

STOCKBRIDGE BOWL ASSOCIATION



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Summer 2021



Pink Sunset

Photo by Matt Mandel

President's Letter

Richard Seltzer, SBA President

It has been a great honor and privilege to be president of the Stockbridge Bowl Association for the past ten years. I am a little sad to be stepping down as president, though I shall remain on the board of directors.

Our Bowl is one of the most beautiful and most popular lakes in Massachusetts. It is especially gratifying to see the large number of people who do not live on the lake and who regularly put their stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, fishing boats, ice boats and float planes on its waters. And it certainly helps to fulfill our mission when many visitors daily hike through our 55 acres of Bullard Woods or step ashore onto Kwuniikwat Island.

Since its founding in 1946, the SBA has played a crucial role in promoting and protecting the Bowl and Bullard Woods. It is especially welcome to see the Town this year embracing stewardship of the Bowl, its largest natural resource, propelled by the enthusiastic leadership of the current chair of its Select Board.

The SBA is an eager member of the newly formed Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission.

The more than 400 members of the SBA are a vital constituency in Town to help maintain, preserve and restore our Bowl.

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Our impetus to finally control the scourge of invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil by using a low-dose of a narrow-spectrum herbicide, targeted specifically for milfoil, and our commitment to dredging parts of the lake that would otherwise devolve into a bog, appear close to fruition.

I am pleased by what we've accomplished and confident that new leaders will continue to champion everything that generations before us have appreciated at Stockbridge Bowl.

Words from a Grateful SBA

For ten years, Richard Seltzer has devoted countless hours to the mission of the Stockbridge Bowl Association. The Board of the SBA is grateful to him for his unstinting efforts to protect and promote our beautiful lake as well as the SBA properties, Bullard Woods and Kwuniikwat Island. Our Annual Meeting is August 7th, but July 10th was the SBA Board's last meeting of the season. Board members took the opportunity to express their gratitude. There were many words of praise. Some appear below:

"Richard's leadership has been incomparable. He's a true leader in every sense of the word. He seeks out and listens to all opinions before determining a course of action to propose to the Board, and follows through with care and thoughtfulness.

He has come to understand the very complex environmental issues we face involving many government agencies, as well as the concerns of the Stockbridge community. He cares deeply about improving the lake and its environs in all respects - for current lake-users and for the future. He has consistently awakened us to the beauty and recreational value of Bullard Woods and Kwuniikwat Island."

"It is easy to say in retrospect that Richard was the right person at the right time for this job. He possessed the right combination of vision, resolve and drive to define and achieve mission-critical goals for the SBA. While working towards those goals required a certain fortitude and, at times, willingness to be assertive, I can say without reservation that whatever steps were taken were for the sole purpose of achieving the endgame. It was never personal, but always business.

Working with Richard, his skills as a lead litigator from his past employment were often obvious. He is tactical, strategic, thoughtful and meticulously careful in pursuing his goals. I want to thank him for his prodigious and selfless efforts and his contributions to the SBA, from which we all, the SBA and the local community, have been the beneficiary."



Photo by Rebekah M. Zincavage

The History of Bullard Woods, Once Called "Bullard Park"

Kevin (Moose) Foran, Chair

When Mrs. Mary Robbins Bullard announced in 1954 that upon her death she would bequeath 70 acres of her property to the SBA, she was acting from a place of selflessness and out of a desire for conservation and strategic land stewardship. She wished the property to be known as "Bullard Park," a place for the neighboring communities to refresh their spirit by bathing in nature.

How the park became known as "Bullard Woods" was likely because of its majestic six-acre stand of old growth forest. Those trees invariably made one ponder forgone years of ancestry and ecologic interdependence. Walking through the woods, the reverence Native Americans felt for the sacred land and their gratitude for its abundance can be felt. This was their homeland, lest we forget.

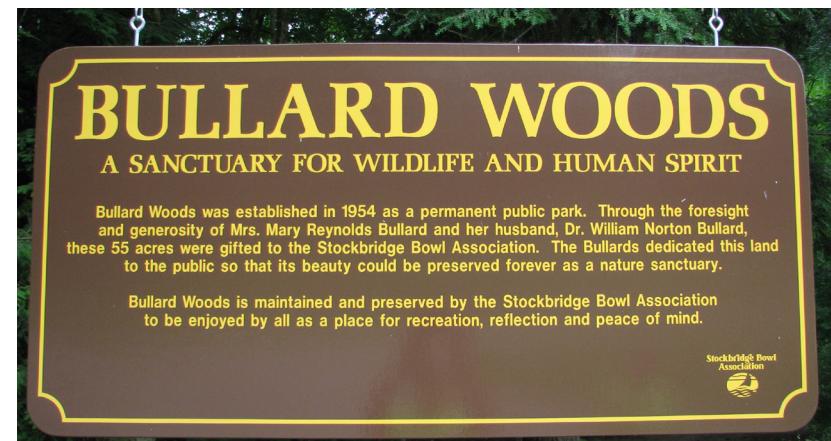


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One can also imagine the great luminaries who lived in and visited the Berkshires, such as Hawthorne, Melville, Thoreau, Wharton, Whitman, and many others, strolling amongst an orchestra of Oaks, Pines, Shagbark Hickories, Hemlocks, Cherries, and others, standing tall with dignity.

