

# Lake Carmi Notes for September, 2014

## Help, We've been Abandoned!

That's what it feels like here at Lake Carmi. We have gone from all the fun and special activities, with lots of lights around the lake at night, to total darkness. It does feel like everyone left and didn't tell us they were abandoning the ship. There is hope however!

The LCCA Board of Directors met on Saturday, Sept. 14 the agenda was mostly planning the 2014 Lake Carmi season and beyond.

Plans are being developed for new events, new time schedules, some special activities. We're hoping to have a very special display of the new water sport "Fly Boarding" on the afternoon of July 3.



What's fly boarding? Good question, for those of you who missed the introduction of this new sport at Lake Carmi in August, here's a photo.

Another special new event will be an attack on the North Beach area of the lake by some rough and rugged pirates; we don't know what or whom they are seeking. Other events during the first week of July will be the lighted boat parade and a great parade of champions, featuring Vermont's only floating band concert.

The committee is working on a second week of events, August 1 through 8. There is a proposed kayak scavenger hunt, cardboard boating event and a decorated boat parade. Details will be worked out;

many volunteers are needed to develop each event and make it fun for all.

Plan on having your sailboat ready for two *sail fests* during the summer. Sailor Tony Tussing of King Court will lead the development of this event for some summer sailing fun, tentatively scheduled for July 5 and August 3.

As I write this, with a cold drizzle and 55 degrees outside, the heater feels pretty good. This morning I heard the geese flying over, heading south, guess it's time for me to head south too!

.....Larry Myott, Editor

## 2013 Dues Campaign Successful

For the first time ever, almost 260 camper's and friends have joined the Lake Carmi Camper's Association. This is the largest membership ever stepping up to be an active part of our organization. There is still time to become a member, simply send in your check for the annual dues of \$35, made payable to LCCA, Inc. Mail it to P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. Treasurer Bob Baran will send you your directory; membership card and window card. If the sheriff finds anything wrong during their winter patrols, they'll quickly know who to contact.

## New By-Laws Passed in August

At the August annual meeting of the association, new by-laws were accepted by the members in attendance. These by-laws have set term limits for both officers and directors. There are many changes to clarify articles in the Constitution and By-Laws. Copies of the by-laws are available for any member or prospective member, simply email Corresponding Secretary Larry Myott; you'll get them by email.

## **Directors Elected for 2013-2014**

Ernie Englehardt of Lake Road was elected to fill a one year term unexpired term; Ernie resides in No. Middlesex, VT.

Diane Larose of Vic's Crossing was elected to fill a one year unexpired term; she resides in St. Albans.

Robert Lumnah (Westcott Shore) of Kingston, NH; Carolyn Rhodes (Camp Road); and Jay Sheperd (Dewing Shore) of Enosburg Falls were all elected to three-year terms.

Officers elected to one-year terms were: Debbie Bushey, vice president, Hammond Shore Road; Robert Baran, Treasurer, Blackwoods Road; and Larry Myott (Hammond Shore Road), corresponding secretary. Officers elected to two-year terms were President Peter Benevento (Patton Shore Road); and secretary Ruth Ann Kravesky (Camp Road).

Other directors, and the date their terms expire are: Hilda Hendrickson (Vic's Crossing) and Derick White (Westcott Shore) whose terms expire in 2014. Polly Wright Gadbois (Hammond Shore Road) and Susan Prash (Vic's Crossing) terms expire in 2015.

## **2013 Fishing Contest Winners**

The annual LCCA, Inc. Fishing Contest starts each season on June 1 and ends on Labor Day. The contest is open to all fisherpersons at Lake Carmi, take your visitors out for some lessons, who knows that granddaughter might just be a winner.

A special thanks to the good folks at the Franklin General Store and Byam's Quick Stop for serving as the official weigh-in stations of the contest. They have long served in this capacity. Also, thanks to Bob Everest of Westcott Shore Road for his long service as contest chair. Great job Bob, a.k.a. Fishhead.

***Fishhead Reports:*** Congratulations to all the fisherpersons who entered their catches in the annual competition. The reports were submitted to Fishhead just after the close on Labor Day.

The Northern Pike trophy goes to *Dan Mainardi* of Patton Shore Road and Lachine, QC for his 9.5 lb. 31-inch whopper.

The Small Mouth Bass trophy goes to *Scott Rogers*, son of Gary & Anita Rogers on Westcott Shore Road. His entry was a great 3.91 lb. fish, measuring 20 inches.

*Ross Allen* of Bakersfield, brother of Rod Allen of Westcott Shore Road, entered a 24 inch 5.69-pound Walleye Pike.

*Joe Craig* of Westcott Shore brought in a 13 inch, 1.17-pound Yellow Perch.

Fishhead always says the toughest division to judge is the junior division as they are all winners. There were entries from fisherpersons from four to eleven years old. The winner of the Junior Division Trophy is ten year old *Kameron Cyr* for his 21.5 inch, 2.63-pound Walleye Pike. He is the grandson of Everett & Wendy Peyrat of Patton Shore Road, a family that regularly enters the contest.

Fishhead like to report runners-up, there was no runner-up for Northern Pike. The Fishhead claims second place for his 21.5 inch/2.84 pound. Walleye [the editor wonders about this fish story?]. The Smallmouth Bass runner-up was caught by *Jerry Clark* (St. Albans Bay) with a 19.25 inch, 3.34 pound fish.

Photos of the winners with their prize fish should be submitted, by email, to editor Larry Myott: [larry.myott@uvm.edu](mailto:larry.myott@uvm.edu) for possible use in the April 2014 issue. Send them anytime, but the deadline will be March 15.

