

Fall 2011



Reflections from the Lakes

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and Fern Lake while
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Message from the President by Sue Potter

I am honored to have become President of the Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake Association in July. My attachment to the lakes began 20 plus years ago when our family became seasonal campers at Waterhouses. The good times and lasting friendships enjoyed at Waterhouses had us hooked on Lake Dunmore. Fourteen years ago we purchased an Adirondack cottage built in 1948 in the South Cove of Lake Dunmore. We love the South Cove for its unique environment and the close proximity to beautiful Fern Lake. Sometimes when it seems a worry may be all important, I will go to the dock or sit on the porch to look up the lake. Watching the light on the water, listening to the waves breaking against the dock and hearing the other sounds of nature soon puts worries into perspective and everything really is as it should be.

A large part of the mission of the LDFLA is that of "protection and enhancement of the natural vitality of Lake Dunmore, Fern Lake and their environs". The challenges we are now facing in protecting our lakes are perhaps unprecedented because of the problem of controlling invasive plants. Controlling Eurasian Watermilfoil has become increasingly expensive as the number of plants has dramatically increased. We must also be prepared to deal with other invasive species should they occur. Various fund raisers such as the Silent Auction, Dunmore Dip, and T-Shirt Sales make a substantial contribution to the

budget but as costs are continuing to increase we will need to look for additional sources of income. The LDFLA Board has established a "Lakes Preservation Fund" Committee to begin the process of long term financial planning. Jay Michael has agreed to Chair this Committee. Board members, Association members, and local residents have come together to research options to meet a goal of establishing a fund whose earnings will help support work on invasive species control or other projects that may be deemed vital to protect the lakes. Jay's report on the committee's work to date can be found in this newsletter; we will keep you further informed in future issues.

Some other projects that are currently underway are updates to our website that will allow communication between Association members, and an introduction of a campaign to educate boaters about life vest types and the Vermont laws concerning their use.

We are so very fortunate to have on our lakes members and friends with incredible talent and abilities that they generously volunteer to share to benefit the lakes. Many hours of work go into conducting a fund raising event and the success of these events requires the participation of our entire membership and beyond. So whatever we do, whether it is participating in a fund raiser, serving on the Board, making a donation, or removing floating milfoil fragments from the lakes, it all matters and will make a difference.

Sue Potter

Financial Corner

by Jay Michael

While the year is not over, the outlook for our 2011 finances is good. I expect we will end the year with income of approximately \$86,200. Our expenses will be about \$77,000, yielding a surplus of nearly \$9,000. The income is \$3,000 higher than budget and the expenses about \$1000 less than budget producing a surplus approximately \$4,000 greater than planned. Thanks to all who donated a little extra (or bought a T-shirt, played the "Dip" or bid on auction items) we are a bit "ahead of the game" this year.

The milfoil removal and access area greeter program expenses will be about \$68,000; almost exactly our budget targets. Kudos to Allen Wilson for great management. Everyone should understand the vast majority of our dollars (\$68,000 out of \$77,000) go to milfoil control. It is the number one concern for many reasons and we are determined to continue that fight in the future.

While producing an operating budget surplus is a very good thing, you should also note we spent a significant amount to improve our milfoil control equipment. We purchased two new boat motors, some new docks, and the suction harvester equipment installed on our pontoon boat. This cost about \$23,000 in total and was drawn largely from our cash reserves. We expect good life (ten years hopefully) from this equipment and the suction harvester was key to the increased productivity from the divers.

The early outlook for 2012 is less clear. There is some likelihood the State Grant for invasive species control (think milfoil) will be reduced and a real possibility of our milfoil program expanding. We will work those issues early next year and keep you informed of our plans.

I would like to offer a word of thanks to Ann Perreault who stepped in this year to handle our bookkeeping and payroll responsibilities. She's done a wonderful job and it's been a pleasure working with her.

Please consider us in your holiday giving this year. LDFLA is a 401(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

Finances - a longer view

Chapter Two by Jay Michael

In the Spring, 2011 newsletter I described the "new reality" of the increasing milfoil control costs and the trend toward less stable State Grant funding for invasive species control. The good news is we are removing milfoil at an increasing rate with the use of the new suction harvester. The bad news is there is more milfoil to remove and the increased pressure to reduce various government spending programs puts our funding at risk.

Thus, the subcommittee formed to investigate the creation of a "LAKES PRESERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND" has been at work. The committee includes board members John Barrera, Marion Bauer, Sue Mackey, Sue Potter and myself as Chair. Also, we are fortunate to have Association members Ben Fuller and Jane Von Trapp, both with significant fund raising experience themselves, as active participants.

