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SPIA MEETINGS:
Saturday June 24 9am
Saturday August 26 10am

President's Letter 2023

This was a crazy winter. We experienced higher than normal temperatures, low snowfall totals and yet we set record low temperatures. People were cautious venturing out on the ice. The Square Pond Fishing Derby was cancelled. Experiencing Square Pond in the winter should be as wonderful as any other season. It is my hope that weather conditions next winter will allow activities to resume to more normal levels.

After three years of input from Army Corp of Engineers, Maine DEP, Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, site visits, public hearings, engineering studies, and surveys, the Town of Acton has voted to replace the failing West Shore Drive culvert with one that is the same size and dimensions. Many property owners have been involved with this endeavor and I want to thank those who showed up at meetings and spoke at public hearings. Our voices were heard and it made a difference. I want to give a special thanks to Allan Krans who provided guidance and support throughout this process. At the time of writing, culvert design had been finalized and the town was in the process of going out to bid with contractors. Alternative access for West Shore Drive residents will be provided. Please keep in mind the public launch will be closed during this time and you will need to make other arrangements for launching boats. I will keep you informed via our SPIA Facebook page and our website as the project unfolds.

Over my lifetime, I have seen many changes at Square Pond. Treasure Island went from being a summer camp to a summer oasis for many lake goers when it was developed in the 60's. West Shore Drive, like many roads around Square Pond, was a seasonal road and not plowed in the winter through most of the 60's. Now it is heavily populated with year-round homes. MaryAnn and I have been coming to Square Pond our entire married life. A dream we had was to build a retirement home on the lake and have been very pleased to have accomplished that in 2007. The conversion from seasonal camps to year-round homes represents gentrification of the lake, viewed as beneficial as well as potentially detrimental. Septic systems have been upgraded as properties have been renovated. Upgraded septic systems are one of the best ways to assure a long-term healthy lake environment. The other side of the development coin are potential impacts to the lake. The size of the homes has increased the concentration in rain runoff as well as less natural landscapes to absorb it. For decades, property owners have been addressing shoreline erosion sites with the help of ASYCC. Runoff is a big contributor to poor water quality. While there are laws protecting the shoreline from over development, lawns and beaches have appeared.

President's letter continued

If you do have a lawn, please be mindful of the 250' Shoreland Zoning laws with emphasis on the 25' buffer area. Consider organic and low or no phosphorous fertilizers applied in the fall or perhaps no fertilizer at all. Light pollution is on the rise. Motion detector security lights will save you money as well as cut down on unnecessary outdoor lighting.

In recent years, I have been reaching out to other lake associations both in our immediate area and beyond. When asked the question regarding what worries their associations the most, by far are concerns over invasive plants. For those lakes that have invasive plant infestations, the cost and manpower committed to managing (not eradicating) is substantial. Local lakes are spending up to \$100,000 annually. While lake associations may receive some financial support from the states and towns where the bodies of waters are located, it does not come close to covering the cost. There are lakes all around Square Pond with invasive plant infestations. I cannot overemphasize Square Pond's vulnerability to this problem. We all need to be vigilant in doing our part to prevent the introduction of invasive plants into the lake. Everyone should inspect their boats carefully each time you enter or leave a body of water, removing all plant fragments from your boat, especially props, trailer frames and rollers; use boat washing stations where available; inspect anchors and lines, fishing tackle, ladders and recreational equipment. Property owners need to educate themselves about invasive plants and at a minimum, constantly inspect the shoreline in front of their properties, notifying our Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) coordinator of any vegetation that looks suspicious. Remember, the more you learn about invasive plants and how to identify them, the better equipped you are to be a hero in keeping our lake clean. Donna Rosenkrans is our IPP coordinator and you can email her at jppsquarepond@gmail.com for information and training opportunities. Donna oversees a group of volunteers inspecting the lake and there is always need for additional members. Being an IPP patroler might be a perfect fit for you if you spend time kayaking, paddle boarding or snorkeling on the lake!

