

MPSLA

MARCH NEWSLETTER

2013

President's Letter

Dear McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake Residents,

First, I want to wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year. Last year, at our annual meeting, we asked for members to consider joining the board as older board members were retiring. We were fortunate enough to have volunteers take some of the vacant positions. At this time, McGrath Pond is well represented and we would encourage members from Salmon Lake to consider volunteering for the remaining seats that are still available. Currently, Rock LaCroix and Doug McCafferty are the two from Salmon Lake.

The following are the new members and their respective positions: Sheila Rancourt, treasurer, Bob Ray, webmaster, Marilyn Hall, alternate board member, David and Kim Hallee, board members. The secretary position continues to be vacant and the positions of president and vice president will be vacant as of July of 2013.

"Eyes on the Water" was a two hour workshop in July of 2012. It was a welcome success. Participants learned how to recognize the most dangerous and invasive plants. It was a hands-on activity with a set of plant cards distributed to help recognize these plants when on the water. MSPLA would be glad to host another workshop if there is interest. To sign up, contact a board member so we can set a date, time and place. We are also looking to make aqua viewing scopes at the next workshop.

Concern from the ponds: We know they're fun. We know folks like to use them . . . but **Jet skis** do pose a problem on both ponds. They are – loud – high traffic – drudge up aqua habitat in shallow areas. While the MPSLA has no authority over the use of the jet skis on either pond, it is in our bylaws to encourage the watershed community to use the lake responsibly and in a courteous fashion for the benefit of all. We would encourage those who use the jet skis on the pond to please evaluate the use and make the appropriate modifications. If you witness improper jet ski operation (greater than headway speed within 200 feet of shore or island, excessive noise, reckless operation etc.) I strongly encourage you to contact the local game wardens at the **Regional Communication Center (Augusta) 1-800-452-4664 24 hours a day.**

Mark your Calendar our 2013 Annual Meeting is on Thursday July 11th @ 6:30pm @ the North Belgrade Community Center.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Purnell

Shoreline Soundings



Current board members:

SECRETARY POSITION OPEN!!!

Marilyn Hall (alternate)207-465-4761
 David & Kim Hallee (board members)207-873-5285
 Rock Lacroix (board member)207-861-1145
 Zlatko Necevski (Vice-President)207-314-6369
 Benton Purnell (alternate)207-465-3072
 Nona Purnell (alternate)207-465-3072
 Ron Purnell (President)207-465-3072
 Sheila Rancourt (treasurer)207-465-2897
 Bob Ray (webmaster)207-465-4756
 Paula J. Raymond (newsletter coordinator). 207-465-6200
 Jay Wietecha (board member)207-215-3590

BRCA – More to do! – Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 P.M.
Maine Maple Sunday – wishing Well Farm, Norridgewock
 Join us at Wishing Well Farms in Norridgewock as Warren Balgooyen gives a tour of his maple sugaring facilities. Learn about the science and lore of this traditional treat.

BRCA –
Annual Golf Tournament
Belgrade Lakes Gold Club
Wednesday, August 14, 2013.
For all BRCA events
call to register @ 207-495-6039

BRCA Education and Outreach Event

Saturday –March 23rd at 10:00 A.M.

Animal Track Walk

Meet at Round Top Trailhead Parking lot, Watson Pond Rd, Rome. BRCA staff, Toni Pied, will be leading a family friendly walk on the Dolley Property. We will be researching for animal tracks in the snow and earth. Springtime is right around the corner and animal life is coming out for food and play.

BRCA @ 207-495-6039

Some important numbers to have on hand.

Hunting and Fishing licenses on line access:

You can purchase either anytime day or night and print it as well. FMI:

<https://www5.inform.org/cig-bin/online>

Game Warden: 1-800-452-4664

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries

and Wildlife: 207-287-8000

Town of Oakland: 207-465-7357

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Shoreline Soundings



Ice out dates submitted by:

Judy and Tom Griffin



1973 ... 4/18	1994 ... 4/26
1974 ... 4/16	1995 ... 4/13
1975 ... 4/26	1996 ... 4/17
1976 ... 4/16	1997 ... 4/23
1977 ... 4/20	1998 ... 4/10
1978 ... 4/29	1999 ... 4/09
1979 ... ???	2000 ... 4/05
1980 ... 4/10	2001 ... 4/28
1981 ... 3/26	2002 ... 4/09
1982 ... 4/25	2003 ... 4/24
1983 ... 4/05	2004 ... 4/18
1984 ... 4/22	2005 ... 4/18
1985 ... 4/13	2006 ... 3/28
1986 ... 4/07	2007 ... 4/24
1987 ... 4/11	2008 ... 4/22
1988 ... 4/10	2009 ... 4/12
1989 ... 4/23	2010 ... 3/22
1990 ... 4/14	2011 ... 4/21
1991 ... 4/14	2012 ... 3/22
1992 ... 4/20	2013 What's
1993 ... 4/21	your guess?

