

JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter - Spring, 2016

Joe's Pond Association — P. O. Box 111 — West Danville, VT 05873



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Membership Dues are payable on or
before July 1, 2016.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

The clock stopped on April 12th at 5:04 p.m.
The winner is Pamela Swift, of Barre, Vermont.
See Page 5 for details.

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Tom Dente, Pres., Don Sherwood, V.Pres., George Anderson, Treas., Jane Brown, Sec.
Directors: Ray Rouleau, Larry Rossi, Pam Hebert, Susan Bouchard

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

Well, as forecasted, El Nino created a warm, less snowy winter for New England this year. I think Mother Nature has intentionally cycled our winter season to keep everyone off balance with their predictions of Ice Out. Over the past four years, we have had years of very cold and snowy winters to warmer with little or no snow winters. As I write this I am reminded that last year on this date we had a 20-inch snow storm, this year 80 degrees. So much for the mundane winters. Perhaps we will have a beautiful, warm day May 21, 2016, for our Spring Meeting and go on to a great summer!

Spring arrived at Joe's Pond on April 12, at 5:04 pm, with the end of the Ice-Out contest. Another great job done by Jane Brown and Diane Rossi our chairpersons, Larry Rossi for placing the block and flag in position on the ice, and all who worked on this activity. There was some worry that the ice would go out before April 1, 2016 with the warmer weather this year. Please see the Ice-Out report on page 5 for all the details.

The JPA Board appointed a new Director last year, and Susan Bouchard wasted no time in creating an impact. She suggested and is chairing the return of Sunfish racing to Joe's Pond. There are still several boats at the pond and she and others will try to have you come out for a race on July 17, 2016. Save the date, boaters and spectators. There will be awards and a party after the race. Please see the announcement on page 4 for complete details.

Last year we introduced the "Steak Dinner" in place of the "Rib Dinner." We had a good turnout, a successful dinner and we will do it again this year. Also this year, the "Pig Roast" will return on August 13, 2016, under the able leadership of Michelle Parker and Bill Keach. The Italian Dinner and Cocktail party will round out the JPA social functions this year — although it has been said that the Spring, Fall and Annual meetings are also very social. If you haven't been to a meeting recently, come by and see for yourself.

As always, remember that tickets for the social events are limited and we do sell out. In order not to be disappointed, buy early. The name of the event sponsor is on the Events Schedule and tickets will be available from that person.

Rentals this year include four more wedding receptions and a multitude of reunions and gatherings by JPA Members. The pavilion will be busy this summer, as always, and with the continuing support of members, help-

ing with opening day and closing day, it should be fun. Many members helped last year with the storage of our new chairs and with the closing of the Pavilion in September. This year we plan on opening up on May 13 and 14, so if you want to help, send an E-Mail to me: TJDENTE@Gmail.com. Thanks in advance. Also, if you would like to help with printing the JPA Event tickets, please contact me.

Did you walk the rail trail last year? If not, you need to do it this year. What a great way to begin the day or just stretch out muscles. It is scenic and level so not a hard workout, but helpful toward good health. Try it and meet and greet your neighbors and others walking the trail. Bikes are also welcome and dogs ON A LEASH! Remember to clean up after your dog wherever you take them for a walk and always ON A LEASH—IT IS THE LAW!

The pond seems to be getting cleaner. Last year there were no reports of E.coli at Joe's Pond. I know several septic systems have been upgraded and with the rebuilding of camps comes septic replacement. All good news for everyone on the pond. Keep up the vigilant work and if you smell it report it!

Last year due to some scheduling issues, we had to move the pond inspection to detect any Eurasian water milfoil to this year. Early detection is part of the prevention scheme to protect our pond from invasive plants. 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. Thanks, Pam, for all your work in this area.

Jane Brown prepares this newsletter and we all know the great benefit of the Joe's Pond website and the BLOG that she and Fred manage. Also, the Joe's Pond website, www.joespondvermont.com, has JPA meeting minutes, newsletters, etc., that may help answer any question you may have about past issues and events. Thank you, Jane, for all the work you and Fred have done to keep us informed. A special thanks also to the JPA Board—Don, George, Jane, Susan, Larry, Pam and Ray for their dedication throughout the year to make the Association run smoothly.

Don't forget our Spring meeting, May 21, 2016 at 10:00. It is a fun time and informative as well. Come join us and learn what else is planned for the coming year. Safe trip to all!

—Tom Dente



Vice President's Report

As usual, our Fireworks are scheduled for July 3rd with a rain date of July 5th, and will begin when the lighting is appropriate. Boaters are reminded not to proceed beyond the two islands during the event. 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.

There have been some concerns from people who expect to see the fireworks from the public beach in West Danville. The fireworks are set off farther up Route 15 at the north end of the pond, therefore, not much will be seen from the beach. Some people drive farther up Route 15 for two miles or so from the beach and drive up a side road and watch them from up on the hillside. Posters will be set up at the beach to direct viewers where they might go to get a better vantage point.

