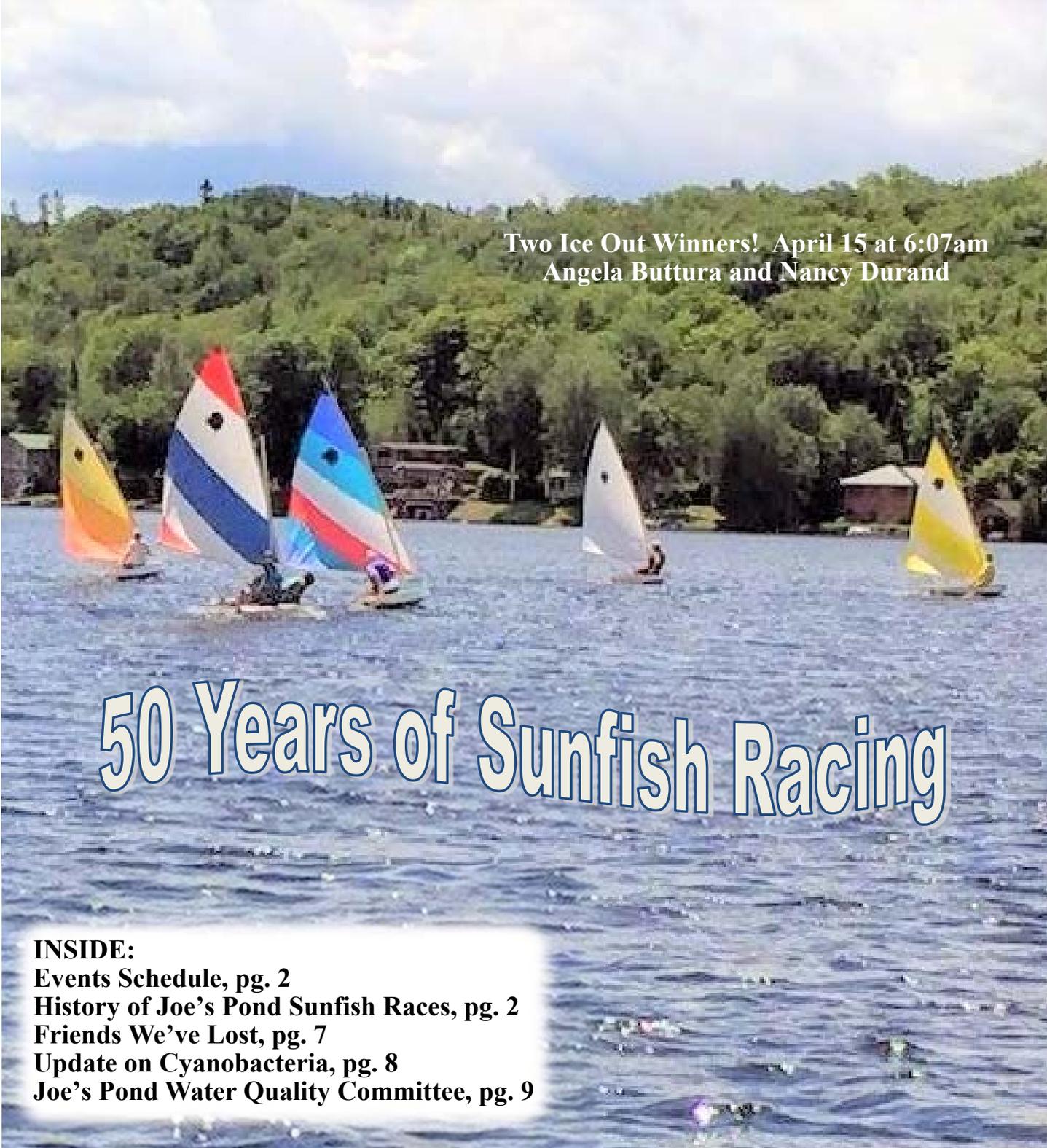


JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

Since 1921

Newsletter - Spring, 2020

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



Two Ice Out Winners! April 15 at 6:07am
Angela Buttura and Nancy Durand

50 Years of Sunfish Racing

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History of Joe's Pond Sunfish Races

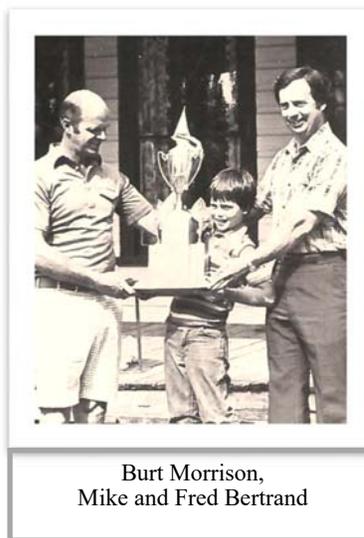
Sunfish Sailboat Races on Joe's Pond began over 50 years ago and the Caledonian Cup, the symbol of the championship of Sunfish racing, will be celebrating its 50th year this summer.



