



LAKE PLEASANT-SACANDAGA ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Craig Pedersen

The foliage is at its peak and while the weather has been sunny and warm from Labor Day until now, I am beginning to feel that "chill" in the air. The magnificence of the beauty which I see standing at the water's edge is breathtaking this time of the year. While taking this all in, I noticed the still crystal-clear water of Lake Pleasant and am grateful for the past summer season of being on the lake. I am also very thankful that the lakes in our area are healthy and clean. But we should not take this for granted since that could change very suddenly if we lose focus or lower our guard.

Lake Pleasant Sacandaga Association (LPSA) serves the lakes in the Town of Lake Pleasant (primarily Lake Pleasant, Lake Sacandaga, Oxbow and now Echo Lake) and we have felt your strong support to keep the lakes clean and free of any major invasive species. The thrust of our efforts falls under one key word – PREVENTION! The effort towards preventing an invasive species invading our lakes (primarily through transferring the plant from unclean boats) avoids a potential devastating and COSTLY cleanup which could take years to correct.

LPSA sponsors Ramp Stewards programs, Lake Monitors as well as lake testing cycles. These efforts support the prevention of harmful plants being transported into our lakes and the testing ensures that nothing has slipped through the cracks. The testing also helps in understanding the general health of the lakes, which is always important to know in our ever-changing environment.

While these efforts support the here and now, LPSA also sponsors events for the local grade school children so that we are investing in the future of the lakes by investing in the children. In addition to class trips and hands-on

learning we also sponsor other projects which create awareness and interest for these young minds to understand the importance of our lakes to the entire community.

As we look to the 2025 year, LPSA stands ready to partner

with our members,

community partners and other business organization and the public in general to protect our environment and in particular our lakes so that our lakes will be here, clean and safe for generations to come.



Lake Pleasant painting by Lila Rippere



Did you know that New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has a webpage just for the Adirondack region? The website <https://dec.ny.gov/welcome-to-the-adirondacks> has a wealth of information on paddling, freshwater fishing, ice fishing, hiking, camping, and more. You might be surprised at the information you can find there.

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LPSA SPONSORS FIELD TRIP FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

By Charlie Ascher

LPSA sponsored a field trip to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake for the Lake Pleasant School grades 7 & 8 on May 21. The planning of this trip was an integral part of the 2024 LPSA sponsored



program, which focused on Terrestrial Invasive Species this year. The program includes a required detailed research and subsequent oral presentation of the results to faculty, as well



an LPSA review panel. Seventeen students and five teachers went to the Wild Center on a bus provided by the school, along

with representatives of LPSA.

While at the Wild Center, all students participated in a specially designed program which dovetailed perfectly with the subject of terrestrial invasive species. During an orientation conducted in the Theater with the updated video sphere the students were introduced to the concept of climate change and its effects on the creatures of the Adirondacks and explored the various solutions to the problem. This was

followed by time to explore the museum which the students took full advantage of.

After time for lunch under the tent on the patio, everyone went on a guided walk along the various paths on the Center's grounds. This walk was conducted by a staff member of the Center who made sure to point out and discuss various invasive species that are already in the Adirondacks as well as those that may soon show up here. This part of the tour was a two-way discussion with the kids actively participating with targeted questions. At the conclusion of the tour, the kids had time to explore the Wild Walk, including the gigantic spider web and a simulation of a 10-foot wide eagle's nest.



The entire day was wonderful thanks to perfect weather and the extra efforts of the Wild Center School program staff to work with the LPSA personnel to modify their presentations.



Later in the spring, the students gave their presentations to the LPSA panel. The winners of the research and presentation contest were announced at a school awards ceremony at the end of the school year.



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Additional information about LPSA is available on our website LPSA-NY.org

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To contact Craig Pedersen, LPSA President, you can send email to Pres@LPSA-NY.org if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Like and Follow us on Face Book @LPSA2016. You can see pictures of various seasons, add your own pictures, or read about upcoming events and projects in the LAKE PLEASANT / SACANDAGA area.

BOAT RAMP STEWARDS PROTECT OUR LAKES

By Tom Rippere

Each summer, a team of more than 100 Lake Stewards inspects boats at launch ramps in the Adirondacks to ensure that invasive plants and animals do not get introduced into our lakes. Funding for this activity is provided by New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The program is administered by the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) at Paul Smith's College, in the Adirondack Park.

