

ANDOVER LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

ANDOVER Lakeshore

APRIL 2003

NEWS



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Andover Angler's Report

There is historical evidence that the most primitive of humans fished for food with their bare hands and a club.

As time passed they developed new and better techniques to improve their catch. Spears were fashioned from bone, antlers, wood and stone and they learned to build small stone dams. The dams provided pools for fish to gather in making catching easier.

Fishhooks have been used for thousands of years. The first ones were crafted from small animal bones, shells, antlers or horns from animals. As technology advanced, fishhook materials improved and some new twists and bends have been added, but the fishhooks of today are not very different from the original shape used by early man.

Today more than 50 million people in the United States enjoy recreational fishing. It's a good way for people to experience the pleasures of the outdoors and enjoy time spent with family and friends. Fishing can take you away from the hustle and bustle of your daily routine. Combining fishing activities with other outdoor activities such as picnicking, boating, swimming, camping, bird watching or hiking can enhance the enjoyment of a fishing trip. Fishing is a sport that can be enjoyed by the whole family, old, and young, males and females, physically - abled as well as the physically challenged. It may be enjoyed at midday or at midnight, in the rain, snow or on a sunshiny day. The pleasures of a day "gone fishing" can be a shared event or a

quiet solitary activity.

All anglers don't fish for the same things. Some don't care what they catch, as long as they catch something. Others are only interested in certain species of fish. Some want to catch a lot of fish and still others want only a big fish. Then there are those who don't care if they catch anything at all, as long as they get to relax and enjoy the great outdoors.

Connecticut with its 253 miles of shoreline, 19,591 lakes and ponds and 12,148 miles of rivers and streams offers residents many great fishing opportunities. One of the great fishing opportunities in the state is Andover Lake. Here a wide variety of warm-water species are available for the novice or the experienced recreational angler. Species include, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, White Catfish, Brown Bullheads, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, Black Crappie, Bluegills, Pumpkinseeds, and the Red Breasted Sunfish.

When fishing Andover Lake, either from shore or from a boat, take time to notice and enjoy some of the other wildlife that calls Andover Lake home; turtles, frogs, ducks, Mute Swans, Canada Geese, Osprey, Great Blue Herons, Cormorants, and keep an eagle eye out for the visiting Bald Eagles.

Best Fishes,

Dianne Grenier
For the ALPOA Anglers



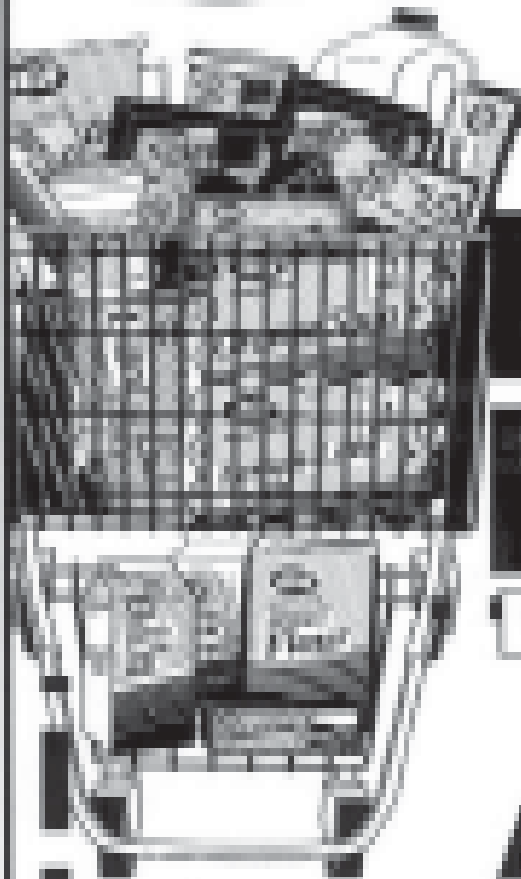
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President's Message April 2003

Wow, what a winter
this has been!