In 1970, the Caledonian-Record newspaper sponsored a sailing competition to be held at Joe's Pond and the winners were presented a trophy christened, "The Caledonian Cup" at the end of the racing season. The presentation festivities were hosted by Gordon and Barbara Smith, then the owners of the Caledonian-Record Publishing.

The Sunfish Sailboat Races on Joe's Pond were the brainchild of the late Dr. Marvin Sheffield and were supported by the late Dr. Fred Silloway and Ned

Hamilton. Ned Hamilton recalls the three of them racing around the islands and shortly thereafter, others joined in. At that time the Sunfish sailboats were selling for \$599 and his store, Peter Glenn Ski & Sports, couldn't keep the boats in stock. Ned was nominated as the first Commodore and the competition started as doubles only. In 1976, it was expanded to include doubles and



Burt Morrison,
Mike and Fred Bertrand

singles under the direction of the second Commodore, Donald Walker. In the mid 1980's, Bob Lockwood became Commodore followed by Tom Dente. Please go to JPA website (history section) for a more detailed history of sailing at Joe's Pond.

A drop off in participation of the races began in 1994 with the last season of racing in 1998. The races were resurrected in 2016 with 17 boats participating and this past year, there were ten boats participating. To encourage participation in the races or for anyone interested in learning about sailing, a workshop is scheduled at the pavilion on June 27. Workshop will be led by seasoned sailors who have a lot of experience sailing at Joe's Pond. If you are interested, please contact me at chatot-bouchard@comcast.net.



Susan Bouchard



JPA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, 2020

May 23	Spring Meeting, Pavilion, 10am
June 20	Pitch Tournament, Pavilion, 7pm
June 27	Sunfish Sailing Workshop, 10am
June 28	Sunfish Race*, 1pm
July 03	Fireworks, Rain date: July 05
July 04	Annual Meeting, Pavilion, 10am
July 11	Steak Dinner, Larry Rossi 684-3923
July 12	Spirits of Vermont, 3pm
July 25	Italian Dinner, Pam Hebert 684-3655
July 26	Sunfish Race*, 1pm
Aug.08	Pig Roast, Bo Keech 684-3673 Mary Anne Cassani 684-2195
Aug.22	Cocktail Party, Sue Yesalonia 563-2977 Linda Livendale 272-6564
Aug.23	Sunfish Race*, 1pm
Aug.29	Fall Meeting, Pavilion, 10am

* Rain date one week later

Join us for ongoing activities
JPA Recreation Area

Mahjongg: Wednesdays, 1pm
Beginning May 27

Contact: jkjjchatot@charter.net



Pickleball: Daily at 9am, weather permitting

Contact: tguerlain51@gmail.com or

juliehendrickson4@gmail.com



Yoga : Mondays, 10 am, June 29—August 10

Contact: andrea.aimi@gmail.com



Beginners welcome for all activities!

Visit the Joe's Pond Association Website:
Joespondvermont.com

Keeping us informed and connected
with

the blog, meeting minutes, social events, Ice Out tickets,
directory, camp rentals, sailing history stories,
and online payment of dues

Website maintained by Fred Brown
Blog written by Jane Brown

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President's Report



Once again, we have enjoyed a busy, productive and exciting year at Joe's Pond. At our spring meeting it was announced that long time president Tom Dente and secretary, Jane Brown had decided to step down after many years of service to our organization. We all owe them a great deal of gratitude for

their efforts to make our association second to none. I was chosen to be president and Jamie Stewart the new secretary. Additionally, Joanne Stewart has taken over the publication of our annual newsletter as well as printing tickets for our social events. The remainder of the board members remain unchanged and I would personally like to thank Don, Jack, Raymond, Sue, Larry and Pam for their support and guidance.

Unfortunately, shortly after this year's spring meeting we were saddened by the sudden death of long time JPA member and Pig Roast organizer Billy Keach. In his honor the board acted quickly to memorialize him by naming the Pig Roast "Billy's BBQ"!

