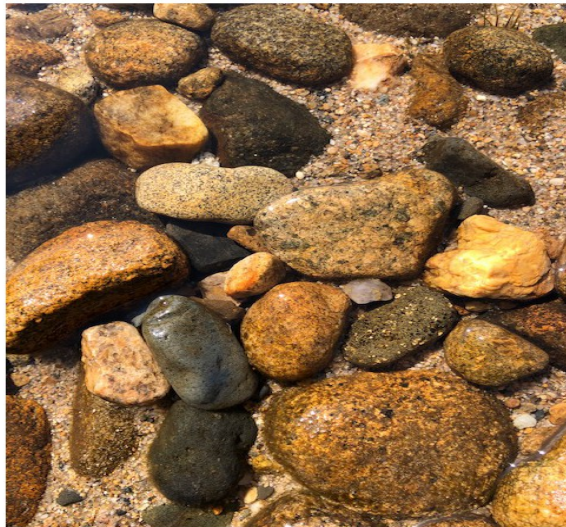


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President's Letter 2021

The COVID-19 Virus made 2020 a year for the history books and it had its impact on SPIA. We had to cancel our membership meetings and did our best to socially distance ourselves from friends. The good news is many of us were able to isolate ourselves in the place that brings us peace and tranquility, Square Pond. For some, it would have been a much more difficult year if we were not spending most of our time at the lake! It has been quite a year of change for everyone.

Speaking of change, how the lake has evolved over the years. When I was little, my grandmother would instruct my brother and me to not cut the trees behind the camp as they served to reduce the dust and noise from traffic on West Shore Drive when it was a dirt road. Through the late 60's, my brother, father and I would take a trip to the lake in the winter to check up on the camp and shovel the roof if necessary. We would have to park the car at Thrush Road and walk in as the road beyond Thrush was not plowed – no year round residents. Today on West Shore Drive, there are 46 year round residents, another 22 properties that are kept open year round and 39 seasonal camps. The trend to convert camps into year round homes has continued and in fact, has accelerated in recent years. This has resulted in the alteration of the lake's landscape. From a positive perspective, the conversion of seasonal camps to year round homes includes upgrading septic systems. On the downside, it has created significant stress to the shoreline as the majority of lots are undersized and expansions push the limits with significant removal of erosion controlling shorefront vegetation including mature tree canopies.

President's Letter continued:

Replanting vegetation and trees along your shoreline today will insure greater stability for generations to come. There was a time when Pink Lady's-slippers flourished along the Square Pond waterfront. Today they are a rare find. It is important that we all do our best to minimize the impact on lake development, replanting vegetation along the shoreline where possible and creating "living" fences and hedges instead of plastic or vinyl ones as we strive to protect this precious jewel.

SPIA purchased a trailer for the Snail Snatchers to house their equipment and allow quick deployment to any location on the lake. The winter watch program is going well and as of this writing, there have been no break ins or vandalism noted on camps inspected.

The rollout of the Lake Dweller's Handbook was delayed due to the virus but will be available sometime this year--stay tuned. In 2019, the watershed survey was conducted. We have applied and received a 319 grant from the State to address erosion issues discovered from the survey. A steering committee headed by Mindee Goodrum of YCSWC District has been formed. The committee will oversee the use of the grant funds and I would ask that you refer to Mindee's article in the newsletter for further information.

Please stay safe--looking forward to seeing you on the lake this summer!

Lee Robator

SPIA Treasurers Report
For the period ending December 31, 2020

<u>Income:</u>	FY 2020
Dues & Donations	\$22,271
Newsletter Ads	\$1,725
Earmarked Donations (All)	\$600
Watershed Survey Grant (VLMP/LSM)	\$0
Amazon Smile donations	\$110
Bank Interest	\$1

Total Income: \$24,707

<u>Expenses:</u>	
Water Quality Improvement (trailer \$6000 of total)	\$7,501
Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP)	\$0
Watershed Survey 2019	\$0
Newsletter	\$1,375
Membership/Invoice Letters	\$357
ME Sec'y of State Annual Report	\$35
Winter Camp Watch	\$0
Website/Webcam	\$981
Insurance (Officers/Directors Liability + Sign)	\$1,255
Food (SPIA Meetings) Snail Snatchers Lunch	\$85
PO Box Rental/Postage	\$114
Office Supplies	\$0
Lake Markers/Pontoon Boat/Trailer	\$200
Legal Fees	\$0
Social Activities Committee	\$0
SPIA/Sq Pond Signs	\$261
Lake Dwellers Handbook (based on 550 copies)	\$42
ASYCC Projects	\$618

Total Expenses: \$12,824

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

Total Donations: \$5,450

Income Less Expenses/Donations: \$6,433

Account Balances:

Checking	\$26,365
Savings	\$2,504

Total Assets: \$28,869

Respectfully submitted: Kari Bracy, Treasurer



Editor's Memo-

This is my sister Nancy. This is an actual photo of her fishing on Square Pond. This photo is probably from the 1940's. I know that there are several folks still on the lake that knew her from her childhood days, and even beyond. What is interesting, is that if you are reading this newsletter, and have read my newsletters for the past 12 years,...then she also impacted you as well. You see, she read each and every edition before it went to print. She corrected my spelling, grammar and possibly even yours... if you sent in an article to publish.

We lost Nancy in September of 2020.

So please excuse any typos, errors, run on sentences, etc., as she is not here this season to correct me.

