



Welcome to Winter on Harvey's Lake!

OOPS! Jackie forgot this article by Dotti Turek – Can't wait for summer fun! July festivities are over but



the fun memories have just begun for the young participants enrolled in Steve Dolgin's annual water ski camp. 36 years and 2,000 students later, Steve, his wife Debbie and his skilled assistants, Don Wallace and Lucas Robillard, were at it again this year. The camp is held over three days, with three two hour sessions each day. This summer approximately 47 children have signed up. The cost is \$89 per student and this year, Steve has generously chosen to donate all of the proceeds to Catamount Arts. Paula Kitchel, a Catamount Arts Board member was in attendance at the camp and shared how thrilled Catamount was to receive the call from Steve last fall, indicating he would

like to help show his support for Catamount Arts in this way.

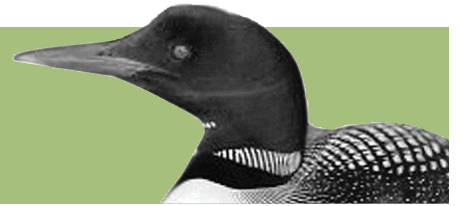
Students come far as close as Barnet and as far away as Florida. Two families indicated that they plan their annual summer vacation to Harvey's Lake based on when water ski camp is scheduled. Local camp owners, Jean Peabody and Laurie Bedard, invite their grandchildren to join them at the lake during water ski week so they can participate. Although they have always enjoyed skiing behind the family boats, the granddaughters shared that being able to participate in water ski camp has taken them to a whole new level. Lily Spencer said that the individualized instruction camp offers "gives you a good feel for what you want your form to be while you are skiing."



The vast array of equipment allows each skier to learn at their own level. There are junior double skis and slalom skis available in every length. Students receive instruction both in the shallow water as well as on the ski boat. Skiers can become comfortable and try new skills initially while holding onto a boom that projects from the side of the boat. When they feel ready, they move onto skiing on their own behind the boat.

It is hard not to notice the fun, positive, affirming atmosphere the ski students learn in. There is a great deal of encouragement, with cheering and clapping for fellow students. It is easy to see why the camp sells out every year. Teaching children to ski is fun, rewarding and challenging. Steve says he continues to offer the

program because he "loves to see the kids smiles." The only smile bigger than the students is Steve's. We are lucky to have this program here at Harvey's Lake – thank you Steve!



President's Message:

By Jackie Sprague

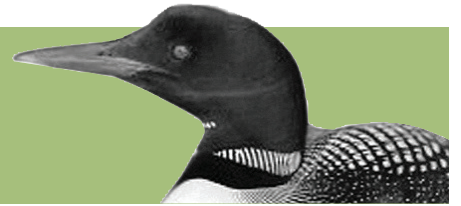
It is beautifully sunny and cold day at Harvey's as I watch the ice fishermen anticipating a catch and the snow machines racing along. The cold temperatures and winds are keeping some of us less brave ones inside. With the cold outside and a warm fire inside, it is a time of reflection of the past year and the many successes we have to be proud of. Increase of membership to 105 thanks to the efforts of Julie Murphy and Gail Flynn. Donations increased enough to pay 2014 and 2015 fireworks. Lake Protection donations were enough to cover the \$15,768.76 cost of operating the Greeter Program for the summer of 2014, The town of Barnet has continued to financially support this program with an annual budget item of \$10,000, but each year the cost increases. LHA will need an additional



\$6000.00 for the summer of 2015. We are truly grateful for this support and hope that the town will continue to realize the importance of keeping Harvey's free from invasive species. The Greeter Program is found to be the best prevention method against Aquatic Invasive Species invading Harvey's Lake. The cost of the Greeter Program continues to increase as we try to cover each day from May through September.

The association asks you to continue to donate to this cause and to ask your friends and neighbors to contribute as well. The mission of is to help protect the lake we love. We can only do this with continued financial support. Overall water quality has four components: Clarity = we do well in this. Shoreland preservation = we do not do well in this area. Aquatic Invasives = we do well. Atmospheric = we are threatened. We have control of the first three by maintaining a shoreland buffer, continue to keep clarity a priority by continued testing and prevention projects like the Greeter Program.

As we continue to grow our association we need to keep the "eye on the prize" of keeping the lake free of invasives. One way we do this is also to guard our spending. The beautiful summer newsletter is a keepsake, but costs a great deal. The board voted to print copies for only paid members beginning with the 2015 summer edition Many of you have decided to receive an electronic version of the newsletter and that is a substantial savings for the association. Thank you! Paid members who request a paper version will continue to receive them. Another avenue we are exploring is reflected in Gail's note about increased membership by having a GOLD, SILVER AND PLATINUM level of membership. Your support and dedication of Harvey's Lake is importance to all of us and future generations. Thank you!



