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**THE CLOCK STOPPED AT
5:25 p.m. on April 8—Easter
Sunday! Details on page 2.**

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Directors: Dave Parker, Ray Rouleau, Larry Rossi, Pam Hebert

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We hope to see you at our meetings and social functions this summer!



President's Report 2012

Last year at this time I was writing about the heavy snowfall and this year it's early spring following what is being reported as the forth-warmest winter ever. Glad it could coincide with high oil prices. It would be nice if Mother Nature would bring us warm weather and a normal amount of rain for the year without the huge rainstorms and the tropical storm that tore apart the highway infrastructure in Vermont and surrounding states we had last year. We will all trade stories about this and much more at the spring meeting May 26, 2012 at 10:00.

We have an ice out winner from Danville, Vermont. Please see details below. Congratulations to Judy Lavelly, and thank you to Jane and Diane and their crew for another successful ice out contest.

Last year we introduced the "All You Can Eat Rib Dinner" in place of the "Bean Supper". We had a great turnout, a successful dinner and we will do it again this year. As with any JPA event, please get your tickets early to avoid being disappointed. The event schedule is posted on the website, www.joespondvermont.com, at Hastings, the Pavilion, and on page 4 in this newsletter. On the event schedules are the names of the chairperson and their telephone number for each JPA event. They are the people to contact for tickets.

This year we have many rentals including several weddings. Should be a busy but fun time at the Pavilion. Some of the dates, such as the JPA fireworks, are skewed slightly due to the leap year. The Fourth of July falls on a Wednes-

day this year and the JPA fireworks are scheduled for the third, a Tuesday, with a rain date on the fifth, a Thursday.

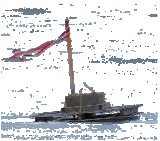
Last year we completed the biological survey of the aquatic vegetation – seeking any existence of Eurasian Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and other invasive aquatic plant species in Joe's Pond. The findings were negative again showing that our program, run by Pam Hebert, is effective. Every two years we will perform the aquatic biological survey and every year, from Fathers Day through Labor Day, we conduct inspections of boats entering Joe's Pond at the fishing access.

No major maintenance work is planned for this year. At the May Board Meeting we will discuss maintenance needs for this year and report to the members at the Spring Meeting. During the Fall Meeting it was suggested that we look at putting fans in the Pavilion. We will look at that issue during the board meeting as well, and recommend action for the May Meeting.

Last year at the final meeting in August the issue of roaming dogs, particularly those owned by renters, was discussed. Roaming dogs create problems from dogfights to droppings not picked up. If you do rent please inform your renters to mind their dogs and control them with a leash and pick up their droppings.

To all traveling back to this wondrous place called Joe's Pond, safe trip, good health and I'll see you at the Board Meeting on May 19th or the Spring Meeting on May 26th. Both meetings are at the Pavilion.

Tom Dente



WE HAVE AN ICE-OUT WINNER! Judy Lavelly of Danville, Vermont, is our 2012 Ice-Out Contest winner. Judy had the closest guess at 5:21 p.m. on April 8th. The clock stopped at 5:25 p.m. on April 8th.

Judy will receive \$4,720.73, half of the net proceeds of this year's contest. There were 384 guesses for April 8th, the closest next to Judy's were 5:17 p.m. and 5:37 p.m.

Judy was pleased with her good luck and said she plans to donate part of her winnings to the fund for Melissa Jenkins' young son, Ty. Melissa, a teacher at St. Johnsbury Academy and waitress at the Creamery restaurant in Danville, was murdered on March 25 near her home on Goss Hollow Road in St. Johnsbury.

Our Cover: This photo was taken on February 14th, 2012, looking across the pond to the West Shore. There were more fishermen on the ice this year than we've seen for a while, with over a dozen shanties set up for several weeks. The shanties had to be off the ice by March 25, but due to unusually warm weather, by March 11 there were only a couple of shanties left, and within days they, too, were gone. We saw fishermen on the ice for another week, until the temperature soared to 60 and 70 degrees, and the ice began to pull away from the shore. Summer in March!

Rossi & Brown's Ice-Out Report

This has been another nail-biter like 2010, wondering if the ice would last until the April 1st closing date.

The weather has been unusual this winter. We've had beautiful spring-like weather bracketed by below-zero cold spells. It seemed that every time we got a little snow we'd have some rain to wash it away, and then deep cold to turn everything to ice again.

We checked the ice depth often, worrying when it was only a foot deep soon after Christmas and there were vehicles out there—I mean big pickup trucks and SUV's, not just snow machines—then sometime in February we got a report of 18 inches and finally two feet. Not as much as some years but more than others. In April, it turned cold and it seemed the ice would never go out—freaky weather.