Please keep the following in mind: It only takes a very small piece of Variable Leaf milfoil and/or other invasive plant caught on the bottom of a boat, propeller, personal watercraft intake valves, trailer, kayak, life vest, fishing tackle, to infest our lake. Milfoil survives out of water for days and will revive when re-hydrated. It harms native vegetation and wildlife. Milfoil can choke waters, making swimming, fishing & boating difficult, dangerous or impossible reducing the overall enjoyment of the lake. *Studies have shown that property located on lakes, which have become infested with invasive plants lose up to 30% of their market value.* In closing, the pictures posted by so many around the lake on our Facebook page have been great. Thanks to all who make the Square Pond community special.

Lee Robator, President
Square Pond Improvement Association

SPIA Treasurer's Report

<u>Income:</u>	Budget 2022	Actual as of 12/31/2022
Dues & Donations	\$25,000	\$24,214.75
Newsletter Ads	\$1,700	\$1,600.00
Earmarked Donations (All)	\$0	\$0.00
Watershed Survey Grant (VLMP/LSM)	\$0	\$0.00
Amazon Smile donations	\$300	\$464.19
Bank Interest	\$0	\$0.00

Total Income: **\$27,000** **\$26,279**

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Water Quality Improvement	\$1,270	\$0.00
Snail	\$5,080	\$3,131.30
Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP)	\$350	\$221.95
Watershed Survey 2019	\$1,000	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$1,500	\$1,473.35
Membership/Invoice Letters	\$500	\$390.00
ME Sec'y of State Annual Report	\$35	\$35.00
Welcoming Bag Project (pilot)	\$200	\$0.00
Website/Webcam	\$1,500	\$860.57
Insurance (Officers/Directors Liability + Sign)	\$1,500	\$1,255.00
Food (SPIA Meetings & Snail Snatchers Lunch)	\$600	\$0.00
PO Box Rental/Postage	\$150	\$168.00
Office Supplies	\$50	\$0.00
Lake Markers/Pontoon Boat/Trailer	\$6,200	\$5,552.00
Legal Fees/Professional Services	\$4,000	\$1,994.19
Social Activities Committee	\$750	\$292.09
SPIA/Sq Pond Signs	\$200	\$420.00
ASYCC Matching Funds	\$0	\$0.00

Total Expenses: **\$24,885** **\$15,793**

<u>Donations:</u>		
ASYCC	\$5,000	\$5,000.00
LSM (formerly VLMP)	\$250	\$250.00
Acton/Shapleigh Fire & Rescue Depts(\$200 ea)	\$0	\$0.00

Total Donations: **\$5,250** **\$5,250**

Income Less Expenses/Donations: **(\$3,135)** **\$5,235**

<u>Account Balances:</u>	<u>as of 12/31/2022</u>
Checking	\$43,828.96
Savings	\$3,757.26
PayPal	\$824.68
Total Assets:	

Respectfully submitted: Brian Ferland, Treasurer

Tractor Services

- Stump Grinding
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2022 Snail Snatchers Report

The summer of 2022 was another strong year for the Square Pond Snail Snatchers. We again broke the record for the total number of pounds extracted even though we did one less dive. There are more snails and our snail snatchers are getting better at it. Our top snatcher, Mike Laurendeau, broke his own record with an 83 pound day. This is about 3,300 snails picked up one at a time on a single dive. Congrats Mike.

The basic numbers for 2022 are:

Total number of dives	Snail Total (lbs)	Man - Hours	Total Divers	Total Surface Breathers	Total Surface Breather Boat	Total Snorkelers	Total Surface Support
7	2360	526	21	10	6	14	38

We are hoping to have another diver certification course this summer for new divers. Please contact us if you have interest.

The surface breather unit is still well used and incredibly efficient. We had less total people using it this year but several people came on multiple dives and did a great job. If you are interested in training on this unit, please let me know.

There are so many great people that volunteer, several of them are doing multiple jobs during a dive to help out. The dives are complicated and require a lot of logistics. The volunteers are taking time out of their valuable summer weekends to keep the lake from being overrun by snails. This will be a continued effort, probably forever. We will continually need new volunteers to help reduce the hours of the current volunteers.

Thank you to all the people that have sacrificed their time to help extract snails from Square Pond. If you are interested, there are many jobs that need to be done and many people never have to go in the water. The dives are fun and the comradery is great.

