

# JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter - Spring, 2011

## **The Ice is Gone!**

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



### President's Report, 2011

Wow, what a year for snow and equally nasty weather. Snowfall records broken throughout New England and the rest of the nation, suffered with multiple varieties of severe weather conditions. Seems as if every once in a while "Mother Nature" decides to let us know who's the boss. Remember last year April 28, 2010 and 22 inches of fresh snow. I'm sure we will all have our stories when we gather at the Spring Meeting May 28, 2011.

One thing I've always appreciated about Joe's Pond is the tranquility it brings from the number of issues in the world. There is something relaxing about a boat ride with friends, a simple walk down the road or just staring at the beautiful night sky with its multitude of stars; so nice, comforting and peaceful. That is Joe's Pond!

Well on to the business at hand. Spring has come and with it the ice-out. We have a winner Karen Brouillette of Websterville, Vermont. Congratulations to Karen and thanks to Jane and Diane for co-chairing this important event and to all who helped make this a success. See their Ice-Out Report on the next page for more details.

We will have our full schedule of Association events this year and several rentals including one wedding. Since the pavilion was expanded in 2007 we have had at least one wedding each year and an increase in pavilion rentals by members.

While we are on the subject of events, the Association events require the purchase of a ticket. The Pavilion area accommodates about 180 to 200 people for each event. BUY EARLY! Don't be left out by waiting for someone to come to you with tickets. These events will be posted at Hastings, the Pavilion and Diamond Hill Store in Danville, in this newsletter and on the website, with the phone number for the event chairperson. Tickets for all events will be available by mid June.

This year we will have to do some repair work to the tennis courts. Larry brought this to my attention toward the end of the summer season last year and we implemented a "winter fix" so as not make the cracks worse during the winter freezing and thawing. That cycling would enlarge them and make for a more expensive repair in the spring. We will air this issue at the Spring Meeting and ask for a

funding vote on the repair.

Also this year we will conduct another (every two years) biological survey of the aquatic vegetation – seeking any existence of Eurasian Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and other invasive aquatic plant species in Joe's Pond during 2011. As you are aware, nothing of significance was found two years ago, but this is part of our Milfoil Prevention Program to detect it early. The other part is to prevent invasive aquatic plant species by examining boats at the fishing access and by member awareness to report anything suspicious looking to Pam Hebert. Please see Pam's report on page 5 for more information.

Jane Brown has prepared this newsletter and we all know the great benefit of the Joe's Pond website and the BLOG. Keep in mind that the Joe's Pond website, [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com), has JPA meeting minutes, newsletters, etc., that may help answer any question you may have about past issues and expenditures. Thank you, Jane, for all the work you and Fred have done to keep us informed and a special thanks to the Board—Don, George, Jane, Dave, Larry, Pam and Ray for their unselfish work throughout the year to make the Association run smoothly.

To returning members, be safe, be well and we'll soon celebrate another year in the memorable place called Joe's Pond. To the folks who "enjoyed" the Joe's Pond winter, thanks for keeping the spirit of the Pond alive during this special season.

Tom Dente, President

### 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 continue to revamp signs that are showing some paint fading especially around the design images. My Road Sign Captains will have the signs in place before Memorial weekend.

I am looking forward to calling on the new camp owners to welcome them. Road signs will be updated to include the names of new owners.

Ray Rouleau, Membership Director



## Rossi & Brown's Ice-Out Report

Mother Nature has something special going on about Joe's Pond. She's a drama queen with a streak of wickedness, for sure. Last year was a nail biter when the weather turned spring into early summer and the ice to mush in March. We feared the clock would stop before the Contest ended on April 1st—it stopped on April 5th. Whew!

The drama continued when the winner, Bill Barber of St. Johnsbury, could not be located right away. We finally reached him in Florida where he was helping his in-laws with some home repairs—likely the results of another of Mother Nature's tantrums. We presented Mr. Barber his check and award certificate on May 2nd with sunny skies.

This year was different. Freezing temperatures and blizzard conditions effectively dampened the enthusiasm of local ticket buyers throughout March. Sales jumped as the contest drew to a close, but we didn't quite match the number sold in 2010.