In May it was realized that the dock at Joe's Pond outlet had been permanently damaged. The Town of Danville select board was notified and initially indicated the town would assume responsibility for replacement. However, they soon altered their position over concerns about property ownership and liability issues. JPA board members attended several select board meetings over the summer and forcefully lobbied for replacement, outlining the benefit provided to tax paying "ponders" as well as local businesses. The board was not particularly sensitive to our position and it was made clear that although we could provide some financial support and manpower, JPA could not assume liability given we were not the property owners. Finally, towards the end of summer a solution was obtained. The liability would be assumed by the West Danville Community Club who manages the beach for the Town of Danville. A new dock was purchased and with the help of both members of JPA and the WDCC will be installed this spring.

During the summer the board also spent time updating and strengthening the bylaws. We held several meetings and eventually came to consensus about the need for appropriate changes which were then approved at the August meeting. In addition, through the diligent efforts of our treasurer, Jack LaGue, all the necessary documentation was submitted, and we are now officially a 501(c)7

organization. The board and membership also approved an increase in funding for the July fireworks to maintain the present level of display as costs have increased.

Other noteworthy accomplishments include building a portable hut for the greeters/educators at the boat access insuring we are finally in compliance with the states requirement we remove the hut each fall. Our governor, Phil Scott spent a week at Joes Pond this past year and through both many individual's efforts and a letter from JPA we took the opportunity to present our thoughts about completing the rail trail. Funding is of course the major issue but at least he understood our position. I am happy to report that in January as part of the proposed 2020 state budget he requested 2.8 million dollars earmarked towards completion of the rail trail.

Perhaps the major issue we face in the upcoming years is water quality. Dorothea Penar attended a state sponsored workshop and we now monitor the pond and beach for cyanobacteria. A committee consisting of Carolyn Porter, Dave Kidney, Paige Crosby, Jamie Stewart and Jenny Gelfan has been meeting to discuss methods to mitigate phosphorus input to our lake. I anticipate their findings will be reported at our spring and annual meetings and it is my hope that all of us will thoughtfully consider their recommendations.

Sadly, on Valentine's Day this year we lost Camilla Dente, wife of former President Tom and an ardent supporter of JPA. She was always actively involved in our association events and will be greatly missed.

Finally, at the risk of forgetting someone I would like to thank the many volunteers who spend hours working on our programs. Specifically, Diane Rossi, Mary Anne Cassani, Shelly Walker and Henretta Splain for the ice out. Pamela Hebert for obtaining state grants and supervising the greeter program. Sue Bouchard who organizes the sailboat races. (Now in the 50th year!) Fred and Jane Brown for the blog and all their IT efforts. And lastly the organizers, chefs and workers who put hours into insuring that our social events are successful.

Please consult the JPA blog for a schedule of this year's events. In addition to the traditional social evenings we are adding a Pitch Tournament and a Sunfish sailing workshop for those interested in entering the races. I want to encourage anyone interested in learning to sail to attend the workshop; they don't have to race. Remember our spring meeting is Saturday May 23rd. As I prepare this report we are all affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Please everyone stay vigilant and let's hope this resolves by summer.

Joe Hebert

Secretary's Report

Spring Meeting, May 25, 2019 was eventful and emotional. A moment of silence was asked for the loss of Bill Keach, whose loss was deeply felt. It was announced that President Tom Dente was retiring along with Jane Brown after 20 dedicated years of service each to the Association. Joe Hebert was appointed President, and Jamie Stewart was appointed secretary.



Discussion occurred about a new shelter for the boat inspection team, Sunfish Boat races, and replacement of the Town dock at the bridge. The nesting pair of loons chose the little island for their nest instead of the man-made raft. Robynn Albert of Essex Junction, the winner of the Ice Out Contest was presented with a check of \$5,866. Many Association members expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Tom and Camila Dente and Jane and Fred Brown for their dedicated service to the Association.

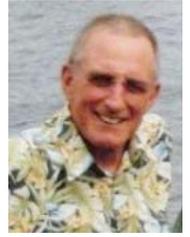
Annual meeting, July 6, 2019, Board actions taken were: to rename the August 10th Pig Roast "Billy's Barbeque", discuss the town's issues with the public dock, approve a new 5'x8' boat inspection trailer, and inform the membership that all future board members would be voted on by the members and not appointed. Considerable discussion occurred on the newly reported cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) by Dorothea Penar, who is trained to monitor the lake for the State. There was acclaim by the members for the good show of fireworks, with discussion following about increasing money for the event. Jack LaGue reminded members that the general fund of the association also pays for the fireworks and not just the Ice-Out ticket sales. Also discussed was the increased boat traffic on the Pond for the 4th of July weekend and the concern about the impact of "wake boats". The Association has no police powers to prohibit wake boats and members were encouraged to speak to their neighbors.

