

June 15, 2009

Pleasant Ponderings

Pleasant Lake Association

Deerfield/Northwood, NH

www.pleasantlakenh.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30 - Aug 15 - Fins 'n Fun
Kid's Fishing Event

June 27 - PLA Annual Meeting
9:30 AM Deerfield Town Hall

July 4 - Boat Parade
1:00 PM Meet at South Cove

August 1 - Summer Potluck
6:00 PM Deerfield Town Hall

Look for additional events at
www.pleasantlakenh.org.

JOIN THE PLA!

Send your \$25 (made out to PLA) to your director or the treasurer for your 2009 membership! Save Our Lake!

PLA ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 27TH - 9:30 AM

DEERFIELD TOWN HALL

Meet your Neighbors
Opportunity to Pay Your Dues
Speaker from Marine Patrol
Pick Up Fishing Derby Forms
Free Perennials

Did you know that the PLA is a 501 3C and contributions may be tax deductible?

Help Protect Our Lake!

CONTRIBUTE TO THE LAKE HOST PROGRAM

The Lake Host Program was developed in 2002 by NH Lakes and NHDES to educate and prevent boaters from spreading exotic aquatic plants to lakes and ponds in NH. Since then the number of participating lakes & ponds and volunteers has doubled, the number of boats inspected has tripled and the number of "saves" (exotic plants discovered) has increased from 4 in 2002 to a total of 224 in 2008. The program is invaluable in educating boaters and preventing recreational hazards, property value decline, aquatic ecosystem decline, aesthetic issues, and saving costly remediation efforts.

Funds for the Lake Host Program have been drastically cut. Last year PLA received \$2500. This year we will receive only \$1250. An application to the NE Grassroots Environment Fund for \$1250 has been filed to hopefully make up this difference. The decision whether we receive these funds will not come until mid-late July. So to continue this worthy program we need your donations in addition to your membership to the PLA. We cannot put our lake at risk of losing this fight of keeping exotic plants out of our lake! Send a donation along with your dues.

Contact Mike Farrelly (mfarrelly@mail.plymouth.edu) if you would like to volunteer some time at the boat launch for the Lake Host Program.

Fire and Fireworks

LEARN HOW TO ENJOY THEM SAFELY

The damage from a forest fire is obvious. The damaging effects of fireworks can be even more devastating. They are just not as obvious. Did you know that barium (the glittering greens) is extremely poisonous? Cadmium (the white flame with a magnificent blue margin), is a carcinogen that can bio-accumulate?

You can still have a campfire at the drop of a hat and enjoy your share of fireworks. The key is to try to do everything you can to "play" safe and minimize the impact on our environment and on your family, friends and neighbors.

When you live on a treasured body of water, the impact you have can be amplified. Check out our web site (www.pleasantlakenh.org) for an article titled "The Impact of Fire Works on New Hampshire's Lakes". A special thanks to the New Hampshire Lakes Association for allowing us to reprint the article.



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Having a Yard Sale or Party?



The balloons and signs announcing an event or the directions to your lake property nailed to a tree have a purpose. But please remember to remove all of these items in a timely manner.

Give the landscapes around our lake the care they deserve!

Stronger in Numbers!

Don't forget to join the PLA in 2009. Our dues-year runs from July 2009 to June 2010. Last year we had an outstanding response with 132 paid members!!

Send your \$25 dues to your District Director or PLA Treasurer at PO Box 53, Deerfield, NH 03037.

Culvert Update

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) met with a few concerned residents at the dam regarding the culvert. They have assumed the responsibility to keep the lake at posted levels. DES is currently assessing the culvert and elevation readings have been taken. DES stated that 'if the culvert is interfering with maintaining the lake level, they will take control of the culvert.' We await their decision.

Fishing Tournaments on Pleasant Lake

The N.H.B.F.N. is a non-profit organization established to preserve and promote the Sport of Bass Fishing, to practice and promote sound environmental policies, to conserve our natural resources, to promote youth and public interest in sport fishing and conservation, to work for an abundant, healthy, and self-sustaining bass fishery; to act as an effective voice for the advancement of bass fisheries, to communicate effectively with organizations that have an impact on the sport of bass fishing, and to support local, state and national agencies and organizations whose objectives are to conserve and manage our national resources.



