



Perkins Pond Protective Association

# The Perkins Ponder

Summer 2007

**Water Carnival**  
**Sat. July 28**  
**10:45 a.m.**  
**52 Burma Road**  
**John and Suzanne McMahon**  
**603-763-4332**  
See the insert announcement.

**Fall Meeting**  
**Sat. Aug 25**  
**10 a.m.**  
**29 Burma Road**  
**John Paris and Shannon Martinez**

## **Perkins Pond Water Carnival The Tradition Continues!**

Below is the group gathered for summer festivities in 1960, in front of the Barrett's cottage (now Mietelski's) between the Meacham's and Szalucka's.

On the beach are skis and a wood disk that would be balanced by feet, not on the rope. Bob's boat was fast, red, sporty and much admired (right).



**The Ski Jump**  
Back when skiers were fearless and foolhardy!

Photos from the archives  
taken by Anne VanTine

## The Spring Meeting June 2, 2007

**Reelection of Officers** John and Suzanne McMahon hosted the spring meeting of the Perkins Pond Protective Association at their "Sunset Lodge." President Gary Szalucka called to order the meeting at 10 am on June 2, 2007. Susanne moved and Marian Leavitt to reelect the current slate of officers. This was unanimously approved.

**Paavo Logren** Members noted the passing of Paavo Logren. Paavo lived next door to the McMahons, in the white cottage at 56 Burma Road. Paavo had been a resident of Perkins Pond for more than 60 years. He and his wife, Vera, built their home from lumber that they had carried from North Road, before Perkins Pond and Burma Road were developed. Paavo was a veteran of World War II, and was said to have named the road when he declared "This is more work than building Burma road!"

**Diagnostic Study** President Gary Szalucka reported that the NHDES Diagnostic Study of the pond water quality still has not been released. Attendees expressed frustration that the report is still in review at NHDES and not available. Claude Leavitt moved that the meeting instruct the PPPA president to request to DES that the report be made available by the time of the fall meeting. John McMahon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Weed Watching** Weedwatcher leader, Marian Leavitt, reported that there are no exotic or invasive weeds in the pond so far as we know. Weedwatcher volunteers survey the pond several times a year looking for any invasive plants. Current weed-watchers are Chris Domian, the Pratts, the Leonards, Tamar Sanders, Robin Saunders, and Marian.

**Weed Education** Marian described a workshop she attended that provided a hands-on opportunity to see and feel weeds in the water, and to compare invasive species with similar-appearing native varieties. She also learned that grants are available to pay someone to spend up to 20 hours per week monitoring incoming boats at the public landing to ensure that none of them inadvertently brings in invasive plants.

**Educating Incoming Boaters** Gary mentioned that legislation is pending in NH that would require out-of-state boats to purchase a \$20 decal. Purchasers would also receive boater education material with the decal. Ruth Pratt volunteered to draft text for a sign to be put at the landing with a list of boating regulations.

**Buoys** Gary also pointed out that the state of NH has re-installed a buoy that was taken out by a snow mobile. The buoy marks obstructions by the island



About two dozen people attended the Spring meeting.



Paula McDonough shows off the Perkins Pond memorabilia to Cathy Priest and Chris Domian.

To order memorabilia or check out what's available,  
Call Paula at  
603-763-0195 or cell 617-909-5735



Dundee Nestler, Steve Priest & Paul McDonough compare notes after the meeting



New residents John Paris and Shannon Martinez, who will host the fall meeting, and Steve Curley who now is at "the Carruthers' place."

## The Spring Meeting (continued)

**Boater Education Certificate** Gary reported that by January of 2008, anyone operating a motor boat of 25 HP or more must have obtained a Safe Boating Certificate by taking a proctored exam given by the state. More information is available at [www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/ss/boatinged/index.html](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/ss/boatinged/index.html)

**Water Carnival** Members discussed plans for the Water Carnival. Gary made a motion, seconded by Paula McDonough and approved unanimously, to rent a 20 x 30 foot tent for the day. John McMahon, Chris Domian, and John Paris volunteered to erect the tent. Shannon Martinez volunteered to entertain children. Chris Domain moved and Claude Leavitt seconded that the PPPA pay costs associated with the Carnival such as the porta-potty and hamburgers. This was approved unanimously.

**Maps & Newcomers** Claude Leavitt maintains a map showing homeowners around the pond. He will wait until later in the summer to update it, since several properties around the pond were for sale or may change hands soon. Dundee Nestler reported that the 46 acre lot adjacent to his at the end of the pond has been sold, and the new owner is planning to build a large house and barn. Dundee believes that the remainder of the lot will be kept as woods.

**NH Lakes Association** Gerry Farland moved that the PPPA make a \$100 donation to the NH Lakes Association. Suzanne McMahon seconded and it was voted unanimously. Additionally, Gary moved, Holly Leonard seconded, and unanimously approved for PPPA pay the \$35 fee for any PPPA member to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes Conference.



Two hits from the July 6 storm wreaked havoc in Sunapee. Lightning struck a tall pine at the Willse's cottage on Perkins Pond. The tree took with it a couple of smaller hemlocks, but just missed the house and the two big picture windows. Lightning also struck the barn at the Richardson farm on North Road, with more disastrous results. Fire destroyed the barn, but most of the animals were saved. William Sailer took this photo five minutes after the hit.

### Transfer Station Hours

Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8-4:15

Sun 8-11:45

To get your free dump sticker, call Selectmen (763-2212) with your license plate #. They can mail the sticker to you.

### 2007 PPPA Dues

\$25 per family

Send to Treasurer Holly  
or Bring to Carnival.

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## Perkins Pond Reminders

- Boat speed must be at “No Wake” within 150 feet of shore, docks, rafts, other boats, and swimmers. It’s NH law, it’s safe, and it protects the shoreline.
- If your boat has been in other waters, wash it thoroughly before launching into Perkins Pond. Let’s keep the alien weeds out.
- Power boats travel in a clockwise direction on Perkins Pond.
- There are many rocks in the pond. Stay East and North of black/white markers and West and South of red/white markers.
- Do not feed the ducks or geese. It’s bad for the water and bad for the birds.
- Don’t use lawn fertilizers. They cause phosphorus to enter the pond, producing plant growth that clogs the waterways and harms water quality.
- Be courteous to your neighbors. Continually barking dogs echoing across the pond can really disturb a peaceful summer day.
- Take it easy on night lighting: it hides the stars and disturbs the wildlife.

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