Fall meeting, August 24, 2019, Board actions reported: \$7000 appropriated for the 2020 fireworks and \$1300 for relining & netting the pickleball courts. The end result of the town dock saga concluded that the town will not replace the dock. The board asked for an authorization to donate up to \$2000 to the West Danville Community Club (WDCC) to purchase a dock. WDCC will maintain the dock in addition to the Joe's Pond Beach. The membership authorized this expenditure. JPA By-Laws changes were proposed and accepted by the memberships. Other discussion was the cyanobacteria bloom and Sue Bouchard mentioned events coming for 2020, with the possibility of adding a pitch tournament. New pricing for replacements of the pavilion side curtains was given and the board was authorized up to \$5000 for repair/replacement of said curtains. For more details of all JPA meetings please visit the JPA website.

Jamie Stewart

Vice President's Report

The dates for our Fireworks are set for July 3rd with a rain date of July 5th. We have been fortunate not to have to use our rain date for several years. The 2019 show by NorthStar was far better than 2018 and we feel that NorthStar has redeemed themselves. Last year, we authorized an increased expenditure for the 2020 fireworks. The profit from Ice-Out tickets sales has not significantly increased through the years; therefore, a show of the same magnitude requires more money given the inflation of wages and supplies. NorthStar has asked to me to discuss new ideas and locations. I will report more at a later date, pl.



Boaters are reminded not to go beyond the two islands during the fireworks. Remember to show running lights when you are on the 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.

Property owners, if you have any concerns regarding road issues (grading, brush cutting, etc.) please contact your town office, or me (684-3397). I will be happy to pass on your request and concerns.

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

Don Sherwood

Aquatic Invasive Species Report



Our greeters, Rose Nunn, Cameron Somers, Althena Senchi, Peter Collins and Susan Hatch inspected over 200 boats from 25 different water bodies this summer with no unusual findings. Funding came from the VT Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-Aid program and the towns of Danville, Cabot and Walden. Solitude Lake Management will do a biological survey in August. Our new portable greeter shelter stored at the Recreation Area will be moved to the State Fishing Access Area in May.

According to Kimberly Jensen, environmental scientist for Vermont's Aquatic Invasive Species Management there were no new confirmed locations of Eurasian watermilfoil in Vermont waters in 2019. Great news! Eurasian watermilfoil continues to be the most widespread aquatic invader in Vermont, now in over 80 water bodies in the state. Kimberly reported two new aquatic invasive species: water chestnuts at Sand Bar State Park, and zebra mussels at Lake Dunmore.

Pam Hebert

2020 Ice Out Report

On April 15, 2020 at 6:07 AM the block on the ice in front of Bill and Diane Rossi's home on West Shore Road fell through the ice stopping the clock on their boathouse. This marked the official ice out date/time of the contest. The path to this momentous event this year has been anything but normal.

The 2020 Joe's Pond Ice Out contest began as it had in previous years. Tickets were made available to residents and vendors and via the internet. As we approached the late winter of 2020, the world became gripped by the coronavirus, changing the way we all carry on. The Ice Out Committee wondered if ticket sales would be significantly affected. Many of our faithful vendors were facing reduced hours and some closed all together. There was no control over how tickets were handled once distributed. We were told by media that the corona virus could live for 24 hours on cardboard, such as our tickets. We also knew the virus is incredibly difficult to detect in persons without symptoms and that the virus was present in all fifty states. How would we safely collect the tickets and money and keep all safe? We used social distancing practices to distribute and collect tickets. Once tickets were collected, they were kept isolated for at least 24 hours, then money was deposited, and tickets given to Henretta who did all the data entry.

We were pleasantly surprised to count a total of 10,652 tickets sold and \$10,966 collected. There are often fewer tickets sold than dollars collected because some people pay for tickets and forget to return them and some send extra money for postage as a donation. After expenses, the split going to the winners was \$4,588.85 with each of the two winners getting \$2,294.00 and a newly designed certificate.

The 2020 Ice Out winners were Angela Buttura from Essex Junction (a summer resident on Barre Avenue) and Nancy Durand from Hardwick. Both guessed that the block would go through the ice on April 15 at 6:05 AM, both two minutes off. Congratulations.