I'm sure Mrs. Bullard would not mind her Bullard Park taking on an adopted name of "Bullard Woods" for those reasons.

Of the 70 acres, a small distinct parcel was given to the BSO in exchange for their building a road and parking lot as the entrance to the woods.



Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran

Because of Mrs. Bullard's visionary gift to the SBA, and through the SBA's partnership with several other landowners, including the BSO, Gould Meadows (owned by the Town of Stockbridge), Camp Mah-Kee-Nac and Kripalu, the northern edges of the Stockbridge Bowl remain undeveloped, preserving much of what existed long ago.

Recent Changes in Bullard Woods: New replacement docks have been added this year, donated by Cris Raymond and David Brause, and four new picnic tables have been distributed around the woods. We're hoping our visitors will do their part by picking up after their dogs and removing their trash, so others can enjoy our unsullied woods.

In Summary: The Pandemic of 2020-2021 and its tragic losses and suffering have created a greater volume of people visiting recreational safe zones, such as Bullard and other natural venues. Perhaps during these unprecedented times, a new awakening will lead us to even more sound ecologic practices. We need only to go sit in the woods and listen as Mother Nature tells us not only that something is wrong but how to correct it. We just have to listen.

Report from the Lake Committee

Gary Kleinerman, Town of Stockbridge Harbormaster, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge Zebra Mussel Committee

Invasive Species Inspection: The boat ramp Zebra Mussel inspection station is open and fully staffed. In previous years, we have had over 6,000 boat launches per season. Last year during the summer, the boat ramp was crowded at times, as it seemed everyone wanted to get out and away from all the shutdown worries. We have a group of very dedicated inspectors who do a wonderful job protecting our lake. If you get a chance, thank them for their great work. No invasive Zebra Mussels were found last year, even using some new DNA testing which the state will be doing each year.

The Bowl: The lake markers are in the water. The speed limit inside the markers is 6 mph and outside is maximum speed of 40 mph. These limits apply from 10 a.m. until sunset. After sunset, the speed limit is 6 mph everywhere. I put three markers in the channel, as some boats have been speeding there. If you are swimming outside the markers, make sure you have a boat with you or a swimmer's marker, which looks like a bright orange football and is highly visible.

Docks: New docks, funded by SBA board members Cris Raymond and David Brause, have been installed at Kwuniikwat Island and Bullard Woods. They are more stable and easier to take out and put in the water than the old docks. I hope everyone gets a chance to see them.

Boat Ramp: The Town of Stockbridge and the MA Public Access Commission (owner of the boat ramp) have signed a letter of agreement which will permit the state to make some improvements at the ramp. The work most likely will not be done this year, but in the future, we may see some much needed upgrades. Partial paving, a boarding dock, and some work on the eroded shoreline may be on the table.

If anyone has questions or needs help, please feel free to call me or email: GaryK1sxa@gmail.com or 413.441.6244



Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran

Weed Harvesting-More Difficult than It Looks

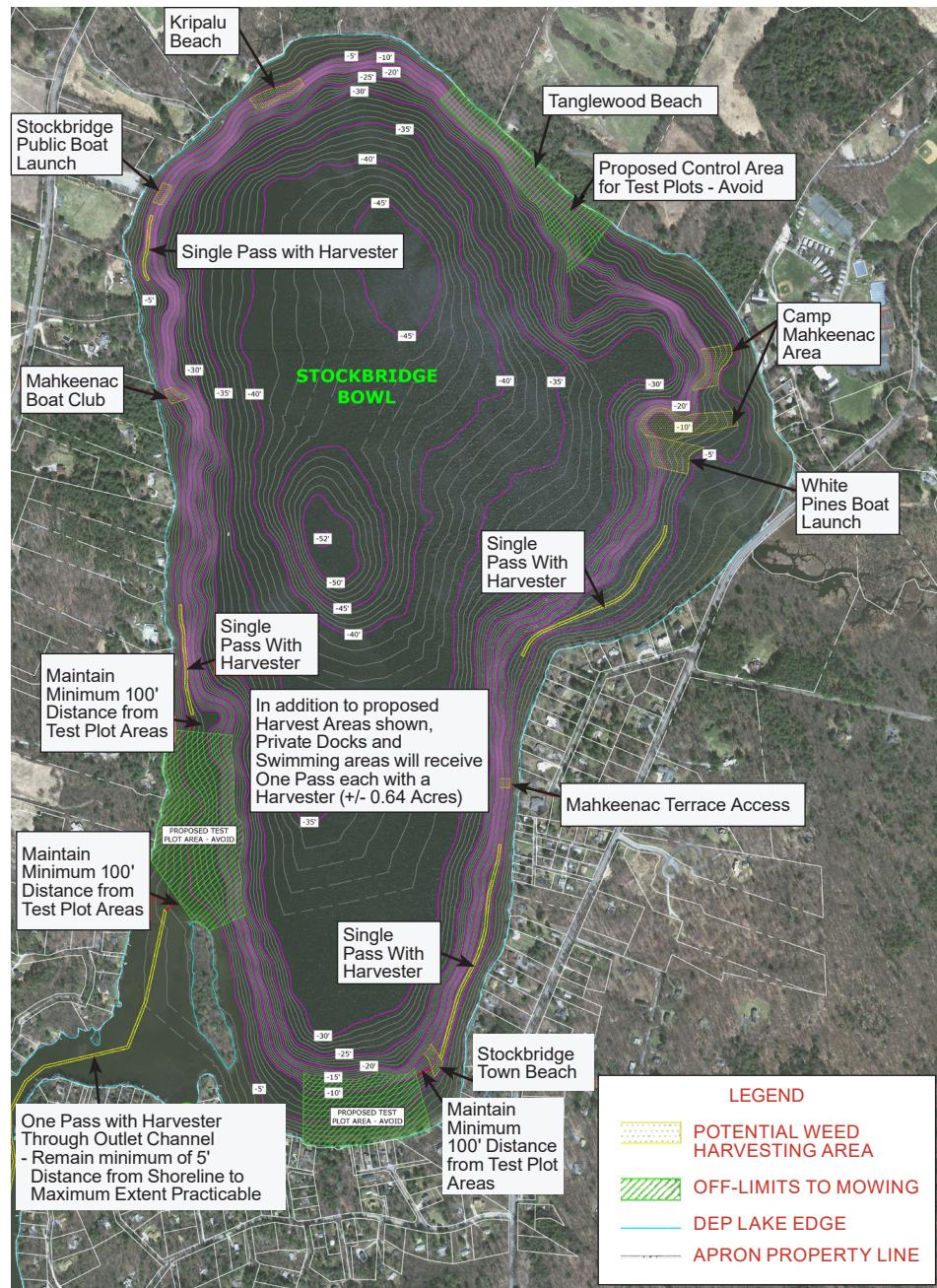
In most years, the Town of Stockbridge has cut back nuisance aquatic vegetation around the perimeter of the lake using a floating mechanical harvester. Because these weeds tend to reach the surface shortly after Memorial Day, the Town tries to put the harvester on the lake by early June.

Unfortunately, the Town was unable to put the harvester in the water at all last year because it failed to apply for the necessary harvesting permits from the Stockbridge Conservation Commission and the appropriate state agencies until mid-July 2020.

When the permit was finally issued, it was limited to harvesting only two invasive weeds and did not authorize cutting back all the other nuisance weeds that regularly clog docks and beaches. Since the two invasive weeds were scarce or not present in Stockbridge Bowl, the Town was unable to harvest weeds last summer.

This year, the application for permits was delayed again, but permission did come through from the Stockbridge Conservation Commission at the end of June. Once the Town obtains approval from the National Heritage Endangered Species Program, the harvester will be on the lake.

The permit Stockbridge will receive limits harvesting to less than ten acres, not the full perimeter of the lake as in most prior years. On a positive note, the Town expects that the permits it is obtaining this year will be valid for three years.



Not a Member? Come Join Us Anyway!

Annual Meeting | Stockbridge Bowl Association



Saturday, August 7, 2021

12:30 pm: Light Buffet Lunch | 1:15 pm: Program

Location: The Mount, 2 Plunkett Street, Lenox, MA 01240

Beginning a Year of Celebration for the Stockbridge Bowl Association's 75th Anniversary!

Dredging: a Key Part of the Stockbridge Bowl Restoration Project

Dredging is a Town of Stockbridge project. The SBA has long been supporting and partnering with the Town on this especially important work, so much so that the SBA has raised \$1.5 million over the last ten years to help fund it. Those familiar with the history know that the Tennessee Gas Company's three poorly-designed gas lines, laid in the lake's outlet, caused irreparable harm to the short and long term health of Stockbridge Bowl by enabling silt to accumulate in that portion of the lake.

In addition, the Town of Stockbridge laid a sewer line that transects the outlet impeding the flow of water out of the lake. So substantial is the silt buildup caused by the pipes damming up of the lake's natural flow that the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) saw fit to grant \$675,000 to the Town towards the dredging project. The DEP understands the importance of a healthy Bowl not only to Stockbridge, but to the wider Berkshire community.

More than a recreational resource, the lake and its setting have become part of the economy and the cultural appeal of the Berkshires. During the pandemic, many who took refuge in the Berkshires found the lake restorative to their psyches. Naturally, the Town and the SBA want to "return the favor" by restoring the water-flow in the Bowl.

