

# The Lovell Lake Association Newsletter

Summer 2022

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## Letter from the President

As I write this, the first signs of Spring are appearing here in Rhode Island where Stan and I “go South” for the winter. And, as this newsletter arrives in your hands, it’s the best sign that another summer to enjoy on our incredible lake is imminent. There’s little better than that for we lovers of Lovell Lake.

Those of you who regularly access our extremely well done website are not surprised to learn that I will be this association’s president for the next fifteen months, assuming approval at the annual meeting. I’m a lifer at the lake and intend to do whatever I can so that we preserve the gift that it is for our grandchildren to enjoy it into their seventies, as well.

We Lovell lakers are so fortunate that we have so many to thank for their continued efforts to keep this lake the resource that it is. Tim Sherrill who stepped in to take on the role of president again when Craig’s life circumstances made stepping down necessary. Craig Rowley for the time he served and for his efforts to provide a framework for encouraging more active volunteerism. And, always we owe a debt of gratitude to those lakers who in 1963 recognized the need for a vehicle to bring us together, either socially, or, to collectively work to maintain the health of the lake. It certainly isn’t that their contributions are any less valued, that I don’t list here all the others who are taking on the tasks necessary to keep the lake healthy and traditions ongoing. I encourage you to go to [lovelllakenh.org](http://lovelllakenh.org) to see the long list of volunteers who are doing the work to keep the lake in the condition that allows us all to keep doing the things on the lake that give us so much pleasure.

While you are on the website, (go early, go often!) notice in particular, the “We are all Volunteers”. Browse through the committees to see what interests you the most. Then, contact the person who oversees that area, and, become one of the Volunteers! Don’t let the feeling that you have no experience in any area stop you. For years this work has gone on and there is all the information that you need to help it continue. And, you’ll meet some really nice people.

Hopefully, I haven’t droned on so long that you can’t stand one more short paragraph. The things we ask of homeowners on

the lake, things like not bringing in sand for your beaches, not using fertilizers on our lawns, not feeding the ducks, and, probably some others I’m missing. We only ask so that we can maintain our beautiful asset for the long term. The many changes we’ve seen environmentally threaten that beauty. We need to do what we can to minimize those threats.

Happy Summer!! Looking forward to meeting each of you as you join us, as you Volunteer, to keep our lake and our lake fun thriving!!  
Susan Davis, President

## Gafney Library Expansion Update

The “Last Chapter” of the Gafney Library expansion project is well under way. The overall goals of the project are to create:

- A bigger and better children’s/youth/teen library
- Additional space for technology and internet research
- An uncluttered adult reading room
- A community meeting and classroom

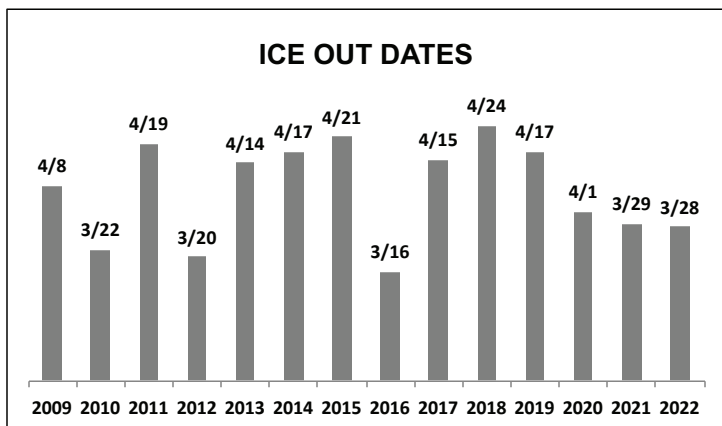
The new 2,500 square foot wing will house the new children’s/youth library, dedicated teen space, new circulation and staff work space, and restroom facilities. Construction on the new wing will be completed in May, at which point library operations will move out of the main Gafney building so that needed renovations and upgrading can be completed. Renovations to the main building include a 1,500 square foot adult reading room, upgraded entrance area, new electrical and HVAC facilities, and refurbishing the 100 year-old building inside and out. Work is also nearly complete on the community classroom located on the ground floor of the main building in the space formerly housing the Children’s Library. Completion of the entire project is expected by mid-summer. The finished project will meet the expansion goals and retain the historic and architecturally appealing look for the exterior as well as the interior spaces. Visit the Gafney Library website, [www.gafneylibrary.org](http://www.gafneylibrary.org), for project and service updates and much more.