Individually and as a group we have refined our needs statement, gathered information on cost and funding trends, sought funding raising guidance from the Vermont Community Foundation and other professionals, and taken the first steps toward a formal feasibility study. To launch a long term fund raising effort with significant monetary goals is not for the faint of heart. We will be seeking significant donations and offering a variety of gifting plans over a five or more year time period. Therefore we plan to utilize a professionally conducted feasibility study to validate both our needs and our ability to achieve our goals.

According to our sources a feasibility study can cost \$25,000 and more. We will continue to explore various options to defray and meet these costs by seeking possible grant monies, appealing to the generosity of those involved and cheerfully accepting any directed contributions you as members wish to make.

We are not undertaking these steps lightly. They are a part of a process to establish an important, independent source of funds for future operations. We welcome and encourage your thoughts as we work to insure the necessary resources for our long

term preservation programs. If you have questions or would like to discuss the project in greater detail please call, write or email me. My contact information is on the last page of this newsletter under "Trustee Contacts".

Legislative Report

by Chip Paison

The Vermont Legislative session will begin in January. Active in committee during 2011 session were H.0020, H.0035, H.0139, H.1063 and S.0025. The bill H.0020, relating to providing public trust doctrine as applied to rivers and streams be extended to the 10-year high water mark could get attention due the effects of TS Irene. The bills listed above and any new introductions will be monitored. Should any bills which could affect the Association's mission and/or stakeholders be advanced toward a vote, you can be assured the Board will be briefed (and meet as needed) to determine the LDFLA response. You can always check legislative activity at www.leg.state.vt.us under the "legislative Research" tab. If the winter months find you planning building or renovations projects you should contact your town's Zoning Administrator to determine what permits may be required.

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Milfoil Control Report *updated October 2011* by Allen Wilson

Our milfoil harvesting program has changed dramatically over the years. We have gone from surveying and hand pulling, to using subcontractors for suction harvesting, to building our own suction harvester. The LDFLA suction harvester was built and started working in early July of this year. It works very well and we have experienced significant increases in harvesting



productivity. We harvested well over 1000 bushels this year which **more than doubled last year's counts**. The challenge we are facing is that **we couldn't keep up** even with the new boat. Both lakes are seeing significant spread of milfoil which requires multiple days or weeks working on specific patches. During these periods of time we are seeing significant re-growth in areas previously harvested putting us back to square one in many of the patches.

We can get our milfoil back to manageable levels at both lakes but it will take multiple approaches and additional financial resources. We are currently in the process of evaluating the paths other lakes have taken including building an additional harvester, the use of herbicides and other methods to fight the spread of milfoil.

We have a small committee that is planning to meet with Sallie Sheldon a Middlebury College professor and an expert on Eurasian Milfoil. Sallie has offered to share her research and talk about control methodologies that we may be able to implement in our lakes. The cost of our harvesting program has increased and will continue to increase. Even though

we have many dedicated volunteers that help in many different capacities from pulling milfoil, to fund raising to assisting in the construction and repair of our boats, our costs keep increasing. This is also at a time when it appears the funding from the federal government to fight invasive species is going to get reduced significantly or completely cut. If this occurs our funding from the state will be cut in half resulting in a reduction of approximately \$15,000. Your board is working hard to find additional sources of funding for the milfoil program and we welcome all ideas that will help our cause.

As mentioned, our milfoil program can and needs to be managed to protect the future quality of our lakes. The key is ensuring we have adequate funding to allow us to do what is needed to manage this invasive plant.

The Third Annual Silent Auction that Morphed . . .

by Lorraine Abramson

After hurricane "Irene" blew away our Annual Picnic and with it our Silent Auction, a small but determined group quickly transformed the silent auction to an even quieter Mail-in Auction, offering the many fine items that had been donated. We are pleased to report that the response was huge and we thank everyone who placed bids. We had over 70 offerings and the competition was tight - sometimes just pennies making the difference in the highest bid. We are delighted to inform the membership that a **profit of \$4500.** was realized and these monies will go directly into funding the Eurasian Milfoil Control Program.