As you can see in the photo above, she has always loved fishing, and she has now "Gone Fishing." This edition is dedicated to her. We love and miss you Nancy Lundberg. I am certain this edition will not be what it has been for the past 12 years. Please forgive me. I have lost my back-up. -Marji Kilgus

90 Years at Square Pond

By: Dave Fields

I first visited Square Pond in the summer of 1931, but I don't remember that since I was only 6 or 7 months old. It was the first of many visits with my parents to the Art Wilcox camp just north of the cove by what is now the Treasure Island parking lot. My first recollections are of playing in the water and on the little sandy beach in the cove and then learning to swim. There were lots of fun things to do in the woods behind the camp and I do remember watching my Dad and Art cutting up at least two large pines that had been uprooted by the hurricane of 1938. No chain saws then, just axes, a 2-man crosscut saw and many weekends of hard work. There must have been extensive tree and camp damage around the lake during that hurricane.

One spring I was surprised to see that the small camp at the back of the Wilcox cove was gone, and later realized it was re-located on the southern tip of the mid-lake peninsula at the end of what is now Cypress Road. It had been moved up the lake on the ice by a team of horses. I later became a close friend of the owner's son Carleton Sawyer. Years later and after I had built my camp in the middle of that peninsula, my sister, Jay Freeman, bought the little camp at the south end and enjoyed Square Pond for many years.

In the early 1940's, my father bought the mid-peninsula lot, put in a well and hand pump, and built a picnic table and outhouse. We had a little lapstrake wooden boat with a 2.5 HP motor and spent many happy weekend days at "The Pond." For at least two of my pre-teen years, my Dad and I spent a week in a tent on the lot just before school started. I continued that tradition with two High School buddies for at least two years. One of them had a 1931 Chevy which I remember had 17 flat tires during one of our stays at the Pond. We conserved our limited funds for food and gas (how many of you remember 5 gallons for \$1?) and a new tire was out of reach. There were many visits to Huntress's store which had free air for tires and was just down the back road from the Corner Store in Shapleigh.

After graduating from the U of M at Orono in 1953, I took a job in Michigan, spent two years in the Army and returned to the job for the rest of my career as a mechanical engineer. I met Dolores at work and we had two children, Jane and John. We always returned to Maine for our summer vacations and in 1965 I bought the lot from my Dad, designed our camp, and Dad had it built in the spring of 1966. We continued our summer vacation weeks there until my retirement in 1987 after which Dee and I spent our entire summers there every year.

Dave Field continued-

Square Pond is a great place to commune with Mother Nature and my children and grandchildren have grown as fond of it as I am.

A few Pond history notes may be of interest:

Before the dam and gate was installed at Square Pond by Sanford Mills in the late 1890's, the pond level was about 7 feet higher than now and its natural outlet was Stiles Brook at the location of the present boat launch area on West Shore Drive. The brook ran down into Mousam Lake and this drop in lake level was necessary to allow the granite dam and gate to be installed. This was explained to me by Frank Clark, son of George Clark who was in charge of the dam and gate construction and built the first camp on the nob hill behind the dam.

A map dated 1904 shows the dam in place and five camps scattered around the South and East shore. Two of these remain, the Bodwell camp in the southwest corner of the lake and the Stiles camp in the cove behind the Treasure Island parking lot.

I was always told the name Square Pond was used simply to describe our lake as different than Long Pond which was the name commonly used by local folks for Mousam Lake.

One of the Goodalls collected bird eggs and he had been told there was a Loon nest with eggs on the little island southeast of Libby Island in Square Pond. He approached my father as a teenager in Sanford, circa 1905, and offered him \$1 if he would get one of the eggs for him. My Dad left home at daybreak, rode his bicycle to his father's camp on Mousam Lake, and rowed his father's boat to the north end of Mousam. He walked across to Square, borrowed a canoe from a friend and paddled to the island where he got a Loon egg. He reversed his journey and arrived home in Sanford at dark with the egg intact. Mr. Goodall bought the egg for \$1 the next day.

Dave Field 1-13-2021

What's New at Three Rivers Land Trust
Ruth Gutman, Development Director

Three Rivers
Land Trust



Dear Friends, lately I have been recollecting the land trust's last event before the pandemic changed everything. We celebrated Great Maine Outdoor Weekend in mid-February 2020 at our office in Alfred with sledding on "The Globe" hill and hot soup. We gathered indoors together to chat, eat, and make bagel bird feeders. Shortly after that, we began facing up to a year without our usual activities, many Zoom meetings, and lots of loss, sadness, and isolation.

What's amazing to me, and what brings me so much hope right now, is how much we were able to get done despite the sudden shift in circumstances. This is due to our committed board of directors, the many volunteers who helped us last year, and our generous members and donors. In 2020 we opened new trails at Hansen Pond Preserve (Acton) and Sousa Family Preserve (Alfred), conserved 78 acres at Pump Box Brook Preserve (Shapleigh), and began the final phase of ADA-compliant trail construction at Goat Hill (Acton).

Thanks to some important donors from Square Pond, we now have the funds to complete the Goat Hill Trail this spring, and can enjoy five accessible picnic tables at the summit! This has been a very challenging project given the steep hill, the granite ledge, and the numerous large boulders. However, as all of you who have enjoyed the view from the top know, Goat Hill is a breathtakingly special place and it should be accessible to everyone. We are looking forward to sharing the finished trail with you, and with local families who face barriers to enjoying the outdoors. The trail is going to need a lot of TLC to keep it up to ADA standards, so if you would like to join our volunteer trail stewards or make a donation to the trail maintenance fund, we welcome your support. Thank you to everyone on Square Pond who helped get us to this point – it has been a team effort!

Another exciting project we have on our plate is the proposed Sanford Community Forest. We have just begun fundraising to conserve 550 acres inside Sanford city limits, just three miles from downtown and very close to Springvale. Of the nearly \$800,000 it will take to acquire, restore, and improve access to the property, Three Rivers has already secured \$620,000 through foundation and government grants. We are now striving to raise \$180,000 to complete the purchase by the deadline at the end of this year. The proposed Community Forest is rich in wetlands, woodlands, and possibilities, and will be a valuable addition to both our local communities and the wider region. If we are successful, many future generations will benefit from our collective effort.