Winter dragged into what should have been spring and it wasn't until around Easter that we began to see signs of the ice giving up its hold on Joe's Pond. Then the rains came. We set up a schedule to check the clock twice each day at 7 o'clock. We found all was secure on the evening of April 27th, and the next morning, just before we left to check the clock our neighbor, David Covell alerted us the flag had moved dramatically. We found the clock had stopped after we'd left the night before, and the flag was riding an ice floe, far from its original location. The south wind had moved the ice and broken the connection, stopping the clock at 10:17 p.m. on April 27th. Contest over.

Ros, who logs in the tickets, found that Karen Brouillette of Websterville, Vt. had the closest pick at 10:07 p.m. Dave Parker was able to confirm the ticket the morning of the 28th and then tell Karen she'd won \$4,858!



Ticket sales were down a little from last year, not a surprise in this economy, but our members and many supporters did a great job of selling (and buying) tickets and we thank every one of you.

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## 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)



Tom opened the **May Meeting** with the announcement there would be yoga classes on Monday mornings, beginning on June 7. After reports were read and accepted, the first order of business was to elect a replacement for retiring Water Quality Director, Ray Richer. Pam Hebert was unanimously voted to fill that position. Appreciation for Ray's many years of fine work was expressed.

There was discussion regarding requests for monetary donations for various good causes that arise from time to time. Members agreed JPA is not a charity organization and our thrust should be for the betterment and quality maintenance of Joe's Pond. It was then voted to offer the use of the pavilion free of charge to assist in fund raising in future instances of that nature.

At the **Annual Meeting** in July, the commemorative JPA 90th anniversary postal cancellation stamp was unveiled; it was voted to place a "No Wake" sign at the fishing access; Sue Bouchard announced a new supply of the Joe's Pond Cookbook; and Dave Parker announced we have a second pair of nesting loons in the middle pond.

At the **Fall Meeting**, the Erdmanns, who own the property next to the pavilion, requested permission to install a cedar privacy hedge. After considerable discussion, members voted to allow that, and asked that clarifying documentation be drawn up according to agreed provisions.

Gina Kurrle and Marty Talbot will take over lay monitoring duties from Jamie Dimick, effective in 2011. Sam Lewis reported progress is being made to control runoff at brooks on Barre Avenue and Sandy Beach Road.

Jane Brown, Secretary



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## Maintenance Report

We will be doing any painting and repairs to the Pavilion that are needed after the long winter. Also, we will grade the roads to the Pavilion.

Last fall we did some temporary repairs to cracks on the tennis courts. Many cracks have opened up over the years and we have addressed them. This year we will have to have permanent repair work done to them. These are just some more to deal with. The winters in Vermont are tough on tennis courts and they need to be repaired every so often.

Any other items that come up will be taken care of. If any members have some thoughts or concerns, they will be welcome.

Larry Rossi, Maintenance Director



## Activities Report

Friends of the Pond,  
It's been quite a winter here at the pond. With snow piled high and plenty of frigid temperatures, events like the Italian Dinner are hard to imagine right now. That being said, Mother Nature will release her grip and we will be having good times again soon at Joe's Pond.

The list of activities for 2011 is posted here. Please save it so you are on top of the dates.

The Ice Out Contest was a huge success. Thanks to Jane Brown and Diane Rossi for coordinating again this year, also thanks to the hundreds of vendors and ambassadors we have around the country. The contest is being copied in many areas but ours continues to shine.

Mud season will soon be over and we can all head to camp for the summer.