We've had a busy year, but lots of great helpers. We thank Kevin Johnson and Doug Hamilton for setting up the clock when Ray Richer got a flu bug and couldn't do it, and we appreciate all the people who sell so many tickets for us, and the "couriers" who take tickets where they're needed, and the folks at local stores who have sold hundreds of tickets and tolerated the cameras and microphones of the media. A special thanks to our spouses for their help counting tickets and money and for steadying us during each crisis—and we've had a few.

Tickets will again be available at our regular JPA meetings throughout the summer. We appreciate all of you who pick up tickets early and distribute them to friends during the summer and holiday season—long before we begin our annual "Ice Watch."



Top, still partly frozen, Joe's Pond awaits the warmth of spring. Above, George Hebert, left, and Jules Chatot check the cement-block triggering device. Right, the clock that records ice-out time.

Photo from *Vermont Life Magazine*, Spring, 1991 issue.

The above picture appeared in *Vermont Life* in 1991.

Thanks to Homer Fitts, we now have photos and miscellaneous papers from nearly every one of the past 25 years of the Ice-Out Contest's existence. That will be put with other memorabilia and made available for all to see..

Diane Rossi & Jane Brown

Secretary's Report

May 28, 2011 Meeting: One of the highlights of the May meeting was Don Sherwood's vocal rendition. It didn't exactly bring down the house, but he didn't get booed, either. Don announced an anonymous donor to our fireworks fund; we learned that the some Point Comfort cabins have been sold as condos, and we need to provide signage to accommodate the new cottage owners.

It was voted to repair the tennis courts and to purchase a shed to keep the Association's equipment separate from the pavilion furnishings; the bean supper committee announced a menu upgrade from beans and hotdogs to beans and ribs, which will change the ticket price slightly; there was a discussion about members buying from local businesses, including the post office, to prevent closures; there was discussion of progress (or not) on the rail/trail; and it was decided to seek help from proper agencies to get gravel and debris out of the pond, fix the washout on Sandy Beach Road, and make needed repairs to the state fishing access.

Annual Meeting, July 2, 2011: Another anonymous donation to the Fireworks Fund was announced; Ken Hoepfner briefly addressed the members regarding the difficult task of continuing the rail/trail due to an enormous amount of damage from spring floods and little money; Pam Hebert reported boat inspections began on Fathers' Day and will continue through August; she also mentioned the new May Pole spinner funded by donations sent in memory of her mother, Pauline Butura. Larry Rossi reported all the money voted at the May meeting had been spent. The members were appreciative that Larry keeps the place looking and working well; the slate of officers for the Association is unchanged.

Fall Meeting, Aug. 20, 2011: This meeting opened with President Tom Dente addressing complaints about unattended dogs, dog fights, persistent barking and worse – dog-doo—at the JPA recreation area. The problem seems to be with renters, not cottage owners.

Tom told the group the accidental "let-down" of water that had caused some concern was due to blasting upsetting the controls while working on upgrading the penstock at the dam, and has been corrected. He said a meeting was scheduled with ANR, Green Mountain Power and JPA to try to negotiate a change in water level management to better accommodate storms and spring runoff at the pond.

—Jane Brown



Annual Meeting, 2011





May 19, 2012	Board Meeting, Pavilion 10:00 am
May 26, 2012	Spring Meeting, Pavilion, 10:00 am
June 8, 2012	Pavilion Rental
June 10, 2012	Pavilion Rental
June 16, 2012	Pavilion Rental
June 30, 2012	Pavilion Rental
July 3, 2012	Fireworks
July 5, 2012	Fireworks Rain Date
July 7, 2012	Annual Meeting, Pavilion, 10:00 am
July 7, 2012	All You Can Eat Ribs (Wendy 684-2247)
July 8, 2012	Pavilion Rental
July 21, 2012	Pavilion Rental
July 28, 2012	Italian Dinner (Pam 684-3655)
July 29, 2012	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 5, 2012	JPA Cocktail Party (Tom 684-9797)
Aug. 12, 2012	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 18, 2012	Pig Roast (Michelle 684-3358)
Aug. 18, 2012	Board Meeting, Pavilion 10:00 am
Aug. 25, 2012	Fall Meeting 10:00 am
Aug. 25, 2012	Pavilion Rental
Oct. 1-6, 2012	Fall Foliage Week area towns.
Oct. 13, 2012	Apple Festival, Cabot

NOTICE: There will be **Yoga classes** with Susan Murphy again this year, starting in June—IF there are at least eight signups. Payment will be by booklet again this year. Contact Marti Talbot for details: matalbot@roadrunner.com.



