

Stockbridge Bowl Association



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Representatives from the Town, the SBA, engineers from George Cairns & Sons, the Tennessee Gas Pipeline and AECOM were present at the December 7, 2011 “kick off” of the Diversion Drain Project at the Town Office. From left: Jake San Antonio (AECOM), Gary Kleinerman (SBA), Chief Richard B. Wilcox (Town), Robert Crosky (Town), Richard Seltzer (SBA), Ryan Lizewski (AECOM), Jorja Marsden (Town), Costas Papachristos and Darren Beck (George Cairns & Sons), and three additional members from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline.

The Diversion Drain is Ready to Operate

Richard Seltzer, SBA President

On December 8, 2011, the long-awaited “kick off” for construction of the diversion drain in the outlet of Stockbridge Bowl took place at 10:00 a.m. at the Stockbridge Town Offices. Present at the meeting were representatives of the Town of Stockbridge, AECOM, Cairns and Sons, and the Stockbridge Bowl Association. The drawdown pipe cost approximately one million dollars to engineer, permit, fabricate, and install. It was funded in large part by the SBA and its donors, by grants from the Stockbridge Community Preservation Act Committee, the Town, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

With generous permission from Lauren Komack, a resident of Interlaken Crossroad, to bring heavy construction equipment across her property, a roadway was constructed and a silt fence was installed at the site on Tuesday, December 13. The site was inspected by the Conservation Commission on the 14th and work on the diversion drain began. Fall 2012 will be the first opportunity to use the newly completed pipe, which will facilitate the drawdown of Stockbridge Bowl.

Right now, two red tethered balls floating in the outlet are almost the only evidence of the diversion drain. The floating balls, each approximately the size of a soccer ball, mark the underwater locations of the entry to the drain and the exit. The drain is a 155-foot long structure, with a four-foot diameter of reinforced concrete. It ever-so carefully passes beneath three pressurized gas lines and one Town sewer line. The drain will now restore the Town’s ability to lower the level of the lake in winter to kill the root bed of the invasive non-native Eurasian Water Milfoil.

The completion of the diversion drain is an enormous success for the Town and the SBA and marks a culmination of years of feasibility studies, environmental reviews, regulatory approvals, and extraordinary fund raising.

Without the initiative of the SBA, there would be no diversion drain. From advocacy of a lake management plan to raising funds from key friends of the Bowl to identifying local and state grants, the SBA spearheaded the assembly of the over \$1million required for this major engineering project and identified the consulting engineers necessary to design and supervise this project. From the bids received, the Town selected Cairns and Sons, an excellent contractor from New Hampshire, to do the work.

While the pipe installation was completed too late to facilitate a fall drawdown this past year, the new pipe is ready for operation this coming November. The plan is to open the pre-existing dam at the end of the outlet, let the water level fall to the top of the berm that covers the gas and sewer pipes and then take the protective covers off the new diversion drain. Once opened, the drain will allow the lake level to drop below the level of the berm. To be successful, the diminished water level must expose the Eurasian Milfoil roots before any snow accumulates. Snow acts as a natural insulator. Therefore, without a protective blanket of snow, the exposed weed roots can be killed by a sustained frost. This coming November will be the first opportunity to obtain a pre-snow drawdown of the lake.

Of course, if it snows too soon after the lake is drawn down, we’ll have to wait another year to achieve the combination of drawdown and freeze. As long as the process is successful once in three years, the Milfoil can be kept in check.

All of this should set us up well for the final phase of the Town-adopted lake management plan. That last phase is dredging decades of accumulated silt from several heavily trafficked areas of the lake— the areas behind the island and the shore, along the outlet, the area in front of the causeway and the beach at White Pines, the area within the former holding pond at the end of Lily Brook, and the area in front of the Town beach. Because of years of man-made obstruction in the outlet (i.e., the gas and sewer pipes), this silt has piled up. It is so high in the outlet that our new diversion pipe will be somewhat limited in its effectiveness until parts of the lake and outlet are deepened by dredging.

Gary Kleinerman and I met with the Select Board at their 7 a.m. meeting on June 6, 2012 and received unanimous approval to proceed with plans for dredging. The first step will be preparing and issuing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the engineering firm that will produce an overall plan and will be in charge of all regulatory submissions. The Board was extremely supportive of the direction in which we are going.

We shall also be broadening our financial appeals to raise the funds necessary for this final stage of lake management. 

Stockbridge Bowl Association Annual Meeting

The SBA Annual Meeting will be held at Seranak, Tanglewood from 12:00 noon to 2:00 P.M., July 28. Light refreshments will be served. It will be a celebration of completing the first phase of the Town of Stockbridge’s Lake Management Plan, and an announcement that plans for the second phase of dredging certain areas of the lake have begun. Due to limited seating, the meeting is open to SBA members only.

The 2011-2012 SBA Board

Phyllis (Patti) Klein, *Nominating Committee Chair*

This past year, we have had several changes in our board membership. We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Bob Mills, Canyon Ranch's representative to the board. Bob will be sorely missed by those of us who had the pleasure of working with him these past years; please see our tribute to him in this *Newsletter*. We have recently been notified by Canyon Ranch that its new representative is Tim Hickey and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the board. Also we are awaiting the designation of a new representative from the Laurel Hill Association. The board is comprised of 25 voting members—13 individual members and 12 organization members, each generally serving a three-year term. Also, the board has five honorary members.

We are fortunate 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 in implementing its Lake Management Plan. We seek board members who are able to assist our organization in a variety of ways. This includes attending our (usually) monthly meetings and holding a position as an officer or chairing or serving on at least one of our six standing committees—Finance, Lake, Membership, Nominating, Property & Trails, Publications & Publicity, or other ad hoc committees. The personal commitment of time by board members, both individual and organizational, to support our activities is essential in a not-for-profit organization. Of course, we encourage everyone interested to join our committees and otherwise help us with whatever “job” is at hand. One does not have to be a board member to serve on one of the committees. Please contact any board member if you have the time and inclination to participate! You will be most welcomed.

Before turning to our new members, Gary Shalan and Tim Hickey, we also note with appreciation the long-time service of Haldor Reinholt, who has resigned from the board. Haldor was head of the SBA's Property & Trails Committee for many years and dedicated himself to the care and improvement of Bullard Woods and the Island. We are extremely grateful to him in making it possible for these properties to remain beautiful and accessible to the public.