Many people are seeing snails in their swim area. We need your help. Just extract them and throw them out. If you have a fish scale, weigh them and send me the totals. If you can snorkel or just swim with a mask you can get snails in your swim area,

Anyone interested in getting involved? Contact a snail committee member.

This information is available on the SPIA website.

Rob Caron (rcaronster@gmail.com)



Best Management Practices to PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Forest areas in and around waterbodies are complex systems and provide habitat for a wide range of plants and animals. These forest areas and the waterbodies in them, are the setting for different processes that provide food, water, shelter, breeding space and other needs. For our purposes “water quality” refers to the characteristics of water in nature that support life. These include the natural chemical, physical and biological aspects of streams, rivers ponds lakes and non-forested wetlands. The chemical properties of water include pH, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and the presence of chemical pollutants. The physical properties of water include such things as how clear or cloudy the water is and temperature. In addition, the physical characteristics and natural processes of waterbodies are important aspects of water quality.

Forest streams, lakes and wetlands typically have excellent water quality. Forestry operations that use best management practices can protect these waterbodies’ natural ability to support life. By preventing stream sedimentation such operations can maintain streambed properties and the clean water that allows fish-and the aquatic insects they depend on, to feed and spawn.

HOW HARVESTING AFFECTS WATER QUALITY

Forest harvests can directly impact water quality by affecting how water flows through an area. In particular, removing trees at shoreline, or creating paths to the water can reduce the soil’s absorbency. This can occur any time the forest floor is disturbed, removed or otherwise damaged.

The opportunity for soil and phosphorus to be carried away by runoff increases greatly when soil is exposed or beach sand or fill is used.

Divert water flows. Roads, trails, landings and driveways are possible ways that the rainwater could form a channel to the lake.

The goal is to not let water erode and transport exposed soil in its path to the lake.

Harvesting lakeside trees and vegetation may reduce the shade on the water’s surface, reduce the amount of natural woody debris, or eliminate leaf litter that is an important food source for aquatic life. In addition, timber harvests that remove a significant percentage of the trees in a watershed can increase the amount of water moving to the lake.

**Ask yourself:
How lake friendly is my property?**

What can we do to protect our lake?

**Please consider using BEST PRACTICES when
it comes to your landscape.**



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6th Annual Foot Fire

Square Pond Foot Fire
8/5/23
8:00 am



6th Annual Foot Fire

**Come join in the fun!!
Watch the talented
group of people try
their skills at
barefoot skiing
August 5th
8:00 am**

INVASIVE LAND PLANT PATROL
MaryAnn Robator

Did you know that February is Browntail Moth Awareness Month in Maine? I sure didn't! Not until recently as I am taking a Maine Gardner Training class and have watched numerous videos and read countless articles about this invasive pest. While this article isn't about invasive *land plants*, it's meant to draw attention to some pests that can have detrimental effects on not only our existing landscapes but also to our personal well-being. In addition to causing devastation to host trees, creating long-lasting defoliation and branch dieback, the microscopic toxic hairs can cause severe respiratory issues and skin irritation (similar to poison ivy!!). The month of February is so designated as winter is the dormant season for the moth and the best time to reduce the impact of their winter webs. Consider switching your security lights to sensor lights as lights are a huge attraction to the browntail moth. Use of a bug-zapper is not recommended as it will also kill beneficial insects such as the ones that help control the browntail moth. Ultimately, this invasive pest can have damaging effects on our existing shoreline shrubs and trees that help control erosion. If you suspect a moth infestation on your property, please consult the Maine Forest Service website for additional information. There are also Georgia jumping worms or Jersey wigglers... but I can fill you in at the June membership meeting on these invasives.

For those who have questions about Japanese knotweed or other invasive plants that are a direct threat to the natural resources around the lake and what we value about our landscapes, check out the Square Pond Handbook. You can also contact me at: invasive-landplantsgpond@gmail.com. Additional information can be found via a web search for Invasive Plants in Maine. You will be overwhelmed at the amount of information of invasives and the devastation they cause. Hope to see you at the June 24th Membership Meeting at the Acton Town Hall, 9am.



Lifelong Friendships....

Being friends for life takes resilience, acceptance of change, and focusing on what you share rather than differences.

