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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 [janebrown@fairpoint.net](mailto:janebrown@fairpoint.net). We do have a deadline for reports, ads or other material—this year, April 1st. As we assemble the newsletter in early March, it seems global warming may have reached Joe's Pond, at least temporarily, so we need to be prepared for an earlier-than-usual publishing date.

Please patronize our sponsors. They are all part of our Joe's Pond Community. See you at our meetings this summer!

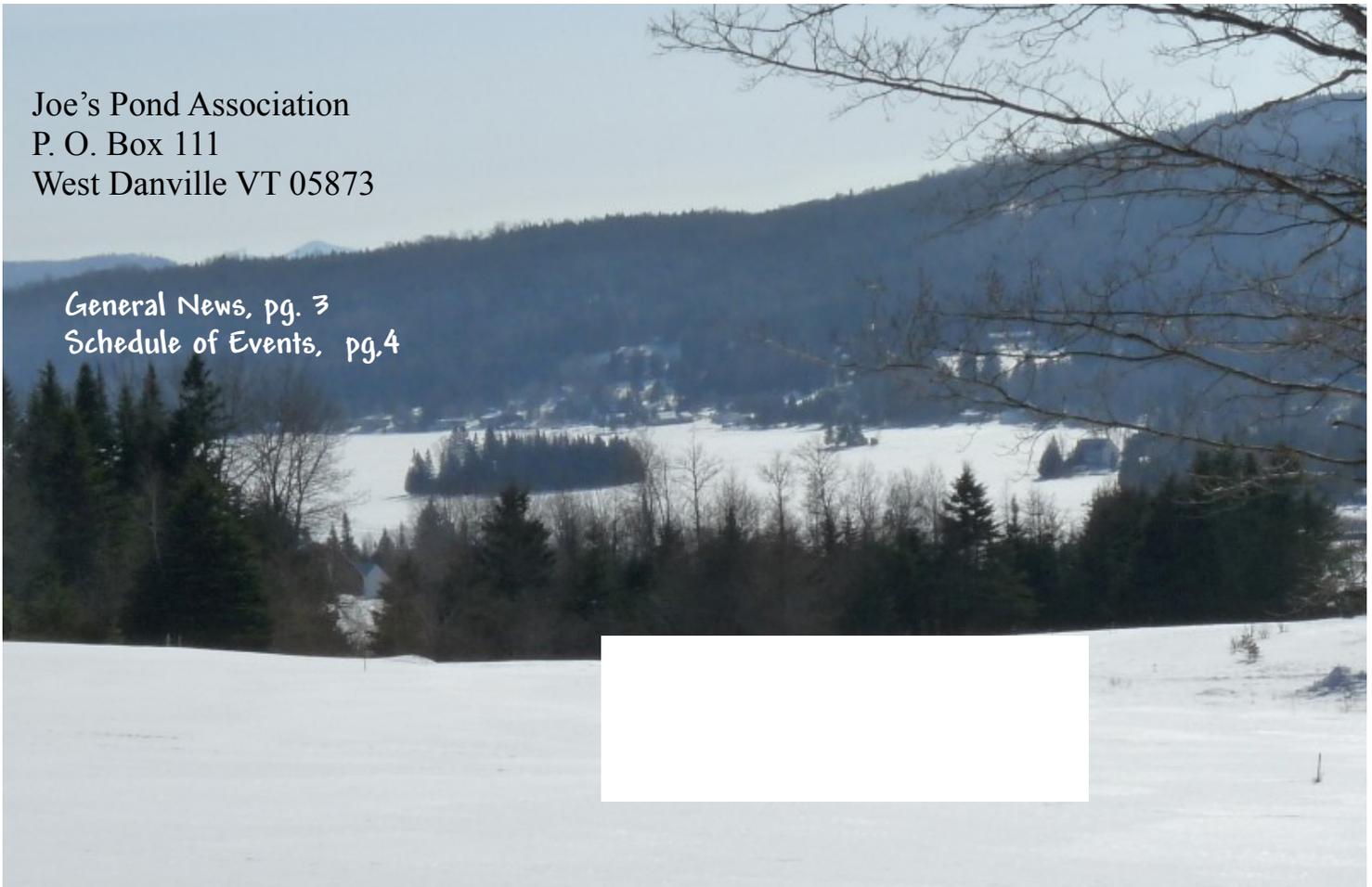
(Cover photo by Fred Brown on March 7, 2010, looking south from Davidson Road off Rt. 15.)

