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PLEASANT LAKE MAPS

- \$10 each or FREE to new PLA members.
- Approximately 28" x 36"
- Beautiful design - great for framing!
- Buy today: Contact your local director or Tom Brennan (Ledges District) See page 2 for contact information.

ANNUAL MEETING

June 27, 2009

POT LUCK DINNER

August 1, 2009

Watch for details in the next Pleasant Ponderings or at www.pleasantlakenh.org.

Did you know that the PLA is a 501 3C and contributions may be tax deductible?

Pleasant Ponderings

Pleasant Lake Association
Deerfield/Northwood, NH

New PLA Website!

WWW.PLEASANTLAKENH.ORG

We invite you to visit and take a look at the new PLA website: www.pleasantlakenh.org. Basic information about the PLA is posted, including its purpose, programs, and membership information. Upcoming meetings and event dates are also available along with a photo gallery and important NH lake and environmental links.



We encourage you to contact us with your questions, concerns, and ideas. Your input is valuable and important to us as we work to preserve and protect the beauty and quality of Pleasant Lake. The telephone numbers and email addresses of PLA Officers, District Directors, and Committee Chairs can be found under Contacts.

The Ponderings, which is mailed to members, is also posted on the website in color and can easily be printed. We extend special thanks to those members who have requested that they receive The Ponderings via email and the website rather than the traditional mailing. This delivery option saves the PLA on printing and postage costs as well as supports our efforts to "be green".

We are excited to have our website up and running! We hope you will find it to be a useful tool for staying informed and in touch with lake activities and news.

- Claudia Spangler

The History Continues

AN INSIDE LOOK AT ONE OF PLEASANT LAKE'S HISTORICAL HOMES

Many of us have admired the 1803 Federal style "Thacher home" at the South end of the lake. Before the Thachers, the home was owned by Iver Johnson, whose father planted the apple orchard on the property and raised cows in a barn that once stood behind the house. This fall, the home was purchased by Carol and Peter Smiglin.

While living in a lovingly restored 1790 cape in Hollis, the Smiglins visited their friends, Dan and Jan Cote, at their home on Pleasant Lake. On a whim, they decided to tour the Thacher house. Despite reservations about taking on such a project at this point in their lives, the home and surrounding land was too beautiful and inviting to pass up.

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Why Do You Love the Lake?

A RETROSPECTIVE FROM THE PLEASANT LAKE YOUTH

I love the fish. I love to watch them and catch them and see other people catch them.

Taylor, age 7 I like to go to Pleasant Lake because I have a blast! I like swimming and seeing my Grandma's garden growing. **Marc** The lake is pleasant and that's why I love it. I like how you can splash rocks on the water and they go plunking down. **Ella, age 5** My favorite part is tubing on the huge waves the boat makes, snorkeling at the ledges and watching the loons on boat rides. I love roasting marshmallows over the fire and watching the sun set on the lake. **Sarah, age 11** I like it when my dad pulls me

skiing and tubing in the beautiful clear water. **Tom, age 9** I have so many memories of swimming in the clear water and learning to waterski. **Erin, age 11** I like to swim, tube, ski, go on the big surfboard, fast boat rides, and snorkeling. I love the loons. **Madelyn, age 8** It's fun! I always have my birthday party there with my friends. **Eric** I love the diamonds on the lake when the sun hits it just right. **Martha** My favorite part is tubing and snorkeling at the ledges. I love the crystal clear water and the beautiful scenery surrounding the lake! **Emma, age 13** It's where my family makes memories! **Jennifer** The water is clean and I love the beautiful fish. **Kyle, age 9**



In Loving Memory

Eleanor Ambrose and Pat Turner (long time Pleasant Lake residents) passed away this summer. Eleanor was the wife of Hollis Ambrose whose family farm used to be located on Rte 107 just north of Gulf Road. While the Ambrose family goes back generations, Eleanor & Hollis moved to the lake full time in 1978 when they retired. During the years that I walked Gulf Road to catch the high school bus, I would have the opportunity to chat with Eleanor. Her recall of the local history was amazing and she was active within the Deerfield community.