Since growing up on Square Pond, I, personally, have some friendships that were created about 60 years ago, and many others over 50 years ago. What is it we share?....Square Pond, and the love of our lake. We also share many memories of campfires, rowboats with small engines, waterskiing and our old fashioned way of tubing-(Holding on to a double handle ski rope under some sort of a material raft). We earned rashes on our arms and took a beating probably going at a "top end" of 35 MPH or so.

We used to hang out on the ski jump, go boating in the rain (not always a good idea)....and the same as what people do today....meet up in the middle of the lake and tie together.

Many of the "kids" we hung out with are still all right here. It seems like time somewhat escapes Square Pond. Sure-there are new boats...much faster and bigger wakes. The camps, for the most part, are becoming much larger. Isn't that progress?

Think back and how you were raised on Square Pond. Were things all that different? Watching the friendships of the much younger generation, today, is fascinating. I know, that these children will remain friends for another 50 years. I feel very lucky to say that I have friends for decades. I have read that lifelong friendships are rare, which makes them special. They are indeed, special! -Marji

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Waterfowl can rapidly become conditioned to, and dependent on, handouts. *Fed ducks behave differently. They become more aggressive and eventually lose their wariness of humans!! ...Some will not survive because they can not compete.* Not only that, but leftover food will attract scavengers, including raccoons, and rats.
YOU ARE BRINGING DUCK ITCH TO THE LAKE!

***PLEASE
DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS***

**Watch the Facebook Page
For the BIG KAYAK
Date and time.**



Refer to the ASYCC Website for details on the annual golf tournament, as well as details related to ECC projects.
www.asycc.com



FIREWORKS



The colorful fireworks displays that light up the sky each year around the Fourth of July may be beautiful to the eye, but can be harmful to the environment when set off over lakes.

Fireworks displays in celebration of the Fourth of July have been a staple for many decades, and will always be. Keep these points in mind: Although many people love fireworks, there are many that don't-for different reasons. Many animals fear fireworks, and go missing . Fireworks usually "happen" after sleeping time for many. They make a mess on your dock, your neighbor's dock and boats. We can do our best to be mindful of our neighbors...finish them before 10pm and, - do your best to keep them the **FIRST 2 WEEKS OF JULY.**

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE FIREWORKS SHOWS!!

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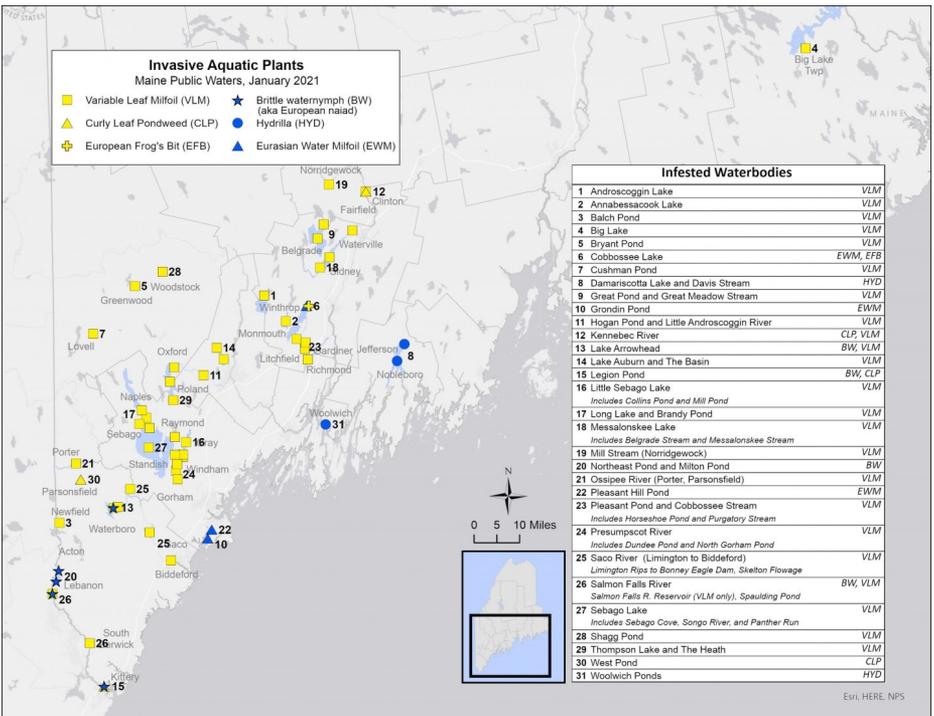
Square Pond Family since 2001