Gary Shalan, MD, joined the Stockbridge Bowl Association Board in the past year. Gary brings with him invaluable experience and perspective that enhances our ability to fulfill the mission of the SBA. He has joined the board as an individual member, elected in his own right last summer at the 2011 SBA Annual Meeting. Gary and his family moved to the Interlaken area of Stockbridge in 1996. He is a pediatrician with Berkshire Pediatric Associates in Pittsfield and is on the staff at Berkshire Medical Center. Gary notes that he is married to the renowned ceramic artist/art instructor Paula Shalan and the proud father of three wonderful grown kids (ages 22, 20, and 17). Always a devotee of the outdoors, it wasn't long after moving to Stockbridge that he bought his first kayak and has been paddling on the Bowl ever since. Gary remarked that he joined the SBA board in order to lend a hand in preserving the beauty and recreational opportunities of the Stockbridge Bowl for all to enjoy now and for decades to come.

The SBA Board is please to announce that Tim Hickey is joining the Board as the Canyon Ranch representative. He has been with the Outdoor Sports Department of the Ranch for one year. Stockbridge Bowl is a well-known site to him as he canoes, kayaks, and paddleboats on the lake.

Tim is a teacher of Conservation of Natural Resources at Berkshire Community College. He has been a resident of Stockbridge for over thirty years, and a resident of the Berkshires longer than that, as he grew up in Lee. Tim has three children and four grandchildren. 

Lake Monitoring Gary Kleinerman, *Lake Management Chair*

This year we had a late start on refilling the lake. The diversion pipe project still had heavy equipment in the channel, so we could not close the dam until the first week in April. This coupled with almost no snow this winter and a very dry spring caused the lake level to be at the currently possible draw-down level of two feet by April 15th. Lake abutters had about ten extra feet of shoreline in front of their homes. Thanks to two good rain storms in May, each of which dropped 2 inches of water, the lake level came back up.

Now, the lake is again in good shape. The outlet channel appears to have a heavy start at weed accumulation but once the harvester gets going that should be clear as well.

The drawdown we had this past winter could be classified as not very good. The water went down and stayed down but we did not have the good hard freeze that we need to kill the invasive species. In spite of this, the main body of the lake is not showing a lot of weed growth.

Over the winter, a dam was constructed to completely stop the water from flowing over the gas lines that cross the outlet. Twelve-inch pipes were used to move the water around the project so equipment could be driven in the channel where there normally was water. Several large boulders were removed with the result that navigation will be easier. The diversion pipe in place and ready for use. 

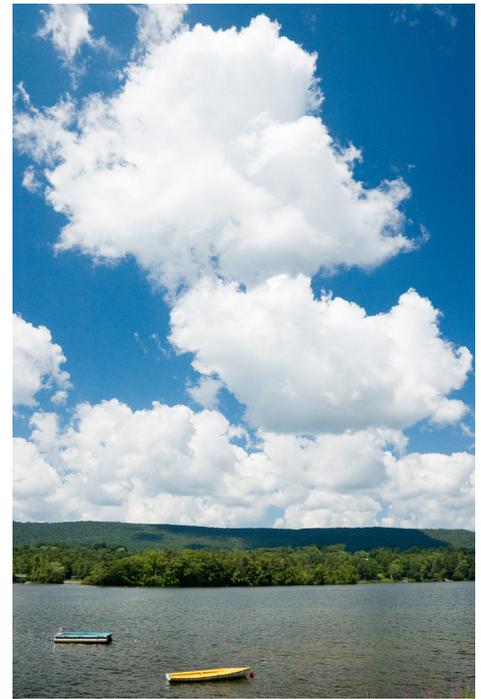


Photo: Steve Blanchard

Farewell to Bob Mills

Cris Raymond,

Publicity and Publications Chair

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of our SBA board member and colleague, Robert (Bob) Mills. Bob was the representative to the board from Canyon Ranch. He was born on January 19, 1924 in Malden, Massachusetts, was a graduate of Williams College and served in the United States Navy. He retired from the General Electric Company in the late 1980's.

To say that Bob was an outdoor enthusiast would be a great understatement. He began work at Canyon Ranch as an Outdoors Fitness Guide when Canyon Ranch opened in 1989 and was the longest running employee at the Ranch at the time of his death. He was with the volunteer group that set up the Riverwalk in Great Barrington, was an ESL tutor, and a volunteer with Construct. His work in the Berkshire Community was unflagging. Bob was a great asset to the SBA board as he knew every corner of the lake, and every pathway of Bullard Woods and the Island. Actually one could say that Bob Mills was the “poster boy” for retired people. The *Berkshire Eagle* once ran a feature story on Bob, exemplifying him as the ideal fit senior citizen. I often came across Bob at the top of Lenox Mountain, and Monument Mountain, and if I ever still had the stamina to climb Greylock, I probably would have seen him there at the top.

Bob Mills will be often thought of and long remembered by those of us who worked with him and had the pleasure of calling ourselves his friend. 

Memories of Stockbridge Bowl

Connie Grand-Lienard Pajeski

My family's history at the Stockbridge Bowl goes back to 1934 when the developer of Mah-keenac Shores and the Heights, William Butler, brought my Mom and Dad a key to #16 Mah-keenac Shores. It was a very hot day in August, and Bill Butler thought our family might enjoy the relative cool and comfort of the lakeside for the day. The day turned out to be the next 78 years! The family, Mom, Dad, four-year old Bobby, and my Mom's sister (I was gestating in my mom's womb at the time), loved the cottage so much that they decided to "camp out" for the weekend. This endeavor was really quite an undertaking, as although the place was furnished, there was a need for all the necessities, the least of which was food and drink. There were few neighbors to borrow from—indeed, there were only a handful of cottages built at the time.

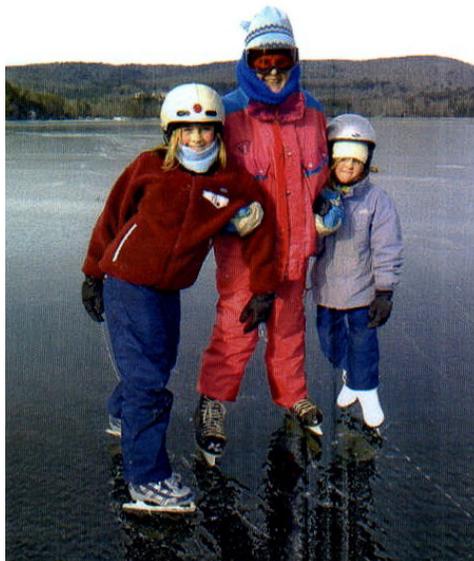
After enjoying the lakeside that first summer, with my birth imminent, my Dad spent the winter drawing up plans to raise the roof and enlarge the interior to include 4 bedrooms. So far we have 4 generations who have enjoyed parts of their summers at the cottage.

