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DUES PAYMENT ENVELOPE

TWO ICE-OUT WINNERS!

The ice went out on April 29th at 10:06 a.m.

Winners are: **Kelsey Phillips, Iowa City, IA**
William Brochu, Springfield, MA

See Page 3 for details.

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The Joe's Pond Association newsletter is published each spring and mailed to all Joe's Pond Association members. We encourage our members to contribute articles, photos or news. To contribute articles or photos, purchase ad space or advise us of changes in your mailing address or e-mail, please contact Jane Brown at the above address or by e-mail: janebrown@joespondvermont.com. Newsletters are posted on our website, www.joespondvermont.com



President's Report

Mother Nature is sure interesting and unpredictable. Just two years ago we had record heat and we were concerned about an early Ice Out. Then at last years spring meeting, a snowstorm and a record turn out for the meeting. What will it bring this May? Well, whatever it is, the spring meeting will go on as scheduled on the last day of May, May 31, 2014 with a likely large turnout of members welcoming spring and another great season at the pond. Joe's Ponders exhibit a spirit that is unlike any other and thus creates an Association that is second to none!

This was one year when the pond ice in early April looked like it would never leave. But on April 29th it did and the great Ice-Out came to an end for 2014. The winners are Kelsey Phillips from Iowa, and William Brochu from Massachusetts. Jane, Diane and crew, Thank You! Another great job! Please see Jane's report for all the details.

Over the past many years, we have been waiting and watching for the rail trail to start construction toward Joe's Pond and beyond. After the politicians and legal community finished their work, construction began last year in St. Johnsbury. Construction of the trail is expected to be in the West Danville area this year and if all goes without problems, perhaps even beyond the Joe's Pond area. Most of us have attended a JPA meeting where a guest speaker would describe the trail and ask for some funding for trail construction. Now that the trail is becoming reality, Joe's Pond Association and Members must face the funding issue. The board will formulate a position for discussion at our Annual Meeting rather than the Spring Meeting. This will afford members time to evaluate the progress and benefit of the trail to Joe's Pond.

Our focus continues to be on improving water quality and the early detection of invasive species through our Milfoil Prevention Program, chaired by Pam Hebert. Great job Pam! Boats entering Joe's Pond during the summer are inspected and a two-year cycle of pond-bottom inspection is performed to detect invasive milfoil. The inspection by Lycott Environmental at the end of August 2013 identified NO invasive milfoil present. Please see Pam's report for more information.

Another significant impact on water quality and health of members and others is the discharge of septic into the pond water. Eliminating harmful discharges into the water thru diligent inspection and upgrades to septic systems and eliminating other harmful discharges such as soil run-

off, will improve water quality. Violators should be reported to the State of Vermont or the towns of Danville or Cabot. Several septic systems were replaced last year and some are scheduled for this year. Remember, IF YOU SMELL IT, REPORT IT!

This year we have broken a record with the number of pavilion rentals. There was significant scrambling to obtain particular dates and though the dates may not all be on a weekend, they are important to the renter. So if you see a wedding reception at the pavilion during the week, you know it is normal this year. Oh, and we have seven wedding receptions this year—also a record!

As Larry reported at JPA meetings last year, we have completed our major projects, and similar to last year, we will concentrate again this year on upgrades and maintenance of the existing facilities. Any suggestions that members believe would be a viable project are welcome at any time. As you may be aware, we have started replacing some of the round tables at the pavilion with newer, lighter plastic ones. Replacement of dining furniture is important in order to maintain safety and comfort. We will continue the program with the rectangular tables and finally the chairs.

The Association is indeed fortunate to have many volunteers to help at the various events during the summer. However, with the sale of their cottage, Tom Beattie and John Dauteuil will no longer chair the Summer Cocktail Party. Thank you, Tom and John, for many years of dedication to this very popular event. We are looking for help for this event, particularly, set-up and clean up and ticket sales. The event is not complex and it's a lot of fun, so let Jane Brown or me know if you are interested.

Safe trip to travelers and we'll see you May 31, 2014, at the Spring Meeting.

Tom Dente



Vice President's Report

Fireworks are scheduled for July 3rd with a rain date of July 5th. We look forward to another spectacular display this year.

