



Perkins Pond Protective Association

The Perkins Ponder

Summer 2004

Water Carnival

Sat. July 17, 2004

Parade: 11 a.m. Picnic 1 p.m.
At Gary Szalucka's. 77 Piney Point Road

Rain date July 18
See insert for details

Fall Meeting

Sat. Aug 28, 2004, 10 a.m.

On the Island

Hosts: Dundee & Linda Nestler
For boat transportation to the meeting,
Call John Rooney 603-763-4991

Spring 2004 PPPA Meeting

The spring meeting of the Perkins Pond Protective Association was hosted by the Gentile and West's with 40 attendees. Thanks to Jeff Gentile (left below) for getting everything set up. VP Chris Domian (right below) led the meeting in Gary's absence. The photo to right shows some attendees. Jeff Gentile summarized the water study progress (see article on page 2).

Tamar Sanders reported that Weed Watcher volunteers surveyed the pond four times last year. They found no exotic plants. Plants such as the lilies are a nuisance, but they do not endanger the pond.



A tiny bit of a nuisance plant called bladderwort was spotted behind the island. Although it looks similar to milfoil, it is harmless. NH DES tells us it is a native plant that goes through various cycles from year to year. Some years it is abundant, others it is only scattered here and there. Some Perkins Pond residents remember it from 25 years ago. Do not pull it up or break off pieces, since it propagates from fragments.

This year's Weed Watchers are Tamar, Gary Szalucka, Robin Saunders, Chris Domian, Chris and Holly Leonard, Marion Leavitt, and new to the pond; John DiBlasio.

Suzanne McMahon reported a larger treasury than last year. Dues and sale of memorabilia raise funds. The raffle and contributions at the Carnival pay for the party. In 2003 there were 50 paid members, five less than the year before. For more details, contact Suzanne.

Thanks to Claude Leavitt for distributing updated maps of the pond and residents. Printed Protection of Perkins Pond rules, especially good to give renters, were also available.



**Perkins Pond
Memorabilia**
Contact Scott Sanders
603-763-9255
mem@perkinspond.org



2004 PPPA Dues

\$20 per family

*Use enclosed envelope or Send to
Treasurer Suzanne or Bring to Carnival.*

Diagnostic Study Water Sampling

The Diagnostic Study of Perkins Pond water quality enters a new phase of sampling this summer. The study seeks to identify the source of nutrients entering the pond. This phase will identify and document what enters the pond from runoff, tributaries, and ground water.

Amy Smagula at NH Department of Environmental Services is managing the study. Amy provided the information in this article. She will be out on the pond each week to perform sampling of the water entering Perkins Pond. Amy also provided the map on page 3 showing the sites where water samples will be collected and measurements taken.

The current phase of the study will measure the effect of each tributary and small stream running into Perkins Pond.

Some of these are seasonal tributaries that run only in wet seasons such as springtime. On the map they are indicated with diamonds. Others are continuous small streams that add water to the pond year-round and a couple of large inlets, all indicated with triangles. A stream behind the island that flows in or out depending on conditions is apparently not marked.

NH DES has placed gauges that look like big rulers in many of the tributaries. Volunteers will help measure the quality and quantity of water entering at separate tributaries. During certain designated storms, volunteers will check water height and take samples of the water entering the pond at half-hour intervals. This will be done in a coordinated way to ensure consistency of the sampling conditions.



Ground water seepage into the pond is also being measured. This comes from water that may run underground through the watershed, but then seeps up into the pond in shallow areas. Fifty-five gallon drum barrels have been inserted into the lake in eight locations to measure seepage. Residents may see small white bottles with markers indicating their location. In the map, these areas are marked with octagons.



The areas of land these streams, tributaries, and ground water come from make up the pond's watershed. The major watershed areas around the lake are outlined in a heavy type as shown here.

In the final phase of the study, the results of this year's sampling will be studied and modeled. The study will consider the impact of build-out scenarios for the watershed and of town sewers on the water quality. A report is expected early next summer. This report may be used by the town in future considerations about providing sewers to the area.

The first part of the study was a survey of residents' land use and septic systems. Forty-six homeowners have not yet contacted Amy to take the survey. Without this input, the final report will be incomplete. Amy Smagula urges anyone who has not yet taken the survey to contact her and she will meet with you at your convenience.

Amy Smagula can be contacted at:

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Sailboat Rescue

Your newsletter editor and buddy Robert capsized our big red sailboat in mid-June. Up-side-down, the 18-foot mast was aimed at the center of the earth. If it had hit solid ground it would have bent or broken. So under that 9 ft of water must be 9 ft of soft muck and mud.

Many thanks to the Mercer family who helped us get the boat turned upright and towed it in. Thanks also to Rich Hamm for bringing the big bailer.

After its swim in the pond, we towed dry our 3.5 hp Tohatsu motor and it started right up.

