



THE ALIC NEWS

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Summer 2013

Executive Director's Message

by *Debbie Hite, ALIC Executive Director*

As I write this year's opening page, the last vestiges of ice have just melted in the lake and the first loons have returned. Another open water season begins and, with it, another ALIC program year. We're giving extra attention this year to the threat of invasive aquatic plants, after some potential "saves" the past two years by courtesy boat inspectors (CBIS) at the Wayne launch. Based on the surveys of our invasive plant patrollers (IPPs), the lake remains free of invasives and we'd like to keep it that way. We're offering some opportunities for our membership to become "eyes on the water" in order to step up these efforts. You're encouraged to visit the self-guided seminar in July, attend the introductory workshop and plant paddle, or participate as a volunteer CBI or IPP. Get the full details in this newsletter, on our website or through our Yahoo! Group. If you can't get out to any of these events, please use the information to guide your activity at home or at camp.

Our lake association networks with many other organizations and agencies with whom we share common interests: the Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA), the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP), the 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA), the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District (KCSWCD), and several others. We're also interacting more with the municipalities of Leeds and Wayne, the Androscoggin Yacht Club, the Cary Memorial Library, the Wayne Conservation Commission, the road associations, and other local committees.

Our most important set of partners, however, is our membership, on whom we rely not only for financial support but also for engagement in our programs and initiatives to carry out our mission. Several of you took advantage last year of our affiliation with 30 Mile to have erosion control work done on your property by the Youth Conservation Corps. Other members signed on to "host" loon nesting rafts, attend a workshop on invasive plants, or take in a demonstration of a courtesy boat inspection. When you carry out best management practices within the shoreland zone; carefully inspect your boat, motor, and trailer for hitchhiking plants; properly maintain your septic system; monitor a loon raft; join a plant survey team; remove lead from your tackle box; or follow additional conservation measures, you are participating in the mission of ALIC.

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Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 3rd
Yacht Club

8:30 am potluck
9:00 am business

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars!

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We hope you'll enjoy this annual newsletter. Leave it in your camp for your summer guests to also read, and invite your neighbors and friends to any of the upcoming ALIC functions. Better yet, encourage them to become members of the lake association. We look forward to seeing you this summer, especially at the annual meeting on Saturday morning, Aug. 3, from 8:30-11:00 at the Yacht Club in Wayne.

Thanks again for partnering with ALIC to "preserve and protect" Androscoggin Lake!

Self-Guided Aquatic Plant Seminar at the Williams House

Thurs, July 11, 3-7pm & Sat, July 13, 9am-1pm

You're invited to get an introduction to aquatic plants, both native and invasive, at a self-guided, informal seminar in mid-July at the Williams House across from Cary Library in Wayne.

Learn what features determine whether or not a plant is suspicious and merits closer examination. Pick up some resources to equip you to be "eyes on the water" in your own corner of the lake. Bring in some aquatic plants from your area for identification. Find out how you can help reduce the risk of Eurasian watermilfoil, hydrilla, water chestnut and the other of "Maine's Eleven Most Unwanted" being introduced into Androscoggin Lake.

Our display will include several Cary library resources on the topic of invasives; plant samples; an ongoing 8-minute video on current efforts in

Maine to curtail invasive aquatic plants; brochures outlining the presence of invasive species here in Maine; and information about performing boat inspections, conducting plant surveys, and participating in other efforts underway in the Thirty Mile River Watershed.

Visitors will have the opportunity to review what they learn by completing an activity sheet as they walk through the exhibit, with the possibility of receiving some prizes at the end. Membership forms for ALIC will be available as well as ALIC t-shirts. Refreshments will be provided.

Partial funding for this community event comes from donations to ALIC received in memory of Esme Barnes Root and Carolyn Johnson. Plan to stop by and get acquainted.

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Androscoggin Lake Cranberries 2012

by Tom Barden

The cranberry crop on our cranberry levee on Androscoggin Lake was not very good this year.

Cranberries flower in late May and June. The water level on Androscoggin Lake went down in the spring as it normally does and it appeared the cranberries would flower as needed. However, the lake came up about three feet with the heavy rains in early June and flooded the levee. The lake did not drop and the cranberries were submerged. Submerged cranberries do not flower and no

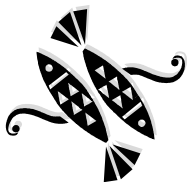
flowers means no berries. The lake did drop enough for the higher elevation plants to flower and develop berries. By mid-July the lake had dropped to its normal level but it was too late for the lower elevation berries. I was able to pick two pounds of cranberries but in a good year I can pick 12 to 14 pounds. This year was better than some because some years the water level stays so high the cranberries never flower and cannot produce fruit.

Requests Being Accepted for YCC Projects

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) works with homeowners to decrease erosion and filter storm water carrying phosphorus onto their property. YCC provides free technical assistance and labor, while private landowners or towns pay only for materials. The **30 Mile River Watershed Association** oversees this program for lakes in our watershed and is now accepting project requests for the 2013 summer season.

Go to www.30mileriver.org/programs/youth-conservation-corps for more information and to complete the online project request form.