AWI stewards also operate boat wash stations at a number of locations to provide free boat wash service for boats and trailers to remove any invasive species. Also, CAMP-of-the-WOODS assigns members of their staff to inspect all boats being launched at their boat ramp.

To supplement the efforts of those workers, the Town of Lake Pleasant and LPSA provide additional funding to hire part-time Lake Stewards to monitor local boat ramps on days when the AWI employees are not on-duty. This summer, Bob Hogan, Jennalee Smith, and

Raymond Mslmanga helped provide important monitoring of boats being launched at Moffitt Beach, Speculator Pavilion, and Lake Pleasant Marine. Collectively, the Lake Stewards at these locations in our local area inspected over 2,000 boats. Membership fees and donations from LPSA members provide the funding for our Lake Stewards.

Thank You for your support!



Lake Steward Jennalee Smith



Lake Steward Bob Hogan



Lake Steward Jennalee Smith inspecting a kayak



SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, June 22nd - Meet & Greet 4-6pm

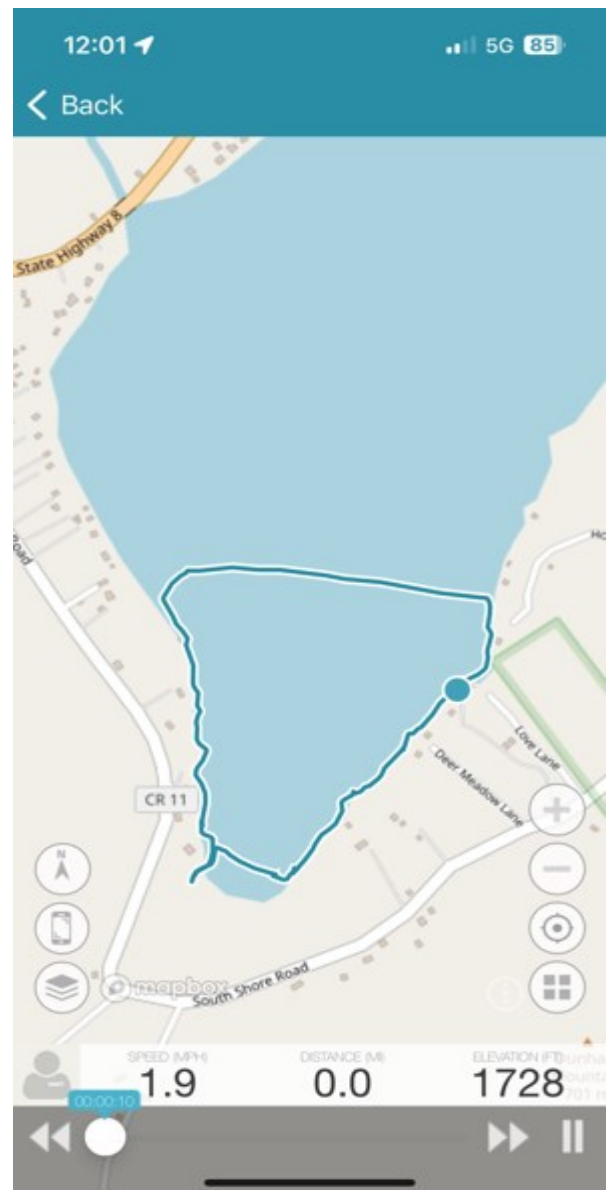
Sunday, August 24th, 4-6pm- BBQ & Annual Meeting

**Our Board of Directors
2024-2025**

<i>Craig Pedersen</i>	<i>President</i>
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<i>Peter Tobiessen</i>	<i>Lake Ecologist</i>
<i>Dan Wilt</i>	

**LAKE SHORE MONITORING
By Jim Olsen & Tom Rippere**

This summer, LPSA members continued to volunteer their time to help patrol our shoreline in their canoes and kayaks, looking for invasive aquatic plant species. Some volunteers use software applications (“apps”) on their cell phones to track their route and record which sections of shoreline they covered. If you are willing to help with lake shore monitoring, please send an email to Jim Olsen at jamesrolsen@msn.com. Jim conducts a training session at the start of each summer, to train volunteers for this activity.



