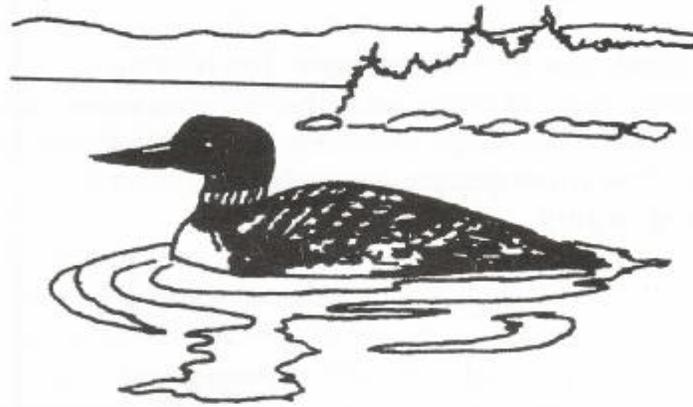
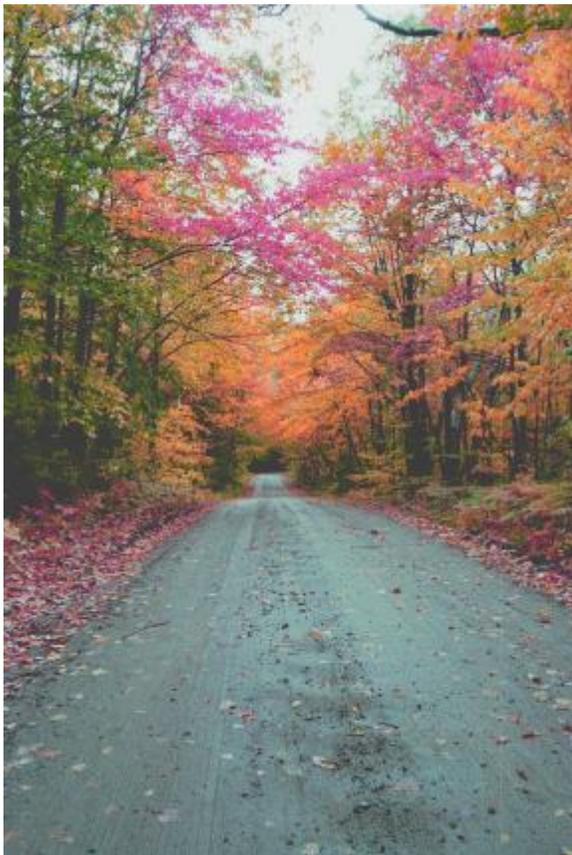


Call of the Loon



Roads to Ruin? -By Maggie Shannon



Driving through fields and woods to the lake, don't we all keep an eye cocked for glimpses of light between the trees, searching the flash of blue that signals journey's end? We may, in fact, be so focused on our destination we notice the road beneath our wheels only enough to remain on it and avoid wildlife and the occasional puddle. Whoa! It's time for all of us to stop and examine these familiar routes. Mild mannered as they may seem, camp roads are Maine's Lake Enemy #1.

Experts estimate camp roads contribute between 60% and 85% of all nutrient loading in our watersheds! Nutrient loading is technical talk for too much soil getting into our waters, enriching them and fast-forwarding lakes into decline. As the lowest portion of the landscape, lakes are catch basins for water funneled from their watersheds. Roads cut across and into the landscape, disturbing gentle, natural drainage patterns. Poorly built and maintained roads channel rainwater, increasing its speed and ability to lift and hold onto soil particles as it flushes lakeward.

The end results are loss of desirable shoreline, obnoxious algal blooms, lowered levels of dissolved oxygen, lower fish populations, and diminished lake and property values. The insidious and relentless process delivers death by a 1,000 cuts to our lakes – day by day, year by year, and storm by storm. (Continued on page 2)

Most camp roads are primitive. Many in use today were laid out in the 30's, 40's, and 50's with aid of little more than crosscut saw, pick axe and dump truck. Few have been rebuilt since then. Meanwhile, our use of them has changed and escalated. We drive more miles in bigger vehicles today, and there are many more of us, owning more cars per family unit, and using camp roads for extended periods, if not year round.

