



Baboosic Lake Association
Amherst & Merrimack NH

Lake Life



For Members of the Baboosic Lake Association
Spring 2012 Edition
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BLA Annual Meeting - 2012

Sunday, May 20th at the Weathervane
Restaurant ~ 393 Route 101, Bedford NH



Social Hour 4:00—5:00 PM
Appetizers provided, Cash Bar

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 PM
Special Speaker—Wally Kido—Water Quality
Testing & Control for Baboosic Lake

Letter from Greg Gendron, BLA Board President:



Hello to all of our BLA members and families. Welcome to the Spring of 2012.

I wanted to drop a short note into the newsletter to do a recap of last year and also to give you a preview into 2012. Last year (2011) was a pretty busy year for the BLA Board of Directors. We are trying to make some changes in the way that we operate and the things that we as an association can offer to our membership. Here is an overview of some of the happenings.

1. Our social committee has been busy dreaming up new ideas for the membership. Last year we substituted the Boat Scavenger Hunt for the boat parade. The parade seemed to have been losing interest and I think that everyone enjoyed the Scavenger Hunt and we look forward to another successful one this year. The social committee will also be publishing some of the things they have planned.
2. Executed contract and scope of work agreement with our new engineering firm Comprehensive Environmental Engineering of Merrimack, NH.
3. 2011 was a huge year for the Stormwater Management and BMP implementation project as many of you know from having participated in the "BLA digs" which were held at the end of the summer. This program was an ongoing effort to remediate storm water from pouring into the lake while dragging nutrients, sand and other harmful things into the lake. We were awarded a grant which had a total program value of \$130,000 of which the State and Federal governments would provide \$78,000 against a match requirement for the BLA to come up with of \$52,000. The total program cost / value was determined by the study performed by Geosyntec, our original engineering firm which identified 17 sites that were impacting the lake negatively and approximate costs to rectify those sights. I am very pleased to report that we have completed our obligation in this contract. I am also very proud of the board and the membership that contributed assistance to this program.

The bottom line....we did 18 sites and came in about \$20,000 under the budgeted costs, most of that being directly related to the fact that we did most of the work utilizing volunteer labor provided by you. Thank you again to all that participated. We do plan on using the additional \$20,000 for more improvements around the lake. Jebb Curelop, our Vice President will be publishing some of the things we have done thus far this year.

Letter from Greg Gendron, BLA Board President (con't):



4. We prepared and completed tax returns for all the years we were delinquent (we never filed returns). We ended up with tax due but negotiated our way out of any penalties.
5. Researched, obtained, completed and submitted our formal IRS documentation package that will qualify us (The BLA) as a nonprofit organization. This was a huge endeavor eating up well over 100 hours of our time. Special thanks to Bernie Shedd, especially on this effort, and for all the accounting and record keeping work he has done. Our books have never looked so good !

Well, I guess my letter was not that short. My apologies. I do want to thank all of our board members and volunteers one more time because as we all know without your help these things would never have been accomplished, never mind over the short time period of a year. We are looking at additional BMP implementations this summer so please keep checking the web site for details and volunteer. I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

Greg Gendron
President, Baboosic Lake Association

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SOCIAL



**2012 BLA Social
Schedule**


Saturday ♦ July 14th
 1:00 -4:00 PM –Scavenger Hunt
 by Boat starts at 4 Seasons
 6:00 -8:00 PM –Ice Cream Social
 (Rain date July 15th)

Saturday ♦ Aug 11th
 5:30 -7:30 PM –Ice Cream Social

Saturday ♦ Aug 25th
 3:00 PM – Annual Cook-Out
 cardboard boat race, kids
 games, clothing sale, raffles
 5:00 PM – Dinner is served
 Adult members \$8 Non-member \$10
 Kids \$5 ages 6-12, under 6 free
 Visit us at www.baboosiclake.com

Passing the Torch

*We send out a huge THANK YOU to Toni Paul!
 After many years of hard work, creative effort, and
 successful promotion, Toni is passing the
 responsibility of marketing BLA clothing and merchandise
 to Michelle Barsosky at (603) 732-2345.*



*Bring your checkbook along to BLA events as we have new
 clothing, bags, and jackets coming this summer !!*

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BLA Scavenger Hunt

Thank you to all that participated in the 2011 BLA Scavenger Hunt. We had an amazing turn out last year with a total of 21 boats! Since it was such a great time, we decided to continue with the 2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt on July 14th @ 1pm. We still plan on meeting at the Four Seasons end of the lake, an envelope containing trivia questions, photos and objects to find will be handed out. Each boat will have a total of 1 hour to get as much completed as they can and will come meet the head boat at or near the end of the hour when finished. The winner will be announced at the ice cream social later that day and prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. So get your game face on and let's make this another great year!