Boaters are reminded not to proceed beyond the two islands during the fireworks. Also, please remember to show running lights when you are on the water; water traffic is heavy on Fireworks Night, so please be respectful of other boaters, keep your speed down and have adequate life preservers aboard. Enjoy the event safely.

Don Sherwood



Ice-Out Report

This has been a year to remember. We had about three feet of ice well into the middle of March. By the second week in April the ice was still two feet thick, it was cold and blustery and we didn't put the flag out until the first week in April. Even then, we had every kind of weather including very cold with more snow, nights near zero abruptly changing to daytime highs near 70. Add to that plenty of rain that turned to snow, then ice, and back to 70s again.

Diane added a thermometer to our setup this year after someone suggested it would be nice to see the temperature as well as the clock during the contest. We suspect it was hard for some people to believe the local weather reports.

The ice never seems to go out without letting us know Mother Nature is in control. On April 29th, the pallet disappeared below the ice surface, but the clock didn't stop. A south wind had piled slushy ice onto the shore, interfering with our ropes, but once the ropes were free, the pallet went down and the clock stopped at 10:06 a.m. under a bright sun. We had two winners, Kelsey Phillips, 8, of Iowa City, Chris and Dot Wilson's granddaughter; and William Brochu of Massachusetts, Garey and Jane Larrabee's nephew. Each received \$2,924.41.

This year we helped a group of *Odyssey of the Mind* students (Waterbury/Roxbury) set up an ice-out contest similar to ours, only in a local swimming pool! (See photo.)



Diane Rossi & Jane Brown

Signs & Membership

Our signs are in good condition, as always, and will be in place by Spring Meeting, updated to reflect changes in property ownership that we know about.

We are looking for a teenager (male or female) that can drive to different signs that need painting. This is to paint/retouch the black trim on the signs only, NOT the art work! Contact me by phone, 802-563-9921, or e-mail, peckyrouleau@aol.com.

Despite the best efforts of Evelyn Richer, Jane Brown and myself, we sometimes miss a change in ownership, mess up a spelling or misunderstand a member's instructions, so please notify me if you see errors on any of our signs or worse, notice that one has been damaged.

Looking forward to another great Joe's Pond Summer!

Ray Rouleau



Maintenance Report

Regular maintenance is performed at the pavilion throughout the year and we have no big projects ahead this year that we know of. We are always open to ideas about how to make the Association's property nicer and/or more functional.

Contact me or any Board member with suggestions or problems. We look forward to another great summer.

Larry Rossi



Secretary's Report

Spring Meeting, May 26, 2013 - Sue Fitts Martin celebrated her 60th birthday by attending her first ever JPA meeting!

The members gave the Goose Committee the go-ahead to take action against the rising and troublesome goose population. Kellie Merrill will be doing e.coli testing at the beach this year. Eric Bach is Danville's new health officer.

There is a beaver problem in the channel; affected land owners need to take the initiative and work with the town.

The penstock will not be available for dumping water as it is being repaired this summer; there may be periods with higher water.

Buoys are out, some have solar lights on them.

A request for signs to control parking at the boat access will be directed to the State.

Annual Meeting, July 6, 2013 - The slate of officers is unchanged. Larry Rossi will represent JPA as the Danville Planning and Zoning Board rewrites that town's regulations. Jack LaGue will monitor similar meetings in Cabot.

No action will be taken regarding the goose population. The majority of those birds apparently moved on.

A motion was made and adopted to have a manually operated canopy installed over the outside cooking area at the pavilion.

Bacteria levels are down, water quality is good. Members suggested a poster or sign for the access area to inform boaters about regulations on speed, wakes, skiers, etc.

Fall Meeting, August 24, 2013 - The year ended with a larger than expected goose population; Goose Committee member Jack LaGue said it was too late to do anything about them this year. However, water tests have been very good the entire summer in spite of the pesky birds.

Pam Hebert reported a successful boat inspection season and our pond remains free of invasive species.

Progress on the Rail Trail discussed; JPA has no plans to contribute money at this point. Any such decision would be brought to members for a vote.

There is money left in the account created at the time of settlement with Green Mountain Power. Funds from this settlement were used for shoreline preservation and inspection to prevent invasive species such as milfoil.

