



BELGRADE LAKES ASSOCIATION

To protect and improve the watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through Preservation, Education and Action.

Summer 2013

What's LakeSmart? What's Your Lake IQ?

by Dave Gay

2nd part in a series
examining the programs
supported by BLA.

Everyone loves beautiful water, but few stop to think that it's up to you and me to keep it that way.

It's true! What you and I do around our lakeside homes will effect water quality, the survival of wildlife, and the value of all properties around the lakes. If this idea is news to you, we'd like the chance to visit with you in your home and show you how you can help us, the Belgrade Lakes Association, protect Great and Long Pond now and for generations to come.



We're inviting you to become LakeSmart. BLA has adopted the LakeSmart program because it protects lakes by recognizing homeowners, like you, who maintain their homes with the lakes in mind. The science is in and the experts have shown that you and I can make all the difference for the future of our lakes if we're smart about how we treat the land. When you accept our LakeSmart invitation, you'll learn how to protect the lakes, preserve the value of your property, and help wild creatures thrive.



Here's how it works: You call or write our LakeSmart Coordinator, and we arrange to have one of our trained volunteers come to your home. He or she will walk your property to assess its lake-friendliness and give you a written report on its 'Lake IQ.' If appropriate, you'll also get some suggestions for making improvements. You can follow these recommendations or not, as you wish. There is no cost to the visit or obligation to act (though we hope you will). The LakeSmart visit is simply an informal opportunity to learn how to protect the lakes, preserve property value, and help wildlife. It takes about an hour.

Recognition: Sometimes a home starts out with a high Lake IQ. That's not the usual course, but when it happens, the homeowner receives the prestigious LakeSmart Award and a great deal of applause from us right away. More often than not, homeowners earn the Award after making improvements over a year or two. Either way, when you accept the LakeSmart challenge, it's a win-win-win: for the lakes, for the loons and for every property owner around the shore.

Please contact Dave Gay at 502-905-8550 or at davegay41@gmail.com for your LakeSmart visit today.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Belgrade Lakes Association Members,

The choices we make today to “Protect and Preserve” “Our Sense of Place” is up to each one of us. Because we need to change the attitude toward how we treat our lakes/watershed in Belgrade, I am asking each of you to COMMIT to using THE BEST CONSERVATION PRACTICES on and off the water.

Get your property LAKESMART. The BLA can show you how; you just need to ask us. It takes courage to go the extra mile, but I know that we all can do this for the “Sake of Our Lakes.” I am asking each of you to join me and take the initiative to ADOPT YOUR SHORELINE. Please let us hear from you when you have made the pledge to commit to this initiative. Email us, call us, or stop in and talk with us.

If you agree that:

- Passion is a choice to protect what you love by putting your best foot forward.
- Responsibility is a choice to protect what you have to make sure it is here for future generations.
- Initiative is a choice to take the responsibility for your shoreline’s health.
- Teaching is a choice to spread best conservation practices.
- Communication is a choice that we have to listen to others and to speak with conviction.
- Communication also happens when people feel they are being heard. (I want you all to know the BLA is listening and communicating what’s going on with the lakes.)

Then I encourage all of you to take the initiative, get involved, use best conservation practices, become LakeSmart, be responsible by keeping your “Eyes On The Water,” and let us know how the Belgrade Lakes Association can help you get started.

One of my goals as President of the Belgrade Lakes Association is to have all waterfront and off-waterfront landowners become members of the Belgrade Lakes Association. Please ask your friends and neighbors to join.

I will be hosting COFFEE WITH BLA on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in the months of July and August at the BLA office in the MLRC.

Have a wonderful summer!

My best to all,

Gail

Gail Rizzo

P.S. Hope to see you at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 10th at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course.

Recipe

In a medium-sized mixing bowl, mix ALL your ingredients EXCEPT the olive oil. Save the olive oil for the frying pan, or if you’re grilling, then just slightly coat your grilling surface. Cook for 10-15 min. flipping as desired. ENJOY!

Fresh Garlic & String Bean Salad:

INGREDIENTS:

- 5-6 cloves of garlic, minced
- 4-5 plum tomatoes, sliced & quartered
- 1/3 - 1/2 lb Fresh String Beans, halved
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 2-3 tbs. Olive Oil
- 2-3 pinches Salt & Pepper *optional crushed red pepper or cayenne

What to do:

Make a “dressing.” Mix the minced garlic, S&P, lemon juice & olive oil together in a bowl and let it sit. Then blanch or slightly steam the string beans. Set them aside to cool and quarter your tomatoes. After all the veggies are cooled, chopped, and ready to go, put them in a serving bowl; give the dressing a little stir, pour it over the top of the veggies, and mix/coat them thoroughly. ENJOY!!

