

# JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

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Directors: Dave Parker, Ray Rouleau, Andre LaPrade, RayRicher, Larry Rossi

The Joe's Pond Association newsletter is published each spring as soon as we have a winner of the Ice-Out Contest. We encourage our members to contribute articles, photos or news. To contribute or to purchase ad space in the newsletter, contact Jane Brown at the above address or at [janebrown@fairpoint.net](mailto:janebrown@fairpoint.net). We do have a deadline for reports, ads or other material—usually April 10th. If global warming should eventually reach Joe's Pond, we will naturally have to revise that date. Please patronize our sponsors. They are all part of our Joe's Pond Community.

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## Presidents Report 2009

As all of you know, Spring begins in March, but for Joe's Ponders, Spring begins with the Ice-Out on the Pond. Spring has arrived! The ice went out on April 20, at 10:21 p.m. With Dave Parker sidelined, Jane and Fred Brown, Bill and Diane Rossi, stepped up to the plate. Thanks for a job well done. Thanks also to Ray Richer, Homer Fitts, Don Walker, Karl Coulliard and so many others who help make "The Great Guessing Game" a success. (Report, pg. 7.)

The printed Newsletter has changed to a "Black and White" format after a review of the significant costs associated with color production. The "on-line" Newsletter will remain in color and members are encouraged to indicate a preference for either continuing to receive a mailed version or having the Newsletter sent to you on-line. Please notify Jane Brown of your preference this year along with your E-Mail address if you choose to receive the 2010 Newsletter on-line.

Work authorized by the members replacing the ceiling of the Pavilion with a material that is sound absorbent, phase one, should be completed except for a little painting, by Spring Meeting time, May 30, 2009. Thanks Larry Rossi! Larry began and completed most of the work, as weather permitted, in the late fall. With the center portion of the Pavilion ceiling completed, we will be able to judge whether the noise reduction should continue to the remaining ceiling area. Other work this year will include Pavilion changes to provide better ventilation inside the kitchen area and some landscaping work to the north side. There are drainage issues with the roadway access to the Pavilion on the northwest and southwest corners. These will be evaluated and corrected. See Larry's report at right.

Our focus continues to be on the improvement of water quality and the early detection of invasive species, which is our Milfoil Prevention Program, chaired by Pam Hebert (great job Pam). Each summer boats entering Joe's Pond are inspected, and a two-year cycle of pond bottom inspection is performed to detect unwanted species of plant life.

Improving the water quality includes the protection of the shoreline from unwanted erosion and soil runoff into the pond. Michael Miller, Vermont Native Nursery, has a report on page four detailing how several members have made improvements to their shoreline thru the **Water Quality and Ecological Integrity Programs** and the help that is available to other members considering making similar improvements. Additionally, those members considering shoreline wall improvements or other work that may cause soil runoff into the pond should contact Kellie Merrell, State of Vermont Natural Resources Aquatic Ecologist for guidance and State of Vermont requirements that need to be followed. Eliminating harmful discharges into the water thru diligent inspection and upgrades to septic systems and eliminating other harmful discharges will improve water quality. Violators should be reported to the State of Vermont.

This year we will have a full schedule of events and currently six Pavilion rentals. Please check the Schedule of Events on page seven for dates and times. Thanks to Fred Brown, we now have the capability for members to apply to rent the Pavilion on line. Check the Event schedule on line at [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com), under the JOE'S POND ASSN tab then apply using PAVILION RENTAL under the same tab.

Our Spring Meeting this year is on May 30, 2009, the traditional date of Memorial Day. We should all keep in mind our Veterans, particularly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

*A veteran is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the 'United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'*

To all who are traveling back to Joe's Pond, safe trip and good health and may the "mud season" be over before you arrive.

Tom Dente, President.



## Membership Report

I'm ready for another great Joe's Pond Summer!

Thanks to all the sign captains, all signs were accounted for and have been updated. If there are any other changes to be made on your sign, please let me know. I'm looking forward to meeting new campers for the coming Summer of 2009.

Ray Rouleau

## Maintenance Report

Hi Everyone,

Last year at the Association meeting we agreed to install sound insulating boards on the center section of the Pavilion ceiling. This work has been done and now we are waiting for warm weather to paint the ceiling.

