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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Here in western New York State winter is hanging on with little evidence of spring. Yet! Early February I saw large numbers of blue birds in Auburn NY, geese flying in daily by the thousands and blue herons nesting – all good signs of warmer weather. Edie and I have been planning weekend trips to the lake for the last month to begin some camp work. Every weekend it is cold and snowy, or rainy and not suitable for working outdoors. We have been accumulating materials for projects and hopefully in a few weeks can make the trip. We are expecting a new granddaughter in early April so time is set aside for a trip to Maryland.

***The** board will be discussing plans for a new Lake Management Plan in 2017. Two environmental reports were sent to the board members in early January, for review. Thanks to good record keeping, the board will review the 1999 Lake Management Plan, SUNY Plattsburg, and the Aquatic Vegetation Study, Cornell University, completed in 2000. The goal is to initiate a Phase II Lake Management Plan that will research and recommend specific environmental management practices that will maintain water quality.

***Water** quality testing continues yearly with 8 sample dates for water chemistry. A yearly coliform sample is taken for bacteria analysis, fecal and total coliform.

As has been reported for quite a few years, the coliform counts from Mud Lake outlet to Butterfield Lake, continue to be unacceptable. Over the last 10 years we have continually seen total coliform counts greater than 2000 and sometimes off-scale greater than 2400 counts.

I attended a meeting on March 24, 2017, hosted by Assembly Women Addie Russell and Ed Robertson, at the Indian River Lakes Conservancy. Calling in for the conference were representatives from the NYSDEC, NYS Division of Environmental Health Protection and NYS Health Department. Addie invited Dr. Jim Bonner, from Clarkson University to attend and add his expertise on water quality. The issues reviewed were the outlet from Mud Lake under Rt. 37 that is reported to be in poor condition. A discussion took place focusing on ownership and replacement. There is concern that the culvert is failing and may be impacting the town sewer system. Additionally, Addie reviewed, with regulators, the coliform testing results showing high counts as water enters Butterfield Lake. For the last 10 years Mud lake samples for coliform reads have been relatively low however east of the village the reads are very high. (200 counts at

Mud Lake versus > 2000 counts east of the Village) A discussion took place regarding verifying that the sewer system is not leaking – video, dye test of pressure test were suggested.

***Again** in 2017, there will be two weekends of Invasive Species Training at the boat launch. Please consider participating to learn about transient boats bringing invasive species to our lake. As you know zebra mussels are now very prevalent and will impact the lake water quality. You will find it informative and it is also an opportunity to meet people who come in to use the lake. You will learn what to look for and where it hides on trailers, boats and motors. The more people we can educate the better. A student working for the summer in this program shows how to approach boaters, what questions to ask and how to inspect the boats and trailers and don't forget Jet skis. Remember that once the weeds get into the lake they are virtually impossible to get rid of. Help to protect our lake by volunteering a few hours. Call Joe 585-315 -1012 to sign up. The fishing derbies that are held on so many weekends, from outside groups, provide high odds for bad weeds getting into our lake. It is up to the cottage owners to take the responsibility for checking the incoming and outgoing boats. Remember we have got bad weeds in Butterfield and they should not go to other waters either.

***We** continue to have an infestation of cormorants, an invasive bird species, at the lake. New York State has a program for their eradication along the river to reduce the population through treating eggs at nesting sites. We should consider a plan to curb their numbers should they begin nesting at the lake. They do compete with nesting turns which we now have on the lake in increased numbers. They also compete with the Loons for food.

***NYSDEC** and Region 6 decided not to allow early catch and release, black bass fishing on Butterfield Lake. Butterfield Lake was targeted for early catch and release bass fishing. The support letters from the elected officials and the lake resident's prevailed.

FYI, bass season for all of Jefferson County is 3 rd . Saturday of June through November 30, no early catch and release. Walleye season runs from 1 st .	Saturday of May through March 15
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*** Beginning** in May of 2016 the NYSDEC electroshocked and gill netted fish at the lake, to document lake stocks. Approximately every 5 years this is performed and data is used to compare against previous results. 2016 results have not yet been published.

Checking the NYSDEC 2002 electroshock/gill netting results, it was reported that 15 species were observed with 453 fish/hr. from the electroshocking. There were 52 bass/hr. and 16 pike per/hr. Walleye were the target species with gill netting and 0.7 fish per/hr. electroshocking and .02 per gillnet night. In 2002 it was determined that stocking was of limited success. I will report the 2016 results when they are available.

