

**LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**  
**SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER**  
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**President's Column**

With the robust winter that many have experienced this year I know our Lake Morey time will be even sweeter this summer! I'd like to again extend special

**kudos to the Lake Morey Resort, Hulbert Outdoor Center, and the Upper Valley Trails Alliance** for outstanding efforts keeping the lakes's 4.5 mile ice skating trail groomed and also sponsoring special events and workshops focused on outdoor activities. Curling demos & competitions, VT Pond Hockey Championships, an Olympic-inspired "ice sports university," skating trail fundraiser, snowmobile gatherings, ice fishing and outdoor adventure activities all keep our lake an exciting year-round destination.

And a special thanks to friends who posted winter photos on our **LMPA Facebook page** so those of us who aren't nearby can view our lake's cold-weather activities. The **Lake Morey Resort's webcam** is also a wonderful "window" from which to witness our ever-changing weather.

We owe a huge debt of **gratitude for all who helped with LMPA activities last year** – and welcome everyone's participation this year!

Positive results from collective efforts include:

- Another year of diligent milfoil activities that produced very positive results. Special thanks to the hard work of Don Weaver and the Lake Morey Commission for their leadership in milfoil eradication efforts. The ongoing efforts of lakeshore property owners in pulling and reporting milfoil through our Adopt-A-Lake program is invaluable! Thanks to Barbara Duncan and area monitors for once again heading up the Adopt-A-Lake teams.
- The driver feedback sign was very visible again this year on the Lake Morey Road. This driver awareness tool has resulted in lowering vehicle speeds on the Lake Morey Road and elsewhere in town. Our thanks to the Fairlee Selectboard for collaborating on this safe driving effort.

**The LMPA Annual Meeting will be Saturday, July 19, 4:00 pm at the Lake Morey Resort.** Based on positive feedback, the social hour following the meeting will once again be held in the indoor lounge area. Our LMPA-sponsored BBQ is at noon at the Town Beach in conjunction with Fairlee Family Fun Day. Thanks to Laura Byron and a crew of volunteers, this event continues to bring the lake and town community together for food and festivities!

And finally, **thanks to all of our members who make this Association strong!** Please feel free to contact me anytime.

**Bruce Durgin, President, LMPA**  
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**Important Announcement**

The LMPA is **in critical need of a Clerk!** Many thanks to Judy Stone who has served us so well for several years. Please consider helping out with the tasks of minute-taking (3 meetings), keeping our database current, a once-a-year mailing and dues collection. There is a \$500 stipend and reimbursement of expenses. Please contact Bruce if interested – **we'd greatly appreciate any help!**

**Annual Fun in the Sun**

**Fairlee Family Fun Day 2014 will be held on Sat., July 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am – 2 pm.** Enjoy this annual LMPA event with your family at the Town Beach featuring lots of games, crafts, prizes and a free BBQ lunch! Please contact me at 917-847-7791 or email me to volunteer.

**Laura Byron, Event Coordinator**  
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**LMPA Directors**

We are always looking for LMPA families and friends to help run programs, check for milfoil, provide ideas and recruit volunteers. Help us serve our members!

**Board of Directors:** Bruce Durgin, President; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Laura Byron, Roger Crandall, Barbara Duncan, Peter Massicott, Bobbi Philipp, Ginny Pomeroy, Mark Richardson, and Chris Taylor.

**Newsletter Editors:** Patty Armstrong, Denise Drouin

## **LMPA Communications**

The **LMPA website** ([www.lakemorey.org](http://www.lakemorey.org)) continues to undergo changes that will make it accessible using mobile devices and keep you up-to-date on LMPA news, information, and announcements. Denise Drouin is now heading up that effort. We also maintain a **LMPA Facebook page** where our lake residents and visitors post photos of activities they enjoy. This continues to be overseen by Patty Armstrong. Please let us know how we can keep you better informed and involved in lake issues and events.

## **Boater Certificate Course**

The LMPA will once again sponsor a boater certificate course for those who need to obtain **VT certification to operate a motorized boat**. This free class is given by the VT State Police Marine Division and is scheduled for Tues., June 24, and Thurs., June 26, from 4 – 8 pm both nights (total 8 hours required) at the Fairlee Fire Station. Pre-registration is not necessary. Questions: Call Bruce (333-4328) after May 15<sup>th</sup> or email [durginbruce@yahoo.com](mailto:durginbruce@yahoo.com) any time.



## **Milfoil Update**

Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) conducted surveys of shallow and deep water sample points in Lake Morey at the end of last summer. Both surveys revealed widely scattered plants in the eastern, southern, and western areas of the lake and

a greater number in the north end. The consensus was that a repeat of the 2013 monitoring and hand-pulling program would suffice for this coming season but more drastic action might be required, particularly for the northern part of the lake, in 2015.

Our plan is to continue to address the entire lake in 2014 using professional divers and adopt-a-lake volunteers, but we will devote additional professional diver time to the northern part of the lake. **A chemical treatment is not planned for 2014**. If the August 2014 survey reveals that traditional methodologies are not working, we may consider a chemical treatment for 2015.

**Don Weaver, Lake Morey Commission**  
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## **Adopt-A-Lake News**

Thank you for your vigilance in searching and pulling milfoil – please continue this summer! If you find milfoil be sure to pull it or ask for help. We don't want to spread it by creating fragments with our motors or paddles. **Please contact Don Weaver or me to report milfoil beds**. Let us know if you need help with milfoil identification. I am always happy to provide samples for accurate plant identification. **We also need volunteer greeters at the boat launch again this summer**. Contact Peter Massicott ([pmassicott@comcast.net](mailto:pmassicott@comcast.net)) to sign up. Stop by the boat launch and meet our returning paid greeter, Nathaniel Eastman, who is always willing to help train new volunteers. A few hours of your time will reap huge benefits!

**Barbara Duncan, Adopt-A-Lake Coordinator**  
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## **Buffers for Blue Lakes Program**

Through *Buffers for Blue Lakes*, a program of the Federation of VT Lakes and Ponds, interested lake associations organize homeowners for a workshop where they learn more about lake ecology and the role that shoreland buffers play in creating healthy shallow water ecosystems. In addition to workshop and educational materials, five homeowners on the lake are provided with blueberry plants, soil amendments, and technical support for planting blueberries. The homeowner contributes \$50 per property.

**If there is interest by LMPA members to participate in this program, please contact Bruce Durgin by June 1<sup>st</sup>** and we will schedule a workshop and planting session on your property. This is a very cost-effective way to help our lake and also enhance your shoreline! Let's take advantage of this opportunity while funding is available.

## **Cottage History Books**

To obtain a copy, available for \$20, contact Bruce Durgin ([durginbruce@yahoo.com](mailto:durginbruce@yahoo.com)) after May 15<sup>th</sup>.