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Annual Meeting

Saturday July 8, 2017 9:30am @ Mayo Regional Hospital, Piscataquis Room

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Mark your calendars for these summer events....

The Annual Meeting of the Sebec Lake Association is scheduled for Saturday, July 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Piscataquis Room of Mayo Regional Hospital. The meeting will be preceded by the Board meeting at 8 a.m. Parking and entrance is at the rear of the Hospital.

Maine Whoopie Pie Festival is Saturday June 24, 10 - 4 in downtown Dover-Foxcroft. Dozens of bakers with thousands of Whoopie Pies will be on hand. Sample, purchase and enjoy this unique Maine delicacy. Stay all day to enjoy live music, food, arts and crafts, vendors, and fun activities for the whole family! See mainewhoopiepiefestival.com for details.

Shiretown Homecoming Parade & Fireworks on the lake are scheduled for Saturday, August 5. Please note that the Fireworks display is dependent on enough money being raised by donations. The Sebec Lake Association has again contributed \$500 to the Fireworks Fund. Fireworks, Concessions and Entertainment are at the Municipal Beach at Greeley's Landing.

Other events on the calendar:

Sebec Village - July 4th Breakfast(7:30), 5K Race (8), Parade (9:30), Chicken barbeque (11-2pm); August 19 Silent Auction & Breakfast 8-10:30; September 16 Community Picnic (4:40-6:00);

D-F Kiwanis Auction - July 27, 28, 29, 30; Thurs & Fri 6-9, Sat 4-9, Sunday 12-4, 50/50 raffle, bargain barn, book barn, food.

130th Piscataquis Valley Fair - August 24, 25, 26, 27.

Please support these local events!

They are all lots of fun and many support local worthy causes.

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Did you know...?

Sebec Lake Association on Facebook: Thanks to Peter Chase, SLA is now on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/sebeclakeassoc/>). Check in to see photos, news and comments.

Sebec Lake Webcams: Mike McCormack has two webcams that show continuous real-time views of the lake as well as time-lapse videos. See the view from Greeley's Landing looking toward Newell Cove at <http://www.sebeclake.net/greeleys.html> and toward Borestone from the Narrows at <http://www.sebeclake.net/borestone.html>, and find Sebec Lake Weather at <http://www.sebeclake.net/htm/weather.html>.

Sebec Lake Website: Periodically we get inquiries about the lake, dam, hazard markers, invasive species, etc. When you have a question or are just curious, head to <http://sebeclakeassoc.com/> and open up the items on the drop down list at the left hand side of the Welcome screen. If you have suggestions for topics to be added, send an email to one of the Board members on the Officers/Directors page.

Sebec Lake Camp map: We've had inquiries about reprinting the 1980's map of the lake with the camps/owners listed that graces the wall of many of the older camps. Does anyone have information on where the map might be reprinted? There is a shop in Bangor, but it is very expensive to print on non-white paper. Contact us if you know of a reasonably priced print shop that can do the job or you have other suggestions. A few years ago, an attempt was made to update the map, but there are simply too many camps to fit on the list of camps.

Proposed SLA Bylaws Revision: The Board has reviewed the original bylaws with the idea of allowing the use of current technology for meetings and making the number of Board members flexible. With the Board spread across the country, it is impossible to have regular 'in person' meetings. The original bylaws and the proposed version are posted on the website under Sebec Lake Association. These changes will be voted on at the annual meeting (Sat July 8, 9:30 am, Mayo Hospital).

Why we ask those questions on the Dues form: SLA has 933 records in our database that include property owners, friends and advertisers; every one of those people gets a Newsletter, whether or not dues have been paid, at a cost of over \$1 per copy. Many properties have multiple owners, and, if requested, each separate address gets a record in the database. Having a contact email or phone allows us to reach you if there is a question or a problem related to your camp. Please know that we NEVER share personal information. Names and addresses are part of public tax records. Our records are checked annually against the Tax Commitment Lists for each of the four towns to determine current owner names and addresses. ***Please fill out the member form on the website if your information changes.***

Invasive Plant Patrol & Lake Mapping Update

The Invasive Plant Patrol and Lake Mapping team had a very good summer in 2016, with a number of major goals achieved. SLA initiated and funded the program beginning in 2015, and the second summer was a busy one. The team had good weather and a dedicated group working in several key areas where we believe any invasive species would first appear. The team prioritizes the target areas based on a couple key criteria: First, is the area one where non-native watercraft (e.g. those boats/kayaks/canoes, etc. that have never been off Sebec Lake) are launched, and second, is it an area where the inflow from ponds and lakes upstream enter Sebec.

