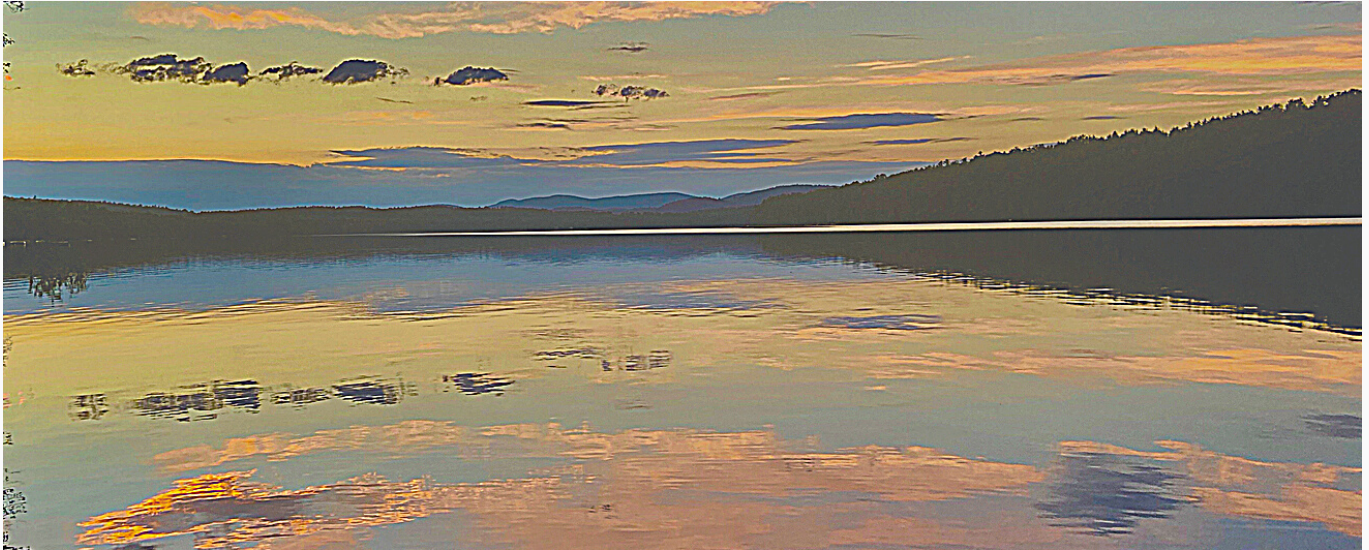


MCWAIN POND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: 2022



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MPA Annual Meeting

Our Annual Lake Association meeting will be held this year on July 16th at 10:00 am.

It will take place at the "Barn" of Tom & Gail Tremblay, located at 59 Foster Ave off Route 37 on the North end of the Pond.

Check out the official MPA Website:
www.mcwainpond.org

Trustees

Bob Crocker

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Peg Nation

Peter Leslie

Peter Sevcik

Rich Deering

Tony Butterall

Thank You Tony Butterall

Anthony “Tony” and his lovely wife Donna adopted their love for Oxford Hills after spending several summers camping with their young family at Papoose Pond. Hailed from Hingham, MA, the Butterall’s passion for the Waterford area revealed a new chapter – a coveted McWain Pond homesite. Upon retiring from Stone and Webster Engineering, Tony adopted Maine as his home state and Waterford as his community. For the past twenty years, Tony has been actively involved with the town’s finance committee, planning board, transfer station, and recycling program. He continues his work today with the appeals committee, Waterford Historical Society, and is the current manager of the Wilkins House.

The McWain Pond Association salutes Tony Butterall for his outstanding tenure and loyal service for fifteen years as our president. You can thank him during his morning perimeter walks around the pond!

Musings From Your Neighbors



McWain Pond winter fun with Atticus Edwards



Summer daydreaming -- Four-year old Atticus Edwards



Relaxing on McWain Pond with two-year old Amelia Edwards



Jules graduated from Winchester High School last year and is now finishing her freshman year at the University of Miami.



Summer splashes with nine-year old Sadie Greason- Edwards

Six Days of Melting Ice



On April 2nd, the ice began its final melt of the season, and when it started to break up around the shore, I decided to track its progress.