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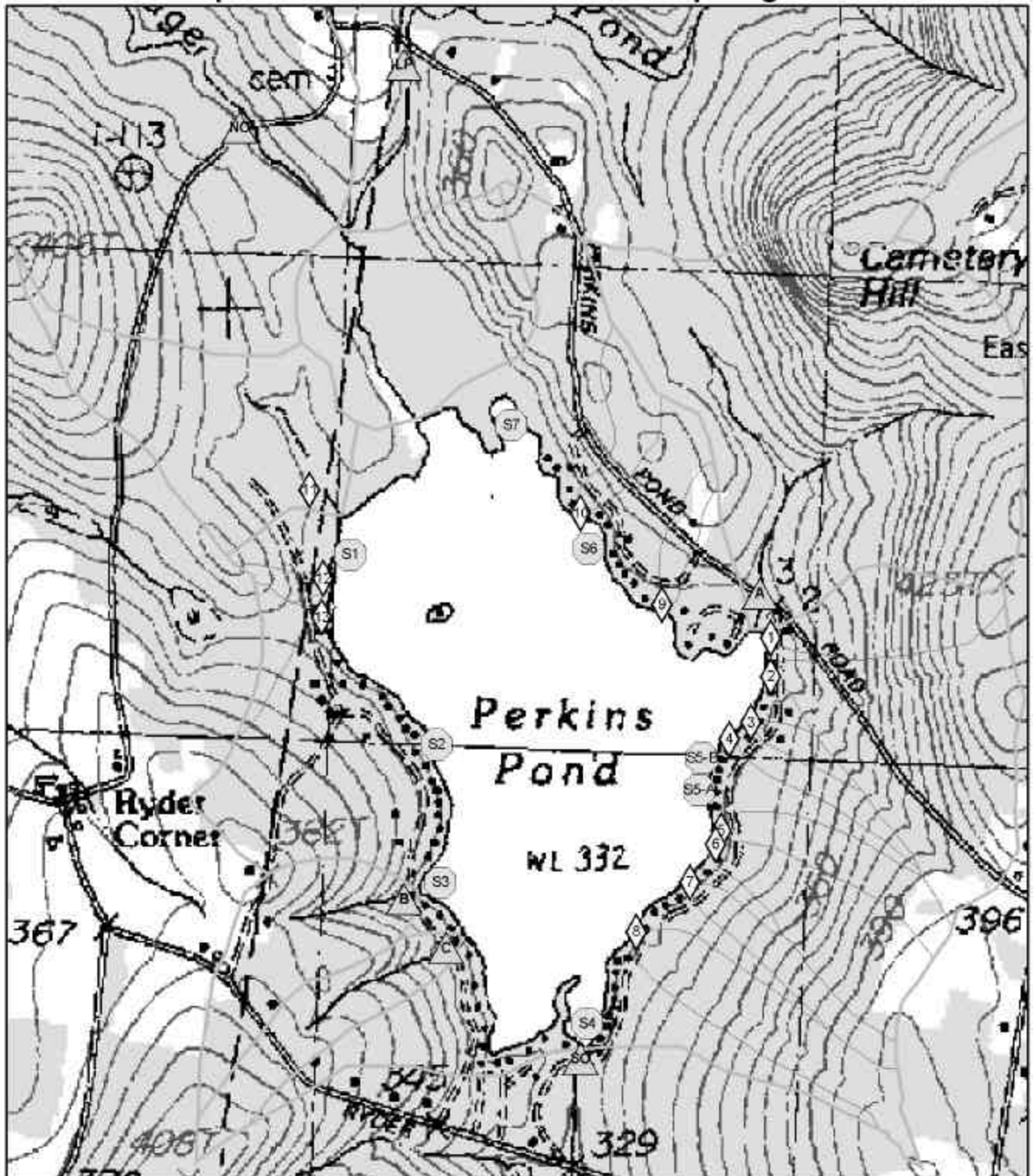
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Free Boat Wash

Before bringing a boat to Perkins Pond, wash to remove any exotic plants!

The Town of Sunapee operates a free boat wash in Sunapee Harbor on the Bandstand hill.
Brown's Marine in Guild (603-863-2233) (small fee).
Bob Skinner's Ski and Sport may offer the service.

Proposed Perkins Pond Sampling Sites



Legend

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| ◇ Seasonal Tribs | Major Watersheds |
| △ Year Round Tribs | Seasonal Tribs Watersheds |
| ○ Seepage | |



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Sunapee Harbor and Other Entertainments

Chamber of Commerce, 526-6575. Lists many events. www.lakesunapeenh.org Select "area events."

Sunapee Harbor Entertainment, 3-6 pm most Sat & Sun. Lively, eclectic music. 7/25 K.D. Bell plays blues!

Ben Mere Bandstand Concerts at Harbor, Wed 7-9

Antique Boat Show & Parade Sun Aug 15

Love Your Lakes Day, Harbor, Aug 15, 10-2

Both by LSPA, www.lakesunapee.org, 763-2210

Cruise Lake Sunapee on the Mt Sunapee 2 pm 763-4030 or dinner boat Kearsarge 938-6465

Sunapee Historical Museum at the Harbor.

Walk the RiverWalk from behind Woodys in Harbor to behind the Sunapee Information Booth.

NH Craftsmen's Fair at Mt. Sunapee, Aug 7-15 9-5 www.nhcrafts.org/annualfair.htm

New London Barn Playhouse, 526-4631

New London 18th Century Village open Sun & Tue 12:30-3:30, rte 114 N (Little Sunapee Rd) 526-6201 www.newlondonhistoricalsociety.org

The Fells, Natl Wildlife Refuge, 103A, Newbury: trails, gardens, events. 7/28 historical cruise Lake Sunapee; 8/8 a visit with Lincoln. 763-4789 www.thefells.org

Music at the Anchorage Fri, Sat 9-12 pm, 763-333

The Sweet Shop River Rd at Harbor serves a fine bagel and lox and Italian ice cream to enjoy while watching people and boats.



Sunapee Harbor in 1962 from the top of Ben Mere Inn

