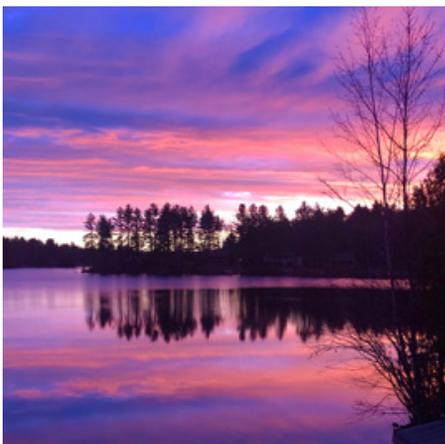


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The official newsletter of
Winchendon Springs Lake Association

SPRING 2019



Annual Membership fees from you, continue to be ever so important in maintaining our beautiful lake.

The WSLA board remains diligent in the fight against invasive non-native Eurasian milfoil.

Every bit of your membership fees and donations, 100%, will go directly toward maintaining the quality of our lake in the form of weed treatment on the Massachusetts side. Through our concentrated efforts of treating 100% of infected areas the past few years along with efforts for a larger draw down, we are cautiously optimistic that we are making gains. However, this can only continue with the support of every property owner paying their dues. Please consider taking it one step further and make an additional donation, whether large or small, it all is greatly helpful. As a 501(c)3 organization; your additional donation is tax deductible.

Please help us to continue to maintain our lake and investments by paying your dues and donating NOW!

Membership Dues and additional tax deductible donations can be paid in 2 ways:



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2019
WSLA DUES!



John Sarasin Lake

Education Program: This spring, students in 4th and 5th grade classes have a field trip to the lake where they learn from New Hampshire DES limnologists about water testing and quality.

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Letter from the President

For many years the WSLA and MLPOA have been in seemingly endless battle with variable milfoil. Most of our efforts and most of our funds go toward treating controlling the spread of this invasive weed. Both lake associations currently use the herbicide Diquat to treat the milfoil. Diquat is a very effective contact herbicide, but although it weakens the plant, it does not kill the roots. Finally, there may be some good news on the horizon. A new herbicide called ProcellaCOR is now available and ProcellaCOR is able to kill the plant completely. ProcellaCOR requires far less herbicide per acre and is listed by the EPA as "practically non-toxic".

Due to regulatory timing it is unlikely that the MLPOA will be able to use ProcellaCOR this year. The WSLA will be working with the MLPOA to coordinate when and if to switch to the new herbicide. ProcellaCOR treatment costs triple that of Diquat but come with the guarantee that an area treated will be weed free for at least three years. With the combination of an effective 3-foot drawdown and careful coordination with the MLPOA it may be possible to virtually eradicate milfoil over the next several years.

Jon Lewandowski
WSLA President



Why Did the Fall 2018 Drawdown Only Reach 2 Feet?

Lake residents probably noticed that the fall 2018 "3-foot" drawdown never reached even two feet. The ability to lower the lake is affected by a number of factors which include the weather, the physical limitations of the Main Dam spillway and the need to integrate a drawdown of Mirror Pond with the Lake Monomonac drawdown.

The fall of 2018 was one of the rainiest on record. Lake Monomonac drains a watershed that is greater than 12 square miles. To lower the lake below summer level all of that water must flow through either the 12-ft wide x 2-ft deep spillway gates or over the 6-ft wide by 5.5-ft deep Great Dam culvert stop logs. This past fall, even with the boards removed from the spillways, the water level stayed above the target summer level and did not begin to drop until November. Unless the weather cooperates, the Lake Monomonac outlets are incapable of releasing enough water to lower the lake to achieve the desired drawdown. The drawdown is also impacted in that the Order of Conditions sets a maximum rate at which water can be released that is well below the maximum capability of the outlets.

The Red Dam which holds back the water of Mirror Pond is currently set at a level that is about two feet above the bottom of the culvert at the Main Dam. The water level in Mirror Pond is not currently managed by an Order of Conditions. Until stop logs are removed at the Red Dam in coordination with the Lake Monomonac drawdown the theoretical maximum the lake can be lowered via the Main Dam is about 3.5 feet. On an average day over 12 million gallons of water flow into the lake. That inflow is roughly equivalent to the amount of water that can be released by removing a single 1-ft x 6-ft stop log at the Main Dam. This means that without removing stop logs at the Red Dam the practical limit of the Lake Monomonac drawdown is about 2.5 feet.

Going forward the WSLA will begin the process of obtaining an Order of Conditions that allows Mirror Pond to be lowered to match the level of bottom of the Main Dam culvert. This will give us the best opportunity in the future to achieve a true "3-foot" drawdown.

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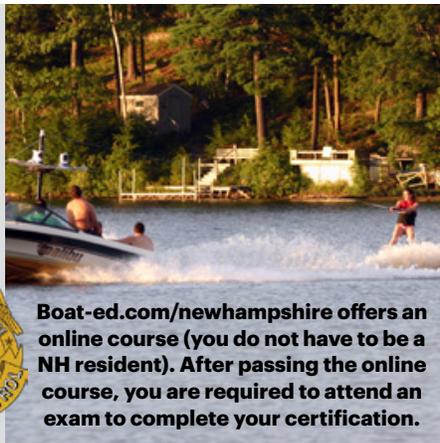
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Boating Certification Reminder

Lake Monomonac is partly in MA and partly in NH. NH requires a Boater Education Card for anyone at least 16 years old, operating a motorboat over 25hp or ski craft.

For more information, or to see if your certificate or license is accepted, visit: boat-ed.com/newhamphshire



Boat-ed.com/newhamphshire offers an online course (you do not have to be a NH resident). After passing the online course, you are required to attend an exam to complete your certification.