It was also reported that for the period 1990 – 1994 that tiger musky were detected with ice fishing catches up to 15 pounds. Also, sturgeons are being stocked in the area rivers along with Black Lake. I have heard that Black Lake now has very large sturgeon and have been observed with electroshocking.

Please keep our environment a priority! *Joe Pasquini*

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER'S DESKS:

We have received some yearly dues from many of you and also address corrections. Thank you. We can keep addresses and emergency phone numbers up to date and that is really important information to have. You never know what can happen. Last year there was a grass fire at Waikiki's electrical box and it was being blown quickly, by the wind, towards the camp. Thankfully it was put out by a kind fisherman who happened to be fishing in the bay. He contacted someone on the lake who contacted the Pasquinis. We all look out for others but if

we don't have up-to-date contact numbers and addresses we can't help. With so many people dropping land lines in favor of using cell phones it is easy to forget we no longer use that landline that was listed years ago. If you moved chances are you forgot about letting BLCOA know the new address because you only get a newsletter 2 times a year. Every mailing we send out we get back undeliverable mail because the person has moved.

Craig Waterstraat and Marge Hillback

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to increase our membership. There are so many people you don't get to meet. The picnic, Ladies' Teas and Luncheons and the Lake Conversations for couples all are opportunities to meet and make new friends. The young children on the lake will get to know other children at the annual picnic or the fishing Derby. We welcome new ideas for getting together with others. It would be nice to see all of the sailors get a regatta going. Our other purpose is to be good stewards of the lake by participating in CSLAP and NYFOLA membership, lake water testing, and monitoring and programs like the Invasive species training. More members allow us to do more. If you are getting this newsletter and you are not a paid member please consider joining.

FROM THE DERBY FACILITATOR'S DESK

Come one come all and sign up for the Annual Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby

Yes! It is almost here! Start to make your plans so you can participate. The more people the bigger the prize money. Also come for the fun and watch during the weigh-in at the town dock. Below are last year's winners and also this year's entry forms so you will be sure to get yours to Steve Wysocki. You can make copies if you need more entries. Let's try to increase the entrants for 2017 there has to be more than 4 kids on the lake that like to fish. The address to mail entries is on the entry. *Steve Wysocki*

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: The winter is finally coming to a close. Though it seems we had most of the snowfall in the month of March. We only were able to get to the lake one time in February, on the 20th. Seems like that is the one date throughout my life we made the trip in the winter. That day's weather also seemed to be the same, bright blue sky, sunshine and crisp, icy cold air. It was truly a beautiful day then, and again this past February.

We bought snow shoes the winter of 2015 thinking we could walk to Waikiki. This year we finally got to use them. The lake had been melting the week before we arrived on February 20th and had refrozen. I was not sure I really wanted to venture out. I watched Joe walk across the bay and he made it safely so I decided to follow in his tracks. From shore and maybe out 20 feet, the slush was about 4" deep so I was happy to have the snowshoes on. The brisk wind was cold and was blowing my hair into my face making it difficult to see where I was walking. It was hard to walk through the snow at the shore and finally managed to get up the hill. I reached the old icehouse and realized one foot was way down in the snow and the other seemed to be on top of the snow. I flipped my hair from my face and looked down to see that one snowshoe had come off. I was not happy. I looked around where I was standing and could not see it. I finally saw it way back at the shoreline where I had a hard time walking, no wonder. I turned around and clumsily walked back down the hill to retrieve the lonesome snowshoe. I tried several minutes to get it back on but it proved to be futile so I decided to carry it. When I got back to where I originally realized I lost the snowshoe, I decided I had not made the right choice. But, and I hate to admit it, anger had set in and I was determined to get up that hill.

Joe was a good 10 minutes or more ahead of me and had opened the camp and was starting a fire in the woodstove. In the fall, I had prepared for days such as this by covering the windows and doors with heavy blankets to keep in the heat. I was followed his tracks but he had gone off our usual path and walked to the left. That side is steeper but it doesn't have 20 concrete steps to deal with. I finally made it to the top. I was almost to the camp! I took a step in one of his tracks and my snowshoe-less foot went deep into the drift up