In the late 30's, Dad purchased a 20-foot wooden sailboat. This was a great adventure until one cold fall day Dad capsized and nearly drowned in the freezing water before being rescued by some novitiates from Shadowbrook, the Jesuit monastery on the mountain that burned down in the 50's, was rebuilt, and is now the home of Kripalu. After that experience, Dad lost his interest in sailing and had the boat converted to a motorized launch. For more than 20 years, Dad treated the neighborhood children to a nightly slow ride around the lake, accompanied by my Mom as chaperone-in-chief. The nightly ride became an institution! Parents loved it, as it was easy to persuade their offspring to behave and finish their dinners in order to be ready for the 7 o'clock departure, which was signaled by three loud reports from the boat's horn.

Another tradition for many years at the Shores was the Fourth of July and Labor Day clambakes. The men would steam the clams in an enormous steamer and broil many chickens on an outside fireplace. The ladies were in charge of all the "fixings" and picnic paraphernalia. By this time there were many more cottages in the Shores, and the attendees numbered in the dozens, quite a few of whom were youngsters. Fireworks sent from atop the roof of the boathouse that Dad had built ended the evening in an exciting way.

During those idyllic summer days, we children put on circuses for the community, made our own guns from builders' scraps and had

"wars" in the woods that were to become Mah-keenac Terrace. (Recall that these were the war years). We were always safe and although we were mischievous, we were seldom in trouble. Some of us had rowboats, a few with small motors attached, and we would often row either south to the store at Stockbridge Beach for ice cream and candy, or north to Carters' store next to the causeway that also had goodies. With adult supervision, we would row down to the outlet, have a picnic, swim in what we called "the black pool" (very deep, and slightly intimidating), and even venture under the falls. Now that was really thrilling! For quite a number of years, there were rope swings from several large trees that projected us out over the water. It was a sort of "coming of age" for the children when they could climb up the tree, latch onto the rope, swing wildly over the water, and drop off, all on



Connie Pajeski with granddaughters Helen and Alice, Christmas Day, 2010. Photo: Steve Pajeski

their own!

The adults had fun, too! Ball playing and horseshoes were favorites. Many had fishing boats, heavy wooden affairs with fresh bait receptacles and water for the fish to be kept, both of which were under the seats. The rowers of these boats didn't need any health club workouts. I recall as many as 20 rowboats moored with wood barriers in between. Of course there was always the joy of swimming. We had a large wooden raft, heavy enough to accommodate a diving board and kept afloat by several rows of empty barrels. It scared more than one mother when we would dive beneath the raft and come up just between the barrels, out of sight. Two huge logs, moored in the water about 4-ft. deep, were great to roll on, balance on in a standing position, and play "king of the mountain" upon throwing everyone else off.

There was no TV, so on rainy days our mothers let us build forts all over the living room with upturned furniture, blankets, and pillows.

We spent hours cutting paper dolls, furniture, appliances, and clothes for the "people" from Sears-Roebuck catalogues.

In those days there were quite a number of rented cottages, and the Tanglewood musicians also started renting or buying. They were a wonderful addition to our community and played right along with us. We absorbed a lot of appreciation for music from them, and attended concerts regularly in those years.

In the 60's, I began bringing my own grandchildren to be with grandma and grandpa for most of the summer. My very understanding husband would come for weekends when we didn't live too far away, and for several weeks when we lived in Texas. He was happy that the children could be out of the Texas heat and exposed to swimming, mountain climbing, hiking, and music appreciation.

Then there are the winter memories. The Bowl in winter is a wondrous thing. We lived in Pittsfield, and my family would come to the lake laden with a few thermos bottles of hot chocolate and an insulated container of chili. We had ice skates for all who ventured out on the frozen lake; uncles would chop holes and fish through the ice; aunts would teach all the little ones to skate from "tip-up" to "tip-up." My brother once built an ice boat with a sail that flew so fast across the ice that it scared even him! We began bringing our children to the lake in winter, and they loved it, too. The only sad thing for me about retiring to Louisiana 12 years ago is not being able to be on the lake very often in the winter. There is nothing quite as lovely as x-country skiing in a snowstorm on the lake, or gliding across on "black ice." We were able to do that on Christmas Day with our granddaughters 2 years ago!

There are still a number of us who have lived on and loved the Bowl for more than half a century. I hope that these others will share their precious memories, too.

Joan Kopperl

In 1929, my grandparents Loring and Josephine Robbins built our log cabin cottage on the west shoreline, three cottages south of the boating club. They had it built with logs from the property, and furnished with Adirondack pieces. My Uncle Joe (now age 92) recalls the excitement of building this Hansel-Gretel type cottage in the woods. So he built his own fort in the woods just up the hill from the cabin. Then the second generation, Uncle Joe, Aunt Cornelia and my Mother Deland came down to the lake in the summers from their home on High Street in Pittsfield.

The third generation soon followed, my brother Ned, Sister Kit and I invaded the cabin. Swimming, fishing, and cooking outside were always part of the fun. Also, in those days, we would take our canoe under the cause way inlet,

Non-Point Source Pollution: Together We Can Be Part of the Solution

Lauren Gaherty, *Senior Planner, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission*

Did you know that surface runoff, resulting from rain storms and snow melt, is the single largest contributor to water quality degradation in Massachusetts? It is estimated that 80-90% of the phosphorus that reaches waterways has adhered itself to sediment particles loosened from the soil. It then travels in surface runoff. Phosphorus is the major nutrient that feeds aquatic vegetation and algae blooms in Stockbridge Bowl.