2013 Bass Tournaments on Androscoggin Lake



For the first time in several years, there are no tournaments scheduled in July or August on Androscoggin Lake. A call to the **Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** indicated that this is probably just the result of the “luck of the draw” at the annual scheduling lottery, when clubs vie for the allotted seven spaces.

ALIC continues its protocol of telephoning the clubs in advance of tournament day to encourage good lake stewardship, attentive boat inspections, and respect of shorefront properties.

<p>Club tourney usually involves fewer than 20 boats. Open can involve as many as 100.</p> <p>Measure & release usually involves about 15 boats. All fish are released after being measured. These tournaments are often held during the spawning season, from May to mid-June.</p>	05/05	club	<i>Cumberland County Bass Club</i>
	05/25	measure & release	<i>The Castaways</i>
	06/16	open	<i>Maine Country Bassmasters</i>
	06/29	club	<i>L/A Junior Bassmasters</i>
	09/14	open	<i>US Bassin' - Fall Division</i>
	09/22	open	<i>Bronzeback Mainiacs</i>
	10/20	club	<i>Capital Area Bassmasters</i>
	10/27	open	<i>Rocky Coast</i>

New Contractor Requirements

Maine State Law now requires that construction work done in the shoreland area must be done by a "Certified Contractor" This is a contractor who has been certified by the Maine DEP in erosion and sediment control. Take note that this law applies to the shoreland area which is most frequently defined as the area within 250 feet of the lake, river or wetland or 75' from most streams.

The law identifies an "excavation contractor" as an individual or firm engaged in a business that causes the disturbance of soil, including grading, filling and removal, or in a business in which the disturbance of soil results from an activity that the individual or firm is retained to perform. Someone at the worksite must have completed a training and be certified by Maine DEP. This is an effort to guarantee that any excavation done in the shoreland area is done or supervised by a person

who understands how to follow practices to protect the water from sedimentation caused by the construction work.

The Maine DEP keeps a list of certified contractors and has it available at their website. The contractor "Is responsible for management of erosion and sediment control practices at the site; and is present at the site each day that earth-moving activity occurs for a duration that is sufficient to ensure that proper erosion and sedimentation control practices are followed."

The requirements apply until permanent erosion control measures have been installed or, if the site is to be re-vegetated, until the area is sufficiently stabilized to prevent soil erosion. They do not apply to activities resulting in less than one cubic yard of earth material being added or displaced.

Glacial Errata

By Tom Barden

Ever wonder what geologists call the rocks that are sticking up around Wayne that are not part of the native bed rock? These rocks were transported here during the last ice age, about 12,000 years ago. They are called glacial errata and are native to some place other than the location they are found in. By inspecting the errata, geologists can determine where they came from and the direction of flow of the glacier. In our area, the glaciers flowed from northwest to southeast.

Events Calendar



June 22, 7:30am-3pm **Maine Lakes Conference**, Diamond Bldg., Colby College, Waterville

"What do Lakes Reveal about climate change?". Visit www.mainecola.org

July 11, 3-7 pm & **Self-Guided Aquatic Plant Seminar**, the Williams House, Wayne

July 13, 9am-1pm

Introduction to both native and invasive aquatic plants.
See page 2 for details.

July 16, 8:30-11am **Aquatic Plants Workshop**, Androscoggin Yacht Club, Wayne

Free but limited to 20 registrants. Sponsored by ALIC and 30MRWA.

July 27 **Annual 30 Mile River Watershed Association Paddle Trek**

Canoe or kayak this 15 mile trail. Registration begins in June. Visit www.30mileriver.org

August 3, 8:30am **ALIC Annual Meeting**, the Androscoggin Yacht Club, Wayne

The potluck breakfast begins at 8:30am, followed by the business meeting at 9:00am.

Visit www.androscogginlake.org for more information regarding summer events

Memorial Donations

The membership of ALIC expresses great appreciation for the memorial donations that have been received this year. They are as follows:

In Memory of *Carolyn Johnson*...

- ◆ Moo Hoddinott of Wayne and Largo, FL
- ◆ Theresa Kerchner and James Perkins of Wayne
- ◆ Harold and Marjorie Lovejoy of Wayne
- ◆ MSAD #52 of Turner
- ◆ Stephen and Beverly Monsulick of Kents Hill
- ◆ Dave and Bev Petell of Wayne
- ◆ Charles H. and Ann E. Spaulding of Kennebunk
- ◆ Martha Walker of Ithaca, NY
- ◆ Matt and Colleen Walker of Portland
- ◆ Dave Ault of North Easton, MA

In Memory of *Esme Root Barnes*...

- ◆ Judith and Tom Giuffrida of West Palm Beach, FL
- ◆ Lynn and Dennis Rhodes of Boca Raton, FL
- ◆ Christina Mathers and Rich Suter of Brookline, MA
- ◆ Eddie and JoAnn Sears of West Palm Beach, FL
- ◆ The Kandoian family: Jane, Janet, Nancy Kandoian and Ellen K. Sweeney of Ridgewood, NJ

Workshop Offers Introduction to Aquatic Plants

Everyone is invited to attend this aquatic plants workshop to be held at the Androscoggin Yacht Club on Tuesday, July 16, from 8:30-11 a.m..