On April 4th the ice had begun to crack significantly and changed color to a much darker shade of grey. As the ice melts, pockets of air begin to fill with water making the ice heavier and it begins to sink.



By April 6th the ice was almost completely gone, however it still wouldn't have been considered official "Ice Out." In the state of Maine "Ice Out" is defined by the ability to traverse a lake being unimpeded by ice, and as usual, the south end of the lake still had a bit of ice left to melt.

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JARED WHICHARD

Welcome To The Bear Mountain Music Hall

The former Grange Hall on Route 37 and across from Kimball's Hardware and Lobster is now the Bear Mountain Music Hall!

The Bear Mountain Music Hall continues the tradition in this historic building as a gathering place for celebrating local talent, creativity, fellowship, and community. Our events take place upstairs in the Main Hall, which dates from 1844, with receptions downstairs in the converted two-room schoolhouse, which has been named the "Old School Café."

The building is a work in progress, with repairs ongoing. As a non-profit organization, we will actively work to attract sponsors for our events and for building renovations, as well as apply for grants and other funding to bring the building up to modern standards while maintaining its history and charm.

Plan to take in some or all the events planned for 2022, which include local musicians, contradance, ballroom dance, children's craft workshop, and more.

Check the website at BearMountainMusicHall.org:

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| June 16 | Lee Sykes |
| June 30 | Tom Rebmann and Friends |
| July 14 | Ken & Laurie Turley |
| July 28 | Muffin Tops - Children's Program |
| Aug 11 | Peaceful Means - Heather Pierson & Leah Boyd |
| Aug 18 | The Cobblestones |
| Aug 25 | Al Mallory Band |
| Sept 11 | The Guys - A play by Anne Nelson |



Other Events:

2nd Sunday of the Month - Song Circle in the Cafe with Children's Craft Workshop

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| June 5 | Local Writers Day |
| June 25 | Contradance |
| July 17 | Marci Starr Brennan - Crystal Bowl Concert |
| July 24 | Contradance |
| Aug 20 | Ballroom Dance with Sergei Slusky hosting |
| Aug 29 | Local Writer Robert Spencer Book Launch |



July 4th is right around the corner!

Let's all donate to a GREAT cause!

Wow! It is almost that time of the year again to welcome our neighbors back to enjoy another fantastic summer on Lake McWain. What better way to start out the summer, than by celebrating our nation's birth on July 4th?



The fun will begin in the Village of Waterford with a community breakfast, held at the Wilkins House, followed at 11:00 am by the Waterford Town Parade. All are encouraged to participate, either by marching in the parade or cheering the participants on. Plus, you will see a lot of smiling familiar faces that you have not seen since last summer. Who knows, you might even see an antique car or two also in the parade.



Hoping that July 4th is a nice sunny day, the Traditional Commodore Bob Hanger Boat Parade will set afloat promptly at 4:00 pm. Boats of all types are asked to rendezvous off the Point at the Cottages at McWain Point at about 3:45 pm. Last year we had a huge turnout, both by boats joining in the slow circle of Lake McWain, plus the many landowners on their docks waving American Flags, blowing horns, and ringing bells as the flotilla motored by. It is a special treat to navigate past Birch Rock Camp, and Camp Waziyata and see their docks lined with campers from all over the globe, once again taking part shoreside in the Traditional Boat Parade. But, as Commodore Bob Hanger had stated "either rain or shine, he hopes that at least one boat will always circle our lake at 4:00 pm on July 4th". This is a promise that we all have kept for him and will continue to do so.

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July 4th is right around the corner!

Let's all donate to a GREAT cause! CONT.

July 4th will come to an explosive close starting at 9:15 pm. When once again Matt G. Pyrotechnics, along with Jared W. will put on a very impressive aerial delight of beautiful fireworks, out over Lake McWain.

As Francis Scott Key once wrote, while looking over the gunwales of the ship he was a prisoner on anchored in Baltimore Harbor many, many years ago, "we could see the rockets' red glare, and the bombs bursting in air".