There are a lot of these roads, too. A surprising 65%, or about 44,500 miles of all Maine roads are private. Not all private roads run down to lakes, but many do. They are such a huge threat to surface waters that Maine's Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) wonders how we'll beat "the tremendous continuing challenge Maine faces trying to prevent our 'car habitat' from degrading our aquatic habitat".

Now that we've met the enemy and discovered it is us, what are we to do about it?

- Form a Road Association – The brand new "Guide to Forming Road Associations" from the York, Kennebec, Cumberland and Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's) will tell you everything you need to know. It is available from your local SWCD. This concise handbook comes with a companion CD containing templates for incorporating and obtaining tax-exempt status as well as samples of agreements, easements and meeting notices.
- Use DEP-certified Road Contractors for rebuilding and maintaining your camp road. Certification involves training in erosion control and application of Best Management Practices (BMP's) and must be renewed every two years. DEP's list of certified contractors is at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/training/ccec.htm>.
- Get a copy of DEP's Camp Road maintenance manual, available online at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/training/ccec.htm> or from DEP's regional centers: Augusta 287-2111; Bangor 941-4570; Portland 822-6300; and Presque Isle 764-0477.
- Research the services available from your local SWCD. Ask if they will be providing a 'Gravel Road Workshop' in your area. As experts in water protection, these folks can often provide free consultations. Be aware that as of July, 2005 chronic erosion sites in At-risk Watersheds will be illegal. This means camp roads which regularly channel runoff into At-Risk Lakes could be subject to penalty as of this summer. The law, known as the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law, will apply to all Maine watersheds in July, 2010.
- Conduct a watershed survey. For help getting started, contact the Division of Watershed Management at DEP, 207-237-3901, or your local SWCD.

Whatever changes have taken place in our world since the halcyon days when essayist EB White wrote *Once More to the Lake*, we continue to share the famous writer's bias, "...from then on none of whoever thought there was any place in the world like that lake in Maine." Let's keep it that way !

*Thank you to all that help maintain our roads,
whether on a board, road association, or just a
helpful lake resident.*

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Webb Cove Owner's Road Association	John Tarleton	732 - 5188
Lower Webb Cove Road Association	Brian Libby	732 - 6106
Upper Webb Cove Road Association	Larry Wilson	446 - 6083
Millett-Mallet Road Association, Inc.	Pierre Lemay	732 - 4275
<u>Other Road Contacts</u>		
Davis Road	Mark Hockridge	732 - 3926
Abbott Road	Dave Cook	732 - 3502

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Spring 2005 issue of our newsletter. Hope you all had a survivable winter and spring and are ready to enjoy the waters of Cold Stream. I've just heard rumors that some of the 2000+ trout released into the lake last fall are still being caught this spring. Those trout made for some fantastic ice fishing up our way as my family & friends caught at least 45 of them. I had the pleasure (and witnessed by my wife) of actually catching a 4.5 lb. Togue. The adventure in it was the fact that my 6lb. test line broke as I attempted to pull the fish up through the hole and I actually caught it with my bare hand.

I would guess that you will find the lake level to be very high with the rain we've had (and will continue to have) this spring. The rain has probably also caused problems with the cottage roads...be patient, we'll handle it. If you're motivated this spring, take a minute a check out any culverts near you, and clean out the ditch behind your property (I am convinced that our roads become dump sites for those traveling along them in the winter).

I understand that we may see an increase in property taxes for next year as the lake front property is well below the recommended state rate....oh joy. I also have heard rumors that California residents are buying up our property here....am sure that my mother will enjoy having her youngest son around more often now.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer on the lake (I'm hoping for more sun this summer). I encourage all of you to step forward and volunteer to help us out in any capacity.....we are always in need of volunteers.