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

**July 11, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M. Location:
North Belgrade Community Center**

**The fastest way to receive your MPSLA
Newsletter is to join our email list by emailing
RonNona@roadrunner.com OR noting it on
your dues payment.**

**HELP WANTED! MPSLA needs old members to return and
help bring in new recruits. We are also looking for a secretary
and the position of president will be vacant soon. Meetings
are held every other month along with our annual meeting held
every July or August depending on the year as it rotates.**

**Help us to help each other keep our waters clean and safe for
everyone.**

Board members look forward to hearing from you.



Jet Ski Concerns contact.....

**Regional Communication Center (Augusta)
1-800-452-4664
24 hours a day.**

**Noise – Improper operation – Within 200 feet of shore –
operation close to other boats etc.**

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ICE SAFETY!



General Ice Thickness Guidelines – For New, Clear Ice Only:

2" or less - STAY OFF

4" May allow Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5" often allows for Snowmobile or ATV travel
8" - 12" of good ice with supports most cars or small pickups .

12" - 15" will likely hold a Medium sized truck.
Remember that these thicknesses are merely
guidelines for new, clear, solid ice. Many factors
other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe. **Source:**

http://www.maine.gov/ifw/warden_service/safety.html



Ariel view of McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake at the channel

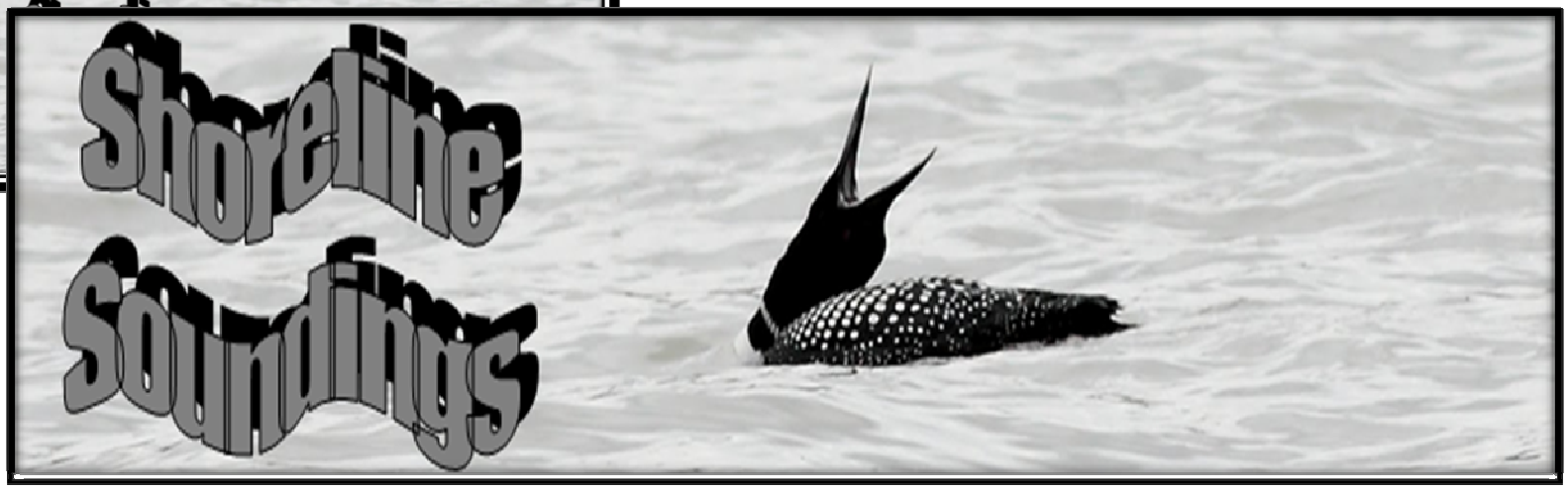
The purpose of the MPSLA is to preserve and protect the natural character, enhance the water quality and promote responsible use of the lakes for the benefit of all. We are a dedicated group of volunteers committed to preserving, protecting and enhancing our lakes.

Gemini having some fun in the snow on the pond.



Board member, Benton Purnell,
cleaning around the boat landing.





MEMBERSHIP FORM

From the Membership Committee . . .

Your membership is important to the continued success of our organization. We welcome old members' renewal and new members and ask that you fill out the following form.

_____ \$25.00

\$ _____ Courtesy Boat Inspection Program

_____ \$50.00

\$ _____ Frances Fox Sandmel Education Fund

_____ \$100.00

\$ _____ Other Contribution

\$ _____ 2013 dues

_____ Total Amount – Thank you for your continued support.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Email address _____ renewal _____ new member _____

Volunteers are ALWAYS welcomed and much needed. Please consider one of the following:

_____ boat ramp/milfoil monitor

_____ membership committee

_____ newsletter committee

_____ water quality

_____ board member

Please submit your membership dues and area of volunteer service to:

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