The Town of Stockbridge has been working with the engineering company, GZA, and although GZA has supplied pricing for the dredging, the Town is awaiting pricing on an alternative and preferred approach to the one previously explored. Covid-19 caused some unfortunate delays, but the current Select Board is again actively engaged.

The alternative favored by the Town and the SBA is to pump the silt into geotubes, biodegradable tubes that allow water, but not silt, to flow out. The geotubes would be stored at Bullard Woods, where the land itself would be restored after the dewatering is complete. The SBA is hoping to see a current plan from GZA that includes all the agencies that need to sign off on the project and any potential obstacles.

It's Back! Milfoil Reappears in the Bowl

After a season in recess, Eurasian Water Milfoil has re-emerged around much of the circumference of Stockbridge Bowl. Although milfoil has been a scourge in the lake for decades - fouling propellers, endangering swimmers and creating an eyesore - last summer it was almost absent. Its absence compelled the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to postpone for one year the plan for testing the efficacy of the herbicide fluridone to control the growth of milfoil. This year the milfoil has returned.

On June 16, 2021, one of the lead biologists from SOLitude Lake Management toured the perimeter of the Bowl by boat to inspect for the presence of milfoil. In marked contrast to last year, the invasive weed milfoil was now present at many locations, predominantly at depths between six and twelve feet.

Moreover, milfoil was growing prolifically at those depths in one of the two test patches designated by DEP for herbicide testing and in the "control area" which is also part of the DEP test. Specifically, milfoil is growing in the test plot that spans the Beachwood swim crib, although not in water shallower than six feet. Very little milfoil is growing in the second proposed test area just north of Kwuniikwat Island. SOLitude will need to confer with DEP to select a replacement second test area.

The test planned by DEP is as follows:

- Year 1—Identify and count the stems of all plants in the test and control areas
- Year 2—Treat those areas with fluridone
- Year 3—Identify and count the stems of all plants in the test and control areas
- Year 4—Apply fluridone to all milfoil around the lake

DEP will authorize proceeding with full lake treatment with fluridone in Year 4 if the Year 3 count confirms that fluridone has controlled milfoil and has allowed other (native) plants to survive.

Start with a Smile! 

Did you know that by shopping at Amazon, you can support the SBA?

Go to smile.amazon.com and select "Stockbridge Bowl Association" as your charity-of-choice. Amazon always will recall your preferred charity choice.

Shop as you would normally, and the Amazon Smile Foundation will automatically donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the SBA! It's easy to do and it's free, so please remember the SBA when you shop, and don't forget to start with a smile!

FYI

SBA Annual Meeting — August 7, 2021:

12:45 pm, Light Lunch; 1:15 pm, Program
The Mount, 2 Plunkett St., Lenox

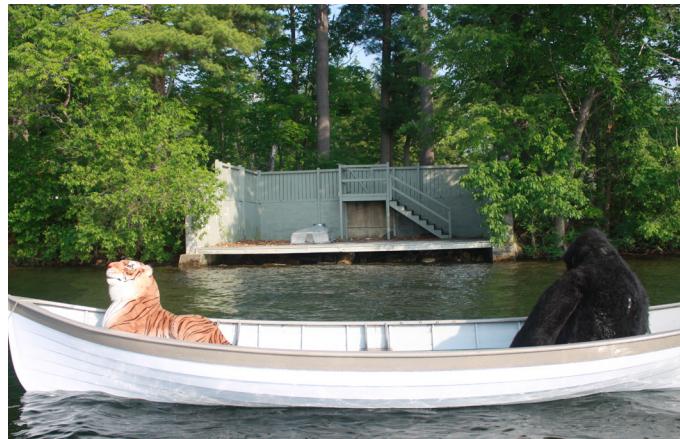
Zebra Mussel Monitoring and Boat Wash is operational from 7 am to 5 pm, seven days per week until Columbus Day. It is imperative that the Public Access Boat Ramp be used for all watercraft entering Stockbridge Bowl. If a property owner rents his property during the summer, the property owner must advise all renters that any craft ever used on lakes other than Stockbridge Bowl must be washed before being reintroduced in the Bowl.

The Town Waste Transfer Station is open Monday-Saturday: 7:00 am to 3:30 pm; Sunday: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day Weekend; sticker required for entry.

Regulations of Motorboats/Other Watercraft

1. Personal motorized watercraft (jet skis, etc.) **prohibited**
2. All motorized watercraft shall circulate counter clockwise
3. Maximum Speeds: 10:00 am to sunset, 40 MPH; between sunset and 10:00 am, 6 MPH; within Safety Zone—no more than 6 MPH
4. Safety Zone is 300 feet from the shoreline into the lake; watch for buoy markers
5. Any swimmer out of the Safety Zone must be attended by a boat or employ a swimmer's safety marker
6. Moorings and docks prohibited more than 300 feet from shore

Complete regulations adopted by Town Meeting (5/20/96) available at Stockbridge Town Hall. Violations of the regulations are punishable by a fine of \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for the second offense.