If you have any concerns regarding grading and brush cutting, attention to aprons, etc., along roads on the Danville side of Joe's Pond, please contact Ted Chase (684-3883) or me (684-3397). We will be talking with Keith Gadapee, Danville Road Foreman, again this summer to continue the dialogue with him. Of course you can contact Keith directly at 684-3362 about your concerns if you wish.

Here's hoping that everyone has a safe and magical summer at Joe's Pond.

—Don Sherwood



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.

A new sign will be installed at the entrance of the fishing access, and that will have Perkins (the former Fitts cottage) and LaRose (the former Campbell cottage) on it.

We try very hard to keep our signs accurate and looking great, but in spite of 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 find an error or if you see that a sign has been damaged or needs to be changed. Contact me by email, peckyrouleau@aol.com, or phone, 802-563-9921.

Looking forward to another great summer at Joe's Pond!

—Ray Rouleau

Secretary's Report



Our **Spring Meeting on May 23rd**, was cold in air temperature, but warm with friendship and cheerfulness. There was a good turnout of the hardy and faithful in 40 degree weather with a mean north wind billowing the pavilion curtains, and the meeting was short—about 30 minutes.

The tasks at hand were accomplished: The rib dinner will now be a "steak dinner;" Fella Buttura will chair the Nominating Committee; lively discussions were about access and signage for the LaRose (formerly Campbell) camp; an affirmative vote to purchase a new sound system; Tom praised the work of our new custodian, Owen "Turtle" Mercon; then some wiseguy asked if some heating arrangement could be installed at the pavilion. Tom said people would likely also want A/C, so it "probably won't happen."

At our **Annual Meeting on July 4th**, officers were voted with no change: Tom Dente, president; Don Sherwood, vice president; George Anderson, treasurer; Jane Brown, secretary. The Memorial List was read by Don Sherwood. Reports included announcement the new sound system is installed, the tennis court repairs scheduled as weather permits, road repairs accomplished, and new chairs for the pavilion were discussed and samples tested.

Andy Rudin stated he'd videotaped the fireworks for the web site; it was noted that Dwight Coffrin was injured working with the fireworks crew, but is ok; there was discussion about expected traffic problems during closure of the Walden bridge on Route 15; members were enthusiastic about Bill Keach (and helpers) reinstating a pig roast; and Joe's Pond bumper stickers were available at Homer's request.

Even though the weather was pleasant, this meeting was remarkably short, adjourning at 10:35 a.m.

The **Fall Meeting on August 22nd** was the shortest yet, lasting about 20 minutes. Tom announced one of the two long-time vacancies on the JPA Board of Directors has been filled by Susan Bouchard; 240 new chairs are now in use; the dedication of the LVRT trail head will be held on August 27; and he thanked all the people who came together during the summer to help make association functions successful.

Reports indicated there are no invasive species in our pond; tennis courts will be refurbished in 2016; the Pig Roast will be on August 13, and the Cocktail Party will be on a Saturday instead of Sunday in 2016. Susan Bouchard hopes to reinstate sailboat races next summer; members agreed to having cones set up to prevent vehicles from using the rail trail.

Members helped to ready the pavilion for winter.

—Jane Brown



May 21, 2016	Spring Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am
May 28, 2016	Pavilion Rental
June 04, 2016	Pavilion Rental
June 10, 2016	Pavilion Rental
June 18, 2016	Pavilion Rental
June 25, 2016	Pavilion Rental
July 02, 2016	Annual Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am
July 03, 2016	Fireworks
July 03, 2016	Pavilion Rental (Pope Library)
July 05, 2016	Fireworks Rain Date
July 9, 2016	Steak Dinner (TBD)
July 10, 2016	Yard Sale, Pavilion , 9 am–1pm
July 16, 2016	Pavilion Rental
July 17, 2016	Sailboat Race, 1 pm, Rain Date Aug. 14 (Sue: 802-563-2716 / 978-702-4335)
July 23, 2016	Pavilion Rental
July 30, 2016	Italian Dinner (Pam 802-684-3655)
July 31, 2016	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 05, 2016	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 06, 2016	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 06, 2016	Danville Fair
Aug. 07, 2016	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 13, 2016	Pig Roast (Bill Keach 802-684-3673)
Aug. 20, 2016	Fall Meeting
Aug. 27, 2016	Cocktail Party (802-563-2443, 684- 3673, Diamond Hill)

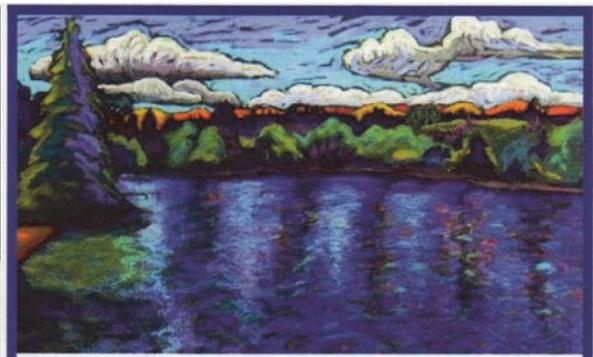
Events in 2017 can be found on www.joespondvermont.com

Joe's Pond Yoga
 Joe's Pond Pavilion
 Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00
 From July 5 through August 9.



Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or towel. All levels welcome.
 I teach with a focus on *iyengar practice* and trained at Sivananda.
 I currently study Jivamukti with a personal focus on Ashtanga.

COVER PICTURE from the collection of Jane Hastings Larrabee. Shown here are Jane's maternal grandfather, Fred Lynaugh, sawing, Ed Houghton next to him, and Jane's dad, Ralph Hastings in the red plaid jacket. She can't identify the other two men. Jane's grandfather, Gilbert Hastings, cut and supplied ice for the store and camps around the pond until about 1954. Jane said her grandfather delivered ice on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to one side of the pond and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to the opposite side. More about harvesting ice on Joe's Pond on page 17.



You are invited
Spirits of Vermont
 Sunday, July 3, 2016
 3-6 p.m.

Joe's Pond Association Pavilion
 40 Clubhouse Circle, West Danville, VT

TASTING & MARKET EVENT
 Featuring Vermont distillers, wineries & breweries
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Sunfish Sailboat Race
 Sunday, July 17th
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 Race Double or Single
 Race your own boat or lend
 your Sunfish to another sailor.

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Award Ceremony after the race at
 Smith's, North Shore Road

Mark your calendar and let's make this a race like the old days!

Register with Susan Bouchard,
chatotbouchard@comcast.net
 or call her: 978-702-4335 or 802-563-2716

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 The Caledonian Record

YARD SALE—JPA PAVILION
July 10, 9 a.m.—1 p.m., Rain or Shine
 Last summer eight Joe's Pond families participated in our first yard sale held in quite a few years. There was plenty of space for each vendor and lots of items for sale—furniture, bedding household furnishings, antiques and new items, crafts and art. We hope more families will participate this year. Table rental fees are \$10.00 and everyone is encouraged to attend and/or participate. **Contact Dee McKown, 684-3900** to reserve your table.

JPA Buoy Report



Photo by Patty Ward

Last year was very quiet except for one orange ball going astray from Smith's Point due to an old chain finally giving up. I found the fugitive orange ball at Mike Malaney's, and he was kind enough to place it on their waterfront in plain sight. Thank you! This made it very simple for me to find, and replacing the broken chain was easy enough.

The new red paint worked well on barrels for Smith's Point and Sunken Island. This "Hi-Vis" red coating really stood out! I also found this color to be reminiscent of the old steel drums of years ago.

Last fall the beautiful extended season afforded leisure time for my wife, Marie and I to remove and replace seasonal buoys during near peak foliage. Last summer I didn't do my mid-season scrub, so I did have excessive algae to scrub off all 11 buoys. But with weather being so nice, I really

didn't mind the extra time or even the putrid algae smell—Marie may not agree with me on all counts.

As always, I look forward to this summer and hope to be one of the first and the last enjoying Joe's Pond boating season. I encourage anyone to contact me if they notice loose buoys attempting to escape and/or boaters tampering with our JPA buoys, including mooring to them. (Mooring to them drags anchors off site). Thank you. —Jamie Dimick

Aquatic Invasive Species Report



Rose Nunn, James Pastula, Kyle and Conner Johnson inspected 250 boats launched from 30 Vermont and four out-of-state waterbodies in 2015. Eight of these waterbodies are known to have Eurasian watermilfoil infestations. Plant material was removed from several boats but no Eurasian watermilfoil was found. We would like to thank Jeff and Samantha Perkins, new owners of Homer and Margaret Fitts' property, who graciously agreed to store the greeter shelter over the winter.

Ann Bove, aquatic biologist for Vermont, reported that there were no new confirmations of Eurasian watermilfoil in 2015. She also noted that currently 68 Vermont lakes and ponds are known to have Eurasian watermilfoil, but 79% of Vermont waterbodies remain free of this invasive plant. Last August the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation staff confirmed the presence of a new aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort, in Lake Memphremagog. This finding is the first confirmation of an aquatic invasive plant new to the state since variable leave watermilfoil was found in 2008 in Halls Lake in Newbury.

Our biological survey scheduled for 2015 was postponed and will be done this summer by Aquatic Control Technology. Lycott Environmental, that did our past three surveys, merged last year with Aquatic Control Technology.

We have again been selected to receive funding from the Department of Environmental Conservation, with additional funding coming from the towns of Danville, Cabot and Walden. Our greeter program will begin the middle of June and continue through Labor Day. We must all continue to be vigilant and committed to keep our pond clean.

—Pam Hebert

Ice-Out Report



I hardly know how to describe the winter this year. The roller-coaster weather was so unpredictable we had people contacting us in February asking, "Is there going to be an Ice-Out contest this year?" We understood their concern. The pond didn't freeze completely until almost the second week in January. There was a mysterious stretch of open water along the east shore from Kyle Brown's to Rudin's that we watched closely—Diane on the west shore, Nancy Butura on the east shore, and Suzanne Masland from high on the south shore. On January 5th, it

finally froze. In the meantime, fishing shanties had begun to appear and almost immediately there were trucks playing tag on the ice. Our first ice report at that time was that the ice was 8 inches thick at the fishing access. As near as we can tell, it never reached a depth of more than 20 inches—about a foot less than most years.

