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Ike Alexander's 5lb bass caught the summer of 2022. Ike is the 9-year-old son of Craig and Amy Alexander Cottage #5

Joe Pasquini Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners Association (BLCOA) President

Fall is upon us and we are settling into our winter quarters and reflecting on the activities of the warm summer days.

Some Highlights that Come to Mind:

- We kicked off the year with a good turn-out and successful annual meeting, finding out a little history about each cottage represented at the meeting and discussing many topics, including water quality, membership, upcoming events and finances.
- The 4th of July boat parade drew in lots of boats and even the statue of liberty waved to all as she circled the lake!
- Over 100 cottage owners, family, and friends attended our annual picnic July 30th.
- We had a great time at two boat-in lake concerts, one in July and one in August.
- We experienced good participation in our annual Bob Jennejohn

BLCOA 2023 CALENDAR

Board Meetings

IRLC Office Building
9 AM May 27, June 17
September 2

Annual Meeting

Catholic Church Redwood
Saturday, July 1
8:30 AM Social Hour
9:00 AM Business Meeting

Boat Parade

Sunday, July 2, 4:00 PM
Staging at the Town Dock.
Come as you are or decorate
yourselves and your boat.

Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby

Organizer- Steve Wysocki
July 15 at Sunrise
to Noon July 16. Entry form
and details will be included in
spring newsletter.

BLCOA Annual Picnic

Camp Linda Vista #29
Hosts: Hillbacks
July 29, 1-4/Rain date July 30
Cost: Free. Bring a dish to
share. Hot dogs and dessert
provided by BLCOA Board.

Two Live Concerts

Concert #1 Nate Lazarchuck's
Band, "Another Round," at
Peter's Point, Saturday July 8,
4:00-6:00 PM/Rain date July 9

Concert #2 Mark Palinkas'
Band, "Mothercover," at
Cottage #9 (by the town dock),
Saturday, August 12, 4:00-6:00
PM/Rain date August 13.

(Suggested donation for the
concerts is \$25 per boat, and
tips for musicians are
welcomed.)

Ladies Tea

Date and Location to be
determined.

Some Highlights that Come to Mind: (continued)

- We experienced good participation in our annual Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby with the biggest fish of all the categories measuring more than two feet long! See all the results on page 6.

A Few Items of Note:

- Despite low water, some areas of the lake that have previously experienced difficulty with aquatic weeds were not as inundated this year. Nonetheless, being aware of areas of the lake that are weedy trouble spots, the board has approved some funds for use of a weed harvester for next year, focusing on the north end of the lake if needed. There may be cottage owners who have an interest in having weed harvesting near their property, thus continued discussions will be on the 2023 agenda. Alexandria Bay used their weed harvester to clear out weeds near the town dock early in September.
- Four sets of water samples were taken this fall to provide continued assurance that our water is suitable for swimming and pets.
- We had a boat rescue this summer on July 11 at 2:45 pm. Two guests, each on a paddle board lost control in high winds and fell into the water. Unable to combat the high winds, 911 was called. Redwood fire responded first, and Theresa provided a follow-up rescue boat. Guests at Sweet Point observed the situation and responded. Another lake resident listening to a fire scanner responded and rescued the second person. A little tired and cold, all ended well.
- Our resident loons are doing well with several nesting pairs and at least one new young-adult noted. While our nesting box from the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation did not come in time for 2022, we anticipate having it installed for 2023.
- If you would like to support our local farmers, there is a new venture vegetable stand at 23672 Co. Rt. 3, LaFargeville. If you know of other great locations providing local produce, please let me know for our next newsletter.
- There is a recently published book regarding a Butterfield Lake resident during World War II. *My Dearest Darling* by Lisa Franco chronicles the life of US Navy officer Donald Storey, Sr., during his years at sea. As WWII in the Pacific approached, Donald, a recent Naval Academy graduate, quickly received orders. He entered the war as an officer upon a newly commissioned battleship and sailed to Hawaii and then the South Pacific just after the attack at Pearl Harbor. During this time, he had also met the love of his life. They were engaged and soon married. Later he found out that he was going to be a father.