The meeting adjourned and members helped put furniture and equipment away for the season.

Jane Brown



End of year meeting, August 24, 2014

Photo by Fred Brown



May 17, 2014	Pavilion Rental
May 25, 2014	Pavilion Rental
May 30, 2014	Pavilion Rental
May 31, 2014	Spring Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am
June 6, 2014	Pavilion Rental
June 21, 2014	Pavilion Rental
June 28, 2014	Pavilion Rental
June, TBA	Board Meeting
July 3, 2014	Fireworks (at dusk)
July 4, 2014	Pavilion Rental
July 5, 2014	Annual Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am
July 5, 2014	Fireworks Rain Date
July 6, 2014	Pavilion Rental (Pope Library)
July 10, 2014	Pavilion Rental
July 12, 2014	Rib Dinner (Wendi 684-2247)
July 26, 2014	Italian Dinner (Pam 684-3655)
July 27, 2014	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 2, 2014	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 8-9, 2014	Danville Fair
Aug. 9, 2014	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 10, 2014	Summer Cocktail Party (684-9797)
Aug. 16, 2014	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 23, 2014	Fall Meeting
Aug. 30, 2014	Pavilion Rental
Oct. 1-7, 2014	Fall Foliage Week area towns.
Oct. 18, 2014	Apple Festival, Cabot

NOTICE: There will be **Yoga with "Andy"** again this year, starting on July 15. Except for the first class being on a Tuesday, classes will be held on Mondays from 10:30—11:30 a.m. If you have questions or need more details, e-mail Marti Talbot: matalbot@roadrunner.com.

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Aquatic Invasive Species Program Report

Our greeters, Rose Nunn, Meghan, Sarah and Katharine Pastula, inspected nearly 300 boats previously launched from 33 Vermont and 5 out-of-state water bodies. Nine of these water bodies have previously been known to have Eurasian water milfoil infestations. Our greeters found no invasive plant material during their inspections.

Lycott Environmental, Inc. conducted an aquatic vegetation survey on August 29th and no Eurasian water milfoil was found. Lycott biologists identified 20 indigenous vegetation species and concluded that Joe's Pond continues to support a rich native aquatic assemblage.

We, again will receive grant money for this summer's greeter program from the State Department of Environmental Conservation as well as funding from the towns of Danville, Cabot and Walden. Our greeter program will begin in the middle of June and continue through Labor Day. Greeters will attend a state-sponsored workshop in May.

Again, our continued absence of invasive aquatic vegetation is a credit to our commitment to proactive measures.

Pam Hebert



Vermont Shoreland Protection Bill H.526

This Bill has been in one committee or another for well over a year, and various revisions have been made.

In March 2014, a Committee of Conference that included Reps. Deen, Krebs, and Beyer and Senators Hartwell, Snelling and Rodgers was formed to fine tune the bill.

The intent of the bill, according to Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, is to:

- Protect water quality, wildlife habitat, bank stability.
- Protect the uses and values of lakes such as recreation, angling, tourism and the property tax base.
- Avoid expensive lake restoration in the future.
- Respond responsibly to economic development along lakeshores

Good shoreland management does not mean people can't live along the lake and enjoy it. The management guidelines in a shoreland protection rule would allow "lake-friendly" new development and review redevelopment proposals to ensure lake protection is taken into account.

Changes to land use within 250 feet from the mean water level of a lake and any new or redevelopment of a property would require a permit.

- If the property is currently undeveloped, the natural vegetation in the Lakeside Zone would be managed in such a way so as to provide water quality and lake habitat protection, and bank stability.
- If a property is already developed, a new proposal would have to meet certain standards designed to not increase the impact on the lake. So for instance, a rebuild or addition would probably have to be to the side of or behind the existing buildings and not closer to the lake.
- The rules could contain provisions for mitigation measures, for instance if a large addition is proposed, it could be allowed if mitigation measures such as runoff infiltration or increase of shoreline vegetation were incorporated.