Aunt Pat was actually the cousin of Phyllis Reese, Avis Parks and Joe Knox. It seems these four spent a portion of every summer at the lake their entire lives. The stories they have about the lake have kept this generation entertained for years.

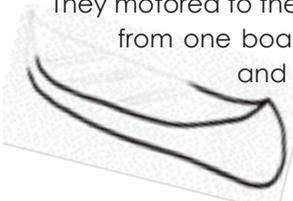
Sadly, the loss of these two ladies reduces the pool of folks who remembered the lake when it was a reservoir and had expansive sandy beaches in many locations, where swimming was only allowed in the Eastern Half and when the Ambrose family cows occupied the local fields. But their love of the lake lives on with their family and friends.

- Chuck Reese

Perfect Ending to Canoe Club Season

Did you know that there was a floating restaurant in the middle of Pleasant Lake? On a beautiful Saturday morning during Labor Day weekend, twenty-three members and friends of Canoe Club abandoned their kayaks and canoes for pontoon boats.

They motored to the middle of the lake, tied their boats together and wandered from one boat to another to enjoy a gourmet breakfast. New members and original club members all agreed: life doesn't get much better than that!



Start your 2009 Lake Season by joining the Canoe Club.

- Martha Clark

Entrance Signs Refurbished

Thanks to volunteers, Bob Blanchard and Russ Spangler, the North & South Pleasant Lake signs have been updated and reinforced. Don't they look great?! The PLA is considering taking the list of residents OFF the bulletin boards for privacy and to conserve space. In this age of cell phones & navigation systems, it probably isn't as necessary to have your name & cottage # there for your guests to find you. If you WANT your name listed on the board:

Contact Stan Clark: 463-7100 mapanh@yahoo.com

Otherwise, your name will be removed.

Be a Weed Watcher!



THIS IS MILFOIL.

Be proactive - check your lake frontage weekly!



2008 Labor Day Boat Parade
The Kallenburgh Family

NEXT BOAT PARADE:

July 4, 2009

Show Your Red, White & Blue!!

Ducks and E. coli

Please don't feed the ducks! Wherever there is easy access to the shoreline they will be feeding on grassy areas. Ducks naturally defecate in the area where they feed and this can load E. coli into the water body. Keep our water pure. Avoid feeding the cute little ducks and they will move elsewhere in search of food.

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The History Continues

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"We're still trying to sell our present house and hoping to move to Deerfield soon. It is exciting to know that this house is one of the oldest on the lake, and we would like to make it look as close to its 1803 time in history as possible."

Having retired from teaching and the Currier Museum of Art, Carol will have more time to tend to the gardens. Peter will continue to work for Danco Sales but will be busy with the lawns and orchard. He hopes to get the trees producing apples again. But most of all they intend to enjoy the beautiful lake and the surrounding countryside.

"Please stop by and meet us and our English Setter, Birch, and our cat, Bud. We look forward to getting to know all the Pleasant Lake Ponderers."

-Carol and Peter Smiglin

LAKE DOWN	LEVEL	DRAW
Jun 1	(full)	6.3
Jun 26		6.2
Jul 1		6.1
Jul 12		6.0
Jul 19		5.9
Jul 26		5.8
Aug 1		5.7
Aug 8		5.6
Aug 15		5.5
Aug 22		5.4
Sept 1		5.1
Oct 10	All Boards Out	

2009 Fins 'n Fun Kid's Fishing Event

MAY 30, 2009 - AUGUST 15, 2009



- Trophies! Ribbons! Certificates!
- 3 Divisions with 3 Categories of Fish
- Sponsor - Pleasant Lake Association
- Participating anglers must be represented by a paid Pleasant Lake Association member.
- Watch for Full Details, Rules and Contest Entry Form at www.pleasantlakenh.org or in the Spring issue of Pleasant Ponderings.

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