Thanks so much for taking the time to catch up on our news!! I hope we get a chance to meet up in person later this year!



To learn more about Three Rivers Land Trust, please visit

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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.

The science behind fireworks is pretty straightforward in that what goes up, must come down. Although fireworks displays create a sense of awe among the viewers, they also produce a reasonable amount of debris.

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.

We can do our best to be mindful of our neighbors...finish them before 10 pm, and

Do your best to keep them the first 2 weeks of July.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE FIREWORKS SHOWS!!

Grant Money Information

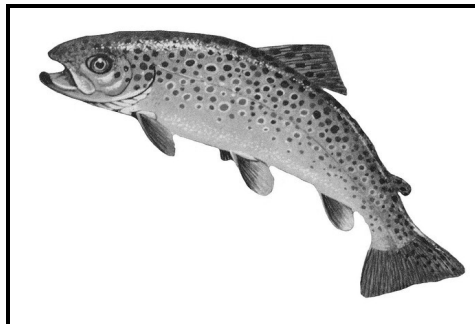
The York County Soil and Water Conservation District (YCSWCD), in partnership with the Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps (ASYCC) and SPIA, was recently awarded a \$93,661 grant to help protect the Square Pond Watershed. Although Square Pond is currently meeting state water quality standards, it is considered a threatened lake due to the increasing development of its shores and its sediment chemistry making it more vulnerable to internal phosphorus loading. Through this grant, funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency with funds distributed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, we hope to address five eroding road sites in Acton, two private property sites in Shapleigh, and make improvement at the Shapleigh Town Beach. Additionally, with support from the ASYCC we will be offering 15 matching grants up to \$300 to landowners to install Best Management Practices (BMP) to reduce erosion on their properties or improve their shoreline buffer with native plants. Landowners who participate in this program, in addition to the grant funds, will receive free technical assistance from ASYCC including a site design, permitting assistance, and free installation of the BMPs by the ASYCC crew. ASYCC will also hold a BMP workshop to educate landowners in the watershed on proper BMP installation and other site and permitting considerations you should keep in mind when selecting BMPs for your property. YCSWCD will also hold a septic system informational session to highlight the importance of maintenance on septic systems to protect our water bodies. Keep an eye on the SPIA website for more information about these upcoming workshops.

For more information on matching grants, please contact ASYCC at eccleader@asycc.com or (413) 695-1533.

For more information on the grant, please contact Mindee Goodrum, Project Manager at YCSWCD at mgoodrum@yorkswcd.org or 207-432-3516.

Fun Fish Fact

**Square Pond was
Stocked in 2020
With
500 -11”
Brown Trout**



**Do NOT dump your
Aquarium in the Lake!!!**

U.S. Fish and Aquatic Conservation (www.fws.gov) recently sent out an email stating, "Invasive zebra mussels have been found in "moss balls," an aquarium plant product sold at aquarium and pet supply stores. Zebra mussels are regarded as one of the most destructive invasive species in North America."

Zebra mussels can quickly take over once they get established in a water body and cause significant damage including disrupting the food chain and changing the chemistry of the water, which can cause an algae outbreak, or offensive taste and clogging water intake and delivery systems.

This would be devastating for our lake!

******BUOYS******



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the lake,
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IPP News

Thank you to all that volunteered your time patrolling the water, documenting your patrols and submitting paperwork. As you all know it was a very trying year for us all. Patrolling is one of the best ways to detect and allow for early eradication of invasive aquatic plants (IAP). Remember, the more eyes we have looking for invasive plants the better to preserve Square Pond's outstanding water quality. If you would like to become a patroller or learn more about it please send an email to ippsquarepond@gmail.com.

As a reminder, each Square Pond property owner needs to assure any boats & trailers put in the lake at their home or cottage are free from plant fragments.

I'm hoping this year to do the IPP children's informational program. It will be a small group of six children. Time and location will be posted on the web site and Facebook page.

I am looking forward to being at the lake and hoping it is a better summer for all. See you all soon.

Invasive Land Plant

I am still looking for someone to take over the leadership of the Invasive Land Plant coordination. The job would entail working with home owners & coordinating with ASYCC for trimming. No paperwork is required to be sent to the State.

If you are interested in helping rid the lake of the Invasive Land Plants or if you think you might have either Japanese Knotweed or Purple Loosestrife plants on your property please send an email to

invasivelandplantsqpond@gmail.com and we will come take a look with you.

-See you on the lake!

Donna Rosenkrans



2020 Snail Snatchers Report

The Square Pond Snail Snatchers is evolving into an organization. In 2020 we started a snail committee made up of (11) dedicated people that have been very involved in the snail removal. This group has been a great help in organizing dives, equipment, removal of snails and tank filling. Their dedication is greatly appreciated. We also have organized all of the equipment and currently I have dedicated a bay at my offsite garage for SPIA dive equipment. We now have an enclosed trailer at to keep everything in for easy access. This has been a great help in allowing the snail committee access to all of the equipment.

We have made extensive use of the surface breather purchased by SPIA. This allows non-certified divers to comfortably dive for snails. We have more than (20) people trained to use this equipment with several more willing to get trained. This equipment and the people trained will not only help with snail extraction but any future issue that may require underwater work.

We did 100% of the snail removal this year with Square Pond volunteers. No paid divers were used in 2020. This group did an amazing job. The entire lake should be thankful that we have this hardworking, dedicated group. Here are the numbers from this year so far, AND WE AREN'T DONE YET:

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SNAILS - 1693 pounds

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS - 400 hours

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS- 57 people

We have created our own cup for the snail snatcher champion each week and it will be given to the overall snail snatch leader at the end of the year.

Mike Laurendeau won the Snail Snatcher Cup extracting 310 pounds of snails in 2020.