As of April 3, 2014 when the above was written, exact details of the final version of the bill and rules regarding implementation of this bill have not been made public. However, H.526 will take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Friends We've Lost

Bertolini, Enzo Amedeo, or "Bert" as his friends knew him, passed away at his home in Port Charlotte, Florida on January 1, 2014, age 87. Bert and his wife, Joan, spent many summers at their cottage on Cove Road which recently became the year around residence of one of their sons and his wife, Martin and Kate Bertolini.



Cutting, Dorothy, 102, passed away at her home in St. Johnsbury on March 16, 2014. Dot and her late husband, Col. Bill Cutting, were long-time Joe's Pond summer residents at their cottage at the corner of Route 2 and Point Comfort Road. Their daughter, and her husband, Barbara and Ernie Thurston,

continue the Joe's Pond tradition.

Davis, Roberta, 90, passed away in January, 2014, at Central Vermont Medical Center. Mrs. Davis lived in Northfield, and was Judy Anderson's mother.

Downs, Jeff, 64, proprietor of the Joe's Pond Country Store, died at his home in West Danville on Sept. 27, 2013. He is survived by his daughter, Daphne Tanouye, grandson, Otis Tanouye, and his faithful dog, Gracie.



Ellingwood, Gene, 90, passed away in Florida on March 5, 2014. Gene had been a summer resident at Joe's Pond for many years, as well as a respected businessman in St. Johnsbury, founding the Community Television Corporation, the first community antenna system in the State of Vermont.



Fitts, Harold Wendell, 88, brother of Joe's Ponder Homer Fitts, died in Florida on January 20, 2014. Known as Wendell, he was co-owner of the Homer Fitts Company with his brothers and sister. He enjoyed coming to Joe's Pond.



Greaves, Hazel, 81, died on October 20, 2013. Hazel was an active member of the community and enjoyed many wonderful summers at her cottage on Barre Avenue. She will certainly be missed by her many friends here.

Knowles, Janice (Wakefield)

, passed away on June 28, 2013. She was 89. Janice was the daughter of Robert and Addie Wakefield who, enjoyed the family cottage on Old Homestead Road for many years. She leaves a daughter, Chrissy Jane Rustad.



Mason, Ronald, 74, brother of Joe's Pond resident, Kenneth Mason (West Shore Road), passed away on July 17, 2013.

Moulton, Charles R. and Madeline (Rash)

Moulton, Joanne Bugbee's parents, passed away last fall, Charlie on August 26, and Madeline "Sister" just 50 days later on October 15, 2003. For those of



us who knew them, it is impossible to think of either without the other—they were a remarkable couple.

Reed, Russell "Russ," 97, former Joe's Ponder and father of Beth Wechsler (Barre Ave.), passed away on April 15, 2014. Russ and Ginny Reed enjoyed many years at their cottage on what is now Clubhouse Circle. Russ, a longtime respected resident and businessman in St. Johnsbury, will be missed by his loving wife and family and the many friends he made during his lifetime.

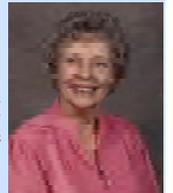


Sawyer, "Peggy" (Brickett) Hosmer, 88, died on May 30, 2013. Peggy dearly loved being at her summer home on Otis Drive. She will be missed by her family and many Joe's Pond friends.

Sherwood, Robert "Bob," 72, brother of **Don Sherwood**, Old Homestead Rd., passed away on April 3, 2014. Burial was in the family plot in Southampton Cemetery, Southampton, NY.

Towne, Cedrick "Rick," 95, died at his Florida home on March 9, 2014. He was the father of Dr. Brad Towne, Otis Drive.

Walsh, Katherine, of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Clubhouse Circle, Joe's Pond, passed away in September, 2013. Kay loved Joe's Pond, her family, friends, good books, discussing politics, meeting new people and lunch at the Danville Inn. There will be a memorial service for her in July or August.



We extend sincere condolences to our friends who have lost a loved one this year. May happy, loving memories help to ease the sorrow.