Invasive Plant Patrol Report & Request for Help

By: Donna Rosenkrans

First, I would like to sincerely thank our Invasive Plant Patrollers for their time & effort spent patrolling our Square Pond shoreline in 2022. We are blessed to have 10 dedicated patrollers who perform their patrols and provide me the needed patrol summaries throughout the summer. Invasive plants have the potential to overwhelm the native vegetation in any lake. We are all happy that Square Pond is invasive free – FOR NOW.

The chart below shows there are many lakes around us that are not so lucky. We don't want Square Pond to ever be on this list. The penalty for allowing invasive plants to take hold in our lake is quite severe. The photos below are from the Lake Environmental Association that works to remove invasive plants in the waters in and around Sebago Lake in Maine. They have been working in the Songo River for the past 17 YEARS and are just now approaching a maintenance level of activity. The photos below show the divers hand pulling plants & the major dredging equipment needed to remove large infestations – not something we want to ever have to do on Square Pond.





Lake Environmental Association removing Variable Leaf Milfoil from the Songo River, Maine

Note there are usually two divers and three workers on the pontoon boat dredge -

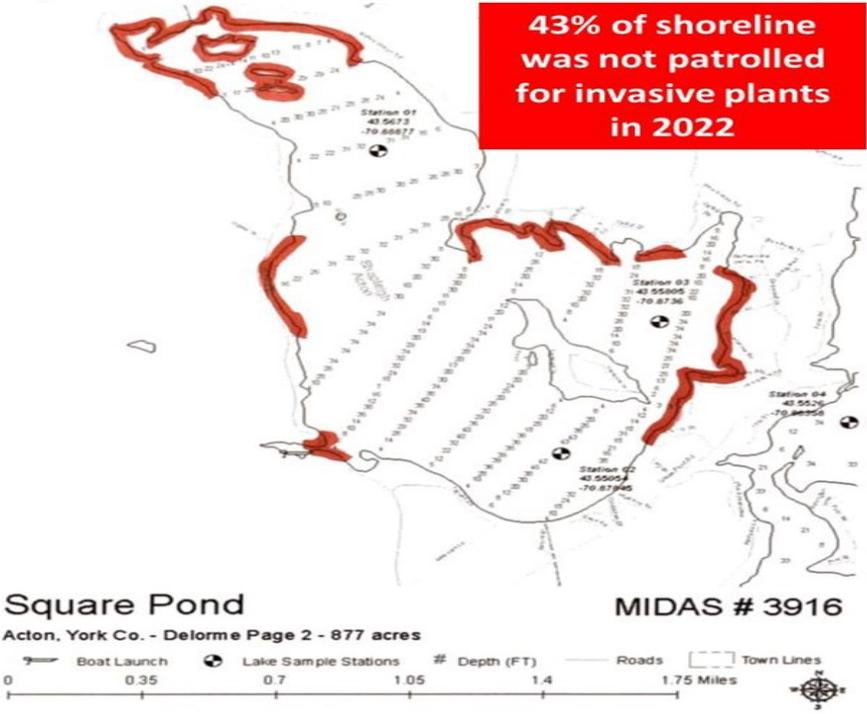


The Courtesy Boat Inspection program (run by our friends at ASYCC) plays a vital role in trying to eliminate the introduction of invasive plants into Square Pond. CBI's also educate boaters on the need to remove all plants before and after using any lake.

The Invasive Plant Patrol complements the CBI effort by supplying critical eyes on the water to assure no invasive plants take hold in our lake. Early detection of invasive plants is critical to limiting their impact by prompt, thorough and expert removal.

The chart below shows our team was able to patrol 57% of the lake shoreline leaving 43% not patrolled. This is not good enough to prevent invasive plants taking hold.

2022 Non- Patrolled Areas



We need your help to achieve patrolling 100% of the shoreline in 2023. Training and necessary materials will be provided at no cost to you. Please contact Donna Rosenkrans at ippsquarepond@gmail.com to join the IPP team.