For many of us who are not winter oriented, it is hard to imagine that summer will be here soon and we will be enjoying beautiful Andover Lake. We look forward to swimming, lying on the beach or canoeing to the island. Many will be fishing; bird watching or taking photos of the friends and family that have come over to enjoy the festivities. How fortunate we are. And one of our fortunes comes in the form of our members. We have members that serve on boards but we also have members who are unsung heroes. They organize spring clean-ups, they paint and do repairs on the tables and buildings, and they organize swim lesson sign-ups, or prepare the beach for the beach bash and adult night. They organize a neighborhood tag sale, get advertisements to support our newsletter or print our newsletter for the community.

There are those volunteers that get great enjoyment teaching children to fish or are willing to work another time of year to train our next group of lifeguards. Their value is irreplaceable. Why do they do it? If you ask them- its love for the lake and the community. They want the children to have an opportunity to experience a childhood full of adventure. They see the science in the lake and the fun of laughter from the people. They are special volunteers and we appreciate all they do.

Keeping up with the lake activities does require all of these things and more. If we want to continue to expand our sense of community with the town, we would want our membership to grow. We would want to survey the community to determine what activities might be added to assist in our growth. We would want to work with our ALMA organization to preserve the integrity of the lake and we would want to be involved with other town organizations that could work with us with their expertise to ensure health and safety for all of the community. These would require more volunteers.

If you can volunteer- we need you!! There is room for everyone- please join and become involved.

— Naida Arcenas - ALPOA President

The Walkway Over the Dam Plans for the walkway over the Andover Lake Dam are moving forward.

Many months of the fall and winter were spent obtaining a zoning variance from the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals and obtaining approval for the project from the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Highway Safety Corporation has offered to fabricate the steel bridge sections at cost over winter months, which is a slow time for its business. With the delays in obtaining all the required regulatory approvals, it may be too late to complete the bridge this winter, and the fabrication and installation of the bridge may be delayed until next winter.

The ALPOA Treasurer's Comments

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coming in 2004.

As we see the walkway schedule now, we will need the funds for it before dues start coming in 2004. We have therefore included the assessment approved at the last annual meeting in this year's dues amounts. Those of you who have pledged extra financial help for the Walkway Project are off the hook until we need the funds. You will be contacted at that time. Our guess is that will be next winter. ALPOA certainly thanks the 25 members who pledged almost \$7000 to support this project.

The CPA whom we hired to review our books and to prepare our Federal Tax Return, has completed his work. The return has been submitted and the results of his review will be available at the semiannual meeting.

BLEACH YOUR BOAT AND WATER TOYS PLEASE!

When you take your canoe, kayak, water floats, etc., to another lake or beach, be sure to bleach them well before putting them back in Andover Lake. Bleaching is the only way to ensure that no weeds, bacteria and other contaminants will be removed and not infect beautiful, CLEAN Andover Lake. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

REPORT FROM ALMA

The seasons of New England are such a marvelous, stimulating series of changes: My eyes are caught by Song Sparrows in small loose flocks, foraging on holly berries in my garden. By early in February most other berries, being sweeter, were already consumed, or having been deteriorated by rot, are not available as a food source. The rather unattractive, rough looking red cedar trees, continue to be an excellent food source. These tiny creatures perform a kind of acrobatic flight dance from cedars to hollies in several different directions. The backdrop to this is GREAT GIANT FROZEN ICE CUBE; OUR LAKE. John Corl measured the ice at 5 to 8 inches thick several weeks ago.

Very big thank yous go out to many people: all the very fine, dedicated people who have served on the ALPOA/ALMA BOARDS, recently or at any time, Committee workers, those willing to be an extra pair of hands "to do a job", and all the wide support network all over our community. Do you ever look out across the Lake and notice it is a little like a Village Green, a Common? The homes face towards it and circle the edges. By nature we are formed into a kind of Lake Family. All of us who serve on the Boards greatly appreciate and want to express our gratitude to all who help to keep Andover Lake the wonderful place that it is,

ALPOA/ALMA plan to continue to monitor the health of the water through sampling, 2003 sampling planned to begin in March or April. Depending on weather, we shall try to do another perimeter study with our Limnologist, Dr. George Knocklein, before we bring the water level up to recreational level. We expect that Drew Hyatt will be interested in more study of Andover Lake this summer but he has not as yet supplied details,

Our plans for this coming year are very much the flowering growth coming forth from seeds in earlier years. Because we are constrained by time/space, here is a brief overview.

