

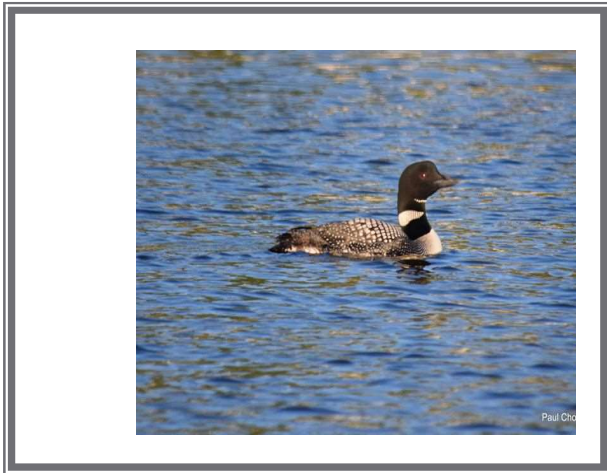


On The Pond | Summer 2019

NEAL POND NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our association is ready to kick off another year on the Pond. Leadership changes are in place but we are still looking for a Secretary. New to the team is me,



Libby Morin, as your new President, Maire St. Cyr as Vice President and Crystal Chase as the interim Secretary. I look forward to serving the needs of the Pond during my tenure and hope the NPCOA will continue to flourish and support our lake community. Here's a bit about me. I was raised in this area and spent every summer for the last 40 plus years at this

lake. I remember as soon as school was out for the summer, I would pack up my room and head to the lake to spend the summer with my grandmother. The memories I made are my most treasured childhood memories. As an adult, I still spend as much time as I can at our family summer home. This year we have a new addition to the family and am excited to announce I had my first child, Scarlett Adeline on Valentine's Day. I cannot wait for her to start making her own memories at the lake.

Over 60 years ago my grandmother, Marjorie Adeline LaValley who is, I believe the lake's oldest resident at 98, and my grandfather built our camp. To this day it still stands with many of his unfinished touches still intact. It has been a place where both friends and family have flocked to throughout the years and created not only memories for me but memories for themselves and their families. To many of us, it is a magical place. Now if only we could get HGTV to do a make-over! I look forward to spending another summer on the pond.

Warm Regards,

Libby Morin

OPEN POSITION FOR SECRETARY

There will be one open position for Secretary at this year's annual meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th. If you are interested in this position please attend the annual meeting where

majority vote will elect the new official. If you have any questions you may email the president at nealpondvermont@gmail.com

DUES, FLARES, CALENDARS & MORE

Dues and Flares: Quadrant captains will be around to sell flares and to collect membership dues which are \$15. Your dues include lunch for two at the annual meeting. If you would like to mail your dues you may send them to Neal Pond Camp Owners, C/O Steve Reddy, 260 Kearsarge Ave, Contoocook NH 03229

Your Captains

Northwest Captain: Beth McGuire
Northeast Captain: Jack Bernard

Southeast Captain: Patty Scott
Southwest Captain: Mark St. Cyr

Neal Pond Graphic Clothing

ADULT

Ash Hooded sweatshirt - L \$30 Qty 2
White Hooded sweatshirt - L \$30 Qty 2
Ash Crew Sweatshirt - S \$22 Qty 1
White Sweatshirt- L \$22 Qty 1

Pink T Shirt L \$10 Qty 1
White T Shirt M \$10 Qty 1
Ash T Shirt L M #10 Qty 1 in each size

Ash Long Sleeve T Shirt - XL \$20 Qty 1
White Long Sleeve T Shirt - XL, L, M \$20 Qty 1 in each size

YOUTH

Ash T Shirt - S \$15 Qty 1

Calendars - \$15

Contact Steve Reddy for clothing at stevereddy327@yahoo.com. Purchases can be made with check or via PayPal to Steve.

Contact Paul Chouinard, paulchouinard@myfairpoint.net for calendars.

NEAL POND CLASSIFIEDS

Don't forget we have the Neal Pond VT Yard Sale page on Facebook where you can post items for sale, free swap or exchange. You can post about items wanted as well. You can find the page here. One man's junk is another man's treasure! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/274355793039717/>

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP



Have you ever had one of those mornings where you just can't seem to get out of the house on time, you spill your coffee, stub your toe, ruin a favorite shirt and then walk outside just to step in a pile of doggie poo?! Let's be good neighbors and remember to pick up after our furry loved ones and help someone's bad day be a little less bad.

LUNENBURG HISTORY

80 plus years ago Neal Pond was used to transport logs. Residents also used the lake as a short cut to Pond Hill with their horse and sleigh in the winters.

