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RANDOM THOUGHTS, FROM LAKESIDE. Almost!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It's nearly Holiday time again. Where did the summer go? Well, I know for sure it probably didn't float away. Not nearly enough water for that. A dry summer it was, that's for sure. It seemed you could see the lake go down. We actually pulled the steamer G.E. M a couple of weeks early to prevent any problems with low water. All the boats are nestled safely inside for the winter, fully winterized and snug as the proverbial bug in a rug. I'm sure glad I had Norm Watters build my big storage/shop years ago. It's been a lifesaver.

Those of you that are on line and regularly check out our website www.sebeclakeassoc.com may have noticed that our lake level readings have stopped being posted as of October. Bob Hall had to move to his winter home in Arizona. I know he really misses Sebec Lake and will return as early as possible in the spring to take up where he left off. The lake level device continues to record the level all winter and we do have the info available to us. Actually its December 22nd as I sit here. Already the days are getting longer and Spring is on the way. Only 17 more Fridays and my boats go back in Sebec Lake.

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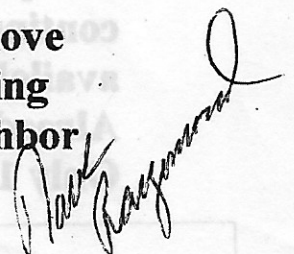
It appears; from what I read in The Piscataquis Observer that Sebec Village has sorted out their zoning problems and the Moriarty family will be able to open their Marina next summer. Congratulations to all for getting this sorted out. The lower end of the lake has been absent fuel for way too long. Now we have the Watters family and the Moriarty family vying for our business, Best of Luck to you all.

Jim and Sue DeCoste, local Sebec Lake property owners ,very kindly sent me a story from The Bangor Daily News regarding a new threat to Marines lakes. I will attempt to include the article in this newsletter.

Water Quality, always of interest to Sebec Lakers continues to be SUPURB. We enjoy an average clarity of 8 meters plus. Our water quality guardian, Bob Hall is going to enter into even more stringent testing with the upcoming season. I'll have to ask Bob to elaborate for the next issue. All reports to The Maine Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Association were submitted in a timely fashion. Our Thanks to Bob Hall and Dean Meffe.

THE SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION'S Webmaster, V.P. Gary Soucy continues to monitor our website, www.sebeclakeassoc.com Do check us out.

Our E-Mail address remains Sebecassoc@aol.com, We'd love to hear from you with any concerns you may have regarding the preservation of Sebec Lake. Suggestion, ask your neighbor to join with you in THE SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION.



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THE SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION has received a number of donations in memory of Dick Hartley. We Thank you, one and all. From what I've seen there would probably not still be an association except for the unselfish dedication of Dick and Elaine. My personal Thanks and Condolences and those of THE SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION to Elaine and their children, Rick and Jennifer.

Richard S. Hartley



BOWERBANK -
Richard S.
Hartley of
Bowerbank died
at home on Aug.
21, 2002 after an
heroic struggle
with cancer.

He was
born on June 15,
1931 in New York

City and came to Sebec Lake on vacations starting as a child. In 1957, he purchased land in the Narrows from the late Francis Peaks and built a summer house. In 1972, he realized a dream, leaving a job at the New York Stock Exchange and moving to the Lake with his wife and two young children to start a summer cabin rental business. A self-taught and intuitive craftsman, engineer and mechanic, he built 11 beautiful cabins, which provided countless guests with happy memories of Sebec Lake for 30 years.

He loved and knew the Lake and surrounding woods as a dear friend, spending endless hours walking the roads and trails during every season. Always looking for a challenge, he water-skied around Manhattan Island in his twenties and ran up and down Mount Katahdin in 3 hours, 28 minutes in his sixties. For 14 years he served as president of the Sebec Lake Association, devoting great energy and time to the welfare of the Lake and its residents.

He is deeply missed by his wife of 42 years, Elaine, his children, Jenny and Rick, daughter-in-law-to-be, Nina Fagles, and his beloved canine walking companion, Jed; his sister, Jessica Feth; brothers, Ronald and Robin Hartley, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A private memorial celebration will be held. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Bowdoin Mill, One Main Street, Topsham, ME 04086 or the Borestone Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary, in care of the Audubon, 20 Gilsland Farm Road, Falmouth, ME 04105.

SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
August 10, 2002

President Dave Raymond called forty-five members of the Sebec Lake Association to order at 7:10 P.M. at the Dover-Foxcroft YMCA. He opened the meeting with several remarks pertaining to the Association. First, Dave needs to get in touch with new camp owners. He asked those present to let him know of any new neighbors. He reminded us that the Association has celebrated its thirty-first anniversary. Finally, referring to an item discussed at the 2001 meeting (holding the annual meeting in August instead of July), Dave noted that the by-laws had already been amended to allow for an annual meeting in August.

Following these few remarks, the secretary read the report of the 2001 meeting which was accepted as read. The treasurer distributed a printout of his report. As of July 31st the checkbook balance was \$2,504.30; the balance in CD's was \$8,502.60; total assets were \$11,006.90. Mac encouraged us to urge camp owners to join the Association as fewer than half are now members. He also thanked Gary Soucy for his work on the water meter. The treasurer's report was accepted by members.

Old business included a report that the water level of the lake is down about six inches, although both gates are closed. The clarity of the lake is 8.1 meters, which is excellent. Gary Soucy thanked Bob Hall for reading the water meter every day. He reported that he regularly updates the web site.

Two new business items were considered. One was the proposal to donate \$500 to the Borestone Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary. A motion was made, seconded, and so voted. The other item was the election of officers for the coming year. The current officers and board of directors were introduced, followed by the nominating committee's proposed slate. From the floor, Dean Meffe nominated Gary Soucy for vice president. President Raymond called for a vote of the proposed slate, omitting the office of vice president. The amended proposed slate was elected. Then a vote was taken for the office of vice president, and Gary Soucy was duly elected.

After concluding Association business, Dave then introduced the evening's speakers, Ginger Jones of the Maine Audubon and Joseph Spaulding who manages the Borestone Wildlife Sanctuary. Ms. Jones spoke briefly of the Maine Audubon's ownership and maintenance of the sanctuary, its financial support, and the programs it offers. Mr. Spaulding cited some interesting figures related to the sanctuary. For instance, it encompasses an area of 1,639 acres, includes historic lodges built in the early 1900's, has 4,000 to 5,000 visitors a year, and the mountain itself is nearly 2,000 feet in height. Some of the activities that go on at the sanctuary involve trail clearing, youth camps, restoration of buildings, and a sugaring operation.

Both speakers stressed the need for community support, especially financial, so that the Borestone Wildlife Sanctuary can continue to offer recreational and educational opportunities to the residents of Piscataquis County and its many visitors. Joe showed a series of slides depicting scenes from Borestone at different seasons of the year, interior and exterior shots of the buildings, trail work, climbers and the sugaring operation. They responded to several questions posed by members of the audience. One of special interest was the possibility of holding an open house at some time in the future so that people can see these scenes and activities for themselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

The following officers and directors were elected to serve for the coming year:

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Dave Raymond
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Mac Blanchard
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Marie Woodbrey

New invasive plant surprises state officials

PORTLAND - While Maine officials have been focusing on milfoil as Public Enemy No. 1 for lakes and ponds, another invasive aquatic plant has slipped into the state for the first time, officials said Tuesday. The discovery of hydrilla in Limerick's 46-acre Pickerel Pond this fall came as a surprise because the only other New England states where the plant's existence has been confirmed are Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"This wasn't the next invasive plant we expected to see," said Karen Hahnel of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Hydrilla is one of 11 species on the state's list of invasive aquatic plants. It is far more aggressive than variable milfoil, the only other one found in Maine, Hahnel said from Augusta.

The aquatic plant first was noticed a year ago on Pickerel Pond, and it became bad enough last summer that one of the waterfront owners sent a sample to the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program in Turner.

Scott Williams, executive director of the monitoring program, said he and a colleague traveled to York County to check out the situation firsthand since hydrilla can be mistaken for common aquatic plants.

"There was no trouble finding it. It was everywhere," he said. "It took us only a few minutes to conclude, in our minds, that it was hydrilla."

Williams took images of the plant and shipped them to an expert in Massachusetts to confirm the finding within 24 hours.

As of now, the plant covers two-thirds of the shorefront to a depth of about 6 feet deep, with dense growth in some areas, Hahnel said.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has contacted all 69 shorefront owners laying out options for controlling the infestation and for preventing further infestation of neighboring waters.

Aquatic plants typically are spread by plant fragments that are attached to boat propellers, trailers and fishing tackle, and officials are considering a temporary closure of the pond's public boat ramp.

Hydrilla is a stubborn and fast-growing plant that is difficult to control once it is introduced.