In 2016, the team identified Newell Cove, and the portion of the lake just outside of Packard's as two key areas, as well as the North shore of the upper lake. We are pleased to report that NO invasive species have been identified in these areas, and we successfully mapped over 5 miles of shoreline! There is plenty of healthy vegetation in the lake, which is great for the fish and wildlife. At the same time, once you get to about 6 – 7 feet water depth, the vegetation density really drops off, or disappears altogether. This makes our efforts mostly an 'in water' experience.

The goals for 2017 will be set soon, with the Peaks – Kinney campground and more work at Packard's outlet in the plans. Inspection of the north shore of the lower lake from Newell Cove inlet to the narrows is also on the list. With the dredging of the marina this past fall, it will likely be targeted again. The team also hopes to publish its first vegetation map early in the summer, documenting the aquatic vegetation we have identified.

SLA is committed in maintaining vigilance in the face of increasing threats from invasive plants, such as Eurasian Milfoil and Hydrilla. These two species of invasive plant, which can effectively take over and 'kill' the lake, continue to make their way further in to Maine. We are very pleased to learn that more and more Camp owners are asking their guest with jet skis, kayaks, canoes and even boat shoes, to wash and rinse those items thoroughly before dropping them in. Our best defense is our vigilance in this way.

To date, the IPP effort has been funded out of specific donations from camp owners. Without camp owner support, whether financial or in time and equipment, and camp owner vigilance of the waters around them, this program just won't work. With this support, the team was able to quickly respond to camp owners reporting 'something different' in the water to a team member for an evaluation. On behalf of the full team, and

the SLA board, the IPP team is very grateful to all of you who have made contributions.

However, as grateful as we are to have those donations, we could use a few more members on the team.

What you can do:

First and foremost, volunteer to be on the IPP team. If you'd like to volunteer, contact SLA President Brian Woodworth at 207-217-0962 or Vice President Rudy Davis at 978-204-6799. Or, you can contact them by email via the SLA website

Second, volunteer your small boat to the effort for a few hours every now and then. We've learned that a pontoon type boat works well, and there are plenty of those on the lake.

Third, make a dedicated financial contribution to the effort. The team will need additional equipment: log books, view scopes, maps, identification books, specialized rakes, etc., as well as additional training

Fourth, if you are not a member of SLA, join. Annual dues are only \$15.00, and the return – protection of your lakeside asset – is immense.

Finally, become educated about this threat, and make sure the equipment and 'toys' you or your visitors put in the water, are appropriately washed, cleaned and inspected prior to going in.

The SLA believes it is critical not to underestimate the threat these invasive species pose to our Lake. If you'd like to see what an infestation looks like, go to the SLA website and view the VLMP video on the Home page.

Thanks again to all, and see you on the lake in a few short months!

Rudy Davis, Vice President, SLA, Coordinator, IPP Team
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Maine Boating Regulations Review

When you are at Sebec Lake, you likely spend time on a boat or sitting on a dock watching boats. Generally speaking, both residents and visitors are aware of and obey the rules of the water...and a few of you have probably learned the hard way when 'visited' by the Warden.

A pet peeve for many is the behavior of those who like to run that boat motor at max speed near the shoreline. As a reminder, the regulations state: No person may operate a watercraft at a speed greater than headway speed while within the water safety zone (within 200 feet of shore) or within a marina in inland waters. Headway speed is defined as the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage and control of the watercraft while the watercraft is moving.

A few additional reminders:

An operator of a boat of more than 10 horsepower must be at least 12 years of age unless under the immediate supervision of a person at least 16 years of age.

Children 10 years of age or under are required to WEAR a Type I, II or III PFD in all watercraft.

Craft less than 16 feet and all canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards regardless of length, must carry at least 1 Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), Types I, II, or III (wearable), for each person aboard. Watercraft 16 feet or longer must carry the above PLUS 1 Type IV (throwable) device immediately available in craft.

Any person being towed on water-skis, surfboards or similar devices must wear a life jacket, life belt or similar lifesaving device.

Everyone on board a Personal Watercraft (PWC) must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket (PFD) at all times.

No one under 16 years of age may operate a PWC.

PWCs may not be operated between sunset and sunrise.

For complete regulations, visit https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/me_handbook_entire.pdf

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Clarity: We regularly monitor the water clarity in Sebec Lake. It continues to be very good. During the past 2016 season (Jun-Oct) the Secchi depth clarity readings were measured at designated locations in the big lake and in the middle of the lake near Greeley's Landing. At both locations the depth determined by the Secchi measurement was in the range of 23 to 29 feet. The average of readings over the last seventeen years is 24 feet.