The Real Estate market is going "wild" \$\$\$

Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran



Photo by Andy Gold

Stockbridge Bowl Super Angler

Joan Cohen, Editor-in-Chief, SBA Newsletter

There's no better testament to the joy of ice fishing than the grin on Jamie Pollard's face after he landed this 15 ½-pound brown trout at Stockbridge Bowl. It was early February, and Jamie had been fishing 10 feet down from his hole through the ice when the line jerked. It took 15 minutes to work the trout up enough for Jamie to see it swim past the hole.

One look at the giant fish he'd hooked, a 32 ¼-inch trout, and Jamie feared he'd never be able to pull it up through his 8-inch hole in the ice. He had every reason to worry but fortunately had friends to help. By the time they managed to hoist his brown trout through the hole, Jamie was spent, and his hands were nearly frozen, but he was jubilant.

Although Jamie fishes year-round, he particularly loves ice fishing, in part because of the camaraderie. He often has friends with him, and his wife and two daughters have joined him too. Fishing with family is how Jamie got his start. At the time, his family lived in Stockbridge, where he began fishing at four years of age. His father would take him along with his brother and sister and teach them the necessary skills.

Jamie has fished every lake and stream in the Berkshires. What his father didn't have to teach him, though, was a love of nature that Jamie still feels.



Photo by Aaron Westcott

Neighborhood News

Beachwood

Beachwood kicked off the 2021 season with its Association meeting on Zoom. The remote meeting was not due to Covid, but because of the nasty weather on Memorial Day weekend. The community is resuming in person activities including the book group, yoga on the beach, the ladies lunch and the potluck supper and campfire.

On June 12, Stockbridge took the next step toward the creation of a Beachwood-Lenstock Maintenance District, a mechanism sought by the Association to assure payment of annual fees by homeowners. By a vote of 88–5, voters passed an article to seek special legislation authorizing a district.

If that legislation is passed, Beachwood homeowners will vote, later this summer or in 2022, on whether to approve the district. Finally, Beachwood mourns the loss of community members Phyllis Schneider, Bob Barry, Bernard Morcheles and Harvey Klein. — *Pat Kennelly*



Photo by Matt Schneiderman

Camp Mah-Kee-Nac at 90

Summer 2021 is finally upon us, and we at Camp Mah-Kee-Nac are overjoyed to be back home on beautiful Stockbridge Bowl! Our 300 campers and 130 staff have been counting the days until they'd be once again swimming, paddling, sailing, canoeing and taking full advantage of everything the Bowl has to offer. The camp has undergone quite the face lift: major cabin improvements and new LED lighting.

Expanded activities and more await our campers. Not surprisingly, we have more new camper applications and extended summer campers than ever before. We have a feeling these kids are ready to get out of the house and dive headfirst into the great outdoors! — *Jamie Chadwin*



Photo by Andy Gold

Canyon Ranch

The Outdoor Sports Department, at Canyon Ranch Resort in Lenox, is back to providing outdoor experiences to our guests. In mid-March of 2020, like many other hospitality-based companies, we closed our doors. We had hoped for only a few weeks of closure but soon realized that it would be a longer hiatus. Canyon Ranch re-opened in late July of 2020 with many new COVID protocols and restrictions. I am proud to say that we were diligent in our safety measures and had a productive late summer through early winter. In early January 2021, the COVID trends in travel made it clear that we needed to close again. Fortunately, we were only closed until March 29, 2021.

Since our second re-opening, we have relished the return of guests and their desire to see our beautiful Berkshire County. This spring we came back to Stockbridge Bowl to begin our seasonal water sports. As we have in years past, we limit the guest numbers in our water sports for both the experience and now for COVID safety.

We are currently offering our guests kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding and stand-up paddleboard (SUP) yoga at Stockbridge Bowl. After a tumultuous year for everyone, we look forward to seeing our Kripalu comrades back on the water this August! We wish everyone a happy and healthy summer! — *Leah Larmon*



"Boarding School"

Photo by Andy Gold

Kripalu

Kripalu is delighted to welcome back the community to the campus! We'll start with day guests, and move to overnight retreats starting August 19. We hope you'll come see us, and give a welcoming wave to the kayakers and paddle boarders venturing out from the Kripalu lakefront.

As we open the campus, we're determined to do even better environmentally. We're looking for ways to make our operations more sustainable and to care for our lands with even greater attention to ecological sustainability and productivity.

Stockbridge Bowl is an essential part of the Kripalu experience and we look forward to a continuing partnership with the Stockbridge Bowl Association.

We're grateful to all our friends and partners in the Berkshires who have helped Kripalu survive the pandemic shutdown. Whether in a yoga studio, in the field, or out on the water, we look forward to seeing you.

It is with gratitude and humility that Kripalu acknowledges that we are working, practicing, and gathering on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. — *Robert Mulhall, CEO*

Lake Drive

The Lake Drive Association (LDA) annual meeting this year was online on July 11th.