The temperature plunged to zero and then bounced into the 40's and 50's more times than we could count, and on March 1st, Larry Rossi decided to get the block out on the ice while he still could. (See webcam photo at right). The flag was in place almost three weeks earlier than last year. The 2016 Ice-Out Contest was officially in progress.

The strange weather continued and during a particularly warm stretch in late March, we feared the block would go down before April 1st. We decided to turn off the webcams to keep the contest fair. April 1st came and went and the clock kept ticking.

Ticket sales were down slightly from last year, our biggest year ever, and we believe the lack of snow and no snowmobilers this winter played a major role. We can blame El Nino. However,



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Friends We've Lost



Joan (Beck) Bertolini died on January 23, 2016 at age 84. Joan and her late husband, Enso "Bert" Bertolini, enjoyed many summers at the "Beck Camp" that had been in Joan's family for many years and is now the year around home of her son, Martin and his wife, Kate. Joan leaves behind four children, several grandchildren, three great-grands and many nieces and nephews.



John Samuel Gould, MD, 76, passed away at his home in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, on September 29, 2015. Dr. Gould was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and for many years enjoyed returning to Joe's Pond with his family. He leaves his wife, Sheryl, four children, seven grandchildren and many friends.



Penny H. Hamilton, 53, daughter of Doug and Nancy Hamilton of Joe's Pond, passed away on November 20, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. Penny grew up spending summer at Joe's Pond with her family, and had many friends here. Besides her parents, she is survived by her son, Craig, her brother Billy and his wife Cheryl Hamilton, her sister Pamela Johnson, uncle Ned Hamilton and his

wife Carolyn, all of Joe's Pond. (See memorial notice below.)

Pat Karnady, passed away on March 23, 2016 in Nokomis, FL. Pat and her husband, George, were active members of JPA until they moved permanently to Florida in about 2003. Pat will be sadly missed by her family and many friends at Joe's Pond.



Esther Montgomery, 86, died on July 6, 2015. Esther and her husband, Bryce, spent many summers at Joe's Pond and she had many friends here. She is survived by her husband, her three daughters, Bryce's four sons, and several grandchildren, great-grands, nieces and nephews.

Janice (Farrow) Morrill, 89, passed away on February 3, 2016 at Bellamy Fields Assisted Living facility in Dover, N. H. Janice was born in Walden, lived many years in Danville, and enjoyed her cottage at Joe's Pond for many summers. Her husband, Nate Morrill, passed away 25 years ago, and she also lost two brothers and a sister. She is survived by four daughters, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



Joyce Noyes, 90, mother of Linda Livendale ((Rt. 2W and Barre, VT) passed away on February 21, 2016. Joyce was predeceased by her husband, Alan, in 2009, also her grandson, Joe Livendale and her brother, Clifford Pingree. She is survived by six children and their spouses, 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.



Patty Ribolini, 66, of Middlesex and Point Comfort Road, Joe's Pond, died on March 3, 2016. Patty loved being at the pond with her husband, Steve, and their family. She is survived by her husband, her four children, two step-children, seven grandchildren, 12 siblings and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Nilda "Nicky" Silloway, 82, passed away on October 20, 2015 at her home in St. Johnsbury. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Fred Silloway. She is survived by two daughters, Dr. Kathy Silloway and Debbie Jones, and their families. The Silloways have had a camp on Joe's Pond for many years, and Nicky had many friends here.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who have passed from our midst.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." (From a headstone in Ireland.)



News Items

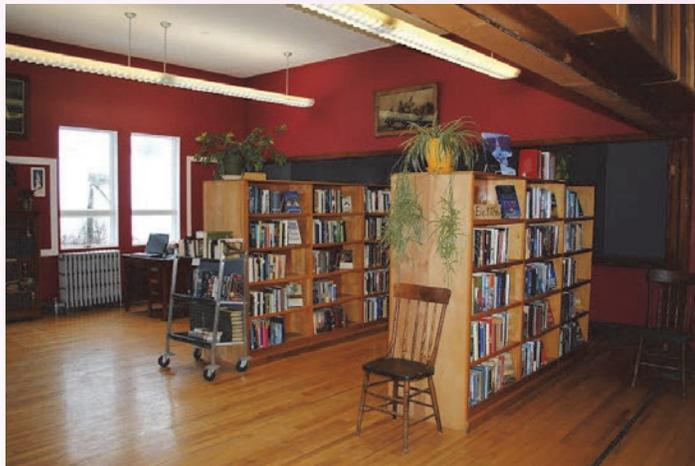
Brad and Janice Towne have a new granddaughter, Auburn Evelyn Towne, born on July 31, 2015, in Arvada, Colorado to Brad and Francina Towne. Janice writes, "We now have four granddaughters and three grandsons, four of whom live in Vermont, two in Seattle, and one in Colorado."