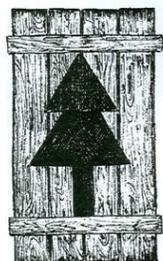
David Parker, Activities Director



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5/21/11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion
- 5/28/11 Spring Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion
- 6/3/11 Rental
- 6/11/11 Rental
- 6/25/11 Rental
- 7/2/11 Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. Pavilion
- 7/2/11 Fireworks, weather permitting, at dusk
- 7/5/11 Fireworks Rain Date
- 7/9/11 Baked Bean Supper: 6 p.m. (684-2247)
- 7/16/11 Rental
- 7/23/11 Italian Dinner: Social, 5 p.m., dinner, 6:30 (684-3655)
- 7/24/11 Rental
- 7/5, 7/6 Danville Fair Days (Location TBA)
- 8/7/11 Cocktail Party: 3:00 p.m. (684-9797)
- 8/13/11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion
- 8/13/11 Pig Roast: Social at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 (684-3358)
- 8/29/11 Fall Meeting, 10 a.m., Pavilion
- 9/03/11 Rental
- 9/26-10/1 Fall Foliage Week, Mon.—Sat.
- 10/1/11 Autumn on the Green—Location: the school
- 10/15/11 Apple Pie Festival

**NOTICE:** Yoga classes on Mondays with Susan Murphy will start June 18th. Payment will be by booklet and more flexible this year. If interested, contact Marti Tabet: matalbot@roadrunner.com.



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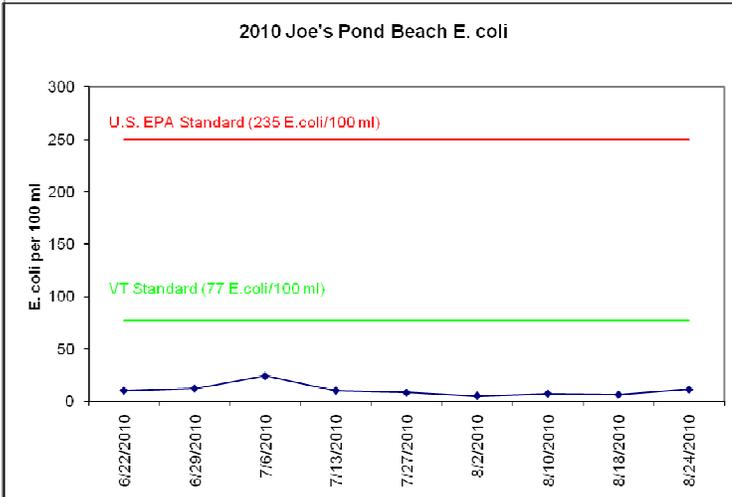
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## Report on E.coli Testing, 2010



Kellie Merrell, ANR, reports 2010 was another year of consistently low values of E.coli in the water at the public beach, well below the state and federal requirements.

Kellie has provided reports going back to 2004, which we have copied and will have at our meetings so anyone interested can look at them. We will also send them digitally to anyone who requests them. Contact Jane Brown at meetings or e-mail: [janebrown@joespondvermont.com](mailto:janebrown@joespondvermont.com)

### Culverts and Runoff into Pond By Sam Lewis

I have had a discussion with the Cabot road crew about the culvert on Sandy Beach Road that washes out each spring. There is acknowledgement that the culvert needs to be re-laid so that they don't have to keep trucking in material to fix the washout. I have hopes that can occur this summer now that house construction [on Sandy Beach Road] is wrapping up. I'm also working with the Water Quality Division to develop a planting plan that will stabilize the stream bank below the culvert.

The folks at Water Quality have also had some contact with landowners above the culvert at West Shore Road and Barre Avenue to try and correct some changes in stream flow that have occurred. There is a lot of erosion between Route 2 and West Shore Rd. that is bringing material down to the Pond.

## Aquatic Invasive Species Program Report By Pam Hebert

We again had a successful summer staffing greeters/educators at Joe's Pond's State Fishing Access. The program began the end of June and continued through Labor Day with Joey Calcagni and Katharine and Meghan Pastula inspecting boats launched at the access. No Eurasian Milfoil was detected during their inspections. Our greeter station shelter was stored over the winter at Homer and Margaret Fitts'.



Our program is partially funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation as well as donations from the towns of Danville and Cabot.

Lycott Environmental, Inc., who conducted an aquatic vegetation survey in 2009, will conduct a follow-up survey in 2011. No Eurasian Milfoil or other invasive aquatic plants were found during their original survey.

