

**"IT WAS TOO
GOOD TO BE
TRUE!"**

That is just one quote from the Record Journal article (Meriden, CT) written by Mike Roberts. Mike along with others in the New England Outdoor Writers Association stayed with us for the first time in May 2011. We're very happy to welcome Mike, Eric and the whole gang back again this May for another great "Spring Safari"!

Living the Dream

After having coffee and reading today's paper by the lake the sun got a little warm so I sauntered over to the lunch bar at the lodge and got a cold water and a Panini and ate that in the shade of the big Maple while chillin' in a comfortable Adirondack chair. I think I'll see who's on the tennis court next and catch a game or maybe take a canoe out and have a nice swim. Oh, wait.. It's 15 below and I'm daydreaming here! BIG TIME!!!

The Loch Lyme Letter

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2012 Events At The Lodge By Faith Catlin

Greetings from snowy Loch Lyme. We're counting the days till summer 2012 ! Once again, I will be leading theatre workshops the weeks of July 9, July 16 and July 23 with performances in the barn each Friday at 5pm. New this year are a Master Class taught by Eben Brown and Ian Burnette for kids 12-16 starting August 6th and Acting For Teenagers taught by Richard Waterhouse August 13-17. To register or get more info go to our website:

lochlymelodge.com.

We are also in the process of booking our Sunday evening buffet/concert series by the lake. We're in touch with Amy Petty, Sensible Shoes and the awesome Wall Stiles to name a few. Anyone interested in playing should get

in touch and we'll see about adding you to the roster. Our house concert is on Labor Day weekend (Sept 2) and we plan to feature our own Jay Kelly joined by staff and local friends.



Music in the Barn Summer 2011

Joe Applegate, our tennis pro from Sharon, VT, looks forward to joining you and your kids at the clay courts. Please let us know if you'd like a lesson.

Before long we'll be cleaning cabins, hauling furniture and picking up

our staff at the airport. The dining room opens June 19th and I'm looking forward to my favorite event—Practice Night! That's when we discount the price and invite our boisterous friends to sample Patrick's new recipes and help orient the wait staff. It's usually lots of fun.....kind of a cross between Fawltz Towers and Ah, Wilderness.

JAY'S CORNER

So it too shall come to pass...and it has....we got a puppy. Yes, the mean old Daddy finally broke down and got his 8 year old daughter, Juliet, the dog she has been longing for. We all went down to the shelter in Nashua and picked him out. Actually, he picked us out. While Juliet was walking a crazy jumping bean of a dog,

our wonderful dog strolled over to Juliet and calmly sat down at her feet and looked up at her as if to say, "Really?look at that other dog going nuts and then observe my relaxed demeanor". Well....that was probably the last time that puppy has been relaxed! Yes, he's ours now. 40 pounds and still growing! Darius is his name and he

loves hiking and the outdoors. He's been especially cute when waiting for Juliet to get off the school bus. He crouches down and starts wagging his stumpy tail like a happy maniac. We're working on his manners so when you all get here to greet him he will be a perfectly behaved young gentleman. Yup...we got a dog. Perhaps we can train him to chase geese!

Upper Valley Happenings

The Town of Lyme and surrounding region is a part of what is known as "The Upper Valley". This designation refers to a geographic area stretching along both sides of the Connecticut River in Central New Hampshire and Vermont.

All the local towns have some thing unique to offer, Thetford, Lebanon, Hanover and Norwich each offer a weekly farmers market. Organic and locally produced meat and vegetables are readily

available.

White River Junction, Hanover and Lebanon all boast professional theaters. Their summer offerings generally include two operas, musicals and dramas. Several other smaller theater venues in other surrounding towns offer a mixture of plays, revues and comedies.

In addition to live theater there are cinemas in Hanover, Lebanon and Woodstock VT and a drive-in theater is located in Fairlee VT.

Golf courses can be found in Fairlee, Hanover, Woodstock and Lebanon.

Every Saturday and Sunday in the summer months Fairlee has a large flea market on the village green, Lyme also has a Saturday flea market each month and Orford has the Grand daddy of all markets the first weekend in August.

The Pinnacle Project CoHousing Update from Liz Ryan Cole

Guests often ask, "What is up with Pinnacle CoHousing?" The answer is...lots! Seven years after we bought Loch Lyme Lodge we are fleshing out our "entitlements" with Lyme's Planning Board. The Planning Board has determined that we have done enough work on developing a 5-lot subdivision to be able to propose a design using Lyme's "lot

size averaging provisions". We hope to break ground on the first of our co-homes, on a septic system to serve our homes and the hospitality business, and on strengthening and improving the barn no later than the spring of 2013. Our home design continues to focus on clustered housing above the tennis courts. We are exploring adding four-season B&B rooms, some with private

baths as part of Loch Lyme Lodge and will certainly work hard to schedule building to outside the summer season. Regular Loch Lyme Lodge guests have found that membership in Pinnacle has advantages, even if you do not intend to build a co-home here. We welcome inquiries about becoming a member of the Pinnacle Project. Our website is www.PinnacleProject.info.

Pet Policy at Loch Lyme Lodge

* Pets must be leashed at all times. * Owners must clean up after their pets (we can provide bags if needed). * Pets must be up to date on all vaccinations. * Pets have their own swimming area. They are not allowed on the beach or the stairs in the main swimming area. * Please keep your pet off cabin furniture. If this is not possible please bring a pet blanket or request one at the main office. *

Pet owners agree to be responsible for any damage caused by their pet. * If your pet is left in the cabin during the day, our housekeeping crew has the right to skip your cleaning if they are not comfortable with the situation. Please inform us if you intend to leave your pet alone. Remember that pets can behave much differently in unfamiliar surroundings. * It is the guests responsibility to prevent their

pet from disturbing others. * Please report any stray dogs you find on the property. A couple of local dogs are known to want to vacation here!