Its roots burrow under the bottom of lakes and ponds, so it is able to withstand the cold winters, and its roots spread with multiple stems, allowing it to spread quickly, Hahnel said.

Once it takes root, hydrilla can foul up boat propellers and make it difficult to swim, she said.

For now, the DEP's Aquatic Invasive Species Program is investigating a range of methods for controlling the plants, from instructing people how to pull plants by hand to teaching residents how to install underwater barriers.

Herbicides will be considered only as a last resort and after discussions with residents, officials said.

The most important thing is for boat owners to remove plant fragments from their boats, even in ponds and lakes where aquatic plants have not become established, Hahnel said.

Before the hydrilla infestation, state officials were most worried about variable milfoil, which has been found in Maine, and its more aggressive cousin, Eurasian milfoil.

Officials have plenty of cause for worry because invasive aquatic plants quickly can overtake lakes and ponds. Some fear the unsightly plants could reduce shorefront property values and hurt tourism.



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As at July 31, 2002

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Checking account balance 7-31-02 \$ 1,339.11

CASH IN: 8-31-01 - 7-31-02

Dues received	\$5,936.00
Interest on checking account	10.59
Sale of lake charts	129.00
Advertising in newsletter	435.00

Total cash in \$6,510.59

Total cash available \$7,849.70

CASH OUT:

Filing fee - state of Maine	\$ 20.00
Water monitor -service, repairs	625.61
Transferred to C/D	1,000.00
Insurance	1,000.00
Newsletter, postage, office exp.	2,699.79

Total Cash out: \$5,345.40

Check book balance 7-31-02 \$2,504.30

RECAP: Checkbook balance	\$2,504.30
Balance in C/D's	8,502.60
	\$11,006.90

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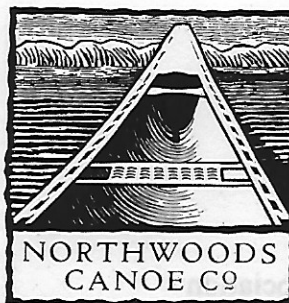
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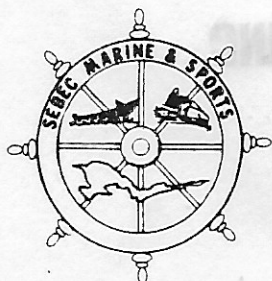
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August 22, 2002

Dave Raymond
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Dear Dave,

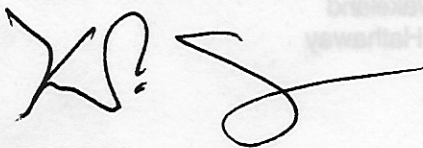
Please extend our appreciation to the Sebec Lake Association for your recent gift of \$500 supporting Borestone Mountain Sanctuary. You will be pleased to know that your gift will be used to continue Maine Audubon's efforts to preserve and protect this special place.

We appreciate your receptive audience at the presentation, as well as the group from the association which later visited the lodges. There has been strong support in the area which is encouraging. The Kiwanis of Dover-Foxcroft and Guilford have indeed agreed to participate in a fall hike-a-thon fundraiser on September 28. I hope you and Joanne can participate and I also hope you will advertise it to your members.

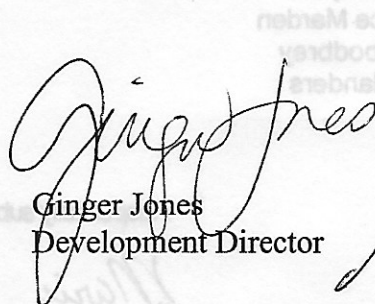
We recognize that Borestone is a special place to folks on the lakes and are striving to maintain and improve its' accessibility to the public. This year's work on the trail steps was completed just last week and we're looking at plans for next year. We've got a steep trail ahead of us as the sanctuary isn't financially sustainable as it currently operates and are working hard to look at alternative models.

Again, many thanks for your valuable input as well as your generosity. Borestone is a gem in your area as well as one of Maine's most valuable resources. We appreciate you being our partner in its' preservation efforts and look forward to building an even stronger relationship.

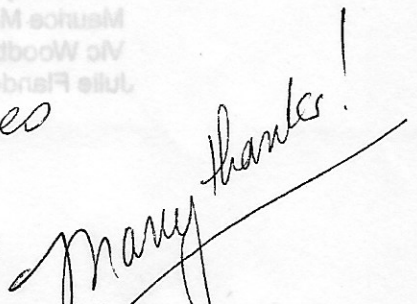
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