

**LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER**

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**President's Column**

For those of you who may not have seen the announcement on our website, John Larrabee resigned from the LMPA as a result of a move out of state, and I had the honor of being elected President as of Nov. 1, 2011. The Board and I are excited to continue the outstanding work of our lake association as we grapple with new and renewed challenges to safeguard the health of Lake Morey, as well as promoting the interests of property owners and visitors while preserving our natural environment.

Contrary to last year's many snowstorms, this winter was one of the mildest on record. Lake Morey froze later than usual and several recreational events had to be canceled or rescheduled to accommodate Mother Nature. Kudos to the Hulbert Outdoor Center, Upper Valley Trails Alliance and Lake Morey Resort for outstanding efforts in keeping a 4.5 mile trail groomed and open for skating during the winter.

The summer season will soon be upon us and I want to report that the LMPA will again focus on safety in and around Lake Morey. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information on a safe boating course co-sponsored by the LMPA. We also continue to work with the Town and the State Police to increase driver awareness of our posted road speed of 30 mph. As you all know, we have many walkers and bikers who share our road in addition to the usual traffic generated by residents, visitors and camper activities. All should stay vigilant and be aware of who might be around the next bend in the road.

Milfoil mitigation will also be front and center as the warm weather arrives. In this newsletter Don Weaver, on behalf of the Lake Morey Commission, provides an update on treatment proposed for later this spring and Barbara Duncan outlines ways in which property owners can remain vigilant in Adopt-A-Lake efforts. We acknowledge them both for their stewardship and ongoing assistance in this important fight for the health of the lake.

LMPA is planning a trail maintenance day this summer -- email me by Memorial Day if you'd like to help out and indicate days available.

As was noted in the Annual Town Report, 2011 was a busy year for the LMPA. We contributed \$2,500 to the Fairlee Historical Society for the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration and LMPA members volunteered countless hours to support the events. Additionally many helped LMPA with:

- Fairlee Family Fun Day, co-sponsored with the Fairlee Recreation Council, to provide a day for families to enjoy games and food at the Town Beach.
- Boater Safety initiative, co-sponsored with the VT State Police Marine Division, to provide information on safe boating practices and steps needed to acquire a VT boating license.
- Greeter and Adopt-A-Lake programs, co-sponsored with the Town of Fairlee, to educate lakeshore owners and boat operators about controlling the spread of invasive species in the lake.
- Lay monitoring and milfoil management efforts to help test and monitor water quality in and around the lake.
- Support of youth in Fairlee through the Recreation Council, Jr. LMPA and local school programs and activities.
- Maintenance of the loon nesting platforms, trails, and speed buoys.
- Collaborative efforts with the Lake Morey Foundation and Lake Morey Commission to protect our lake.

The LMPA Board extends a tremendous thank you to John Larrabee and his wife Deborah for their outstanding contributions to the Fairlee community. As President, John's passion for the lake was evident to all and his focus on protecting our "gem" was always paramount.

And thanks to all of you who help make our Association strong – please contact me anytime!  
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**LMPA Communications**

Please check our website ([www.lakemorey.org](http://www.lakemorey.org)) for news, information, and announcements. We use it to provide updates on current lake and town activities. We also have a Facebook page where our lake residents and visitors post photos of activities they enjoy! Please let us know how we can keep you informed and involved.

*Patty Armstrong, Vice President/Editor  
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**Milfoil Update**

As was reported last fall, the north end of Lake Morey experienced an infestation of milfoil which intensified to the point where traditional harvesting methodologies were no longer effective. Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) prepared a permit application to treat 46 acres of milfoil with Renovate OTF, it was approved by the Selectboard, and is being reviewed by the VT DEC. Assuming approval, the treatment will most likely occur in early June. As in the past, all abutters of Lake Morey will receive a letter notifying them of the treatment and be asked to return an accompanying postcard indicating they have been informed of the upcoming treatment. The Town and Lake Morey Foundation approved funding and a grant was submitted to the State. A professional dive team has been engaged for the first two weeks of August to address the remaining untreated area of the lake. Based on past success, the Greeter Program will continue at the boat access. Please volunteer to help!

*Don Weaver, Lake Morey Commission*

**Lake Morey Map Update**

Bill and Marjie Scott are redoing the Lake Morey map that identifies cottages/owners. If you have any changes, corrections, or questions contact them as follows:

Email: [conemoor07@aol.com](mailto:conemoor07@aol.com)

Phone until 5/1/12: 978-278-5333

Phone after 5/1/12: 802-333-4479

Cell phone anytime: 339-223-2304

Deadline for printing the map is June 1 so please let them know of any changes ASAP.

**Boating Safety Class**

Again this year, the LMPA will co-sponsor a boating safety course. The classes will be held at the Fairlee Fire Station on June 25 (Mon.) and June 28 (Thurs.) from 4:00 – 8:00 PM.

Successful completion of this 8-hour course will result in obtaining the State of VT Safe Boating Certificate. We will also be continuing our “Wear It Lake Morey” campaign to publicize using life jackets for safety on the water.

**Adopt-A-Lake News**

LMPA members’ Adopt-A-Lake reports continue to show a lot of hours of milfoil searching, but we need more pulling. I suggest an additional strategy for milfoil eradication -- forming partnerships with a searcher in a boat teaming up with a milfoil puller in the water. Our efficiency will be greatly rewarded! Please contact me if you’re willing to pull plants, be a searcher, or make your own team. Also, if you will be absent for a good part of the summer or are unable to get in the water, notify me and we’ll assign a team to your shoreline.

*Barbara Duncan, Adopt-A-Lake Coordinator  
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**Fairlee Energy Committee**

This group has been working with the Town and homeowners on energy savings. Streetlights were changed to LEDs and produced impressive savings for Fairlee. Switch to energy efficient lighting, hang your laundry, upgrade appliances – rebates available. Contact Barbara Duncan for more info on Efficiency Vermont suggestions.

**Save the Date: July 21, 2012**

Plan to attend our Annual Meeting (4 PM at the Lake Morey Resort) and enjoy the camaraderie at Fairlee Family Fun Day, Sailing Regatta, Golf Tournament and post-meeting Social Hour.

**LMPA Directors**

Bruce Durgin, President; Patty Armstrong, VP; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Judy Stone, Clerk; Chris Baine, Laura Byron, Roger Crandall, Bobbi Philipp, Chris Taylor, Veronica Thurston