

Stockbridge Bowl Association



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Summer 2013



Counter clockwise:

(1) Holding pond of Lily Brook from the causeway (2) Channel southwest of the island, beginning of the outlet (3) Channel on the western side of the island, viewed from Beachwood
Photos by Wendy Seltzer taken April 2012

The Dredging

Richard Seltzer, SBA President

It is great to be moving forward decisively to protect the future of Stockbridge Bowl. The completion of the diversion drain in the spring of 2012 created important momentum; and, with the unanimous support of the Stockbridge Selectmen, the Stockbridge Bowl Association is immediately moving toward the second phase of the 3D plan in the reclamation of the Bowl—Diversion Drain, Dredge, Drawdown.

After more than half a century of allowing an enormous amount of silt to build up in the lake, it is essential to the survival of the lake to clean out that deposit. Otherwise certain areas of the lake—the outlet, behind the island, and in front of the causeway—will become a weedy bog. Each of these areas is now dangerously shallow and filling in more every year.

Dredging will be very expensive. As a designated “great pond,” the lake is owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, while all of the work

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Stockbridge Bowl Association Annual Meeting

The 2013 Stockbridge Bowl Association Annual Meeting will be held at The Norman Rockwell Museum, Saturday, July 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. A private tour of the museum will begin at 4 p.m., followed by refreshments. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m.

The 2012 Annual Meeting took place at Seranak, overlooking the Bowl and surrounding hills. This magnificent estate was the former home of Serge Koussevitzky, conductor of the Boston Symphony and founder of Tanglewood. Sixty intrepid SBA members ignored the thunder and lightning to attend. The business meeting was followed by a lovely reception provided by the BSO. 

Dredging *Cont'd from Page 1*

on the lake is managed by the Town of Stockbridge. The town relies on the SBA to assemble the necessary funding in order for the town to hire a dredging consultant and an engineering firm to undertake the actual dredging.

In order to prepare for dredging, the town is hiring an engineering consultant to 1) measure the quantities of silt to be removed, 2) recommend the best method for dredging, 3) apply for environmental permits, 4) help the town select and oversee the dredging contractor, and 5) estimate the cost of dredging.

In response to a request for bids, the town received competing submissions from companies that have expertise in engineering and have had experience in supervising dredging in other Massachusetts lakes and rivers. The two most highly qualified firms were asked to re-bid and submit fixed prices for their proposed work. Both submitted very acceptable, affordable bids.

With funds on hand from the Community Preservation Act grants, Town Warrants, and the SBA *Save Stockbridge Bowl* Capital Campaign, the SBA has guaranteed funds for the town to proceed to contract.

This means that our Capital Campaign will have to apply maximum effort to marshal the \$2 to \$4 million that will be required to dredge major areas of the lake that are now impacted with silt. These areas are: the Outlet, behind the Island, in front of the Town Beach, and in front of the causeway. The availability of funding and the recommendation of the dredging consultant will determine in what order we shall proceed.

The future of Stockbridge Bowl rests in all of our hands. We hope that everyone who loves this beautiful "great pond" will be as generous as possible as we combine our efforts to reclaim this jewel of a lake. 

Aerial view of lake and island Photo by David Dashielle



Public Access Boat Ramp Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran

The Zebra Mussel Committee

George Shippey, Chair

The Stockbridge Zebra Mussel Committee was formed nearly 5 years ago by concerned citizens who wanted to protect Stockbridge Bowl from the threat of Zebra Mussels, after Laurel Lake in Lee was documented as infected with this invasive species. The ZM Committee is now an official committee for the Town of Stockbridge.

During the 2012 season, 5,451 kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and other boats were processed at the Public Access Boat Ramp at Stockbridge Bowl. The Committee is also aware that other invasive species besides Zebra Mussels could be a threat to Stockbridge Bowl, so that the original mission statement has been expanded.

Generous financial support has been contributed by the Stockbridge Bowl Association and Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health. In addition, the town receives a grant for lake monitoring from the Department of Environmental Protection. DEP also tests the Bowl for Zebra Mussels each summer; to date there are no Zebra Mussels or the microscopic veligers present in our lake. A female zebra mussel can produce 30,000 to 1,000,000 eggs in one year! The fertilized eggs quickly develop into free-swimming larvae called "veligers."

Education is a vital foundation for our mission. When a boat owner wants to launch his boat at the ramp, a monitor inspector checks the boat and trailer for Zebra Mussels and veligers. The inspector asks if the boat owner has been on other lakes. If he has, the question is asked whether the boat owner has decontaminated his watercraft, per the requirements of DEP. If the boat has been on an infected body of water, and has not been decontaminated, the boat (and trailer) must be washed at the Boat Wash located on the ramp property, before the boat can be launched. The owner then signs a Clean Boat Certification Form and places it on his automobile dashboard.

The monitoring and boat wash began on Friday, May 23, 2013 and will continue from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days per week until Columbus Day. Before entering Stockbridge Bowl, it is imperative that the Public Access Boat Ramp be used for all watercraft that have been on other lakes. If a property owner rents his property during the summer, then the property owner must advise all renters to use the ramp for boat launching. Also, if the renter uses the property owner's crafts on lakes other than Stockbridge Bowl, said crafts must be washed before being reintroduced on the Bowl.

All of us want to protect Stockbridge Bowl from Zebra Mussels and other invasives. We must use extreme diligence in protecting this wonderful lake. Remember, if Zebra Mussels contaminate Stockbridge Bowl, there is no known method of eradication either biological or mechanical.

Stockbridge Zebra Mussel Committee Members — Rodney Agar, Michael Buffoni, Barbara Cohen-Hobbs, Kevin Foran, Gary Kleinerman, Tim Minkler, Michael Nathan 

Neighborhood News

Articles for Neighborhood News are written by the Association Representatives to the Stockbridge Bowl Association.

Beachwood

Although it felt more like early March than late May, a small but hardy group of Beachwood residents gathered at our beach on May 26th for our traditional Memorial Day Weekend association meeting. Andy Gold, our new association President, presided during the blustery conditions. Beachwood has fared well this past year with our roads and our finances in solid shape.

We are ready to embrace all things summer, from an open house to kick off the season to our traditional pot luck supper on our beach to close it. In between, there will be plenty of organized and impromptu events.

The Beachwood Book Group is entering its 4th year and has 3 meetings scheduled for this summer. Last year our largest meeting had 30 participants! Yoga on the beach will continue on Sunday mornings and, of course, we shall have the annual Ladies Lunch. On the “spur of the moment side,” there promises to be group paddles around the Bowl, picnics on the lawn at Tanglewood, and whatever other type gathering anyone feels like organizing.