**Thank you to Jane "Cookie" Kendall Murphy
For these beauties from 1979**





Both of these paintings were created by our very own Jan Daring, who passed away on February 28, 2023. The top painting is Ocean Road in Kennebunkport, ME and the bottom one was “Loon at Square Pond.” Janice and her husband Ken moved to their home on Square Pond in Shapleigh in 1989. Janice was the Post Mistress of the Shapleigh Post office for many years. She was also a watercolor artist who could be found on Thursday mornings (for 30 years) at the Trafton Center painting with many artist friends. She was proud that her paintings are hung in many homes in Delaware, Maine, and many other states and countries. Janice is survived by her five children, Brian (Lynda), Rick (Toni), Claire (Sam) Williamson, Bob (Kim) and Chris (Renee), and many grandchildren.



Joan Marie (Ferguson) Johnson 2/15/47-12/13/21

Alan D Johnson 10/23/45-12/19/22

Remembering the above, Joan and Alan for their love of Square Pond. They loved Square Pond with all their hearts. Her daughter, Amanda said, “My Mom got so excited every year when we received the newsletter. We have saved many over the years. Our cottage is on Hemlock Road in Shapleigh, in the cove. When I was a child (over 45 years ago), we rented a house next to the old marina each summer.”

“Joan’s faith and her family were the most important things in her life. She loved spending summers at Square Pond in Maine and hosting large Christmas Eve gatherings at her house each year. Watching her grandchildren, nieces and nephews laughing and playing was one of her biggest joys.”

Alan was predeceased in death by his loving wife, to whom he was married for 55 years. He had a great sense of humor and loved to talk. He had a knack for fixing things and loved to refurbish old furniture and antiques. He spent 2 years as an active reservist for the submarines before heading back to New England where he married Joan and started a family. Alan received his CDL license and enjoyed driving an 18-wheeler truck for many years before he embarked on a long career as a machine technician in the semiconductor field.



Some tips to prepare in case of a fire.....

- 1. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside every sleeping area.**
- 2. Install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each separate sleeping area**
- 3. Make sure your house number is easily readable from the street.**
- 4. Make sure your home heating sources are clean and in working order.**
- 5. Give space heaters space.**
- 6. Plan your escape from fire.**
- 7. Cook carefully.**
- 8. Stop, drop and roll.**
- 9. Use electricity safely.**
- 10. Inspect your fire extinguishers, and know how to use them.**
- 11. If necessary, get down, get low, get out. Smoke is poisonous, get underneath it on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit.**
- 12. Be aware of dryer traps and vents, and keep them clear.**

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*It may be “fun” to build a rock pyramid-
“Cairn”,*

but please do not build these and leave them!

You are creating HAZARDS for boats to hit them.

*They are obvious as Fall approaches and the water level is down,
but in the Spring, someone is likely to hit them
and cause damage to their boat or motor.*

*Build it if you must....take a photo, but then
remove it.*

*(There are now several, as noted– by the North point of Treasure
Island, also headed west off of the little island)*

-Thank you!



Square Pond Cottage at 958 West Shore Drive

The cottage was built in 1930, one of the older camps on the lake. My parents, Cecile Landry Wilson and Henry Wilson bought the cottage from Colby Richer of Alfred in 1982. CeCile grew up in Sanford and came from a large French-Canadian family. Her mother, CeCelia Martin was originally from Quebec, and her father, Alphonse Landry was of Acadian descent from New Brunswick. Alfonse worked in the textile mills in Sanford, weaving worsted fabrics and also owned some apartment buildings in his neighborhood.

After graduating from high school in 1945, Cecile left for junior college in Boston and then went on to NYC where she worked. Cecile and Henry Wilson married in 1950 and raised six children in CT and MA. CeCile always made an effort to keep in touch with her extended family and becoming owners of the cottage in 1982 gave her the opportunity to do this during the summer months.

The cottage itself is a classic Maine cottage situated on a flat acre of land with lovely waterfront. The full wrap around porch is the main feature, and given most of it is screened, it is well used day and night. Both kids and grownups alike enjoy sleeping on the porch. The occasional sound of rain on the tin roof also lends to the overall charm. CeCile was a natural and life long gardener and planted many hemlock trees on both sides of the property in lieu of a wooden fence. These have grown and filled in after 40 years. She also planted several birch tree groves along the lakefront, which are still standing and provide nice shade in the morning.