This year we performed more maintenance to Lake Drive: taking down dead and hazardous trees, improving drainage, and reinforcing the roadway. We have new neighbors: Mark Mancini and Bank Chantaruchirakorn; Erik Gray; Mike and Rebecca Bellora; Reenie Monteleone; and Rachel Rivest and Steve Averbuch.

If you are interested in nature, this year we have seen bears, mink, red fox, grey fox, raccoon, opossum, chipmunks, white-tail deer, rabbits, woodchucks, etc. Laura Beasley, LDA President, has documented 65 bird species on Lake Drive.



"Blue Heron with fish"

Photo by Bill Koff

Now in its second year, the www.TinyTeahouseYoga.com, Connected Community, offers 30 no-cost yoga, exercise and meditation classes online each week with over 500 members participating. It broadcasts daily from Lake Drive and is open to everyone. — *Bill Koff*

Laurel Hill Association

The Laurel Hill Association (LHA) welcomed a new president this year, Hilary Somers Deely, who succeeded retiring president Shelby Marshall. With lifelong roots in the Berkshires, Deely has been engaged with a range of environmental and horticultural organizations, including the Berkshire Botanical Garden, Stockbridge Land Trust, The Trustees of Reservations, Roots Rising, and Naumkeag. She recently completed a term as President of the Lenox Garden Club. LHA also recently welcomed David Harrington, a vice-president at the Lee Bank, as our new treasurer.

Laurel Hill Day was canceled last year because of the pandemic but will be back better than ever this year at 2 pm, August 28, at the newly-renovated Laurel Hill Park. We'll celebrate the 168th anniversary of LHA's founding by renewing LHA's commitment to the environmental and cultural heritage of Stockbridge.



"Spring Morning"

Photo by Peter Straus

The 2021 Laurel Hill Day will celebrate two milestones for women by commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first woman who spoke at the Laurel Hill rostrum, and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, guaranteeing women's right to vote.

Keynote speakers will include Shannon Holsey, President of the Mohican-Munsee-Stockbridge tribe, and Jennie Kassanoff, Professor of English at Barnard College and author of *Edith Wharton and the Politics of Race*. The public is invited.

LHA once again organized a 2021 Earth Day Clean Up. More than 65 volunteers helped clean up Stockbridge. On the ground, LHA is introducing new signs on our properties. Look for them at Lower Bowker's Woods, Chestnut Preserve, and Laurel Hill Park, with more to come. Learn more at: <https://laurelhillassociation.org/> — *Lee Bolman*

Mahkeenac Heights

When I came to Mahkeenac Heights some fifty years ago as a new bride, and then had two babies, we were one of the few families with young children. The "Heights" was filled with several members of the BSO, teachers, professors and school administrators, chiefly from New York and Boston. It was, and still is, a warm and welcoming place. The Town Beach and the lake were and are crucial to our enjoyment of life.

Many of us are still there, but The Heights is experiencing new vitality and diversity. In the past three years alone at least 15 houses have changed owners.

This year we welcomed: Ned Amore and Caitlin Meister from Brooklyn, NY; Caitlin Conn and Bobby Pico from Boston, MA; Ellie and Christian Decker from Lenox, MA; McCaela Donovan and Joe Short from Boston, MA; Veronica Hagasten and Robin Nazar-Zaden; Mark and Tessie McCormick from Sewickley, PA; Sheila and Randall Tucker.



"Hockey"

Photo by Andy Gold

In addition, new generations of Heights residents have continued the tradition. Wendy Soref and Ben Weiss are the grandchildren of Dorothy and Victor Alpert. Dorothy was a violinist with the Pops and Victor was the librarian of the BSO for many years. Rachel Sobel (husband, Rich) is the daughter of Marty Bookspan. We send our condolences to her on the loss of our beloved voice of the BSO.

Marisa and Steve Abraham are not really newcomers. They bought the house just above the one that Steve grew up in. Their dog Kugel believes it is all one. We send our best wishes to Elizabeth Ostling, one of our BSO neighbors who married Duane Klein in November. It is now the Klein cottage.

We continue to deal with the roads and their potholes. We are hoping to enjoy the Bowl, now that harvesting of the weeds is promised, and testing of a solution to the milfoil will take place. We look forward to the return of Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow, Barrington Stage, and others. This will be a better summer to all. Enjoy. — Lorraine Abraham

Mahkeenac Shores

MahKeeNac Shores is a lively, close-knit, multi-generational community, still thriving, even after a difficult couple of years. Unfortunately, we have had several long-term cottage owners who have moved away, but we welcome our new neighbors and wish them many years of happy summers!

We've done some repairs on our aging waterside docks and steps, and we all look forward to reconnecting with each other, and enjoying the lake, Tanglewood, and the beauty of the Berkshires. We will have our annual meeting via Zoom.