The Vermont Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update reported that in 2010 the only new Eurasian Milfoil confirmation was at Ticklenaked Pond in Ryegate. Vermont has over 800 lakes, and only 66 have been found to have Eurasian Milfoil. Of the 280 lakes larger than 20 acres in size, 79% are not infested. We know that one of the best lines of defense is an informed and alert community. We all can be very proud of our commitment to the water quality at Joe's Pond.



*Our family would like to express our appreciation to all who donated to the Joe's Pond Children's Playground Fund in memory of our mother, Pauline Battura, who passed away this past December. We look forward to adding some new equipment to the JPA playground.*

*Pam Hebert  
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# Friends We've Lost



**William Pearl**, 89, passed away in April, 2010. Known as "Bill" or "Bud" by his many friends, and "Willie" by his family, he was a familiar figure since 1955 on the small island at Joe's Pond.

**Patsy W. Lewis**, 84, mother of Michael Lewis, 8 Otis Drive, passed away on September 4, 2010.

**Giorgio "Gio" Sarzanini**, 63, brother of Mary Anne Cassani, passed away on September 5, 2010.

**Veronica C. "Ronnie" Colombo**, 85, passed away on September 10, 2010. Her parents, Ellis and Elizabeth Henry, had a cottage on Joe's Pond for many years.

**Dr. Robert Carr Denny**, 65, died on September 20, 2010. He enjoyed summers at Joe's Pond on Cove Road. He leaves his wife, Florence, and two sons: Brian and his wife Jessica and their two children, Kendall and Cooper of Columbia SC; and Dana, of Tucson, AZ.



**Michael R. Bessette**, 59, died on November 16, 2010. Michael and Ivana enjoyed many summers at their camp on Rte 2. W. He will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends here at the pond.

**Beulah Palmer Lawrence**, 87, died at her home in Florida on December 6, 2010. She owned the big island with husband, Cy Palmer some years ago; after his death, a cottage on Edgewood with second husband, Ray Lawrence.

**Lucia (Johnson) Pearl**, 89, passed away on December 12, 2010. She was the wife of William Pearl (see above) and spent many summers on the island. She leaves two daughters, Liz Sargent and Peggy Pearl, a daughter-in-law, Sheri Pearl, several grand children and two great grandchildren. She is missed by her family and many friends.



**Pauline Buttura** died on December 26, 2010 at the Joe's Pond home of her daughter, Pam Hebert and husband, Dr. Joe. Hebert. Pauline was a long-time Joe's Ponder and she loved being here at the pond. Her son, Fella and wife Nancy, also have a home here. She leaves several grand and great grandchildren and will be sadly missed by family and dear friends.



**Kathleen Walden Powell**, 92, died on February 2, 2011. She and her late husband, Don, were long-time summer residents at their cottage on Edgewood Ave. Kay leaves three daughters, Beth and husband Bill Johnston of Toronto; Ginger and husband Lee Erdmann of Hartford, CT and Joe's Pond with whom she lived in recent years; Patti and husband Jim Nichols of Westford, VT; nine grand children and nine great grandchildren.



**Cody, Robert Clinton**, 86, of Montpelier, father of Robin Nicholson, Old Homestead Rd. and Barre, VT, passed away on March 6, 2011. Mr. Cody was a well-known and respected business man, and will be sadly missed by the community as well as his loving family.

## News Mix



Althea Catherine Goff and Ethan Derwood Bugbee were united in marriage on March 13, 2010 at Grace United Church, St. Johnsbury. Althea is the daughter of William and Edith Goff of St. Johnsbury; Ethan is the son of **Michael and Joanne Bugbee** of Joe's Pond, West Danville, VT.



**Jennifer Cowles**, 3448 Rte.2, West Danville, VT and Arvada CO, is marrying Darrell Bare on May 3, 2011. They plan a wedding in St John US Virgin Islands, and will continue to live in Colorado.



**Tom and Cheryl Semperebon**, 275 Old Homestead and Graniteville, Vt., announce the births of two grand children: Justin Thomas Nevio Semperebon, left, on Sept. 24, 2010, born to Jamie & Tanja Semperebon; and Olivia Marie Semperebon, right, born on Feb. 12, 2011, to Shawn & Melisa Semperebon.