As owners since 2018, we strive to carry on my parent's vision of this unique summer camp. Although some interior updating has been done, the original footprint of the cottage remains the same, along with the wrap around porch, tin roof, birch and hemlock trees.

-Elyse Wilson





958 West Shore Drive



Goat Hill Trail – Join us June 3, National Trails Day, for a Grand Opening!

Saturday, June 3rd

1205 H Road, Acton

2 PM at the summit

A big thank you to SPIA for supporting the Goat Hill project from the very beginning, and to everyone who has generously donated to the trail.

Enock Glidden, a speaker, advocate, and adventurer who has been spurring the creation of more accessible spaces across Maine, will join Three Rivers Land Trust at the summit of Goat Hill to celebrate the official opening of the trail. Enock helped us tremendously last fall with a trail assessment that included traveling to the top and touring the accessible picnic area. He gave us valuable information and recommendations. While Enock was able to climb the trail in a manual wheelchair, Goat Hill might be a challenging route for some visitors as it rises 151 feet in less than a mile. However, the trail's compacted gravel surface and moderate grades will allow most folks to give the trail a try with their preferred equipment. Once benches and signage are installed this spring, the trail will be open to the broadest range of visitors possible for this rugged slice of Maine. We look forward to seeing you at Enock's presentation and encourage you to visit the trail this summer.

Enock's presentation at the trail summit will begin at 2 PM. Take the time you need to ascend the trail. Land trust staff and board will be available at the parking area and trailhead to welcome you and answer questions.

Call or email us for more information, to volunteer, or to donate to this unique community resource. Contact Ruth at ruth@3rlt.org or (207) 370-4191 or call Cheri at (207) 358-9695.

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Caption: Cheri Dunning, Enock Glidden, and Carl Davis at the summit of Goat Hill



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Water Quality for 2022

Last summer was fantastic from a weather standpoint. It was a warmer than usual summer with a lot of nice weather. Even with that said the water temperature did not ever measure higher than normal. We did have the usual early pollen reducing the water clarity, but the clarity returned in July as the charts show. Overall, the readings were right on par with previous years with no indications of any issues. I have included 3 graphs with this letter.

The first one is a graph of the water temperature from late May until September.

As you can see the surface temperature changes quite a bit but the bottom temperature remains almost the same. These results are usual.

The second graph is water clarity. There is a drop in water clarity in June. This is due to pollen and rain. As the pollen goes away the water quality improves naturally every year.

The third graph is a measure of dissolved oxygen (DO) in the water. Dissolved oxygen is a good measure of lake health. If the oxygen is too low the fish can't survive and algae can take over the lake. The dissolved oxygen at the bottom of the lake always goes down to almost 0. This is normal due to the water temperature being so much colder. By measuring the DO over the full water column we can compare the readings year after year and determine if there are any major changes that require any external action.

The data shows that Square Pond is healthy.