## Water Quality Monitoring

by Glenn and Stephanie Thornton

Water quality monitoring is the best way to understand the health of a lake, and is necessary to track long-term water quality trends and to identify potential problems. The Lovell Lake Association has used the UNH Lay Lakes Monitoring Program (LLMP) since 1989 to monitor its water quality. The LLMP is co-sponsored by UNH Extension and the UNH Center for Freshwater Biology. Initially, trained volunteers from Lovell Lake conducted the water testing on our lake, but the volunteers have now been replaced by UNH student assistants.

The water quality monitoring season runs from late May to early October. Every two weeks we set out from our dock with the UNH assistants, water monitoring equipment to collect water data, and a large cooler filled with empty bottles to collect water samples. We spend about two hours out on the lake at the two sampling sites, one located near the south end of the lake and the other just



## 2022 Ice Out on Lovell Lake

This year’s ice out was 3/28 as reported by Judi DesRoches.

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north of the big island. So, what are the water quality parameters being monitored at these locations?

The Water Clarity measurements are collected using a Secchi disk. This eight-inch diameter black and white disk is attached to a tape measure that is lowered slowly into the water column until it can no longer be seen. The depth of disappearance is a measure of the transparency of the lake water. Multiple readings are taken on the sunny and shady sides of the boat as well as with and without a view scope.

Temperature measurements are recorded every ½ meter to the bottom of the lake using a YSI meter. These temperature measurements determine the depth to obtain water samples to be processed at the UNH lab. These samples include the following parameters:

- **Chlorophyll** a measures the concentration of microscopic algae and cyanobacteria in the water. Increases in chlorophyll a are an example of something that could reduce water clarity.
- **Total Phosphorus** is a nutrient that most directly contributes to the growth of microscopic algae and cyanobacteria in freshwater lakes. Phosphorus sources are primarily from human uses such as septic systems, fertilizer, pet waste, and sediment runoff from roads and waterfront properties.
- **Dissolved Oxygen** is the amount of oxygen present in the water. Dissolved oxygen is consumed by aquatic animals such as fish and is needed to support a healthy population of aquatic animal species. Excess phosphorus increases microscopic algae and cyanobacteria which leads to lower levels of dissolved oxygen as they die and decompose.
- **Color** is a measure of the dissolved color or true color of the lake water after suspended sediments have been filtered out in the lab. Small increases in water color from the natural breakdown of plant materials in and around a lake are not considered detrimental to water quality. Large increases can adversely affect water transparency and aquatic plant growth.
- **Alkalinity** is a measure of the features in the water that make it resistant to the addition of acid into the water, from sources such as acid rain. Having high alkalinity in a lake protects fish and wildlife from sudden, unexpected shifts in pH.
- **pH** measures the amount of hydrogen ions found in the water. On a scale from 1-14, low pH is considered acidic and high pH is known as basic. The optimal range for fish growth and reproduction is 6.5-9.0. A changing pH in a lake can be an indicator of increasing pollution or some other environmental factor.
- **Specific Conductivity** measures how easily an electric current can move through the water. Water with particulate matter (salt, phosphorus, microorganisms, etc.) will increase the conductivity and is an indicator of human influence in the lake.

The collected data is analyzed by scientists at UNH and the results are published in annual reports. The data for these parameters are compared to previous years to determine short-term and long-term trends of each parameter. This is critical to help us understand the trajectory of the lake water quality, what is changing

and the speed at which the changes are occurring.

Water sampling trips take place bi-weekly on Mondays from late May until early October. If you are interested in observing one of our water sampling trips, contact us at 603-630-9206 or at [waterquality@lovelllakenh.org](mailto:waterquality@lovelllakenh.org).