- 1) Dam maintenance: Vandalism repairs by Gordon Stratton.
- 2) ALPOA/ALMA non-profit status was established for Legal & IRS purposes thanks to John Corl, Ed Daly, Tom Byron, and Lynn Skull.
- 3) Beach Committee formed, up and running; resulted in a much better swim lesson registration, a happier season for all, BIG SPECIAL THANKS to this committee led by Dawn Clark.
- 4) Walls, Docks and Floats Committee Chairman, Neal Alderman, coordinated with John Valente, Town Sanitarian.
- 5) Erosion Prevention: John Corl and others worked to reinforce the banks of the Lakeshore in several places by adding sanitized stone, again we thank John Valente for all his constructive, expert guidance.
- 6) Records: We are fortunate to have very voluminous amounts of records, major aim is: Standardize the record system, convert all this data into a uniform digital system. John Corl is our leader here also.
- 7) Watershed protection: Many 2002 Hearings of Wetlands Board and ZBA were attended by Carolyn,
- 8) Job Descriptions: Defined, Duties outlined more specifically, we plan to try to standardize more for future.
- 9) Beach Utilities and property maintenance around dam area: Carolyn
- 10) Walkway Bridge at dam, ALPOA/ALMA joint project; GREAT PRAISE TO ART WOOD, chairman of Committee, A very complete and thorough body of work was beautifully done by Art, as well as a series of masterfully presented "Petitions" to the Town for their consent to our plans. Carolyn, as well as Committee member, Diane Grenier, was present at Wetlands and ZBA Hearings with Art Wood. We cannot begin to thank Art and the entire committee enough for their dedicated labors.
- 11) Invasive Aquatics; Protect our Lake against them, signs were placed at ALMA OWNED RIGHTS OF WAY, 7 areas, before a boat is launched, it needs to be sanitized with bleach.
- 12) Watershed Protections by each homeowner: Very careful use of any fertilizers, (hopefully use none: plant a buffer zone protector and diminish lawn size), also Septic systems maintained as "Clean"
- 13) Attendance: Thank you to everyone for being present, ALPOA Officers are invited to attend ALMA BOARD meetings, Carolyn attends ALPOA meetings, and we are increasing the number of JOINT ALPOA/ALMA MEETINGS.

Membership
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Inside!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a semi-annual meeting of the membership on the last Tuesday of June. Further details will be announced in the next newsletter.

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Next Issue Deadline: May 1, 2003

Distribution of this newsletter is to the ALPOA Membership with Andover town-wide mailing of the April Issue and extra copies to the Town Hall, library and local merchants.

Concerning advertising: A good clean copy is requested (Please no more xeroxes of xeroxes!) and to the correct size and proportion. We're not responsible for typographical errors. Any comments or questions concerning advertising should be brought to Shirley Stolezenbach, 742-4406.

Any comments or questions concerning editorial and design should be brought to Jim McCann, 742-0838 or jansmccann@aol.com.

Articles can be submitted electronically (preferred) to: alpoa@andoverlake.com or hard copy can be sent to ALPOA, P. O. Box 54, Andover, CT 06032-0054.

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Just a Cat

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No matter where he went
His support, his best friend
The world to him, she meant
She helped him through all the pain
And also with his spirits
Her readiness to make him smile
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On that bright and sunny day
Someone was in a hurry
Flying past our house so fast
At speeds that made us worry
Worry every single day
That something bad would come
And on that bright and sunny day
We lost our little one
If only people could just know
How much she meant to him
Or just think how they would you feel
If this had happened to them
For those who say, "It's just a cat"
I feel so very bad
To have no heart and hurt like that
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when driving around the Lake.

Thank You!

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ALPOA 2003 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Return by May 15 to avoid a late fee)

Check membership type	Renewal	W/Late fee	Lapsed Fee	New Member
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Would you be interested in receiving the ALPOA Newsletter by email? Circle one YES NO

email address _____ (this is an opinion question at this point)

Activities you would like to see _____

If you are interested in helping on an ALPOA committee or with an ALPOA activity, please call any Board Member.

