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Mark and Karen Palinkas (Cottage #9) Enjoying the Boat Parade with
Family and Friends— July 2022 Photo by Kay Bolivar

Joe Pasquini Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners Association (BLCOA) President

It's spring again and time to think about what's happening in, on, and around Butterfield Lake. For this publication, I want to present some updates regarding lake activities, some interesting facts and some definitions you should know..

Updates:

- In February, it was reported that the lake level was very high, flooding most of the state boat launch parking lot and town dock area. Substantial snow around Christmas and the January thaw created heavy runoff. It is suggested you check your shoreline for missing property that may have floated down the lake.
- As you may know the BLCOA annual picnic has been held, uninterrupted, at the Hillback's cottage for almost 40 years! Last year, we experienced the largest turnout with approximately 100 in attendance. We are looking forward to another great turnout for this year's picnic, and we will have our musical friends "Lost Resort" to provide some live music and a PA system for announcements. Please see the calendar for dates and for information about the picnic and for other events.

BLCOA 2023 CALENDAR

Board Meetings

IRLC Office Building

9am May 27, June 17

September 2

Annual Meeting

Catholic Church Redwood

Saturday, July 1

8:30am Social Hour

9:00am Business Meeting

Boat Parade

Sunday, July 2, 4:00pm

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 is at the end of this 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, beverages, and desserts provided by BLCOA Board.

Two Live Concerts

Concert #1 Nate Lazarchuck's Band, "Another Round," Peter's Point, #49, Saturday July 8, 4:00-6:00pm/Rain date July 9

Concert #2 Mark Palinkas' Band, "Mothercover," at Cottage #9 (by the town dock), Saturday, August 12, 4:00-6:00pm/no rain date.

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

Ladies Tea

Saturday, August 26, 2:00pm

-4:00pm—Hostesses Kay

Bolivar/Janet Stamps. Lakeview Lodge, next to town dock.

- Water samples were taken in the fall at 4 locations near the head of the lake. Results showed low levels for both E.coli and total coliform. These results are indicators of water quality, assuring it is safe to swim.
- The board and association voted to sponsor a grant for a compost toilet to be purchased with support from the lake association. If you are in need of a compost toilet, please contact me at 585-315-1012. 37 Building Supply will supply the toilet.
- The BLCOA board continues investigating the efficacy of using a weed harvester to clear areas congested with weeds. Due to the cost, the possibility may be limited.
- The loon nesting platform arrived this winter. Installation and monitoring will be coordinated through Stephan Swan and the Indian River Lakes Conservancy (IRLC).
- The state boat launch usage appears to be an issue as the DEC has determined only fishermen with trailers may park there. The board will discuss this issue and determine what actions might be taken.
- Remember, all boaters in NYS are required to have a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025. For a fee of \$35, you can sign up to take the boater safety course at The Antique Boat Museum in Clayton or on-line. The website to sign up is ABM.org. If you previously took the course but cannot find your certificate, you can pay \$10 on this website: lostmycard.com, and they will send you a replacement certificate.
- We are accepting nominations for new board members. Please volunteer or nominate someone who is willing to serve.

Here are some definitions you should know:

- Coliform and Total Coliform are bacteria found in human and animal waste. They are also found in soil and water that have been contaminated by runoff over such waste.
- E.coli bacteria normally live in your intestines. When E.coli is found in water, it is an indicator of waste runoff.
- Phosphorous (P) is an essential nutrient for plant growth. Excess phosphorous can cause explosive growth of aquatic plants and algae.
- Keystone species is a species on which other species in an ecosystem largely depend, such that if it were removed, the ecosystem would change drastically. For Butterfield Lake largemouth bass, pike and walleye control the ecosystem as top predators. You can further explore the topic of keystone species at this website: <https://media.hhmi.org/biointeractive/click/keystone/bass.html#:~:text=Largemouth%20bass%20are%20top%20predators,can%20cascade%20throughout%20the%20ecosystema>

Historical Items:

- One topic of interest is related to the return of a healthy Lake Sturgeon population being found in the St Lawrence River. As a reminder from our Spring 2022 newsletter, Lake Sturgeon are generally known to grow from 3 to 7 feet. The Thousand Island Sun article of December 7, 2022 highlighted sturgeon caught in the St Lawrence River.