Hope to see you on the POND

John

NUMBERS TO NOTE

Emergency Numbers

Enfield or Lowell	911
Lincoln: Ambulance	794-2911
Fire	794-6511
Police	794-2221

Non-Emergency Healthcare (walk-in)

Cold Stream Healthcare	732-3131
The Health Center	794-6499

Code Enforcement

Enfield	732-4270
Lincoln	794-3372
Lowell	732-5177

Animal Control

Enfield: Bruce Hallett	732-4514
Lowell: Meg Curtis	732-3861 (home) 794-3457 (work)
Lincoln: Police	794-8455

Veterinarians

Timberland Animal Hospital	827-7177
Chester Animal Hospital	794-2706

Other

Warden Service	941-4440
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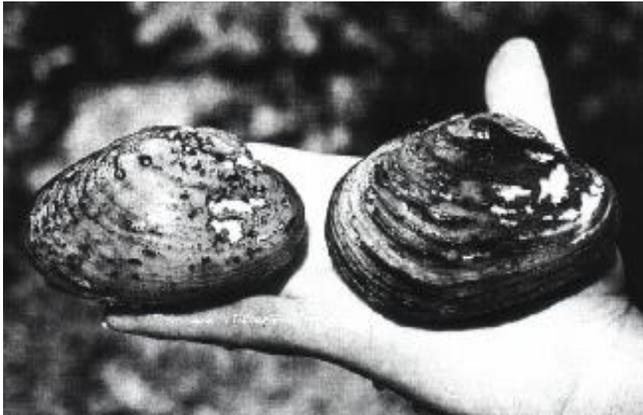
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Wildlife Report

By Buster Carter,
Wildlife Biologist

Springtime on Cold Stream Pond brings out to view many of the species of wildlife living on, around, in and under the waters of the Pond. In past articles I've brought attention to many of the larger wildlife commonly seen associated with the Pond. This spring, I'll focus on a couple of different classes of wildlife often overlooked, but an important part of the ecosystem we all know and enjoy as Cold Stream Pond. The Department, which includes myself, is responsible for the management and protection of these critters as much as we are for the larger ones.

These critters are the freshwater mussels, (sometimes mistakenly called "clams"), and the numerous species of dragonflies and damselflies. The Wildlife Division has biologists in the Bangor office whose specialty is these species. There is an entire project devoted to the dragonflies and damselflies of Maine. Follow this link to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, (MEIFW) website, <http://www.state.me.us/ifw/wildlife/wildlife.htm> to learn more about this project. The direct link to the project information is <http://mdds.umf.maine.edu/> This link has color digital images of many of the species, distribution, and much more. A poster about dragonflies and damselflies is available for a small fee from the Education and Information Division in Augusta.207-287-8000, or it can be ordered online at: http://www.informe.org/cgi-bin/ifw/merc/showcart.cgi?template_file=catalog.html



Freshwater mussels are an interesting group of wildlife. The MEIFW has produced a highly informative reference book, with color photos, identification features, and a great amount of biological data including their very fascinating life histories, titled *The Freshwater Mussels of Maine*. A couple of quick facts from the publication, the average life span of mussels in Maine is 8 to 20 years, depending on the species. The average age at sexual maturity is 6 years old. Two of the ten species found in Maine are listed as state threatened, three others are listed as special concern species. By following this link to MEIFW's website, additional information on these species, as well as photos can be found about the two threatened species. <http://www.state.me.us/ifw/wildlife/etweb/invertebratelist.htm>

The department has copies of various posters and publications on vernal pools, Maine snakes, turtles, and amphibians for a small fee through the Education and Information Division, 207-287-8000, or at this website: http://www.informe.org/cgibin/ifw/merc/showcart.cgi?template_file=catalog.html. Our office has a copy of some of these posters and publications if you would like to view it before ordering a copy.



Have a great spring and summer looking for, observing, and photographing all the wildlife, big and small, associated with Cold Stream Pond. We all have a highly valuable and important resource in our backyard, I want to thank all of you for your continued assistance in the stewardship of Cold Stream Pond.