## **The Ice is Gone!**

**The clock stopped at 2:46 p.m. on April 5th, the earliest ever! We have a winner, Bill Barber, who lives in St. Johnsbury and guessed the exact date and time. He will receive a check for \$5,000 in an award ceremony scheduled for sometime in May. Several other ticket holders were within a minute of winning, making this one of the most interesting Ice-Out Contests yet. Details in a report on page 6.**

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### Presidents Report 2010

The “Great Guessing Game” is over, a great job by chairpersons Jane Brown and Diane Rossi and officially spring has arrived at the Pond. Thanks to Jane and Diane and all who worked on this activity. Please see the Ice-Out report for details. There was some worry that the ice would go out before April 1 with warm weather coming early to Joe’s Pond after a mixed winter of snowstorms pounding the southern northeast and little snow occurring in northern New England. Cold weather plagued the normal winter retreats of Florida and Georgia and Joe’s Ponders will remember last summer as the summer that didn’t quite arrive. Perhaps this year summer will be different.

On the good news front, Camilla had her back surgery last September and now feels great. When we left at the end of August to accommodate the surgery, Pam Hebert, Joe Hebert, Tim Hebert, Larry Rossi and Elaine Rossi jumped in to pick up our routine chores to close up the Pavilion. Curtains were washed, folded, dried and put in the kitchen, outside equipment (tennis nets, signs, flag, etc.) properly put inside, water drained, gas shut off, and light bulb globes removed and washed. Camilla and I thank you all for this magnanimous act.

Ecologically, the pond is in great shape. No unwanted species of plant life were detected during the pond bottom inspection last fall. Pam Hebert has chaired our Milfoil program for the past several years and deserves a thank you from all Ponders for the great job of managing this complex program. Our boat inspection program detects and prevents invasive plant life from reaching the pond on boats. The Town of Danville pays the watchers with funds from JPA, Danville and normally Cabot. Cabot did not donate any money this year toward milfoil prevention. With the Town of Danville paying the watchers, all the accounting, taxes, W-2s, etc., are managed by Danville, which relieves JPA from that burden. Thank you Danville!

Many improvements to camps are planned or occurring on the pond and owners have to be mindful of the State of Vermont regulations in this area. Runoff to the pond as a result of this construction could adversely affect the pond. Violators should be reported to the State of Vermont.

We have a full schedule of events and rentals for the upcoming year, and resolution of the “End of the Year” event. Diane Rossi has been working on a plan and has solicited input from members via the Jane and Fred BLOG and web site. Thanks to Jane and Fred for maintaining the web site and providing a tremendous service to all. Diane will present her plan to the Board on May 22, 2010, and to our Members at the Spring Meeting, May 29, 2010. Thank you, Diane, for resolving this issue and setting the structure to have it continue as a routine JPA event. Another issue to be discussed at the Board is the donation by JPA to the Rail Trail. Sam Lewis volunteered to act as (Cont’d on page 8.)

### Secretary’s Report

What follows is a report of the highlights from each of our three Joe’s Pond Association meetings. Complete minutes are available on [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com)



The **Spring Meeting** is always especially fun since it’s a time to welcome back those who leave for the winter. The first order of business was an update from Steve Larrabee on the rail trail, which continues to make slow progress. Ray Richer reported two eggs in the loon nest. Our pond remains milfoil free, and Pam Hebert said her inspection crew are ready to begin. Dave Parker reported all events would take place as usual.

At the **Annual Meeting** an unchanged slate of officers was approved. Guest speaker, Ken Hoepfner, requested JPA consider funding Bridge #27, for \$9,000. Members decided our Executive Committee should review, evaluate and report before committing to the project. Ray Richer reported both loon eggs hatched. He requested \$1,850 to begin work on culverts to prevent road runoff sediment from entering the pond; members so voted. Pam Hebert reported milfoil was found on a boat from Lake Morey.

The **Fall Meeting** was held in the afternoon of August 23. This meeting has been a members-only dinner meeting for several years past, but was cancelled this year. New projects proposed for 2010 include a Silent Auction, the proceeds to fund the Bridge #27 project if the rail trail moves ahead; Bo Keach will organize a Kids’ Day after the Annual Meeting in July, 2010; Diane Rossi volunteered to seek members’ views on an end-of-year party in 2010. A motion passed to investigate placing buoys in locations that might better control speeding boats near shore. Members agreed we need more information about sediment pits before undertaking that work, and towns should be involved.