Emily Bureau

Audubon Society Loon Count for Great and Long Pond

By Joan Witkin

The Audubon Society holds an annual loon count on the third Saturday in July. It takes place from 7 AM to 7:30 AM, no matter what the weather. Counts are made on Great Pond, Long Pond, Salmon/McGrath, East Pond, North Pond and Messalonskee Lake (as well as many other lakes in ME, NH, VT and NY).

We have records for Great Pond beginning in 1984. Over this period the numbers of adults have ranged from 22 (1997) to 73 (2011). Numbers of chicks have ranged from only 1 (in 4 of the years) to 9 (2008). Counts are very susceptible to weather conditions, but the counters are very loyal.



Results of Audubon Annual Loon Count for Great Pond

YEAR	ADULTS	CHICKS
2008	44	9
2009	29	5
2010	49	2
2011	73	3
2012	47	5

For historical loon count data, go to Maine Audubon's loon page at maineaudubon.org and click on the button for the interactive map. You can click on individual lakes and get a history of the count through 2011.

We have recently heard this from Susan Gallo at the Maine Audubon Society:

"Maine Audubon has submitted a bill to extend the ban on lead sinkers to include both larger sinkers (up to one ounce) as well as lead-headed jigs (up to 2 1/2")." Our data notes that close to 100 loons have died from lead poisoning in ME and shows us that fully half of the lead objects are jigheads between 1.25 and 2.5 inches long. So we'll be looking for help when the bill comes before the committee. We'll need people to call their legislators and show up at the hearing...the hearing will be packed with anglers and with tackle lobbyists (flying in specially for the occasion!) so we will need all the help we can get. It's exciting!!!

We are always looking for people who would like to participate in the loon count. What you need is a boat and a willingness to get out on the lake a bit earlier than usual. The larger lakes are divided into sectors in order to get a more accurate count. If you're up for the count in the summer of 2013, it will be on **July 20**. We hope to hear from you. Contact Joan Witkin: jww3@columbia.edu or Susan Gallo at Maine Audubon at (207) 781-2330.

THE ISLAND © 2002 Anni Clark

Here are beautiful lyrics that describe our lakes and our "Sense of Place," minus the flounder and salt!

I went back to the island, little did I know
I left a part of me there such a long time ago...
When I got to the island, I climbed the long stone stairs...
the raspberries were gone, but I could smell them there

*There's a house on the island, it sits on a hill,
and there's a piece of my heart that lives there still...
Everywhere on the island it smells so sweet,
and I sleep so good under cotton sheets...*

When I go to the island, I am young again,
and I can hear Papa playin' the accordian
as I dream on the front porch in a big rocking chair...
it will be dinner time soon, and all my cousins will be there

*There's a house on the island, it sits on a hill,
and there's a piece of my heart that lives there still...
I wear bare feet `stead of shoes and socks,
and I catch a big flounder down on the docks...
There's cucumber sandwiches and lobster, too,
and we'll race to the beach and jump into the blue...
There's a dance at the hall for the older crew,
and if I ever grow up, I might dance there with you*

Now I go to the island, and I bring my song...
I feel the history there, I want to pass it on...
I leave a piece of my heart on the island, I know,
and I carry the island where ever I go

*There's a house on the island, it sits on a hill,
and there's a piece of my heart that lives there still...
I go down to the cove where I learned to swim,
and I can taste salt water all over again*

I went back to the island...
I am there on the island

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Check out Anni Clark's Website for more information about the artist and her upcoming events at www.anniclark.com

From The Center

by Kathi Wall

Homemakers are some of the most important people in the world. Remember the old saying, “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” These words, written by poet William Ross Wallace in the mid-1800’s, guided womanhood and motherhood for the next seven decades. World War Two was a game-changer for women. They stepped into the workforce in unprecedented numbers and before 1940, the hand that rocked the cradle also riveted aircraft and tanks.



