

SPIA e-News

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Hello Square Pond!

Thanks for taking a few minutes to read SPIA's first e-newsletter!
(And not to worry, the printed annual newsletter isn't being replaced.)

It was a great summer on Square - the 3rd annual Cribbage Tournament was held in June, membership meetings were well-attended at the Acton Town Hall in June and August, 13 loons were seen during the annual count, the ski course saw lots of action, prizes were raffled, and there were tons of events that let us all enjoy the lake with family and friends. Our teams were also hard at work throughout the season. We had patrollers monitoring for land and aquatic invasive plants, with no new issues identified to date. The Snail Snatchers set a new record and now have the ability to fill SPIA scuba tanks. Water quality continued to be good and a second year of testing for E. coli was conducted.

As we head into the Fall season, we want to thank all of our incredible volunteers and our 350 SPIA members! Both your volunteerism and membership are vital for SPIA to operate and fund improvement projects to keep the lake we all love clean and safe.

Why is lake water quality important?

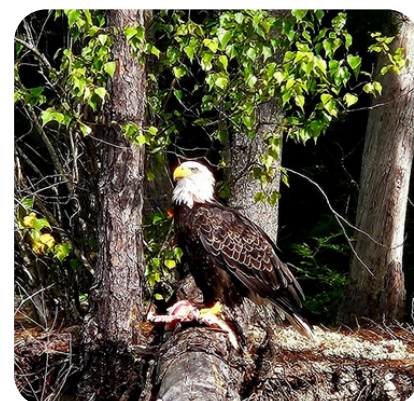
Did you know that Maine has over 6000 lakes and ponds? This article published by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection talks about the economic value of lakes and highlights the connection between water quality and property value.

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Ready for leaf-peeping?

There's no doubt that the lake is amazing in the summer, but the fall is pretty great too! Ever take a boat ride to see the leaves changing colors? Check out Maine's foliage report to plan your weekend. and don't forget to share your pics!

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Eagle photo courtesy of Al Lindquist

Don't touch the FUZZ!

Try to avoid contact with Hickory Tussock (pictured) and American Dagger caterpillars (not pictured). These cute little guys are native and play an important role in the ecosystem but exposure can cause skin irritation. The University of Maine has a caterpillar catalog if you need help identifying a fuzzy friend.



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Reminders

- The water level is still very low- please remain cautious when operating watercraft during the fall.
- SPIA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that relies 100% on volunteers. SPIA can always use more help! Please consider joining one of our teams or reach out and let us know your superpower (Avid kayaker? Have ideas for the newsletters? Love event planning?) and we will connect you with the right people.



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