jean Hutchins
Arthur and Evelyn Hutchinson
Michael Lee Jackson
Kathryn E. Kretzer
Daniel Labriola
William and Sadie Libby
Sam Mac Gregor
Tom and Louise Monahan
Gerard and Rita Simoneau
Rene and Arie Therrien
Ronald and Dorothy Therrien
Bertha T. Timberlake
Tuttle Family
Don and Ellie Wakefield
Reginald Walker
James A. Wallace

Highlights of August '07 Meeting

30 members in attendance.

Treasurer's report:

Checking Account: \$4,944.92

Savings Account: \$257.04

Dam Fund: \$3,007.09

100 families have joined this year. PLEASE HELP US IN OUR GOOD WORK AND PAY YOUR DUES.

Old Business: The officers and directors recommended that next year the savings account and dam fund be merged into a new fund entitled the Bear Pond Protection Fund. The purpose of this fund would be to care for the pond, the dam, the insurance, the replacement or repair of water testing equipment, the cost of the water testing, and control of invasive plants if discovered, etc. and any unforeseen or unanticipated expenses. The dues slip would have a place for people to continue to make donations to this new fund.