to my thigh. As those who have climbed the hill in the summer know, you are out of breath when you finally get to the top. I did the climb in deep snow one snowshoe on and one off so you can only imagine my exhaustion. I tried to pull one leg up and stand and after several attempts was able to do so. I took a step into his track and somehow both feet went into one track and my legs twisted. My snowshoe and boot got stuck together on the eyes of the boot and down I went face first into the snow. Adding insult to injury my jeans were now soaked from the very wet snow. I was trying to use my telescoping poles but they were of no use at all because when I leaned on them to get up they went down to their shortest length and my arms were then buried in the snow hand attached to poles. I totally lost it, I yelled, "HELP ME" and of course Joe could not hear me or see me because of the blankets. I kept trying to stand up but I gave up. I felt like a beached whale frozen in ice water and I figured the only thing to do was wait for him to miss me and come out to look for me. I could not believe he hadn't missed me yet. When he finally opened the door he stood on the porch, and watched me as I struggled to get up out of the snowdrift I somewhat got to my knees and looked up at him and just groaned. He asked, "What are you doing? You're getting all wet!"

I have decided snowshoes are not as fun as they look. Maybe I will think twice about using them next year.
E die Pasquini

Correction: in the fall 2016 newsletter I wrote Karen Bald was a board member. My apologies for the confusion caused.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CALENDAR FOR 2017

1. **May 27-** Board meeting 9am IRLC building Stein Rd.
2. **June 24-** Board meeting 9am IRLC building Stein Rd.
3. **July 1-** Annual BLCOA members meeting 8:30 am coffee hour St. Xavier's Catholic Church Redwood
4. **July 15, 16-**B.J. Memorial Fishing Derby
5. **July 22-** Annual BLCOA Picnic 1-4pm Hillback cottage
6. **July 23 –** Rain Date Annual BLCOA Picnic 1-4pm Hillback cottage
7. **September 2-** Board meeting 9am IRLC building Stein Rd.
8. **TBD -**Invasive Species training at the state boat launch. We need as many volunteers to sign up as possible. Informative and also you get to meet others using the lake for enjoyment
9. **Ladies Tea Sat. June 17 10 AM -** Kay Bolivar's Camp, Lake View Lodge.at the town dock.
10. **Ladies Tea July 8 2PM** Edie Pasquini's camp, Oak Manor at Waikiki
11. **Lake Conversations couples night June - 7 PM –** Hosts Steve and Kay Bolivar Lakeview Lodge and Jim and Janet Stamps at camp. Dress for the weather
Bring your own beverage; beer, wine or otherwise and a Light nosh to share.

We would love to have teas or Lake Conversations at other camps to learn about its history and how you came to be at the lake, if you would like to host a tea or couple's night just sign up at one you attend, come to the annual meeting and we can announce it or call: Edie 315-576-3798.

Our boat Parades have been a fun activity and we have had a participation of about 13 boats. July fourth weekend seems to have more participants than Labor Day. We will continue with the July fourth parade but not the Labor Day. This year's parade will be Saturday July 1st and we line up the boats near the town dock. Please feel free to join us. Get some flags or balloons and celebrate with us. We will begin at 5 pm. If you are late just get in the parade anyway the more the merrier.

The lake froze over on 12/16/16 and went out the first time on 3/8/17. Then froze over again on 3/15/17 and went out on 4/3/17

I found several old recipes from people who came to the lake and thought maybe other people have some. I thought it might be fun to put together a group of them and add some new ones or ones you yourself currently use while at the lake. Some of the best times are spent with family and friends around the table or the cooking fire. I will call it **Stories and Camp Fare**.

It will have one paragraph with the memory about the person and the recipe and also what camp they are associated with. For instance I have one that George Reed used to make when he visited our camp at Spring Point-camp 60. I wrote about whom he was and how he visited every time we were at the camp and how he and my grandmother cooked the meal outside over the fire. It is a memory I will never forget. If you think this is something you would like to contribute to, please do. You can email me as many as you like and as I said they don't necessarily have to be old ones so don't let that stop you But I would hope they come with a nice memory and connection to being at the lake. If you contribute I will send a copy to you when it is finished, Email: edie.pasquini@gmail.com

At least the water
is up higher
than last year!

April 8,
2017



Aquatic Invasive Species grant in use

1000 Islands - Butterfield Lake, Grass Lake, Millsite Lake and Lake of the Woods are all benefiting from the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) grant awarded to Black Lake this summer. Outreach and education days are being held at these four Indian River Lakes to educate camp owners and boat launch users about stopping the spread of AIS. Black Lake Association President Karen Winters noted: "As the priority of the grant was regional in nature, we partnered with the Goose Bay Reclamation Corporation to secure a shared boat steward between Black Lake and Goose Bay. In addition, four other Indian River Lake associations are participating in special outreach / education days with our boat steward this year, and hopefully more IR lakes during the remaining two years of the grant." The boat steward program involves conducting inspections and delivering education and outreach to recreational boaters to prevent the spread of AIS. The earlier the detection, the higher the probability of eradication.