In addition to these water quality parameters, Stephanie collects separate water samples every two weeks. These samples are used with a microscope to determine the types of cyanobacteria in Lovell Lake. Lovell Lake residents are also encouraged to contact Stephanie at [waterquality@lovelllakenh.org](mailto:waterquality@lovelllakenh.org) or 603-630-5470 if they see something unusual that may be a cyanobacteria bloom. She will take a water sample to identify the cyanobacteria or algae in the bloom. Sending a photo with your text or email is helpful.

To access the 2021 Lovell Lake water quality report, go to: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18fiQErmTvXIddbt4nFhkxm7xhpVq9c5g/view?usp=sharing>

For prior year reports go to: <https://ceinfo.unh.edu/resources/index.cfm?e=app.llmp>

## Lovell Lake Association eNewsletter

Sign-up for the new Lovell Lake Association eNewsletter, where timely information will be emailed to you about events and volunteer opportunities, as well as interest articles about lake preservation and history. We expect to publish six times per year. Sign up by visiting the Contacts page on the LLA website: <https://lovelllakenh.org>.

The Communications team of Lovell Lake Association is always eager for suggestions, feedback and questions. Please don't hesitate to send us an email: [communications@lovelllakenh.org](mailto:communications@lovelllakenh.org). Denise Butler, Jillian Darling, Karen Nastuk, Mary Soares

## Lake Lore

By: Amanda Spellman

Have you ever wondered what was going on at the Lake 20, 50 or even 70 years ago? What was it like, what's stayed the same, what has changed? I asked at a Lovell Lake Association (LLA) meeting who would know the answers to my questions. Not surprisingly, several names were mentioned, but it turns out our new LLA President, Susan Davis, has been coming to the lake for 73 years! To some of you, this will be a familiar story and for others, it may be new information. Either way, I hope it brings a smile to your face and reminds you of how lucky we are to spend time on Lovell Lake. We plan to make this a regular feature in the annual newsletter and occasional posts on the LLA website. We encourage everyone to email a short story and photos (which we love) about your favorite memories or history of the lake. Please send to [membership@lovelllakeNH.org](mailto:membership@lovelllakeNH.org) and thank you for sharing!

### Amanda: *How did your family find Lovell Lake?*

**Susan:** My uncle was a friend of Ann Howe's father-in-law (Phil Howe) and he started coming to their camp on Lovell Lake Road in the early 1950's. As most people do, my uncle fell in love with the area and would use any excuse to come back. On one of his visits, he brought my family. We used a hand pump in the yard for drinking and cooking water and of course, there was an out-house. My family rented various places on the lake, but mainly a camp on Roberts Cove Road. My husband and I continued rent-



ing the Roberts Cove camp and finally in 1995, we bought a 660 square foot “wooden tent” on Pond Road. In 2004, we took down the house and built something a little more comfortable for the hordes of people who visit. I’ve been at Lovell Lake for 73 years.

**Amanda:** *Tell me more about the “wooden tent.”*

**Susan:** We are only the second owners. The house had a pull-down ladder to the loft which was loaded with mattresses. You had to be careful not to sit up at the wrong end of the mattress or you would hit your head on the ceiling. It did have running water, so we had a commode, boat sink and boat shower. The shower was so small that one of our frequent guests often commented that if you dropped the soap, you had to shut off the water, get out of the shower to pick up the soap, get back in and turn on the water. We still have the original outhouse, but we now use it for storage. My husband calls it the guest house.

**Amanda:** *What are some of the things you did while at the lake in the summer?*

**Susan:** A treat would be having ice cream or if you were really lucky a meal at Sarah’s Spa. It was a small café/store that was behind the Town Hall (now a parking lot). Sadly, Sarah’s Spa burned down decades ago. As kids, we would use any excuse to take Beverly Lawrie’s boat to town to fetch milk, eggs or really anything our parents needed. At the time, there was a dock at the boat launch, so we would tie up and walk to Richards Market which is now the Poor Peoples Pub. The market was owned by the Richards family who built what is now the Lovell Lake Village Market. We loved going to the beautiful firework show at Sunshine Acres on the 4th of July. We would all pile into our boats and watch from the lake. The Sunday sailboat races were also a favorite and the boat parade was a really big deal. You collected the pennants, you had to have one from every year. I vaguely remember a water ski show on Labor Day weekend.

