



## *Sokokis Lake Newsletter*

### *Late Summer 2015*

Sometimes life moves faster than we ever imagined, but if you have the good fortune to experience a simple but significant moment in life you are blessed. Today we conducted the survey of Sokokis Lake to identify the native plants in our beautiful lake. There is just an incredible world that coexists with all of us who enjoy this Lake and exploring it was very special. The intricate details of this world remind me just how blessed we are to share this beautiful Lake with so many, in so many ways. I hope each of you have the opportunity to find peace and joy in this spectacular resource we know as SOKOKIS LAKE. Make it the best August and Labor Day you have ever experienced. Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Roy Bagley.

It's hard to believe that Labor Day is about a month away. This summer has been a very productive one for the residents of Sokokis Lake. A few thank-yous are in order. The Town of Limerick gave the Association a \$3,000 grant for the Courtesy Boat Inspection program. This program has been the mainstay in keeping invasive plants out of our lake and the money from the Town assures that we can afford to keep this program going. Boat inspections are ongoing at the public access every weekend throughout the summer.

On Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> volunteers from Sokokis Lake and the York County Invasive Aquatic Species Project conducted a full (level 3) invasive plant survey of our lake to check for any harmful plants like variable milfoil.

The Town of Limerick has been reopened the public beach on Washington Street for summer swimmers. Another thank you to the Town and to the Limerick Bass Club for cleaning up the beach so everyone can enjoy it. The Bass Club also donated a bench and a beaver welcome sign. Bob Richardson and some nearby neighbors have been cleaning the Boy Scout Island beach area as well.

The neighbors at Carroll and Francis Lanes held a yard sale on July 11<sup>th</sup> and raised \$1,640. The money is to be donated equally to the Sokokis Lake Association and the Limerick Volunteer Fire Auxiliary. The items that were not sold at the yard sale were donated to St. Matthew's church for their Funshine Fair. The volunteers, donations, and customers are very much appreciated. Volunteering time and donations were the Alexanders, Blettes, Bryans, A. Cheever, Creamers, Fredericksens, M. Harkins, B. Jones, Marras, D. Richard, Ristainos, and Towles. Donations came from many sources including the Bagleys, Coles, Greeleys, Johnsons, Melansons, McLeans, Nature's Way Greenery, Uhlendorfs, and many anonymous donations. Hope we didn't miss anyone, we has such generosity it was hard to keep track of the contributions.

On that same Saturday, a Fishing for Fun tournament sponsored by Post 55, Frank Carroll, and the Limerick Bass Club was held at the Carroll's meadow on Washington Street. About 30 kids showed up to fish and 17 trophies were awarded. Billy Jones, president of the Bass Club, helped organize the event with the canteen provided by Post 55.

There are still navy blue bath towels and black aprons with the Sokokis Lake logo embroidered on them for sale. They are \$10 each. The long sleeve t-shirts have sold out. We have a raffle for the beautiful fish corn-hole boards designed, created, and donated by Jesse Marra, one dollar each or six for five dollars.

We had some nature activities on the lake for this summer's environmentalists. A loon family, parents and two babies, could be seen and heard. Unfortunately the dad met with an accident, one baby was taken by the bald eagle, the Fish and Wildlife Division took the other baby for rehabilitation. It was seen on North Shore Road and came very close to people on the lake. As of now, the mother loon can still be seen and heard on the lake.

Mrs. Fredericksen saw two American bald eagles nesting on the lake and a baby beaver has been spotted out and about in the same area.

What a great and safe Fourth of July. The fireworks that have started to be a tradition were spectacular over the lake. The families who contributed to the gorgeous show do so out of their own resources. They deserve a thank you from all of us. Many boats were on the lake and enjoyed the show.

Hopefully, we have raised enough funds to repair the dam leak to prevent it from getting larger and causing more issues with the water levels of the lake. As suggested, the Headway Speed Only markers have been moved further out from the Narrows in the hope that people will slow up earlier. The Association is in the process of purchasing banners and signs to notify everyone about the Labor Day events.

Speaking of Labor Day, there are a few changes this year to the schedule for that weekend.

On Saturday

8:00 am: one-mile swim

12:00 noon: registration for horseshoe tournament at the Morleys

1:00 pm: Horseshoe tournament at the Morleys. We are going to have some games for children at the horseshoe tournament and are looking for volunteers on that day.

On Sunday

10:00 am: canoe, kayak, and paddleboat races at Fredericksen's beach; coffee and doughnuts donated by the cove residents

11:30 am: Limerick Bass Club trophy ceremony at the Fredericksen's beach

1:00 pm: Sokokis Ski Team show, viewing available at the Carroll's meadow

Sunset: boat parade starting in front of the Bagley residence

This letter is put together twice a summer and once after Labor Day on our webpage. If you have something to contribute to our newsletter, please contact our webpage at [sokokislakeassociation.com](http://sokokislakeassociation.com). Ideas, information, and pictures would be appreciated.

**Sokokis Lake Association**  
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