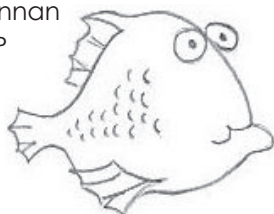
Above is their Mission Statement, and I invite you to read their tournament rules at <http://www.nhbassfednation.com/2009tourneyrules.pdf>.

A couple times a year a fishing tournament that has been sanctioned by the New Hampshire Fish & Game/NHBFN happen on Pleasant Lake. New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Federation Nation is an affiliate of B.A.S.S. Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society, which developed practices & it promotes the catch and release program since 1971. Keeping fish alive is actually listed in the rules, and they must have properly aerated livewells which are checked by a tournament director before the start of every tournament.

As you can see, their promotion of tournaments on our lakes in NH indicates that they want to keep our environment and waterways as clean and healthy as possible. The members of the B.A.S.S. clubs focus on safety, sportsmanship, proper tackle & equipment, proper boats and motors. The B.A.S.S. club members are stewards of our waterways as they report invasive plant & aquatic species to the state Fish & Game to help maintain good health for our waterways future. All clubs participate in education and support of youth federated tournaments, local & state youth events.

All clubs are required to have at least one lake clean up per year and a youth tournament and/or Casting Kid Contest. (You might have seen them picking up trash all around the beach and parking lot areas.) Don't you wish all Pleasant Lake fishermen/women adhered to these rules?

- Linda Brennan
PLA 1st VP



2009 FISHING LICENSE FEES	
Kids under 16 fish free in NH!	
NH Resident Fishing	\$35
NH Resident 1 day Fishing	\$10
Non-resident Fishing	\$53
Non-resident Fishing – 7 days	\$35
Non-resident Fishing – 3 days	\$28
Non-resident Fishing – 1 day	\$15

WWW.FISHNH.COM

Boat Parade

JULY 4TH - 1PM

Show Your
Red, White & Blue!

Loon Center Events

JUNE 28

Annual Summer Gala / Church Landing, Meredith
Buffet Lunch and silent auction.
Preregistration required.

JULY 2 - AUGUST 27

Nature Talk Series / Loon Center, Moultonborough
Geology, aquatic landscapes, osprey & more!

JULY 18

Loon Festival 10am - 2pm / Loon Center, Moultonborough

Family fun, nature exhibits, children's activities & live music



Attention Boaters!

All boaters are required to have a Safe Boater Education Certificate. Click the "NH Marine Patrol" link on www.pleasantlakenh.org for more information.

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Pleasant Pond

GEORGE WALDO BROWNE
JUNE 1897

Amid New Hampshire's granite hills,
In all her wealth of sparkling rills,
And lakelets fair, from mount to sea,
I know of none more fair than thee.
Unchanged, wilt thou remain the same,
To hear again thy oft-told fame,
And in today's sweet strain respond-
Thou ever charming Pleasant Pond.

LAKE LEVEL DRAW DOWN

Jun 1	(full) 6.3
Jun 26	6.2
Jul 1	6.1
Jul 12	6.0
Jul 19	5.9
Jul 26	5.8
Aug 1	5.7
Aug 8	5.6
Aug 15	5.5
Aug 22	5.4
Sept 1	5.1
Oct 10	All Boards Out

The 2009 Fins 'n Fun Kids Fishing Event

MAY 30TH - AUGUST 15TH

This fun event is open to kids ages 2-15 and includes a wide range of species. Check out the details and find report forms at: www.pleasantlake.org.

Thanks!

We had another successful trash pickup around the Lake. It was a beautiful day and we got to see the fiddleheads coming up & the carp spawning, hear the peepers singing in the wetlands, and see the summer camps opening up. Next year consider taking time and joining us! It is remarkable as people we depend on air & water for our survival, yet we use them as our dumping grounds.



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