It is heart-warming to know the Joe's Pond Ice Out contest continues to be a part of our neighbors and friend's lives despite how our world is changing. The Ice Out Committee thanks all who worked to make the contest possible again this year and all those who purchased tickets waiting patiently for the block to fall through the ice and usher in another spring and summer on Joe's Pond.

Diane Rossi, MaryAnne Cassani, Henretta Splain, Michelle Walker and Larry Rossi



Signs & Membership



I want to thank Thierry Guerlain for making a new sign for the south end of Old Homestead Road. This addition should be helpful to those who enter from that end. The other signs are ready for 2020 and will be updated as owners change.

I am announcing that I will be looking for someone to replace me in this position. I appreciate all those who have helped me in the past several years and hope that someone will step forward.

Ray Rouleau

Maintenance Report

Maintenance work for 2019 included new wood chips for the playground, replacement of the old wooden tables and the usual general maintenance. We are beginning to investigate replacement curtain panels for the pavilion.

Regular maintenance is on-going, and we always appreciate input from members, so if you notice something that needs attention or think of a way to improve our facility, please don't hesitate to let me know. I can be reached at 802-684-3923, or contact any Board Member.



Larry Rossi

JPA Buoy Report

Last season the JPA buoys out on the lake, gave little trouble until early September. At that point, for whatever reason, several buoys tried to move, sink or otherwise escape? Also at this time, I placed a very large rock on Sunken Island to serve as an anchor for the barrel. This is an experiment of sorts, with drilling the rock for a hook point, set in epoxy. If this fails, Otto and I will need a 'Plan B'.

We managed to retrieve all the buoys before the spectacular peak foliage was gone. Also last year, some new 'No Wake' decals were applied. I found the old decals very tedious to remove. It was best done with a heat gun and razor blade but still came off in little tiny dime size pieces. This was a chore that made scrubbing algae off the buoys seem fun!

My favorite thing about February is getting a message to please write a buoy report for the JPA Newsletter. This means it's time to think about summer 2020 and reflect on last year at Joe's Pond. As always, I look forward to another boating season and being out on the water. Remember, please don't moor your boat to JPA buoys. Feel free to contact me if you discover a missing buoy or have other concerns.



Photo by Patty Ward

Jamie Dimick

Directory Changes

Chatot, Jules & Kathleen, new home address: 898 W. Shore Road, Cabot, VT 05647

Cobb, Lee & Karen (Gruggel), new home address: 303 Sunset Drive, Amherst, VA 24541, phone 434-381-2475.

Desrochers, James & Karen, new home address: 5811 Winding Terrace Lane, Fulshear, TX 77441.

Drown, Nathan & Sally, new home address: 2366 Shadow Lake Rd, Concord, VT 05824 & new winter address: The Margue at Heritage Hunt, 13550 Heathercote Blvd # 106, Gainesville, VA 20155.

Farnsworth, James & Gretchen, new cell: 802-595-4353

Hamilton, Ned & Carolyn, Carolyn's cell: 561-504-4671.

Harper, Margaret, new phone number: 714-514-6332.

Hernandez, Tito & Walker, Ray, new address: 900 E Forks Rd, Unit 470, Raleigh, NC 27604.

MacLeod, Robert & Andrea, new address: 15 Chestnut Lane, Barre, VT 05641.

Marone, Amanda, new additional owner (was Vaillancourt) at 136 Otis Drive, home: 498 Sixth St., Dover, NH 03820, 603-969-5979.

Penar, Paul & Dorothea, Dorothea's cell: 802-343-2132.

Porter, Lorraine, new address: 1333 Santa Barbara Blvd, Apt # 569, Cape Coral, FL 33991.

Rafuse, Jenny, change phone number to 802-684-3398.

Ricker, William & Sandy, FL phone: 239-247-2585.

Rouleau, Ray & Cyndy, Cyndy's cell: 941-416-5909, Ray's cell: 941-416-2560.

Ruf, Walter, new camp number: 802-563-5007, new FL number: 941-918-2015.

Shadroui, Maggie, add home phone: 802-877-2283, cell: 802-363-3119.

Srinivasan, Allison (Tassie), new entry at 210 Edgewood, Dr. 802-563-2711. Home address, 124 Four Sister's Rd, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-497-0420.

Property Transfers

Anderson, George & Judith, sold 3322 Rte. 2 W to Farr, Mark & Patricia, 41 Wrights Avenue, Bradford, VT.