This year we are looking at a few projects. One issue that seems to get worse every year is the large puddles on the corners of the road to the Pavilion. We are looking at doing some grading and drainage work at these areas. Also to help the workers in the kitchen of the Pavilion we plan on installing a large exhaust fan. We also need to do some repairs to our aluminum dock. There are a few issues with plumbing at the Pavilion that did not get done last year that will be done this year.

If anyone has any other ideas for projects to improve our Pavilion and other Association areas please let us know.

Larry Rossi



## Water Quality Report, Spring 2009

~by Ray Richer

**Better Back Roads Project:** After applying for State assistance twice yearly for the past 3 years, and being rejected, due to lack of funds, I have not attempted the *extensive* application process this year. I cannot imagine, during this financially critical year that the state will say it has the funds available when it has rejected us so consistently during more affluent times.

We still do have problem areas that need attention. We need to protect our pond from contaminants due to erosion. I plan to discuss our run-off problems with the board at the spring meeting, with hopes of the Association funding these projects without relying on State funds, which never seem to be available.

**Shoreline Betterment Project:** Again, it has been several years since this project has been introduced. We had volunteered our property as the pilot for this program. In the beginning, we had state agents come to examine the property, and layout a design, with a targeted spring timeframe for accomplishing their goals. As it turned out, spring came and left without any improvements to our shoreline. We were then told things would happen in the fall. This pattern was repeated for the next couple of years. We are happy to see that progress is finally being made on that project.

### Joe's Pond Shoreline Undergoes Makeover

Michael Miller, Vermont Native Nursery

If you noticed any specialty landscaping activities being undertaken in your area last summer and fall your eyes were not deceiving you. Various camp owners have launched a recent novel and exciting improvement effort to their shoreline areas through plantings of native trees and/or shrubs. The initiative is fully funded by the settlement stipulation with Green Mountain Power. The result has been a boon to both the appearance and natural functioning of the shoreline.

Starting in July of 2008, planting began for camp owners who expressed interest in participating. After initial camp owner contact with state Lakes and Ponds Management and Protection Section staff, a planting plan was crafted followed by a site visit with the camp owner. Planting plans were created taking residents' lake access and desired views into account. After individual site meetings and careful site review to address each camp owner's particular wants and needs, such species as cedar, red maple, spiraea, red-osier dogwood and blueberry bushes were planted. All of the nursery stock was sourced locally from landowners near the pond.

The benefits of shoreline plantings are many: aesthetic upgrade, improved cover for wildlife, increased shoreline bank stability, carbon storage and water quality protections, just to name a few. Using 2003 aerial photos, mapping conducted by the University of Vermont's spatial analysis laboratory determined that 74% of the shore around the pond was missing these important and historic natural attributes.

So far, four camp owners, Butch & Susan Bouchard, Rob Denny, Ted Chase and Frank Dolan, have participated in restoration efforts with promising results. Look for these enhanced areas the next time you're out for a paddle or cruise.

Funds still remain for additional planting projects. If interested in participating in this innovative shoreline enhancement effort, please contact Kellie Merrell at (802) 241-4242 or [kellie.merrell@state.vt.us](mailto:kellie.merrell@state.vt.us).

### Aquatic Invasive Species Control Program

by Pam Hebert



This year will be our tenth season staffing greeters at the Fishing Access to inspect boats and educate boaters about Eurasian watermilfoil and other invasive species. A sincere thank you to Joey Calcagni, Jonah

Willcox- Healey, Hannah Kitchel and Katharine and Meghan Pastula who did an outstanding job as greeters last summer. They even had their very own "Joes Pond greeter hats." Additionally, a big thank you to Homer Fitts who allowed us to store our greeter station shelter in his backyard for the winter.

I am pleased to report that both the towns of Danville and Cabot donated money to our program. I attended a boat access area training workshop in Waterbury last May sponsored by the State Water Quality Division which was most informative. We have again applied for a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation with plans to begin the greeter program the end of June and continue through Labor Day.

Good news! According to the VT Department of Environmental Conservation's latest data only one new lake became infested with Eurasian watermilfoil last year. It is important to note that 79% of Vermont lakes (greater than 20 acres) are NOT infested with Eurasian watermilfoil.

