

McWain Pond News



**ANNUAL
4TH OF JULY
BOAT PARADE
4:00 PM**

MPA ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 14, 2018

10:00AM

Birch Rock Camp

**Come early to meet and greet and for
coffee and snacks. We look forward
to seeing you!**

**Be Sure to Visit: www.McWainPond.org
Pond History and back newsletters are available**

Summary of Donna Butterall's McWain Pond Association Annual Meeting Minutes:

Bill and Nancy Hanger had reported that there was a late Ice Out on April 27, 2017 and one loon showed up by the dam before the ice was all out. The 2nd loon arrived soon after the platform nest was placed in the water. Two eggs were laid, even though there



were many black flies. There was worry about the Eagle and small planes. There did not seem to be any reaction to fireworks. There is a Loon census taken every year in Maine on July 15th.

Earl Morse reported on Pond Survey. Only Invasive species that were found were crayfish and golf balls. Peter informed us that there is a conference on Milfoil every year. He would like to have the survey every two years which would require hiring divers who would need new wetsuit replacements.

Discussion about fireworks: Should there be just one group display? Is there a possibility of having Silent Fireworks? Bruce Whichard talked about the Honor Flight that helps WWII Veterans go to DC to see WWII Memorial.

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE McWAIN POND ASSOCIATION

The McWain Pond Community at large, its people, our neighbors, the monitoring of the water quality, preventive and remedial action to maintain the quality, retention of the value of our real estate investment, these are some of the items that the McWain Pond Trustees spend time on during each year. We would love every owner on McWain to share in these values and join us by renewing your membership in or perhaps joining for the first time or, for those of you who have been past members, re-joining, the McWain Pond Association.

At just \$25 per year for a family, individual or business, it makes a good investment. The Board of Trustees are watching out for your interests and those of our entire McWain Pond community. Please be sure to mail your dues payment to McWain Pond Association at PO Box 271, Waterford, ME 04088.

FIREWORKS IN WATERFORD

A group of concerned citizens gathered together last Fall to discuss the merits of adopting a fireworks ordinance. The goal was to address the dangers of wildfires and to provide an online system that would provide advanced warning to people with animals that needed to be managed, humans that are highly sensitive to noise, such as Veterans and Autistic children, and others who may be negatively impacted by the noise of an unexpected fireworks display. Many small towns around us have such ordinances, Greenwood, Andover and Norway, just a few examples.

Significant discussion occurred, and the review of other successful town ordinances were combined to create what the people of Waterford feel is the most effective way to mitigate the negative effects of fireworks while allowing people the freedom of expression to use them. Many pets, livestock and humans are sensitive to the noise of most fireworks. It can also be considered a nuisance by those in the surrounding area. Those of us who live or visit here, do so because we expect the peace and quiet that comes with living away from urban areas. Having the permit system in place provides a way of alerting neighboring families that a display will occur.

Here is what you need to know if you plan to use fireworks in Waterford:

- 1. A permit is NOT required on July 4th, the Saturday prior to and just after the 4th**
- 2. Displays must end no later than 10:00 PM.**
- 3. All other days of the year a permit is required**
- 4. Permits can be requested both online & at the town hall**
- 5. No fee for permits**
- 6. Date, Time and location are required to obtain a permit**
- 7. A permit will not be approved if the fire danger is 3 or higher**
- 8. If weather causes a cancellation on the day of your display, the permit carries forward to an appropriate day**
- 9. If you wish to be alerted when a fireworks permit is issued all you need to do is provide an email address to the town clerk's office and you will automatically be notified when a display will take place along with the general area of the display.**
- 10. If you hear / see a display that is not approved on the website, you may contact the Oxford County Sheriff at 207-743-9554 or 1-800-733-1421.**

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using fireworks

MCWAIN POND TRIVIA

McWain Pond, originally known as Long Pond, was renamed after Waterford's first settler, David McWain, who came to the area in 1775. David was said to have helped later settlers during hard winters by selling off his surplus corn at a low price. He was also rumored to have hid silver in pine trees to protect it from being stolen.