Jane Brown, Secretary

### Activities Report

Hello Ponders,

We have several events upcoming in 2010 so keep the Schedule of Events close by.

Once again there will be a Baked Bean Dinner, Italian Dinner and Pig Roast which in the past have been very popular and good fundraisers for the JPA.

We’ve had a great Ice Out contest, which has been coordinated this year by Jane Brown and Diane Rossi. Thanks to Marty’s 1<sup>st</sup> Stop, Hastings and Joe’s Pond Country Stores for selling the tickets, as well as the hundreds of others who promote the contest. The weather has had us all a little scared of an early Ice Out date this year but as I write, the ice is intact. I look forward to seeing activity on the pond again.

David Parker, Activities Director



# Friends we've lost

**Bird, Janet R.**, 75, died in Danville on November 6, 2009. Janet and her late husband, Ed, were long-time members of JPA when they lived on Old Homestead Rd.

**Bertrand, Dan**, 76, brother of JPA member Fred Bertrand, died in February of 2010 at his home in NYC.

**Bowles, Richard C.**, 81, grandfather Dave Parker, passed away on June 23, 2009 in Lake Wales, Florida.

**Brochu, Shirley L.**, 70, sister of Garey Larrabee, died on July 12, 2009.

**Cobb, Laura (Irwin)**, 84, whose son, Steven owns and operates Danville Inn and Restaurant, passed away on March 25, 2010, in St. Johnsbury.

**Cozzi, Edicta**, 95, mother of JPA member, Klaire Martin, died on January 4, 2010 at the Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin, Vermont.

**Friberg, Melvin A.**, father of Nancy Pope and Carolyn Friberg, passed away on May 15, 2009.

**Gherardi, Nira A.**, sister of JPA treasurer George Anderson, died on January 26, 2010 at age 74.

**Larrabee, James B.**, brother of JPA member Garey Larrabee, died suddenly on May 5, 2009 at age 72.

**McDowell, James S.**, 84, Liz Randall's father, passed away Aug. 16, 2009.

**Pirie, Jennifer K.**, 47, sister of Patty Coffrin, passed away on June 28, 2009.

**Reagan, Robert "Bob"**, 80, former owner of Point Comfort for many years, passed away on December 15, 2009.

**Richer, Hector D.**, 91, father of JPA member Ray Richer, passed away on December 2, 2009 in Manchester, N.H.

**Semprebon, Charles**, 66, brother of JPA member Tom Semprebon, passed away unexpectedly on May 24, 2009 while cycling in Sante Fe, N.M.

**Shadrui, Paul J.**, 93, long-time Joe's Ponder, passed away at his home in Barre on June 20, 2009 after a brief illness.

**Smith, Barbara McKay**, 90, long-time resident at Joe's Pond, passed away on January 3, 2010 at her home after a brief illness.

**Yates, Norma (Preston)**, 88, died on September 8, 2009. She and her family, including grand and great grand children, have been campers at Joe's Pond since 1984.

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*Sincere sympathy to all who have lost loved ones.*

# Wedding Bells AND OTHER NEWS



**Mark M. Smith** and Rosilyn "Rosie" Chaloux were married on July 25, 2009 at "The Point" on N. Shore Rd., Joe's Pond. Mark is the publisher of The Caledonian-Record; Rosie is educational services director at the Caledonian-Record. They reside in East

Burke, Vermont, and are renovating their Joe's Pond cottages.

**Homer Fitts** and Margaret Guilmette were married at St. Monica's church in Barre, Vermont on September 19, 2009. Homer is well known at Joe's Pond, having owned a cottage here for many years. He and Margaret will spend winters in Barre and summers at Joe's Pond.



**Jason Randall** and Kerrin Wilmarth were married on October 10, 2009 at the West Monitor Barn in Richmond, Vermont. Jason lived at the family's W. Shore Rd. home, while at Lyndon State College.

**Malia Hamilton**, of the Sandy Beach Road Hamiltons, married Dan Fredrickson on October 10, 2009. Her wedding celebration with family and friends will be in Santa Barbara, CA. on May 22. Best wishes to Malia and Dan.

**Bill and Monika Dimick** went in December to Namibia to bring Monika's daughter, Jo-Ann Ann back with them to Waterford, VT. She was welcomed by her aunts and uncles here, and her grandparents, **Fred and Jane Brown**.