The following link shows Lawrence Taylor from Hammond, circa 1940-1950, pictured with 4 sturgeon weighing in at a total of 601 pounds, each being approximately 6 feet in length. During that time period, fish were caught and held alive until a boxcar full could be sent by rail to New York City. The fish were prepared for shipment (dressed), iced down, placed in a box car and arrived in New York City the following day.

<https://www.northcountryatwork.org/archive-items/sturgeon-catch-in-hammond/>

- Another interesting fact was learned from Jim and Nancy Jurewicz, the new owners of Cottage #37. They learned that the first owner of their property was William Pierce of Connecticut, the owner of the Emerol Manufacturing Corp. William's father Burt N. Pierce was an inventor of great talent. His inventions include the first practical V-type engine, the reversible pitch propeller, and the Marvel carburetor which was used on 70% of all American cars. In addition, he invented the Marvel Mystery Oil which is still used today.

Acknowledgements:

I have worked on the BLCOA newsletters for 13 years and understand the effort required to produce a successful newsletter. Thus I would like to thank all who have contributed to writing, creating and publishing the newsletters.

Green Sunfish Found in Butterfield Lake by John Baker

I have been fishing off the dock of my family's camp (#61) on Butterfield Lake ever since I was a little kid. I was always fascinated by all the little sunfish that I would see swimming around the posts of our dock.

Over the years, fishing became a passion of mine, and I have caught hundreds of fish, becoming familiar with all the different kinds of fish that swim around our lake. At this point, I can identify the fish very easily.

That's why I found it strange when I caught a fish I wasn't familiar with for the first time in 2021. At the time, I was using up some old night-crawlers off my dock, trying to catch some bluegill or sunfish. Initially, I just assumed I had caught another one of them, but the very distinct colors of the pelvic fin and anal fin of this fish caught my eye and made it clear that I had caught something completely different.

It was those distinct colors that made it easy for me to identify it as a green sunfish. I've seen other anglers online catching them in different parts of the country and have seen them in different fishing guidebooks as well. Those are the only reasons I'm familiar with the species at all. I never thought I would see one in our lake. I had never known them to be native to Butterfield. I did a quick Google search for green sunfish right then and there just to be absolutely sure I was identifying it correctly, and I came to the conclusion that I wasn't mistaken. I thought it would just be an anomaly of some kind, but I began to catch them on several other occasions as well, and that's what struck me as extremely odd.

I'm no expert like the DEC, or any of the research teams that work on our lake, but I can't imagine this species has been in the lake for too long, especially since the first time I ever saw them was only a couple years ago. I imagine I would have come across them at a younger age as well if they have been around for any significant period of time. As aforementioned, I have seen them on a fairly consistent basis since 2021, so it's very possible there's a good amount of them swimming around. I've seen small baitfish that have accidentally been tipped into the lake once or twice, but I have never seen a stranger to the lake so consistently.

In researching the presence of Green Sunfish, I learned that they are considered invasive in some states, such as New Jersey and Florida. Green Sunfish are known to be aggressive to other fish, and may chase other species away from their habitat.

Green Sunfish Continued

They are native in many areas of the country as well, primarily in the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River Basin, and in the Connecticut River. It remains a mystery how they ended up in our lake.

I haven't heard of anyone else catching them in our lake, and I've never caught them anywhere other than off my dock. I have a hard time believing that's the only spot where they would be found.