## **Franklin Watershed Committee** **Needs Project Assistants**

The FWC is interested in developing a resource pool of talented individuals. There is a wealth of knowledge and a breath of experience in our community, both lake residents and the town community. With a personal interest in the future health of Lake Carmi, these individuals would help implement projects and programs to improve and sustain the water quality of Lake Carmi. The commitment would typically be very part-time and time limited. Workshops and seminars for knowledge enhancement in areas of interest may be offered. Examples of the type of activities might be:

- Assist in the planting of rain gardens,
- Completing of surveys and/or marketing efforts,
- Supervising work groups for one to several days,
- Grant writing or other valuation preparations.

These projects typically happen throughout the warmer months but could occur throughout the calendar year. If you have an interest in this type of experience, please contact Kurt Valenta, leave a message at 802.238.3697 or [kjvalenta@franklinvt.net](mailto:kjvalenta@franklinvt.net).

### **Skills/Requirements**

- Enthusiasm
- The ability to follow through
- Basic reading & writing
- Good communications
- Computer skills are an asset, but not a must.

## **This Just In: Loon Watch Results**

Loon Watch biologist Eric Hansen reports a banner year in Vermont's continuing Loon recovery. With help from the dedicated corps of project volunteers all around

Vermont, the preliminary numbers show progress. Loon watch Day was July 20.

- 283 adults were counted, 280 in 2012
- 93 chicks were hatched, 16 mortalities
- 81 nest attempts, previous record was 72
- 61 successful nests
- 18 failed nests, several of which were flooded
- 2 pairs were still incubating on Loon Watch Day.

Although there has never been a Loon nest on Lake Carmi, there is always hope. When the new culvert is built on Dewing Shore Road, stabilizing the lake water level, there will be a better chance of getting nesting loons. Loons nest right on the water's edge so fluctuating water levels do not make for good habitat.

## **Summer Raffle Winners**

The summer raffle brought in almost \$1000 to help fund LCCA events and activities. The winners were drawn at the annual meeting on August 3.

1. Handmade quilt, Kathy Giroux
2. Dinner for four, Betty Cheney
3. Golf for 4 at EFCC, David Kelly
4. Franklin Products Basket, Colin Teague
5. Lion King craft-Sharon Sorensen
6. Carol Lyman Photo & Crossing Gift Certificate, Alex Deuso
7. Cold Hollow Photography, Lake Carmi winter photo and Abbey Gift Certificate, M Gherardi
8. Carol Lyman photo and Boston Post Dairy Gift Basket, Linda Schwaab
9. Flowers by Lady L and Crossing Gift Certificate, Carol Lyman
10. Garden Charm and H & B Greenhouse Gift Certificate, June Abernethy.

## **2014 Ice-Out Contest Tickets Available**

The ice-out contest is a major fund-raiser for the LCCA. All proceeds benefit the water-quality fund, and all the recreational activities produced by the organization. This includes our efforts to fight the lake's milfoil problem, our significant financial support of the Franklin Watershed Committee, and a host of activities we produce for "*Celebrate Lake Carmi*" every July.

How does it work? You purchase your Ice-Out tickets, \$5.00 for a book of seven or \$1.00 singles. You complete the ticket predicting the date and time of the ice out next spring. The closest date and time determines the winner. One-half the proceeds, after expenses, is presented to the winner. The device to determine the date and time is a very simple device; a wood pallet with cement block is placed out on the ice, in an undisclosed location. That device is attached with a rope, connected to a camp on shore, also connected to an electric clock. When the device falls into the lake, the clock is un-plugged, determining the time of the Ice-Out.

Tickets may be purchased at several different locations around the area or by printing these tickets (as many as you need), fill them out and mail your check in to: LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. Tickets are available at Boat Headquarters in Swanton; Franklin General Store and Byam's Quick Stop in Franklin; Wetherby's Quick Stop in Richford; Tammy's Hair Care, Myott Insurance and Park Side Grill in Enosburg Falls; Maurice's Service Center on North Main Street in St. Albans.

Buy tickets for yourself, friends, family members. They are great to put in a birthday card, Christmas Stockings and more.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

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#### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice-Out Contest, 2014**

#### **Lake Carmi Camper's Assoc., Inc.**

**\$1.00 per ticket donation, \$5.00 for book of 7**

50% of all proceeds, after expenses -  
to the winner. 50% to LCCA, Inc.

All tickets must be purchased/postmarked by  
MARCH 15, 2014

This is your receipt.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

2010 date & time was March 29, 8:46 p.m.

2011 date & time was April 13, 11:08:51 p.m.

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You are invited to this great educational opportunity, just two hours to help us all understand the issues. Your road, your driveway, your happiness at Lake Carmi.

## Is your gravel driveway or private road a maintenance nightmare?

Protect your investment by attending this FREE workshop on preventing and solving road related erosion issues while helping to protect water quality.

This workshop is targeted at camp operators, road associations, watershed groups and private land owners who maintain unpaved driveways or roads.

**When:** Saturday September 21, 2013 from 8:30-10:30 am

**Where:** FELCO Room at the Franklin Homestead  
114 Homestead Dr. Franklin, VT

*Coffee and a light continental breakfast will be served.*

Space is limited, and advanced registration is encouraged.

To register, contact Bethany Remmers at the Northwest Regional Planning Commission 802-524-5958 or [bethany@nrpcvt.com](mailto:bethany@nrpcvt.com)



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You'll still get information about Lake Carmi and its friends and family throughout the winter. The next issue of the Lake Carmi News will be in April, 2014. The deadline for all items will be March 15. Ads for the classified section, must be sent in by the deadline. All cottage for rent ads must be renewed each spring, send in new copy prior to the deadline. It's been a great summer; we look forward to summer 2014.

.....Larry Myott, Newsletter Editor, [larry.myott@uvm.edu](mailto:larry.myott@uvm.edu)