A Few Items to Note: (continued)

- By 1947 Donald had served on three ships, including a new submarine and a large landing craft where he was captain. This was a lot for a young man to accomplish by the young age of 25! *My Dearest Darling* is a remarkable story written from the pages of the love letters shared between Donald Storey and his beloved wife Margery (Mardy), owners of Checkered Rocks, Cottage #91 (until passing the cottage on to their children). You can learn more about this remarkable story and how it came to be by visiting <https://mydearestdarlingbook.com> where there is also an Amazon link where copies can be purchased. The book was also featured on a Connecticut morning program that can be viewed here: https://www.wfsb.com/video/2022/09/26/my-dearest-darling/?fbclid=IwAR3_Mlk7TABQnyX9T1OGpAI8iB8Hx0t3OU74GytuWUL--5fSoJtEuTzwj8

For Your Consideration:

- Septic tanks should be pumped on a regular schedule. Butterfield Lake cottage #85 on Green Island is owned by Tim Busler of Busler Construction and Septic. Several cottage owners on the lake have been happy to have Busler pump their systems. <https://www.septic.com/septic-services/new-york/theresa/busler-construction-and-sanitation/>. Options for boat-access-only cottages will be discussed at the annual meeting.
- If you are considering a compost toilet, they do require maintenance. Different compost toilets require different levels of attention. There are two types—self-contained and split/central systems—and while they both break down waste, they work a bit differently and have different requirements. You will find some information about compost toilets here: <https://bestreviews.com/bed-bath/toilets/best-composting-toilets> and at <https://www.compocloset.com/post/top-tips-for-maintaining-a-happy-composting-toilet>
- 2-stroke outboard engines emit 97% more pollution than the newer 4-stroke engines, but Evinrude E-tec engines are similar to 4-stroke with regard to pollution, even meeting the stricter European emission standards.

For Your Consideration: (continued)

- If you will be doing shoreline work within the seasonal high water line, you may be required to apply for a New York State permit in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6335.html>.

Some Answers to Questions that I Have Received:

- Cormorants are still federally protected; we cannot disturb them. We have only counted about ten or fewer on the lake.
- NYSDEC has indicated that they stock approximately 3 million walleye yearly.

Marinas on the Lake

- The Butterfield Lake Boat Owners Association (BLBOA) has slips that are deeded to the cottage owners. Temporary subleasing could be a possibility for slips that are rarely used from year to year. President Don Eggleston: 315-751-5189.
- John Bartlett's at Rogers Rd offers year-round slips: 315-408-4159.
- Wimmer's at Round Island Trust Rd offers year-round slips: Contact Trevor Niles at 315-286-8875.

BLCOA Board News:

- We are looking for new board members, so please let me know if you would like to be a lake volunteer. We will be electing new members at the annual meeting July 1st.
- We are also seeking a new board vice president.
- We would like to extend thanks to Jim Borkman for many years of service as a board member. Jim's term ended in 2022.
- Please consider attending the New York State Federation of Lakes Conference held each May. Our lake association pays the expenses for one member to attend yearly. You will learn a lot about the science and technology of water quality and invasive aquatic weeds. If interested, please let me know.

BLCOA Board News: (continued)

- Finally, I would like to extend my personal gratitude to all board members and to all who support the BLCOA through membership and fundraisers. The BLCOA is often looked upon as a model for a successful cottage-owners association, and we couldn't do it without the hearty support of our members. Please take the time to join us again in 2023! And if you are not already a member, please consider becoming one.
- With that I wish you a wonderful fall and winter and look forward to seeing you in the spring and summer of 2023. (Contact information below)

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Did You Know by Edie Pasquini and Lori Porte

- Did you know that Witches Cove, Cottage #93, was once named Wolf Rock and was owned by a Redwood resident, C.F. Dollinger. We only know this because of a historic postcard that predates 1913 when the property was deeded to Dennis and Marette Shannon. The original cottage, a log cabin, was struck by lightning and burned down. Disheartened but not deterred, a new cabin was built in its place.
- Between 1913 and 1980, the property had at least six owners. In 1980, it was purchased by Denny and Sue Farrell. One fine wintery day, Denny went down the lake ice fishing with a friend. Soon smoke was seen in the distance, and Denny realized his own cottage was burning to the ground from a faulty wood stove. With help from his lake friend, Chuck Shipley and a few others, Denny rebuilt on the hill above where the original structures had stood.
- Over the years, additions were added. All that is left at the site of the original cabins are some of the rock foundation on the shore, but if you were to