This free program is a collaborative effort of ALIC, the 30MRWA, and the AYC and is limited to +/- 20 participants. Pre-registration would be appreciated by e-mail to info@androscogginlake.org. The workshop will consist of two parts: a land-based introduction to aquatic plants, both native and invasive, and an on-the-water paddle to examine what's growing in the lake. Please bring your own canoe, kayak, or low-hp boat or team up with a neighbor. Leadership will be provided by VLMP-certified invasive plant patrollers Debbie Hite and Lidie Robbins, who are also the executive directors of ALIC and 30MRWA, respectively. Come get informed and have fun doing it!

Turnpike of Western Kennebec County

by Tom Barden

Androscoggin Lake has many uses: swimming, sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and fishing to name a few. But, do you know Androscoggin Lake is the Turnpike of western Kennebec County. When snowmobiling started in Maine in the late fifties, many snowmobile trails were established. Bodies of water, lakes, ponds, rivers streams and bogs were utilized to provide easy access from place to place. Through cooperation among local snowmobile clubs and state organizations, these trails were numbered. Androscoggin Lake has three numbered snowmobile trails that cross it.

The Thirty Mile River Snowmobile Club of Wayne and the Leeds Stump Thumpers Snowmobile Club sought and received permission from landowners

to establish and maintain five access points on Androscoggin Lake. There is also a sixth access point to the Wayne Corner Store.

The Thirty Mile River Snowmobile Club welcomes the use of these access points and all numbered trails by cross-country skiers, snowshoers, ice fisherman, walkers, ice boaters and snowmobilers—anyone who wishes to use the top of frozen Androscoggin Lake. The Thirty Mile River Snowmobile Club asks that wheeled motorized vehicles not use the lake access points and numbered trails as the wheels create unsafe conditions because of ruts and can do damage to the land.

Join our Courtesy Boat Inspectors Team



You may have heard that last year our courtesy boat inspector, Vanessa Randall, found invasive Eurasian milfoil on a trailer at the Androscoggin boat launch. The boater had come from Lake Champlain, in Vermont.

In response to this, ALIC has increased support for paid staff, enabling us to greatly expand our weekend coverage at the public boat launch. However, there are still many times during the week when no inspector is on duty. For example, a team of “early birds” is gathering to help provide coverage before breakfast on an as available basis.

Please join our efforts to protect Androscoggin Lake by becoming a volunteer courtesy boat inspector. The best way to contact us online is by sending an e-mail to info@androscogginlake.org.

ALIC and the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

As a member group of the **30 Mile River Watershed Association**, ALIC benefits from the many programs sponsored by **30 Mile**. For more information about current programs and events at **30 Mile**, or to sign up for their newsletter, visit the website at www.30mileriver.org, send email to info@30mileriver.org or call (207)-695-4956.

Loon Platforms Await Residents

by Debbie Hite



ALIC's grant program providing loon nesting platforms is in its second year, thanks to leadership from board member Tom Barden and participation by member “hosts” from around the lake. Applicants must be willing to build, launch, monitor, maintain, store and re-launch the platforms each year in a designated area.

A grant of \$200 helps cover the cost of materials which are outlined in a set of building plans.

There are currently five platforms in place, with three being underwritten by the grants, two on the Leeds side of the lake and one in the Yacht Club Basin on the Wayne side. The other two rafts are in West Acres and around the bend of Stinchfield Point. While it can take up to three years for the loons to “buy into” the new real estate, nesting platforms have been successful on Androscoggin Lake in the past and offer a solution to the problem of highly-variable water levels in the spring during nesting season.

Here's hoping for a “productive” year for the loons on Androscoggin!

Time to Renew Your Membership



Summer is upon us. It is the long-awaited time for all of us to enjoy our lake during what is probably its finest season.

ALIC's primary purpose is to **maintain and improve the quality of the water** in Androscoggin Lake. And, ALIC is working very hard to safeguard the lake from threats posed by both pollutants and invasive plants. But, the ability of ALIC to continue its good work relies on support from all of its members.

Renew your membership **today!** ALIC depends upon your annual renewal.

Learn the many ways to volunteer your time by contacting your board of directors at info@androscogginlake.org

Use the form below to let us know who you are, and send it with your check to the following address:

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Remember to check if your employer offers matching grants to enhance your contribution.

ALIC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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- Renew Membership New Member
- Check this box only if you do **NOT** want your e-mail address added to the ALIC Yahoo!Group. This group is used by ALIC to periodically send e-mail to its members.
- I would like to save some trees. By checking this box you will not receive paper copies of ALIC Newsletters. ALIC newsletters can always be found on the web site, www.androscogginlake.org.

Membership Level and Donations

- \$20 Individual \$35 Family \$50 Loon Supporter \$75 Contributor \$100 Benefactor
- \$200 Eagle _____ Dick Hoddinott Advocacy Fund _____ Additional Donation

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