*Maine Lakes Resource Center
in Belgrade Lakes*

Today, it’s generally accepted that women work outside the home, necessitating the generation of new language, such as “stay-at-home dad” and “Mr. Mom.” So, whomever you are, doing laundry, scrubbing floors, cleaning bathrooms, and cooking meals, this is for YOU.

The average American uses 80-100 gallons of water a day (USGS) by flushing toilets, bathing, drinking, washing clothes, cooking meals, and washing cars. In a country of 300 million people, over half of whom are adults, that’s a show-stopping minimum of 12,000,000,000 gallons of fresh water each and every day!

As well as wondering where all of that fresh water comes from, we ought to be thinking about how we might save (at least) some of that precious resource.

I DO want all of us to think about how NOT to waste water ... sort of a Group Think Activity (GTA). I’ll list a few of the items I think about, and you can send your thoughts to me for future publications. Here I go ...

1. If you steam clean your floors (with one of several new steam mops on the market), you can do an entire 12-15 foot room with 1/2 cup of water. The resulting floor is cleaner and sanitized, which is important if one has pets or lives on a farm. Steam has been a standard cleaning agent in industrial shops for many years, and easy technology is now available for household use.
2. You do not have to use water-polluting chemicals to get things clean. My grandmother taught me how to make a paste from baking soda and water, which works well on enamel surfaces, bathroom tiles and shower stalls. It’s definitely NOT a wipe-on, wipe-off system as chemical cleaners are, but the elbow grease used in its administration strengthens the upper arms.

That’s it! ... Now it’s your turn. I need your help to think of all the ways that we, in our “ordinary” lives, can begin to do extraordinary things to save these wonderful Central Maine lakes. Visit the Maine Lakes Resource Center at 137 Main Street in Belgrade Lakes to pick up other tips and ideas from the conservation organizations housed in that building ... or call ... or email: kwallmainelakes@gmail.com.



BLA members enjoy going to the village by stream and using the docks at the Maine Lakes Resource Center.

Morning Sentinel Article on Great Pond Buoy

BELGRADE — This summer, environmental scientists in the area and around the world will begin to gain a much better understanding of how Great Pond works.

The improvement comes with the deployment of a high-tech, \$20,000 buoy, the first of its kind in Maine, in the pond, armed with sensors that will begin sending a continuous data stream describing real-time lake conditions to a global network of scientists.

"It's really about this long-term monitoring and being able to predict when something may happen," Denise Bruesewitz, professor of environmental studies at Colby College, said.

From a monitoring computer, Bruesewitz said, she will receive readings on temperature, oxygen levels, phytoplankton activity and light levels every 15 minutes.

The buoy has sensors placed every 10 feet along black cables that will dangle into the water, sending back readings from a variety of depths.

Bruesewitz said it is anchored by mooring lines near Hoyt's Island at Deep Hole, which, at 70 feet, is the deepest spot of the lake.

Getting information this way is vastly superior to current methods, Bruesewitz said, which involve people traveling out to the lake in a boat and taking a single reading.

"In the past it's been a snapshot of data, like a photograph," she said. "We're going to have a thing like a film."

The buoy will allow Great Pond to be part of the Global Lake Ecological Observatory Network, in which scientists from all around the world share lake data to help identify regional and global trends.

Right now, the network includes similar buoys on about 50 different lakes, she said, with the number growing rapidly.

As more lakes are included in the network, the data will be more useful for global and regional questions. For example, scientists could predict the effect of a certain type of land development, based on information from a series of lakes that have undergone similar development.

One recent use of the network, she said, was to track the impact of Hurricane Irene in 2011, which passed over three or four lakes that contained buoys armed with sensors. The data gathered gave never-before-seen insight into how a hurricane impacts a lake, she said.

The buoy will also help to analyze local as well as global problems.

Bruesewitz said the local community will be better able to predict things like harmful algae blooms, which occur when algae are presented with increased levels of nutrients in the water, allowing them to multiply unchecked.

The blooms can wreak havoc on the lake's ecosystem, Bruesewitz said, in part because when the algae dies, it sinks to the bottom of the lake and decomposes, a process

that removes oxygen from the lake's lower levels. When the water becomes hypoxic, meaning very low oxygen levels, large populations of fish can suffocate and die.

The sensors will allow an unprecedented understanding of that process, which will help people to understand, for example, exactly what threshold of oxygen depletion will lead to a bloom.

The data could also be helpful in tracking the impact of milfoil on the lake, she said, particularly if the presence of the invasive weed becomes more widespread.