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Do You Have Good Neighbors?

More Importantly, Are YOU a Good Neighbor?

....You probably are....three out of four people say they think they have a good neighbor-but you also probably want to keep those relationships in tip-top shape.

The recent survey from home search site Realtor.com asked 1000 people across the United States how they felt about their neighbors, having them rank the best qualities a neighbor could have in addition to the worst.

RELATED: Is it stealing to use a neighbor's non-password protected Wi-Fi? The worst trait a neighbor can have, according to 67% of respondents, is being disrespectful of property. Being loud came in second, and untrustworthiness was third. Being nosy, being messy, and being unfriendly were also signs of a bad neighbor. Essentially, if your daily actions disturb the peace of your neighborhood, the people living around you may think you are a bad neighbor.

Being a good neighbor requires more than just not doing these things, though. According to the survey, 59% of people think the best neighbors are trustworthy. Being quiet, friendly, and respectful also came in as top good neighbor qualities. But you don't have to be friends with your neighbors to be a good neighbor, -only 14% of people said being a good friend was vital to being a good neighbor.

..."We should all remember why we are here. It is to enjoy a beautiful place and respect everyone's way of having fun." Also, I would like to say, "What have you done today to make and

keep this way of life for the future generations?" As said many times, "Some do much, and others just don't look in the mirror." Hopefully, you can say to the person you are looking at in the mirror that you have made it better for your neighbor.

Thanks to all that continue to do so much and let's show some kindness in a turbulent world right now. -Tom Small



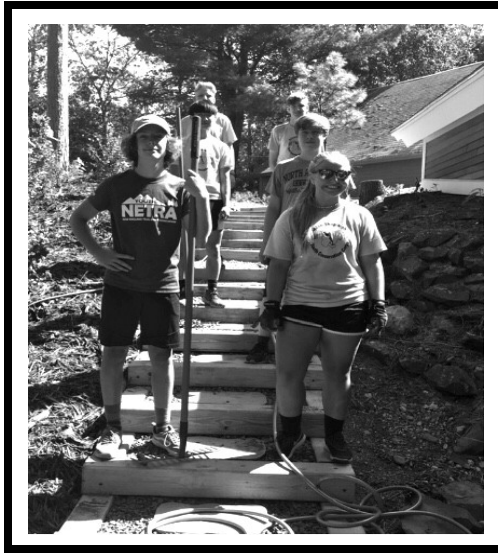
The Good Neighbor Recap:

- 1. Good neighbors are friendly. Friendly neighbors are welcoming to new residents and introduce themselves, maintain relationships and are approachable.**
- 2. Good neighbors are helpful. Helpful neighbors are always there to lend a hand. They are considerate of others, and offer their services to help those in need.**
- 3. Good neighbors are trusting. Trusting neighbors have their neighbors best interests at heart. They treat their neighbors home and family as if it was their own. They also keep their word and follow through when asked to do something.**
- 4. Good neighbors are respectful. They understand boundaries and are respectful of their neighbors time and space. They are also respectful of those that may not like a lot of interaction, and are respectful of neighbors property.**
- 5. Good neighbors are considerate of noise. Neighbors that act responsibly to noise levels is a large part of building a respectful relationship. They are accommodating and willing to adjust noise levels when their neighbor may feel disturbed or uncomfortable.**
- 6. Good neighbors have a general standard of cleanliness inside and outside. Keep your home visually appealing.**
- 7. Make sure you follow pet guidelines. Pick up after your pet, no matter how big or small. Although your neighbor might be a dog lover, doesn't mean that they want to hear your pup having fun, or in distress in your absence.**
- 8. We all know sound carries on the water. Loud voices, loud music, jet skis circling just off shore... be mindful and respectful of not just your abutting neighbors, but your "neighbors" around the lake. Music playing all hours into the night and early morning, should only be heard by those on YOUR boat, and at respectful levels and times.**

Bottom line....

Let's face it, lake living is great ...but we're all packed in like sardines. Being a good neighbor, being considerate, treating others as you wish to be treated is the secret to making our lake and neighborhood the best place to live anywhere.

**Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps
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The Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corp (ASYCC), a non-profit association serving Square Pond, Mousam Lake, Goose Pond, and Loon Pond (Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed), wishes to than SPIA and its members for your continued support.

We were busier than ever in the 2020 year of the COVID-19 pandemic. We set a new record for the number of boat inspections with 1,621 on Square Pond,

and 9,323 total for our watershed. The Erosion Control Crew (ECC) worked hard to complete 23 erosion control projects, with 10 on Square Pond. Our ECC request list is growing, so contact our ECC Leader, Mark Phelps at 207-432-7821 if you are interested in getting an ECC evaluation for your property.

In the last few years, we have spent a portion of our budget to support 319 grant writing. The ASYCC has been helpful in securing a new 2 year 319 grant for Square Pond. The result is that 15 grants will be awarded for up to \$300 to homeowners toward the purchase of native plants and/or materials for Best Management Practices such as runoff diverters, infiltration steps, trenches, drywells and buffers if you sign up to use the ASYCC ECC program. Contact Mark Phelps at 207-432-7821 to get on our list!

We had to cancel our 2020 golf fundraiser, but many thanks to the amazingly good response from our golf sponsors and donors. We are currently planning to hold our annual golf fundraiser in early August 2021 and hope for your continued support.

You can find our 2020 Annual Report at our web site www.asycc.com and can also make an online donation at



**Golf Tournament
To be determined**





Responsible wakes

On The Lakes

By: StarTribune
&
NHLakes.org

Unlike other motorboats, wake boats are designed to create “massive wakes” that allow people to surf behind the boat. For the surfer, it is pretty darn fun. But after the wake leaves the boat and the surfer behind, the fun ends and the lake and shoreline may be hit with safety and environmental impacts.