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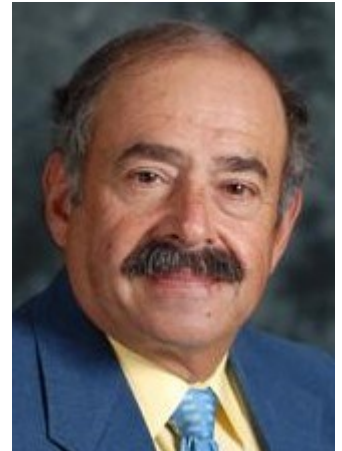
MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

This year, two of our current board members retired from their positions with LPSA, and two new Directors were elected at our Annual Meeting to replace them. We thank all of our past Directors for their time, energy, and ideas they have contributed to our organization. This year, Charlie Ascher and Lyn Van Druff retired from our Board of Directors, after serving more than ten years as LPSA directors. We wish all the best to those Directors who are leaving us this year, and we welcome our new Directors:

RON UVA

Ron Uva was an LPSA director from 2018 through 2022. He left the Board for a few years, and has returned to serve again on our Board of Directors. He is a retired obstetrician/gynecologist having practiced in Oswego for almost 40 years. He has been coming to Speculator since getting married to his wife Sarah in 1971. Her family had built a camp on South Shore Road in 1967. Ron reports that he instantly fell in love with the Adirondacks. After a camp renovation in 2006 he and Sarah decided to make Speculator their principal residence upon retirement in 2013. They split their time between Speculator and St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands.

Ron majored in biology at the University at Buffalo with a heavy concentration in chemistry and limnology (lake ecology) before entering medical school. He spent two summers working for a professor doing the lake studies for the environmental impact of the three nuclear power plants located in Oswego and is comfortable discussing and analyzing data. Ron believes he can help with ecological matters concerning our lakes. He sits on the New York State Board for Medicine and is a director for the office of Professional Medical Conduct. Ron states this experience has proved invaluable in making decisions that affect New Yorkers.



Ron adds, *"I consider my strongpoint to be reliability with an attitude to "get it done". Thus said I look forward to being a director for LPSA. I would be interested in serving on membership drives and I do have a biology background, with experience in chemistry and lake ecology."*

MIKE CAMOIN



Mike Camoin is the son of Bob Camoin, who was a past-President of LPSA, who served for many years on our Board of Directors. Bob passed away last year, and his son Mike has expressed his interest in continuing the family tradition of contributing his time, ideas, and energy to support our organization. Mike and his family are seasonal residents on Lake Pleasant.

Mike is a professional film-maker. Among other projects, he produced the films "Inside the Blue Line" and "How to Make an Adirondack Packbasket", which were both received very well. Mike has expressed his interest in using his skills and experience to help with marketing our organization through outreach to the local community, business community, and ongoing relationship building. Mike wrote, *"I'd aim to bring a "big picture" perspective to compliment other initiatives related to marketing and promotion of LPSA. The Village of Speculator will be celebrating 100 years in 2025 and I'd suggest screening my documentaries in partnership with LPSA as a form of outreach and community partnership. The best way to protect against invasive species is to ensure all lakes in the region remain protected. Marketing and promotion are keys to celebrating the unique Adirondack culture we've enjoyed for decades."*



"There is a charm about winter in the Adirondacks that, like music, must be experienced to be understood. To know it is to love it and to feel in the first snowflake the lure of the North."

Quote from a visitor at Lake Placid Club in 1932

Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Association Annual Meeting

By Tom Rippere

The Lake Pleasant – Sacandaga Association (LPSA) held its Annual Meeting and a barbeque dinner on August 25, in Speculator. Caitlin Stewart, District Manager of Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) gave an informative presentation on the education program sponsored jointly by HCSWCD and LPSA, which has provided classroom training and field site training in the past three years for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students at Lake Pleasant Central School on the lake ecology topic of erosion. Students learned about the causes of erosion, the impacts of erosion, and steps that can be taken to minimize erosion. Caitlin thanked LPSA for their financial contributions to support this educational program. As a representative of HCSWCD, Caitlin is one of the Community Partners who is a member of the LPSA Board of Directors.