This success story is not without its heroes. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the many people who made this happen in a very short time frame. First and foremost, we thank the individual members who gave so generously with their donations; secondly, John Ebert, Ken Scupp, Paula Wilson and Linda Pitkin who solicited donations from local businesses; thirdly, the committee of Sue Potter, Marion Bauer, and Linda Pitkin who were the driving forces to implement "Plan B". **Lastly, but hardly least, we thank the 76 bidders who participated** and ultimately made the Auction a significant fundraiser for the LDFLA in its mission to preserve and maintain our beautiful lakes.



Sneak preview of our 2012 T-shirt design created by volunteer milfoil crew member Cab Hatfield.

T-Shirt Sales Report

by Paula Wilson

Thanks to all who have helped us raise additional funds for the milfoil eradication program by purchasing our unique T-shirts. It is a fun project and many members have started collecting them. This year we sold over 150 shirts and made a profit of nearly \$1000.

My husband Allen graciously chauffeured me around and on the lakes on several occasions delivering as many shirts as possible. It is always great to see familiar faces and get to meet and chat with folks I have not met before. The other benefit to our hand delivery system is that it saves us quite a bit of money on postage. My goal is to hand delivery as many shirts as possible.

I have a few of the beautiful 2011 shirts adorned with Jean Somerset's loon design remaining. I was planning on selling them at the annual picnic until Hurricane Irene spoiled the party. I have three Ladies' larges, one Youth medium and one Men's large. They are being offered first come first served, at the regular price of \$20 each. If you are interested, please call me at 802-483-2269 or email me at pwilonski@yahoo.com *Your happy travelling T-shirt saleslady, Paula*



Another beautiful Lake Dunmore Sunset on Toon Tuesdays.

Tales of Two Cities Lakes

by Lorraine Abramson

Over the years, I have heard a number of curious and amusing tales about the inhabitants of the Lakes and their activities in years gone by. Some legends, and I suppose, some myths. In either case, it is enjoyable to hear them and we'd like to share your stories in upcoming newsletters. Sometime this winter when it's cold and dreary, and you need a smile, write down your tale about the lakes and send it to me. We'll run a column, entitled **Tales of Two Lakes**, for all to enjoy. My address and email information can be found under "Trustee Contacts" on the last page of the newsletter.



**Friendly reminder to
remove your bird feeders
by March 1.**

BLSG Mosquito Control District Report

by Marion Bauer

This has been an interesting mosquito season. We started off the season with heavy rains, melts and flooding. That meant the woodland mosquitoes were hiding from detection and hatching. High summer was naturally comfortable with minimal need for aerial spraying for larvicide treatments. Tropical Storm Irene changed things considerably. We encountered heavy flooding with subsequent standing water. This situation, accompanied by warm weather, gave us prime hatch conditions. Many of you noted the results with a heavy volume of calls to the Call Center(247-6779).

This situation came late in the season, requiring adulticide spraying. That meant you may have frequently seen trucks spraying in the evenings. The drivers worked diligently to cover all the intricate roads, lanes and long drive ways of the District. We will try to devise an even better marking system for "spray" and "non-spray" areas for next year. We will ask your cooperation with this in the Spring.

The District continues to search for new drivers. If you are interested in becoming certified to drive, leave a message for the Director at the Call Center. There will be training in the spring. We are also looking for people to assist the Larvicide Coordinator in the "dipping" process which is the method we use for testing waters for larvae in time to do aerial spraying or other early treatments.

As you ready your Lake properties for the winter season, you can aid the insect elimination process by removing or covering all containers that could hold any amount of water. This is one area where the species of mosquitoes that bite people can breed. If we all work together there should be greater comfort for everyone.

Membership by Kate Williams

During 2011 the LDFLA received 338 residential, associate and commercial dues payments. This is 65% of all lake property owners and associates—a modest decrease in member participation from 2010. On the two lakes

there are 468 residential property owners, 21 commercial property owners, and 28 associates.

We have received feedback from members that the emailed dues notices were easy to lose track of, so next year, we plan to mail out, rather than email, all dues notices.

If you recognize yourself as one who lost track, and did not pay their 2011 dues—IT IS NOT TOO LATE! You may mail a check to LDFLA, PO Box 14, Salisbury, VT 05769. Or pay online under the "Member" tab at www.ldfla.com.

During 2011 we received donations from both Members and Associates—57 in all, ranging from \$5 to \$1000. I would like to thank each and every one. All donations, no matter how large or how small, are valuable additions to our budget and will assure the continuation of our vital work.