2014 LHA Boat Parade Got A Little Spooky

By Don Burk

A record setting eighteen boats participated in the boat parade this past summer. Four “non-motorized” entries were followed by the fourteen “motorized” boat contingent, all of which creatively displayed this year’s parade theme, “*Scary Moments In Fiction.*” A number of onlookers from the shoreline were scared out of their wits and were later found hiding under their beds.

Cruella DeVil from the Disney movie, 101 Dalmations, was probably the most villainous character in the parade. That float captured third place as well as the Judge’s special award for “Most Enthusiastic” entry, courtesy of the Perrin family. The judge’s award for best decoration went to the Arnold family with their version of “The Pirates of the Caribbean.” Their entry looked like a Hollywood production and was awarded second place.

Given this year’s scary theme, we all expected to witness a little blood and gore. But the Bisson family’s first place entry was really off the page. Their entry consisted of a large shark the size of their pontoon boat with a set of moving “jaws”. One of the Bissos played “Quint,” the crazy boat captain of the Orca from the movie, “Jaws.” He was being devoured by the moving jaws amidst a whole lot of yelling and screaming. Needless to say, there were very few people visiting the town beach for days afterwards.

First place in the “non-motorized” group went to the Glentz-Brush family. Their kayak gave a wonderful portrayal of “Dr. Who.” Most observers seemed to agree that this year’s boat parade had the most creative boat decorations ever. Next year’s boat parade will really challenge the creative mindsets for those participating. So keep an eye out for our Memorial Day issue of the LHA newsletter which will announce next year’s parade theme.



Grand Prize Winner: “Munch Time” from the movie, “JAWS”



DAM UPDATE

by Steve Adler

For decades, we've watched with varying degrees of interest the creek outlet for Harvey's Lake fill with silt; where once campers water skied up the creek and into the Lake, the delta by Harvey's Lake Cabins now is passable only by kayak or canoe. This material has collected in large part from the backflow up the creek caused by South Peacham Brook, which drains an area far larger than the entire Harvey's Lake watershed. The Harvey's Lake dam, located behind the West Barnet garage, is our only way to manage the backflow and it is a difficult and archaic system requiring close attention and brute strength. When it rains, more water flows down the South Peacham brook and the dam must be "lowered" by walking onto the narrow dam, which has no guardrails or safety lines, and manually pulling out old and swollen wooden planks from their concrete slots. This opens a narrow spillway, and if done at the onset of rainy weather, eliminates some of the backflow. The opening is too narrow to fully prevent water from backing up into Harvey's Lake, bringing with it silt and nutrients from the farmland through which South Peacham Brook passes, encouraging the growth of vegetation in the lake, creating the delta, and negatively impacting fish habitat.

It has fallen on the Selectboard for the Town of Barnet to oversee this operation, and that Board deserves substantial credit for acting this past year to address the many problems inherent with our system. Selectboard Members Gary Bunnell, Jeremy Roberts and Dylan Ford have contracted with Bob Desrochers, owner of Fairbanks Mills of St. Johnsbury, to oversee the installation of a replacement for the old "flashboards." Mr. Desrochers is currently putting finishing touches on the state application and grappling with the different approaches to the multiple problems, including the backwash, the ease and safety of operation, and the protection of downstream water quality.

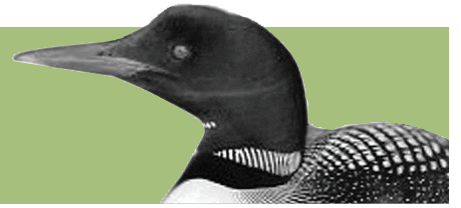
Our Association has brought together a committee of knowledgeable lake residents who have volunteered their expertise to the Town, and the Town has been listening. Committee members Richard Downer, Red Dufresne, Andy Goode and Harry Cornelius have assembled technical materials and drafted the State Permit Application for Dam Alteration, which Steve Adler as spokesperson for the subcommittee, presented to the Selectboard this past fall. The Board is considering replacing the wooden boards with either a sluice gate, which opens from the bottom up, or a crest gate, which opens like a drawbridge, from the top down. Either system can be automated with sensors in the creek raising and lowering the gate in anticipation of changes in water flow. This would take a significant burden off the Selectboard, or its designee, both in having to run out to the dam whenever it started raining to adjust the rate of flow over the dam, and to having to guess on how much to raise or lower the gate. The automated sensors could be set to maintain a specific water level and would react more quickly and precisely than a town employee.

The LHA has pledged financial assistance to the Town to defray the cost of automating whatever system the State ultimately approves. We strongly believe that, at least until a wholesale modification of the dam is undertaken, any automated system will be a vast improvement on the existing flashboards, which by all accounts have needed replacement for years anyway just as part of standard maintenance. We have encouraged the Board to use this opportunity to modernize the dam, for the protection of the lake and the safety of the Town employees.