- look under the water in front of the cottage, you would see something historic but you might not know it!
- Denny and his wife Sue Farrell sold the cottage to Sue's brother Jim Hughes and Jim's wife Tammy in 1999. Jim and Tammy in turn sold the cottage to Scott Connelly in 2020.
- At that time, Denny visited the cottage too, bringing a few stories along. Denny told Scott that sometime between 1833 and 1881, the Redwood Glass Factory altered the underwater topography by mining the cove for material used in their glass factory! This has left Scott with an interest in locating early topographical maps of our lake.
- Since purchasing the cottage, Scott has been very busy updating it and ruminating about the name. He finally returned to a great name: Wolf Rock!



Original Camp

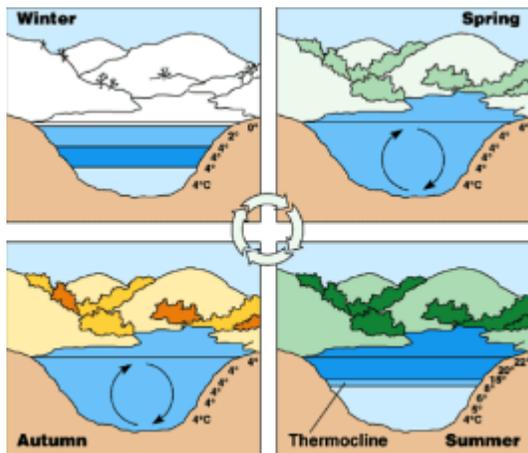
Second Camp



Wolf Rock
Camp as it
looks today.
Cottage #93

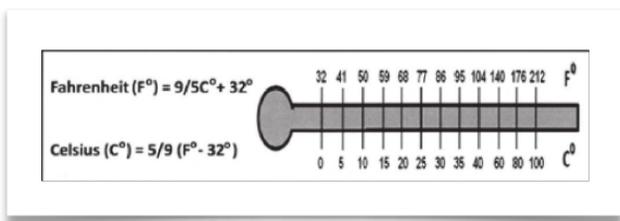
The Seasons and Butterfield's Internal Water Cycle by Walt Dutcher

Butterfield Lake, what a beautiful place! What makes it so special? As a cottage owner, I love to watch the seasonal changes to the lake and the surrounding country. During these seasonal changes, a lot is happening below the surface of our lovely lake. Butterfield Lake is a Dimictic Lake. A Dimictic Lake is a body of freshwater whose difference in temperature between surface and bottom layers becomes negligible twice per year, allowing all strata of the lake's water to circulate vertically. This graphic illustrates what this means. Additionally, Butterfield Lake is a Mesotrophic Lake. Mesotrophic Lakes are water bodies which have moderate levels of alkalinity and nutrients. Our lake is moderately productive, meaning it has lots of nutrients to make the weeds grow but isn't Eutrophic like Mud Lake or Oligotrophic like Millsite Lake. (Further explanations regarding Oligotrophic and Eutrophic bodies of water can be found in Chapter 1 on Page 17 of *Diet for a Small Lake* available online at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/82123.html>)



<https://public.wsu.edu/~rlee/biol103/ecologybiosphere/sld037.htm>

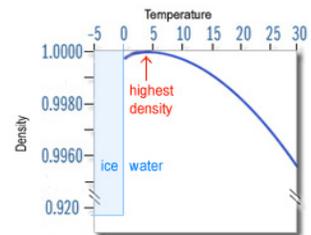
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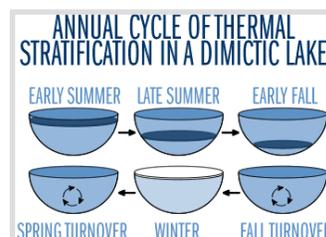
So, what's so special about a Dimictic Lake? Understanding how the water in the lake mixes and stratifies during seasonal changes will help