**Amanda:** *What are some of your favorite memories?*

**Susan:** I remember the incredible freedom as a kid to roam around all day from one friend’s camp to the other, playing with whomever was around. We would swim and water ski all day. My aunt, uncle and cousins would stay with us and that was great fun. Beverly Lawrie’s father had the patience of a saint and practically taught all of us kids how to water ski. When I was about 10 years old, I was trying to learn how to water ski but couldn’t quite figure it out. To help me get up on the skis, my dad gave me a drink. I think it was called a Presbyterian. I don’t know what was in it, but I drank it and I got right up! (A Presbyterian is whiskey, club soda and ginger ale). By the time we were teenagers, we all dated each other. One summer it was so and so and the next summer, another romance blossomed between someone else.

**Amanda:** *What did you do in the evenings for entertainment?*

**Susan:** A bunch of us kids, 10 or 12, would play board games or cards at someone’s camp. Usually at Beverly Lawrie’s because her mother always had the latest board games. Skat or Chicken were some of our favorites. If it was a warm evening we would go swimming, again. We were in the water as much as possible. When my kids were growing up we did have television but we would unplug it and play games in the evening. It sounds old fashioned but even today, we try to maintain the no television and now, the no technology tradition.

**Amanda:** *What would you say is the most dramatic change from your many decades at the lake?*

**Susan:** For me personally, it’s the awareness of what we need to do to protect what we’ve got. It’s one of the reasons that I agreed to be the President of the Lovell Lake Association. The lake is the focus and time spent here with friends and family is precious. If we each do our part in keeping the lake clean and healthy, we can continue to enjoy the lake now and in the future.

## Lovell Lake Watershed Survey

The Lovell Lake Community shares a common love and appreciation for our lake. We all agree that keeping the lake in pristine condition is critical to sustaining and enjoying this treasure. As you may know the runoff from erosion is a source of pollution because it carries nutrients into the lake. These nutrients degrade the water clarity and stimulate growth of harmful cyanobacteria blooms.

On May 20 volunteers and technical staff will survey the entire Lovell Lake watershed in search of active soil erosion. The survey goals are to make technical recommendations, work with property owners to find solutions, and ultimately protect the land and water for future generations.

This survey is voluntary. Information gathered will not be used for enforcement, nor will property owners be required to fix the erosion issues. If there is a dwelling on the property, our volunteers will knock on doors the day of the survey and respect your privacy. AWWA can assist with any remediation projects you may want to engage in.

The survey is not the end but the beginning of the process to safeguard Lovell Lake water quality. Surveying the watershed will provide critical data needed to take the next steps; watershed planning and long-term remediation processes. For additional information or specific questions on the survey or what comes next please email [waterpreservation@lovelllakenh.org](mailto:waterpreservation@lovelllakenh.org).

## 2022 Lake Host Program

This is the 20th year of the Lake Host Program on Lovell Lake. The purpose of the program is to inspect boats at the town ramp for invasive non-native weeds and aquatic species, remove suspicious specimens, and have them analyzed. Lake Hosts are an important defense against invasive species since our lake is surrounded by other lakes with variable milfoil infestations, while Lovell Lake has remained free of milfoil. There have been several close calls in previous years, as Lake Hosts have removed variable milfoil from boats in 2006, 2007, 2013, and 2018. Last summer the Lake Hosts performed 1,043 boat inspections, with many suspicious specimens identified and analyzed. Luckily, none of the specimens were invasive weeds.

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NH Lakes administers the Lake Host Program and has developed tools to facilitate the hiring and payroll for our paid Lake Hosts. The LLA has received the Lake Host Payroll award of \$2,050 from NH Lakes for 2022. I want to thank Marlean Porter for continuing as the Program Assistant for 2022, she did a marvelous job last year hiring and organizing the staff.