Regarding the SBA, our newly appointed representative is Bill Loutrel, who has been in our community since 2007, and has lived full-time in Stockbridge since 2019 — Ron Kaprov

Mahkeenac Terrace

Mahkeenac Terrace residents continue to enjoy the beauty of the Bowl and the great gifts of the environment we live in. We hope that all of our neighbors in the Stockbridge Bowl community remain safe and healthy, as we seem to be past the worst of the COVID pandemic.

After enjoying a beautiful winter, the residents of Mahkeenac Terrace are excited to revel once again in a gorgeous summer on the Bowl, listening to beautiful music drifting in from Tanglewood, cheers from campers at Camp Mah-Kee-Nac, and watching for the majestic bald eagles perched on our trees.

Our Association is led by our President, Louis Korman; Vice President Peter Kaim; Treasurer William Bakke, and Secretary Matt Bialer. Many of our residents have completed home renovations, and the neighborhood is really looking great! We welcome the Brown family, who recently moved into the Terrace.



Ice sailing and windsurfing on The Bowl

Photo by David Brause

Our community is committed to the restoration of the Bowl and the environs to good ecologic health. We are all so lucky to be able to live in such a special place. — David Brause and Louis Korman

White Pines

Exciting changes have been taking place at White Pines. Since 2019, 12 units have been sold to new owners, which represents a 20% turnover. To make our new residents comfortable, a welcoming committee has been established, and each new resident has been assigned a "buddy."

This past winter, a successful series of Zoom focus groups took place with the goal of sharing ideas to make White Pines a more active and vibrant community.

Committees have been established to insure fair and efficient on-line sign-ups and oversee maintenance of the workout room, the pool, and the tennis courts. There are now committees for: Grounds and Building, Social, Amenities, Strategic Planning, and Rules and Documents. An ongoing problem has been thefts of kayaks. This is now being monitored by the installation of security cameras and motion sensitive lights.

Outdoor yoga classes are being offered, and there are plans for a midsummer social gathering. Our community bulletin board remains active and up-to-date, and our homeowners' meeting and brunch, at which new board members are elected, is scheduled to be in late August. We at White Pines are proud of our beautiful community and the ever-increasing opportunities that are offered to our residents. — Anne Wichman

New SBA Board Members 2020-2021



Phyllis (Patti) Klein, Chair, Governance Committee | pannklein@yahoo.com

New board members are elected by the SBA members at the Annual Meeting. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic last summer, the August 1, 2020 Annual Meeting was held on Zoom, with an attendance of 175.

In order to have representation from a wide variety of individuals and organizations located around or who use the lake for recreational purposes, the board has up to 12 Organization Directors, selected by their own representatives, and up to 15 Individual Directors, all of whom have terms of up to three years. The Governance/Nominating Committee seeks candidates who are committed to the goals of the SBA and also bring the skills needed to help the board fulfill its responsibilities.

Nominations from any SBA member are reviewed along with those proposed by board members. The board then votes on proposed candidates, either for renewal terms or as first-time members, and then submits the slate to the SBA membership at the Annual Meeting.

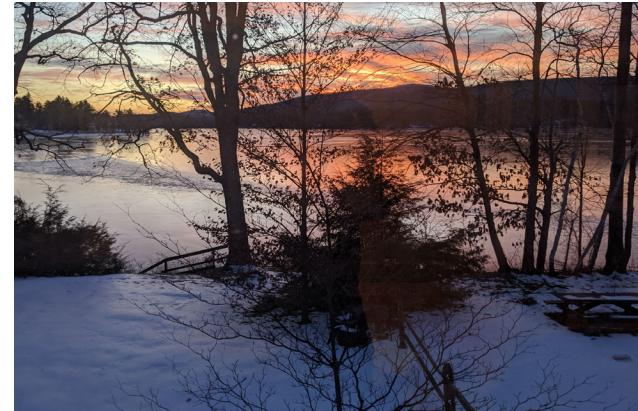
At the August 1, 2020 meeting, the proposed Organization Members of the new Class of 2023 were all re-elected to 3-year terms: Beachwood, Canyon Ranch, Kripalu, and Lake Drive Association. The representatives for Beachwood, Canyon Ranch, Kripalu and Lake Drive are continuing: Pat Kennelly, Leah Larmon, Kevin (Moose) Foran and Bill Koff.

In addition, Will Laidlaw, formerly an individual director, became the representative for the Mahkeenac Boating Club. Recently, Mahkeenac Shores notified us that Ron Kaprov has retired as its representative. The new representative, whom we will welcome to his first board meeting on July 10, 2021, is William (Bill) Loutrel. *All biographies appear on the following page.*

Individual Directors Matthew Mandel, Marie Raftery, Gregg Wellenkamp, and Sally Wittenberg were reelected to 3-year terms and became members of the Class of 2023, and Paul Monachina became a member of the Class of 2021. President Richard Seltzer and Clerk Matthew Mandel were re-elected to two-year terms (expiring in 2022).

During the course of this past year, the Board was honored to have Selectman Roxanne McCaffrey named as the ex officio Selectmen's Representative from the Town of Stockbridge. Her active presence has been greatly appreciated.