you understand what happens. When we start opening up our cottages in the spring, the waters are all mixed together, top to bottom. As the weather and the lake water warms up, the colder more dense water starts to fall to the deep bottom and the warmer water stays on top. Water has a peculiar property that it has a maximum density at 4 degrees Centigrade (39.2 degrees Fahrenheit). Water that is warmer "floats" up and water that is colder "sinks". The thermocline is a rapidly changing temperature gradient that forms the boundary between the cold and warm waters and is a stable boundary. Unless the thermocline is disturbed by strong wind and wave action, the water doesn't mix together across this boundary. Over the course of the summer the thermocline can move deeper into the lake as the top water warms up. Fish love the thermocline! The water at the upper side of the thermocline is well mixed from the surface and is well oxygenated but cold enough that the fish can thrive. Below the thermocline, the water gradually becomes de-oxygenated as old weeds, algae and other biomatter decompose and consume the oxygen. Since there is no circulation with the top waters, there is no fresh oxygen until the lake turns over in the fall and the lower waters are mixed with the top waters. When it gets even colder, an inverted thermocline forms with lighter but colder water forming ice on the surface while the lower waters are much warmer and more dense at 39.2 degrees Fahrenheit. In the spring, the cycle starts all over again.

<https://www.bccdpa.com/blog/lake-stratification-and-turnover>



Water is most dense at 3.98 degrees celsius and gets less dense as it cools or warms.



https://serc.carleton.edu/integrate/teaching_materials/water_science_society/student_materials/842

**Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby
by Steve Wysocki**



Dave Morris
25 1/4" Pike
Cottage #100

Zach Eggleston
22 3/4" Bass
(also a 19 3/16" Bass).
Cottage #95



Jim Jurewicz
(pictured with
wife Nancy)
11 1/2"
Crappie
Cottage #37

Youth Winners

Logan, Lance, and Liam Nalen, Norm and Sue Tessier's grandsons caught Rock Bass and Bass Cottage #84. (Pictured with Steve Wysocki)



Other Adult Fishing Derby Entries Include:

John Baker 18 3/4" and 16 3/4" Bass
Gail Borkman 16 3/4" Bass
Jim Borkman 7 3/4" Sunfish
Brittany Nickles 22 1/2" Pike and 7 3/4" Crappie
Carl Rode 17 1/2" Bass and 10 1/4" Crappie
Steve Wysocki 17 5/8" Bass
Eric Wysocki 14 11/16" Bass

GREAT DERBY, THANKS EVERYONE!
Come and get 'em next year!

Pet Column by Edie Pasquini

Huey and Taz Wieczorek love helping their parents, Patty and Joe Wieczorek, fish. Whenever they see a fishing pole, they are ready to spring into action!
Cottage #126



This sweet girl, Joy McFarren, visits the lake with her parents Paul and Anne McFarren. You may have heard Joy when you were on the lake as she loves to howl at the volunteer fire sirens.
Cottage #109

If you have a great picture of your pet at the lake that you would like to submit for a drawing, send your photo to Edie Pasquini at edie.pasquini@gmail.com. Please only pictures of your four-legged pet, not your two-legged ones.

As always, if you would like to receive the newsletters via email in order to be able to see the pictures in color, sign up for this service at the bottom of your membership form.

Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners Association (BLCOA) Membership Form

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Membership Cost: \$30 for 1 cottage, \$50 for multiple cottages

Please make checks payable to BLCOA.

Mail to BLCOA, PO Box 163, Redwood, NY 13679

Email Rene Porte, Treasurer, at RLporte1018@gmail.com if preferred method of payment is Venmo.

Date _____ BLCOA Cottage Number(s) _____

Cottage Name _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Winter Mailing Address _____

Summer Mailing Address _____

5 Digit Cottage 9-1-1 number/address _____

(Recommend this number is visible on your cottage for emergency use)

Winter Phone Number _____

Include in published directory:

Summer Phone Number _____ Yes _____ No _____

Email Address _____ Yes _____ No _____

I would like to receive the BLCOA Newsletter via email: Yes _____ No _____