Photo of Green Sunfish by John Baker

The History of The Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby by Mike Jennejohn

My dad, Bob Jennejohn, was an avid fisherman. In the early 90's, I believe it was 1994, Bob proposed to the BLCOA that it would be fun to hold a fishing derby. The derby would be offered to cottage owners, their families and guests, and the fish would need to be caught in Butterfield Lake. There would be cash prizes coming solely from entry fees, and in those days the fee was \$5.00. Bob decided that in the absence of a reliable scale, the biggest fish would be the longest fish. In Bob's own words "everybody has a tape measure!" Bob volunteered to run the derby and handle everything. With the BLCOA on board, the annual BLCOA Fishing Derby was established.

One of the most important parts of the derby was the kids' division. Bob was really good with kids. He got a kick out of getting them to smile and laugh, and he made sure they were part of the action. There were ribbons and trinkets for even the youngest entrant. He would make a big deal out of measuring every rock bass or sunfish, recognizing who caught what on what type of bait and where.

Seeing the people and variety of fish brought in, sharing stories of the ones that got away, and good natured ribbing for some of the less fortunate who didn't catch a winning fish was all part of the fun.

Sadly, Bob passed away very suddenly in 2013. Fortunately, Steve Wysocki picked up where Bob left off, providing as much enthusiasm and dedication as Bob had!



Bob Relaxing on Butterfield Lake

Remembering Bob and Betty Jennejohn by Mike Jennejohn

If you read the article about the fishing derby, you learned a lot about Bob Jennejohn. With the passing of Betty Jennejohn on January 1 of this year, we thought it would be nice to share some memories about them that you might not know. Bob and Betty were very active members in the BLCOA from the early days of the organization.

Bob and Betty began coming to Butterfield Lake in the mid 1960's when Betty found a cottage to rent in the Kodak newsletter, the Kodakery.

Remembering Bob and Betty Continued

The cottage was owned by Rollin and Francis Bulson. Rollin was quite a character, sometimes liking to yodel in the morning!

The cottage came with a good-sized aluminum boat, and Bob brought along a 10hp Scott Atwater outboard motor that he borrowed from a friend. It was an incredible week for Bob, Betty and their four kids; swimming, fishing, sunning, going to Boldt Castle, getting ice-cream cones, and hearing the loons call to each other while lying in bed.

Not another summer ever went by without a vacation at Butterfield Lake! Once a week for 10 years soon became two weeks, eventually three weeks, and then the search began to find a cottage of their own.

In 1986 they came into contact with Adeline Pierce. She and her late husband had a camp on Butterfield Lake. Living alone, the cottage had become too much for her to commute between the lake and her home in Connecticut, so she decided to sell, and the Jennejohns had just found their dream cottage, The Hideout!



Bob and Betty Relaxing on the Porch of Their Dream Cottage

Early on Bob and Betty were members of the Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners' Association. Bob volunteered to do water sampling and coliform testing. Betty was asked to be the secretary, and also she took on the role of treasurer for many years. She recorded the minutes from meetings and created an annual report for finances. She also put together the newsletter, and she even introduced graphics, a pretty big deal in those days!

Betty enjoyed her interactions with the other ladies of the lake. She thought it was unfortunate that the only time she saw them was at the annual picnic, so she suggested having a ladies luncheon at an area restaurant. The idea caught on quickly and soon became 2 then 3 times per summer. The ladies visited all around the region from Cape Vincent to TI Park on Wellesley Island, even going to Canada. Sometimes as many as 14 ladies attended. For Betty, those were some of the most fun days of the summer.

Betty was also a member of the Redwood Historical Society, and she volunteered at the Redwood Museum.

In addition to being an avid fisherman, Bob was somewhat skilled at woodworking. He had a scroll saw, and he started creating wooden figures of loons. He hand painted them, and they looked very nice. He started making planters out of them, and then he made standing blue herons which looked quite life-like. He spent winters in his basement in Rochester working on these projects and began selling them.

Soon Bob came up with an idea to make wooden loon plaques and inlay the impression of Butterfield Lake across the body of the loon. He made small wood cut-outs of all of the islands and placed them on the lake impressions that he copied from an actual map of the lake, showing every point and bay. When Bob donated one of the maps to be raffled at the BLCOA summer picnic, it got a fair amount of attention, and soon Bob had requests to make more.