**Jamie & Joanne Stewart**, North Shore Rd, announce the birth of their granddaughter, Sophie Sissel Bergan, a 5th generation Joe's Ponder, born Jan. 18, 2010 to Emily Stewart and Joe Bergan of Somerville, MA.



**Brian and Alexandra Hynes** announce the birth of their son, Tomas--All is well!! Brian is the son of **John and Sally Hynes**, grandson of **Bob and Sylvia Stewart** and great-grandson of **Emma Friberg**.

**Joe Turner** at Point Comfort is auctioning off three 3-bedroom cottage condos on Sunday, May 9. Call Joe at 802-684-3379 for more information. Joe said four more one and two-bedroom units will be auctioned in 2011.

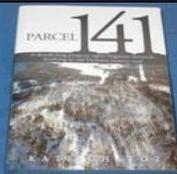
**Dan & Karen Keene** of Montpelier, VT have purchased the **Vanetti** cottage at 1539 W. Shore Rd. The Keene's have two sons, Peyton, 9 and Ryan, 5. We are very happy to welcome them to our Joe's Pond Community.

**Kyle Johnson**, 14, is available to do odd jobs and yard work again this summer. If you need help with jobs such as raking or mowing the lawn, painting, weeding, brush cutting, etc., Kyle can be reached at 25 Edgewood Ave, 802-563-3187. References available.

**Bruce and Dee Palmer** will be celebrating the graduation of their daughter Mackenna Palmer from UVM on May 23. She will have a degree in Elementary Education. They are also happy to announce that their son, Josh Palmer and his fiancé, Juliet Duval, will be married on Oct. 10, 2010. (10/10/10!)

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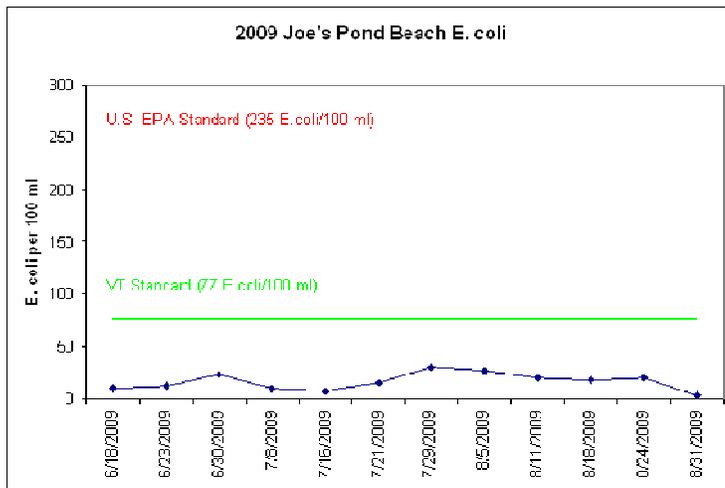
A chronicle of a decade-long property rights litigation involving an old Cabot Vermont country road located along the western shores of Joe's Pond, written by local first-time author, Kate Chatot. Available at iuniverse.com, amazon.com, local bookstores and Diamond Hill in Danville, VT. 220 pgs. \$15.95 soft cover, \$25.95 hard cover.



## Report on E.coli Testing, 2009

Below are the results from this year's E. coli testing I conducted for the town. I've attached graphs from the last 6 years of testing for comparison. Again, all the readings taken fall well below both the state and federal standards and show the beach is safe for swimming. This is the fifth year I've volunteered to sample and we have never come close to exceeding the standard over that time, good news for the town and those who enjoy swimming at the beach!

Kelli Merrell, ANR.



## End-of-Year Event Report

Diane Rossi, who volunteered to investigate options for an end-of-the-year get-together, reports the results of a poll taken on the web site shows the majority of JPA members seem to favor "something simple." She and Mimi are pursuing that idea and will present details in the spring. She thanks all who participated in the poll.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5/22/10 Board Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion
- 5/29/10 Spring Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion
- 6/05/10 Rental
- 6/26/10 Rental
- 6/27/10 Rental
- 7/03/10 Annual Meeting & Kids' Day
- 7/03/10 Fireworks, weather permitting, at dusk
- 7/04/10 Fly-By, F-16's, Vermont National Guard
- 7/05/10 Fireworks Rain Date
- 7/10/10 Baked Bean Supper, 6 p.m.
- 7/17/10 Rental
- 7/24/10 Italian Dinner; Social at 5 p.m., dinner, 6:30
- 7/25/10 Rental
- 8/06 and 8/07/10—Danville Fair Days
- 8/07/10 Rental
- 8/08/10 Cocktail Party
- 8/14/10 Board Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion
- 8/14/10 Pig Roast; Social at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30
- 8/21/10 Fall Meeting, time to be decided
- 7/31/11 Rental

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Happy signs are here again!