The bad news is that increased levels of phosphorus follow residential development. One study in Maine found that even a careful development of woodland into two-acre house lots caused a 2- to 10-fold increase in phosphorus concentrations in surface runoff. In a recent survey of Stockbridge Bowl lake abutters, conducted with the help of the Stockbridge Bowl Association, 38% of respondents reported having exposed soils on their property and 44% reported that runoff from their property or driveway entered the lake or nearby stream. The good news is that if we all work together and make small adjustments to our properties, we can reduce the amount of surface runoff that enters our lake.*

When rain falls in a naturally forested area, as much as 50% of it percolates into the ground, 40% re-enters the atmosphere, and 10% flows overland as surface runoff. The tree canopy intercepts the raindrops, while the vegetation and leaf litter on the forest floor acts like a sponge, soaking up the water. When the rainwater percolates into the soil, the vegetation, soil and microorganisms absorb and filter out most of the pollutants that are traveling in surface runoff. When we remove the forest for development, we disturb the soil and leaf litter, grade and compact the land, and build impervious surface areas such as roads, building rooftops, driveways and patios. As a result, percolation of rain and snow is reduced and surface runoff is increased. The faster water flows across the land, the greater its capacity to carry pollution. Creating as little as 10-20% impervious surface areas on a residential property can double the rate of runoff from the site.

We can reverse this trend by looking at our properties in a different way. Each of us can reduce the level of runoff from our properties into Stockbridge Bowl by looking at our land, identifying runoff patterns, and taking a few simple steps to remedy those patterns.



An ideal lake buffer zone

Photo: Lauren Gaherty

1. **Conduct a rainy day survey.** Create a map of your property, drawing impervious surface areas that might generate runoff, existing vegetation, and known drainage patterns. Next, get your rain gear out and study your property during a good hard rainstorm. We suggest you start at the lowest part of your property and work your way up. What are the flow patterns down your property? Does runoff flow towards the lake? Towards a stream or ditch? Does the stream or ditch flow to the lake? Trace surface flow on your map.
2. **Evaluate your runoff areas and consider ways to address them.** Prioritize areas where flow is concentrated or strong, or where flow is near the lake. Here are a few ideas:
 - Plant grass, ferns, or other ground cover on bare and eroded areas to hold soil in place.
 - Capture roof runoff in a rain barrel. The water can be used to irrigate your lawn or plantings on a dry day.
 - Replace concrete or blacktop with “porous” pavement, or with stones or bricks that allow some percolation through its cracks. Better yet, consider replacing paved or gravel driveways with grass “pavers,” which are honey-combed grids filled with a sand/soil mix and planted with grass. The result is a stable grass surface for cars that allows percolation of runoff.
 - Where paved areas remain, create berms or plant vegetation to capture runoff.
 - Keep phosphorus-generating areas such as fertilizing, car washing, and pet waste out of the flow of the runoffs.
3. **“Lakescape” your property.** *Lakescape* is an alternate term for *landscape* for waterfront property owners. It describes a way that is more ecologically sound to protect the water quality and wildlife habitat of lakes. Plant a mix of trees, shrubs, ferns, and groundcover around your lawn to mimic Mother Nature.
 - Don't guess—Soil Test! Don't fertilize until you have your soil tested and find that it is absolutely necessary. Most soils already have enough nutrients needed for plants. If you do use a fertilizer, choose one with a very low or zero phosphorus level.
 - Remember: the Town of Stockbridge prohibits fertilizer and pesticide use within 150 feet of the lake.
 - Mow high & let the clippings lie. Keep your grass 2.5” to 3” tall to promote deeper root growth and denser thatch. This helps to shade out some weeds and increase endurance during hot, dry spells. Leaving the clippings on the lawn returns a small amount of nutrients back into the soil for uptake and more growth.
 - Do not collect and dump grass clippings into the lake or into a stream, ditch, or other area where they can wash into the lake. Concentrated piles of clippings can leach unwanted nutrients to the lake.
 - Plant a vegetated buffer along the shoreline and other areas where runoff enters the lake to disperse the flow and filter out sediment and nutrients. Vegetation provides that last chance to capture pollutants traveling in runoff. Forested areas can absorb 15 times more rainfall than grass or turf. The deeper roots of shrubs and trees also capture phosphorus traveling underground in saturated soils. Deep roots also hold shoreline soils in place, reducing erosion potential.

Stop, Look, Enjoy

Richard Seltzer, SBA President

As you plan your Stockbridge Bowl weeks and weekends, you might want to consider visiting the following sites: Bullard Woods, the Island, and the Outlet. New trails have been created in Bullard Woods; the Island always offers a variety of wildlife; and the diversion drain is now successfully installed in the Outlet. All are accessible by water and one is also accessible by car.

Bullard Woods—This is our 52-acre tract of woods, meadows, and lakefront at the north-east end of the Bowl between Tanglewood’s beach and Camp Mah-Kee-Nac. This magnificent gift from Mary Reynolds Bullard in 1957 is easily accessible from the water. There is an aluminum dock for boats or you can pull your water craft on shore. You also can drive to the entrance of Bullard Woods on Hawthorne Road, where the entrance is marked by a sign not far from Tanglewood’s Lion Gate. Two miles of hiking trails lead through the woods and up into the meadows, which have paths mowed for hikers. There are picnic tables near the shore and a wonderful bench shaded by an enormous oak is beckoning you to sit beside it. Also, you can bring a picnic and plunk down in the meadows. The forest floor is rich with trillium and many other wildflowers and the tall trees create a cathedral-like canopy. This coming summer the SBA board of directors anticipates holding one of its monthly meetings in one of the meadows.

The Island—When the SBA was formed in 1946, the Laurel Hill Association gifted to us the 2.5 acre island that sits near the south end of the Bowl. Except in winter when there is a deep coating of ice on the lake, the Island is

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- Buffer bonus: shoreline shrubs and trees deter geese from coming onto your lawn, but frogs, toads, and turtles will be more likely to visit these areas.
- Populate that shoreline buffer with shrubs that flower or bear fruit. Ask your landscaper or nursery to help you choose native shrubs that will flower at different times of the year for a changing palette of color. These will also be more likely to attract birds and butterflies.
- If using compost or mulch, do so lightly and in a manner that keeps it from washing into the lake or nearby stream. This can be a source of phosphorus.

The health of Stockbridge Bowl is in our hands. **We are all part of the problem —Together we can be part of the solution.** For more helpful information and helpful tips on how to reduce surface runoff and lakescaping, visit the SBA website (www.thesba.org). For more information on how shoreline buffers can filter out pollutants, consult the Massachusetts Buffer Manual. It can be viewed and downloaded at www.berkshireplanning.org/environment/regional_environmental_topics.html#buf or it can be borrowed from the Stockbridge Library.