On my final note: Matt G. Pyrotechnics and Jared Whichard would once again like to thank ALL of you that donated towards the fireworks display last summer. All the fireworks are donated for you to enjoy by Matt G. Pyrotechnics. The Whichard family does collect donations and, as in the past 100% of these donations are turned over to the Waterford Congregation Church. These donations that you very generous folks give each summer then goes towards the Waterford Thanksgiving Baskets, and the remainder goes to the Waterford fuel assistance program. Last year, those that donated gave a total of slightly more than \$3,000. Matt G. Pyrotechnics thanks you, the Whichard Family thanks you and all the people of Waterford that had a Thanksgiving meal and those people that stayed warm over the winter that received assistance from the heating oil assistance program thank you very much!

Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the lake real soon,

Come on neighbors, let us see if we can break last year's donations of more than \$3,000.

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Reflections from the Rock

Every day I am asked: "How's Birch Rock going with the ongoing pandemic?" My response is simple: "we're stronger and more relevant than ever!"



Now more than ever parents, alumni, prospects and local neighbors are eager to understand the various strategies and human capital that create the Birch Rock Camp experience despite COVID and all the global ramifications we are all experiencing. Our primary focus is to create a safe and healthy foundation that emphasizes caring relationships, meaningful participation, exhilarating adventures, respect for oneself and each other. At Birch Rock, we encourage our campers and staff to feel empowered to take positive risks of building new master skills and competencies, explore new crafts and trip explorations, and embrace the beautiful natural surroundings of our campus and Western Maine.



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Reflections from the Rock CONT.

As we spring ahead towards summer, we look forward to building our 96th season with 50 new boys anticipating their first overnight experience on McWain Pond, and 100 seasoned veterans anxiously returning to our hillside campus from New England, the West Coast of California, and across the Atlantic.



We may never know what challenges lie ahead, but we know the Birch Rock Community – our staff, our families, and our loyal McWain neighbors are all working together to support our mission and “esprit de corps” of our residential camp. Residing on McWain Pond provides the best ingredients for human connection, personal communication, and a genuine release from technology and stress. It is perhaps the best recipe for our soul and serenity. This is a time for Birch Rockers to breathe, relax, reconnect and rejoice. Most of all, it is the time for boys to be boys, listen and learn, and embrace the unique gifts of McWain Shores in the Maine woods



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Pirates On the Pond?



Believe it or not, two Pirates were spotted sailing onboard their Pirate Picnic Table on Lake McWain! These were no ordinary Pirates, these two Pirates were armed only with gigantic smiles, friendly waves, and a huge pirate chest overflowing with ICE CREAM treats. These Pirates were seen sailing their craft up to camp docks, sailing up to unexpected boaters, water skiers, paddle boarders, and fishermen, handing out rewards from their Pirate chest to all those in need of an ice cream treat on a very hot summers day.

What a great surprise, and a special treat, to see the Pirate Picnic table, with the two jolly pirates onboard sailing your way. The only thing the Pirates asked in return was to pass along a good deed to someone else! With these crazy times, in our unstable world today, what a calming joy it is to be visited by the Lake McWain Pirates on their Picnic table ship.