Butterfield Lake Loon Map Plaque Made by Bob

Remembering Bob and Betty Jennejohn Cont'd

With such a great response for Butterfield Lake loon maps, Bob decided to make loon maps of other lakes. Black Lake was popular. Bob had them on display in a souvenir shop in Alexandria Bay for a few years, and eventually he expanded his variety to include different islands on the St. Lawrence River and bays. Bob's business expanded to Wellesley Island and many other shops along the river. Betty enjoyed that every time Bob sold a map, he would take her out for dinner!

For 27 years, from April to October, Bob and Betty enjoyed retirement at their cottage on Butterfield Lake. "It was a good Life."

Greetings from Indian River Lakes Conservancy Executive Director Wylie Huffman

The robins, red-winged blackbirds, and kestrels are all returning to the Indian River Lakes for the summer and hopefully your migration back to Butterfield's cherished lakeshore will be soon.

I want to share with you some of the wins that your community spirit, care for nature, and generosity are bringing to our beloved North Country.

Together with BLCOA help and IRLC support, we have added two public access preserves, adding 216 acres and increasing IRLC's protection to over 2,700 acres of shoreline, wetland, and forested habitat around the Indian River Lakes. The grand opening of our new Red Lake Preserve will be June 7th, and the Ferrone Woods Preserve will open later this summer.

In addition, our collaboration with lake associations and the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation is helping us to place loon nesting rafts on our lakes in locations where loons have lost eggs due to fluctuating water levels and predators. Flourishing loon populations are indicators of healthy lakes, and Butterfield will be the site of one of the rafts, near Muskellunge Bay. It is important not to disturb nesting pairs.

For more information about protecting loons, see our upcoming newsletter. IRLC Newsletters are mailed to current IRLC members, and are available in our office at 43982 Stine Road in Redwood or at our trailheads.

We hope to see you at an upcoming IRLC event:

- Birds, Blossoms, & Bugs Hike—May 6th at Grand Lake Reserve
- Water Quality Conference—June 2nd at Redwood Hill Preserve
- Red Lake Preserve Opening—June 7th at 41315 Honey Hill Road, Theresa, NY 13691
- Community Paddle with the Antique Boat Museum—July 7th at Lake of the Woods
- WHIRL Teen Environmental Education—starts July 11th
- Elizabeth May Duvall Nature Grows Kids Camp—July 18th—July 20th at Redwood Hill Preserve
- Celebration of Lakes—Celebrating 25 years! Farm-to-Table Dinner & Music—August 6th at TI Winery
- WHIRL Community Outreach Day—August 11th
- Fall Family Fun Day—September 23rd at Redwood Hill Preserve

You can find out more information on these events on our website: indianriverlakes.org, or give us a call at 315-482-4757.

Abington Ledge - Gone But Not Forgotten By Shirley Carpenter

Phyllis Jewett Wingerath, long time owner, of the cottage that once stood on this rocky, Butterfield Lake ledge, tells us in her written cottage history that the cottage was built in the 1920s with the actual construction being done by local Redwood carpenters named Hartman. Former owners included the Bogarts and the Taylors, but the cottage was owned for more than 70 years by the Ray Jewett family, having been purchased by Phyllis's father, a Redwood native, in 1944. Phyllis, herself, married another Redwood native, Donald Wingerath, who was descended from the Holmes family, prosperous Redwood merchants, who had built Waikiki, one of the largest, finest summer homes on Butterfield Lake.

Abington Ledge - Gone But Not Forgotten Cont'd

Phyllis inherited Abington Ledge in 1970, and as the children grew up and left home, their house in nearby Clayton became too large. Don and Phyllis decided to renovate and winterize the cottage into a year-round home. They moved over in 1982, and were somewhat apprehensive about being snowbound. They were both still employed at the time, but neither of them ever missed a day of work due to impassable roads. Only once did Don have to take Phyllis out to Stine Road to meet her ride to work. In 1993, after the so called "storm of the century", the snowplow could not cope with the 5 foot snow drifts, and it was necessary to hire a front-end loader to clear the way.