By late May, there had already been several bear sightings. We try to be vigilant about keeping our trash under wraps and keeping our neighbors and the Stockbridge police informed about furry visitors.

On a cultural note, “English Vinglish,” a Bollywood feature film co-produced by Beachwood’s own Ilana Rossein, was show at the Berkshire International film festival this past June. Also Beachwood’s Letty Cottin Pogrebin latest book *How to be a Friend to a Friend Who’s Sick* was published in April. The Lenox Library is hosting a literary gathering in Ms. Pogrebin’s honor, and you all will be receiving an electronic invitation to that event. —*Pat Kennelly*

Camp Mah-Kee-Nac

For close to 85 years, Camp Mah-Kee-Nac has cherished Stockbridge Bowl and the community, which it is its heart. As we enter the summer, we, as always, look forward to the excitement of campers running around our extensive grounds and, of course, splashing, water skiing, and sailing on the lake.

Continuing our annual theme of maintaining and upgrading our corner of the Bowl, looking at camp from the Bowl, you will notice Phase II of our Waterfront Renewal Project. Last year we replaced our retaining wall and run-off containment. This year, you will see work done to replace the siding on our boat house overlooking the beach. What you will not notice, however, in

our continuing facility management, is the replacing of our ZipLine, the resurfacing of the indoor basketball court, or the addition of three weather stations (at our waterfront, central in camp, and at the top of the hill). We have replaced our 2 aging ski boats for new ones and are adding 5 new paddleboards to our fleet of lake “toys.”

For those who are unaware, last summer Camp Mah-Kee-Nac set a **world record** (www.recordsetter.com) for the LONGEST ALL-AGE CONTINUOUS BASEBALL GAME. The game, which started with the July 4th Tanglewood fireworks, lasted 50 hours and 02 minutes! This year, another record-setting attempt is in the planning. We shall leave you guessing as to what it might be. Stay tuned! —*Kevin Lilley*

Canyon Ranch

As we have not heard from Canyon Ranch, we are going to proceed with the idea that “no news is good news.” —*Newsletter Editor*

Kripalu

This is just a quick glance, from my point of view, to keep SBA members informed about Kripalu. Kripalu continues to extend its support, both financially and physically, to the SBA and the Stockbridge Zebra Mussel Committee. This partnership is founded on shared values and the hope that future generations will be able to enjoy the many recreational and contemplative moments we all have been blessed to experience at Stockbridge Bowl. Kripalu knows that much work is still to be done, and the community here extends its gratitude to the many selfless hours of countless volunteers who steward the health and vitality of the lake.

Kripalu is currently refining its strategic plan so that it can deliver an even greater social and personal positive impact in the world and lives of individuals. The physical facility is going through some significant upgrades aligned with a philosophy of right-sizing and conservation of resources while moving forward in these economically testing times. We are always looking at doing what it does right because it is the right thing to do.

Have you ever walked a Labyrinth? You may be surprised to know one of the largest and most dynamic labyrinths in the U.S. exists on the Kripalu property. Ever stroll through the former Shadowbrook gardens and landscape? Want to see one of the largest and distinct Camperdown Elm trees in the country? Would you like to see one of the most magnificent views in Berkshire County, if not in the entire country? If this sounds intriguing, please know that all this and much more is available to you as a day guest at Kripalu. This is most certainly not a commercial for Kripalu, just my wish to let you in on a too long-held secret. Come up for a visit. —*Moose Foran*

Lake Drive

The community of Lake Drive is deeply saddened to announce the unexpected death of George Stiefel in March. He will be greatly missed by his friends and neighbors. George was our president for the past five years. His death resulted from complications after surgery. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

Of the 35 houses on Lake Drive, five of them are owned by full-time residents who take part in the year-round activities of Stockbridge and serve on town committees. We are responsible for managing our roads, and this year we had more than our normal need for road repair after heavy weather in March.

We have one house under construction and new neighbors who purchased a house off the Drive on Route 183 and a second house in Lake Drive for their guests. Those members of our community who do not have direct lake access from their property keep their water craft at our community site. —*Michael Nathan*

Laurel Hill

Founded on August 24, 1853 by Mary Hopkins Goodrich, Laurel Hill (LH) is the oldest continually operating village improvement society in the United States. On that date, village citizens assembled on Laurel Hill to improve the burying ground, streets and sidewalks, public grounds, and Laurel Hill itself. Today, Laurel Hill’s object is “to do such things as shall serve to improve the quality of life and of the environment in the Town of Stockbridge.” A volunteer Board of Trustees manages the operation and business of LH. The Board consists of 22 people selected from the membership, and includes 7 officers and 15 non-officer trustees who serve a term of three years, one third elected at each January annual meeting. A trustee may serve for two consecutive three-year terms. Meetings are held in Town Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. Membership is open to all those who support our objectives and we encourage your participation.

LH both owns properties and maintains town properties it does not own. Properties not owned by, but maintained and/or annually planted with flowers by LH, include the: Cat & Dog Fountain, Watering Trough, Civil War Monument, Post Office, Jonathan Edwards Memorial, and Ice Glen. In daily town life and activity, perhaps the most visible of our annual efforts are the flowers planted and maintained in front of the Post Office, at the Cat and Dog Fountain, and around the Civil War Monument. LH also provides the holiday lights on the large pine tree in the center of Stockbridge.

LH owns and maintains properties (approximately 415 acres) throughout town. In Stockbridge, the owned properties include: the Sedgwick Reservation & Laura’s Tower, Field

SBA Membership

Shirley Blanchard and Peggy Reiser, Membership Committee Co-Chairs

You are our best natural resource. Please consider becoming a member of the Stockbridge Bowl Association. If you already are an SBA member at the special dues level available to lake association members (Beachwood, Lake Drive, Mahkeenac Heights, Mahkeenac Terrace, and Mahkeenac Shores), we encourage you to make an additional donation.

