

**LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER**

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President's Column

I am pleased to announce the grand opening of the LMPA website with the address of www.LakeMorey.org. We have developed a number of features that we hope will enhance our communication for our members. A discussion board is available for multiple purposes such as: updates on milfoil, calendar reminders, sightings on the lake, lost rafts etc, ice outs, items for sale, We have a number of documents available as PDFs: newsletters, membership forms, dues forms. We hope that members will enjoy the photo gallery that we will update regularly with current photos. Presently, features include recent pictures of the winter eagles as well as some great photos from Fairlee Fun Day 2008. The board of directors would like to make this web site cost effective by reducing the number of paper mailings, although our newsletters will continue to be made available by hard copy for members so desiring. We hope that someday we can add a web cam for the site. Please visit often!

Trails

The Lake Morey Trails are one of our most treasured assets and we hope members and the community make use of the extensive network. Of course trails do not maintain themselves and assistance from our members is always appreciated. The Cross Rivendell Trails Association (Please visit www.crossrivendelltrails.org) completed the trail that traverses Orford, Fairlee, West Farilee and Vershire this past season. If you have not recently enjoyed our network of trails, put it on the agenda for this summer!

Needs

As a result of the Fairlee Fire Department's retirement from providing tent and barbecue grill services, we have rented these items the past couple of years. The LMPA is in need of a tent and a large grill (or a couple of smaller ones). If you are aware of either of these items

for a reasonable price or for loan, please let us know!

In Memoriam

We are saddened with the news of the passing of three of our members, Ed Powley, Bill Beaver and Marilyn Geeslin. They have been valued members of the lake community and they will be dearly missed.

Memorial Fund

The Ed Powley family created a memorial fund in honor of Ed and his great love of the lake. We have used the generous contributions to help defray costs of our web site. As well a memorial bench will be placed at the boat landing that will increase the comfort of participants in the greeters program. These endeavors reflect the deep love that Ed has had for Lake Morey for many years.

Membership Drive

We are approaching the 200 membership mark! This is up significantly from just 160 a few years ago. We can thank the 200th celebration for some of the increase. We still have a few lake dwellings that are not members. As you know, the LMPA offers the lake community many benefits and a goal of 100% membership is a worthy goal. If you know of any of your neighbors who are not members please encourage them to join!

Reminders

- Save the date of July 18 (the third Saturday of July) for our annual meeting and the continuation of Fairlee Family Fun Day & Sailing Regatta! Visit our website for continual updates!
- Mardie Durgan is still accepting entries for the Lake Morey History Book!
- Dump/Beach passes are available at the Town of Fairlee offices. Visit their website to obtain them by mail.
- The Greeters Program: We are counting on increased participation from our

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members! Please visit the web site for details!

- Adopt a Lake: We plan to make the forms available on the web site
- Invasive species (milfoil). We have not declared victory but plans are moving forward, see www.lakemorey.org for updates. The last newsletter contains the extensive report.

Nature Notes

Dragonflies and Damselflies are both voracious predators, feeding especially on flies, midges and mosquitoes. We can also appreciate them for their beauty and their amazing acrobatics. They can move forward, backwards, sideways and the dragonfly is one of the fastest flying insects in the world. One can tell the difference between the two when observing them at rest (the insects, not you!). The damselfly normally holds its wings closed along the abdomen, whereas the dragonfly wings are spread horizontally to the body. The dragonfly is typically larger and the more powerful flyer. Neither is a threat to us, they do not bite or sting (although they are capable of biting in their nymph stage). They will only breed in clean waters and in Japan they are revered as a sign of courage and happiness. I hope their presence forever graces beautiful Lake Morey!

Directory

We are on schedule to have the biennial directory available in time for the annual meeting July 18. If we do not have your email address (we have approximately 50%) please consider entering it on the dues form. The LMPA will not share any email address with any outside organization. If you prefer to let us use your email for communication but would rather not have it published in the directory, we will honor that request. We do provide mailing addresses to the town of Fairlee when requested for official business.

Fairlee Family Fun Day: Help Wanted!

We are seeking volunteers for Fairlee Family Fun Day! No special skills needed -- assist with games (new ideas welcome!), flip some burgers, set up, clean up, etc. Please contact John Larrabee or Patty Armstrong.

A Picture's Worth A Thousand Words

For the past two summer seasons, LMPA activities have been photographed and posted on the website <http://lmpa.phanfare.com>. Catch a glimpse of Lake Morey families and friends enjoying Fairlee Family Fun Day and all our 100th anniversary events!

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