Fisheries Report

By Nels Kramer, Fisheries Biologist

Probably one of the most successful stocking programs in recent memory has to be the fall yearling brook trout stocked last November at Cold Stream Pond. Hatchery personnel planted a total of 1600 brook trout last fall averaging between 14 and 16 inches, with some trout going in at 18 inches. On January 1 almost every party I checked had caught some of those handsome fish.



Most anglers interviewed quickly realized that these fish were very vulnerable to angling and started releasing them to be caught another day. Good catches of those trout were taken up to the very last day of the ice fishing season. I have spoken to a couple of knowledgeable anglers this spring and they have indicated that some of those trout were caught this spring. There are plans for 1500± additional fall yearling brook trout for Cold Stream Pond this November.



We also seemed to be turning the corner on landlocked salmon and lake trout growth and condition at Cold Stream. Both species are looking much better, with winter census clerks reporting a small increase in weight for a given length of lake trout. This past winter Cold Stream Pond also gave up some very large togue. Numerous lakers over 10 pounds were reported. Salmon growth and condition was excellent last winter with three-year-old landlocks averaging 19” and about 2 ½ pounds. Very encouraging news for Cold Stream Pond.

The “Kids Only” section on Cold Stream is now in the book. **From the highway bridge on State Route 188 in Enfield to the red posts by the old hatchery fishway, fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age and complimentary license holders. Open to fishing from October 1-15; (During this October extended season artificial lures only [S-6](#) and maximum length on landlocked Atlantic salmon: 25 inches).**



This section is stocked with catch able (10” to 12”) brook trout on a regular schedule, and we are encouraging parents and grand parents to bring their children and grand children to the stream for the opportunity to catch on of these beauties.

THE LATEST DIRT ON OUR ROADS

Enfield Roads

**By Dwight Priest,
Road Commissioner**

Hello to all land owners of Cold Stream Pond. As I sit here writing this it is raining and in the forty's and I'm looking forward to days of sunshine and warmer weather so I can enjoy the lake.

All the rain is having an effect on the roads in creating pot holes and it has been hard to keep roads in good condition. I have to thank David Gosilin for rock raking the Cedar Rest Road, but the rain is making more pot holes already.

We have plans for a few projects this summer in between the rain. The Road Committee will be meeting in the coming months to address any problems that need to be taken care of this summer. Then there's the annual Association Meeting that I hope to see you all at. Everyone hopes for sunshine and warm weather so we can all enjoy our beautiful lake.

Town of Enfield Code Enforcement Office

By Theresa Thurlow

As spring arrives we think in terms of building, boating, swimming and camping activities on and around the waters of Cold Stream Pond. My theme always seems to be cutting in the shore land, so I won't stray far from it. If we want to keep our water quality at the high standard we now enjoy everyone has to be a better steward of the land.

The ordinance is quite clear on what needs to be done in order to prevent erosion, silt, weeds, runoff and other problems that occur. In order to prevent most of this from taking place we need to stop cutting trees and vegetation and placing tons of fill within the 100 foot setback areas. If you are planning a project in the shore land of Cold Stream, Penobscot River, or any stream or wetland you need to plan for a permit and make sure the application is completely filled out including the site plan and plan for erosion controls during and after the construction. Cutting in the resource protection area around Cold Stream Pond is not allowed unless you are timber harvesting.

If you have questions about permitting, applications, or any shore land questions, please call the Town Office before you begin your project.

Millett-Mallett Road Association Association

By Bill Chubbuck

Well another winter has passed and with it changes for our road. As all of you know the price of gas and trucks have both gone up. We can no longer ask the very faithful plowmen of the last 20 years to continue to plow for free. We at the present time are looking into hiring an outside firm to do the plowing or maybe taking that same amount of money and paying our own men to plow. Anyway the free ride is over. According to our lawyer this has to be billed separately so when you receive your bill it will contain more than one bill in it.

As many of you know last summer we made a number of changes to our constitution and by-laws, they have been retyped and will be looked at by our lawyer next week and all owners of record will receive a new copy this summer. The new mail boxes have sustained some damages and as of yet we have not caught the guilty party, or parties. If you have any information, please let the Lincoln Police know as soon as possible.