Our paid Lake Hosts will start work on weekends beginning May 21st. During the summer, the ramp will be staffed seven days a week from 7AM to 7PM. Our volunteers will be at the ramp on weekends starting in September until October 10. A special thanks to the following volunteers who did the boat inspections last year: Libby Cochran, Susan Davis, Bobby and Fred Goodrich, Chip Hagy, Ann Howe, Jake O'Hearn, Marti Ortiz, Michael Prindle, Patty Prindle, Kathryn Saunders, and Mary Soares.

If you would like to help keep Lovell Lake free of invasive weeds by inspecting boats at the boat ramp, please contact Beverly Lawrie at the email address below. Volunteers are needed on weekends starting in September.

Beverly Lawrie, Lake Host Program Coordinator  
beverly.lawrie@outlook.com

## Action Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA) *Update: What's up in the Watershed?*

*By Jon Balanoff, Executive Director*

With our sights set on the long-term health of Lovell Lake and all the lakes in our watershed, the name of the game at AWWA for the past ten years has been watershed planning, monitoring, and project implementation. In that time, we have been particularly active on Lovell Lake and in the Wakefield community. Whether we're fixing erosion with our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew, or teaching residents young and old about lake ecology and water quality, our primary focus has been on the vision we share with all of you: To keep the water clean and healthy for future generations to enjoy as we do.

We have learned a lot about what can harm the lake; how soil erosion, salt, and old, undersized septic systems can be small contributions that add up to big problems. We have also learned what we can do about it, and that to keep the lake healthy we need to think long-term.

Over ten years ago, AWWA collaborated with the Lovell Lake Association to conduct a watershed survey to identify erosion issues. This was compiled with other water quality data from Lovell and surrounding lakes into the Salmon Falls Watershed Management Plan (copies of this extensive plan are available on our website!). These results have spurred a decade of successful projects to keep pollution out of the lake. Grants and fundraising allowed AWWA to create 131 lake-friendly landscape designs for Lovell Lake residents, 60 of which were installed by our YCC at minimal cost, and a recent grant partially funded the replacement of 6 old septic systems on the lakefront. We estimate that these projects have reduced the amount of erosion getting into the lake by 152 tons per year.

Ten years later, it's time to update Lovell's watershed survey to reassess the state of erosion on the lake, and that is exactly what we are doing on May 20th. Working with the newly-formed LLA Watershed Planning Group and with help from water quality experts and LLA volunteers, we will walk the entire shoreline

in a day to determine how much erosion is getting into the lake. Getting an updated view of the watershed will allow us to see how far we have come since the last survey, and what we need to do over the next ten years. Lovell is still a clean lake, and this is not by accident. We have been working hard as a community to keep it that way; water samplers, weed watchers, the YCC, and the Lake Host program. It all comes together in a combined effort to preserve the natural beauty of our lake and watershed. Water Quality is a complex issue; it takes a community to work it out and have a meaningful impact.

One more important announcement: 2022 is the last year to receive cost-share funds for your septic system replacement on the lake! AWWA still has funds available for two septic system replacement projects, but these will expire at the end of this year. If you have been on the fence about replacing your old septic system on the lake, please call us to apply for this \$4,600 grant. As you enjoy the lake this summer, please remember that we are all responsible for keeping it healthy, and must be stewards of this resource. A lake is an ecosystem and, much like a person, can be healthy or sick, and age gracefully or rapidly depending on how it is treated and the level of stress it endures. Take good care of your lake. (p) (603) 473-2500 (e) info@awwatersheds.org (w) AWatersheds.org

## LLA Scholarship Award

This year's Bob Tucker Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Nicole Hyslop of Wakefield. She is a 2022 graduate of Spaulding High School, and will be pursuing an animal science degree at UNH next year. Her outstanding academic performance and work ethic make us proud to present her as our scholarship recipient. We wish her the best of luck at UNH!

Do you know any current or soon-to-be students in college or trade schools? Encourage them to apply for the LLA scholarship. Entries are due April 1 each year and is open to all association members' children or grandchildren, as well as local Wakefield community members pursuing higher education and trades programs. Information can be found on our website: <https://lovelllakenh.org/bob-tucker-memorial-scholarship>.