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2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Please join us for WSLA's second annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 14th at 9:00 am at The Shattuck Golf Club in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

Teams of 4 are \$75/per person to register, and registration includes a golf cart and BBQ. Registration forms and payment are due by July 7th (visit wsla.us/golf-tournament to download a registration form). Grand prize is \$400, plus other prizes and raffles. All proceeds benefit Lake Monomonac.

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Weed Treatment

Lake Monomonac is uniquely located in two states, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Because of this the rules, regulations and permitting surrounding weed treatment are specific to each state. WSLA and Monomonac Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA) work together to coordinate treatment efforts and contract with SOLitude Lake Management to chemically treat identified portions of Lake Monomonac for control of non-native milfoil. **Those portions will be treated with the State registered approved herbicide on MONDAY JUNE 10, 2019.**

The following temporary water use restrictions apply to all intakes within 1,200 feet of the treatment areas, drawing water for drinking or irrigation purposes, and to all wells and points within 50 feet of the treated areas:

- **No swimming for 24 hours following treatment, within 200 feet of treated areas.**
- **Do not use this water for livestock/domestic animal consumption for 1 day, within 200 feet of treated areas**
- **Do not use this water for drinking, irrigation or for mixing sprays for turf or landscape ornamental plants for 3 days**
- **Do Not Use this water for irrigation to food crops or for mixing sprays for agricultural or production ornamental plants for 5 days**

[Please check our website and facebook page for the 2019 treatment map.](#)

The shoreline will be posted with signs warning of the temporary water use restrictions that will be imposed, immediately prior to treatment. If you have any questions concerning this treatment, contact Solitude Lake Management at 508-885-0101.



You Can Make a Difference

Your actions can affect the quality of our lake. Things you do every day without thinking can impact the ground water and lake. Little things like fertilizing your lawn, using products that contain phosphorus, failing to have your septic tank pumped out....all add up. A great resource to learn about lake ecology and ways that can protect the future of our lake is available from the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. The Mass. Lake and Pond Guide can be found at <http://bit.ly/2p66azZ>

Things we can all do to help maintain and improve water quality:

- **Don't use phosphorus fertilizers** instead choose natural organic fertilizers, our lake is very acidic so it is actually really good to use lime.
- **Reduce use of pesticides.** Identify the pest that is a nuisance and use only products specifically designed for that species. Do not discard left over pesticides down the drain or on the ground as it will leach into the lake.
- **Maintain your septic tank.** Simple actions can make a positive impact on your septic system, such as conserving water and fixing leaky faucets. Have your tank regularly pumped. Update failing

or failed septic systems. Several technologies exist that are ideal for small lots close to the water. A great resource can be found at www.thecleansolution.com

- **Choose biodegradable dish and laundry detergents** that do not contain phosphates.
- **Do not store any fuel, cleaning supplies, batteries,** etc. near the water.
- **Do not feed the ducks or geese**—their waste is bad for the water.
- **Use native plantings** on or near the shore to prevent run off into the lake.
- **Keep shorelines natural.** For beach area maintenance be aware that sand is a significant source of phosphorus. Only washed sand is allowed and a permit is required.
- **Choose non-toxic building supplies for Docks and Rafts.** Pressure treated lumber, railroad ties, etc. are bad and illegal for lake usage. Use cedar, aluminum, plastic and other approved composite materials.
- **Use non-salt based de-icers** in the winter.
- **Communicate and Educate.** Talk to your family, neighbors, and guests. Tell them how important all of these things are.

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Let's work together to keep our neighborhood clean!

While it would be ideal to have a pristine neighborhood year-round, litter has a habit of popping up. The best way to keep our roads, yards, and lake clean is to pick up litter when you see it. We appreciate all efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Breaking News from Plummeting Paul!

*The weather got warmer,
the ice got thinner,
the block went through,
and we have a WINNER!*

Paul's clock stopped on March 29, 2019 at 2:30 pm and the winner was Chris Ward. Chris and WSLA split the pot of \$1265. Congratulations, and thank you Chris! The WSLA would also like to give a **BIG**

THANK YOU to those who participated in WSLA's 2nd annual Ice Out contest. Plummeting Paul will be back to plummet again in Winter 2020!



From left:
Chris Ward,
Plummeting Paul,
Paul Barnicle

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Dapkas, longtime summer resident passed away in December, 2018.



Henry L. "Hank" Doody, lifelong Winchendon and lake resident, passed away in May, 2019.



Patricia Groves, a long time summer vacationer passed away on December 21, 2018 at the age of 66. She is survived by her husband Rich.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
15

WSLA Annual Meeting

Please join us on **June 15th**, at **9:00 am** at the **Winchendon American Legion**, 295 School St, Winchendon. Doors will be open at 8:30 and coffee and refreshments will be available. *Please plan to join us!*

JULY
4

Celebrate the 4th of July with your favorite cartoon!

Join the fun and decorate your boat with your **favorite cartoon** for this year's 4th of July Boat Parade! Hosted by Monomonac Lake Sailing Association (MLSA), the parade begins at 1pm on the east side of Commodore Island. Judging will take place at the beginning of the parade. Prizes will be awarded, donated by local sponsors.

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Join us for WSLA's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament **Sunday, July 14th at 9:00am** at **The Shattuck Golf Club** in Jaffrey, NH. Four players to a team, \$75/person includes round of golf and a golf cart, followed by a BBQ. Grand prize is \$400, plus other prizes & raffles! For more information or to register, visit wsla.us/golf-tournament or contact Terry at (978) 297-0093.

JULY
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Stay tuned for more upcoming events!

Follow WSLA on Facebook and visit wsla.us to keep up to date on news, events, and other information.

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