

Lake Todd Times

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August Social

Bill and Margie Weiler have again generously offered their home at the north end of the lake for our August social. It will be held on Sunday, August 12, at noon. We will have a cookout and pot lunch early enough for the travellers and commuters to eat before they get on the road. We hope everyone on the lake will come!

Remember the paperclip game from last year? If you can think of another good ice-breaker for this year, please call Carol Tonkin at 938-2811. More information about the Social will be forthcoming. Please keep the date open and we will look forward to seeing you!

Carol Tonkin

Thank you!

Many thanks to all who have paid their annual maintenance dues! We hope those of you who have procrastinated will send a check for \$25, payable to the Lake Todd Association, to P.O. Box 169, Bradford, NH 03221. The cost to register the dam each year is \$300, plus several hundred dollars to monitor the water quality. This year we also spent \$1,000 to replace a trash rack at the dam. All of the time put in by Lake Todd residents to run the Association is voluntary, but there are also expenses that require cash. Alternatives to dues would be much more expensive to homeowners, so please pay your dues today if you haven't already! Thank you!

Annual Meeting

We had a terrific annual meeting with approximately 40 people, wonderful refreshments, and a short but informative meeting. The meeting itself only lasted about 55 minutes and everyone had a great time visiting with neighbors before and after the meeting. We saw many new faces there and we welcome everyone to Lake Todd.

If you have any questions about the lake or the dam, please contact one of our officers or directors. Our new officers are: Carol Tonkin, President; Pat Dugdale, Vice President; Norma Murphy, Secretary; Daphne Lessard, Treasurer. David Paine and Ray Hamilton were elected as Directors, and Alex Azodi and Joyce Sinagra are continuing Directors. David Paine is our new Dam Committee Chairman, assisted by Jason Lessard. Peter Fenton will be the advisor and trainer to the Dam Committee for the coming year. Norman Lehoullier is our new Water Quality Committee Chairman, assisted by Skip Tonkin. Phone numbers are in the telephone book.

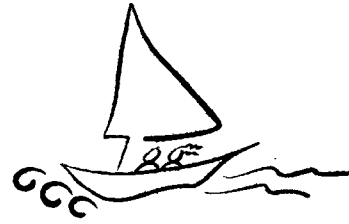
We also established a committee to look into hydro-raking with Eric and Debra Fuchs as Co-Chairmen, assisted by Seddon Cooley and Gerry and Jane Gold. Hydro-raking is a method of non-exotic weed control. We had samples of milfoil, an exotic weed, on display at the meeting and hope everyone on the lake will be on the lookout for it; once it takes hold, it cannot be controlled. Lake Massasecum has this problem now and prevention is the only sure method of keeping it out of Lake Todd. Please be sure your boat and motor are free of weeds before you put them in the lake.

A copy of the Secretary's Report of the Annual Meeting is attached for your information.

Carol Tonkin

NEWS FLASH: MR. AND MRS. LOON ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF TWO HEALTHY NEW LOON CHICKS! THE CHICKS ARRIVED ON SUNDAY, JULY 15. WE WILL UPDATE YOU WITH MORE DETAILS IN OUR AUGUST NEWSLETTER.

Neighbors on the Lake



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Jason and Daphne Lessard! The Lake Todd Association is fortunate to have Daphne as our new Treasurer, and her husband Jason as a new member of the Dam Committee. Jason and Daphne have lived in their house at 51 High Street since June 2000. They rented first, then decided to make Bradford their new home.

Daphne grew up in Haverhill, MA and Jason in Kingston, NH. Daphne graduated from Colby College and Georgetown Law School, and works as an attorney in Manchester. Jason is a graduate of Cornell University, and is an engineer for Sylvania in Hillsboro, NH.

Daphne's hobbies include sewing and quilting, and Jason likes woodworking and making furniture. They have a canoe and both enjoy cycling and working on their new home, adding new brick work, painting, and decorating.

Their big news is the expected birth of their baby in December. Daphne hopes to work out of the house after the new little Lessard arrives, and Jason may be changing diapers and singing lullabies at midnight.

We wish the very best to the Lessard family!

Allene Hamilton

Did you know . . . Mercury is a highly toxic substance that accumulates in fish tissues and other organisms. Loons in New England have the highest levels of mercury in the United States. Studies show that these high levels could be affecting hormone levels, causing lethargic behavior and problems in incubating eggs. Eighteen percent of New Hampshire loons are at risk from mercury impacts. Most mercury released into the atmosphere comes from burning garbage contaminated with mercury. The state of NH's Department of Environmental Services estimates thermometers in the trash add more than 100 pounds of mercury to the air and water each year. It is suggested that you avoid buying products that contain mercury and that you do not discard mercury-containing products in the trash. The following products contain mercury: thermometers with silver-colored liquid, non-electric thermostats, fluorescent lights, button-shaped batteries, latex paint manufactured before 1991, pilot light sensors, electrical switches or relays, and gauges with silver-colored liquid.

You can visit the NHDES website for a deeper look at the effects of mercury on both human and wildlife populations, as well as the proper disposal of mercury containing products. [Http://www.des.state.nh.us/nhppp/hg_home.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/nhppp/hg_home.htm)

Allene Hamilton

FLARE NIGHT

It was a successful and beautiful light show around the lake. The stars presented by the Weiler family presented an impressive sight shining through the darkness at the north end of the lake. Dave and Cathy Johnson were out with their canoe pulling a flare-lighted raft behind them, around the islands and back and forth on the northern part of the lake.

The southern section of the lake was well lighted also, and let the motorists on 103 know that Lake Todd is alive and well! Let's try for 100% next year!

Allene Hamilton



Reflections



It's difficult not to reflect on the beauty, the wildlife, the people of Lake Todd. Do you have thoughts or memories you would like to share? If you do, please call Norma

Murphy at 938-6206. We would love to publish them in our Newsletter.

Here is our first reflection.

Winter Beauty

In November, we somehow acquired a piece of heaven — a house on Lake Todd. To say the view is spectacular every single moment doesn't begin to describe it. Photographs cannot capture the splendor, nor do words.

Today is the first weekend of my February school vacation, and there is an ice fishing derby out on the lake. The smooth white surface crafted by the recent storm is being etched by snowmobiles, snowshoes, sleds, boots, augers, and dogs.

Hours ago, the first family arrived, like pioneers, a huge expanse before them to call their own. But before long, the lake was transformed from white stillness to a festival. Families and friends fished and talked, children ran and slid and laughed, and my view of Lake Todd was greatly expanded. By being here today and feeling the joy and sense of community coming from the lake, I realize it is far more than a beautiful body of water.

I'm standing on my deck, watching the last family walk towards the bridge, heading home. The sun is low in the sky, its weak glow forming a halo behind a tired pine tree branch. They are walking more slowly now, their eyes still on the lake.

Norma Murphy
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The Lake Todd Times is published monthly from May through October. If you have any news of interest or anything you would like to see in our newsletter, please call one of the Publishers/Editors of the Lake Todd Times:

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