Abington Ledge 1920 - 2020

In 1986, Don and Phyllis received a surprise visit from the original owner, Dr. Bogart's nephew. He had spent his youth there, and after 58 years, he had come back to reminisce. He showed where he had pitched his tent, where the hole through the wall for bringing in the ice had been, and he explained where the Indian axe head in the fireplace had come from. He had enjoyed many happy days there as have the Jewett and Wingerath families, including the 1949 wedding of Don and Phyllis as well as their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1999, celebrated with children, grandchildren, and friends. The rock ledge across the front of the property where the name was once painted, and the thick growth of trees and shrubs all remain much the same, but the cottage that stood there for nearly 100 years and was so familiar to all of us has been demolished, replaced by a much larger and more modern structure. Memories that were made there live on in the hearts and minds of family and friends.



Generations of Jewetts and Wingeraths Enjoyed Swinging into Butterfield Lake on this Rope Swing.

Welcome

The BLCOA would like to welcome newcomers from the last few years:

Andy & Katherine Boos, #34 (Abington Ledge)

Melissa & David Cadwell, #125 (Bonnie Belle)

Scott Connelly, #93 (Wolfe Rock)

James & Nancy Jurewicz, #37

David & Wendy Hill, #99 (A Summer Place)

Eileen & Jed Hoban, #51 (Hoban's Hideaway)

Susan Allen-Mahoney, #10D

David & Thomas McCoy, #18 (Shepherd's Rock)

Kim Snell, #40 (Serendipity)

*If you are a newcomer or know of a newcomer that we should recognize, please send an email to Rene at RLPorte@AOL.com.

Ladies Tea

This summer, we will again have a ladies tea. All ladies on the lake are invited to a tea hosted by Janet Stamps and Kay Bolivar. It will be on August 26th from 2 PM to 4 PM. In keeping with tradition, we will have a gift exchange, but we will be mixing it up a bit this year. Instead of a tea towel, bring a pair of socks, if you would like to participate in the exchange. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon of visiting with lake friends and get to know some of our new lake ladies.

The location of the tea is at Kay Bolivar's cottage # 2. Address is 28912 Butterfield Lake Road, next to the town dock. Please contact Kay at 505-412-2885 to RSVP.

Ladies Tea Continued



Dorothy Pasquini shows off the tea towel she received in the gift exchange last August. The highly prized tea towel, was made by Bev Cliff.

BLCOA Annual Picnic

All cottage owners, their families and guests are invited to attend our annual picnic free of charge on July 29, 1-4 pm at the Hillback's Cottage #29, 44056 Butterfield Camp Road. (Rain date July 30)

- The board will provide hot dogs, paper products, condiments, drinks and desserts. Families who attend are asked to bring a dish to share (other than dessert) to serve at least 12.
- Bring chairs or a blanket on which to sit and join us for an afternoon of fun and games.
- This year there will be live music, live and silent auctions, and raffle prizes. Games include corn hole, water balloon toss, piñata for the kids, cake game, and guessing games.
- If you would like to volunteer to bring a cake for our cake game, please contact Janet Stamps at 813-624-8533.

- **RSVP Rene with estimate of number attending.** RLPorte@aol.com /585-766-0351. Since we had so many people last year, we want to make sure we have enough hot dogs, drinks and desserts.
- Fishing derby prizes will be presented by Steve Wysocki, organizer of the fishing derby. In addition, Wally Walleye will be given a new home for the year.



Balloon Toss During the Annual Picnic Last July

Pet Column by Edie Pasquini

This year we are recognizing two dogs who live and or visit our lake in the summer.