Bruesewitz said that, as technology advances, different, more advanced sensors could be deployed on the buoy, which would allow scientists to answer different questions.

The buoy has been designed to be large and stable, she said, and to minimize the wear and tear on the sensors.

Bruesewitz said that a grant proposal has been sent to the National Science Foundation that would fund a series of four or five buoys across the state.

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Denise Bruesewitz, an associate professor at Colby College, and Theresa Petzoldt, 21, an environmental studies major, stand next to "Goldie," a research buoy, at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade. Staff photo by Michael G. Seamans

MEMBERS STRONGLY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

by Lynn Matson

Results from the Belgrade Lakes Association 2013 Member Survey show tremendous support among the membership for the association, its mission as a local lake conservation organization and its recent actions.

Ninety-six percent of the survey respondents feel that the association's mission, "To Protect and Improve the Watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through Preservation, Education and Action," continues to be right for the association. And 95% of respondents feel the association is doing a very good or extremely good job of accomplishing this mission.

The survey further revealed that 87% of the respondents feel that their membership in the association is very or extremely important to them. And 92% feel the activities of the association are very or extremely important in terms of maintaining the value of shorefront property on Great Pond and Long Pond.

The survey also indicated that members are very positive about how the monies they give the association are being spent. Below are the results for the spending activities included in the survey. The numbers in the right-hand column indicate the percentage of total respondents who feel the activity and the dollars spent on or contributed to that activity are very or

extremely important to the mission of the association.

The respondents also recognized the importance of maintaining a strong membership. 75% of the respondents feel that the member outreach activities and communications are extremely or very important while 74% of those who responded said the member receptions are important.

To date, 187 members filled out and mailed back the survey. That is an excellent return rate for a lengthy written survey. And more are coming in every day.

Your association board of directors wants to thank each of you who took the time to complete the survey. Your ideas and opinions about the organization, its activities and actions are extremely important. Your feedback will provide excellent guidance for future board decisions.

If you have questions or would like to discuss any aspect of these survey results, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your board.

ACTIVITY	DOLLARS SPENT OR CONTRIBUTED	% OF VERY OR EXTREMELY IMPORTANT RESPONSES
Invasive Milfoil	\$230,000	99%
Water Quality Monitoring	\$7,000	95%
Conservation Corps	\$3,500	88%
LakeSmart	\$5,000	76%
Education	\$1,000	69%
Trail Maintenance	\$1,200	58%
Land Acquisition	\$22,709*	57%

*Represents the contribution from the Belgrade Lakes Association to purchase a 41-acre extension to the Mountain Trail in 2011, which was half of the total cost of the land acquisition.

What life is like in the Belgrades in the Winter ...



Great Pond looking South!

and Summer !



Great Pond looking North!

STOP MILFOIL WORK TO RESUME

by Lynn Matson

Milfoil workers will be back in the water beginning Monday, June 3, to resume removal of the invasive milfoil plants from Great Meadow Stream and North Bay of Great Pond. The work will continue right through the summer and into the early fall.

New England Milfoil, the professional milfoil mitigation company from Brownfield, Maine, will have their divers and DASH boat (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester) working on the lake the weeks of June 3, 10, 24; July 8, 15, 22, and August 5, 12, 19. Depending on the amount of milfoil to be removed and their progress, the company may be retained for additional days later in the season.

The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) crews will be on the water for the entire summer. A team of four will focus on hand-removal of the milfoil in the shallower areas of the stream and bay, especially in those places where the invasive plants are intermingled with native vegetation.

A two-person team, including a summer intern from Colby College, will spend its time surveying both Great Pond and Long Pond for new outbreaks of invasive plants. They will be checking the tributaries, coves and shoreline, particularly those areas deemed at high risk for possible outbreaks.

And one team member will handle the **Adopt A Shoreline** program, providing training and support to camp owners, road associations and other groups that volunteer to regularly check a section of shoreline for invasive plants. Your help is needed to make this program successful. Please call Toni Pied, BRCA Milfoil Program Director, at 207 512-5554 for more details.

STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign

Thanks to all of you who have again responded to the call for help with the STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign. Your donations

and gifts are vitally important and greatly appreciated. The milfoil removal work would not get done without your generous financial support.