When there can be several wake boats on the lake at once, it can create a nightmare for all others on the lake. When wake boats are out, all other water activities prepare and watch out for big waves.

While hearing that many people enjoy wake boating and surfing, and that some people have been negatively affected by the large waves they produce, there has been little evidence to prove or disprove actual safety and environmental impacts they cause.

The one-size-fits-all 200 foot setback in the industry-sponsored legislation needs to be adhered to....if not more.

Please watch for swamping other boats, and be mindful not only of the fun you are having, but of the others left behind “in your wake.”



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Water Quality for 2020

World turmoil aside, 2020 was a great summer at Square Pond. We had more warm, beautiful, rain free days than I can ever remember. Unfortunately, there were some severe storms that happened in between the beautiful days including a hurricane. With all these factors the water quality can be affected.

I am happy to report that the water quality, while reduced slightly around the pollen and storms, ended up very good. Water temperature was not really affected by the extremely warm weather. I know that people have thermometers in the water on their property that may read higher in shallow water but the temperature at the surface in the middle where I measure it with a digital meter, never made it to 80 degrees. As you can see from the temperature charts it made it to 79.5 degrees at the warmest point.

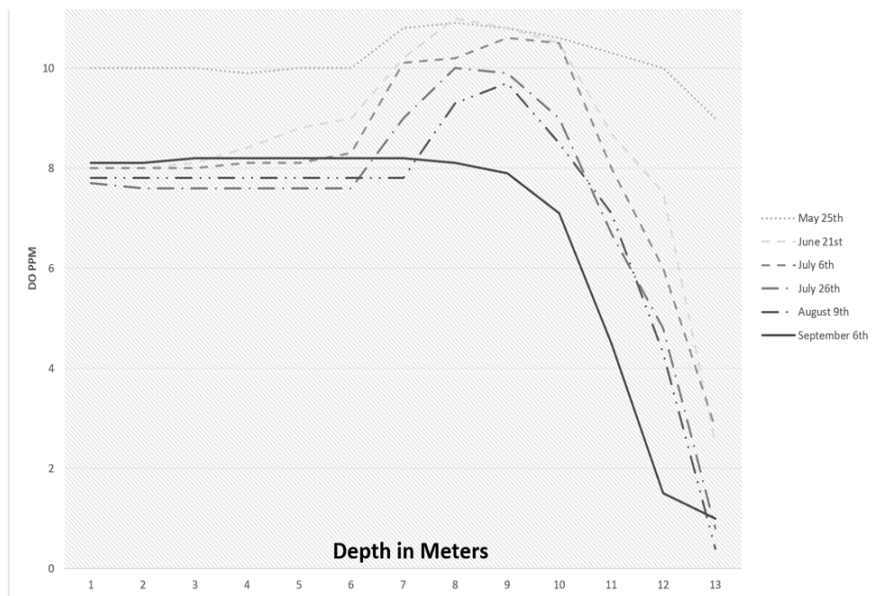
Dissolved oxygen was also very much on par with previous years, even a little higher than last year. The readings in May are always very high due to the lake turning over. You can see that as the lake warms up in the dissolved oxygen drops off. This is normal and happens every year.

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

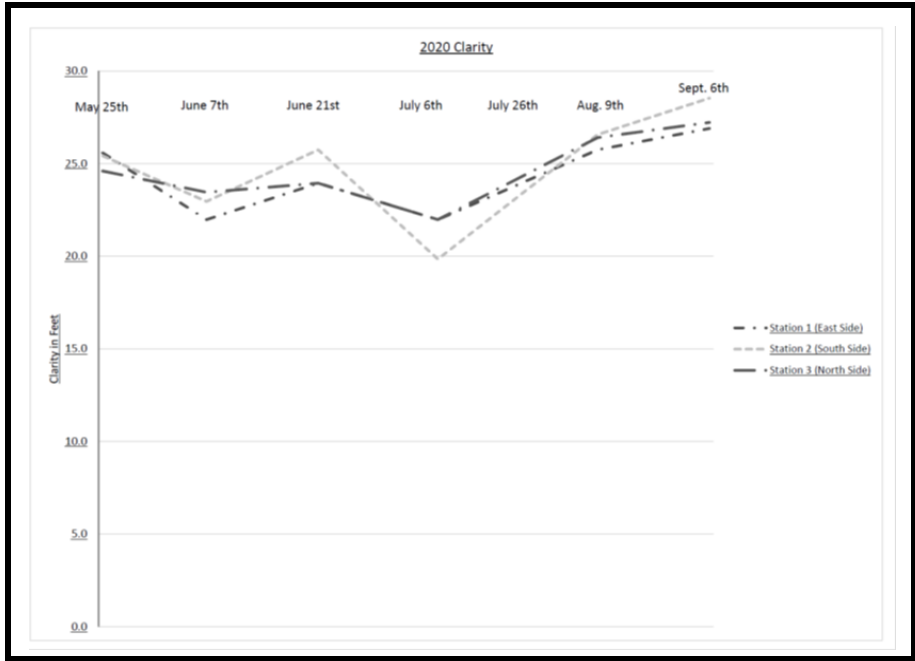
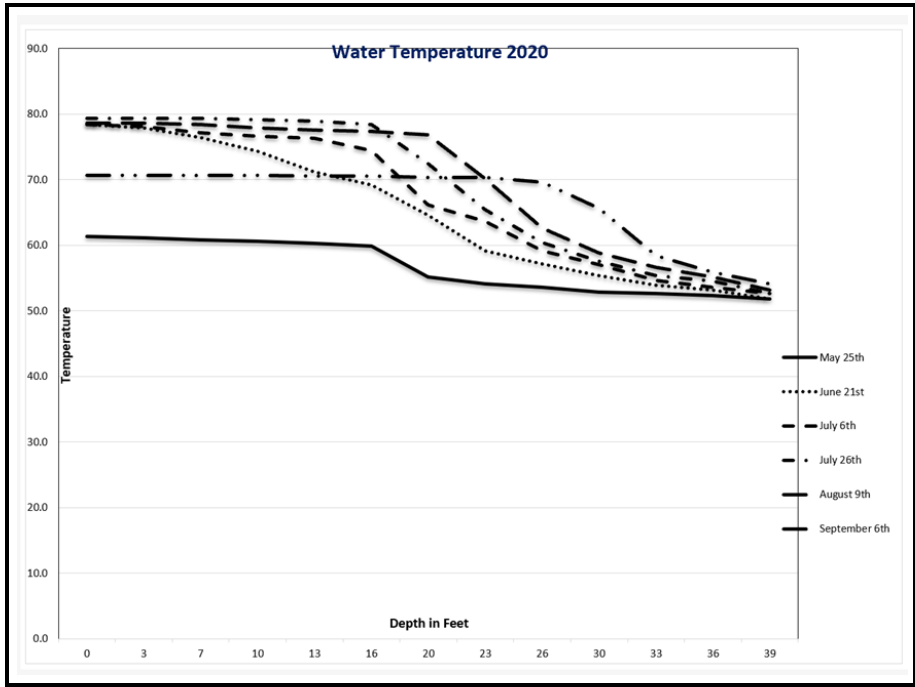
Looking forward to the summer of 2021