I agree to abide by the rules and bylaws of the association _____

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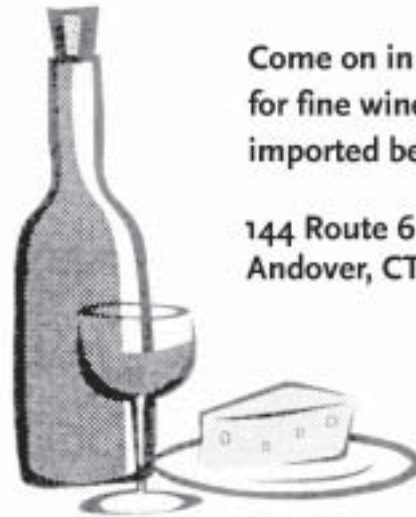
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Dory Alderman

Billy's Bread

Breads made with unusual ingredients are fun to try. Being a little nervous about this concept, I started to hold my breath in anticipation. However, while baking, the aroma was so intoxicating I couldn't wait to sample the results. I sliced a piece for Neal and I to sample but Billy Idol, my Cockatiel, got there first. If my little gourmet friend is any judge of food this was a winner. The bread has a soft interior and a tangy aftertaste. Serve it with wine and cheese or with hearty soup. Neal likes it with cream cheese.

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
(I like 2 C. white + 1/2 c. whole wheat)
1 tablespoon double-acting
baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar
12-ounce can or bottle of beer
1 egg

Lightly grease a 5x9-inch bread pan.

Keep close at hand. Place the oven rack in the center.

Preheat to 375°. In a medium-sized bowl sift together the dry ingredients. Pour on the beer, then break the egg over the top. Stir together until well blended. Don't over mix. Scrape into the prepared pan. Bake 60 minutes or until light brown on the top and bottom and the bread sounds hollow when tapped. Remove the bread from the pan; place on a wire rack. Billy's Bread may be served warm or cooled.

(Adapted from Favorite Recipes, New Milford Hospital Employees)

Safe Boating on Andover Lake

By Dianne Grenier

The single most essential piece of safety equipment for any boat is the Personal Floatation Device (PFD) or life jacket. Boating accidents are usually sudden, unexpected events with approximately 90% of all boating accident fatalities being the result of drowning. The vast majority of drowning victims are found not to be wearing a PFD. A PFD could save a life, but it will be of little use if you don't wear it.

Although Andover Lake is a private lake, all State of Connecticut DEP boating regulations as outlined in the Connecticut Boater's Guide are applicable and are enforced.

According to the Connecticut Boater's Guide: there must be a wearable, Coast Guard approved, PFD in every boat for each person aboard. Children under 12 years of age MUST WEAR a PFD WHENEVER they are in ANY boat being used for recreational purposes.

Many fatal boating accidents that involve canoes and kayaks occur in the fall and early spring. This has motivated the DEP to develop a law that states; From October 1st through May 30th, EVERYONE in a canoe or kayak MUST WEAR a PFD.

Most accidental fatalities involving small boats occur on small inland bodies of water and are caused by capsizing or falling overboard. These accidents can be minimized, or eliminated, by properly loading (balancing) the boat from front-to-back and side-to-side and by not standing up in a canoe or other small boats.

A change in weather conditions can cause the water to become rough, which will provide additional challenges to both the novice and the experienced boaters. A good way to help manage a canoe in rough weather is by kneeling on the bottom, in the center of the boat, instead of sitting up on the seat. This will lower your center of gravity, which will assist in making your canoe more stable and easier to maneuver.

Alcohol, drugs and boating are a bad combination. Alcohol and drugs affects balance, coordination and good judgment, whether on the water or on land. Don't boat and use alcohol or drugs. It's not only a good idea; it's also the law.

Sign-up for swim lessons

Sign-ups for swimming lessons will be the **second Saturday of June** at the Old Firehouse from 9 am to noon for members. After noon, non-members may sign-up. See our next Newsletter for details. If there are any questions contact any board member.