(From January 1, 2012 to June 1, 2013)

Turtle: \$50-\$99

Andrea and Gary Abramowitz
 Marion F. Adler
 Robert and Helen Alsop
 Bruce Auerbach and Robin Richman
 Benjamin R. Barber
 Rosalie and Burt Beal
 Sarah Higginson Begley
 Jay and Elizabeth Bikofsky
 Dr. Sheldon and Robin Birnhak
 Michael and Tammy H. Breitman
 Mark and Jean Brenner
 Linda and David Burghardt
 Edward J. Burke
 Malcolm R. and Barbara T. Busch
 Patricia M. and Lisa M. Buttenheim
 Eric and Lisa Chamberlain
 Katharine and Michael Chibnik
 Hope Church
 Bruce and Joan Cohen
 Stephen and Elaine Cohen
 Barbara Cohen-Hobbs
 Leona R. Cooperman
 Deborah Davidson
 John Haskett Davies and Helen Hoffman Davies
 Luann DeGenaro
 Michael and Marilyn R. Dee
 Patricia Callahan and David Dee
 Phil and Hilary Somers Deely
 Margot and Eric Egan
 Dr. Aaron H. and Rosa M. Esman
 Stephen and Bonnie Fenenbock
 Dr. Kenneth and Linda Frank
 Thomas L. and Annemarie Gauger
 Marjorie Gelber
 Faith and Robert Goldstein
 Jonathan Gottlieb and Elisabeth Youngerman
 Douglas M. Goudey and Sara J. Kleiner-Goudey
 Douglas B. Gould
 Great Josh Billings RunAground
 Charles and Joan Gross
 Guela Charitable Trust
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 Michael S. and Ricki R. Helfer
 Stuart and Susanne D. Hirshfield
 Mary Howard
 Barry Izenstein and Paula Izenstein
 Richard S. Jackson, Jr.
 Robert D. Kaplan and Maria Cabral
 Ron and Steffi Kaprov
 Abraham and Clarita Kaufman
 Richard and Nedra Koplin

Laura and Steven Krich
 Phil and Carol Laban
 William and Susan Laidlaw
 Richard and Edith Lasner
 Andrew S. and Toby H. Levine
 Sidney and Dr. Judith Levine
 Amey and Fulton D. Lewis, Jr.
 Dr. Benjamin and Sharon L. Liptzin
 Roger S. and Jane B. Loeb
 Walter and Phyllis Loeb
 Michael M. and Ellen M. Martin
 Rodney McDaniel
 Betsy McKearnan
 Emily Sleeper Mekler
 Alice Melnikoff and Joseph Newberg
 Paul and Rita Menitoff
 Jerry B. and Arlene G. Mervis
 Nancy J. and Mark T. Mills
 John R. Morse
 Harold and Janet Moskowitz
 Joseph and Barbara Orlando
 Christopher H. L. Owen
 Dr. Richard Pasternak
 Anthony John and Carolann Patterson
 Thomas D. Perry, III
 Richard A. and Amy B. Pollack
 Larry Jay and Myra R. Promise
 Catherine and Donald Quinn
 Keith M. and Marie P. Raftery
 Diane Miner and Marc A. Rathbun
 Theresa H. Reed
 Albert P. and Laura K. Richman
 Lewis M. and Anne F. Rothman
 Vlada Rousseff
 Linda B. and J. Frank Russell
 Jane K. Ryan
 J. Martin and Patricia A. Salvatore
 W. Merrill and Carolyn A. Sanderson
 Pamela Sandler
 Elizabeth Ford Sayman
 David B. and Alice R. Schiff
 Charles E. and Martha Schlueter
 David and Virginia Schneider
 Sunny G. Schwartz
 Gary Shalan
 Stanley Z. and Roberta S. Shapiro
 Stephen A. and Leslie A. Shatz
 Bernard L. and Patricia H. Shaw
 Rita and Harvey Simon
 Robert H. and Jan Spero
 The Steffi L. Fletcher Trust
 Michael C. Stephen
 Albert L. and Sheila D. Sturmer
 Paul E. and Lenore J. Sundberg

If Stockbridge Bowl is something that you value in your life, please join us at our Annual Meeting at The Norman Rockwell Museum, Saturday, July 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. You will receive information about the Bowl and our on-going plans to protect and restore this beautiful lake. If you are not a member, you may join at the door.

Sunny Side Acres, Inc.

Eileen Taft
 Aso O. Tavitian
 Bruce D. and Karen K. Temkin
 Tom Farley Land Design, Inc.
 Henry Uman
 Lynne and Christian Urban
 Elliott and Harriet Vines
 William H. and Diane J. Vogt
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 Carol Andrea Whitcomb
 Reid and Laird T. White
 Joan T. Williams
 Peter C. Williams
 Robert G. and Elisabeth Wilmers
 Claudine Z. Yannoni
 Robert A. and Dr. Phyllis S. Yawitt
 Stuart and Paula Yurman

Trout: \$100-\$249

Leonard and Hannah Antiles
 Dr. Lewis J. Bernstein and Dr. Gaya S. Aranoff
 William E. Briggs and Don Usher
 Joseph L. and Phyllis W. Cohen
 Daniel J. Cole
 Lionel Delevingne and Judith Wilkinson
 Jay and Laurie Dubner
 Frederick J. Feingold
 Eugene Fidell and Linda Greenhouse
 Stephen A. and Arlene Genatt
 James W. and Virginia M. Giddens
 Andrew Gold and Dori Katz
 Gregg Henegar and Karen Leopardi
 Frank E. Hood, Jr.
 Alan and Valerie Hyman
 Dan and Jill Kessler
 Burton and Lila King
 Earl and Janet Kramer
 Kevin Lilley
 R.J. and Brigitte McDonald
 Janet McHugh
 R. Timothy and Nancy L. Minkler
 Gail Jacobsen Mullin
 Michael and Beth Nathan
 Bert Pogrebin and Letty Cottin
 Amy Sales
 Marc and Linda Silver
 Joseph and Adrienne Silverstein
 Linfield Simon
 David Surrenda
 Suky and Tom Werman
 Justin Wernick
 Eugene Zazofsky and Erika Goldberg

Blue Heron: \$250-\$499

Arcadian Shop, Inc.
 J. Stevens and Shirley Blanchard
 Stewart M. and Judith S. Colton
 Robert Daley and Elisabeth Brown-Daley
 Nancy Fitzpatrick
 Thomas M. Fynan and William F. Loutrel
 Peter and Meredith Kaim
 Harvey and Patti Klein
 Lauren J. Komack
 Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health
 Yo-Yo Ma and Jill Alison Hornor
 Mahkeenac Heights Association
 Matthew B. and Catherine C. Mandel
 Faith Menken
 Linda and David Morel
 Dania Moss
 Mary Mott and Gordon Simmering
 Drew E. and Lynn L. Neidorf
 Linda P. O'Connell
 Robert and Ellen Quinn
 Stephen and Sally A. Wittenberg

Eagle: \$500-\$1,000+

Lorraine A. Abraham
 Bernard Ackerman
 Beachwood Lenstock Assoc., Inc.
 Richard Bernstein and Janice Abbott
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 Dr. Jeffrey N. and Karen Cousin
 Thomas A. Jr. and Therese A. Dillon
 Chester W. and Joy A. Douglass
 Ruth W. Friendly
 Richard and Caren Osten Gerszberg
 Ira and Susan Golub
 Weston M. and Ann L. Hicks
 James D. Kiggen and Ani Shaker
 Lake Drive Association
 Edwin and Elaine London
 Mahkeenac Shores Association
 Mahkeenac Terrace Association
 Gary Miller and Charlotte Underwood-Miller
 Cris C. Raymond
 Peggy Reiser and Charles Cooney
 Richard C. and Carol R. Seltzer
 Donald D. and Barbara Shack
 Allen L. Thomas
 Pieter B. Voorhees, Jr. and Laura Beasley
 Dr. Andrew C. and Lynn J. Warheit
 White Pines Condominium Trust

Thank you one and all.