Activities Report

Hello Ponders,
Well what can we say about the weather conditions here in Vermont over the last year. Simply put, expect the unexpected. Regardless of weather we have an all-star line up of great events on tap for the summer. We have many very qualified people coordinating these events and as always, we appreciate the time and effort they put in to make these summer fun days a success. Make sure to review the events schedule above for summer 2012 activities.

A huge thanks to Jane Brown and Diane Rossi and staff for doing another great job with the ICE OUT contest. We had our fingers crossed we would make it to the April 1st deadline before the ice goes out. This is a unique year and situation for us as a week of 70 degree temps in March depleted the ice and then, after April 1st we had a stretch of wintery weather again.

We are hoping all is well with our members and we are looking forward to a sunny summer at the pond.

Respectfully Submitted, David Parker

Signs & Membership

Our 18 signs were put to rest at the end of October. They should all be back at their "posts" by Memorial Day. Some will have been refreshed and repaired. Hopefully, all are up to date with the proper names. Contact me at 802-563-9921, with any changes.



Ray Rouleau

V.P. Don Sherwood

There's a song in the air
Spring Meeting, 2011



Maintenance Report

This year we will consider installing ceiling fans in the main area of the pavilion. Regular maintenance will include painting the building.

We are always interested in ideas from members on how we can improve the facility, so please contact me if you have something in mind.



Larry Rossi



This photo was taken on December 18, 2011, by Jamie Dimick. This is a rare view of the pond after it had just frozen over completely. The clear coating of new ice has borders of older ice along the shoreline, and is covered with white ice crystals that merge to look solid white in the distance. To see more photos taken that same day, go to www.joespondvermont.com and click on "Local News Blog," then select December 20 in the archives. Click on the photos to enlarge them.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program Report

By Pam Hebert

Katharine Pastula, Vinny Calcagni and Matt Lewis inspected over 300 boats from 36 different water bodies, five of which are known to have Eurasian watermilfoil. Katharine and I attended a day-long educational training session for boat access greeters in May, along with representatives from 14 other lakes.



Lycott Environmental, Inc. conducted an aquatic plant survey in August and no invasive species were found here in Joe's Pond. The Vermont Aquatic Invasive Species Program update reported that in 2011 two new Eurasian watermilfoil waters were confirmed, one in 210-acre Shadow Lake in Glover, and also in 13-acre Rutland City Reservoir.

We have applied for grant money from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, in addition to donations from the towns of Danville and Cabot, and I am pleased to report that Walden voters approved funding for our program at their 2012 Town Meeting.

We will start our greeter/educational program at the Vermont Fishing Access Area the middle of June and continue through Labor Day.

Other Pond-Related News
The U.S. Geological Survey out of Augusta, Maine, contacted us in August last year asking to use our Ice-Out data in combination with other New England long-term records to help monitor how hydrologic variables such as snowpack, streamflow, etc., respond to changing climate conditions. We contacted them this spring and found out they haven't been able to pull the program together, and they don't know if or when our data will be used. We hope to learn more later.

Kellie Merrell was the volunteer who tested the water at the beach for E coli in the recent past. Kellie no longer does that testing; instead, **Mert Leonard** and **Buddy Munding** will do it.

Last spring, just before Hurricane Irene and the awful flooding experienced here in Vermont, the Joe's Pond Association sent a letter to the State of Vermont and other involved parties to see if the water level restrictions imposed on Green Mountain Power Company by the Public Service Board might be adjusted so we would not have repeated high water problems. Last fall **President Dente** met with various representatives to review the dam and water level. Subsequently we received notice the present water level restrictions would not be changed.

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Pet owners should also remember to use plastic baggies to clean up after their pets and then dispose of the refuse properly. Children play in some of the same areas you walk and play with your dog, and dodging doggie-doo is very annoying, and far worse than annoying if you miss.

Cottage owners, please inform your guests or renters about the pet ordinances and ask that they keep their pets under control—for the safety of the pet as well as the comfort of other campers.

For copies of either the Danville or Cabot Pet Ordinance, contact Jane Brown at 802-563-2381, or go to the Danville or Cabot websites. To report annoying or threatening animals, call area **Animal Control Officer Jo Guertin**, 802-748-4230, or if you cannot reach her, call the town clerk in Danville, 802-684-3426, or Cabot, 802-563-3232.

Friends We've Lost

Alfred "Fred" Bona, 86, passed away on July 20, 2011. Fred loved Joe's Pond and was a genial host to our fireworks display for several years. We will miss him.