At our Board of Directors meeting last week we set the summer projects as the following: widening the road below Kevin Rich's house; replacing the culvert beyond Kevin Rich's house; replacing the culvert in front of Greg Clifford's mobile home park if he agrees to buy the culvert; resurvey the end of the road and continue with the ditching, plus trying \$1,000 worth of a new type of crushed stone designed for dirt roads. Also Pete has agreed to cut back the trees on the straight stretch on his land to allow the sun to get in better and make plowing easier.

Not sure why it is not working but in our widening at the end of the road we created an entrance and an exit. We

have labeled both and yet some people still seem to be having a problem with going in or out the wrong way. If an accident occurs the person going the wrong way would be liable.

We had a work day and only four people showed up. Any suggestions or assistance on our projects will be appreciated.

Webb Cove Owners Road Association

By John Tarleton

Spring road maintenance has started after a long wait for the road to thaw out and dry enough to bring equipment on to it. Last summer and fall we elected to grade the road as opposed to just racking. Unfortunately, no matter how good the grader operator is, the grader leaves a ridge along each side of the road which prevents good drainage. This ridge, when frozen, also created a problem for the plow truck during winter maintenance as the plow blade would catch on it. So this year it's back to raking and improving the crown on the road.

A member of the road association has agreed to allow construction of a dry fire hydrant on their lot. The site location was reviewed last year by the Chief of the Triangle Fire Department and King Brothers Trucking. Construction work and installation of the hydrant is expected to be completed by September. This will be a great advantage to the Webb Cove area as having a ready supply of water available for fire fighting year round is essential.

The Webb Cove Road Associations held their second annual pot luck dinner in February which was a great success. Many thanks to all the ladies for the great food and related preparation. During the after dinner discussion, it was suggested that the entrance to Webb Cove Drive, at Route 188, be spruced up with landscaping and include an appropriate sign indicating the entrance to the Webb Cove Drive community.

Many thanks to the volunteers that have started work on this project. Lets all enjoy the long awaited summer weather.

OTHER NEWS ON THE LAKE

WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM - update

By Darold Wooley

A Water Quality Grant Committee was formed at the July 31, 2004 Cold Stream Camp Owners Association Annual Meeting. The Water Quality Grant Committee Members are Fletcher Lindsay, Debra Wilson, Julie Nadeau, John Keller and Darold Wooley. The committee chair is Darold Wooley.

The Cold Stream Campowners Association Board of Directors has authorized \$2,000.00 in grant funds for FY 2005. The Water Quality Grant Committee invites all road associations to apply. Please address your questions and applications to: Darold Wooley, 108 Phinney Farm Road, Lincoln, ME. 04457 Phone: 794-6870 or 732-4063 (camp). As of May 2005 one grant application has been received.

Beans, Buns, Pies, & Cakes

Get ready for the Fourth of July with no work or worry about food. Come to the Sixth Annual Campowners' Food Sale on Saturday, July 2, 2005 from 9am-12noon at the Enfield Town Office. For more information or to contribute food for the sale, call Julie Nadeau (732-3673) or Lynn Greenleaf (732-4402). Cold Stream Pond t-shirts and sweatshirts in limited sizes, hats and afghans will also be available at the sale. Or, you may call Rachel Keller (732-4250) to purchase them anytime.

Our Very Own Poet

Congratulations to Joyce Foster for taking first place in poetry in Southern Community College's annual art and literature review.

"Regret"

*I lost you in darkened theaters
distracted by the flavors of strangers.
I lost you among the aisles of crowded malls
attracted to displays of haute couture and
the smell of coffee beans.
I lost you in the cadence of marching bands
emblazoned creeds on streaming banners.
I lost you in swarms of words that stung like
wild bees.
I lost you over and over again in small bites
of neglect like moths eating the fabric
connecting us.*

Mark Your Calendar

By Sue Harvey

The Ammadamast Grange in Enfield is compiling a 2006 calendar that each month features an old photo of Enfield and West Enfield. Up to 50% of the proceeds from the sales will go into a scholarship fund for a local student.