All camp signs have survived the winter. They were stored in their selective winter haven and are ready for another hopefully warm summer season at Joe's Pond.

The Richers and I decided to revamp two signs that were showing some paint fading especially around the design images. My Road Sign Captains will have the signs in place before Memorial weekend.

I hope all is well with the returning Joe's Pond campers.

Ray Rouleau



## Directory Changes

Here are the directory changes since the 2009 newsletter. The directory on the web site is updated as soon as we have the information. This list is for those of you who have a printed directory. The latest edition was published in 2008; contact me if you'd like one.

**Byrd, Lawrence & Carol** (pg.8). Winter address: 249 Jasper St. W., Lot 102, Largo FL 33770; Ph. 727-474-2263

**Calcagni**, (pg.8): Camp phone is 802-684-3835.

**Caufield, Frank & Evelyn** and **Caufield, Jane E.** (pg.9), add: 1553 Rt. 15 to their summer residence listing. They bought Lynda Vail's camp.

**Craige, James & Leslie** (pg.11), home address: 170 E. End Ave., Apt. 15C, NYC, NY 10128; phone 212-988-9205

**Denny, Rob & Florence** (pg.12), camp phone changed: 802-684-2501

**Fitts, Homer** (pg.14), add: Margaret. Winter address is: 17 Country Way, Barre VT 05641; ph. 802-476-6969

**Harper, Charlie & Margaret** (pg.18). Home ph: 714-992-6677.

**Hebert, Joe & Pam**, winter (cell phone) 802-274-3455.

**LaPrade**, (pg. 22): Add winter phone: 941-722-4528

**Moore, John**, (pg.24), add camp phone: 802-563-2664

**Powers, Terry**, (Island Dr.), add 802-684-3328 to camp. (The 802-684-3855 is okay as there are two cottages.)

**Rogers**, (pg. 29). Winter address: 675 Olive St., Englewood FL 34223; phone 941-474-3859

**Sayers** (pg.30) Willie, not Jeffrey; winter address: 5047 VT Rt. 14, E Calais VT 05650; ph. 802-456-8991

**Swanson**, (pg.32), add camp phone: 802-684-9826

**Vail, Lynda** (pg.33), Delete. (Sold to Caufield family.)

**Vanetti**, (pg. 33), sold to **Dan & Karen Keene**, 182 Forest Dr., Montpelier VT 05602, home ph. 802-229-6737

**Walker, Ann** (pg.33) Add: 1553 Rt.15 to summer residence. (Part owner of Caufield properties.)



## Joe's Ponders Publish Books

**Bill Rossi's** *Around the Pond*, a color photo guide to the lake, is available at Hastings and Diamond Hill, or from Bill.

**Kate Chatot's** new book, *Parcel 141*, about her experience with property rights litigation, is available at Diamond Hill local bookstores, and on the web. Congratulations to both!

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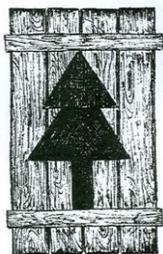


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## Aquatic Invasive Species Program Report by Pam Hebert



We had another successful season staffing greeters at the Fishing Access inspecting boats and educating boaters about Eurasian water milfoil. A first since I have been involved with the program, was one of our greeters identified and pulled Eurasian water milfoil from a boat that had been in Lake Morey (documented to have milfoil infestation).

The greeters reported that boats inspected had been in 37 different bodies of water and as many as 20 boats were inspected in one day. Thank you to Joey Calcagni, Jonah Willcox-Healey, and Katharine and Meghan Pastula for their hard work. Thanks also to Homer and Margaret Fitts who once again allowed us to store our greeter station shelter in their backyard for the winter.

A biological survey was conducted by Lycott Environmental, Inc., on August 26th. The survey used US Army Corp of Engineers methods for a whole lake survey. No invasive species were found and they concluded that the boat ramp monitoring program continues to be an effective line of defense.