Fishing - McWain Pond is principally managed for smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, and rainbow smelt. Yellow perch, golden shiners, and rainbow smelt all provide forage for the bass. Crayfish were introduced in 1959 by Inland Fish and Wildlife as an additional food source for the bass. Smelts are commercially taken from the pond by local bait dealers and recreational dipping is allowed in the pond and its tributaries. McWain also supports populations of fallfish, white sucker, hornpout, pumpkinseed, sunfish and American eel.



Lake Surface: 445 acres

Watershed 2,505 acres

Max. Depth 42 feet

Elevation 533 feet

Water Quality: Moderate Concern - Because of dissolved oxygen depletion and relatively high late-summer *Gloeotrichia* algae populations most years, McWain Pond is in the MODERATE degree of concern category.

2017 Water-testing summary - Trend analysis indicates that clarity and chlorophyll are stable on McWain Pond while phosphorus has improved over time. The average phosphorus level in 2017 was a significant improvement over the long-term average, whereas clarity and chlorophyll averages were slightly worse than their long-term average values. All three parameters were within the moderate range in 2017. The main water quality concerns on McWain Pond are oxygen depletion and *Gloeotrichia echinulata*, a cyanobacterial species that causes blooms and can produce toxins. In previous years, the pond has occasionally had elevated deep-water phosphorus levels. Deep-water phosphorus levels could not be measured on McWain Pond in 2017, so they were not included in the pond's degree of concern assessment.

2017 average vs. long-term average

- Clarity: Worse at 5.9 meters
- Chlorophyll: Worse at 3.2 ppb
- Phosphorous: Better at 6.4 ppb

THANKS, to the LEA for their dedication to preserving Maine's Lakes and McWain Pond. Congratulations to Peter Lowell, the Executive Director who is retiring this year after 47 years with LEA! His retirement party is June 21st, contact LEA for more details. 207-647-8580





Join in the Annual 4th of July Boat Parade at 4:00. Or cheer and wave from the shoreline!

This is a fun McWain Pond event that dates back many years.

In other news, the Hangers report that our Loon couple has returned, have settled on the nest and have produced at least one egg. The expected delivery date is June 30th.

Please watch out for our Loons and keep them safe and healthy by staying away from the nest and steer clear of them as they swim about the Pond.



The ice went out on April 26th this year, the same day as our neighbor, Keoka Lake.

For the brave souls, swimming has begun, boats are being pulled from their winter storage and you can start leaving your jacket at home... most of the time.

MCWAIN MUSINGS

EVERYONE HAS A STORY

By: Tom Tremblay

We were at camp a couple of weeks ago getting ready for the long awaited summer season. Ahh, Summer, that time of the year we all long for with warm weather, warm water, boating, swimming and visiting neighbors who have been unvisited since last fall.

Having completed phase one of many in our quest to be ready for the season, I settled into our swing at the beach overlooking McWain Pond. As I often do, I reflected on how lucky our family is to have found McWain Pond and Waterford.

My wife, Gail, and I had a hobby of sorts, driving around and looking at lake front property close to our New Hampshire home and affordable. Not ever finding a suitable property, we essentially gave up on the idea. Then in 2000 we were visiting Gail's cousin on Thompson Lake. While we had driven through the area many times it never occurred to us to look for lake front property in this area. It was close to our NH home and close to our daughter's family in Bowdoin. We started talking about the convenience of the area. Her cousin pulled out the Sunday newspaper and we cruised through some real estate ads. Among those ads was the 17 acres at the north end of McWain Pond. The ad made it sound too good to be true. We contacted a real estate agent and he prepared some information for us. We picked that up at his office and, on our own, we drove to the property. We took a quick look at the property, walked into the water up to our knees and said, "let's buy this place", total time elapsed, about 5 minutes. We learned later the property had been on the market for 2 years. We felt the property was waiting for us to show up.