*Editor’s Note: The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission with the help of the SBA sent a Non-Point Source Pollution survey to 150 households abutting the lake. We received a 33% response, and we thank each one of you who replied to the survey. 

not accessible by land. With trails and picnic tables, the island is a mini adventure destination. It is ideal for children who are old enough to be independent and know how to be water-safe. The aluminum dock on one side of the island encourages boaters to take advantage of this special retreat. Even when the lake is active with water skiers, fishermen, and all manner of water crafts, the Island is a preserve of tranquility. You will almost certainly find yourself exploring its beauty with no one else present.

The Outlet—Paddling down the outlet is like entering a bayou off a southern US river. Amid a beaver lodge and water lilies, the channel meanders past submerged and partially submerged rocks; sometimes the channel is helpfully marked and sometimes it is not. Half a

mile downstream, two floating red balls mark the well-submerged entry and exit structures for our newly completed diversion drain. Next fall, we’ll be able to open the drain to lower the level of the lake before it snows and freeze the root bed of the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil. Further along, you will reach the spillway and dam that also help regulate the water level throughout the year.

Of course, you can ignore these modest suggestions and enjoy the Bowl perfectly well by holding a fishing rod or a tiller or a water-ski tow line or sipping iced tea on a lawn overlooking the Bowl. Summer is especially beautiful for people who have the good fortune to be able to enjoy it on, in, or around Stockbridge Bowl. All my best wishes to our SBA members for a safe and fun-filled summer. 

Diversion Drain Installation



duck the spider webs, and paddle way to the back of what was the “holding” pond. There we would see turtles and herons, dragonflies, and many varieties of amphibians. It is sad to see that what was supposed to be a “holding” pond for the silt runoff from Lilly Brook has been neglected and filled in. In those early days of the 1950’s, there were no geese on the lake or seagulls, but plenty of kingfishers. One of our great loves was the sailfish boats flying with the wind. Dad built a fleet of five sailfish from kits so we all could sail and compete and try to stay out of the sail races of the Mahkeenac Boating Club.

The fourth generation came along with my three sons and nieces and nephews. They embraced all the water sports, and even invented a few games of their own. Often after a cook out, they would start a game of “roof ball,” which entailed hitting a ball on to the roof of the cabin and the next player would have to step up to bat and send it back to the roof. I don’t think that this sport will ever replace racquet ball, but it certainly was inventive. Thankfully, the neighbors never complained about the noise.

My grandparents would be pleased to know that a fifth generation also came to know the cabin.

Gary Kleinerman

I came to Stockbridge Bowl in 1953 when I was in my early teens. The lake was a little different then and I have fond memories of water skiing behind the island and coming out of the channel between the island and Beachwood. Today that would be against the law and almost impossible as it is now quite shallow throughout the area. Another popular spot was at the causeway, where we would take smaller boats through the pipes and paddled quite a way back until we came to a nice clear stream. Since then a beaver dam that crosses the whole area has been built and that plus the filling in of the holding pond has caused this part of the lake to become very shallow and almost impossible to traverse.

In the fifties, I spent a lot of time at the Mahkeenac Shores clearway. There were a lot of kids my age, and we all hung out together. We usually had a running game of blackjack at the clearway picnic table at which pennies, nickels, and dimes changed hands at an alarming rate. Well, one day Dr. Grand-Lienard, who had been a WWII air raid warden in Mahkeenac Shores, got dressed in his pith helmet, web belt, flash light and night stick and closed down our game by banging the stick on the table and proclaiming the game was over, and it was.

Cris Raymond

It was 1940 when my father purchased our little house (right next door to Joan Kopperl’s family cabin). Our cottage was built in 1926 on land owned by the Dressers and the Hulls, names that are still very much a part of the Berkshire Community. The “cottage,” which is what my mother always called the place, had five small bedrooms, one bath, kitchen, dining area, and screened in porch. My father was a surgeon in Pittsfield and an avid fisherman. The day he took us down to see the house, I was a toddler. Father threw a stick into the lake for our dog Foozie to fetch. Unfortunately, I stood between the dog and the lake. The result was that Foozie pushed me over the rather steep bank and into the lake; the adults laughed, and I learned to swim.

I definitely remember, during the troubled war years, being at the lakeside and feeling very safe because I felt, with all the confidence of a seven-year-old, that the “enemy” would never ever be able to reach the shores of Stockbridge Bowl. Pittsfield, however, with its GE plant, was on the list of 10 top cities that could be bombed. In my convoluted way, I thought that that made us very important.

By age nine, I was given the position of the “designated driver,” or in this case “rower.” I had to have the rowboat and the entire fishing equipment ready by the time my father returned from his afternoon office hours, hospital rounds, and house calls. I had to row Father, my older sister, and often the wet dog, who always tried to follow us, around the entire shoreline of the lake. When I married my husband, also an avid fisherman, I made it very clear that it was for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, but NOT for fishing.

As mentioned above in the other remembrances, the lake was quite different then. We could take our fairly good-sized wooden rowboat through the causeway drains and into the holding pond which, at that time, was navigable and easy to access. The wildlife was different—no bears, no geese, but plenty of raccoons and edible fish. The beautiful Stokes mansion, Shadowbrook, overlooked the north shoreline and one could see both Wheatleigh and Elm Court from our west shoreline.

Tanglewood briefly ceased during the war years but resumed directly after 1945. In the 1950’s, I was one of Tanglewood’s “program girls.” We all had to wear long dresses and white gloves as we handed out programs at the Main Gate. Leonard Bernstein often would arrive at Tanglewood via a sea plane that would whoosh down across the lake and land at the Tanglewood Beach.

Ah yes, memories are wonderful and it is the wish of all of us “long timers” that future generations of lake dwellers will be able to create their own memories and become stewards and caretakers of our beautiful Stockbridge Bowl. 



The welcoming entrance to Bullard Woods

Photo: Steve Blanchard

Bullard Woods

Kevin (Moose) Foran,
Property and Trails Chair

A secret is leaking out! More and more outdoor enthusiasts are spotted hiking the fields and trails in Bullard Park, which is what Mary Reynolds Bullard called it. I like to think that she and her husband William are watching from above and are delighted knowing that this gifted land is rewarding those who venture through it with a sense of peace and reminding us to protect our place called Earth.