Your support is deeply appreciated.

Neighborhood News *Cont'd from Page 3*

Arboretum, Chestnut Preserve, Laurel Hill, Rosstrum, three large parcels leased to the Golf Club (for holes 1, 2-4, 11, and 13-15), Railroad Station Park, Shamrock Woods, Goodrich Park and Memorial Bridge, and the Four Corners Property at the intersection of Routes 102 and 183.

The one owned property in Interlaken is Pagenstecker Park, south of the old brick mill between Rt. 183 and the brook. In Glendale, the owned properties include: Lower Bowker's Woods, Upper Bowker's Woods, Rockwell Museum Grant, and Roeder Park.

The ownership and maintenance of these open and/or wooded lands help maintain the scenic beauty and rural character of town, and provide hiking and picnicking opportunities for both residents and visitors. These owned properties require periodic general trail maintenance and occasional storm clean-up.

Our long-term plans include the development of additional trails on many of the properties, the creation of better signage and maps for all trails, and the placement of general informational signage at many of the properties. An additional long-term goal is to put a conservation restriction in place on most or all of the owned properties to assure that the scenic beauty and recreational use are maintained for future generations.

— *William Briggs*

Mahkeenac Boating Club

On Saturday, August 25, 2012, the Mahkeenac Boating Club graciously hosted a

Stockbridge Bowl Association Board Meeting on its premises. For many board members, it was the first time they had ever been at the Boating Club and all were delighted to have the opportunity to visit this historic structure overlooking the lake. Joining the board on that Saturday morning was Lauren Komack, who paddled her way up the lake from her cottage near the end of the outlet. In 2011, Lauren kindly offered the engineers of the diversion drain project access to the lake from her property. In recognition of her kindness, the Board presented her with a framed photograph of a beautiful aerial view of the lake with a plaque commemorating her support of the Lake Management Project. Making this presentation at the Boating Club made the event extra special.

The Boating Club also had a special event to raise funds and public awareness for the Lake Management Project. Their kind deed unfortunately coincided with a torrential rain storm that prevented many people from attending the event.

—*Newsletter Editor*

Mahkeenac Heights

The representative from the Heights had no news to share, so everything must be well there.

—*Newsletter Editor*

Mahkeenac Terrace

During the last year, Mahkeenac Terrace Association has been grappling with problems concerning the mission of the association. In the past, the association needed to provide water and road maintenance to the entire community. Now that almost all of the members have their

own wells, this common bond of needing water no longer exists. The concerns of those members whose homes are directly on the lake differ from those with homes not at lake side. How to assess and fund our common responsibilities such as insurance, taxes, road repair, and also provide for the care and upkeep of the association beach pose a great challenge.

Several members of the association feel that our dues are unfairly set and have stopped participating in the funding and the management of the Terrace. Thus we must clarify our mission and decide how future funding should be handled.

I am hopeful we shall find a way to satisfy the needs of all of our neighbors no matter how challenging that may be. Our President Linda Haertline and our Treasurer Bill Bakke have worked diligently to address these issues. We thank them for their hard work!

Our Lake Association was founded over 50 years ago during a time when there were no year-round residents and small seasonal cottages were the style. Today, almost all of the cottages have been replaced with much larger structures that are used year round. The only thing that has not changed is the beautiful surroundings of the Berkshires and our beautiful Bowl.

We welcome a new family to our community— new to the Terrace, but not new to the lake. Ann and Weston Hicks recently moved to the Terrace from Beachwood. —*Jerry Sugar*

Mahkeenac Shores

The Shores is sad to inform the lake com-

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2013 Membership

You may become a member by sending a check payable to Stockbridge Bowl Association or use your credit card, P.O. Box 118, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

- Yes, I would like to celebrate the beauty of the lake and support its preservation.
- Turtle** \$50-99 **Trout** \$100-\$249 **Blue Heron** \$250-\$499 **Eagle** \$500-1,000+

Please make your check payable to **Stockbridge Bowl Association**. Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please charge my account: Visa Master Card American Express

Card Number _____ Expiration Date: ____ / _____

Please print clearly: Name and address as it appears on your credit card bill: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Summer: Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Winter: Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address (*please print clearly*): _____

Neighborhood News *Cont'd from Page 5*

munity of the death in May of Robert (Bobby) Grand-Lienard. Bobby was but four-years old when his family first took a cottage here in 1934. He will be missed by many of the "long timers" who remember him.

Hurricane Sandy caused considerable damage to the property of Penny and Bud Ackerman, former SBA representative and former president of Mahkeenac Shores. While at their home in New Jersey, they received a call that their cottage was hit by a large pine tree. Most of the damage was to a north-facing dormer and roof.

The good news was that all was restored wonderfully as a consequence of a phone call to their local contractor. The dormer was repaired, a brand new roof was built, a window on the south side of the house was replaced, and the interior walls were reconstructed. After a thorough clean up, the house looks like nothing had happened!

However, this was not the only damage to their property. A one-and-one-half foot wide tree had to be cut down by the electric company because it interfered with the wires. So, instead

of a beautiful old tree gracing the front of their house, there is now a two-foot high stump.

Coincidentally, this tree was directly opposite the one that was destroyed by the destructive wind sheer of last summer. This latter tree was in front of the cottage belonging to Connie and Steve Pajeski. Connie remembered when the tree was planted, and it was as high as she was.

All else is the same as last year at the Shores except for the lake being much higher (thanks, Gary!). We are looking forward to a great summer.
—Ron Kaprov

Tanglewood

For the recent Tanglewood news, please see the article on Bullard Woods.

—Newsletter Editor

White Pines

White Pines is a 68 unit condominium community on over 90 acres of landscaped and wooded areas. There are single family, duplex, and multi-family buildings. About 10% are full-time residents with most others staying for part or all of the summer as well as visiting on weekends.

Our amenities include 2 Har-Tru tennis courts, a heated indoor pool, exercise room, and a beach on Stockbridge Bowl. Residents can store their watercraft at the beach and enjoy all aspects of the Bowl including kayaking, canoeing, motor boating, swimming, and fishing.