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In Memoriam: Billy Sellgren

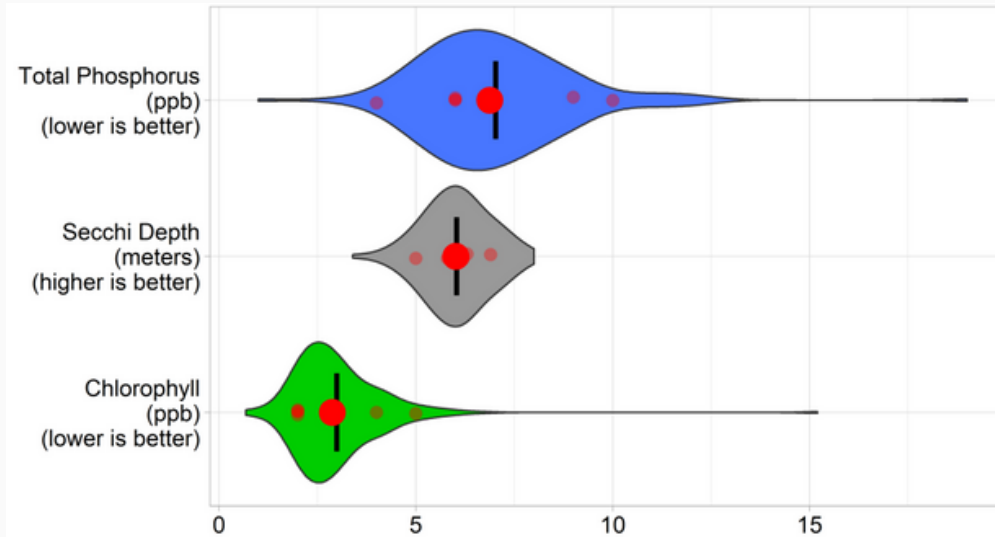
The McWain Pond Association regrets to announce the passing of William J. Sellgren, age 83. Billy passed away peacefully on May 23, 2022, at his home surrounded by family. Billy was a Braintree Ma. Police Officer for 39 years. While serving on the Police Dept. he would work nights as a plumber and an electrician. Billy served in the US Army for 3 years. He then attended the Massachusetts State Police Academy prior to his lifelong career as a Braintree Police Officer.



He built his camp on McWain Pond in the 1970s and enjoyed spending relaxing times in Waterford. He enjoyed all seasons of the year in Maine and was an avid snowmobiler and ATV rider. Billy really enjoyed spending time at his Camp and loved to share the fun times in the outdoors with others. Billy was truly a gift to all who knew him, and he will be missed dearly by his many good friends in Massachusetts and in Maine.

McWain Pond LEA Testing

Results: Summer 2021



McWain Pond's surface water chlorophyll (ppb), phosphorus (ppb), and Secchi depth (meters) data comparison. Colored areas represent the long-term range of values, from minimum to maximum. Area thickness indicates frequency of measurements at that value. Area thickness increases as more measurements are reported at that value. The vertical black line represents the long-term average value. The large red dot represents 2021's average value. The small red dots represent individual readings taken in 2021.

2021 Water Quality Highlights

The average Secchi disk reading for 2021 was 6.0 meters, which falls into the moderately clear range. The average total phosphorus reading of 6.9 ppb falls into the moderate range. The average deep water phosphorus value was not significantly above surface water phosphorus values, which suggests phosphorus recycling is not problematic. The chlorophyll-a average of 2.9 ppb falls into the moderate range. Long-term trend analysis indicates chlorophyll-a concentrations in McWain Pond are decreasing, total phosphorus concentrations are decreasing, and clarity readings are stable. The average color reading for 2021 was 30.5 SPU, indicating that water in McWain Pond is highly colored. Suitable coldwater fish habitat was present through June. As water temperatures increased and deep water oxygen was consumed, coldwater fish habitat transitioned to marginal in July and became unsuitable in August through September.

McWain Pond's 2021 Quick Stats

| | Average Deep Water Phosphorus (ppb) | Water Color (SPU) | Clarity Trend | Phosphorus Trend | Chlorophyll-a Trend |
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| Analysis Result | 8.7 | 30.5 | Stable | Decreasing | Decreasing |
| Interpretation | Within acceptable range | Water was highly colored | Neither shallower nor deeper clarity readings over time | Less phosphorus in water over time | Less chlorophyll in water over time |

McWain Pond LEA Testing

Results: Winter 2022

2022 was the second year we visited McWain Pond in winter. Temperature remained less than 4 °C (39.2 °F) everywhere except deep water, and the water warmed significantly with time. Interestingly, February bottom-water temperature was slightly lower than in January or March. Dissolved oxygen decreased with depth and slightly with time (partially mirrored in the pH pattern), but the water remained oxic to the bottom. Chlorophyll was generally low and variable except for slight peaks in the upper 4 to 5 m in January and at 3 m in February and March. Turbidity remained typically low, showing a slight increase with depth and a slight decrease with time. Conductivity increased slightly with depth and time, except for a minor peak just under the ice. In March, however, near-ice conductivity was much lower, which was probably caused by melting ice.