## Lovell Lake Weed Watch 2022

Spring is always a happy time when the camp is opened up for the summer ahead. Spring is also a great time to make the commitment to help protect Lovell Lake from the prospect of milfoil overrunning the lake, making spring into a sad time when those terrible weeds choke off the Lake for another summer. If you are reading this newsletter you and your family need to join the Lovell Lake Weed Watch and do your part to protect our beautiful lake. Don't leave your future in someone else's hands! Contact Dick DesRoches at 603-473-2216 or [dickdesroches43@gmail.com](mailto:dickdesroches43@gmail.com) and DO IT TODAY!

## Watershed Planning Group

The newly-formed Watershed Planning Group wants to build upon the great foundation of work currently in place at Lovell Lake. We already have a variety of well-run processes that address keeping invasive species out the lake (Lake Host), identifying potential new threats (Weed Watch) and obtaining great data on the chemical composition of our lake water

(Water Quality Sampling). Kudos to the folks that faithfully perform these tasks for us.

In thinking about the future, we realized that there is a need to be more proactive about new longer-term threats to water quality and develop a better understanding of the rapidly evolving science. For example, the danger of variable milfoil has been pounded into my head for the last 30 years and I certainly respect the threat, but now cyanobacteria seems to be a new enemy. We need to understand more fully what is causing this change in the lake and what we can do to alter the process before we get to a negative tipping point. The Watershed Planning Group is trying to be that team that creates a strategy for evaluating our current conditions, identifies issues that can be addressed, and pushes for remediation of the identified threats. It's a multiyear effort but an easy decision if our objective is to protect the lake for future generations.

We are thankful to the LLA Board of Directors for funding step one of the process, a Watershed Survey that will hopefully be completed by the time you read this newsletter. For further details see the article on the Lovell Lake Watershed Survey. Peter Lewis, Watershed Planning Group  
waterpreservation@lovelllakenh.org

## Obituaries

**Patricia Bartolotta**, 86, of Wallingford, CT passed away on April 22, 2022. Born and raised in New Britain, CT, she was a 1956 graduate of Hartford Hospital School of Nursing, and worked in various hospitals until her move to Enfield. There, she worked in local nursing homes for years, along with State Receiving Home for Children and Asnuntuck Community College. She was an avid music lover and also enjoyed crafts. She was thrilled that both her Boston Red Sox and Bruins won championships during her lifetime. In 1966, she bought a small camp in the cove behind Sandy Island that remains in the family to this day. She was pre-deceased by her husband Nicholas in 1997. She will be greatly missed by her 4 children: Ken Gatto (Elaine) of Merrimack, NH, Andrea Young of Enfield, CT, Cynthia Meloling (Warren) of Wallingford, CT, and Chris Gatto of Sanbornville, NH. Her 4 grandchildren were the light of her life: Jason, Pamela, Shaun, and Faith. Patricia and her family request that anyone reading this perform an act of kindness to others.

**Nick Mourginis**, a long time Lovell Laker, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 24, just shy of his 81st birthday. Raised in the Mission Hill section of Boston, he attended Boston Latin and Boston University and later received a graduate degree from Northeastern University. Nick leaves behind his wife Yola, stepchildren David and Ariana Ganak, and their spouses. He was one of the first BU Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets selected for Army Flight Training School. After completing his flight training in 1966, he began his fulfilling 34-year career as a Pilot for TWA, where he also served as union delegate for the Air Line Pilots Association. Nick was also a talented writer and served in the role of editor-in-chief of TWA's Lancet newsletter for over two decades, drawing upon his passion for history and his encyclopedic knowledge of the TWA culture. Nick retired from commercial flying in 2000. At the Lake, Nick and Yola became involved in the Mouse Mountain Demo-

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# 2021 BOAT PARADE

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY

*Carol Ann Darcy*



*The Silva's*



*The Moran's*



## 2022 Boat Parade

*Theme: Favorite Disney Movie*  
August 27, 2022 5PM

Rain date: August 28, 12PM

Registration will be located off the shores of the Sunshine Acres Campground between 4-4:50PM.