"We sold our home in Vermont and now live in Salem, New Hampshire when we aren't at Joe's Pond. Brad is employed as a clinical professor at Boston University Dental School and director of the ambulatory care oral surgery clinic at Boston Medical Center."



Above, Brad and Janice Towne with six of their seven grands. Janice said they plan to spend as much time as possible at Joe's Pond.



Liz Sargent tells us the Brainerd Memorial Library in North Danville has recently been refurbished and updated with new books, public computers, Wi-Fi, and a wonderful children's corner. (See photo above.)

There will be a fundraising dinner on April 30th, featuring "American Schoolash," (American Chop Suey) a recipe from local author Virginia Bentley's *Bentley Farm Cookbook*. It was a popular dish in the Danville School

Lunch Program back in the day, and is still enjoyed by local households today. This will be a full meal served by the Library Trustees, and is by reservation only. The menu: Crackers & Cheese appetizer, American Schoolash, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Ice Cream & Cookies for dessert. The dinner will be at the North Danville School/Community Building dining room on Saturday, April 30, 6 p.m. Seating is limited, so get your reservations in before April 25. Call Liz, 748-1456, or the library, 424-1403. \$10 for adults; \$5 children under 12.

Barre Day on March 2nd at North Jetty Park, Nokomis Beach, Florida, brought together these Joe's Ponders, left to right, **Jack and Sue LaGue** and **Cyndi and Ray Rouleau**. Jack said **Phil and Lorraine Porter** were



also there, but they had left before Jack remembered to get a picture. Homer, who couldn't be there this year, said he heard about 200 people were there, including Phil Scott, who is running for governor of Vermont.

George Baxter reports that **Peace** had a successful hip replacement operation on January 29th and is recovering very well. They are looking forward to being at Joe's Pond by mid-June. I found this picture of Peace on the rail trail a couple of summers ago—that's Ted Chase with her.



Shelly Walker will be moving into her new home on West Shore Road around June 1st, thanks, she said, to **Larry Rossi's** crew that has done a great job this winter on the house. Shelly is excited about being a year-rounder at Joe's Pond. The camp that Shelly's parents, Don and Audrey Walker, owned for many years has been taken down and Shelly's new, year-around home sits in its place.

Randy and Stacy Wells (Point Comfort Rd.) welcomed their first grandchild, **Ananya Maureen Sylvester**, 8 lbs. 1 oz., on June 14th, 2015. Congratulations to them—grand parenting is a fun job!

Kelli Merrill, who tests the water at the Joe's Pond public beach each summer, won a seat on the Danville Select Board at town meeting this March. One of the issues of great concern for the select board at this time is a 2008 ordinance regarding use of ATV's on certain Class II roads that some Danville residents want to renegotiate. Kelli, who lives in Danville with her husband, Jeff, is **Henretta Splain's** (Clubhouse Circle) daughter.

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Petite Paw
Grooming & Designs
PetitePawGrooming@gmail.com
www.PetitePawGrooming.com
Cassandra Turner (802) 274-6292

Maintenance Report

The new sound system was installed last summer and is working well. We also installed a pop-up canopy in the cooking area by the BBQ. Work on the tennis courts is scheduled to be done as soon as weather permits this spring.



General maintenance is minimal, and there are no large projects on the agenda. We always appreciate input from members on how we might improve our facilities. If you notice something that needs attention, please contact me directly, 802-684-3923, or any Board member.

We are looking forward to another great summer.
—Larry Rossi

NEW RULES ON TRANSPORTING FIREWOOD IN VERMONT

Firewood is a major source of non-native insect/disease infestations in our forests. To prevent the spread of these pests, the State of Vermont has proposed a rule scheduled to go into effect on **May 1, 2016**, restricting the transportation of untreated firewood into the state. There is currently a quarantine on firewood from Canada, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, and parts of New Hampshire. Only firewood from Vermont or that is certified kiln dried is allowed. Violations may result in confiscation of the firewood and/or a civil citation. Buy your firewood locally, within 10 miles of where you need it, or find *heat treated* firewood.

Marty's 1st Stop
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Danville, VT.
The Complete Store
Grocery - Gas - Deli - Lotto
Fresh Hot Pizza
802-684-2574
Enjoy your summer at Joe's Pond

NOTICE

There are numerous children and pets on all roads around the pond in the summer time. Please be cautious when driving on these roads.

- **Drive Slowly**, expect the unexpected.
- Walkers or runners should **face** traffic, staying on the left.
- Cyclists ride **with** traffic, keep to the right, follow the same laws as motorized vehicles, use proper **hand signals** to turn or stop.
- Earbuds and/or headphones are not illegal in Vermont while hiking or biking, but it is dangerous to have both ears covered when you're on a highway. **Always be aware of your surroundings.**
- **Do Not Text while walking..**
- **Leash and clean up** after pets.

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Directory Changes

Aime, Alice & Charles, phone in Florida, 239-768-2770.

Allen, Stephen & Beverly, camp phone, 802-563-6048.

Bennett, George and Stephen, home phone, 802-748-3592; no phone at camp.