**Reminder: Permits are necessary for any open burning. Check with your town clerk or fire marshal before starting an open fire. DO NOT BURN TREATED WOOD!**

#### Recommendations to improve your waterfront:

- Replace waterfronts with a vegetated bank
- Plant native species of recommended trees/shrubs
- Stop mowing along waterfront
- Whenever possible, leave fallen trees, branches or leaves in water to provide fish habitat.



For more information on the Shoreline Project, visit The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds website, [www.vermontlakes.org](http://www.vermontlakes.org).

Any work that occurs in the lake (beyond the average summer water level) requires a Shoreland Encroachment Permit. Please call (802) 241-3777.

## NEWS BRIEFS



•**James and Jenny (Larrabee) Rafuse** are the proud parents of baby **Alyssa Amber**, who arrived on November 30, 2008. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz.; 20 inches. Alyssa regularly comes to the store to help grandparents **Garey and Jane Larrabee**.

•**Emma May Pereira** (right) arrived on February 2, 2009, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.; 20 inches. Proud parents are **Jeff and Jenna (Buttura) Pereira**; equally proud grandparents—**Fella and Nancy Buttura**.



•**Jenis Ellingwood and Joseph Cedeno** (left) were married on July 19, 2008, in Bethlehem, N.H. Jenis is the granddaughter of **Gene Ellingwood**.

•A September 5, 2009 wedding is planned by **Dana and Joanne Comstock's** daughter, **Emily**, who will wed **Nelson Elder** of Ryegate.



•**Bill Dimick**, (1809 W. Shore Rd.), and **Monika Hinamwami** of Norwich, VT and Namibia, Africa, were married on January 3, 2009 in Waterford, Vermont. Bill is a life-long Joe's Ponder. The couple reside in Waterford.

•**Jason Charles Randall**, son of **Elizabeth and John Randall** of Miller Place, NY and Joe's Pond, Cabot, VT, became engaged to **Kerrin Leslie Wilmarth**, daughter of Debra and Perry Wilmarth of Salem, NH, on March 4. They will be married on October 10, 2009 in Richmond, Vermont at the West Monitor Barn.



•**Pam Hebert** celebrated her 60th birthday last fall by running in The Kindgom Challenge's 5k race. Pam and husband, **Joe**, reside on Old Homestead Rd.

•**Joe Turner** at Point Comfort tells me the Turner family have turned their lakeside cottages into condos. Joe said he believes they will be available sometime in May. The units range in price from \$55,000 to \$190,000, depending on the amount of waterfront and size. There are five 3-bedroom, one 2-bedroom, and seven 1-bedroom units, all on the water. For more information, call 802-684-3379.

•**Mark Fixter**, who owned the old school building opposite the beach at W. Danville, has sold the property to Dana Armstrong of Lyndonville. Dana is a brick mason. We haven't heard how he will use the building.

•**Wendy Somers** has replaced **Ginnie Morse** as Danville's town clerk. In Cabot, **Linda Lemay-Richards** has replaced **Velma White** as assistant town clerk.

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## Friends we've lost Spring, 2009



**Bouchard, Ruth M. (Long)**, 84, mother of Ronald L. "Butch" Bouchard, 140 Sandy Beach Rd., passed away in Haverhill, MA on August 10, 2008.

**Dente, Clara Elizabeth (Farr)**, 94, mother of Tom, Jack, Rick and Stephen Dente, all Joe's Ponders, passed away in Barre, Vermont on September 9, 2008.

**Donnelly, John H.**, 84, Old Homestead Rd., passed away at his home in Montpelier, Vermont, on April 19. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Barbara, and their family.

**Drown, Portia (Morrison)**, 89, mother of Nathan Drown, W. Shore Rd, passed away in St. Johnsbury, Vermont on November 5, 2008.

**Magne, Henry Joseph "Joe"**, 88, father of Sherry LaPrade, W. Shore Rd., passed away in Florida on February 21, 2009.

**LaPrade, Madeleine (Beaudin)**, 88, mother of Andre LaPrade, W. Shore Rd., passed away in Florida on February 18, 2009.

**Pearl, John M.**, 53, of Danville and Pearl Island, Joe's Pond, son of William "Bud" and Lucia Pearl, died February 12, 2009.