It is with pleasure that we now report our Selectboard is listening, and responding. While the timeframe for the State's response is beyond our control, the Board seems unified in its desire to deal with these issues. To eliminate the backflow altogether, we would need a dam that dramatically increases the amount of water that can go over it. In large rain events, our existing dam even if fully open is inadequate. Current wisdom suggests that several feet of concrete the entire 50' length of the dam would have to be removed and replaced with an automated rubber bladder similar to that installed by the power company on Joe's Pond. A project of that scope is not currently under discussion. Just making the existing openings in the dam work fully and efficiently, however, is an excellent first step. The LHA will continue to work with the Barnet Selectboard and is very optimistic that one of the gate proposals will be shortly submitted to and approved by the State. Your continued support of your Lake Association makes this possible.

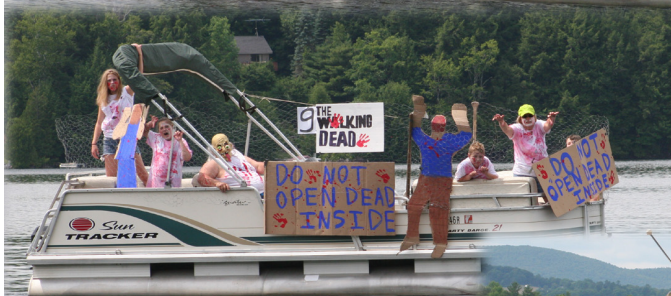


The Lake Harvey Association



2014

What A Great Day!
Fun Had By All!





Harvey's Lake Membership is Growing! How?

By Gail Flynn

Julie Murphy and Gail Flynn were inspired to knock on the doors of the Harvey Lake neighborhood. The summer newsletter was distributed with each knock on the door. The result? Membership increased! 20 NEW memberships. That brings us up to a total of 105. This proves that the inspiration is contagious. Some folks have expressed a passion to donate more. We are offering a way to do that. Basic cottage membership is, \$25. The silver membership is \$50, gold is \$100, platinum is \$250. Ear marking your donation for the fireworks, lake preservation or the website is always welcome and appreciated.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FOVLAP/NEC NALMS Conference

May 29 & 30, 2015
Main Street Landing
Burlington Waterfront

LHA Annual Meeting

July 17, 2015 pot luck – beach

Boat Parade/BBQ/Fireworks

July 18, 2015

FOVLAP Annual Meeting

July 27, 2015 Steak House, Berlin

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Start/Renew my annual membership!

I want to help the Lake Harvey Association protect and preserve the integrity of Harvey's Lake. Enclosed is my tax-deductible annual membership dues of:

Name: _____

\$ _____

Email: _____

GO GREEN! I would like my newsletter emailed to me.

The Newsletter contains information about LHA sponsored events, event reminders and contests, notices about important meetings and updates about current issues relevant to our mission.

Mailing address:

Lake Area Property Address:

If seasonal mailing, when? _____ to _____.

Phone _____

Phone _____

Town of Barnet resident? Yes No

Membership:

Cottage (\$25) Silver (\$50) Gold (\$100) Platinum (\$250)

Donation:

Summer Barbecue (\$10/ea) _____

Fireworks Fund _____

General Fund _____

Lake Preservation Fund _____

Website _____

Yes *Please send me a stuffed animal loon*

No *I do not want a stuffed animal loon*

Total: _____

*Donors of \$100.00 or more to our **Fireworks Fund** will receive an invitation to our champagne thank you brunch on the fourth Sunday in July.*

*Donors of \$100.00 or more to our **Lake Preservation Fund** will receive an invitation as well, along with a plush Lake Harvey Loon (squeeze for official Audubon Society loon call) as a token of our appreciation. **Remember, all donations are tax-deductible.***

Yes No *I grant permission to publish my/our name(s) as LHA member(s) and contributor(s).*

Please make your check payable to the Lake Harvey Association, and mail form with your payment to:

**Lake Harvey Association
P.O. Box 86
Barnet, VT 05821**

For internal purposes only: Date received _____ Amount _____ Check # _____



Winter 2015 NEWSLETTER

ABOVE AND BEYOND - the unsung heroes

This is the second nomination for the “Above and Beyond” for Harvey’s Lake. As you know, there are many people who dedicate hours to help keep Harvey’s as beautiful as it is, but so often go unnoticed. My hope is that you will want to recommend someone who has gone “Above and Beyond” for Harvey’s Lake. Steve Dolgin is the recommendation for this edition. Steve Dolgin, is known by some as the “water ski” dude, but he is much more. From the article Dotti wrote, you know that Steve has offered a water ski camp for over 35 years and donates his profits. He is also the one, along with a couple of others, who added a slalom course, to the frustration of some but excitement to many. Used and enjoyed by many as they learned how to maneuver the course – including my family and many friends! Remember the pyramids? They were and continues to be-Initiated by his enthusiasm. Steve has always been a quiet advocate for lake preservation, assisting when he could and financially supporting the efforts as we continue to maintain the invasive free and beauty of Harvey’s Lake. Thank you, Steve, for continued support and appreciation of our lake and what it brings to our community.