## Treasury Notes

Our organization continues to be financially strong and focused on the principles of our founders. We have a strong dedicated membership that has always been very generous with their donations of time and money.

In our second year of Covid-19 our members generosity allowed us to meet all our financial needs. Our income was \$30,636 with total expenses of \$27,223. We were able to expand our Lake Host coverage, continue our efforts on Water Quality, fund our annual Scholarship, and meet all our expense. We also raised over \$1,000 for the Loon Preservation Committee and have supported AWWA (Action Wakefield Watershed Association).

Our basic dues have remained the same for over 15 years. By having a low basic dues, we hope all families on the lake will become members and support our efforts to keep our lake pristine for future generation. Our 2021 membership was 208 which is slightly lower than recent years (215 members in 2020). Eighty-five percent of our members contribute extra funds over the basic dues. Almost one-quarter donate at the Golden Loon level. Please review the list of donations made by our members and donations made in memory of residents of our lake.

Our Financial Review committee has reviewed our books and given us a clean bill of health. We will continue to implement recommendations made by this committee. We will be converting our financial records to Quickbooks and implementing an integrated database for all aspects of our organization this year. We are financially sound, have dedicated members, and have kept true to our original charter of preserving our lake. Alan Heacock – Lovell Lake Association Treasurer  
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crats and were keen on the preservation of Lovell Lake where they enjoyed perfect moments, morning coffee on the porch, and evening meals shared with family and friends. Nick will be remembered for his love of history, as well as discussing current events and politics where he always provided facts to back up his positions. Nick will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his family, friends and neighbors on Lovell Lake.

**Herbert Ogden Morse, Jr.**, 86, of Redding, CT, passed away at home on January 20, 2020. Born in Amesbury, MA on May 27, 1933, Ogden grew up in Amesbury, South Hampton, NH, and Teaneck, NJ.

Perhaps inspired by his parents who were both school teachers, Ogden had only a single professional ambition: To become a high-school English teacher. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1955 with a B.A. in English, and then received his M.A. from Yale University in 1956. Following short teaching assignments in Wisconsin and Fairfield CT, he became the original English chair at the new Joel Barlow High School in Redding where he would teach for the next 35 years.

Upon his retirement from teaching, Ogden consulted with The College Board, where he developed strategies for enhancing literature instruction that he delivered in workshops at schools

throughout the country. In 2008, he and his son co-founded AcademicMerit, an educational software company focused on improving literacy in grades 6-12. Today, through its partnership with The College Board, the company's software is used by more than three million AP® students and teachers worldwide.

At his camp at the far eastern end of Lovell Lake, his ideal day would be spent working on one project or another, taking a long sail in his boat Just in Time, attending a gathering of extended family, at the end of which, inevitably, he would lead a multi-generational game of "Simon Says." Ogden is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jane; his daughters, Sue Jacob and Lyndi Ross; his son, Ogden Morse III, and their families including his eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Vicki.

**Christopher "Chris" Sherrill**, 89, of Hampton, NH died Wednesday, October 6th 2021 at Exeter Hospital after a period of declining health. Chris was born in New York on June 8th, 1932, attended Wooster School in Danbury, CT and the University of New Hampshire. At UNH he met the love of his life Shirley (Peterson) Sherrill. They were married in April 1954 and moved to Newton, NH in 1959. He worked for most of his career in the insurance industry at the family insurance agency, C.B. Peterson Insurance Agency in Amesbury, MA. He went on to manage and then own the agency until his retirement in 1990. Chris was very civic-minded and served with many organizations and agencies including the Amesbury Rotary Club, The Provident Bank, Newton Zoning Board of Appeals, the Sanborn Regional School Board, and the Newton Garden Club.

Chris and Shirley's greatest pleasure was going to the family camp on Lovell Lake. Chris began visiting Lovell Lake after he and Shirley married. The land has been in Shirley's family since 1921 when her grandfather bought it, and in the mid-80s Chris and Shirley replaced the original camp with the current structure. They would enjoy swimming, sailing and cocktails down front on the beach. Shirley had a favorite house in Sanbornville she referred to as the "Cape in the Field," and upon retirement they purchased the property and turned it into an amazing retirement home where they lived for over 20 years. Chris is well known to Lovell Lakers for making the "Official Ice Out" call for most of those 20 years.