**Lynn Hamilton**, Sandy Beach Rd. and Hawaii, sends word of the birth on Nov. 20, 2010 of her grand nephew, Reid William born to Will and Logan Seward. Reid is the first great grandchild of the late **Jean Hamilton**.



On Aug.4, 2010, **John and Chris Moore** became the proud grandparents of Cooper James Moore, son of David and Jill (Wennberg) Moore. Cooper is the fourth generation of Moores to spend time at "Hilltop Haven," the cottage on Edgewood Ave. purchased from Judge Albert Barney in 1953 by Harold and Madeline Moore.



Brent Talbot, son of **David and Marty Talbot** is a recent graduate of the Eastman School of Music, receiving a Ph.D. in Music Education. Dr. Talbot is Associate Professor and Coordinator of Music Education at the Sunderman Conservatory of Music of Gettysburg College, and the artistic directory of the Gettysburg Children's Choir in Gettysburg, PA. He was the former director of the Eastman Young Children's Chorus and Eastman New Horizons Choir in Rochester, NY. He is a frequent clinician and presenter at regional, state, and national conferences, and his area of expertise include discourse analysis of music learning settings, teaching music through movement, race, class, and other identity constructions in the music classroom, multi-generational music teaching and learning, urban music education, popular media and technology in music education. He is a founding member of Talbot & Piazza, a music education resource and media corporation based in New York State. He is also a former ballroom dance instructor with Arthur Murray and a member of several music-related organizations and a published author. **(Continued → )**

Many of you already know that **Richard and Carmen Gagne** who built the lovely new home on Sandy Beach Road are going to be year around residents of Joe's Pond.

Just a couple houses up from the Gagnes, **Jack and Sue LaGue** will also be here year around. I counted roughly 32 actual year 'round residents, and that's not counting those who have been but now migrate south, or those who come for the holidays and/or ski and snow vacations each winter. Used to be just a handful—about four—who dared brave the elements from October to May, back in the day.

**Don Walker** on W. Shore Rd. was recently honored for his long and uninterrupted service scoring high school basketball games. He actually did that for 34 consecutive years!!! That's dedication. Congratulations to Don on his remarkable record.

**Helen Morrison**, W. Shore Road, in 2004, retired from Cabot School where she'd taught science for 18 years. On the Cabot School website, Helen wrote: "... I really missed teaching those Cabot kids. So, when I was asked in 2006 to come back part-time, I happily agreed... [now] there are a number of reasons for me to wind down, both professional and personal. And so, I will be retiring at the end of the 2010-2011 school year..."

We wish Helen all the best and great adventures ahead.

We now have **AT&T cell phone service** in the Joe's Pond area. The installation on the silo at the **Sousa farm on Cabot Plain** began operation in late February. There are still some dead spots, but most areas around the pond have good reception.

The **Towne** family writes: *We've had an eventful year. On July 15, 2010 we welcomed our first grandson, Jack. On October 9, 2010 our second grandson, Wyatt arrived. Our first Our Grand Daughter, Kayla was born on March 7th, the morning of the Blizzard! Between November*

*2007 and March 2011, all four of our children were married and three grandchildren have arrived! All are in Vermont, so we expect camp to be hopping this summer. Right, Wyatt, Kayla, Jack.*



**Terry and Ann Powers** announce they will have a new Great Nephew around camp this summer. Michael Hovey Lewis (right) was born in Burlington in February. Michael's parents, Chris and Michelle Lewis and sister Kathryn spend lots time at the pond during the summer. You'll see them playing on the lawn or cruising in the pontoon boat. Terry writes: *How exciting it is to know that he will grow up to experience and love Joe's Pond as we all do!*



Mary Elizabeth Rogerson, daughter of **Gregory and Tara Rogerson** of Cabot, was born on her mom's birthday, February 13, 2011 at the Central Vermont Regional Hospital. Tara is Cabot's town clerk, so I'm sure some of you know her. Mary Elizabeth is happy and healthy, and we look forward to meeting her soon in person—at the town offices maybe?

