

# Restore · Preserve · Protect

### **NIPPO NEWS**

April 2021

## Nippo Lake Wildlife Quilt Raffle

Clarice Girouard has created and donated a beautiful wildlife quilt to the Nippo Lake Association. The raffle for the standard twin size quilt will raise funds for lake restoration. To purchase your tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10, visit this link to our website and please share widely with friends and family: http://www. nippolakeassociation.org/nippo-

wildlife-quilt-raffle.html or scan this QR code.





SAVE THE DATE! June 12, 2021. Member meeting via ZOOM. Link will be sent in Nippo Notes and posted on the NLA FaceBook page.

### Lake Treatment Update

We are very excited to report the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) lake treatment permit and approval processes are advancing. Per regulation, permits of this nature require a public notice, "hearing" and a comment period. In our case, the notice will appear in Foster's Daily Democrat: the "hearing" will be a virtual on-line event on **April 20 at 2:00 PM**. The NLA Board collaborated on the pre-drafting of the proposed permit which NH DES will issue <u>immediately</u> following closure of the public comment period on **May 7, 2021**. The treatment is then permitted to proceed any time thereafter!

We strongly encourage all of you to "attend" and/or offer comment on this permit approval. and/or send written comments to: David Neils. NHDES, Water Division, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095, david.neils@des.nh.gov

#### Join the public hearing by phone: 1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 395-738-789.

The next bit of good news is we have successfully concluded our Requests for Bids (RFB) process and have selected SOLitude Lake Management as the contractor to perform our lake treatment. SOLitude is well known to us as a national player and the preeminent lake treatment specialist in the region responsible for a number of high profile projects in New England including the East Lake project personally monitored by our experts. Their bid was excellent across the board, including on cost which came in sufficiently under budget that we're now virtually assured to complete the treatment as designed and carry out post-treatment monitoring with first-rate quality. The precise timing of the treatment will be a function of when the NH DES permit issues but SOLitude has indicated it is comfortable with the May-early June timeframe described in our RFB. We expect the project will move quickly and come together the over next 2 months — we will keep the Lake Association closely advised of both the schedule as it's firmed up and the details of the treatment itself.

One final note, lake monitoring will be an important component of this project, both during and after the treatment. The NH DES will lead the initial effort but we are hopeful some NLA monitors will volunteer to receive some training sufficient to handle a healthy share of the monitoring process moving forward. This knowledge base will keep us informed and skilled in ongoing supervision of post-treatment water quality, save us money and count toward grant match. More on the details of what this will entail in the coming weeks.

Again, this is an exciting time for all of us and the recovery of our lake is in sight at long last. Thank you to the champions of this process — we are all grateful for your significant efforts and contributions!

Nippo Lake Guardians

#### SAM ROBINSON

My first introduction to Nippo was back in early 1950 when my family moved to New Castle, NH. My stepfather, Henry Walker, worked at the shipyard and knew Freeman Drew.



Freeman had recently bought the Buzzell farm from John Ginneen of Dover who purchased the property from the Ida Buzzell estate. Freeman took Henry, my brother

Stan Mackay and Ted Scott deer hunting around Nippo Pond (later changed to Nippo Lake) and showed them his property as well as his lake front subdivision. Ted Scott bought the first two lots and our family the next three. Freeman showed Ted and Stan how to build their cabins and I was the "go-fer". Stan was 15 years older and had just finished college and a stint in the Navy. When he went to his camp he usually brought me along. When Stan and Ted married their sweethearts and started raising their families, I was always invited to their Nippo cabins.

In 1963 our mother thought we needed more room. She discovered the log cabin was for sale and bought it. I graduated from college in 1964 and attended UNH graduate school. During those summers I lived in the log cabin as I didn't mind "roughing it". In 1967 I started teaching and had enough money to buy the cabin.

I was told the original cabin was built in the late 1920s or early 1930s with logs that were cut and slid across the ice. It had one large room with a fireplace and an alcove for bunk beds beside the screened pouch. An addition to the back created a small area for an ice box and toaster oven, toilet and bedroom. The lot was transferred by the Walter Buzzell estate to Arnold R. Tucker in 1933. Evidently NH Fish & Game stocked the lake with rainbow trout as one of the guests at the Tucker cabin, John Dunn of Winthrop, MA, caught a 23" rainbow trout (see photo).