SAFETY

Safety Reminders for Baboosic Lake:

2012 Boating Education Courses are currently underway and NOW is a great time to get into the classroom to get certified. Check the NH Dept. of Safety website at boatingeducation.nh.gov for upcoming classes nearby or call (603) 267-7256 for more information. Please be reminded that anyone over 16 years old operating a jet ski or a motorboat over 25 HP must have a Safe Boater Education Certificate !

Children under the age of 13 are required to wear life vests.

A boat must reduce to headway speed (the minimum speed necessary to steer a boat) when within 150' of anything (other boats, the shore, swimmers, rafts, etc.)

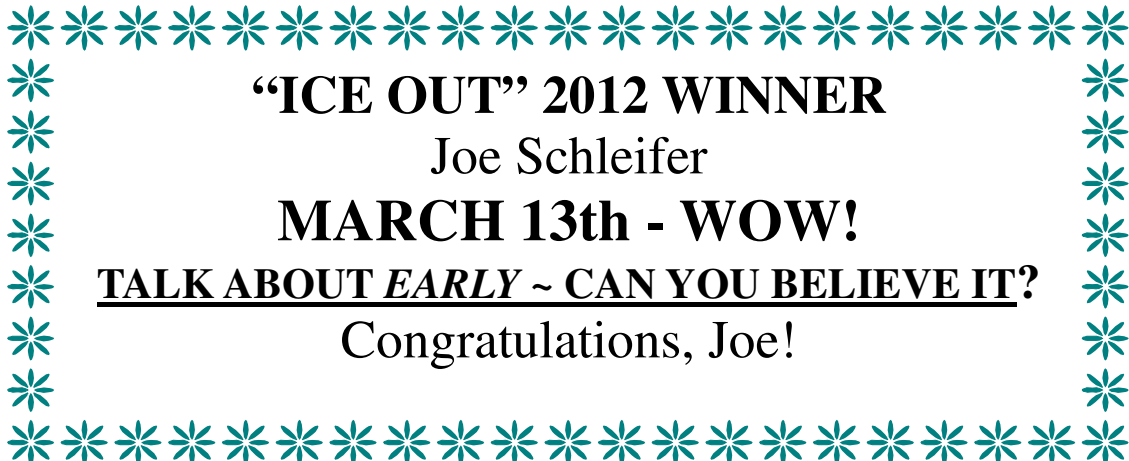
Travel on Baboosic Lake is typically counter-clockwise on the lake to avoid congestion and collisions.

Please be aware and be careful as a large [tree has fallen into the lake](#) along the Lakeshore Drive shoreline in Merrimack. Until the tree has been removed, please use caution! Any suggestions regarding removal are welcome.

Please also be advised that [very large beavers](#) have been spotted and at the outlet area. Children should avoid this area unless accompanied by an adult.

We are already experiencing low water levels due to the unusually mild winter. Make sure to be observant of protruding [rocks](#) in the lake!

Please immediately report any safety concerns to the BLA. Thank you.





Work Continues on Stormwater Improvement Sites

Recently the Baboosic Lake Association (BLA) has been busy with remedying some issues with some of the stormwater improvement sites completed over the summer and fall of 2011.

Although we had a mild winter, some of the sites were in need of repair and remedial work was done on the following:

1. Carter and Arnold Road #1

The site had washed out around the perimeter. Drainage stone was put into the eroded areas, mulched and raked.

2. Carter and Arnold Road #2

The site was in pretty good shape but 1 yard of mulch was applied around the shrubbery and stone was installed around the storm drain and raked.

3. Miriam and Arnold Roads

This required the most work. The top of the 100 foot long six foot wide drainage ditch was in good shape but as it descended Arnold Road much of the loam had washed out. This left a deep ditch that concerned neighbors. To remedy ten yards of loam was added and the stone check dams were reinforced with several yards of drainage stone.

4. Lakeshore Road (long corner site)

This site was raked out and three yards of drainage stone was added to reinforce the filtering capacity.

5. Jebb Road

Drainage stone was added to the site to level off the deep triangular hole at the corner of Jebb Road and North Jebb Road. The bald spots of the grass perimeter were re-seeded as necessary and raked.

N. Jebb Road (Fitch Site)

This site required minimal work with mulch added around the shrubbery and stone applied around the storm drain to increase water filtration.

The BLA will be in touch with the Town of Merrimack to dig out the drain so that the site drains properly.

Miscellaneous:



If the BLA performed site improvements in your area, please help us out by checking on rain gardens, raking or blowing out leaves, and doing general clean-up at these sites. This will help with run-off protection.



Water testing and analysis will commence shortly. Be sure to report anything suspicious in and around lake waters to the Board.



JOIN THE BOARD !!

We have one vacancy on the BLA Board of Directors and will vote in a new Board member at the Annual Meeting. Please let us know if you have an interest in volunteering for the benefit of your Lake. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm ~ a very rewarding experience!



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