The **Dimick and Brown** families will have a new member soon. **Bill and Monika Dimick** of Waterford, VT and Joe's Pond, are expecting their baby girl, Tangeni Sierra, in early July. Tangeni, pronounced "tan-gay-nee," is a family name, specific to the Ovambo tribe in Namibia. Roughly translated, it means "praise God." She will join sister, Jo-Ann, 12, who chose her baby sister's middle name. Jo-Ann and her mom are from Namibia.

Lucia Katherine Pearl was born December 29th, 2010 to **Isaac and Logan Pearl** of Danville and Pearl Island, Joe's Pond. Baby Lucia, is named for her great grandmother, **Lucia Johnson Pearl**, who passed away on December 12, 2010. Baby Lucia joins brother, Axel, 17 mo.

**Mary Ellen Stover** has a new grandchild, Jacob Partin Haines. Jacob arrived in Charlotte, NC on March 18, joining a twin brother and sister.

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## Directory Changes

Directory changes are posted in your newsletters. A new edition of the printed directory will be published this spring, available at meetings or from Jane Brown.

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Change **Bertolini**, Enzo & Joan to **Bertolini**, Martin & Kate.

**Bertrand**, Fred & Elinor, add summer mail address: P.O.Box 227, W.Danville, Vt.

**Chamberlin**, Keith & Florence, 285 Old Homestead, sold to **Collins**, Mark & Pamela, 10 Deborah Rd., Windsor Locks, CT. 06096. Ph. 860-623-8071.

**Crawford**, Geoffrey & Leslie, home ph. 802-658-1406. Add **Costa**, Kelli, at 71 Barre Ave., W.Danville VT 05873; camp 802-563-2749. Home: 21 Brown St., Maynard MA 01754, ph. 978-461-9331.

**Crosby**, Peter & Paige, camp phone: 802-563-2359. Add **Demick**, Doris E., 304 Sandy Beach Rd., Cabot VT 05647, ph. 802-563-3538.

Remove, **Dente**, Jack & Collette. (Sold to M. **Rodgers**.)

**Dente**, Stephen, winter address: 13 Pleasant Dr., Londonderry, VT 03053.

**Dolan**, Frank & Gail, should be 86 Narrows Dr. Remove **Fitch**, Jon & Sherry. (Now **Masland**, Jim and Suzanne.)

**Gagne**, Richard & Carmen—delete NH address, they are now residents at 120 Sandy Beach Rd., Cabot, VT 05647.

**Greaves**, Marjorie, home ph. 802-748-9709.

**Hebert**, Joe & Pam, winter address: 8506 Masthead Dr., Tucson AZ 85756, cell ph. 802-274-3455.

**Keenan**, Gregory & Laura, winter address: 13127 Cleveland Dr., Rockville MD 20850, ph. 301-251-2695.

**Keene**, Dan & Karen, (purchased **Vanetti's**), 1123 W. Shore Rd., Cabot VT 05647, ph. 802-563-2529; home: 182 Forest Dr., Montpelier VT 05602, ph. 802-229-6737. Add: **Lane**, Allan & Linda, 307 Rt. 15, W.Danville VT 05873; home: 320 Middle Rd., Plainfield VT 05667, ph. 802-522-0957.

**McKeever**, Donald & Deborah, should be 475 Chatot Rd. **Powers**, Terry & Ann, camp ph., 802-684-3328.

**Provost**, Michael & Heather, home ph. 802-862-5624.

**Quatrini**, Steve & Sue, home add.: 1111 Main St., Ste. 101, St. Johnsbury VT 05819. Camp ph., 802-563-2562.

**Richey**, Alban & Margaret, winter address: 171 West-

## Property Transfers

The **Turner** family has turned Point Comfort cabins into condominiums. **Albert and Alice Towle**, 20 Spring Creek Rd, St. Johnsbury, VT bought Unit #2, 91 Pt. Comfort Rd; **Russell & Mary Langfield**, 322 Sunset Blvd., Wyckoff NJ bought Unit #6, 135 Pt. Comfort Rd; and **Randall Wells**, 85 Seymour Rd, Underhill VT bought Unit #9, 185 Pt. Comfort Rd.