We have again applied for a Grant from the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation, with plans to begin the greeter program at the end of June and continue through Labor Day. According to November, 2009 data from the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation, only two new locations of Eurasian water milfoil were confirmed last year. Both were in small ponds with no public access. About 80 % of Vermont lakes greater than 20 acres are NOT infested with Eurasian water milfoil.



### KIDS DAY



Noon, July 3, 2010, JPA Recreation Area  
The event will begin shortly after the

July 3rd meeting, at approximately 11:30, or as soon as the meeting is adjourned. There will be games for all ages, prizes, face painting, a clown, light lunch, drinks.

**We are looking for volunteers.** If you are interested, please get in touch with Bo Keach, 148 Narrows Drive, 802-684-3673 or 802-748-8404; or [bokeach@aol.com](mailto:bokeach@aol.com). Plan to meet after the 10 a.m. Joe's Pond Association Spring Meeting on May 29, if possible. Parents AND grandparents are more than welcome to help out.

### NOTICE:

Save Your Returnable Bottles & Cans for the Danville Youth Baseball Bottle Drive, the Week of July 4th

**Commuter Bus Service on Rt. 2** between St. Johnsbury, Marshfield and Montpelier will begin April 19, 2010. Contact Green Mountain Transportation, 802-223-7287, or their web site, [www.gmtaride.org](http://www.gmtaride.org).





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### Rossi & Brown's Ice-Out Report

This year has been a real roller-coaster for those of us involved with the Ice-Out Contest. Our winter was much milder than expected with temperatures that soared to near-summer levels in mid-March, and instead of monster March blizzards and frigid nights, we got lovely days in the 50's or 60's and many nights that stayed above freezing.

On March 24, 2009, we had an ice depth of 32 inches. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> this year, Everett Drew, who fishes on the pond all winter, reported 18 inches of ice. The chatter everywhere was about what would happen if the ice went out before April 1<sup>st</sup>. About a week before the close of the contest, the weather turned more seasonal and we relaxed. Lots of folks expected an early ice-out and rushed to buy more tickets to revise their guesses. Thanks to that spike in sales and everyone working hard to sell tickets, more than 11,500 tickets were sold, with about 10% from the web site. Blame el nino or global warming – whatever the cause, our 23<sup>rd</sup> Ice-Out Contest was a hoot.

We thank our JPA members who did a fantastic job of selling tickets this year, and all the folks who buy and/or sell tickets for us or help in other ways to keep the contest fun and successful.

Tickets for 2011 will be ready soon, so make them part of your summer by talking up the contest and distributing tickets to guests, friends or strangers! Remember, our Ice Out Contest helps fund our huge fireworks display — this year on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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advisor to the Board on this matter. A new event this year will be the return of "Kids' Day". Bo Keach is the chairperson and has been planning the various activities for this July 3, 2010 event. She will provide a complete report of the plans during the Spring Meeting. Thanks, Bo, for taking this on. Please check the Schedule of Events in the Newsletter and on the web site for dates and times. And remember, get your tickets early.

Work completed last year included replacing the ceiling of the Pavilion with a material that is sound absorbent resulting in a noticeable noise reduction; better ventilation inside the kitchen area; and eliminating drainage issues with the roadway access to the Pavilion on the northwest and southwest corners. Thank you, Larry Rossi. This year we plan on providing some landscaping on the North side of the Pavilion to reduce noise and improve the appearance of the area, along with the normal maintenance of the property.

We are indeed fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers in our association. Don Sherwood with Fireworks and town issues, Ray Rouleau with road signs and new members, Ray Richer with sign maintenance and pond issues, Dave Parker with events and the Pig Roast, George Anderson with accounting for all our dollars both received and spent and Jane Brown with minutes and BLOG. Thanks to all of you, and to all members — a safe return trip to Joe's Pond and we'll see you at the Spring Meeting.

Tom Dente, President

### Maintenance Report

Last year we installed sound board in the center section of the pavilion and it seemed to really help. This year, in the fall we are planning on doing one more section.

The drainage and grading work done last year at the Pavilion seemed to work well so we want to tidy that up with some black top around the edges. We are also going to add a hedge line of cedars between Erdman's and the pavilion for their privacy. We will continue some electrical work at the Pavilion, primarily putting lights up in the outdoor cooking area. Also there is some painting that needs to be done, especially the floor in the kitchen.

We seem to have caught up with a lot of our projects so if anyone has some ideas for improvements let us know. Bring your ideas to the meetings.

Larry Rossi, Director of Maintenance

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