When we purchased the property we had one grandchild just a few months old. Now, we have eleven. All of them cherish their time at McWain as well as many friends and other family members who have been able to spend time at the Pond.

When I consider all the things over a period of time that had to fall into place to make this all possible, I am truly thankful. I am not smart enough to pull this off on my own and give thanks to God for making it all possible. Ownership at McWain is truly a gift for which we are forever grateful. It is a place we love and vow to care for as good stewards.

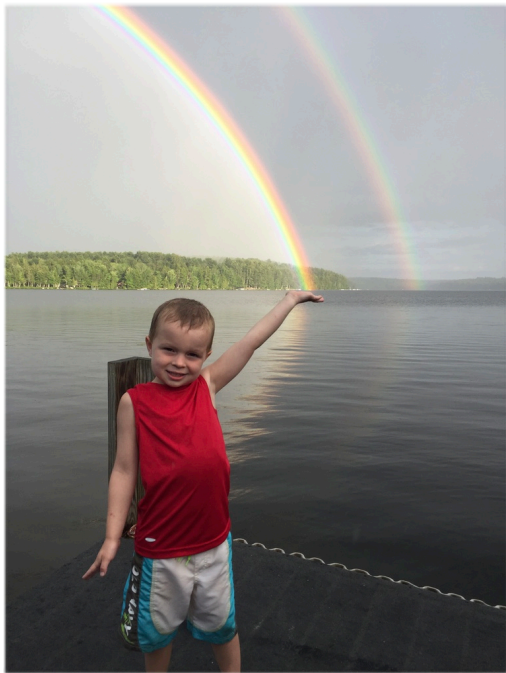
I can only imagine that each and everyone of you have a similar story about how McWain Pond became a part of your life. Maybe your parents bought land or a camp on McWain before you were born and your family still owns it. Perhaps, like us, you or some family member stumbled on Waterford and McWain Pond by accident and decided to take the risk and invest in a vacation home. Maybe as a kid your parents sent you to Birch Rock Camp or another camp on McWain and you fell in love with it. Think of the circumstances about how you ended up on McWain Pond and revel in the excitement of how it all happened. And, be thankful.

Everyone has a story. And, I am hopeful you will reflect on yours. Please write it down and share it with us.

2018 NEWSLETTER OF THE MCWAIN POND ASSOCIATION



I've heard it said that if you are lucky enough to have a place on the lake then you are lucky enough! We sure felt lucky to be able to capture this rainbow over McWain Pond..and to have a chance to hold it a little while!



Alexander Berlien and Norabelle Berlien, the Editor's grandchildren, standing on the Williams' dock

Family Members and Friends We Lost in 2018

Chuck Whichard 1925-2017

Chuck was an educator all his life, teaching industrial arts before becoming a high school guidance counselor. Both Chuck and Bobbi, worked at various summer camps in their younger years, including directors of the Fairview Lakes Camps in NJ. Chuck also assisted working at Camp Waganaki. Chuck and Bobbi then spent the majority of their summers assisting Bobbi's parents with the operation of Camp McWain.

On the lake Chuck is best known for waterskiing well into his 70's. His routine consisted of doing a dock start, sunglasses and hat in place with a lit cigar clinched in his mouth to ward off those Maine mosquitoes. After a few laps around the lake, Chuck would glide into the shallow water, hat still dry, glasses on his head and still puffing on his cigar. He has cooked lobsters, too many to count, every Thursday night for the past 25+ years. Bobbi's father Emile Muzik, started the Thursday evening Lobster Roast Tradition at Camp McWain, which Chuck continued. Chuck turned that tradition over to his son Bruce who continues to cook lobsters every Thursday evening at the Cottages at McWain Point, and now Bruce's son Jared is starting to take over that fourth generation tradition. Chuck was also known for his outstanding tennis accomplishments on the courts at Camp McWain. Plus he has one of the largest collection of the "Waterford Fall Foliage Run" tee shirt, running in almost every race since the beginning. Chuck Whichard will be missed by many, not only his wife Bobbi of 61 years, but by his three sons and their wives, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and all the friends that knew him. His life has touched so many people, through out his teaching career, and his life dedicated to camping.