Rob Caron

Dissolved Oxygen



Additional charts on next page >>>>>>>>





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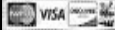
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Dog vs Skunk



So, your dog just had an encounter with a skunk and got sprayed.... Although your first instinct may be to let him in the house to wash him off, do not do it. Keep him outside. The skunk oil on his coat lingers in the air until he is clean, and we all know how awful that can be! The spray is produced by the anal glands of the skunk to defend against predators and contains sulfurous chemicals. Since skunks can spray this liquid as far as 15 feet, it is common for dogs to get a blast directly in the face.

First: Check your dog's eyes. If they are red or irritated, flush them immediately with cool water. Your vet also has an eyewash product, and this might be a good idea to have some on hand.

Secondly: Remove the oil from his coat as quickly as possible. So, now it is bath time.....either outdoors or in a separate space, like a garage. The most common household remedy to get rid of skunk odor used to be tomato juice bath, but today there are more effective products on the market as well as a simple DIY remedy you can make with products you have on hand.

*1/4 cup of baking soda, 1-2 teaspoons of mild dishwashing detergent, (like Ivory Snow), 1 quart of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide Mix in a bucket and use immediately. Work the foaming mixture well into the coat. Leave on for 5 minutes and then rinse with cold water. Cold water keeps the pores closed. Follow up with dog shampoo if desired. It is best to wear rubber gloves and towel dry. Do not get this solution in your dog's eyes.

The next few pages are family legacies here on Square Pond.
I think you will find it interesting to see how deep some roots go.
Enjoy!

Before WWII the lake was used by people from Sanford and Springvale with some New Hampshire folks. In 1935, our parents, Norris and Gladys Howgate Stilphen, turned 16 years of age. Norris was working in a gas station and had the opportunity to buy an old Model T Ford. In the warm months after high school was done for the day or the summer, he would pile his friends in the Ford and drive them to his favorite spot on the lake for a swim and a bonfire. He had on particular spot he liked. In 1939 Goodall-Sanford Mills sold lots on the lake. Dad bought his favorite spot for \$75. Of course WWII intervened and he was drafted. After he finished basic training he sent Mom this telegram, "Hi Honey, see you Friday...You, me, raft, Yippee. I can't wait to swim in that clear cool pond." Now their great grandchildren are learning to swim in the clear cool pond.

-Nancy Deans with Elizabeth Yancey and Patricia Hill

64 Years, 5 Generations and Counting

Ken and Penny Hutchins, along with Ken's parents, purchased their summer camp on West Shore Drive in August 1957. For the next 34 years, they traveled from RI to spend weekends and summer vacations with their 5 daughters, (June, Donna, Lynn, Sharon and Edna); then sons-in-laws and eventually grandchildren as well. Early memories are of Saturday morning boat rides to Pike's store for penny candy and boat gas, learning to swim and to water ski. Later came Saturday night dances at Plummer's Marina, canoe races from the Shapleigh Town Beach, and even participating in a water ski show. Many trophies were won at the water ski tournaments and sailboat races. In 1991, the camp was replaced with a year round house and Ken and Penny retired to the lake. In 2018, ownership went to daughter Lynn Bostrom and her husband Pete. Daughter, Donna Morton and her family, have owned property on the Shapleigh side since 1991. Ken passed on August 4, 2020 but left behind a continuing legacy for his family, now including the 5th generation; 3 great granddaughters.

-Hutchins, Morton, Bostrom

My grandfather, Ray Robator, worked at Goodall-Sanford Mills for many years. He was an avid hunter and angler. Employees were given an opportunity to purchase lots on Square Pond when the property was originally subdivided into lots in 1938. Many of our neighbors are from original families that purchased properties at that time. Our grandchildren represent the fifth generation on Square Pond.

-Lee and MaryAnn Robator

In 1997 we purchased a camp on Treasure Island which we enjoyed for several years. We then decided on a year round place, so we sold the island camp (#76 at the time), and moved to West Shore Drive to a small blue house about 30' from the water. We sold the West Shore Drive home and were off the lake for a dozen years, until we bought the place at the end of the cove on Gate House Rd. We're now finishing our new timber frame home, are full time residents, and loving it! Jeff and Debbie Kolod, with our 3 grown kids and 13 grandkids!
-Jeff and Debbie Kolod

In 1964, my parents, Dave and Sue Godfrey (from Massachusetts), saw an advertisement for an island called "Treasure Island," being developed on Square Pond in Maine. They decided to come up and take a look. The saleswoman, I believe her name was Kitty, showed them around the island and recommended what she thought was the perfect lot. My parents were the 2nd couple to purchase a lot on the island. It has been all great memories ever since for myself and my wife Lucia, my brother Philip and his family, our kids, and our grandkids.