Our goal this year is to raise a minimum of \$150,000, which is the amount that will be matched by our gift grant. If successful, we will see a total of \$300,000 contributed to the STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign fund, \$150,000 from donors like you and \$150,000 in matching funds.

Remember, all donations received by October 31, 2013, from **past donors will be matched 1-to-1** by the grant. All donations received by this same date from **new donors will be matched 2-to-1**. With your donation being doubled or tripled this year, it's a great time to support our STOP MILFOIL campaign.

Please consider a gift. Make a check payable to: "BLA-STOP MILFOIL" and mail it to:

Belgrade Lakes Association
PO Box 551
Belgrade Lakes, Maine 04918

Thanks for your vigilance and financial support. This is a fight we can win. With your help, this is a fight we will win.



Milfoil workers checking buoy in Great Pond

UPDATE ON MILFOIL IN GREAT MEADOW STREAM

by Toni Pied

The stream looks fairly decent at this point. There are some patches of regrowth, but it seems much better than last year. Also, the areas of the stream that were filled with milfoil are not yet growing back as quickly. That's the good news. The mouth of the stream, however, does have a fair amount of regrowth already.

Some other good news...the barriers we left in over the winter have done fairly well and don't seem to have moved around too much. However, I should mention that the visibility was not that great, and the water was also very low.

New England Milfoil removal will start the week of June 3rd and our other crews will also start that week, although they will undergo training before they begin work in the lake. Our first priority will be to move the benthic barriers and to start work on the other infested tributaries.

NEW BLA WEBSITE

by Dick Greenan

Due to newer tablet and smartphone technologies and screens, we have had to significantly rework and update your BLA website. Please visit www.belgradelakesassociation.com or www.blamaine.org and click on just a few of our latest additions:

- Current updates on our ongoing battle against the Milfoil infestations
- 2011 Great Pond and Long Pond Water Quality Surveys
- Great Pond and Long Pond Shoreline Mapping Photos
- The 2011 Maine Lakes Report
- The tabletop BLA Homeowners Guide
- The 1909 Belgrade Lakes Association historical Articles of Incorporation
- New MLRC/Colby Belgrade Lakes Village live Webcam
- Maps to our popular local Hiking Trails

The BLA Homeowners Guide is a wonderful adjunct to all rental properties and familiarizes your guests with proper watershed practices.

The new Webcam is a great way to check out the weather (and ice!) on Belgrade Stream here in the village 24/7!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PLEASE DROP BY AND SEE US THIS SUMMER!

Katherine remembered by Kathleen ... A Tribute to Kay Mayer

(beloved wife of Eddie) by Kathi Wall

Kay Mayer supported these lakes and this village for 60 years ...

Never having met before, she arrived at my door one afternoon saying, "I want to borrow your daughter." Jennifer was 6 years old and I was 36 and not about to let my daughter go off to "God knows Where" with "God knows Who."

She came with a recommendation from the Gawlers – whom I did know – and after a brief discussion with Kate

Gawler, I decided to stretch the envelope of suspicion and ride along to "the ponies" – which I also knew nothing about. Jennifer, needless to say, was thrilled to be learning about ponies along with her best friend Sarah Schneider, who was Kate's daughter.

What followed was many years of friendship with Kay who became one of my best friends even though almost 30 years separated us. For a very long time, not a day went by that Kay (or Eddie) weren't in our lives. We ate together, mended fences together, drove pony carts, grew asparagus ... her weeding capacity was far greater than mine. To this day, I tend the "Eddie Mayer Memorial Asparagus Patch" that sits next to "Kay Mayer's Raspberries." Often, we differed over fertilizers, mulches, or other manner of stewarding these patches ... we could both be pretty crotchety. But we cared - deeply - about the earth, water, fire and wind, and all they could bring to our lives.

My son, AJ, ... now Alex ... had his time with her as well. She taught him to sail, windsurf, and row around the lakes he loved. She nurtured my children and animals and fed my husband chocolate chip cookies as only she could do.

What a gift she was – how much she filled my life for many years. What great people we met hanging out at camp! Now, my daughter is taking her daughter to riding lessons, and my son is looking for a place on a lake in Oregon ... in no small part because of Kay Mayer.



Irina Bouchard with Kay Mayer and Chester

Rosco Page's Apple Orchard

Excerpts from Laura Childs's letter to Dennis Keschl

My name is Laura Childs. I am a lifetime 6th generation resident of Belgrade. For the last 10 years I have worked

orchard was potentially going to be cut down led me to find accurate information regarding what is fact and what is fiction.