In addition, 81% of our dues paying members opted to receive electronic communications from the LDFLA. This saves valuable resources in printing and mailing costs which can then be used for our other programs such as milfoil eradication. Please continue to email us at membership@ldfla.com with your questions and suggestions. If you cannot access your information on the website, email us. I can send you a new password. Once you are in, you will want to change your password, and keep it in a safe place! If you have questions or concerns regarding membership, the new membership web database, dock tags, directories or maps, please contact me at membership@ldfla.com or write me a note.

A word of appreciation for Rosie Spahn's help with the membership function this year. Rosie took care of sending out all the emails, and printing all the address labels for mailings. We would appreciate any comments or corrections for this year's Lake Directory. These should be addressed to me as above.

Special Note: The 2013 Directory will include recognition of those listed who have maintained their membership in the Association since 2012, as well as recognition of those with even longer records of faithful membership. You may wish to pay special attention to keeping your membership current.

LDFLA and Lake Champlain Basin Program

Lake Steward Program Summer 2011 by Allen Wilson

The Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake Association (LDFLA) in conjunction with the Lake Champlain Basin Program established a lake steward program for the purpose of helping to prevent the spread of new invasive species to our lakes. The invasive species in surrounding lakes include Eurasian Milfoil, Variable-Leaf Milfoil, Water Chestnut, Zebra Mussels and the Asian Clam. The boat launches at each lake were staffed by Jill Mulcahy, Alexa Higbee, and Jamie West. The stewards worked



Thursdays through Sundays plus holidays through the summer inspecting boats and trailers and informing boaters about aquatic invasive species and proper spread prevention methods.

Over the course of the summer, the stewards inspected 825 boats and trailers. They handed out information about invasive species, talked to the boaters, and tracked the travel patterns of the boaters. Lakes Champlain, Bomoseen, and Hortonia were the lakes most visited prior to the trip to our lakes. Most of the inspections were performed on Lake Dunmore, which experienced moderate to heavy

boat traffic between Thursday and Sunday, depending on weather conditions. Overall Lake Dunmore provided recreational use for five to forty-five boats per day. Fern Lake had consistently low traffic, an average of about five boats per day. Over the course of the summer Eurasian Milfoil was the only invasive species found on trailers and this was found in just five instances.

LDFLA has done boat and trailer inspection in the past on a random basis. This is the first year we have had dedicated stewards working each week. With the support of the Lake Champlain Basin Program we hope to

continue this program in the years to come. This is another program that is critical to protecting the water and recreational qualities of our lakes. I would encourage everyone to spend some time learning about invasive species in the region and the proper boat and trailer washing techniques that will prevent invasive species from hitchhiking rides between lakes.

Included in this mailing is an Invasive Species information document to assist in the identification of invasive species in surrounding lakes. Please keep this document for reference.

Communications by Linda Pitkin

I am pleased to be returning as a trustee after a one year absence and taking over the responsibilities of Communications Chair. I'll be leading the effort to improve our web site to make it "the go-to place" for information about the Association and the lakes area.

Some of the things we'll be looking into include:

- Adding an area for quick posts such as lost and found items.
- Improving the way our annual auction functions.
- Simplifying the use of PayPal for multiple purchases.
- Providing a place to view Mike Korkuc's wonderful lake and wildlife photos as well as those of others.
- Looking for ways to allow more people play the Dunmore Dip Ice-Out game.
- Other ideas provided by members.

If you have an idea for how we can improve communications for trustees and members, please email it to me at ldflassociation@gmail.com or mail it to my attention at the Lake Dunmore Fern Lake Association, P.O. Box 14, Salisbury, VT 05769.

We may not implement all your suggestions, but we'll definitely consider them!



"Milly" and crew on route to a new location.

A Look Back at Fern Lake submitted by Bill Powers

All photos courtesy of Blaine Cliver, Brandon, Vermont. August 2011
Photos taken by George LeRoy Bacon (1874- pre 1910)



Fern Lake, Bacons Camp, 1895-6



Fern Lake, Front of Camp, 1895



Fern Lake, North of the Island, 1896

We welcome guest writers to submit articles of interest for publication. Additionally, photographs taken around our lakes' community are always appreciated in our newsletter. You may email me at abramsonlorraine@comcast.net We'll publish as many as possible within our space limitations. *Lorraine Abramson*

A Lady of the Lake Passes by Susan Patterson

Marion Philipsen of Brandon died on Sept 23, 2011 at age 95. She was the wife of storied vet (and could he ever tell a story) Doc Philipsen, who as a young man, walked with a couple of Ayrshire cows named Tomboy and Alice from Brandon (headquarters of Ayrshires) to the National Dairy Show of 1929 in St Louis.