Like most of the communities in the area, our residents enjoy the many cultural venues in the Berkshires. Many of our residents, who have been here since the mid 1980's, have established long-term relationships with each other and also have welcomed several new younger residents into the fabric our community. Having new members has necessitated the building of additional racks to accommodate their kayaks at our beach.

We are in the middle of a several-year staged project to maintain our facilities including replacing roofs, painting, re-asphalting our roads, and re-doing our tennis courts. We strive to provide attractive, safe, and well maintained facilities for the enjoyment of our owners and their guests.

—Armand Katz



Bullard Woods

Kevin (Moose) Foran

Property and Trails Chair

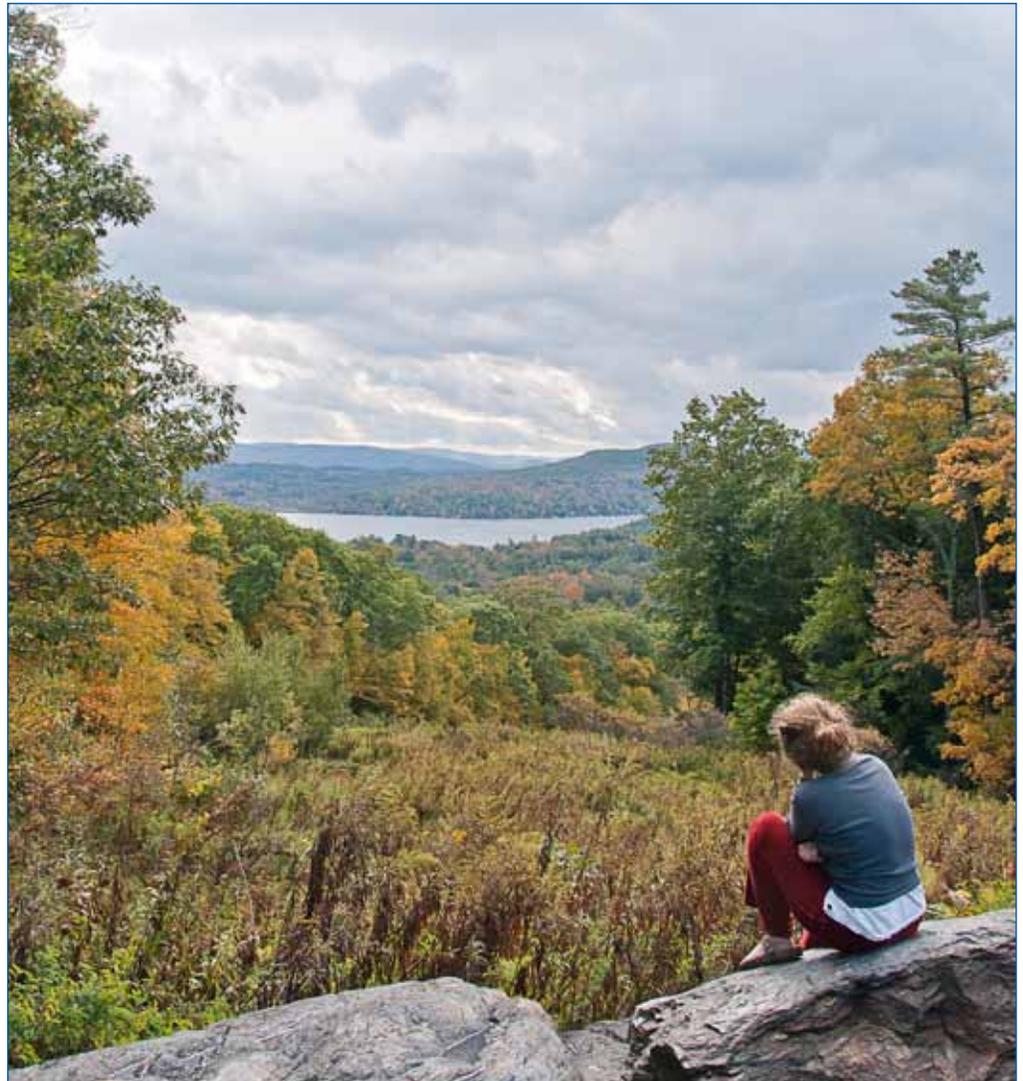
A couple of changes are happening with the trails through Bullard Woods. After several months of dialog with our Boston Symphony Orchestra neighbors, there is an agreement in place that will allow the Bullard Woods' trail at the lake's edge to wend its way across the BSO property, and connect to Gould Meadows.

The fine details in the wording of the agreement and the necessary signage are soon to be completed after we have a meeting with several of the BSO staff. A 500-foot spur trail will skirt around Tanglewood's beachfront area and connect to Gould meadows.

The Stockbridge Bowl Association Board and those who love to hike through Bullard Woods and Gould Meadows are grateful to the BSO for allowing us access across their property. The many hours of conversation and deliberation and the good will and mutual respect through these negotiations have strengthened the BSO/SBA relationship.

The rewarding result will be that the entire Stockbridge community and beyond will be able to walk along one of the more quiet remaining stretches of shoreline at the lake. Our heartfelt thanks go to all BSO leaders and Tanglewood Operations staff for this privilege.

The entrance to Bullard Woods will soon have new signs, mentioning the Bullard family for their generous gift. There will be additional posting as to the use of and regulations in Bullard Woods, which our SBA Board has agreed upon. 



Olivia's Overlook

Photo by Steve Blanchard

Fishing Derby

Tim Minkler

Spring Fishing Chairman

As witnessed on Saturday, May 18th, one does not have to live at or even near Stockbridge Bowl to take part in the lake's pleasures. On this particular Saturday, 57 fisherman, fisherwomen, and fisher-kids took part in the Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby, which was held from dawn to 3 p.m. Boats were inspected and launched from the Boat Ramp.



Lucas Trumps

Photo by George Chasse

It was a lovely day but our numbers were down a little due to holding the derby on Saturday vs. Sunday (my opinion). However, it did rain on Sunday so perhaps our numbers may have been down if we had held the derby then. Ah, Berkshire weather; one never knows.

I am delighted to announce the following winners.

The prize of \$100 went to:

Largest Salmon was 2 lbs., 18" caught by Lino Dus, of Pittsfield.

