

# The Clary Lake Clarion

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The Newsletter of the Clary Lake Association

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## The Year In Review

Thanks to generous donations from our membership the Association was able to purchase a state of the art YSI Pro 20 digital dissolved oxygen meter last fall. I spoke with David Hodson the other day and he is very pleased with the new equipment. The new unit allows him to take more readings in less time thereby obtaining a broader and more accurate profile of dissolved oxygen levels in the lake. He'll be bringing it to the Annual meeting and I've asked him to give a short presentation about it.

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Some of you may have noticed that the Association web site is no longer operational. Regrettably, the server that was hosting the site crashed and burned last fall and I was unable at the time to take steps to recover the site files and get it running on a new server; since then I have been unable to find the time or wherewithal to do anything about this matter. Perhaps it can be discussed at the annual meeting and a decision made regarding the site.

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Later in this newsletter is a section dealing with a proposed bylaws change regarding memberships and voting rights. Please give this some thought and bring your opinions to the Annual meeting!

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At our recent board meeting we discussed the need for a membership committee to help increase membership and generate revenues. We've discussed this need before but we've never really gotten a functional committee off the ground. That is going to change. Jack Holland has agreed to help get the ball rolling. We'll be discussing this at the annual meeting too- bring your ideas and a willingness to get involved!

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Included in this newsletter is a membership renewal form. Please note that as voted on at last year's annual meeting, dues for this coming year are \$25 per membership. As usual, contributions in addition to the regular membership fee are both tax deductible and greatly appreciated!

## Loon Report

Sat., the 17th of July, the official Audubon Loon count took place from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM. Bob and I went with Mary and Ernie Shaw. Our first loop around the lake began with a view of the loon's nesting site....which is

still intact. We continued around the lake and at 7:20 saw a raft of 9 loons near the So.East shore area. We saw no baby chicks this year. On June 28th, 2 baby chicks were spotted one day, gone the next and never sighted again. The 9 loons we countered appeared to have 4 or 5 young adults among them....a young adult is usually considered a baby loon from the previous year's hatching. Several people living on the lake have noticed eagles landing in the nesting area and one was seen sitting on the loon nest... this was after the nesting season. We can't help but feel the chicks were pray for them also.

Mary Shaw is taking part in the Audubon Productivity Loon Count which began in June and will continue until Sept. 30th. This count is to cover the many phases of a loon's life span ; what positive effects exist for a loon as well as the negative ones. This group will monitor loons on a daily and weekly basis.

Respectfully, Arolyn Antognoni

## Proposed Bylaws Change

We have discussed at recent meetings the problems posed by our current membership arrangement i.e., one property, one vote. This policy seems unfair to those people who don't necessarily agree with their spouse on various voting issues. The proposed change: Each property shall be entitled to one vote if they have a single membership and a maximum of two votes if they have a Family Membership regardless of the number of owners of that property. Likewise, each member shall be entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of properties owned or jointly owned by them. Give this issue some thought and come prepared to discuss it at the annual meeting. **ARTICLE VIII DUES**, currently reads: *Dues shall be \$20.00 per year unless changed by vote of the membership at the annual meeting. The terms of members shall be from the start of one annual meeting to just prior to the start of the next annual meeting.*

Proposed New **ARTICLE VIII DUES**: *change: Dues shall be \$25.00 per year for a Single Membership and \$40.00 for a Family Membership unless changed by vote of the membership at the annual meeting. Single Memberships shall be entitled to one vote. Family Memberships shall be entitled to two votes. The terms of membership shall be from the start of one annual meeting to just prior to the start of the next annual meeting.*

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## Annual Meeting Notice

The CLA Annual Meeting will be held at 1 PM on Saturday 14 August 2010 at Clary Lake Bed and Breakfast, home of Rick and Linda Gallion, 777 Gardiner Rd, Jefferson. Rick's and Linda's phone # is 549-5961. We have some construction going on, so please watch for the WHERE TO PARK signs.

**PIES R 4 U:** (texting is in, we're hip!) The theme for our pot luck meal this year is PIES. Please bring meat, fish, vegetable, fruit, cream, crustless, with crusts or any other kind of pie that you want. Beverages will be provided.

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## Secretary Needed

Eleanor Goldberg was elected Secretary at last year's annual meeting. Regrettably, Eleanor is not going to be able to complete her term so we're looking for someone to fill in the position of Secretary for the coming year.

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## Clary Lake Sweatshirts!

Sweatshirts with this beautiful stitched design are still available. Cost to members is \$15 and \$20 for non-members. These can be picked up at Linda



Gallion's house or ordered by sending your check or money order and \$5 for shipping and handling to: Clary Lake Association, P.O. Box 127 Whitefield ME 04353

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The Clary Lake Association is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural beauty and quality of Clary Lake and it's watershed. Membership in the Association is open to all Clary Lake shore owners and people who have lawful access to the lake (which is just about anyone) and costs \$25 per year.

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