

SPIA e-News

April 2026

Winter on the lake brought lots of cold days and fresh snow, perfect for fishing, snowmobiling, ice sailing, and snow shoeing. With Maple syrup weekend behind us and the ice disappearing, it's time to start watching our mailboxes for the ANNUAL NEWSLETTER!

As you look forward to another season on Square Pond, please read SPIA's membership appeal and jot down the dates for the 4th Annual SPIA Cribbage Tournament and SPIA membership meetings (**Note that the June meeting will be held at the Shapleigh Community Center**). Start cleaning up your water toys because summer's just around the corner!

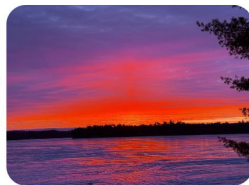


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Membership Appeal

Square Pond faces growing pressure from nearby invasive infestations. Your membership in SPIA directly supports the work that keeps our lake healthy and safe.

Your Membership Funds Programs that Protect Wildlife, Property Values, and the Lake Experiences We All Enjoy

- Water quality testing
- Snail Snatchers
- Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI)
- Shoreline protection
- Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP)
- Education and community outreach

Why Membership Matters

- Strong participation helps SPIA secure grant funding
- Members stay informed and have a voice in lake management
- You join a community committed to preserving Square Pond
- More than half of members give above the basic level

2026 Membership Levels

Diamond \$250
Platinum \$100
Gold \$50
Basic \$25

SPIA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; dues/donations are tax deductible. Join or renew today @ www.squarepond.org

Join us!

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much" -
Helen Keller*

SPIA NEEDS YOU! We'd love to tell you more about our teams, Board positions, and Officer roles. Talk to one of our Board members or send an email to

✉ contact@squarepond.org

Earth Day

Get ready for Earth Day on April 22! Check out local events happening near you. If you aren't able to join one, no worries- create your own mini celebration! Pick up some litter, plant some native shrubs, or book that long-overdue septic tune-up.

Say NO to Soil Erosion

According to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), soil erosion is the top pollutant affecting Maine lakes. As you begin spring yard work, consider adding native vegetation to help protect the shoreline. Need help? Contact Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps (ASYCC) for a free property assessment and erosion control recommendations. You can also access the Maine DEP website for helpful information and resources.

✉ www.asycc.com
✉ www.maine.gov

Reminders

- The 4th Annual SPIA Cribbage Tournament is June 6 10:00 AM. For questions or to RSVP, please email waittk@gmail.com.
- Summer Membership Meetings
 - June 27 9:00 AM Shapleigh Community Center
NOTE NEW LOCATION
 - August 22 10:00 AM Acton Town Hall
- Volunteer Invasive Plant Patrollers (IPP) will be out on the water soon scanning for invasive plants.
- The beaver dam is no longer blocking the culvert.



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Improvement Association

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