Dente, Tom & Camilla, sold 122 Clubhouse Circle to Edward & Deborah Gowans, 134 Peach St., Berlin, VT.

Sherwood, John & Annie, sold 122 Edgewood Ave. to Cynthia Donlon, PO Box 106, W. Danville, VT.

Welcome New Property Owners!

If you have not already joined the Joe's Pond Association, we hope you will do so. Dues are \$40/yr. per cottage.

We look forward to meeting each of you and urge you to attend our meetings and events. See the Schedule of Events on page 2.

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 and wish you a wonderful summer.

Covid-19: What you need to know Vt. Department of Health

- **Stay Home, Stay Safe** - Please leave home only for essentials, and keep a safe distance of six feet between yourself and others.
- **If You Are Sick** - Stay home and contact your health care provider online or by phone. Do not go to the hospital, except in a life-threatening situation
- **Wear a Cloth Mask** - If you need to leave your home for an essential purpose or will be near other people, wear a cloth mask over your mouth and nose.
- **People Coming to Vermont** - Residents and non-residents coming to Vermont should quarantine at home for 14 days.



Pickleball tournament, 2019

Pictured, left to right: Ginger Erdmann, Diane Sherwood, Monica Erickson, Tom Segale, Andy Deal, Dorothea Penar, Mark & Robin Nicholson, Joe, Mary Anne & Louie Cassani, Rob Stewart, Joe Hebert, Dave & Kim Kidney, Jamie Stewart, Thierry Guerland, Kris Erickson, Julie Hendrickson, Don Sherwood, Ava McCann, Nick and Lauren Keating.

Friends We've Lost

Allen, John Robert, 62, (427, 430 Old Homestead Rd.) died unexpectedly on June 19, 2019. He was the son of Mary and Jack Allen. He is survived by his mother, and sister, Jean Brice (Rick).

Dente, Camilla, 76, (122 Clubhouse Cir.) passed away on February 14, 2020 after a courageous fight against cancer. Camilla loved being part of the Joe's Pond community. She was a mainstay supporter of the JPA before and during the 20 years Tom was president. Helping others was extremely important to Camilla, and her bright and sunny ways will be dearly missed by all. Camilla is survived by her husband Tom and three children.



Hopkins, Gloria Biron, 84, (47 Point Comfort Rd.) passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 30, 2019. Gloria and her first husband, Ernest, owned and operated Ernie's Variety Store and C.P. Dudley's in E. Montpelier. Her second husband, **Leon Ellsworth Hopkins**, passed away 3 weeks previously on Nov. 8, 2019. He built many houses in the Lyndonville area.



Keach, Bill, 70, (148 Narrows Dr.), passed away unexpectedly on May 22, 2019. Bill, an avid sports fan and coach, was well-known in St. Johnsbury, Sarasota, FL and Joe's Pond. The kind of guy everyone wanted to be around, Bill was a valuable member of Joe's Pond Association. His warm and welcoming presence will be dearly missed by his wide circle of friends. He is survived by his wife Bo and his son, Rob and family.



Jane Hastings Larrabee, 71 (Hastings Store) passed away on March 28, 2020. Jane and husband, Gary were the 3rd generation to own and operate the 107-year-old locally renowned family business. A pillar of the West Danville Community, Jane was forever kind, welcoming, and happy to share her knowledge about local history. We will all miss her. She is survived by her husband Gary, two children (Curtis and Jennie Rafuse) and four very special grandchildren.



Lewis, Rachel H., 82, (298 Sandy Beach Rd.) passed away on December 31, 2019 in Claremont, NH. Rachel was a jack of all trades and enjoyed many crafts. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family at Joe's Pond.

Prevost, Frances, 100, (234 Rte. 15) passed away on May 16, 2019. In 1946 while working in China, Frances and her husband, Jules, purchased their Joe's Pond property. In 1968, they built their house and retired here permanently. She is survived by her 4 children.



Talbot, David, 71, (1239, 1279 W Shore Rd) passed away on Nov. 1, 2019. He and his wife Marty, both avid travelers, loved spending time with family and friends at their camp. Throughout his life David was involved in service for community and charitable organizations. Happiest in the woods, on the water, or on the slopes, David will be missed by many Joe's Pond friends. He is survived by his wife Marty, their two children, and 3 sisters; one of whom is Carolyn Hamilton (1785 W. Shore Rd.).