The Joe's Pond Association Membership

"A human life is a story told by God." ~ Hans Christian Andersen



News Items



• On August 15, 2013, the winning bidder at the West Danville Methodist Church auction (which was held at the Joe's Pond Association pavilion), enjoyed a lobster dinner with six friends on the deck at **Barbara and Ted Chase's**

home on North Shore Road. Barbara had little buckets for steamers, lobster pops and lobster plates to set the theme of a New England Clambake. Enjoying the feast are, from left to right clockwise: **Rick Witt, Kathy Hartung, Cynthia Keenan, hostess Barbara Chase, Nan Woods, Ed Keenan, Leslie Witt, and Mike Hartung.**

• At right, **Shannon Abare** and **Taylor Trahan** celebrate their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Shannon is the daughter of **Robert Abare, Jr.**, of Montpelier and **Cheryl and William Hamilton** of Channel Drive, West Danville. Shannon graduated from Danville High in 2007 and is employed at the Passumpsic Savings Bank in St. Johnsbury. Taylor is the son of **Dawn and Devon Trahan** of Lunenburg. He was home schooled and is a professional MMA fighter and works in the family business, Trahan's Cleaning Service in Littleton, N.H. Taylor and Shannon will be married on August 16, 2014, at Shannon's home on Joe's Pond. They plan to reside in Bethlehem, N.H.



• **Marc and Patrice Luneau** of Walden and Joe's Pond, announce the engagement of their daughter, **Ashley Katherine Luneau** to **Daniel Roger Lathrop** of Hyde Park, Vermont. Ashley is a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy in 2004 and Boston University in 2008. She graduated Suma Cum Laude from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont with a BS degree in Nursing. She is an OR.nurse in Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, Vermont. Dan is the son of **Roger and Lori Lathrop** of Hyde Park. He graduated from Lamoille Union High School in 1999 and Dowling College in Oakdale, New York with a pilot's degree. He is a pilot out of Burlington, Vermont. A July 26, 2014 wedding is planned at Jay Peak, Vermont.

• **Kitty Toll** reports that Danville Fair is happening this year! "Back on the Green in 2014" is the theme, and the dates are August 8th and 9th. Kitty says it will be nice to be back on the Green!



• **Jim and Karen Desrochers** (Old Homestead Road) are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter **Laura**, to **Sam Koehl**. Laura graduated from Texas Tech University and is a 3rd grade teacher in Houston. Sam graduated from Texas Christian University and is a Solutions Architect with Hewlett Packard in Houston. They plan to marry March 7, 2015 in Sugar Land, Texas. Sam enjoyed his first of many visits to Joe's Pond last summer.



• In January, 2014, **Kyle Johnson** (25), Edgewood Road, surpassed 1,000 points in his basketball career at Danville High School. Here he's shown with his Mom, Pam, his brother, **Connor**, and his dad, **Kevin**. (Picture by Michael Benaish published originally in the *Caledonian Record*.)



• **John and Chris Moore** became proud grandparents again on April 19th 2013 with the arrival of **Bennett Carter Moore**. Bennett joins big brother, Cooper, and daddy and mommy, **David and Jillian Moore**. Bennett's great grandparents, **Harold and Madeline Moore**, bought the family camp on Edgewood Avenue in 1953, making him a 4th generation Joe's Ponder!



• Work is moving ahead on a history of West Danville being compiled by the Danville Historical Society. Committee members include from left to right, **Jane Brown, Jane Larrabee, Dot Larrabee** and Historical Society President **Patty Conley**. Numerous photographs have been collected, but the search goes on for old photos of people, events or scenery from years past. Anyone who has photographs or stories to share about West Danville or Joe's Pond is urged to contact any one of the committee members.



• Two Vermont employers have been selected by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, as semifinalists for the *2014 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award*. They are GE Aviation-Rutland, North Clarendon; and Lamoille Valley Ford, Inc., Hardwick, owned by **Dan Keene** (W. Shore Rd.) The Freedom Award is the DOD's highest honor for employers that provide extraordinary support to their Guard and Reserve employees. Congratulations, Dan. You'll find complete information at: www.freedomaward.mil

• **Sabina Walsh** (Clubhouse Cir.) would like help learning bead and jewelry crafting. Contact her if you can help: sabinawalsh@hotmail.com, or at 684-3955 this summer.

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Directory Changes

Directory changes are made to the on-line directory as we receive them. Following are changes that have occurred since publication of the 2013 newsletter.