The calendar will be available for \$5 after the first of November. Contact Stephen Grey at 732-4682 to order yours today.

Dates to Note

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| June 20, 2005 | Enfield Annual Town Meeting 7pm
West Enfield, VFW Hall |
| June 25, 2005 | 20 th Annual Maine Lakes Conference &
COLA Annual Meeting at the
University of Maine Farmington |
| July 2, 2005 | Cold Stream Campowners' Association
6 th Annual Food Sale, Enfield Town Hall |
| July 6, 2005 | Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program's
Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants
Orono Area – call 783-7733 or the website:
www.MaineVolunteerLakeMonitors.org |
| July 30, 2005 | VLMP Annual Meeting
Central Maine Community College, Auburn |
| July 30, 2005 | Cold Stream Campowners' Association
Annual Meeting, Enfield Station School |

DOT Ditch Stabilization Grant Update

By Sue Harvey

The application for additional work on Route 155 in Enfield has been approved by the Maine Dept. of Transportation (DOT) Surface Water Quality Protection program (SWQPP) Committee. Funding has been awarded to continue ditch improvements along Route 155 south from Morgan's Beach. This will be similar to the work completed north of the beach road in 2004.

This summer the project will go through the DOT's project development process, including design, environmental review and permitting. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2006.

This work is of great benefit to reducing phosphorus runoff and silting in the lake through the several culverts along this stretch of road. The new application was suggested by Zachary Henderson, SWQPP manager, and submitted by Sam Wright of Penobscot County Soil & Water Conservation District. Thanks to both of them for caring about Cold Stream Pond.

New Member of Our Community

Congrats to Seth & Holly Hodgkins on the birth of their new daughter Kenzie Mae Hodgkins on March 5, 2005.



Ice - Out Date : April 17th

8 SIMPLE STEPS TO CLEAN WATER

Clean water is important to everyone on Cold Stream Pond. It affects our property values, health, and recreational activities. Take a look around your home, your yard, your community, and you'll see many ways you can help clean up our water. We're all in it together – so here's how to get your feet wet.

First, a word about watersheds.

Understanding watersheds is key to helping clean up our water. A watershed is the land area-much like a bowl-in which water is collected. This water then flows by gravity to another body of water such as a stream, or lake. We all live in a watershed, Cold Stream Pond is almost 4,000 acres, but the watershed surrounding us is more than double that area.

The Culprit – polluted storm water.

Together, Maine's industries and municipalities have done a great job cleaning up industrial pollution, sewer discharges and other major sources of contamination. Now the main polluter of clean water is us. Ever time it rains, the rainwater washes off driveways, roofs, parking lots, roads and other surfaces carrying with it contaminants to our streams, lakes, and groundwater. Each and every one of us can help, and here's how.

1. **Use trees and shrubs to filter runoff.** A strip of bushes and trees, known as a buffer, can act as a sponge and filter out contaminants that wash from your driveway, roof and yard. It can also prevent soil erosion. Since water flows downhill, it is important for the buffer to be planted down slope of your home in order to filter the runoff from your yard. Native shrubs and vegetation will tend to be more hardy and last longer as a measure against erosion.
2. **Prevent soil erosion.** Soil erosion is the single greatest threat to water quality. It carries nutrients, fills in our streams and ponds and damages fish habitat. To prevent soil erosion, minimize disturbed areas during construction projects and seed and mulch bare areas as soon as possible.
3. **Keep your lawn small.** Large lawns might look nice to you and me, but Mother Nature sees them differently. Lawns shed more water than forested areas thus increasing the amount of water leaving your yard and carrying contaminants to nearby streams, and lakes. To protect the water, keep your lawn small. (not to mention- a small lawn is easier to mow)
4. **Use less fertilizer.** Over fertilizing your lawn and garden can result in an excess of phosphorus and other nutrients that can cause algal blooms in our lake and contaminate groundwater. When using fertilizer, read and follow the directions on the label- applying only the amount recommended. And try using lime or organic mulch as an alternative to fertilizer. Test your soil before fertilizing.
5. **Maintain your septic system.** Septic systems need attention. Inadequate septic systems account for 5-10% of all phosphorus that reaches some lakes. In addition, toxins, nitrates, nutrients, bacteria and viruses from inadequate septic systems can seep into nearby wells. This pollution also flows into our streams, harms our lake and on the coast causes clam flats to be closed. Here are some helpful tips:
 - Don't use septic system additives.
 - Don't pour grease or food down your sink.
 - Pump your system every two to three years, and if you only live on the lake seasonally five years is recommended.
 - Most importantly, if your septic system was installed before 1974, consider replacing it. (continued on page 9)