Bertrand, Fred & Elinor: home address, 3412 Golfside Dr., Naples FL 34110. Mailing address at camp: P. O. Box 227, W. Danville VT 05873. Cell phones: Fred—239-850-8732; Ellie—239-233-3290.

Blohm, Richard & Florence (Denny): Home address is 129 NE Sagamore Ter., Port St. Lucie FL 34983.

Remove **Boyce, Charles & Jean**. They sold. See **Peel**.

Bolton, Suzanne (Morrill): home address, 82 Seth Cir., Williston VT 05495. Ph.: 802-922-4880.

Cahoon, Barry/Hingston, Alicia: No phone at camp.

Calcagni, Matthew: Summer address, 249 N. Shore Rd., W. Danville VT 05873; Home address, 217 Shaw Mansion Rd., Waterbury Ctr., VT 05677. Ph.: 802-882-8041 or 802-244-1586.

Remove **Fitts, Homer & Margaret**. They have sold. See **Perkins**.

Remove **Fortin, Richard**. He sold. See **Sprague**.

Geer, John & Beth, have a new home address: 5037 High Valley Dr., Brentwood TN 37027.

Heiden, Cory & Laura, new home address: 14420 Sandoval Rd., Atascadero CA 93422. Ph.: 413-786-0123.

Remove **Matthew & Deborah Jacovelli**. They have sold.

Keene, Dan & Karen, new home address: 91 Owl's View Ln., Stowe VT 05672. Cell: 802-224-6032.

Remove **Langmaid, Don & Diane**. See **MacLeod**.

Add: **MacLeod, Robert & Andrea**, 123 N. Shore Rd.; and 109 Cassie St., Barre VT 05641.

Morris, Jim & Karen, new winter address: 3756 E. Torch Lake Dr., The Vilages, FL 32163. Also a new phone number at camp: 802-227-3107.

Add: **Peel, Noel & Fredda**, 828 Channel Dr.; and 49 Brookfield Rd., Seymour CT 06483.

Penar, Paul and Dorothea, new home address: 79 Somerfield Ave., So. Burlington VT 05403.

Add: **Perkins, Jeffrey & Samantha**, 3934 Rt 2W; and 30 Waterman St., East Barre, VT 05649. Tel. 802-479-4191.

Remove **Smith, Andrea**. See **MacLeod**.

Remove **Segale, Kim**; replace with **Segale, Tom & Jane**,

44 Clubhouse Cir., W. Danville, VT.; home: 21 Russell Cir., Natick, MA 01760. Ph.: 508-655-0501. Remove camp phone number.

Add: **Sprague, David & April**, 2880 Rt. 2W; and 266 Westminster Rd., Putney VT 05346. Ph. 802-387-2764.

Temple, Dot, new home address: 20 Edgewood Dr., Rutland VT 05701. Ph.: 802-773-3819. Add **Jeff and Nancy Temple** to 1617 W Shore Rd., Cabot VT 05647.

Towne, Brad & Janice, new home address: 29A Braemoor Woods Dr., Salem, NH 03079. Ph.: 603-24-6836.

Wechsler, Robert & Elizabeth, new winter address: 384 Alamanda Dr., Sarasota FL 34238.

Wells, Randall & Stacy, new home address: 15 Old Academy St., Fairfax VT 05454.

Add: **Woodhouse, Sally**, 44 Clubhouse Cir., W. Danville, VT. Home: 144 Windsor Ave, Watertown MA 02472, cell: 617-763-0762.



Property Transfers

Boyce, Charles & Jean, sold their cottage at 828 Channel Dr. to **Noel & Fredda Peel**, Seymour CT.

Crosby, Peter and Paige, have sold their Point Comfort property to abutting neighbors, **Marc & Patrice Lu-neau**.

Fitts, Homer, 3934 Rt 2W, sold to **Jeffrey & Samantha Perkins**, East Barre, VT.

Fortin, Richard, 2880 Rt 2W, sold to **David & April Sprague**, Putney VT.

Langmaid/Smith camp at 123 N. Shore Rd. has been sold to **Robert & Andrea MacLeod**, Barre VT 05641.

Segale, Kim, sold 44 Clubhouse Cir. to **Tom & Jane Segale**, of Natick, MA, and **Sally Woodhouse** of Watertown, MA.

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 each of you and urge you 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. We are happy you are here!



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Garey Larrabee asks that anyone who has left a key to their camp or home with him, please stop by the store and identify and label it. He says he's glad to keep keys for anyone, but over the years the collection has grown and many keys are unidentified and he suspects probably no longer relevant. He would appreciate your updating them.

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The finish was unusual, like the weather. The smaller ponds thawed and refroze, then opened again, but the big pond had very little open water. Still, each day the block tipped a little more, threatening to drop through the ice. After some rainy weather, it finally went down and stopped the clock on April 12, at 5:04 p.m.—with ice still covering the big pond.