Extended Family Members

Baker, Stephen, 61, brother of **Kate Bertolini** (66 Cove Rd.) died May 31, 2019 in St. Johnsbury.
Bendickson, Carrie, 59, sister of **Steve Sommerville** (1639 West Shore Rd.) died June 17, 2019 in Barre.
Brown, Gaye, 72, sister to **Kyle Brown** (611 Old Homestead Rd.) passed away Nov. 30, 2019 in Towson, MD.
Byrd, Donald, 80, brother of **Larry Byrd** (268 Sandy Beach Rd.) died Oct. 2, 2019 in Duxbury.
Cassani, Norma, 95, mother of **Carla Gabert** (329 Old Homestead Rd.) and **Louis Cassani** (391 Old Homestead Rd.) died March 5, 2020 in Berlin.
Lauzon, Arthur, 90, father of **Tom Lauzon** (3102 Rte. 2 W) passed away Dec. 29, 2019 in Barre.
Sargent, Hazie, 81, stepfather to **Marie & Theresa Dimick** (1809 West Shore Rd.) died Feb 4, 2020 in St. Johnsbury.
Welsh, Pattie Morrison, 61, sister of **Cathy Dodge** (703 Channel Dr.), and daughter of the late **Burt and Eileen Morrison**, passed away Jan. 22, 2020 in Montpelier.

On the Look-out: Update on Cyanobacteria at Joe's Pond

The JPA has been very diligent in protecting the water quality and aquatic life at Joe's Pond thanks to stewardship of Pam Hebert and all of the water testers who volunteer yearly to collect samples. As you know, it is an ongoing challenge to keep the Pond clean and safe for the wildlife and people alike.

In the past years, however, cyanobacteria (commonly known as blue-green algae) has been found in Joe's Pond. Known as a major water quality issue in Lake Champlain and several smaller lakes and ponds in Vermont, cyanobacteria is a relatively minor issue in Joe's Pond. Although Joe's Pond has an excellent record when it comes to evasive aquatic species and E-coli counts, we are challenged by our high density of development around the Pond, and runoff of pollutants such as phosphorous remains an issue. Cyanobacteria love phosphorus and a nutrient-rich environment, and blooms of cyanobacteria are becoming more frequent.

How to Spot Cyanobacteria

The bacteria is in nature all of the time, but the "blooms" happen in warmer waters that are nutrient-rich. If you see a skim of oily green matter on the surface of the water or a suspension of green "dots" in the water, you are probably seeing a bloom in progress. (See picture, left) If however, you see a yellow-colored collection of something on the surface in the spring or early summer, it is likely pollen. (See picture, right.)



Cyao-bloom



Pollen

Pam Hebert and Dorothea Penar are trained to identify cyanobacteria. They reported weekly to the State on three locations at the Pond all of last summer. If you have questions about something in the water that you think might be cyanobacteria, please feel free to contact Pam (802-684-3655) or Dorothea (802-343-2132).

Is Cyanobacteria dangerous?

Cyanobacteria is always present in nature, however, a bloom is more than just a nuisance --, it can be a health problem. Contact can cause a rash or illness. Cyanobacteria can release a neuro-toxin that can be very dangerous to pets who ingest the water and lick their wet fur. Children often swallow water while swimming and can ingest potential toxins. Toxins are not always present in a bloom, but you should not take a chance by coming in contact with it.

What should you do if there is a Cyanobacteria bloom in the water around your camp?

- Contact Pam or Dorothea to get a sample of the water.
- Avoid swimming in the water for a least 24 hours after the bloom dissipates.
- Wash your skin off with soap and water if you come in contact with the cyanobacteria.
- Keep pets out of the water to prevent a chance of ingestion of any toxins.

How can we minimize/prevent cyanobacteria blooms in Joe's Pond?

- Make sure your septic system is working properly.
- Do not fertilize lawns.
- Slow down water runoff into the Pond by keeping natural plants and trees along the shoreline; plant wild blueberry bushes near the shoreline, and keep or plant trees on your property. Keeping our properties in a more natural state will reduce runoff.
- Do not culvert water directly from your property into the Pond.

Even if you never see signs of cyanobacteria near your own shoreline, what you do on your property will have an impact on the ecology of the entire Pond, and could be harmful to your neighbor's property and health.

The State of Vermont has excellent website links for information:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/recreational-water/cyanobacteria-blue-green-algae>

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/learn-more/cyanobacteria>

Dorothea Penar



Weather repairs were done by the state last fall. Everything is in flux right now with COVID-19. Prior to the pandemic it was looking likely that the state would come up with the funds to complete the entire build out, which would be managed by VTrans not VAST. Now, will the funds be looked at as needed economic stimulus or frivolous spending? It's anyone's guess. A full report will be given at the May meeting.