Higher Secchi reading depths indicate clearer water. Lower readings indicate turbid or colored water. Clarity is affected by algae, soil particles, and other materials suspended in the water. Secchi readings are primarily used as an indicator of algal abundance and general lake productivity. Although it is only an indicator, Secchi disk depth is the simplest and one of the most effective tools for estimating a lake's productivity.

Last summer Chris Smith completed the required certification process and has taken over the duties of gathering the Secchi data for our lake.

Lake Level: We continue to record the Lake level data during the May-early Oct, period. The data from the lake level measurement site can be manually gathered as required. A lake level measurement recorder stores an ongoing record of the last 12 months of gathered data.

Phosphorus Concentration: The State of Maine periodically (about every four years) measures the phosphorus concentration in Sebec Lake. The SLA has periodically complemented those measurements in the intervening years. The last phosphorus concentration was 4-ppb measured in 2013 which is excellent.

Phosphorus is in living things and soil, but when too much enters a lake, it disrupts the balance of life. When additional phosphorus gets washed into lakes, the algae grow out of control (algal bloom and the water turns green) reducing the visibility or clarity of the water. The largest source of phosphorus to Maine lakes is from storm water runoff from camp roads, town roads and residential development. Runoff from these areas may contain from 5-10 times as much phosphorus as runoff from natural forested areas. Septic systems may also contribute phosphorus to lakes, but if a system has been properly designed and maintained, the amount of phosphorus that leaves the leach field should be minimal.

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine: The beginning...

The twin towns of Dover and Foxcroft grew up along the Piscataquis River in the early nineteenth century, Dover on the south side and Foxcroft on the north. They were "friendly rivals" until 1922 when they finally joined to form Maine's only hyphenated township.

Dover had been first surveyed in 1791 for the Committee for the Sale of Eastern Lands of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It was purchased by Boston merchants Charles Vaughan and John Merrick, both of whom had emigrated from England. The area was first settled in 1799 and became the town of Dover officially in 1812 and was incorporated on February 29, 1821. Agriculture was the principal early occupation, producing potatoes, corn and grain.

Foxcroft began life as a grant to Bowdoin College from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1794. In 1801, Joseph E. Foxcroft purchased the land from the trustees of Bowdoin and later that year the area was surveyed and settlers trickled into the wilderness. It, too, was incorporated in 1821.

The Piscataquis River offered water power sites for mills. In 1859, the population of Dover was 2,500 and industries included four sawmills, shingle and clapboard manufacturers, one gristmill, two tanneries, two carriage makers, and a woolen factory.

By 1859, the population of Foxcroft was 1,045, industries included two sawmills, one shingle mill, one carding machine, one carriage builder, one chair manufacturer, one tannery, one fork maker, two pail makers, one machinist, and a sash, door and blind factory. In 1866 the Hughes & Son Piano Mfg. Co. was established and ran until closed in 1921.

Dover-Foxcroft is the "shire town" of Piscataquis County, i.e. the county seat.

Foxcroft Academy was established as a private secondary school on January 30, 1823, and became the first school to be chartered after Maine became a state.

The above information was adapted from articles on the D-F Historical Society and on the Wikipedia website.



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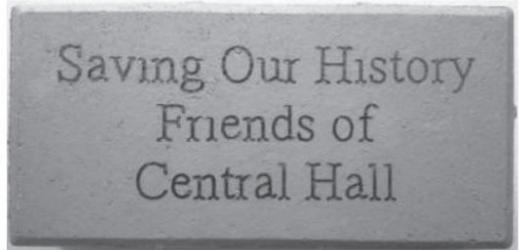
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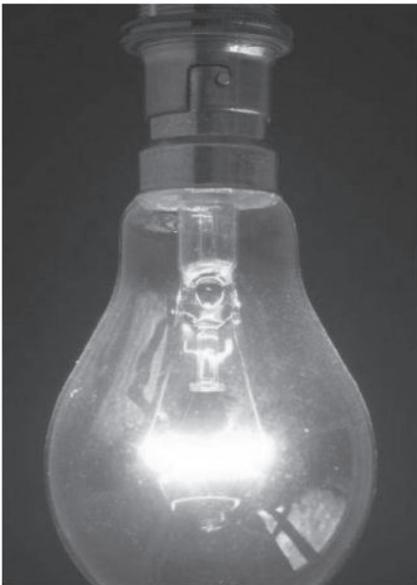
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