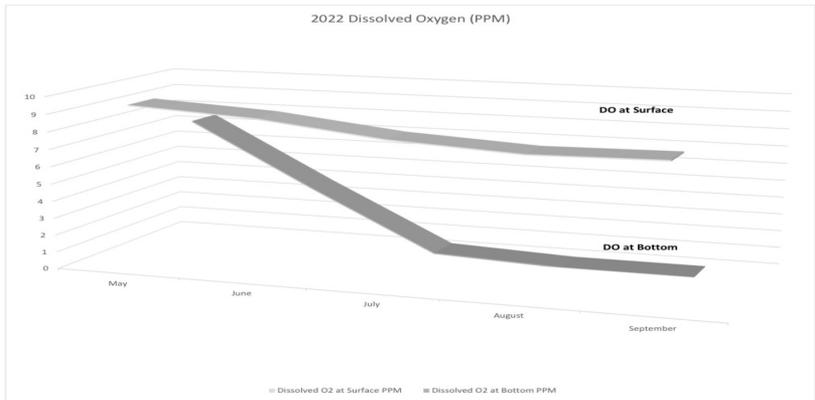
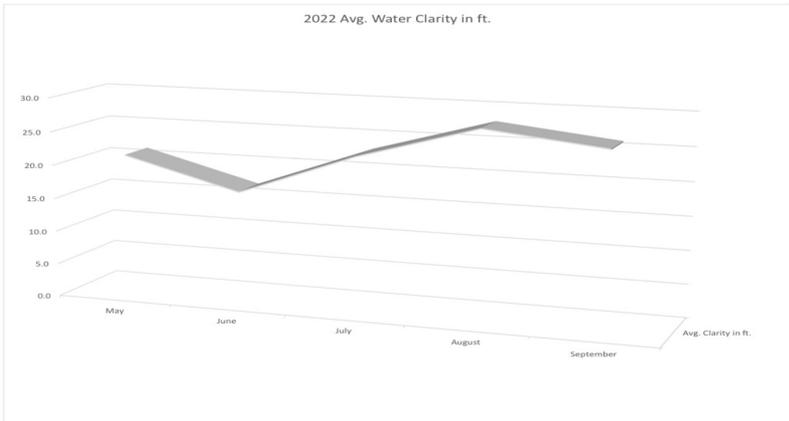
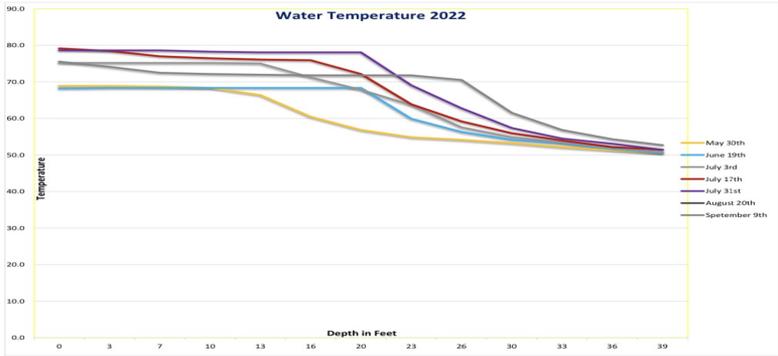
The Lake Stewards of Maine is the agency that all data is reported to, and they monitor any changes in the data from all lakes in Maine. They are a non-profit organization and are always short on funding but are critical to informing water quality monitors about what our readings are telling us. If anyone wants to donate to them you can go to their web site <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org>.

As always if anyone has questions you can email me at rcaronster@gmail.com

Looking forward to the summer of 2023. If you see the Parrot Head out doing water quality testing stop by and say hello.

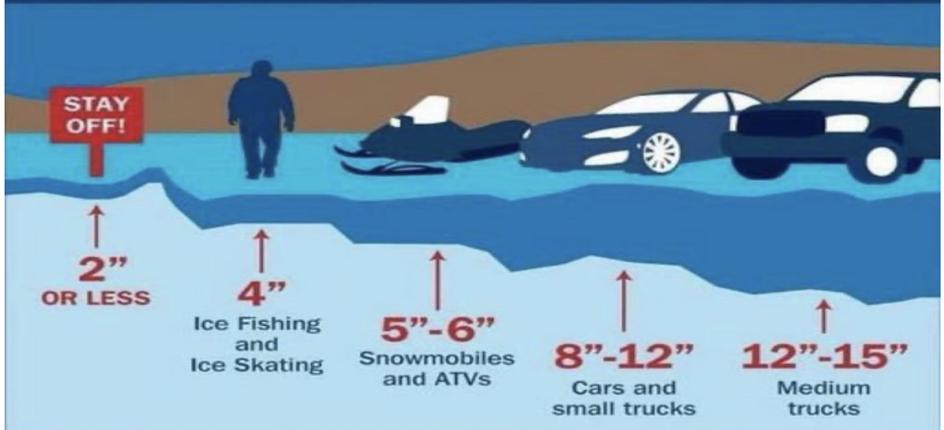
Rob Caron





Ice Thickness Chart

Safe Ice Depths



Note: These are rough guidelines for clear ice only.

"Ice Thickness Safety Chart." The Old Farmer's Almanac, n.d. Web. <<http://www.almanac.com/>>.

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