But Marion was also a remarkable person – and a significant influence on me. Twenty years ago, as a Burlington schoolteacher (and Middlebury graduate who enjoyed escapades on Dunmore as a student) I longed to spend some of my summer break, between taking re-certification courses and preparing my classroom for the next school year, on Lake Dunmore. First, I looked for a camp to buy, but given our budget and what was available, came up empty several years in a row.

On a fateful, fall Sunday afternoon, Sue Mackey and I wandered onto the Philipsen camp, off Indian Trail and adjacent to Kelsey Lane. The camp was not for sale, but it was everything I had been dreaming about – a white cottage right down beside the lake, with a screen porch across the lake side, at an end-of-the-road site. Only Doc was there that afternoon, and after I expressed my admiration of his camp, he invited us inside for a look. Nothing fancy, just a “real camp.” In fact, the cabin had been the chauffeur’s cottage for the larger house up the hill. About 50 years previously, the owner of that estate, no doubt being as enamored of Doc and Marion as I quickly became, separated off a parcel, including the cabin and a garage that the estate owner had built right on the road after his beloved dog had been run over, ending the road there and then. Then he sold the “new camp,” he created just for them, to the Philipsens.

All through the 50s and 60s and

70s, Marion lived at camp for the summer with her three boys. Doc had his vet office for small animals in Brandon and visited area farms to care for large animals. He and the other men of Kelsey Lane/Indian Trail came back to the lake each day, often to communal dinners put on by the women. In fact, they all lost so much cutlery to each other, that the group bought a metal press to put a family initial on each piece of silverware. Weekends were full of sailboat races, hikes to Silver Lake, exploits on the lake, plenty of cocktails and high jinxes, and sometimes careening rides on the Philipsen’s old fire truck along the inner roads. Lots of good times and plenty of tall tales still abound among the present generation of this lively group of good friends.

In spite of Doc saying they never rented their camp, as soon as I got home to Burlington that fall afternoon, I wrote Doc and Marion a note, expressing my joy in discovering their camp and how I’d love to rent it the following summer. Thus ensued eight years of Marion and I writing to each other – always on pretty little note cards, hers with flowers on the front as befitting many years in Brandon’s Garden Club, and mine with Vermont covered bridges on the front, bought at Kampersville. It took several notes over the next 6 months to persuade them to consider renting, and a visit to their lovely Park Street home to be vetted over glasses of sherry to strike a deal. I did rent from them for the next 7 summers, even urging them to raise the rent when they started mentioning maybe needing to sell. They were already very elderly and could only maintain camp with help from their son Dave, who lived in Brandon, and two grandsons who loved the camp, and never missed coming at the end of August (which was fine with me since I was back in the classroom by then).

Through those years, I came to realize that Marion was my model for a camp wife and a great lady. There was

no TV at camp; she was a voracious reader and a trustee of the Brandon Free Library. Many a day I spent – and still do – devouring a book while horizontal on the porch glider. She always said her main job was to “keep Bill out of trouble”, a wifely duty I’m still trying to convince my husband I well serve. Always a smile on her face, an enthusiastic welcoming in to the sherry table when we stopped by Park Street, Marion was a wonderful mixture of grand lady, country town sincerity, family matriarch, and fun camper. Eyes sparkling, she would slap her knee in response to whatever you were saying, with a “I knew it!” She was a great friend to many as exemplified in the Dunmore gang she and Bill were so tight with. I’m happy to say that the current social group on Kelsey/Indian Trail are back to that pattern and have wonderful potlucks and parties among ourselves.

When we finally did buy the Philipsen camp, Marion and I negotiated the whole deal through our note card writing. After settling the price, I wrote to her, saying there was one thing I really hoped went with the camp, but, if not, I wished to buy it – the silverware with “P” stamped on it. I told her that I always took those pieces as a sign that “Patterson” was destined to follow “Philipsen” in camp #67. She wrote back: “Dear Susan, the silverware at camp is all yours, and so is everything else in the camp.” I felt I had been judged and found worthy, able to step in to Marion’s shoes and love and care for this place as she did for 53 years.

And so, I write this sitting in a Philipsen chair, having only bought new cushions a few years ago; cut my meat with great satisfaction with “P” stamped utensils, and in so many ways I hope, keep the spirit of Marion and Bill Philipsen strong and true at their camp on Lake Dunmore. On the front of the garage, it says “W.H. Philipsen” and below, in smaller letters, “Davis-Patterson.”