**Sarzanini, Andreins Irene (Tavarelli)**, 90, mother of Mary Anne Cassani, Old Homestead Rd., passed away on November 23, 2008.

*We extend our sincere sympathy to all who have lost loved ones. May you find comfort in cherished memories.*



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# DIRECTORY CHANGES

Below are the changes since the 2008 newsletter. The directory on the web site is updated as soon as we get the information, so these changes are for those of you who have a printed directory. We published a new directory in 2008. Contact me if you'd like one. There were no property exchanges.

Remove::

**Amidon Estate** camps 20,77, and 80. These are individually listed below.

Add:

**Amidon**, Denison, 77 Cove Rd. Home: 349 Cliff St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, ph. 802-748-4481

**Amidon**, Jason, Jennifer, & Justin, 20 Cove Rd. Home: P.O.Box 346, Concord, VT 05824; Ph.: 802-695-8105

**Burgess**, Nancy (Amidon), 81 Cove Rd. Home: 272 E. Street, Lyndonville, VT. 05851. Camp ph.: 802-684-3670; home ph.: 802-626-3373

**Eldred**, Steve and Louise, 382 Stevens Hill W., Hardwick VT 05843. Ph.: 802-563-3065. Winter address: 25501 Trost Blvd, Unit 11-24, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Ph.: 239-949-2056

**Bernotas**, James and Laurie, home address change: Sunderland, MA; cell ph.: 413-665-5044.

**Buzzi**, Robert and Lillian: address change to 5227 Orchid Tree Ln., Winter Haven FL. 33880

**Campbell**, Dean – cottage listed at 215 Barre Ave., should be: 3938 Rt 2 W.

**Corley**, Tim & Shelly, 209 Baycrest Dr., S. Burlington VT 05403

**Craige**, James - home address: 463 Wells Hill Rd., Lakeville CT 06039

**Culver**, James, 130 Crispin Dr., S. Burlington VT 05403. Ph.: 802-399-2351

**Denny**, Rob & Florence, home address: 701 Spanish Main #173, Cudjoe Key, FL 33042. Ph: 609-287-8162

**Gauthier**, Ron, camp phone: 802-227-0113

**Haines**, Marcie, 223 Old Homestead Rd. 802-684-3879. Home address: 6231 Oxwynn Ln, Charlotte NC 28270.

**Harper**, Charlie and Margie. Camp ph: 802-684-9993

**Ide**, Margaret – deceased.

**Jones**, H. Donald, camp ph.: 802-684-9993. Home address: 1805 Shipley Rd., Wilmington DE 19803

**Knowles**, Janice – add phone numbers: Home: 802-863-1653 and 802-999-6027 (cell)

**Larrabee**, Steve & Wendi, 1485 Rt. 15, W. Danville, VT 05873, mail: PO Box 124, W. Danville VT 05873

**Palmer**, Bruce & Diedre, 1471 Greenbanks Hollow Rd., Danville VT 05828

**Porter, Phil & Lorraine**, 2314 SE 28th St., Cape Coral FL 33904. Ph. 239-772-7954

**Provost**, Michael & Heather, change address to: 170 Golf Course Rd., So. Burlington, VT 05403

**Richey**, John, home ph.: 603-746-5972

**Rossi**, Larry, office ph.: 802-472-9918

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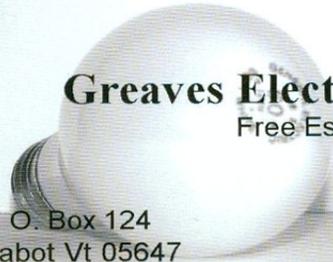
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Rossi and Brown's