During Chris and Shirley's time at the Lake they were weekly patrons and supporters of the Gafney Library and the Spinney Meeting House. As he had promised to Shirley before she died, Chris made the first major donation to the Gafney Library Expansion Project. Upon Shirley's death in 2013, Chris continued to live in Sanbornville but it just wasn't the same without his beloved Shirley by his side. He sold the house in 2019 and moved to Hampton, NH to be closer to his sons. He is survived by his three sons, Jon and Marie Sherrill, Matt Sherrill and his partner Lynne Brillard, and Tim and Kelly Sherrill; his five grandchildren Alex (Meg), Sam, Juliann, Andrew, McKenna; as well as his great-grandchild Nate.

*To submit an obituary to the LLA Newsletter, please write to: dickdesroches43@gmail.com*

**GOLDEN LOON**

Michelle & David Ancil  
Anonymous  
Anonymous (Lake Host)  
Brian & Jennifer Becker  
Blackbaud Giving Fund  
William & Elaine Blaylock  
Richard & Karen Chiasson  
Monette Cotreau  
Ken & Maureen Cram  
James Lawrie & Sarah Cratt  
Carol & James Darcy  
Judith & Richard DesRoches  
Paul & Judith Doucette  
Diana & Sean Finan  
Charles & Wendy Hildebrandt  
John & Anusia Hirsch  
Ann Howe  
Thomas Prindle & Jane Vanni  
Becky & Jim Keating  
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## Sunday Sailing Returns!

As last summer came to a close, we ran a Sunday Regatta as a first step towards bringing sailing racing back to Lovell Lake. We ran a handful of races, with several boats exchanging the lead during the races and several different skippers taking first place finishes. By the series end Dave Pawlowski was the day's winner. He's been sailing on Lovell Lake since he used to race with his dad (many) decades ago. This day, he raced with one son as crew while his other son skippered his brand new Sunfish. It was great fun, and those folks can't wait to race this summer.



Let's give them some competition! If your new to sailing/racing don't be intimidated. We'll run the races so you are competing against others at your level. The plan is to put together a FUN Sunday race program. Initially, we'll plan on a Sunday start with the first practice start commencing around 1:00 PM. Welcome are both seasoned racing skippers and anyone else with a sailboat that knows how to sail. The best way to learn to sail better, is to have another boat sail past you and learn to catch them! Don't be concerned about the rules – there are only FIVE you'll need to know, and we'll teach you those. Skippers will decide on how many will crew their boat. We'll run short races, so we get in more starts, which is the critical component most likely to influence the outcome of a race. We'll wrap up by

3:00. I hope to get in 3 or more races each Sunday.

I had suggested a single class of Sunfish but we sailed both sunfish and small sloops with main and jib. I expect Sunfish will be the prominent class. Need to get a Sunfish? Go on Craig's List. There are usually several available for under \$500 to over \$1,000. (Beware, the cheapest ones are likely to be old and heavy. You'll have fun but you'll never win.) Need a new sail? You can get one brand new at Sunfish Direct for under \$300 in lots of colors. They also sell parts.

This will be a work in progress. I'm sure we'll make many changers along the way based upon feedback from participants. Please talk to others you know who might want to join in. I am very excited to help revive this tradition. I'm hoping we can have at least a half dozen boats participate each Sunday to make the effort worthwhile. Anyone who wants to help with organizing is encouraged to reach out directly to me.

If you are interested in participating, please send me an email with your contact info so I can best prepare, communicate, and share the location of the racecourse, which will be influenced by the days weather. I can be reached at [raelofsky@gmail.com](mailto:raelofsky@gmail.com) cell: 617-943-8016.

Let's Sail Fast and Have Fun, Richard Belofsky

**Dates** (*make sure to check the LLA website for up-to-date info*)

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Aug 18 (deadline Aug 12)

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