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Signs of a failing septic system:

- Sewer odor
- Standing water
- Patches of bright green grass growing above your septic tank

- 6. Compost your waste.** To avoid damaging or over loading your septic system, compost food waste. Composting lets you develop great topsoil for your lawn and garden. So start a compost pile-its easy!
- 7. Dispose of chemicals properly.** Chemicals should not be poured down the sink or dumped in your backyard. Recycle antifreeze and oil. Let solvents evaporate in their containers and then dispose of the residue. Use and dispose of chemicals according to the directions on their labels and use safe alternatives.
- 8. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.** By reducing the amount of chemicals we use, reusing lawn clippings for mulch and recycling materials like compost into fertilizer we can ensure the quality of water in our watershed.

Did You Know ???

Many common household products, like Ajax Powder, Comet Cleaner, Murphy's Oil Soap and Ivory and Joy Dishwashing Liquids contain very small amounts of mercury. These small amounts are not harmful, but when thousands of people use the products, mercury can accumulate in wastewater.

Why is this important to lake people? Mercury is absorbed by fish and retained in their tissue. Humans and other animals as well as birds after eating the fish. Loon hatches are reduced by almost 50% after exposure to mercury.

For alternatives to commercial cleaners, check out the Household Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet from the Maine State Planning Office at www.state.me.us/spo or call (800) 662-4545.

Camp Road & Lake Courtesy

Our lovely, narrow and sometimes winding country lanes are shared with cars, ATVs, snow sleds, walkers, joggers, children and pets. As far as I know there have been no accidents involving injury to persons. But there have been several fatally injured pets. If every one would follow some simple courtesies maybe we could prevent an accident that we'd have to live with forever.

- 1. Obey speed limits: PLEASE !!!**
If you find driving at the posted limit an impossible feat at least limit your speed to the posted limit when passing houses or walking pedestrians. Also, if your on the lake side of the road, yield to any on coming vehicles.
- 2. Don't ride or walk taking up most of the road:** Keep to the side allowing room for traffic.
- 3. Try to keep dogs on a leash or off of the road:** you know we can't easily control our cats.
- 4. Be courteous and thoughtful to your neighbor:** try to give others the benefit of the doubt.
- 5. Take your litter home:** costs of cleaning out the garbage from our ditches is getting expensive, and the impact on our lake is evident. Please do not litter on any lake roadways.
- 6. For those of us who smoke:** field strip your cigarettes instead of throwing the filter on the ground. These filters take years to breakdown and many are found in the bellies of our fish.

Cold Stream Pond – Ditch Day

While walking along the roadways of Cold Stream one is likely to find garbage, brush, and other debris clogging ditches. Please take a day this spring to clean out the culverts and ditches around your home. Keep our lake clean by allowing our ditches to flow properly.

Look for this Maine Congress of Lakes Seal when buying any fertilizers. It is the easy way to verify the product is safe for Cold Stream Pond.



Nature's Visit - By Jackie Landry

One cold and windy February afternoon I was looking out at the small birds who were having a feeding frenzy at the feeders on my deck. Suddenly something quite large swooped down from the surrounding trees in an obvious attempt



to capture one of the feeding birds for a meal of its own. Failing in its attempt this massive predatory bird returned to a tree branch where I would then identify it as a Barred owl. For three hours I was entertained by this beautiful creature as it

repeatedly swept down upon my feeders looking for his lunch, but he never succeeded.