(Response from new owner: "I don't know who said that I was going to cut the apple trees. I have no plans at this time to cut any trees. I don't have a problem with them trying to save the trees. Let me know what I can do to help." Manny Bernardo)

Fedco, at 213 Hinckley Road in Clinton, is quite an impressive seasonal operation, and those interested could chat with John Bunker regarding the historical significance of Belgrade's ancient orchards.

Roscoe Page was always so generous with his trees- I remember going there with my family as a young child and picking fruit and making pies to give to neighboring old folks. They loved to see us coming.



at Fedco Seeds and Trees in Clinton and have come to know a great deal about fruit trees and the historic agricultural significance they played in the economy along the Kennebec River.

In the early 1980's, John Bunker, Founder of Fedco Trees and author of the book 'Not Far from the Tree,' spent a great deal of time in the Page family orchard. He mapped it out and identified a number of the trees. Now that he is in his 60's, he has learned a great deal more since then, and we hope to revisit the old place and continue the work.

Last year we began a project of mapping out all of the old orchards in town and found some rare gems. One tree in particular was found on the old Bickford place on Route 8 in North Belgrade, currently owned by Russel Danner of Waterville. The tree is over 100 years old and still produces fruit beautifully. It is a rare variety thought to have been lost in the industry and once we can rebuild stock from it, the tree will be greatly sought after. It is called 'Spice.' The apple tastes like someone sprinkled apple pie spice all over it. We took scionwood from the tree and I grafted and planted them in a small nursery at my place. I plan to pot them up and sell them to benefit the Belgrade Historical Society. I also plan to give some of the seedlings to the current owner and to the former owner, Dwayne Bickford, who grew up eating pies made from that magnificent tree.

The work involved in preserving heirloom varieties is extensive and time consuming. Rumor that the old Page



Future apples!

BELGRADE LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RAFFLE

Win a Great Prize while supporting our effort to protect and preserve Great Pond & Long Pond

Tickets: \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Buy \$100 in tickets and be automatically entered into the Bonus Raffle!

Drawing August 10th at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club.

(You don't need to be present to win)



Grand Prize:

Godfrey 15' Sweetwater Model
1570 Pontoon Boat, EZ Loader
Trailer, Yamaha Outboard Motor.

Retail Value \$16,806

Donated by Hamlin's Marine



Second Prize:

Three Sections of a
Shoremaster Dock
Retail value \$2,300

Donated by Hammond Lumber
Company



Third Prize:

Pelican Pursuit 80 Kayak,
paddle, and life vest
Retail value \$500.

Donated by Belgrade Canoe
and Kayak

AND 3 GREAT NEW PRIZES - - - WIN A FREE ONE WEEK RENTAL AT THESE GREAT CAMPS!

Snake Point Camp on Great Pond

Modern 3 bedroom home on wooded lot with privacy and quiet location. Fantastic western exposure for afternoon sun and sunsets. All modern appliances including dishwasher and washer/dryer. Large master bedroom with king bed. Camp sleeps total of 7. Screened and open porches. Docks on both sides of point for east and west docking. Available from May 15 to June 28, 2014. Value \$1,500. Donated by Steve and Anne Smith.

Tearmann Loch Camp on Great Pond

Warm and roomy, newly decorated, pine cottage just steps from water's edge. Incredible sunset views. Two bedrooms sleep 6. Open kitchen, dining and living room with screened porch. Private road great for walks and biking. Deep water access. Includes 2 single kayaks and 1 canoe. Available first 3 weeks of June or any week in September, 2014. Value \$1,000-\$1,100. Donated by John and Lynne Gibbs.

Pine Point Ocean Cottage in Scarborough, Maine

Beautiful newly built ocean cottage on the marsh with wonderful harbor views. Open floor plan concept. Living room and kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Two bedrooms sleep 5. Large deck with gas grill. Available June and September 2014. Value \$1,600. Donated by Pat Donahue.

BONUS RAFFLE

All \$100.00 raffle ticket purchases will be automatically entered into the BONUS RAFFLE to win one of these three great prizes. Tickets must be purchased at the same time and in one name to be eligible.

1. Four rounds of golf with cart at Belgrade Lakes Golf Club.

Retail value of \$600.

(Golf rounds are nontransferable)

Donated by Gail and Frank Rizzo.