Annette Tomaino 1935-2018

Annette was a teacher and director of guidance and counseling at Newark Academy and The Pingry School in Basking Ridge, NJ where she initially served as the Director of Guidance and later became the Assistant Head of School. Annette retired from Pingry in 2002, but continued her passion for education by helping develop the curriculum for the Willow School in Gladstone, NJ.

Annette was very active in several organizations serving as the President of the Middle States Accreditation Association, counselor for the Chatham Police Juvenile Conference Committee, Trustee of the Waterford, ME library, and Secretary of the McWain Shores Association. Annette and Bruno spent their summers and later much of their retirement enjoying the natural beauty of Maine. They enjoyed climbing mountains, cross-country skiing, and kayaking on the lakes. Later in life, Annette learned to play golf. She and her husband Bruno were married for 58 years. They came to Waganaki in 1966 and eventually built a home in McWain Shores. Annette volunteered for many years at the Wilkin's House breakfasts and she served twenty-plus years secretary and trustee for the McWain Pond Association.



Captain John Tucker
1926-2018

Capt. John Tucker was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia in May of 1926. He was 91 years old when he past away this past March, 2018, in Norway Maine. John spent time in the US Navy in 1945, and he entered the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1947. It was during this time that John met fellow 4th classman Paul L. Krinsky, who became his lifelong friend, comrade and neighbor on the shores of Lake McWain.

Captain Tucker had a long and much decorated career sailing in the United States Merchant Marine, starting out as a junior third mate for the United States Lines. John sailed on the maiden voyage of the new SS United States super luxury liner. On this maiden voyage, July 3, 1952, the ship shattered the transatlantic speed record previously held for 14 years by the RMS Queen Mary. John moved up the ranks and ultimately sailed as the relieving Captain of the SS United States when only 41 years of age. Many notable celebrities and politicians, President and Mrs. Eisenhower, were passengers on the ship that John Tucker captained.

While a cadet at Kings Point, John met the love of his life, Penny Noble, originally from Norway Maine. They were married in June of 1951. He and Penny had two children, Jeffery Noble and Kimberly Anne and continued to raise their family in NJ, until 1972 when they moved to Waterville Maine. They spent their time between Waterville and their summer camp on Lake McWain. After Captain Tucker retired from sailing in 1987, they lived in the woodshed at their camp in Waterford while renovations were being done to convert their camp into their permanent home.

At first John found retirement difficult, he missed the sea, the ships and the crew. Ultimately, he settled into a peaceful life with Penny. They both still enjoyed traveling, Alaska, Germany and sailed the North Atlantic on the QE2 and the QM2. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, plus Capt. Tucker was very involved with the Waterford pancake breakfasts. John served as the clerk of the Works for the new fire station construction in Waterford, completed in 1997. John was recently honored by the Waterford Fire Department on the 20 Anniversary of the building "that John built". Like most jobs John had, he was thorough, meticulous and remained committed until completed.

John was an outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. Generally a man of few words, an avid reader, a keen observer. He was also known to be, when inclined, quite the story teller. He could be seen on his daily hikes of McWain Hill Road and Mill Hill Road, he was a regular at Tut's for breakfast, always wearing his khaki pants and shirt. He was known simply as "the Captain".

John's son Jeffery and wife Janet live in Waterford. John's daughter Kimberly and her husband Michael Sacco live in Underhill Vermont. John has grandchildren living in Waterford Maine and also Montana. Plus John has great grandchildren in Waterford.

John will be missed by his many family members living throughout the United States. He has been a great friend to many, near and far. He has been a Captain that so many sailors have looked up to, and that have hoped to shape their career after the success of "Captain Tucker". I wish that I had the opportunity to sail the high seas with such a great man. Submitted by: Bruce Whichard





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