Special thanks to a group of volunteers who came out on a lovely Saturday and helped clean up some fallen tree limbs and branches while others plucked out invasive garlic mustard weed—approximately 200 lbs worth!

We are fortunate that the forest has not been visited by either the Woolly Adelgid, a small aphid-like insect that sucks the sap out of hemlocks, or the Emerald Ash Borer, a green beetle that attacks all native varieties of ash trees. Both of these species are on the move in the North East, particularly this year due to the mild winter.

If you are hiking on one of the spur trails, be on the lookout for a very large white pine tree. It has been damaged by high winds that caused it to snap off approximately 45 ft. from the top. I measured the circumference which was 22 ft. I do not recall seeing a tree of this girth in the area. While it no longer stands as tall as it was, it still serves the Earth’s creatures as a diner and domicile for birds and bees.

Also, take a seat under the large red oak tree in the middle of the pasture, sit on the bench, and breathe fresh and free air. I call this tree the Bodhisattva (enlightened existence) tree which, according to Buddhist traditional teachings, is where Siddhartha (Buddha) became enlightened. This could be your moment!

More trail improvements will be occurring over the summer. Peace, peace, peace— may there be peace in our lives and may we create the peace we wish to receive. 

The Stockbridge Zebra Mussel Committee

Michael Nathan, *Committee Member*

Formed in 2010 after Zebra Mussels were found in Laurel Lake and the Housatonic River, the Stockbridge Zebra Mussel Committee (ZMC), an independent group of concerned Stockbridge citizens, meets throughout the year. The members are George Shippey, Chair; Rod Agar; Michael Buffoni; Kevin (Moose) Foran; Barbara Hobbs; Gary Kleinerman; Tim Minkler and I. The purpose of the ZMC is to prevent zebra mussels from entering Stockbridge Bowl. Once a body of water has this invasive species, there is no known remedy to eliminate them. The mussels clog pipes and outboard motors, cut the feet of swimmers, and destroy the natural ecology of the lake.

Moose Foran, SBA board representative from Kripalu, is in charge of coordinating the monitors who sit at the Public Access Boat Ramp. The monitors are high-school seniors and volunteers from Kripalu. The financial remuneration for monitors is \$10.50 per hour. The duty of the monitors is to check where incoming boats have been and to hand out a

form to boat owners that lists the names of waters that have been infected by zebra mussels. Before launching their watercraft, owners must read and sign the form attesting to the fact that their boats have not been in any of the contaminated waters. Normally, over 5,000 watercrafts are launched at the Bowl's public access. Boat monitors will be at the access ramp from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. After Labor Day until October 10th, the monitoring hours will be approximately eight hours per day.

This year, the ZMC received permission to have a boat wash at the public access ramp. The Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee, Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health and the Stockbridge Bowl Association all have made significant financial contributions to cover the cost of the monitoring program and purchasing a boat-washing machine.

The hi-power boat-washing machine will be able to heat water to 160 degrees—the temperature needed to kill the microscopic organisms that attach themselves to watercraft.

After the water is decontaminated, it will be recycled. One 2,000 gallon tank will be filled by the fire department, and it can be recycled several times before a total clean out is necessary and the water removed. Those in charge of the actual boat-washing machine will receive a remuneration of \$12.50 per hour. The machine will have a washing wand similar to those found at a regular car wash.

The boat wash will be free. The hours are Fridays 2-5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On the days of the Chocolate Race and the Cookie Race, 4-6 p.m. Day before the Josh Billings Race 1-4 p.m. Josh Billings Race 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Stockbridge Zebra Mussel Committee is looking for individuals to participate as paid monitors. The available hours are usually four-hour shifts. More information may be obtained by calling me, Michael Nathan, at 298-4313.

Please join our effort to protect Stockbridge Bowl! 

Neighborhood News

Beachwood

Peggy Reiser

Beachwood is a lakeside community of approximately one hundred twenty families, some of whom are descendants of original members. Many families have multiple generations spending time in the summer. In addition, there are an increasing number of families in Beachwood who come up intermittently throughout the year. This has resulted in upgrading what were once summer cottages to year-round residences. One of the two purchasers of homes in Beachwood last year was a family who bought a second home to accommodate their additional generation of family members. At present there are several properties on the market. Change accompanies continuity.

Just as ownership in the community reflects both change and continuity, so do the activities. Long standing are our Labor Day weekend festivities, including children's activities, a grove potluck supper, and a campfire with singing, dancing, and a visit from the "Spirit of Beachwood," who lights the amazingly constructed and always successful pyramidal campfire, and the very popular Ladies' Luncheon. More recent additions include: wine tasting, a book group, informal potlucks, theatre nights, and much, much more. Though the demographics change, it is clear that the Beachwood community is all about fun and shared social activities, in addition to addressing the practical needs of the community.

One change this year is the emphasis on dealing with bobcats, in addition to the ever-present bears and deer.

The Beachwood community is extremely grateful to Mrs. Lauren Komack for allowing the engineering team with all its equipment to access her property to install the diversion drain. Her kindness was acknowledged at the opening meeting of the association in May and benefits not only Beachwood but the entire Stockbridge Bowl Community and all those who want to preserve and protect the lake.

Camp Mah-Kee-Nac

Kevin Lilley

As we prepare for another season of children's fun on beautiful Stockbridge Bowl, we hope that all those who visit down our end of the lake will be impressed with our improved beach front.

As the SBA has proven with their hard work in getting the Diversion Drain project complete, we at Camp Mah-Kee-Nac also invested heavily in our little slice of the lake.

By looking across now at Camp Mah-Kee-Nac's beach front, you'll notice a new retaining wall. We've removed the asphalt that was once our driveway down to the beach, replaced it with grass, and, of course, we've worked hard to make everything we do at the lake worthy of its priceless sight-lines. We hope that as you look at our beach area you are impressed with the work done as we too continue to make the Stockbridge Bowl a gem in the Berkshires.

For us, the lake is not only about its beauty, but about fun! With the investment we've made in the beach area, our campers will have greater access to all the activity the lake can provide. More campers will be able to enjoy the lake from our ski boats, canoes, kayaks, fishing boats and sail boats. They will jump and splash and add that special sound that only children at play can bring.

For the campers of Mah-Kee-Nac, it is the Stockbridge Bowl that makes our camp the special place that it has been for nearly 85 years.