May 23, 2009	Board Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am
May 30, 2009	Spring Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am
May 30, 2009	Pavilion Rental
June 27, 2009	Pavilion Rental
July 3, 2009	Fireworks at dusk
July 4, 2009	Annual Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am
July 5, 2009	Fireworks Rain Date
July 11, 2009	Baked Bean Supper 6 p.m. (684-2247)
July 18, 2009	W. Danville Meth. Church BBQ 4-6 p.m.
July 25, 2009	Italian Dinner, Social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m. (684-3655)
July 26, 2009	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 2, 2009	Summer Cocktail Party, 3 p.m. (684-9797)
Aug. 7& 8, 2009-Danville Fair	
Aug. 8, 2009	Pig Roast , Social 5 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m. (684-3358)
Aug. 15, 2009	Board Meeting, Pavilion, 10 a.m.
Aug. 21, 2009	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 23, 2009	*Fall Meeting/Dinner, Members Only, (684-3615)
Sept. 5, 2009	Pavilion Rental
Sept. 6, 2009	Pavilion Rental
Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2009 Fall Foliage Week area towns.	
Oct. 17, 2009	Apple Festival, Cabot
* SUNDAY Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting at 2 p.m., Dinner served at 4 p.m. Contact Tom Dente to sign up. 684-3615	

The 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the Joe's Pond Ice Out Contest ended on April 20th when the wind forced the ice away from the south shore and stopped the clock at 10:21 p.m. The winner this year is Ashley Desmond, of Richmond, Vermont. Mr. Desmond will receive a check for \$4,965. A total of 11,401 tickets were sold this year.

This was an extraordinary year for our contest. Dave Parker, chair person since 2004, resigned. He planned to remain active with us, but an injury while refereeing basketball seriously sidelined him. Manuel "Chico" Carcoba, our data manager, retired after 14 years. Karl Couillard, of Barre, took over the data entry this year, while we, with the super help of our respective spouses, managed to muddle through without losing our minds or too much of the momentum Dave had built up.

There are many people to thank for helping to keep things running smoothly – Dave Parker, Don Walker, Homer Fitts, and all the folks at Hastings Store and Joe's Pond Country Store who, in addition to selling lots of tickets, never flinch when the TV cameras roll and reporters hurl silly questions at them. To them and all the merchants and JPA members and friends who are pros at distributing tickets, a huge and sincere thank you. You are a great team and we couldn't manage without you.

## Secretary's Report



**Spring, 2008** meeting on May 31: There was discussion about the new slalom course set up parallel to the Sandy Beach Road shoreline. Dave Parker resigned as Ice-Out chair person, and Manuel "Chico" Carcoba resigned as data manager for the Ice-Out Contest. No replacements were forthcoming at that time. [Karl Couillard, in Barre, was hired later in the summer.] As the meeting closed, we were all invited to look in on the Danville High School prom being held at the pavilion that night.

**Annual Meeting**, July 5: Fireworks were rained out on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, so they were set off on the rain date, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Fred Bona's where we've been privileged to set them off in the past several years, no longer meets safety regulations, so they were moved to the rail trail area at the north end of the pond where there are no obstructions. Steve Larrabee reported they were starting the permit and engineering phase of the rail trail and work will be done in scattered places as permitting and resources permit.

Two motions were made at the Annual Meeting: (1) To have Larry Rossi investigate and buy the material needed to begin sound proofing the pavilion, and (2) To go back to barrels on Smith's Point and Sunken Island as markers.

**August End-Of-The-Year Meeting**, for members only, had one motion made when the cost of sound-proofing was brought up by Larry Rossi. It was voted for him to continue the work, sell the existing metal roofing to reduce the \$5,735 cost of the preferred product, "Tectum," and complete work in the spring of 2009.

When the meeting adjourned, members enjoyed a social evening and meal.

—Jane Brown

## Web Site Notes



You will find Joe's Pond Association information on the web site, [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com). We have a new Comments Page— see home page menu. You'll also find on the web site newsletters going back to the spring, 2005 issue, plus the Schedule of Events and Joe's Pond Directory which are both updated regularly. The on-line directory is password protected, so members should contact me for the user i.d. and password. (A printed directory is available for \$7.00. Contact me for a copy.) Directory changes for the past year are in this newsletter. Web master, Fred Brown, updates the web site directory information as soon as we receive it, and lists changes. Ice-Out tickets will again be available on line in July. There is a pavilion rental page for members' convenience. General information and news items are posted to the Local News Blog almost daily. We appreciate your words of encouragement, your suggestions and your participation. Contact us any time at: [jpwebmaster@fairpoint.net](mailto:jpwebmaster@fairpoint.net)



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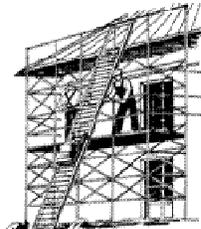


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