



Perkins Pond Protective Association

# The Perkins Ponder

Summer 2005

## Water Carnival

**Sat. July 23, 2005**

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

Rain date July 24  
See insert for details

## Fall Meeting

**Sat. Aug 27, 2005, 10 a.m.**

Hosts: Tom & Marge Judge  
62 Kate Lane  
763-2787  
Come by boat or car.

## Spring 2005 PPPA Meeting

President Gary Szalucka called to order the Perkins Pond Protective Association at 10 am on June 11, 2005 on the lawn at Steve and Cathy Priest's. The members elected Tom Gallagher as vice-president and Holly Leonard as treasurer, replacing Chris Domian and Suzanne Graves McMahon who had both decided to step down.



New VP Tom Gallagher and Treasurer Holly Leonard

Gary described a problem with the pond's overflow culvert at the end of the Piney Point cove, on the Leavitts' land. The outlet was installed in 1990 by the Association to provide for water flow from one end of the pond to the other, and to maintain a consistent water level. From ice-out in April until June, the culvert was plugged with pine needles. The Association hired a contractor with a Roto-Router to clean it out in June. At this time, the culvert should be open and the overflow working properly. However, there is concern whether the culvert may have been damaged by frost, creating some restriction that causes pine needles to pile up. The culvert is 90 feet long. The Association would like to find a volunteer to crawl through it and assess its condition.

Tamar Sanders reported that the weedwatchers had found no problem weeds last year. There was some indication of bladderwort near the inlet, but it was only a small amount, and in any case is not considered invasive. Brown algae made the water appear murky earlier this spring, but it seems to be better since the culvert got opened.

Robin Saunders updated the members about new state regulations concerning floats. Owners of floats are required to register them with the NH Dept of Marine Safety. The form is available on the web at [www.state.nh.us/safety/ss/forms.html](http://www.state.nh.us/safety/ss/forms.html). Floats should not be more than fifty feet from shore, and should have the owner's name and reflectors.

The Association unanimously approved increasing dues to \$25.00 per year beginning in 2006.

Claude Leavitt provided pond maps updated with the residents' names. The members expressed appreciation to him.

To update the Burma Rd sign, call Sign Solutions, 863-7464.

Gary asked if anyone wanted to host the Water Carnival, but members applauded Gary and requested that he continue to host it. The parade starts promptly at 11 on July 23.

Gary brought a large sign warning boaters to avoid bringing in milfoil, intended to be hung at the boat launch. Gary asked for volunteers and Paul Pratt accepted the challenge.



## Guest Speakers at the PPPA Meeting

### Andy Chapman, NH DES



Andy Chapman of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) addressed the meeting. Andy is taking over responsibility from Amy Smagula for the Diagnostic Study of Perkins Pond water quality. Andy has been doing water sampling at designated points on a regular basis, and he will oversee the modeling and interpretation of the data that has been collected.

An important part of the study is to measure phosphorus loading, and model the loading at buildout, and with town sewers or community leach fields. One measurement is "conductivity" of the water. Conductivity results from salts in the effluent. Higher conductivity indicates more salts, which may indicate septic problems. The flow rate of water coming into the pond is also an important indicator and flow rate may affect the interpretation of the conductivity. Even if the study shows excessive phosphorus, it may not be clear that failing septic systems are the cause. The study also looks at impervious surfaces and land use around the pond.

Andy emphasized that no conclusions from the report will be available until after the data is all collected and analyzed with modeling techniques.

Andy passed around a list of property owners who haven't responded to the Sanitary Survey. Members approved sending a notice to those on the list asking them to respond to the survey.

### Roger Landry, Sunapee Zoning Administrator

Roger Landry started with an overview and history of Sunapee zoning. Sunapee first introduced Zoning in 1984. It was voted out in 1985, and back in 1987. In 2002 the state created strict regulations that apply to any town that does not have zoning ordinances. In Sunapee, the local ordinances override the state regulations. Because the town is self-regulated, property owners can ask for zoning variances.

Roger pointed out that a building permit is required for most renovations. Once pulled, the permit is good for one year. There is no fee for the building permit, but it will indicate to the town that improvements are being made. Last year there were 181 permits issued in Sunapee. So far in 2005 there have been 87 issued, and this is 37% ahead of last year.

Roger said now there are zoning regulations concerning many changes people might make on their properties. Before making any changes, he suggests that a property owner confer with him and determine what the requirements are.



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### Perkins Pond Memorabilia

This display of Perkins Pond memorabilia was available for sale at the meeting. Contact Scott Sanders to order. Memorabilia is produced by Black Bear Company, and there is a lead time for custom orders.



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or

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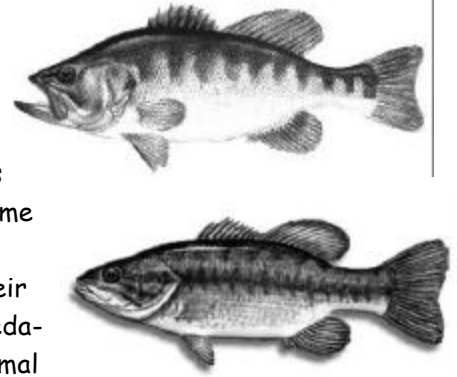
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## "Creel Notes"

by Guide Islefish Anytime

Did someone say "did you see the size of that largemouth?" No, they weren't talking about me — they were referring to the largemouth bass (*Micropterus Salmoides*) recently being taken here on Perkins Pond. Some folks refer to them as black bass. This fish is distinct with its dark blotches forming a ragged horizontal stripe along each of its sides. Their upper jaw also extends beyond their eye. They are known to be very predatory eating other fish, crayfish, frogs and even small ducklings--any animal it can swallow. It's has been a couple of years since I've seen largemouth in this quantity and this size.



My brother, Gary, and I recently fished the pond and each got a beautiful looking largemouth. Not that we compete or anything, but for the record mine was about three pounds, eighteen inches long, while his was seventeen inches and about ! two and a half pounds. I remind him constantly he is older, but not always wiser, although I had to listen to him tell me on several occasions how he taught me everything I know about fishing. Funny how no matter how many times he mentioned it, I was able to ignore it each time.

We also managed to catch several nice smallmouth on our fly rods on this same outing. We also released everything back into the pond so they'll have a chance to be even bigger on our next outing. This time of year, fly fishing with small poppers for bass, and even panfish, is a lot of fun. The panfish, also known as the bluegill, pumpkin seed, or kiby, puts up a great fight on a fly rod.



Spoke with Fish and Game Sgt. Brian Suttmeir recently about the fishing conditions in our area. He said the reports have been good in all the nearby rivers, ponds and lakes in spite of the heavy rain. He was at the Sunapee Harbor launch a couple weekends ago, and checked on a fisherman who was just bringing in a seven pound laker. He also said the fishing has been good at Webster Lake, and in the Sugar River near Sunapee Bedding. Remember to check out the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department website for licensing information and stocking reports ([www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm)).

Until next time keep a tight line!

*2005 PPPA Dues  
\$20 per family  
Use enclosed envelope or Send to  
Treasurer Holly or Bring to Carnival.*

*Canoeing  
or  
Kayaking  
After  
Dark?*



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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.

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