The Tuckers sold the cabin to William Rockwood in 1952. The Tuckers or Rockwoods were avid hunters because when I took ownership there were two large moose heads hanging on the walls (still hanging), one very large brown bear (ruined by squirrels) and a large boa constrictor skin about 10 ft. long and 24" wide. In 1967, I replaced the bunk beds in the alcove with a kitchen. In 1971, I married Gloria and my bachelor days were over. Our family grew to 4 children and we needed more space. In 1976 the first addition replaced the screened porch and in 1980, I replaced the back addition with a two-story addition consisting of three bedrooms, a full bathroom, a second-floor deck and storage areas. Our family spent many days swimming, fishing, hiking, canoeing, and picking wild blueberries on Nippo. Many afternoons I would paddle Gloria around the lake in our vellow Old Town canoe. Like all families, our children went to college, married and started their own families. During the summers our daughter from Madison, WI and her family would spend several weeks at Nippo. Gloria and I occasionally entertain at the cabin with a golf outing at Nippo Lake Golf Club.



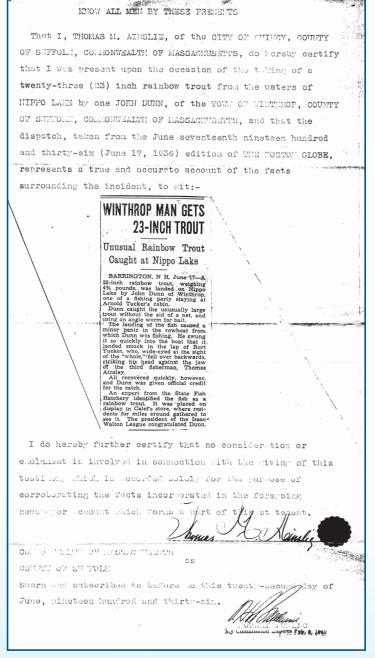
A side story. Like many folks of my generation when we owned our first autos money was tight. We learned auto mechanics to fix our autos and other engines like outboard motors. Stan and Ted loved to race their boats and Nippo was their testing site. Needless to say, they were very competitive and had their preferences. Ted preferred Johnson outboard motors and a Grady White boat but Stan preferred Evinrude outboard motors and a Lyman boat. They would race up and down Nippo testing their new props, etc. Occasionally something went wrong. Ted, being a mechanical engineer, fixed his mistakes, and I fixed Stan's. One day in the late 1960s, I was doing one of those fixes of Stan's outboard motor on my screen pouch during a thunderstorm when a lightning bolt hit and killed the tallest tree across the lake. My nephew, Rae Mackey, who did a lot of photographing, took this 1977 picture of that now dead tree in the skyline above the canoe.

In the spring of 1969 Ted Scott discovered that a group of people were petitioning NH Governor and Council to put a road into Nippo for a public access at the ledge outcropping on Landry's land we called Indian Rock. The lake wide response to the petition was the start of collective action to protect Nippo that eventually led to the establishment of the Nippo Lake Association in the early '80's. We were able to get plans for a public access dropped.

I served on the NLA board of directors for many years and helped monitor lake water quality. My seventy years of swimming, fishing, hiking and helping protect the lake made contributing to the Guardian campaign the only sensible thing to do. I encourage others to join me and my family in so doing.

Nippo March Madness contributed \$368 to the Guardian Campaign to restore water quality! Of the 45 completed brackets, Matt Kornguth placed first, Guy Limoncelli second and Joe Villanucci third. Thanks to Matt for donating his earnings back to the fund and to Susan Kornguth for organizing.

You too can organize a fundraiser. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases when you sign up for AmazonSmile, note Nippo Lake Association as your charity and order through AmazonSmile. A Facebook Birthday (or other event!) Fundraiser is as easy as going to your homepage, scroll down the left side column, make a few clicks and list Nippo Lake Association as your non-profit. We received \$82.90 from AmazonSmile for program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2020. Every little bit helps, sign up today!



Nippo Lake Friends

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# Who are the Guardians?

#### Nippo Court

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#### Golf Course Way/ Bailey Way/Eagle Drive

Denise & Glenn Adams Diana & Don Fortenbacher Christina & John Maiorino Crystal & Ron Weitzell Kim Weitzell & Phil Jodoin

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#### Sarah Lane

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#### Harlan Drive & Rte 9

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