Loon Facts

You don't have to be a loon counter to help Maine's loons. There are a number of things anyone can do to protect Maine's majestic waterbird. Enjoy loons from a distance; stay clear of loons and their nesting areas when boating, fishing and picnicking. Keep pets from running wild along lakeshores and harassing loons and other wildlife. Use lead free fishing tackle and encourage fellow anglers to do the same. Collect loose monofilament line; Loons die every summer after they are hopelessly entangled in lost fishing line. Protect water quality by avoiding fertilizers and detergents containing phosphate.

Question: I was out boating with some friends and this loon reared upon his behind, stuck out his chest all proud like and started to come



towards me like he was walking on water. Is this a mating ritual of some sort or was he just showing off?

Answer: Actually, this loon is telling you to stay away. The loon is defending his territory and wants you to back off. This loon display is called the penguin dance, and is performed when a loon is extremely agitated. Remember to give loons a lot of space so they will stay on or close to their nests.

If you find a loon in distress, please follow these guidelines: (1) Watch the bird and make notes of its behavior. Is it swimming? Diving? Flying? Does it swim in circles or float lopsided in the water? Keep an eye on where the bird goes. This information will be valuable in deciding what to do next. (2) If the distress continues, and is clearly impacting the birds ability to function, call either the Maine Audubon Loon Project (781-2330) or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife information (287-8000) for advice on what to do next.

Lakes On – Line

While you're out there surfing around on the Internet, check out these Web sites of interest to "lake people".

Public Educational Access to Resources on Lakes (PEARL), a cooperative effort of the U of M Water Research Institute, the Dept. of Environmental Protection, the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program and the Congress of Lake Associations – www.pearl.spatial.maine.edu

Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program – <http://janus.state.me.us/dep/blwq/doclake/vm.htm>

EPA's Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds – <http://www.epa.gov/owow>

Maine Lakes (Maine DEP site), an excellent resource of all things related to lakes in Maine – <http://janus.state.me.us/dep/blwq/lake/htm>

Maine Congress of Lake Associations – www.mainecola.org

Maine Audubon Society – www.maineaudubon.org
Household Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet from the Maine State Planning Office at - www.state.me.us/spo

Laws governing soil disturbance and the Shoreland Zone – <http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/stand.htm>

Aquatic Invasive Plants – <http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/topic/invasive.htm>

Listing of Contractors certified by DEP Non-Point Source Training Program- <http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/training/nps.htm>

Phosphorus-free Fertilizer- <http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/doclake/fert/phospage.htm>

Lake Environmental Association- <http://www.mainelakes.org>

Maine Lakes Conservancy Institute- <http://www.mici.org>

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Alan & Cheryl Huston to Katherine and Robert Reymier
Sandra Kunzman to Angelica Perron

Lincoln

Gregory Smart to Donna Wheaton
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We are sorry to say we've lost another long time lake resident this year. Robert G. Bacon, 82 formerly of Hampden, died of natural causes Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at Cold Stream Pond, Enfield. Born December 28, 1922 in Bangor, his parents were George and Georgia Bacon of Hampden. He was a World War II, US Army Air Corps veteran, having been assigned to the 464th Bomb Group, 777th Squadron, and 15th Air Force flying B-24's in combat over Europe. He was also assigned to the 15th Fighter Command where he flew numerous missions in P-38's. After returning from World War II in 1945, he obtained the necessary ratings to become a civilian flight instructor, which he continued until 1995. He was an avid outdoorsman, and especially loved to fish. He also treasured his time with a very special group of friends, who were part of a World War II veterans support group. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Lincoln, the NRA, and EAA, and had been active in the on-going effort for an aviation museum/historical society for Maine. He was predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Mary C. Sewell Bacon. Survivors include his daughter, Dr. Judith W. B. Williams and her husband, Paul and her son, David, of Gainesville, Fl; and his son, George S. Bacon and his daughter Mary Ellen, of Beverly Hills, Fl; and his adopted daughter, Gail Ruhlin Zuck of Bangor. He will be buried with his wife, Mary, in Lincoln. No services are planned.

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