

The Summer of 2009

This past winter has been difficult for Joel Bloom. He has had significant health problems and at present is in the Veteran's Home in South Paris.

However, he still maintains his keen interest in Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond.

For the present, Lew Wetzel has kindly taken over running PL/PPA and Joel still remains President.

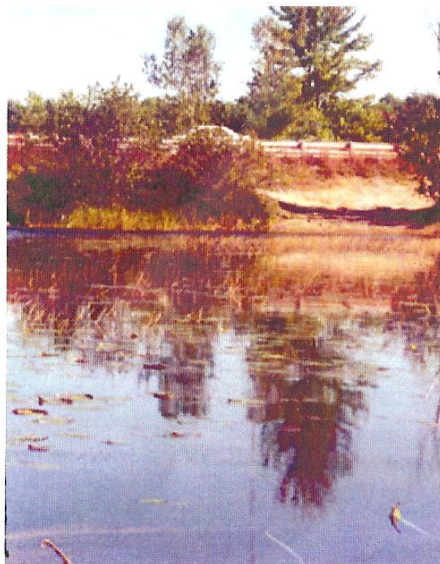
Joel was an extraordinary leader and it will take several Lake Association Members working together to run our Lake Association with the efficiency typical of Joel Bloom.

THE SUMMER BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 15, 7:00PM AT THE CASCO FIREHOUSE. IF YOU ARE A BOARD MEMBER, PLEASE SET ASIDE THIS DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND. WE NEED YOU.

We all send Joel every best wish and our appreciation for his fantastic leadership over the years.



Where have the Great Blue Herons gone? They are declining and we don't know why!!!



Non-Point Source Pollution Update

The Annual Meeting of PL/PPA will be held on ~~Saturday~~, July 1~~0~~ 7:00pm at the Casco Firehouse.

Heather True, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation Agency will give an update on the Watershed Survey of PL/PPA.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Report of Lake Surveys

Fred Cummings, Pixie Williams, and others have continued to survey Pleasant Lake, Parker Pond and other Lakes in Casco and Otisfield. Happily, no new invasive plant species were encountered this past year. At the end of the summer of 2008, no Variable-leaf Milfoil plants were found in the brook outlet of Pleasant Lake.

Lew Wetzel will continue to monitor Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond for water quality.

Significant populations of the Chinese Mystery Snail were found in Pleasant Lake, Parker Pond, and elsewhere in Otisfield. To date, the Dept. of the Environment has been mapping the population distribution of this invasive snail population and has made no official statement regarding snail control. We will continue to monitor for invasive species this summer.

Please report any suspicious species you find in or around the lakes particularly Milfoil or Purple Loosestrife to Pixie Williams, Tel: 539-2611



Your Contributions to PL/PPA

The past ten years have provided a challenge for the southern Maine lakes. Most of the infested lakes are in south-west Maine. Through Joel Bloom's efforts, PL/PPA has met the challenge and we are well on the way to declaring victory over Variable-leaf Milfoil. Continuous surveys are necessary to monitor conditions in the future.

Over the past 8 years PL/PPA has spent about \$140,000 to meet these challenges. Thank you for your support. Please continue your support to maintain our pristine lake quality.



There is concern about the future health of the Crooked River. This summer there will be a series of lectures and outings on the subject. If you wish to receive information via e-mail regarding these events, please contact wflt@megalink.net or Tel: 739-2124

Milfoil Report Lilly Brook

On June 6, 2009, our Variable-leaf milfoil team went into Lilly Brook for our first survey of this year. Diver, Jim Chandler located several single plants which he covered. We then found one large patch of about 30 plants. We covered them with 3 10'x12' benthic barriers. Subsequently we located several small patches and covered them with the clam-shell barriers.

Frequent surveys will continue throughout the summer. Our thanks to Jim Chandler, Fred Cummings, Lew Wetzel, and others who have worked so hard on Variable-leaf milfoil control.



Courtesy Boat Inspection Program

The Courtesy boat inspection program will continue in 2009. It began on May 22. We have added two new boat inspectors, Marilee Nurmi and Les Grant. 72 boats were inspected over Memorial Day weekend.

PLEASANT LAKE, PARKER POND ASSOCIATION

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