Largest Bullhead was 1 lb., 5oz, 13 ½" caught by Seth Slemph of Lee

Largest Bass was 3 lbs., 3oz, 18" caught by Tim Fogarty of Great Barrington

Largest Pickerel was 2 lbs., 12oz, 22 ½" caught by Lucas Trumps of South Lee

In the Age 12 and under group, the winners were:

Largest Pickerel was 1 lb., 13 oz., 20 ½" caught by 12-year old Mason Colli of Stockbridge

Largest Trout was 1 lb., 6oz, 15" caught by 10-year-old Brady Whalen, Great Barrington

Second Largest Trout was 1 lb., 4oz, 15 ½" caught by 10-year old Blake Cella of Lenox

Third Largest Trout was 1 lb., 2oz, 14" caught by, once again, Mason Colli of Stockbridge

Largest Bullhead was 1 lb., 5oz, 13 ½" caught by 8-year old Seth Slemph of Lee who beat out the adults for prize money.

Second Largest Bullhead was 1 lb, 4oz, 13" caught by, once again, Blake Cella of Lenox

Third Largest Bullhead was 12oz, 11" caught by 10-year-old Colin Mackie of Becket

It seems that the bass just weren't going for the kids' lines.

The lucky winners of the raffle were: Mike Soules of Lee, Dennis Guyer of Pittsfield, and Rick Turczak of Housatonic (ages withheld.)



Lino Dus

Photo by George Chasse

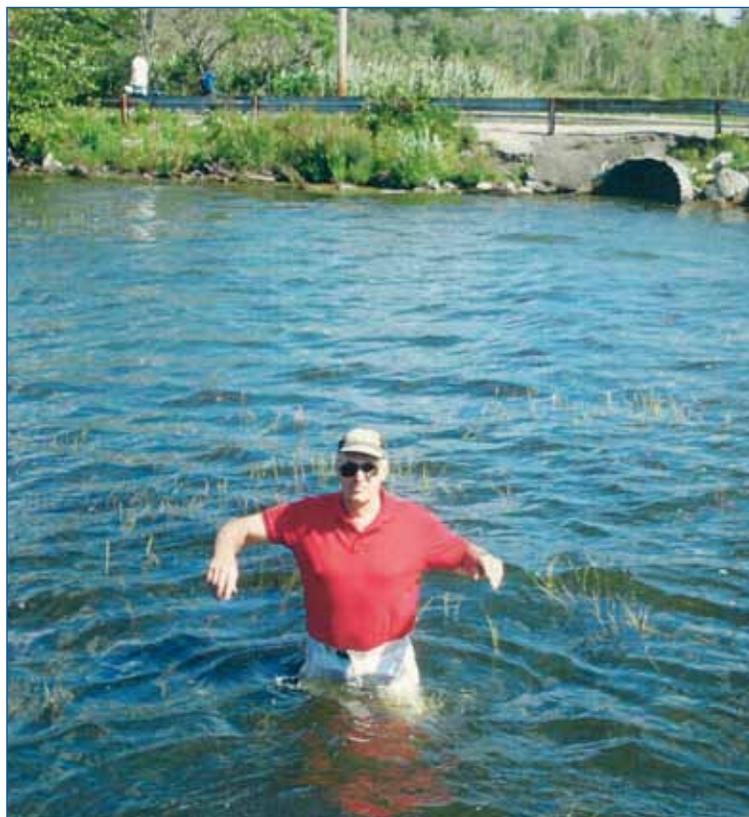
Save Stockbridge Bowl Campaign

Shirley Blanchard, SSBC Campaign Manager

The Town of Stockbridge will hire consulting engineers for the dredging phase of the Lake Management Plan. The dredging will remove the excessive build up of silt from certain areas of the lake. As soon as we receive the estimate of the cost of the dredging, we shall continue the campaign to raise the necessary funds. To raise these funds, we again will ask individuals and businesses, obtain grants from private and public sources, and seek continued support from the Town of Stockbridge.

We are most grateful for the financial support of those individuals and entities who made it possible to fund the first phase of the plan—the diversion drain. Work on the diversion drain began in December of 2011 and was completed by April of 2012. The generosity of our supporters also provided the money for the hiring of consultants for the dredging phase. Because the SBA is committed to stewardship of the lake, we look to you for continued financial support for the completion of this project.

Matt Mandel and Cris Raymond, *Campaign Co-chairs* 



Past President Gary Kleinerman in front of the Causeway Photo by R. J. McDonald

America's Camp—It All Began Right Here!

Cris Raymond, *Newsletter Editor*

Stockbridge Bowl has meant many things to many people. It has inspired writers, composers, conductors, and young musicians who later filled the seats of many symphony orchestras. Nathaniel Hawthorne walked down to the lake daily to fish with his young son. Serge Koussevitzky founded Tanglewood above the lake's shores. Leonard Bernstein was a student at the Tanglewood Music Center. Later as a conductor, he often arrived by sea plane at the Tanglewood Beach. This lake of ours also has played an important role in the lives of the children of 9/11.

From the ashes of the World Trade Center, America's Camp arose on the shores of Stockbridge Bowl in August of 2002. When the world was shaken on September 11, 2001, many people responded and wanted to help. One group of concerned and caring individuals came together to discuss what they could do. They decided that they should do what they did best—run a camp for the children. Thus the idea for America's Camp was born out of a meeting of CampGroup Directors in October 2011. Camp Directors Jed Dorfman, Danny Metzger, and Jay Toporoff have had lifelong experiences in running camps for children from ages 7-14. They proposed that a one-week camp for all children who lost a parent (some children lost both parents) or close relatives would be an important first step in a long healing process. They reached out to New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and the Mayor's Deputy Counsel Larry Levy, who helped contact the victims' families and organize the first camp program.

In August of 2002, the children arrived in Stockbridge at Camp Mah-Kee-Nac, headed by then camp director Danny Metzger. For this special week, the camp was renamed America's Camp. The first year there were 79 children. These were the children of firefighters, police officers, Port Authority workers, airline personnel, and passengers. Adults as well as the children were still very much in a state of trauma. Many of the families were reluctant to let the children out of their sight. That first

year of camp was a great success. As one parent exclaimed, "My child felt special but not different at America's Camp." Another, who had three children at the camp wrote, "Thank you for sending me back children. They left as sad little adults and returned to me as kids."

Although much had been done for the children of 9/11, it had always involved their families, never just the kids on their own. By 2006, there were 285 campers. Some of the original campers were now beyond the age limit to attend, so they were invited back as Counselors in Training (CITs). They were wonderful in helping the newcomers. America's Camp continued for ten years, the first five of which were here on Stockbridge Bowl. When the number of children attending outgrew the camp site, America's Camp moved to Hinsdale to Camp Danbee.

For ten years, I helped at America's Camp by bringing institutions and individuals from the Berkshires to the camp to entertain, teach, and bring smiles to the faces of very traumatized children.