We need You!



At Butterfield Lake from left are Brooke Bronner, boat steward; Joe Pasquini, president, Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners Association; Larry LaRue and Craig Waterstraat, Butterfield Lake volunteers and Bucky Winters, Black Lake Association volunteer. The new Protect Your Waters sign, obtained through the grant, will be placed at all the beaches.



THE RESULTS:

31 PEOPLE ENTERED... 22 FISH MEASURED!

Adults:

18 7/8 in. bass	Carl Rode -1 st Place
18 1/2 in. bass	Mike Jennejohn
18 1/4 in. bass	Eric Sealy
17 in. bass	Mark Sealy
16 3/8 in. bass	Ryan Eggleston
16 1/8 in. bass	Bob Andrews
16 1/8 in. bass	Zach Eggleston
15 3/4 in. bass	Steve Wysocki
13 1/2 in. bass	Eric Porte

23 1/4 in. pike	Mark Sealy 1 st Place
23 in. pike	Tom Pasquini
20 7/8 in. walleye	Mike Jennejohn 1 st
19 1/2 in. walleye	Bob Andrews
12 3/4 in. panfish (crappie)	Carl Rode -1 st Pl.
11 1/4 in. panfish (crappie)	Eric Sealy

*Thanks to ALL for
a GREAT DERBY!*

Kids:

14 1/2 in. bass	<i>John Baker</i> 1 st Place
12 3/4 in. bass	<i>Braden Fargo</i>
8 3/8 in. panfish (sunfish)	<i>James Baker</i> 1 st Place
8 3/8 in. panfish (sunfish)	<i>Jacob Fargo</i>



2017 Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners

BOB JENNEJOHN MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

Sat. July 15 to NOON Sun., July 16th

Butterfield Cottage Owner Families & Their Guests Invited to Enter!

Measurement – at the **TOWN DOCK...**

5 to 5:30 PM Saturday & NOON to 12:30 Sun.

Prizes Awarded at **BLCOA Picnic the next weekend – 7/22/17**

1:00 PM at Linda Vista, Cottage #29

44056 Butterfield Camp Rd.

Bring a dish to pass, hot dogs, water, soda, ice tea and desserts provided.

Cost is \$3 for age 12 and up, 11 and under free.

Bring lawn chairs or blanket to sit on / RAIN DATE is 7/23

PRIZES: 25% of Pot Awarded for longest fish in 4 categories:

BASS (large or smallmouth) / **Pike** / **Walleye** / **Panfish** (perch, rock bass, crappie, sunny, or bluegill) *The more who enter, the higher the awards!*

Entrants agree to abide by all DEC regulations



RETURN THIS SECTION WITH

\$5 entry fee (CASH only)

to Steve Wysocki (267)424-9721

Cottage 65- RED cottage directly across

From Loon Island on the North end of the lake

or enter at first measurement.

ENTRY DEADLINE – Sat., 7/15 at 5:30 PM.

Name: _____

Cottage # _____

Phone: _____

ADULT 16+



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CHILD 15 & under

Mark your calendar for the Annual picnic

Saturday July 22 (Rain date July 23) Bring a non-dessert dish to pass serving 12. Board provides dessert. \$3.00 Per person and children under age 12 are free. BLCOA provides Hots and rolls, condiments, beverage and paper products. Come and enjoy the company from the other cottage owners and see what kinds of things will be in the auction this year that you can bid on. **The Hillbacks' offer their cottage # 29 Linda Vista for the event.**



BLCOA MEMBERSHIP FORM

fiscal year Jan. 2017 to Dec. 30 2017

Cottage number (s) _____ Paid by CK. # _____ Date ____/____/____

BLCOA
PO BOX 163
REDWOOD, NY 13679

Circle correct one: Membership for one camp \$30.00 Multiple camps \$50.00 Conservator \$50.00

Keep this section for your personal record.

BLCOA MEMBERSHIP FORM

fiscal year Jan. 2017 to Dec. 30 2017

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Last Name _____ First name _____

Winter address: _____

Winter phone: _____

Cottage 911 address _____

Summer Phone: _____

Email address if you would like the newsletter by email _____



Moon rising over Checkered Rocks last fall.



*Hepaticas - liver leaf or liverwort
blooms in the spring at the camp*