-Dave and Sue Godfrey

My dad and two buddies bought the center island from a mutual friend in the early 60's. They divided it up equally and numbered the lots and drew numbers from a hat and all got the section they wanted. Times have changed and my family now owns both ends of the island. I'm 65 and still love it on the island. The kids from one of the other family on the island (I bought my piece from their mom and dad) still come to visit. More memories than I can count.

-Russ Brackett

My parent's family name is Winterson. Have been on Treasure Island since 1998. I bought in 2010 on the island, then 2016 on the mainland. Cadotte is our family name, and we are from southern NH.

-Debbie Cadotte

My father, Chesley Grant, worked in Purchasing Dept. at Goodall-Sanford Mills. In 1938, he had the opportunity to buy our 100 foot lot on Square Pond - now West Shore Drive. Our grandchildren are the fourth generation to enjoy their great-grandfather's investment that we all continue to enjoy. "Thank you" Chesley and Ella. (They might be surprised to see all the pontoon boats on the lake :).

-Glenna Grant Richardson

The Kendalls discover Square Pond 1963

In the summer of 1963 Clark and Sandy Kendall, and their three daughters Susie, Deborah (“Dede”) and Jane, rented a house on Mousam Lake, on the recommendation of one of Clark’s employees at Belmont Volkswagen. The house on Mousam proved not to be ideal as it lacked a sandy beach and Jane (aka “Cookie”) was found balancing on a very high deck rail. But the family was having a nice stay and Clark dropped into Boothby’s Store in Emery Mills to pick up a few things, most likely T-Bone steaks for the grill. The proprietor, Charlie Boothby, recognized Clark as an “old antique car friend” and the two caught up on their lives. Clark mentioned that he and his family really liked the area and might be looking for a house on one of the lakes. Charlie recommended that the Kendalls look up Father Bouchard, pastor at the Notre Dame de Lourdes church in Springvale, as he had a nice camp on Square Pond but was retiring and wanted to sell. Father Bouchard took a shine to the Kendall family and the camp became the Kendalls in September 1963, complete with docks and ski boat. The camp on Cedar Drive was originally named “Misty Haven” but quickly became known to the family as Xanadu, after the Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem. Sandy, Clark and the family, which now includes six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, have spent every summer here and lots of weekends in the other seasons. The camp was eventually remodeled to be a year round home, where Sandy lives now.

My, (Bill) first visit to Square Pond was in the summer of 1956 when my family spent a weekend here with friends, renting the camp at 336 Indian Village Rd. While visiting for a week the following summer, my father, Louis, heard a bulldozer in the distance and went to investigate. He returned and informed us he had bought a lot on the lake. Our home on Apple Road began later that summer with a tent on the ground, then to a tent on a platform and the addition of an outhouse, and later to a tent with electricity to run the refrigerator, no more ice needed. Fall of 1959 saw the start of the camp construction, 1 floor built and almost 2 years later, the 2nd floor was completed (pay as you go method). Along the way we added indoor plumbing and some heat. My parents would spend the entire summer living at the lake, and it remained a gathering place for family and friends. My sister Linda and her family, along with my family, spent several wonderful weeks each year enjoying everything about Square Pond. My family moved to Minnesota in 1973 and for the next 4 years we did not get to the lake, but in 1977 we transferred back to New England, Vermont, and began enduring the 8 hour round trip each weekend so we could continue to experience the wonder of Square Pond. My father passed away in early 1995, but my mother continued to live at the camp throughout the summer months until her death in 2005. The lure of the lake and our wonderful friends and relatives continued to draw us back. In 2009 Judy and I decided that we wanted to live at the lake year-round, so in 2010, after much discussion with my deceased parents, we tore it down to build the current house. I have been coming to the lake for over 65 years, and Judy over 50 years. Our children and now grandchildren have known and grown at Square Pond their entire lives. Bill and Judy Porecca

I am fortunate enough to live on my little piece of heaven which was owned by my great, great grandparents (and without check, not doubt further back than that). I am fortunate to not know life without camp on Square Pond. As a young girl I would talk about one day building a home on my family's land. Five years ago I did just that! I love this land and take great pride in my heritage. May my children and grandchildren love it like I do! -Jane Kirton

The Small legacy to Square Pond...Ron and Nancy Small moved from NY to Alfred, Maine around 1955. My father's associates were sailors and they all kept their thistle (sailboats) moored in Nellies cove where the test pilot for the lake plane rented a camp and used Square for his landing and takeoff practices. The company didn't flourish so by 1960 my father went back to Grumman on LI, NY to work for them. Before he left he received a small inheritance and asked his wife, Nancy, "Should we buy a car, or property on Square?" (Judge Roberts was a good friend that let him know of a parcel for sale), Nancy said, "We will always need a car, so let's get the property." The seller couldn't or didn't want to pay taxes, so it was paid over a few years which helped my parents. We camped for the first couple of years, built an "A" frame that mom, dad and I slept in, while my sister and brother slept in the station wagon- (woody of course). Over the years they built the house from an LC Andrews kit. All the neighbors helped and it was like the Waltons with long tables of food for everyone that was pitching in. I might have dates wrong, but Dad retired in 1978/1979, and enjoyed 30 years of retirement on the lake, taking a canoe ride almost every morning. My mom is still there, and the camp has gone through a few upgrades. My mom turns 91 this year, and doing well! - Tom Small

Our family has been on Square pond since 1978 when our parents, Frank and Lois Deluski, bought 106 Dogwood Drive in Shapleigh. Four generations, starting with Dad's mother, Nellie, have enjoyed our 'piece of heaven on Earth'. It is a place full of family and friends. We have known some summer neighbors for so long that they are practically family! Thanks to our Mom and Dad, we look forward to many, many more years spent at our place! -Chris Deluski-Walter

Sadly-Lois Marion Deluski died of COVID-19 complications on December 26, 2020, on 69th her wedding anniversary. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest Frank Deluski on April 14, 2019. They both loved their camp on Square Pond, and passed that love onto their 4 children. Lois and Frank are looking down from heaven at their four generations of family enjoying Square Pond.