Kripalu

Kevin (Moose) Foran

Morning Yoga, Meditation on the beach, or perhaps a swim in the Bowl starts the day for many Kripalu guests and staff. Later in the morning, groups of guests in kayaks can be seen bobbing around on the lake, mingling with the geese, reading a good book, or taking in a wonderful view and relaxing moment. Quiet meaningful conversation shared between program

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participants also adds delight to the atmosphere. As I think about it, the word hydrotherapy comes to mind and how many forms this therapy takes.

There are some new aspects of Kripalu's stewardship of the land and water that I would like to share with you. Kripalu has taken 5 more acres of routinely mowed lawn and converted those areas into startlingly beautiful wildflower meadows. Some acreage planted last year is now in bloom. Our intention is to continue to walk back our carbon footprint while creating a wonderful landscape. When we look at the Kripalu property as a whole, we see it as Stockbridge's Gateway from the North. It is one's first step into Stockbridge along Route 183. Kripalu has begun a project that we are calling *Seeds of Thought*—a community garden based on a time held truth that what we think is what we sow, what we sow is what will grow. We are beginning on a small scale by creating an experiential/educational vegetable garden for Kripalu's guests to come learn, feel, and reconnect with the land and take a walk back from cyberspace. Kripalu, by providing significant financial and personal support, has again been very generous in aiding the Town's Zebra Mussel Committee's efforts to prevent, as best as possible, this invasive aquatic pest from entering the lake.

Lake Drive

Michael Nathan

I am thankful to report that the winter of 2011-2012 was a "non event" at Lake Drive. All of our roads remain in good condition. We had no new additions to our homes, and no new neighbors moved in. Our community remained safe and snuggled in throughout the fall and winter. We were pleased to note that there was no adverse impact to Lake Drive from the on-going work at the nearby diversion drain. All went smoothly during the months of the construction. The lack of snow and the paucity of rain in the early spring months did, however, leave the outlet bottom exposed and there were weeks in April and May when one could not paddle a kayak through the outlet. The four inches plus of rain that fell during the end of May restored the water level. Our year-round neighbor and friend William (Bill) Briggs is a member of the Conservation Commission, and we trust that he will keep a sharp eye on the condition of the outlet.

Mahkeenac Heights

Lorraine Abraham

The "mini tornado" that came through the Berkshires last June was not so "mini" to the residents of Mahkeenac Heights. Many are still recovering. We and our troubles became part of the photographs in the *Stockbridge Annual Report*.

Many residents of the Heights could not even get into their driveways, much less their houses until the trees were cleared. Initially there was no electricity, telephone, or cable. The Gauger house was completely destroyed. The Burghart and Wilson cottages suffered considerable damage. The huge tree population of the Heights probably was diminished by about twenty-five per cent.

However, we the residents of Mahkeenac Heights are a hardy lot. Rebuilding and reforestation are well under way. We continue to celebrate each others' significant personal events, keep an eye out for bears, complain about the roads, welcome newcomers, and enjoy life in the Berkshires.

Mahkeenac Shores

Ron Kaprov

This past year saw very few changes at Mahkeenac Shores. No new homes were built, no one left us, and no sales were commissioned. For the most part, the 28 cottages in our friendly compact community were owner occupied. Another section of our road was restored, but otherwise

everything remained the same.

However, we had a summer of storms, no doubt reflecting changes in the general climate and weather patterns that seem to have a greater tendency for extreme events.

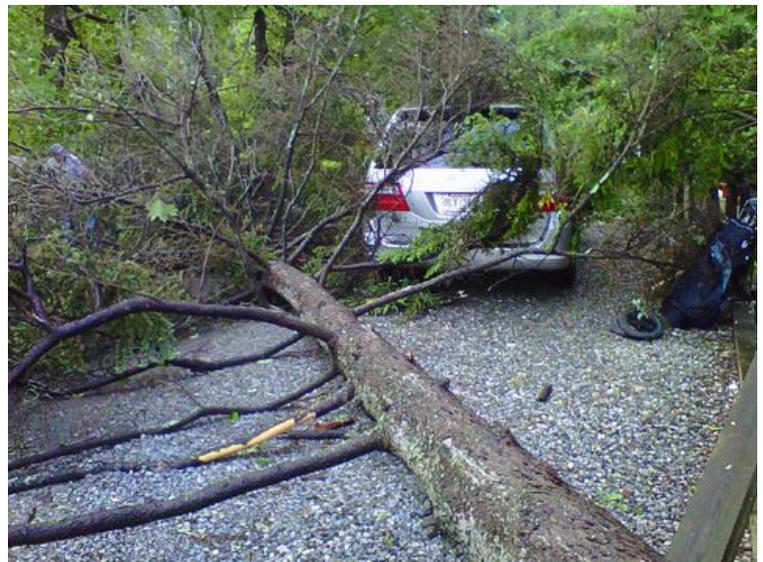
The storm in June: This was the biggest storm to hit the Shores and the immediate surrounding area in memory. Large downed trees made our community roads impassable. The microburst sliced through two tall trees next to the lake, cut them both in half, and amazingly tossed them *over* the Korth family house and on the road. It was a miracle that the only damage done by this storm was to the Lipson cottage, which sustained a two-foot diameter hole in its roof, and damage to garden furniture. This was caused by a large fallen section of a willow tree. Connie Pajeski, who has lived at the Shores for much of her life, was amazed to see a huge tree lying in front of her house. She said that she has a picture of herself as a child, standing in front of it and at the same height as the tree.

Although the Shores community came through the storm in relatively good shape, we were saddened to see the major damage done to our neighboring communities, the Heights and the Terrace.

The July storm: Except for three lucky houses, including our own, this one knocked out electricity throughout the Shores. The wells, which furnish water for much of the Shores and Heights, were inoperable since the pumps are dependent on electricity. We (Ron and Steffi) were entertaining guests during the two days of the storm. With the help of a dozen gallons of Poland Spring water, and replenished by water from the Bowl, we managed to flush the toilet tanks and have a rough but enjoyable time. Our guests are from Kingston, NH, and their reaction was: "At least it isn't winter, with things freezing up. What's all the fuss?"

Finally, the August tornado: After much hesitation and reluctance, Tanglewood was forced to cancel its final performance. SBA had its final summer meeting. We did not evacuate to local shelters but were helped again by some more Poland Springs.

In all of this, we were thankful that no one was hurt. Our hope is that the coming season will be storm-free, and that we will all have a tranquil trouble-free summer.