Baxter, George & Peace have a new winter address: 32102 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster PA 18974. Their phone there is 215-441-5274.

Remove **Beattie, Tom/Dauteuil, John**. Tom and John have sold their camp on W. Shore Rd to **James and Leslie Craige**.

Bertolini, Martin & Kate are now year around residents at 66 Cove Rd. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 86, W. Danville, VT. Delete their St. Johnsbury address. Add **Bolton, Suzanne (Morrill)** Suzanne shares ownership of 1595 W. Shore Rd. with her mother, Janice Morrill. Her home address is 5 Prouty Pkwy., S. Burlington VT 05403, and phone is 802-865-4478.

Add **Castner, Roger & Cheryl** to 16 Birch Bound Rd. Their winter address is P. O. Box 9, Stillwater NJ 07875. Their phone is 973-579-3182.

Remove **Clarke, David & Dolores (Furloni)**
Add **Conley, Mark & Karen**, 108 Narrows Dr, W Danville VT 05873. Winter address is 389 South St., Plainville MA 02762. Tel. 508-695-8498

Remove **Corley, Linda; also, Chris & Kelly; Tim & Shelly**.

Craige, James & Leslie are now at 1449 W. Shore Rd. Their camp phone is 802-563-2190.

Remove **Duke, Gary/Lowery, Chris**.

Eldred, Steve & Louise have a new winter address: 25668 Citrus Blossom Dr., Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Their phone is 239-948-8851.

Remove **Furloni, Joe & Bonnie**.

Greaves, Marjorie, now has a new mailing address; 330 Red Barn Rd., Danville VT 05828. Her phone is unchanged.

Harper, Charlie & Margaret have a new winter address: 18002 Lassen Dr., Santa Ana CA 92705. Ph. 714-602-8871.

Johnson, Kevin has a new phone number: 802-274-8048.

Keach, Bill & Bo are now year around at 148 Narrows Dr. Mailing address is P.O. Box 165, W. Danville Vt 05873.

Langfield, Mary has a new winter address: 5117 Oxford Dr., Sarasota FL 34242. Ph. 941-575-2385

Martin, Doug & Klaire have new phone numbers: 203-470-0968 for Doug; 203-470-0992 for Klaire.

Masland, Jim & Suzanne have a new summer mailing address: PO Box 115, W. Danville VT 05873.

Morrill, Janice has a new winter address: 5 Prouty Pkwy., S. Burlington VT 05403.

The **Joe's Pond Directory** is available to **JPA members** online at www.joespondvermont.com. It is a secure file for members only. We appreciate having your e-mail addresses on file, but never publish or give them out without your permission. Contact Jane Brown for access information or with changes or questions about the directory:

Property Transfers

Beattie, Tom/Dauteuil, John, 1449 W. Shore Rd. have sold to James and Leslie Craige, NYC.

Duke/Lowery cottage at 108 Clubhouse Cir. Has been sold to Bruce & Diedre Palmer of Danville.

Clarke/Furloni cottage at 1279 W. Shore Rd. has been sold to David & Martha Talbot, N. Woodstock NH

Corleys have sold 885 Channel Dr. to David & Lori Tilgner, Stowe, VT.

Reihmer, Sharon, 108 Narrows Dr., sold to Mark & Karen Conley, Plainville MA 02762.

Welcome New Property Owners!

If you have not already joined the Joe's Pond Association, we hope you will do so. Look for a remittance envelope within this newsletter.

Ray Rouleau is our official "greeter," so expect a personal visit from him, and in the meantime, any questions you have may be directed to any board member or sent to: JPA, P. O. Box 111, West Danville VT 05873.

We look forward to meeting our new neighbors, and urge all to attend our meetings and events (see Schedule of Events) on page 4.

Joe's Pond is a special place—a community with solid values and lasting friendships that make wonderful memories through the years.

2014 Update on Nicholas



Nicholas is now 10 years old and will be 11 in May. He is growing like a weed and is going through puberty which may be on the early side due to his medications. He now requires 24 hour care and is mostly a homebody unless he is visiting his Doctor's at the MGH in Boston. He is an avid Disney movie fan and would easily win any Disney trivia contest.

Courtesy photo
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