Lake Dunmore, 100 Years Ago

Reference material and photos courtesy of Bill Powers

In 1911, exactly a hundred years ago, Lake Dunmore's **Mountain Spring Hotel** was renamed *Lake Dunmore House and Cottages* or more commonly known as the **Lake Dunmore Hotel**. The original *Lake Dunmore House and Cottages* (located on the present day site of Camp Songadeewin) had burned in May 1906 and was never rebuilt. Below are some of the photos and an abbreviated summary account of the name change as published in *The Brandon Union*, Friday, December 15, 1911



Mountain Spring Hotel, ca.1907

“When the Mountain Spring Hotel was started on its career, it was a modern hotel in all its appointments. It was located on Lake Dunmore, one of the most enticing spots to pass a summer that man ever visited. It is surrounded by the most beautiful scenery and its waters are teeming with fish of many varieties. During the life of the Mountain Springs Hotel its career has been a mingling of joys and sorrows, or prosperity and poverty, of success and defeat; just in accordance as to whether its proprietors and managers were the right sort or otherwise. It has had brilliant years followed by perhaps by one when the doors would not be opened to the public at all, a most erratic career for a hotel.

Quite recently (1911) this hotel was purchased by Mr. Carl H. Kimpton, of Philadelphia. Mr Kimpton is a native Vermonter and a man of some national prominence. Mr. Kimpton gives promise of giving this property the opportunity it deserves and is really the first owner who ever gave such promise. Its repairs and alterations before the season of 1912 opens will be on an extensive scale, having contracted to install 20 additional bathrooms. Mr. Kimpton has set aside a liberal sum for advertising purposes, but we also understand that everyone in the vicinity will be willing to bespeak it well, free of charge. The name has been changed to the **Lake Dunmore Hotel**. The Mountain Spring Hotel is dead.”



Lake Dunmore Hotel, ca 1960



Lord Dunmore Returns

by John Ebert

Dunmore Dip Ice-Out contest will again be launched as Lord Dunmore makes his scheduled appearance on Brushes Point. And once again, you have the opportunity to guess when Lord Dunmore sees the bucket plunge through the ice in the spring. The winning guess receives a generous 50% the proceeds!

Join the fun with your best guesses. Cost is \$1. per guess. To help us promote, we are repeating the team idea entry. Enter as team and get 30 guesses for \$25. We are also offering a special that will be a great stocking stuffer for the holidays. Visit our website for details and to print out entry forms. We will also be sending an email notice and ask that you forward it to your network of friends and family as part of our promotion plan.

Don't wait until Lord Dunmore appears on Brushes Point in March 2012 to start guessing and promoting our third annual Dunmore Dip Ice-Out game. You may purchase guesses as holiday gifts for that person who has everything. Watch our website for holiday specials. The following are some historical ice-out dates which may or may not be helpful in your guessing.

2003	April 16	
2004	April 12	
2005	April 10	
2006	April 1	
2007	April 21	
2008	April 10	
2009	March 29	3:20 PM
2010	March 18	12:47 PM
2011	April 11	10:03 AM

If you have questions contact, John Ebert at 802-352-9392 or email him at j_ebert@hotmail.com

Beyond your Elected Trustees

On behalf of all LDFLA members, we would like to recognize and thank the many people who work for the Association behind the scenes and outside the elected Board. Their volunteered time and expertise enriches our organization and benefits everyone in the lakes' communities.

We thank Ann Perrault for donating countless hours managing our bookkeeping (an important task that includes the milfoil program activities and payroll); Mike Korkuc for orchestrating the weekly gathering of "Toon Tuesdays"; John Ebert, who launched "Dunmore Dip" and continues to run it annually and who never fails to answer the call for help in promoting the lakes in other activities; Rosie Spahn for volunteering her time to release the Association's emails; Liam Powers, who jumps in whenever called, providing tech support for our website; Paula Wilson, who runs our annual T-Shirt sales; and Carol Waggoner who is spearheading an exciting new event in 2012, which will offer a cruise and visit to various residences on Lake Dunmore (watch for details in our Spring newsletter).

And lastly, we thank all members, who donate beyond the dues, support the Auction, purchase T-shirts, play the Ice-Out game, monitor the lakes for milfoil and lend a hand in countless ways to preserve and enhance Fern Lake and Lake Dunmore.

New Event Scheduled for Saturday, July 29

Mark your 2012 calendars!

Afternoon Cruise on Lake Dunmore with visits to cottages, camps and homes of interest.

Full details in the upcoming LDFLA Spring Newsletter.

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