“**Jack**” and **Colette Dente**, sold 3504 Rte 2 W to **Margaret Rodgers**, 22 Tyler Pl, Jericho VT.

**Jim Culver** sold 263 Old Homestead Rd to **Thierry Guerlain & Julie Hendrickson**, 15 McKinley St., Montpelier VT.

**Keith and Florence Chamberlain** sold 285 Old Homestead Rd to **Mark & Pamela Collins**, 10 Deborah Rd., Windsor Locks, CT.

**Denison Amidon** sold 77 Cove Rd to his neighbors, the **McKowns**, who have a cottage at 53 Cove Rd.

**John & Sherri Fitch** sold 3916 Rte.2 W to **Jim & Suzanne Masland** of Thetford VT.

**Welcome, new owners—see you at spring meeting.**

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Our grandson Nicholas (shown here with grandfather Bob Noyes) was diagnosed three years ago with a life threatening disease known as Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis, or Batten disease. This brutal and debilitating disease will rob him of his vision, his speech, his mobility, and will eventually take his life. Nicholas turns eight on May 9<sup>th</sup> and like many of this disease's young victims, his future relies on finding a cure.

Nicholas is on a Challenger baseball team, and he and his teammates were invited to participate in the CVS Caremark "All Kids Can" baseball Camp with the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park.

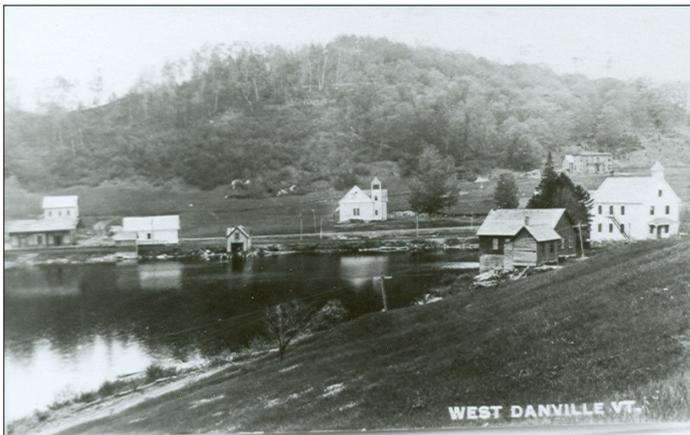
July 4<sup>th</sup> at Joe's Pond was fun for Nicholas. He enjoyed swimming, cooking marshmallows and hotdogs on a stick over the camp fire, sleeping on the top bunk, and riding in the party boat to get ice cream at Hastings. Getting drinks at the water pump and riding in the buggy on Mom's bike are always fun parts of his visits.



In August Nicholas was invited to be the first participant in a gene therapy trial at Cornell. He had brain surgery on August 24, which went very smoothly. It took him a month to get his strength back, and today he is doing well. The decline in his health has slowed, but he is not getting better. He still has seizures and remains blind; Make-a-Wish granted him a service dog named Shane. His speech varies daily between 1 to 3 word sentences. Time will tell if this gene therapy will stop or slow the progression of his disease.

Nicholas has been a camper at Joe's Pond since he was two months old. He looks forward to coming again this year to cook those marshmallows and enjoy some fresh, cool spring water straight from the pump. These simple pleasures, and this special place, mean the world to him.

**Note: You will find a full report from Bob and Dotty on [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com). For upcoming events and fundraisers, visit their website at [www.ourpromisetonicholas.com](http://www.ourpromisetonicholas.com).**



This is an early picture taken from the hillside above what is now Rte. 2, looking across the pond, probably in the early 1900s. At far left is the railroad station, G. V. Frazier's Wholesale Grocery & Mail Order House, the town boat house, and the Methodist church. On the Rte. 2 side of the water was *New England Hall*, according to historian Jane Hastings Larrabee, and it was also known as *Maplewood Lodge*, according to present owners, Richard and Janet Fortin, and at one time it housed an antiques shop. Next is the school before it was moved to Rte. 15 when the new bridge was installed on Rte 2, in about 1920. After the school closed it became the original Larrabee's Building Supply, later an auction house, fitness studio, and is now owned by Armstrong Masonry.

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