Ardeschir Abadi, M. D., 89, died on September 4, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Medical Center, Burlington. Dr. Abadi was a respected doctor in St. Johnsbury for 25 years. The Abadi family spent many summers at the Edgewood Ave. cottage, which is now owned by Michael Abadi. After his retirement, Dr. Abadi moved to South Burlington in 1998.



Maureen Anne Matthews, 63, long-time summer resident at Joe's Pond, died on September 25, 2011. Maureen was a nurse at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, an artist and nature lover.



Florence Mills, wife of Henry Mills and mother of Henretta Splain (West Shore Road), passed away in October of 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Mills joined the Joe's Pond Association in 2008, after moving from Long Island to become year around residents on Clubhouse Circle.

Ken Keach, 89, father of Bill Keach (Narrows Drive), died on October 11, 2011. Ken was a contractor and served as lister and selectman for the Town of Waterford for many years. He is missed by his family and many friends.

Paul R. Heiden, 42, of Southwick, MA, passed away on November 14, 2011. Paul was the son of Judith Heiden ((Birch Bound Rd.), and brother of Corey Heiden (Sargent Rd.) He loved to be at Joe's Pond and especially enjoyed the Fireworks.



Marjorie Keach, 84, widow of the late Ken Keach and mother of Bill Keach (Narrows Drive), passed away on January 2, 2012. Our sympathy goes to the family for the double loss of their loved ones, Ken and Marjorie.

Frank Temple, 86, (W.Shore Rd.) died on March 5, 2012. He leaves his wife, Dot, three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Frank was an active member of the Joe's Pond community and will be missed by his devoted family and friends.



Janice M. Cody, 86, mother of Robin Nicholson (Old Homestead Rd.), passed away on April 5, 2012. She leaves seven children, 15 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and extended family. Our condolences to her family.



Gail Graham Dolan, 68, passed away on April 6, 2012 at home in Norwich, Vt. She and her husband, Frank, loved being at Joe's Pond (Narrows Dr.) with their children, grandchildren and friends. She will be sadly missed.



We will miss our friends but will always cherish the memories made with them here at Joe's Pond.

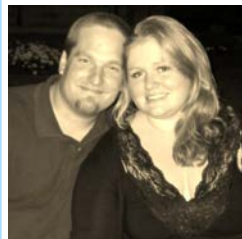
News Mix

Geoffrey Penar, son of **Paul and Dorothea Penar** (Narrows Drive), performed as Lescaut (right) in the opera *Don Giovanni* in Montreal in January, 2012. Geoffrey is in an Opera Studies Masters program at McGill University, having graduated last May from the Eastman School of Music with a BM in Vocal Performance.



Geoffrey has performed with Lyric and Stowe theater groups, talent shows, choral groups, and the St. John Evangelist Catholic Church. He received the highest honor at the All State Music Festival in his junior and senior years at St. Johnsbury Academy, and was a finalist at the Bundy Center Young Artist competitions. At St. Johnsbury Academy, he performed as Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*. He was also featured on the nationally broadcast NPR show "From the Top," and plays saxophone and clarinet.

This summer Geoffrey will perform in two emerging artist programs, at Green Mountain Opera Festival in Waitsfield, Vt., and in Crested Butte, Colorado.



Dwight and Patty Coffrin of Plainfield and Joe's Pond, announce the engagement of their daughter Kathryn Rebecca Coffrin to Jacob Lawrence Houston of Cabot. The couple got engaged Christmas 2011. A June 30th, 2012 wedding is planned at

North Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury with reception to follow at the Joe's Pond Pavilion.

Jacob works for Calmont Beverage and Kathryn works for Central Vermont Medical Center. The couple has a home in Barre.


Our congratulations and sincere best wishes to the happy couple. Kathryn promises to send pictures of the wedding and reception for the Local News Blog.

Bentley's Bakery & Café will be open from April 4th through December 31, 2012.

Danville won't be the only town disrupted by construction this summer. Cabot's Town Clerk **Tara Rogerson** says there are plans to replace the culvert across Main Street that was washed out last spring, and work on Rt. 2 by Mollys Falls reservoir will continue. The good news is that Cabot Village has new LED street lights, and that is expected to save the town quite a lot of money.

There is a new business at **1404 Brickett's Crossing Rd.** on the west side of Joe's Pond. The **Ingraldi** family at **Sunny Meadow Farm** will have organic vegetables available on a "farm-share" basis. Their season will be from mid-May to mid-October, and they'll have special offerings of fall storage packages in October. Call 802-522-7209 for info. (Continued on Page 11.)

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Directory Changes

Directory changes are made to the on-line directory as we receive them. This is a list of changes that have occurred in the past 12 months arranged alphabetically so you can easily update your printed directory.