Axel McFarren loves to kayak and retrieve sticks thrown in the water. Owner Paul McFarren Cottage #109

Pet Column Continued



Tess Pasquini taking time from chasing chipmunks to go for a boat ride. Owners Jim and Dorothy Pasquini at Waikiki, Cottage #48

We again would like to invite you to submit a picture of your pet enjoying the lake. We would like to have pictures of just your pet and preferably with the lake in the background. Please submit your photo to Edie Pasquini at ediepasquini@gmail.com

National Safe Boating Week is May 20-26, 2023

You can review safe boating guidelines and attain free resources at the Safe Boating Campaign website: <https://safeboatingcampaign.com/news-center/>

Notary Public

Should you need one, your BLCOA secretary, Lori Porte is a notary public. She is happy to provide this service to our cottage owners and their friends and family free of charge. You may contact her at LKP279@aol.com or 585-766-0353.

Cosmos-The Perfect Cottage Flower By Lori Porte

Cosmos come in a wide variety of colors and sizes, and they're easy to sow and grow. According to The Wildflower Seed Company catalogue, "If you can't grow cosmos, perhaps you should take up golf!" Because cosmos are annuals, they must be replanted each year, thus they won't spread out of control. In other words, they aren't invasive. Cosmos will like to be planted in a sunny or partly shady place, and they prefer to germinate in temperate soil, when it's not too hot or too cold. Cosmos are drought tolerant, and they don't like fertilizer. The seeds should be planted just a quarter inch deep, and with a little water and sunshine, they will begin blooming in about six weeks.



Photo of a Variety of Cosmos, Marde Ross & Co.

Three Great Bands on the Lake!

Back for our 3rd year is the ever popular northern NY country rock band, Another Round, led by fellow cottage owner and lead singer/guitarist Nate Lazarchuck! Another Round is scheduled for our first summer fundraiser concert, Saturday July 8, 4:00-6:00pm with a rain date of July 9 at Peter's Point, Cottage #49.

Lead guitarist Mark Palinkas, of Central NY rock band Mothercover, summers with us at Cottage #9, The Treehouse. Mark and his fellow band mates will make their Butterfield Lake debut for our second summer fund-raiser concert on Saturday, August 12 from 4:00-6:00pm near the town dock. You can follow Another Round and Mothercover on Facebook!

Providing a soft rock, Simon and Garfunkel sound at our lake picnic, Saturday July 29, 1:00-4:00pm (rain date July 30), is Lost Resort. Acoustic guitarist/singers Tom Tills and Steve Smith are Rochester friends of Isle of Pines cottage owner, Alex Macur.

So hop in your boat for our fundraiser concerts or drive over to the Hillbacks for our lake picnic! All are guaranteed to be memorable and fun!

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For those of you with internet, please consider requesting your newsletter be sent electronically. Not only will you be able to see some great color photos, but you will also be able to easily access web links and email addresses by clicking on your electronic version. To receive the newsletter electronically, select this option on the attached membership form.

Fun for ALL !!!



2023

Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners

Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby

Butterfield Families, Friends & Guests Invited to Enter!

**Starts Saturday, July 15
to NOON Sunday July 16th**

Enter and LEGAL size fish to be measured
at the **TOWN DOCK...**

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

Prizes Awarded at BLCOA Picnic two weeks later – 7/29/23

1-4 PM at Linda Vista, Cottage #29 44056 Butterfield Camp Rd.

RAIN DATE is next day, 7/30

PRIZES: 25% of Pot Awarded for longest fish in 4 categories: **Bass** (12"+) (large or smallmouth)

Pike (18"+) **Walleye** (15"+) **Panfish:** crappie (10 "+), perch, rockbass, sunny, or bluegill (any size is legal)

The more who enter, the higher the awards!

Entrants agree to abide by all DEC regulations

RETURN THIS SECTION WITH

\$10.00 entry fee (CASH only)

to Steve Wysocki (267)424-9721 Cottage 65

or pay to enter at 5 PM Measurement 7/15.

Name: _____

Cottage # _____

Phone: _____

ADULT 16+

RETURN THIS SECTION WITH

\$5.00 entry fee (CASH only)

to Steve Wysocki (267)424-9721 Cottage 65

or pay to enter at 5 PM Measurement 7/15

Name: _____

Cottage # _____

Phone: _____

Youth age 0-15