Each year from 2003-2007, the children worked on a communal art project. In the beginning, their art work represented hurt, anger, rage, revenge. As the years passed, their works reflected hope, courage, and love. In 2006, Danny Metzger approached me and asked what we could do with this incredible collection that was beginning to deteriorate in the unheated barns of the camp. I had him photograph all the pieces, and I brought the photographs to my friends at the Norman Rockwell Museum and asked if they would hold an exhibition of the children's art work. Once the Rockwell team agreed, I went to New York City and invited the curators of what would become the 9/11 Memorial and Museum to see the exhibition. They came, they saw, and they agreed to give these expressive pieces of American history a permanent home. The Memorial opened September 2011, and the Museum, with all the art work, will open in the spring of 2014.

In 2009, I turned the children's artwork into a book, *Where Can*

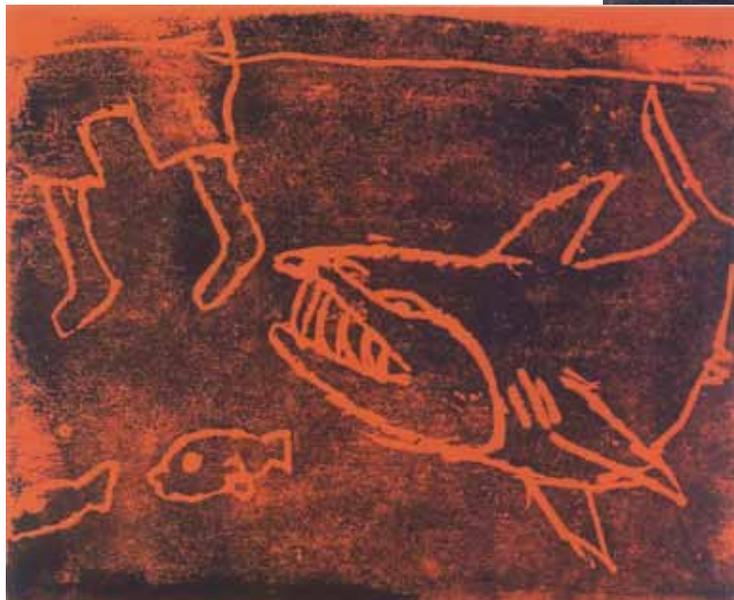
I Get a Phoenix? The phoenix is a magnificent gold and crimson bird. According to folklore, near the end of its life, the phoenix builds a nest, ignites it, and burns itself. It eludes death when a young new phoenix rises from the ashes to live again. Legend claims that a tear from its eye can heal a mortal and make him immune to death. When told of the restorative powers of the legendary phoenix, one of America's Camp children asked, "Where can I get a phoenix?"

The summer of 2011 was the last summer of America's Camp. Some of our then "babies," were now in their 20's. On the last day of camp, those children who were part of the Camp Mah-Kee-Nac years had one request. They wanted to take a trip back to Stockbridge Bowl, where it all began. A bus was provided, and all those "children" came back to the camp, ran through the buildings, romped over the grounds,



and reminisced about the wonderful and healing times that they had here. One of the girls, now 22 and a college graduate, said, "I would not have become the person I am today, if it had not been for America's Camp."

The children arrived here seared by tragedy and, like the Phoenix, arose to spread their wings to fly again. There is a positive energy here, as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, among "the murmuring pines and the hemlocks." Stockbridge Bowl has once again left its mark on American History. 



Wildlife—Bear with Me

Cris Raymond, *Newsletter Editor*

In the words of our esteemed and wise Chief of Police, Richard (Rick) Wilcox, “From November to April, it is a bird feeder, from April to November it is a bear feeder.” What was once a phenomenon in our area is now rather common place. There is hardly anyone around who has not seen Goldilocks’ Nemesis, in one or multiple numbers. Bear stories abound. They have been in people’s yards, on their decks, the McKearnan family of Interlaken Crossroad, Stockbridge once came upon a bear in their living room, and I, at a safe distance in a pontoon boat, followed one that was swimming across Stockbridge Bowl.

Bird feeders and garbage are their main interest, and the Pittsfield police maintain that the bears know when it is garbage collection day. Also, bears know how to open car doors. One rainy night at the Blanchard’s home in Interlaken, they returned with guests from a concert to find the guests’ car doors open, the seats soaking wet, and the purse missing. Thief? Vandals? The police came and discovered the purse on the lawn. Thankfully, bears do not need cash nor know how to use credit cards, but opening car doors is a cinch. One long-time lake resident, Joan Kopperl, was walking down the West Stockbridge mountain as a bear was walking up. Apparently bears do not like uneven high-pitched sounds. I cannot tell you who interviewed the bears to uncover this piece of information, but it seems to hold some truth. Joan began to yodel in a loud strong voice, and the bear quickly turned paws and headed in another direction. For those who cannot yodel, a few blasts from a whistle does seem to send bears off and running. Banging pots and pans together also is effective.

When my family first moved to Stockbridge Bowl in the 1940’s, the flora was much the same as it is today, but the fauna has changed dramatically. In those years, there were the occasional deer, raccoons, and the most un-welcomed skunks. I recall that once, during a Tanglewood concert, I witnessed a skunk quite literally walk across someone’s picnic blanket during a Sibelius concert, while the picnickers sat in terrified silence, and once I saw “Sibelius, (my now name for every skunk I see) crawl into the shade under my car, thus delaying any idea I might have had for driving away.

Snapping turtles and box turtles were and still are swimming and sunning in the lake. Once a snapper took a bite out of the oar as I was putting

it in the water. People say that the snappers won’t harm us, but I certainly wouldn’t want to put it to the test.

There were no Canada geese back then, no gulls, certainly no blue herons, egrets, loons, cormorants that we now see on the lake (I even have seen a swan), and no magnificent American bald eagles. There is an eagle nest near Mahkeenac Terrace and a few weeks back one kayaker told me that he saw an eagle with a young one that had not yet developed the white feathers. Did you know that the word “bald” is the old-English word for white, hence the appellation “bald eagle?” Another paddler told me that he saw an eagle steal a fish from an egret. Now that would have been something to witness!

I guess that the most startling sight I ever saw was a pair of snappers mating in the water at the outlet. Yes, I did feel somewhat of a voyeur, but it was the most amazing bit of water ballet ever danced. If you are interested in seeing any of these above mentioned water critters, my suggestion is grab your coffee, launch your craft, and paddle toward the island and into the outlet around 6-6:30 in the morning. That is when most of the wildlife is out and about, and there is hardly anyone else out on the lake. It is truly magnificent.



Berkshire Bears

Photo by Steve Blanchard

FYI

The Second-Homeowners Meeting will be Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town Offices, 50 Main Street.