2. Dinner for 4 at the Village Inn.

Retail value of \$200.

Donated by Charlie and Susan Grover



3. Four Adirondack chairs.
Retail value \$700 (\$175 per chair).
Donated by Lakepoint Real Estate.

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Sense of Place

Excerpt from “A Place Called Chekawe,” a book in progress that is primarily about my family’s summer home on Great Pond...By: Nhoj Rednats

After lunch Dad would take a short nap under the spreading branches of the oak trees, but first he would soak a few pieces of bread with brandy from his flask and place them on a log on the other side of the picnic area. It didn’t take the chipmunks long to discover the treat for they had become accustomed to Dad’s offerings. And it didn’t take the chipmunks long to dance, somersault, and cavort around the picnic area. Chipmunks are friendly little animals. I once kept one in the pocket of my field jacket when my unit was on maneuvers in upstate New York.



1922 photo of Pine Islanders off to Quebec Trip
at the Chain of Ponds
(Wilson Parkhill second from left)

There were other things to do while we were on shore break; explore Oak Island or the long unused beach in North Bay, swim in the reeds to find turtles and pickerel, and watch Hosea pack up from lunch. I learned from him how to clean dishes with sand and not soap, and this was well before the water quality of the lake became an environmental concern for all of us. It is quite amazing how well he could clean the blue enamelware and iron skillet with just sand, water and a towel. I usually had the honor of dousing the fire as Hosea and Dad maneuvered the Mandalay clear of the submerged rocks. One last note about the shore lunches: Mother packed a few tins of sardines in the lunch basket. I never asked her if this was done as a joke, or just in case, or as a dig at two men and a boy out on the lake for a day’s adventure. In those days it was hard not to catch our limit of four to five pound bass, with an occasional salmon thrown in.

Letters of E.B. White

This continues the series of letters from the writings of E.B. White

We went fishing the first morning. I felt the same damp moss covering the worms in the bait can, and saw the dragonfly alight on the tip of my rod as it hovered a few inches from the surface of the water. It was the arrival of this fly that convinced me beyond any doubt that everything was as it always had been, that the years were a mirage and there had been no years. The small waves were the same, chucking the rowboat under the chin as we fished at anchor, and the boat was the same boat, the same color green and the ribs broken in the same places, and under the floor-boards the same fresh-water leavings and debris--the dead hellgrammite, the wisps of moss, the rusty discarded fishhook, the dried blood from yesterday's catch. We stared silently at the tips of our rods, at the dragonflies that came and went. I lowered the tip of mine into the water, pensively dislodging the fly, which darted two feet away, poised, darted two feet back, and came to rest again a little farther up the rod. There had been no years between the ducking of this dragonfly and the other one--the one that was part of memory. . . .

After breakfast we would go up to the store and the things were in the same place--the minnows in a bottle, the plugs and spinners disarranged and pawed over by the youngsters from the boys' camp, the fig newtons and the Beeman's gum. Outside, the road was tarred and cars stood in front of the store. Inside, all was just as it had always been, except there was more Coca Cola and not so much Moxie and root beer and birch beer and sarsaparilla. We would walk out with a bottle of pop apiece and sometimes the pop would backfire up our noses and hurt. We explored the streams, quietly, where the turtles slid off the sunny logs and dug their way into the soft bottom; and we lay on the town wharf and fed worms to the tame bass. Everywhere we went I had trouble making out which was I, the one walking at my side, the one walking in my pants.

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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 15th.....Member Reception for the BLA
at Camp Runoia from 5:30 – 7:30

Thursday, July 11th.....Public Meeting on STOP MILFOIL
at the MLRC

Tuesday, June 25th.....“A Zero Waste World,”
a Chewonki Program at the MLRC at 2pm

Tuesday, July 16th.....“Water and Wildlife,”
a Chewonki Program at the MLRC at 2pm

Saturday, July 27th.....Member Reception for the BLA
at Scott and Lauren Bolduc’s Camp

Tuesday, August 6th.....“Birds of Prey,”
a Chewonki Program” at the MLRC at 2pm

Thursday, August 8th.....Public Meeting on STOP MILFOIL
at the MLRC

Saturday, August 10th.....Annual Meeting for the BLA
at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course

Every weekend, beginning May 25th through August 10, we will be selling

*Each Chewonki program is one hour long. They all involve hands-on activities, demos, and (where appropriate) live creatures.