We also have two new organization representatives. Lee Bolman, the interim representative for Laurel Hill Association, has now been named its regular representative. White Pines has announced that its new representative is Anne Wichman, who is succeeding Barbara Hobbs. We are grateful to Barbara for her many years of service. We also express our thanks to board member Paul Monachina, who resigned in the spring of 2021. (*The full list of board members and officers can be found on the back page of this newsletter.*)



Christmas on the Bowl

Photo by Peter Straus

We are grateful to our volunteer Board members for their engagement in the Lake issues we are trying to resolve and for providing the "people power" for the many projects undertaken-including support (financial and otherwise) to the Town in its various lake-related projects, as well as funding for the Invasive Species/Zebra Mussel boat wash at the Stockbridge Bowl Boat Ramp on Rte. 183.

Among our most important responsibilities is our stewardship of Bullard Woods and Kwuniikwat Island, the two properties abutting and on the lake owned by the SBA.

We seek Board members who can assist our organization in a variety of ways, attend our mainly spring-fall monthly meetings and serve as an officer, chair of one of our various committees or committee participant.

Now more than ever, with the many challenges we face keeping our lake and properties safe and healthy in cooperation with the Town, the personal commitment of time by board members, and the willingness of our member organizations to support our activities, are both essential for our volunteer, not-for-profit SBA. We are always in need of helping hands and new ideas.

We welcome our new board members:

Lee Bolman is a semi-retired management professor and author as well as a self-described aging biker, hiker, kayaker and skier. A Stockbridge second-home owner, he joined the board of the Laurel Hill Association hoping to contribute to its mission of enhancing the quality of life and the environment in Stockbridge. He brings that same commitment to the SBA board. He kayaks the Bowl in summer and walks Bullard Woods year-round (usually in the company of an energetic Springer Spaniel).

William (Bill) Loutrel is "honored to represent the Mahkeenac Shores Association, and our wonderful neighbors, on the SBA board, replacing Ron Kaprov after his many years of faithful service."

During his working years, Bill has been employed as a mechanical engineer, a Parish Priest in the Episcopal Church, and for the latter half of his career, as an IT professional in a healthcare setting. He and his husband, Tom Fynan, bought their cottage in Mahkeenac Shores in 2007. While living in Hamden, CT, they were weekend and summer residents until recently. In the winter of 2010-2011, they tore down their two-season cottage and built a winterized house on the same footprint, so they could enjoy Stockbridge Bowl all year round. When Tom, who is a physician, accepted a job at Berkshire Medical Center three years ago, they moved to Stockbridge full-time, buying a second house on Rattlesnake Mountain Road for their winter residence. They still use the cottage almost every weekend in the winter and move there full-time for the summer.

"We love to swim, kayak, paddle board, and cruise the Bowl on our pontoon boat during the warm weather and walk or snow shoe on the frozen Bowl in the winter. Hiking in Bullard Woods is also a great pastime. As a former Cape Codder, I am a convert to lake living. We love the Bowl and are concerned as the pond weeds, both native and invasive, seem to get worse every year, and the lake by the inlet continues to grow shallower and shallower. We haven't dared venture down the outlet in our pontoon boat for several years. I am hopeful that with the SBA and the Town's new Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission working together, we can move forward with good solutions."

Roxanne McCaffrey. A full time Stockbridge resident her entire adult life, she worked in Information Technology, progressing from computer programmer to Information Technology Director with departmental oversight while raising her family. After investing in real estate and establishing a short-term rental business, she obtained her Real Estate Broker's license as a segue to retirement. She served Stockbridge and the surrounding community for 11 years as an EMT-I on the Lee Ambulance Service and acted as a First Responder trainer for the Lee and Tyringham Fire Departments.

Elected to the Select Board in 2019, she soon thereafter proposed the formation of the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission, subsequently being appointed to serve as Select Board representative. The intent of the Commission was to ensure that the Town accepts stewardship responsibility of Lake Mahkeenac and to bring ALL stakeholders together to address the common goal of a healthy lake, watershed and ecosystem. She currently serves as Chairman of the Select Board.

Anne Wichman, a long-time teacher of both English as a Second Language and English, spent ten years as a Representative on the Greenwich, CT, Representative Town Meeting. She chaired a two-year study for the Greenwich League of Women Voters on Greenwich's local government and how to make it more effective and efficient. She has been a resident of White Pines since 1997. "White Pines needed a representative for the SBA. Since I love the Bowl, I thought it would be a good opportunity to become involved, give back, learn a great deal, and share my new knowledge with the White Pines community."

Capital Campaign

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Save Stockbridge Bowl Campaign to protect the lake for our use now and for future generations. The Stockbridge Bowl Association will continue to direct its efforts to the challenges of maintaining the viability of this treasured lake. If your name has been inadvertently omitted from this list, is misspelled, is in an incorrect category, here, or in the membership list that follows, please let us know by contacting the SBA at P.O. Box 118, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

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