

# Pleasant Lake Parker Pond Association Summer Newsletter 2012

Dear members of Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond Association and interested citizens,

We are proud and delighted to provide you with our recently printed Watershed Survey Project Summary. Our lake association, in conjunction with Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District began this important Watershed Conservation Project in 2009 to identify sites that were adversely affecting the water quality of our lakes. Much work was then performed, with the help of landowners, to mitigate the impacts with much success. By fixing nearly 40 soil erosion problem sites, it is estimated that annually over 90 tons of sediment has been prevented from entering our lake! We hope by reading this report you will understand the source of possible problems and be educated as to the relatively simple and inexpensive ways to help keep our lakes clean.

This summary and the entire study is dedicated to **Joel Bloom** who founded PLPPA over 30 years ago. When invasive Variable Leaf Milfoil was discovered in the Lilly Brook passageway between Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond, Joel took decisive action. Joel's determination and perseverance for over 10 years to eradicate thousands of these plants has inspired many of us to get involved in maintaining lake quality in Maine. We hope this publication will inspire you to help as well. We invite you to join our organization if you are not yet members.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday August 4, 2012 At 9:30 AM

Casco Community Center

Featured Speaker; Roberta Hill.

Director of the VLMP Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants and also an Environmental Consultant at Lake and Watershed Resource Management Associates.

### FIND INVASIVE PLANTS

This year, we will continue our emphasis on efforts to detect invasive plants in our waters. Roberta Hill's experienced remarks at our annual meeting highlight this important work. We will maintain our monitoring of the boats entering the lakes at all three of the town ramps, and we will significantly increase our invasive plant patrolling, particularly for milfoil.



### LEARN THE NATIVE PLANTS

Our educational efforts include a summer long course on Native Aquatic Plants for serious patrollers taught by Mary (Pixie) Williams, a highly knowledgeable botanist and member of our PLPPA Board since its inception. Hopefully, additional members of our lake community will help search for any plant problems.

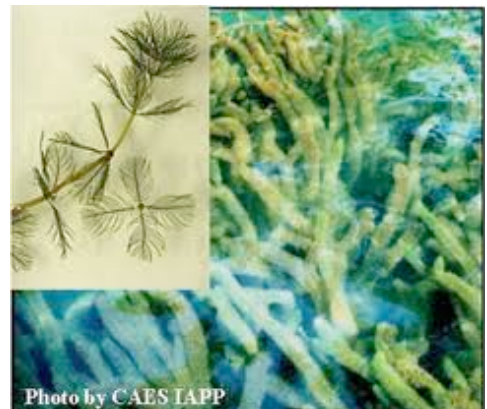


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## **Early Detection Pays Off**

Late last summer a 14 year old, who knew what variable leaf milfoil looked like, found some growing at the north end of Pleasant Lake while fishing. Thank you Sully Tidd! (Shown above middle with Pixie Williams on Sully's right and Lew Wetzel on his left.) With quick action installing our benthic barriers, we hope to have eradicated these isolated plants. This fortunate incident just underscores the need for focused vigilance.

## **Become a Plant Patroller!!!!**

### **2012 Invasive Plant Patrol Workshops; Date, Time, Location**

- Thursday. June 21, 1-7PM, Oxford County, Charlotte Hobbs Library in Lovell
  - Sat. August 25, 8:30AM-2:30PM, Cumberland County, Grange Hall in New Gloucester
- If you are interested in attending an IPP workshop and or joining the volunteer team, please

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(207) 783-7733

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## **GET OUR "CLEAN WATER" MAGNET**

Our volunteers will also continue to distribute, by land and by water, our informative refrigerator magnet with its valuable tips on maintaining clean water, primarily by reducing phosphorous pollution. Look for us at town celebrations to be sure to get your very own.

Your help is appreciated in caring for the wonderful resource of our lakes and we hope all of you can help with some financial support. Thanks to those who have already done so!

Please enjoy the enclosed report and your time on the lakes this summer.

On behalf of the PLPPA Board,

Peter Barber, President