Ron Gauthier

Committee formed to evaluate Joe's Pond water quality and reduce the impact of runoff

At the August meeting of the Association, the increased occurrence of cyanobacteria blooms was discussed. Caroline Porter shared that the phosphorus level in Joe's Pond has been trending upwards, according to samples taken every spring by the State (dating back to 1979). She learned this information from Ben Copans, who is the Watershed Coordinator with the VT DEC and works in St. Johnsbury. Studies from the lay monitoring program also show high phosphorus levels in the lake, and this can contribute to cyanobacteria blooms.

The membership talked about the impact of runoff on nutrient levels in a lake, and a good question was asked about whether we could test pond inlets and outlets to determine if the rising phosphorus level is coming from upstream or from the camps on the lake.

To find an answer and dig into what the Association can do to protect Joe's Pond water quality, a committee was self-formed consisting of Caroline Porter, Paige Crosby, Dave Kidney, Jenny Gelfan, and Jamie Stewart. On November 20th the committee had a conference call with state officials, Ben Copans (watershed coordinator – St. Jay), Kerry O'Brian (Dist. Mgr. Caledonia county), and Amy Picotte (ANR). Considerable discussion occurred around the rising phosphorus level happening in the lake, and the committee learned some interesting points:

- The Pond has at least 6 inlets and the 'channel' may not be the only possible phosphorus source.
- The Pond has a very large watershed, but only 4.7% of the land usage in the watershed is from agriculture, while 76% is forest and shrub/scrub. Forests and bushes are good for lakes.

Why are the nutrient levels rising? The pertinent question asked at the August meeting assumed that the upstream land would contribute greatly to the rise in phosphorous level. However, with only 4.7% farmland the state officials felt the bigger contributor to our degrading water quality is likely lakeshore development and camp activity. Old photos of camps on Joe's Pond show how the landscaping has changed from being very wooded to what we have today.



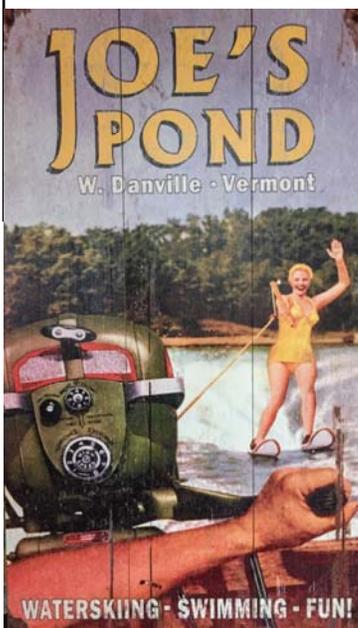
Harold E. Hatch glass plate photo collection,
Danville Historical Society, around 1900

To cover all possibilities, the committee plans to: 1) monitor the quality of the water entering the pond through the tributaries and; 2) work to improve our shorelines. Monitoring the tributaries will be a complex undertaking and requires coordination and support from the State. Shoreline landscaping can help to keep pollutants and storm water out of the lake and has a big impact on the water quality. There is a voluntary program sponsored by the State called "LakeWise" that aims to protect lake quality and wildlife habitat.

The committee continues to work closely with Ben Copans, and will provide more information at the May JPA meeting, with a full plan to improve the water quality on Joe's Pond presented at the July JPA meeting. Anyone wanting to assist in the development of the plan is encouraged to email Caroline Porter at cbmporter@gmail.com.

We all want the best water quality in the Pond. Let's all learn together how we can accomplish this.

Caroline Porter



In other Joe's Pond news...

The long-awaited *History of West Danville and Joe's Pond* is scheduled to publish this summer, even though the current COVID-19 pandemic may require a softer-than-planned launch. Local media and the Joe's Pond Website will have more information as soon as it is available.

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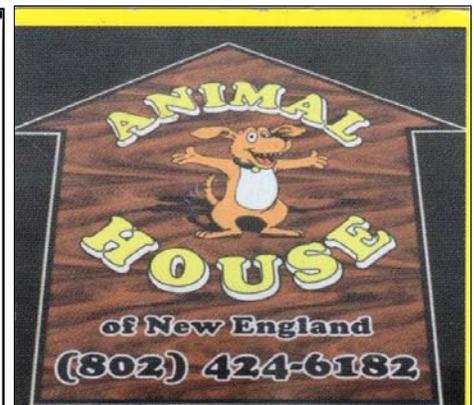
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