Henretta checked the spreadsheet and found Pamela Swift, of Barre, was the closest with her guess of April 12 at 5:03 p.m. Pamela is a student at UVM and was very excited to get our call. She will receive over \$5000, which will be presented to her sometime in May in a brief ceremony at the state fishing access with media and JPA members present. We will let everyone know the date and time.
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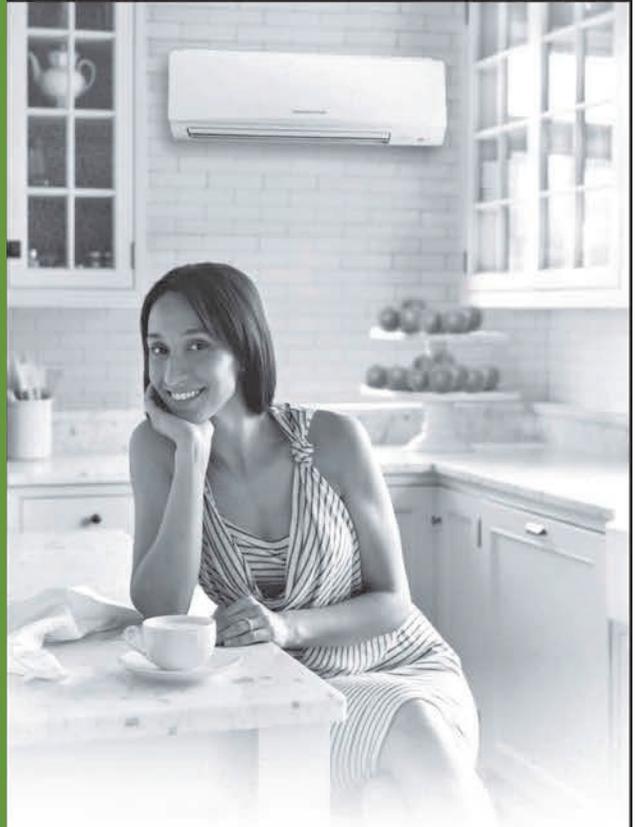
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There have been some changes in the landscape in the village of West Danville. The building that housed **Joe's**



Pond Country Store is being completely renovated. (See photo above.) Owners **James and Sara Stinson** say: "We are continuing to plug away at renovations, and have been focusing on completing the construction portion before delving into any further plans. We have separated the spaces into a cafe portion and a store portion, and the exterior is starting to take shape. We've had a lot of people stop by and we appreciate all the support from the Joe's Pond community. We will keep you posted on any developments!"

Across the bridge, **Richard Fortin's** home, now owned by **David & April Sprague**, is being remodeled. That building is very old and historic. Research by the West Danville History Committee shows the building was originally the Masonic Lodge #286, New Order of Protection (N.E.O.P.), and was known as **Maplewood Hall**, built probably in the 1880's. Besides having regular masonic meetings, **Maplewood Hall** served as the community meeting house. A hardwood floor was laid in 1909 and plans made for a "pantry and dining room in the basement." Box suppers,



Above, **Maplewood Hall** (the white building with three windows near the center of the photo) in early 1900's. Also shown is the school building on the left (many windows) before it was moved to a spot near the church. Photo on the right is **Maplewood Hall** building when **Richard and Janet Fortin** owned it.

—From West Danville History Committee

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Ed Walsh (Clubhouse Circle) became a great-grandfather to these two cuties, **Finnegan Walsh** and **Al-lora Stone**. Finnegan, is shown with his dad, Ed's grandson, **Chris Walsh**. Al-lora is with her mom, **Katie (Walsh) Stone**, Chris's sister and Ed's granddaughter. Al-lora was born on March 24, 2015; Finnegan on May 10, 2015. Imagine what fun these two cousins will have growing up together! I hope they get to spend lots of time at Joe's Pond.



We recently learned that **Indian Joe's Cabins** have been sold to a Barre businessman. Mrs. Perreault told us she has operated the business for over 40 years. She said she expects "big changes" to the property. She will remain at her home next door.