Storm Damage in Mahkeenac Shores

Photo: Bill Loutrel

Mahkeenac Terrace

Jerry Sugar

Mahkeenac Terrace has been busy with construction during the last year. Three homes have been rebuilt. The Altabefs and the Grossmans are in the final stages of rebuilding their cottages. There was significant damage

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to the Kaims cottage last year in one of the storms. The rebuilt cottage looks much better without the tree sticking out of the roof! Also, our road drainage system was rebuilt. In the future, we also will have to rebuild our road. Linda Haertline became the new president of the Terrace. Linda and her husband Bruce rebuilt their cottage last year. They have become active members of our community. Generations of owners change but the Terrace remains a wonderful place to live.

White Pines

Armand Katz

White Pines is a 68-unit condominium community on 90 acres of landscaped and wooded areas. There are single family, duplex, and multifamily 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 that were just completely re-surfaced, 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. We will be increasing our storage for kayaks because of increased demand. Like most of the communities in the area, our residents enjoy the many cultural venues in the Berkshires. Many of our residents have been here since the mid 1980's and have established long-term relationships but have also welcomed newer residents into the fabric of the community. 



*It looks like
Moby Dick
has surfaced*

Photo:
Steve
Blanchard

Save Stockbridge Bowl Campaign

Shirley Blanchard, Campaign Coordinator

With the completion of the diversion drain phase of the Lake Management Plan, it is now time to continue the project by removing the silt that has built up over the years in many parts of the lake. This dredging is estimated to cost at least \$2 million. The Campaign Committee will raise the necessary funds for the dredging in the same way that was done for the diversion drain phase. We 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 to the following people who have made it possible for the Lake Management Plan to proceed.

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*The Stockbridge Bowl Association
P.O. Box 118
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Thank you one and all. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Membership Report

Shirley Blanchard, *Membership Chair*

The Stockbridge Bowl Association operates totally on membership dues collected each year. With the contributions of nearly 500 individuals and six lake organizations, the SBA continues to maintain the trails and picnic tables in Bullard Woods and keeps the Island as a clean and attractive open park for public enjoyment. The SBA contributes financially to the effort to resist the invasion of zebra mussels and provides educational

materials about Stockbridge Bowl to the public with pamphlets and book marks that we give to the Stockbridge Library and on our website www.theSBA.org. Membership in the Stockbridge Bowl Association is open to all who care about the preservation of Stockbridge Bowl and the quality of our Berkshire environment.

The Stockbridge Bowl Association wishes to acknowledge the generous contributions to our annual membership drive. Below is the list of those individuals and organizations that made contributions **directly** to the SBA. It does not include the names of those who pay their basic SBA dues through their Lake Association.

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Thank you one and all. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Lenox Crew

Joan M. Schultz,
*Student Support Center Coordinator and
 Athletic Director, Lenox Memorial Middle & High School*

When spring arrived in the Berkshires, Stockbridge Bowl welcomed the fishermen, the water fowl and the Lenox Crew with its 38 + rowers! With such a mild winter, Lenox Crew was able to start its spring season earlier this year! The rowers held dry-land training outside starting March 19th and the boats arrived on Kripalu's waterfront the first week of April, at least two weeks earlier than in years past. Practice on the water started right after school on April 4th. Rowers arrive at the waterfront ready to walk their boats into the water and head down the length of the Bowl. You can bet they launched their boats pretty quickly with water temperatures in the low 40's. Even with the low level of the lake, the water was wonderful! The kids live to get out there and enjoy the sounds and sights of the Bowl.

Lenox Crew is made up of students in grades 7-12 from Lenox Memorial Middle and High School and Monument Mt. High School in Great Barrington. Our novice program welcomed 8 new rowers this spring, mostly from grades 7 & 8. Rowers had the opportunity to participate in the Saratoga B/C Invitational. This race is comprised of crews from as far away as San Diego, CA and Canada. The 8th grade Boy's 4+ came in with a second place finish! Congratulations to them!

Spring is our light racing season. The team competes in the Saratoga Invitational, a three-day race in April, Holyoke Rows Race against Vermont Academy, Dublin School, Holyoke Rows (a non-profit program for inner city students), McDuffie School, and South Kent School. This race is held in Holyoke, MA in May and we finish off our season at the Lower Boat Regatta in South Kent, CT. It is our hope to be able to host a small race on the Bowl in the near future. Our main racing season is in the fall during the months of September and October. During this time, we travel to various US Rowing events in the Northeast. We have in the past sent boats to the Head of the Charles, one of the largest regattas in the US. We finish the fall season at the Head of the Fish, the last weekend in October. This regatta hosts about 1,500 boats from all over the United States.



What a Crew!

Photo: Dr. Gamache

This spring we were very fortunate to buy a used Vespoli 8 from Dartmouth College. The Green Bean so affectionately named by the team can be seen on the water along with our other boats. The beauty of these crafts on the water with all these young people is just magnificent.

The student athletes have learned it is their responsibility to keep Stockbridge Bowl clean! Washing down all the boats and oars, picking up after themselves, and respecting the people that live on the Bowl has become their focus when on the lake.

Lenox Crew could not be this incredible program without the help we receive from Kripalu, the people of Stockbridge Bowl, and all those who love and want to preserve the lake. We thank you all! If you are ever down on the water and see our young people out there, please give a wave! Or better still, if you would like a ride in one of the boats, let us know. The rowers love to share their sport with others. 

2012 Membership

You may become a member by sending a check payable to Stockbridge Bowl Association, 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+

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

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Second-Homeowners Meeting

Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Meeting Room, Town Offices, 50 Main Street.

SBA Annual Meeting

Saturday July 28, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. at Seranak, Tanglewood. Due to limited seating, the meeting is open to SBA members only. Light refreshments will be served.

Lake Harvesting

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.

Town Waste Transfer Station

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 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.

Talbot Center

Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during normal Waste Transfer hours.

Town Beach

A second Canoe/Kayak Rack has been installed by the Town Parks and Recreation Department at the Town Beach. A permit is required to use these racks. All spaces have been filled for summer 2012. However, if you are interested in a place for 2013, please contact the Selectmen's Office starting April 1st, 2013. Spaces are given out on a first come first serve basis for a \$25.00 fee.

Up for Adventure?

On June 30, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Arcadian Shop is giving demonstrations at the Boat Landing for all who want to try kayaking and the new craze sport paddleboarding.

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