Before our general store in town, Lunenburg Variety existed, there was another store at the bottom of the hill heading towards Concord on the right called Wood's Market. The building is still there. The family used to cut out ice from the lake for ice boxes and sell it in their store.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lunenburg is believed to have inspired the Robert Frost poem "The Mountain", which takes place in a town called Lunenburg. Hmm. I've read the poem. It could be. What do you think?

Did you know Lunenburg has no designated quiet hours? But with that being said, remember our neighbors are our friends.

Did you know Lunenburg is 45.8 sq. miles?

BOATING SAFETY

- All persons born after January 1, 1974, must successfully complete an approved boating safety education course to operate any motorized vessel legally
- No one under 12 years of age may legally operate any vessel powered by a motor of more than 6 horsepower.
- Don't throw any litter overboard. Be sure to retrieve anything that blows overboard.
- Fishing lines and plastics are deadly for fish and fowl and should never be discarded in the water or near shore. (Reminder: we have a fish line box at the boat landing to discard your lines)
- Plastic six-pack holders can trap or strangle birds, fish, and other wildlife. Always properly dispose of these on land by snipping each circle of the holders with scissors.
- The red light indicates a vessel's port (left) side; the green indicates a vessel's starboard (right) side. Stern light: This white light is seen from behind or nearly behind the vessel.

- All vessels, except sailboards, must carry one wearable U.S. Coast Guard–approved Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device for each person on board
- Children under 12 years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard–approved personal flotation device.
- Anyone being towed behind a vessel must *wear* a U.S. Coast Guard–approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device.
- Every vessel towing a person(s) on water skis or any other device must have a person who is at least 12 years old on board, in addition to the vessel operator, in a position to observe the towed person(s).
- A reasonable distance from other vessels, people, and property must be maintained so as not to endanger life or
- property. Unless necessary for landing or leaving shore, it is illegal to cause the towed device or person being towed to approach within 100 feet of a person swimming or a canoe, rowboat, or other small vessel with a person on board.
- Though it is not the law here in VT it is courtesy to go counter clockwise around the lake.
- As a reminder it is illegal to swim at the boat landing



MISC

Lake residents Bruce and Doreen Bolnick have offered their services for bird-walking and wildflower walking tours. Being on the water and in a rather secluded area allows us to enjoy several species. May is the best month for birds and wildflowers. Both Bruce & Doreen are volunteer naturalists for the AMC and volunteer nature guides for Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield MA. You may contact Bruce for the bird tours at bbolnick@gmail.com and Doreen for the wildflower tours at dbolnick9@gmail.com to schedule your tours. They can also be reached at 571 340 1629

NEAL POND HAPPENINGS

Kid's Fishing Derby – June 29th from 6:30 am to 11:30 am. This is a catch-and-release fishing derby. Fish should be brought alive to the Reddy Camp dock on Boys Camp Road. (190 Boys Camp Road)

4th OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Poker Run 1 pm to 4 pm – Non-Motorized boats only. Paddle around the pond and look for 5 different buckets on 5 different docks to collect your poker hand. DO NOT open the envelopes until you get to the Carbonneau Camp dock (near the sandbar) where your hand will be verified and recorded. We encourage those that host the poker card docks to show off your festive 4th of July Spirit.

12 pm to 1 pm – Motorized boats may take those needing assistance to collect their poker hands

Boat Parade 7 pm – The boat parade is for motorized boats. We strongly encourage you to dress your boat up in 4th of July décor. The boats with the most elaborate decorations get the most cheers from the shore. Be creative and add that flare!! Boats are to line up at the boat launch at 6:55 pm

Flare Lighting 9 pm – Place your flares near the waterfront for all to see and enjoy. Wait for the horn to sound and then light 'em up. Please be sure to pick up the extinguished and cooled flare remains.

Annual Meeting & BBQ – July 13th. Meeting will begin at 11 am. BBQ begins at 12 pm. The meeting takes place at the McGuire Camp on Boys Camp Road. If you have never attended a meeting, we encourage you to come and be an active part of our lake community. Steak will be provided but please bring a side dish to share with serving utensils.

Floatiepalooza - July 7th at 12 pm. Float in the center of the north end of the lake. If you are unable to be dropped off by boat, you may park at 32 Lake Road and launch your floatie from the dock.

New this Year – Tag - July 13th 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the LaValley Camp located at 32 Lake Road. Ever been a kid and wondered what other kids are around to play with? Here is an opportunity to make some summer friends and memories. Fire will be going outside and the makings for S'mores will be provided. Children must come accompanied by an adult. Bring your own chair to sit by the fire. In case of inclement weather, rain date will be determined later.

Pumpkins on the Pond – Oct 12th. You can participate by carving a pumpkin and setting it out roadside for fall residents viewing pleasure. Take a picture of your artwork, because you know it will be dynamite and post it on our Facebook page.