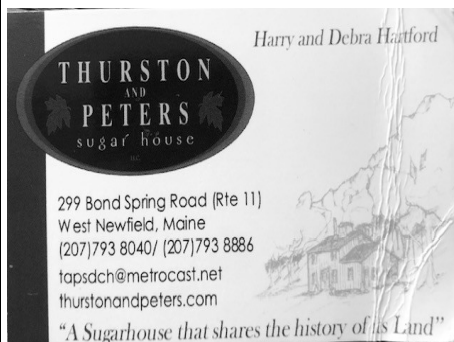
We rented a camp with my parents in 1971 from a recommendation of the Fiske family. We fell in love, so luckily found this little camp owned by Walter Whitehall. It is hard to believe that our original little camp is still inside all of our exterior renovations. We now continue to love this lake in all seasons. -Debbie and Scott Lansberry

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ICE THICKNESS	PERMISSIBLE LOAD
2 INCHES OR LESS	STAY OFF!!!
3 INCHES	1 PERSON ALONE ON FOOT
4 INCHES	SMALL GROUP, SINGLE FILE
5 INCHES	SMALL GROUP, TOGETHER
8 INCHES	LIGHT TRUCK 2 1/2 TONS GROSS
10 INCHES	MEDIUM TRUCK, 3 1/2 TON GROSS
12 INCHES	HEAVY TRUCK, 7-8 TON GROSS
15 INCHES	10 TONS
20 INCHES	25 TONS
25 INCHES	45 TONS
30 INCHES	70 TONS

Septic Tank Maintenance

At a lake home, there is a lot at stake for septic tank failure. It is recommended that you should check your tank every **THREE YEARS**. This can change depending on other factors, such as how many people live in the home, and how often it is used. It is better to be safe than sorry, and get on a regular maintenance schedule. If you see wet spots, hear gurgling, or detect a bad odor, hire a professional to check your septic system.



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The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light-known as light pollution-can have serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife, and our climate. Components of light pollution include:

**Glare-excessive brightness that causes visual discomfort
Skyglow-brightening of the night sky over inhabited areas
Light trespass-light falling where it is not intended or needed
Clutter-bright, confusing and excessive groupings of light sources**

The fact is that much outdoor lighting used at night is inefficient, Overly bright, poorly targeted, improperly shielded, and in MANY cases, unnecessary.

YOU CAN HELP!

The good news is that light pollution, unlike many other forms of pollution, is reversible and each one of us can make a difference! Just being aware that light pollution is a problem is not enough; the need is for action. You can start by minimizing the light from your own home at night. *Only use lighting when and where it is needed. *If safety is concern, install motion detector lights and timers. *Property shield all outdoor lights. *Keep your blinds drawn to keep light inside. *Put your outside lights on timers, and for minimal time frames.

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***Square Pond Improvement Association
2021 Meeting Dates:***

Location: TO BE DETERMINED
Saturday, June 26th at 9am

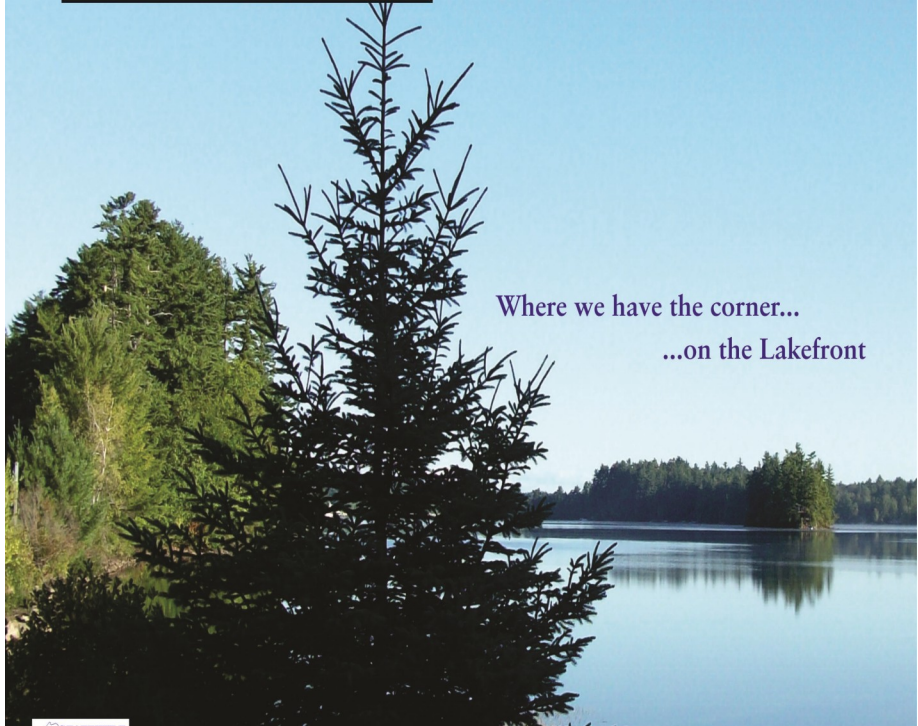
Saturday, August 28th at 10am

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