Buzzi, Robert & Lillian, have a new street address in Winter Haven, Florida: 5227 Orchid Tree Lane.

Desrochers, James & Karen, have moved to: 1200 Maisonneuve Quest, Apt.10G, Montreal, Quebec H3A DA1. Phone: 514-842-6798.

Eldred, Steve & Louise, have a new street address in Bonita Springs, Florida: 25668 Citrus Blossom Dr. Their phone number changed to 239-948-8851.

Flanagan, Thomas & Martha, have a new winter address: 490 Rte. 67, Mechanicville, NY 12118. I don't have a new phone number for them.

Hosmer, Peggy, has a new winter address: 200 Pleasant St., Concord NH 03301; tel. 603-224-0599

LaGue, Jack & Sue, are year-around residents at 38 Sandy Beach Rd, but they were able to keep their phone number, 802-476-4505.

Morris, Jim & Karen have an incorrect home address in the directory. They live in Barre, not Berlin, Vermont.

Porter, William & Mary have sold their cottage at 162 Edgewood Ave. to **Michael & Mindy Precourt**. The Precourts are already in the directory.

Richer, William & Sandra, have only the Ft. Myers, Florida address now, so you can cross off their Montpelier address. Their winter phone is 239-466-0160.

Smith, Mark & Rosie, 298 and 300 North Shore Rd., now

have a winter address: 3106 Split Rock Cir., Bulverde TX 78163. To reach them, call 802-535-5223. They are retaining their Burke address, but add P. O. Box 70 to that. **Tatro, Kenneth & Marie**, should have a summer address of 38 Point Comfort Road, not 37; home ph.:802-254-4419.

Property Transfers

Fred and Cindy **Greenwood** sold their cottage at 3300 Rt. 2 W. to **Gerald & Jacqueline Leigh**, whose home address is 3126 VT Rt. 102, Canaan, VT 05903. Their summer mailing address is P.O. Box 123, West Danville VT. 05873, and their camp phone is 802-535-1850.

The **Joe's Pond Directory** is available to **JPA members** online at www.joespondvermont.com. Contact Jane Brown for access information. We still have some printed directories for those who prefer them.

Please contact Jane Brown, JPA secretary, with any address changes. She can be reached at 802-563-2381 or by e-mail: janebrown@joespondvermont.com.



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News Mix , continued from page 7:

The **Joe's Pond Country Store** is once again for sale. Jeff is also offering his home on West Shore Road for sale. The Joe's Pond Country Store is special to the community since it has a lunch counter and also sells gas and oil—making it very convenient for boaters as well as tourists and locals looking for a quick breakfast.

The **Corleys** on Channel Drive have put their Joe's Pond home on the market. It's a beautiful spot and they should have no trouble finding a buyer.

We are happy to welcome a brand new Joe's Ponder, **Tavi Shaelyn Gallagher**, born in Sterling, Virginia to Torrey and Paul Gallagher, on March 9, 2012. Tavi weighed 7 lbs 14 oz and was 19 inches long. She joins big brother, Liam Daniel and big sister Nara Talise Gallagher.



Austin Joseph Lamere arrived on March 27, 2012. He weighed 8 lb. 13 oz., and was 22 in. long. Austin joins a brother, Jackson. His mom and dad are Jared & Anne Heffernan Lamere of E. Montpelier.

Tavi and Austin are the grandchildren of **Pamela Calderwood Heffernan**, North Shore Road.

Martin and Kate Bertolini who co-owned Elements Spirits & Food in St. Johnsbury, closed the business on December 31, 2011. The owners of **Baliwick's**, a popular restaurant in Littleton, NH, have made arrangements to take over the space and plan to open **Baliwicks on Mill** in early May.

Harry's Hardware Store in Cabot, owned by **Walt and Julie Ackermann**, closed permanently on March 29th. The economy and the flood last spring hit them very hard. The store has been on the market for about a year.

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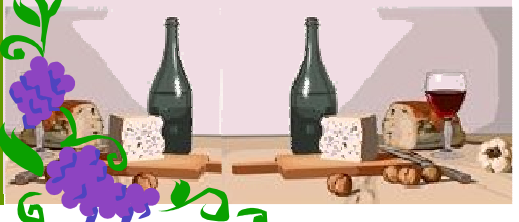
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From the top: Flood damage on Sandy Beach Rd. in May; fire destroyed the summer home of Danny Colford in July (photo by Ted Decker); removing a junk auto from the woods along Old Homestead Rd. last fall; the new penstock at the dam in West Danville, completed in November.

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