The Stockbridge Bowl Association Annual Meeting will be held at The Norman Rockwell Museum, Saturday, July 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Private Tour of museum begins at 4 p.m., followed by refreshments. Meeting will begin at 5 p.m.

The Lake Harvesting Machine is on the Lake from the end of June through Labor Day. Questions regarding the harvester may be referred to Michael Nathan, 298-4313.

The Monitoring and Boat Wash is operational from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week until Columbus Day. It is imperative that the Public Access Boat Ramp be used for all watercraft entering Stockbridge Bowl. If a property owner rents his property during the summer, the property owner must advise all renters that any craft used on lakes other than Stockbridge Bowl must be washed before being reintroduced on the Bowl.

The Town Waste Transfer Station is open Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and in July and August on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note: This does not mean that one may arrive one minute before closing, as the gates close promptly. Consideration is always appreciated.

The Talbot Center is open on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



New SBA Board Members

Phyllis (Patti) Klein

Nominating Committee Chair

Three new organization representatives were appointed to our board this past year. The board is currently comprised of 25 voting members—13 individual members and 12 organization members, each generally serves a three-year term. Also, the board has 5 honorary members. Individual members are elected in their own right, while organization members are appointed by their groups. We are fortunate, as you will see from their brief biographies below, that Beachwood, Canyon Ranch, and Laurel Hill Association have enriched the board by selecting Patricia Kennelly, Timothy Hickey, and William Briggs, respectively, as their representatives. Happily, Peggy Reiser, who was the representative from Beachwood for many years, was elected as an individual member and remains on the board. Peggy is the chair of the SBA's Strategic Planning Committee as well as co-chair of our Membership Committee.

I am glad to report that we continue to have a very energetic volunteer board to provide the “people power” for the many projects undertaken by the SBA, including providing support (financial and otherwise) to the Town of Stockbridge in implementing its Lake Management Plan. We seek board members who can assist our organization in a variety of ways. This includes attending our meetings, holding a position as an officer, chairing (or serving on) at least one of our six standing committees—Finance, Lake, Membership, Nominating, Property and Trails, Publications and Publicity. One does not have to be a board member to help out on one of our committees, and we encourage anyone interested to contact any board member and otherwise help us with whatever “job” is at hand. We welcome your participation. The personal commitment of time

by board members, and the willingness of our member organizations to support our activities, is essential in a not-for-profit organization with no employees.

Patricia Kennelly (Beachwood) is a retired executive with over twenty-five years of management experience in marketing, operations, and finance. For fifteen years, she was on the board of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, having served as treasurer and Vice-Chairman as well as chairing various committees that led to the organization's national accreditation. She is now a Trustee Emeritus. Pat noted that the first time she visited the Berkshires was for a 2-week vacation in August 2006. “Although it was cold and rainy for most of the time, I still fell in love with the area. The following spring, we bought a house on the Stockbridge Bowl. As a yoga instructor, I find it incredible that I can kayak from my house to Kripalu! Although my husband Ed and I take advantage of the myriad of cultural and recreational activities offered in the Berkshires, I also find it to be a place where I can truly relax. To borrow a phrase from Walt Disney, the Berkshires “is the happiest place on earth!”

Timothy Hickey (Canyon Ranch) grew up in Lee. He is a Vietnam veteran and has three children and four grandchildren. Tim has a degree in Horticulture from UMass and an advanced degree in Education from the University of New England. He teaches environmental courses at BCC, and works as an Outdoor Sports Guide at Canyon Ranch. Tim has noted that in his profession, “there are threads and essential questions that weave through my environmental classes each semester at the college level: 1. Where do the goods and services we use come from? 2. What does each of us know about the area we live in? 3. What is our relationship to the natural world? 4. What are our responsibilities to that relationship?” He applied that approach to the SBA board, saying “It has been a pleasure to have

been involved with a group of individuals that have taken on the responsibility, and have been so focused on the protection of a local resource for this generation, and for those that will follow.”

William Briggs (Laurel Hill Association) is a native of suburban Philadelphia, PA. Bill graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, with degrees in Architectural Engineering and Management. Thereafter, he had a 41-year career in commercial real estate financing with several life insurance companies, the last being a 21-year stay at Aetna in Hartford, CT. Bill first came to the Berkshires in 1971 when he worked for Berkshire Life for nearly ten years. “After I left to advance my career, I realized how much I loved the Berkshires for its natural beauty, and for the availability of year-round outdoor activities and the summer arts such as Tanglewood and Jacob's Pillow. Starting in 1986, I rented a cottage in Beachwood for the summer, attracted by the lake, Stockbridge's central location within the county, and the “rural” small-town feel of the community. I enjoyed swimming and kayaking on Stockbridge Bowl and the nearness of Tanglewood and the other summer arts. In April, 1999, my partner Don Usher and I bought a cottage in the Lake Drive Association on the west side of the lake and made this our year-round weekend home. Thus, when it was time to retire, it was only natural to build a new home on the same land and make this our permanent home.

“I live adjacent to the lake and take advantage of it year-round for swimming, kayaking and cross-country skiing in the winter. Also, personally, I believe the Bowl is a very important part of Stockbridge and its continued protection and improved health are essential to the Town.”

Bill serves on the Stockbridge Conservation Commission, but no longer represents Laurel Hill on the SBA board. We thank him for his year of service on our board. 

**2013-2014
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Boating Regulations

The boating regulations are posted at the public access boat ramp. However, many of our new neighbors launch their boats directly from their property and are unaware of the Stockbridge Bowl boating regulations. If you have new members in your lake community, please be kind enough to inform them of the following regulations.

Personal watercraft such as Jet Skis are prohibited.

Speed limits for motorized craft, 10 a.m. to sunset – 40 mph

Sunset to 10 a.m. 6 mph

A safety zone of 300 feet from the shoreline is marked by buoys. Motorized boats must not exceed 6 mph within the safety zone at anytime.

Motorized boats must circle the lake in a counter clockwise direction.

There is no swimming from the access ramp.

Thank You

The Board of the Stockbridge Bowl Association wishes to thank the Town Selectmen for their support in preserving and protecting the Stockbridge Bowl, the Stockbridge Finance Committee for recommending a Town Warrant that \$25,000 be set aside for the lake, the Community Preservation Committee for recommending a Town Warrant that \$40,000 be set aside for the lake, and the voters of Stockbridge for their “yes” vote on the warrants for the lake. We also gratefully acknowledge the invaluable assistance we receive from the Town Administrator, Jorja-Ann P. Mardsen. With all of us working together, we can keep this beautiful body of water healthy for future generations to enjoy.



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