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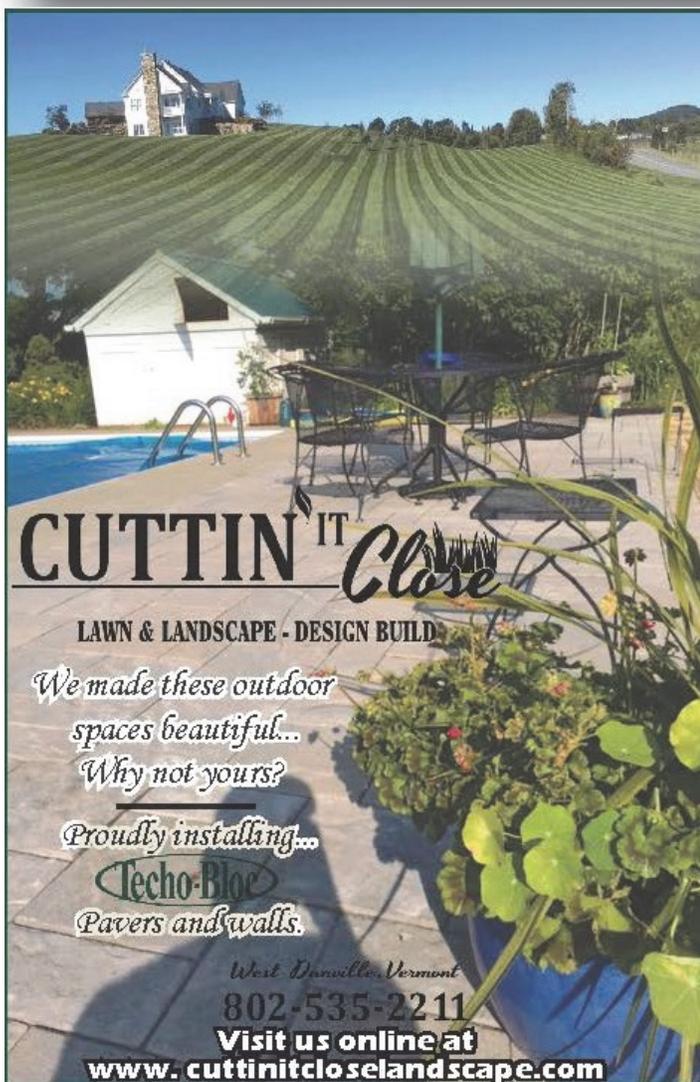
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Phase 1A is now in the use and maintenance phase and a couple pieces of equipment must be obtained to keep the trail usable. Some grants have been applied for to purchase the equipment, and a group of volunteers has been organized to monitor and maintain the trail. Cones will be in place in the West Danville area the same as last year to keep vehicles from accessing the trail. I will have an updated report in time for the Spring Meeting on May 21.

—Ron Gauthier



Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, West Danville, Vermont, 2015. Photo by Fred Brown.

West Danville History Being Written

The West Danville History Committee includes the president of Danville Historical Society Patty (Houghton) Conly, life-long residents of West Danville Jane (Hastings) Larrabee and Dorothy (Ayer) Larrabee, and Joe's Pond Association secretary and co-author of an oral history book of Cabot, Jane (Bolton) Brown. This committee is collecting photographs, newspaper accounts and personal stories about the people and the village of West Danville starting in 1785 when Jesse Leavenworth, believing he was in the Town of Cabot, built mills at the outlet of Joe's Pond, to the present.

We have found a large amount of information in archives of the *North Star* and the *Caledonian Record* (also known as *The Caledonian*, *The Evening Caledonian* or *St. Johnsbury Caledonian* over the 179 years it has been in existence). These resources are priceless for this project, but what is also valuable, but somewhat harder to come by, are stories from the more recent past as recalled by people who either lived or were summer visitors in West Danville from the 1920's or 1930's on, or who have stories passed down from elders who were here then.

The planned book will have Joe's Pond and West Danville history, stories and photos spanning over 200 years, including when the railroad came and left, the town's boom years, in between years and changes up to the present.



We have collected a wealth of photographs of Joe's Pond, but every now and then someone has one that we haven't seen, or there may be photos and stories of the local residents that should be recorded and remembered, so if you have memories to share or photos we might not have seen, please get in touch with one of the members of the committee or leave a message at the Danville Historical Society, 802-684-2055, and one of us will contact you. We are interested in seeing and hearing about anything and everything.

Can anyone identify this camp? If you think you know whose it was or where it was/is, please contact Jane Brown, 802-563-2381, or email her: janebrown@fairpoint.net. Thank you.

West Danville History Committee

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Locally, Walden and Danville creameries required large amounts of ice; hotels, stores, farms and individuals all needed ice. The ice was cut by hand and was usually 14-18 inches thick. Each block would weigh well over 100 lbs. The preference was for clear "blue" ice which was very dense and therefore kept well. Ice houses were specially constructed to accommodate the tons of ice needed. The blocks were tightly packed and covered with fresh sawdust or straw. A well-packed ice house would preserve ice throughout the summer until the next winter harvest.

Gilbert Hastings delivered ice regularly to locals and summer campers, cutting the big blocks to fit whatever size the customer needed. Homes had ice boxes, and farmers had cooling tanks that kept their milk, cream and butter sweet. Early delivery wagons and trucks needed ice to keep milk and meat products from spoiling during transportation.

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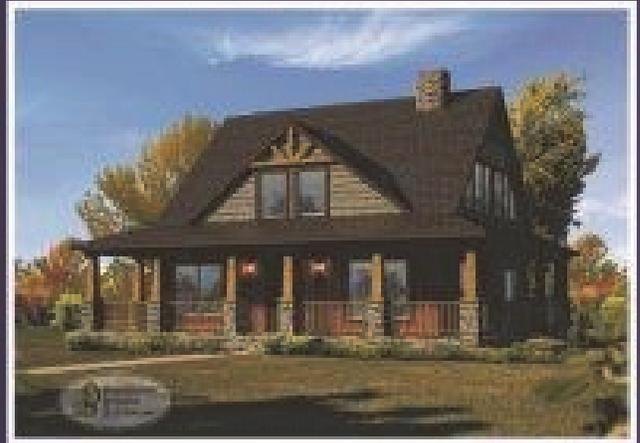


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