Caitlin Stewart
photo from
HCSWCD website

Dan Wilt, LPSA President, asked each committee chairperson to give a report on the activities and accomplishments of their committees over the past year. The following committees provided reports:

Ramp Stewards

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) provides funding each year for more than 100 Lake Stewards to monitor boat ramps throughout the Adirondack Park during summer months. These stewards inspect boats prior to launching to ensure the boats and trailers are not carrying any invasive species that might be introduced into local lakes. DEC also provides funding for Lake Stewards who operate boat decontamination stations throughout the Adirondacks to provide free boat washes to remove any potential invasive species. Each summer, the Town of Lake Pleasant and LPSA provide funds to hire part-time Lake Stewards to monitor the boat ramps at Moffitt Beach and the Speculator Pavilion on the two days each week when the DEC-funded stewards are not on duty. A Lake Steward was also hired to monitor the boat ramp at Lake Pleasant Marine on weekends. These stewards help to keep our lakes clean and healthy.

Water Quality and Lake Ecology

LPSA volunteers collect lake water samples throughout the summer months for chemical analysis, through the New York State CSLAP program (Citizens' Statewide Lake Assessment Program). This summer samples were collected from both Sacandaga Lake and Echo Lake. This is the first year Echo Lake has been included in this lake data collection program.

Brian Greene, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP), has again offered to perform an annual professional survey of lakes in the Town of Lake Pleasant to look for any invasive species, at no charge. He will be conducting a survey of Lake Pleasant this year.

ANNUAL MEETING Continued

Education

LPSA sponsored a research project and a field trip for 7th and 8th grade students at Lake Pleasant Central School. LPSA provided cash awards to students who won the research and presentation contest. This year, the students visited The Wild Center in Tupper Lake. The museum was open just for this group, and the staff provided a presentation customized for this student group.

LPSA also partners with HCSWCD to present classroom training and field site education for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade on erosion and how it affects water ecology.

Lake Management Plan

A committee is creating a Lake Management Plan for Lake Pleasant, Sacandaga Lake, and Echo Lake. The plan will contain detailed information on the chemistry and health of each lake and will provide plans for how we can respond in the future to any threats or problems that may develop in these lakes. Having a Lake Management Plan is often a requirement in applying for grant money in the future.

Communication

LPSA continues to provide information to our members via email, our website (LPSA-NY.org), and our FaceBook page (LPSA2016). Members and friends are invited to view the website and FaceBook page for more information.

Nominating Committee

Recognition was provided for two board members who are retiring from the board this year, after more than ten years of volunteer service. Charlie Ascher and Lyn Van Druff are both past-presidents of LPSA, and have made significant contributions to LPSA through the years. Recognition was also given to Mitzi Fox, another past-president, who retired from the board last year, after more than ten years of service. Two candidates were nominated and elected to become new directors this year: Ron Uva and Mike Camoin.

The following officers for 2024-2026 were elected by the Board of Directors at the recent August board meeting.

President – Craig Pedersen
First Vice President – Rich Armstrong
Second Vice President – Ron Uva
Vice President of Gifting – Tom Rippere
Treasurer – Mark Donecker
Secretary – Kim Lewis

LPSA is continually looking for additional volunteers to serve on committees and as Directors. Anyone who is interested should contact LPSA at LPSA.ADK@gmail.com, or contact any of the Directors.

Community Enhancement

Work was done by volunteers this summer to revise and rejuvenate the planting beds in the traffic triangle at the four-corners intersection in Speculator. Thanks go to Barbara Pedersen, who coordinated this activity.

ANNUAL MEETING Continued

Membership & Activities

The mission of LPSA is to preserve and protect the health and beauty of all the lakes in the Town of Lake Pleasant. New members and volunteers are always welcome. For more information, visit the website at LPSA-NY.org, or send an email to LPSA.ADK@gmail.com

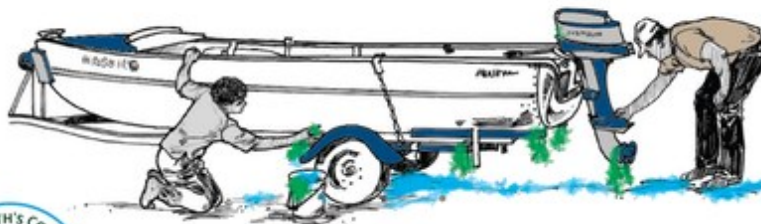
Lake Pleasant – Sacandaga Foundation

The Lake Pleasant – Sacandaga Foundation (LPSF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was created so that members can make tax-deductible contributions to LPSA. Funds are held in two accounts. The LPSF General Fund is used to cover a portion of LPSA's annual expenses. The LPSF Kathy Huber Memorial Fund provides a source of funding in case an invasive species is discovered in our lakes. This "disaster fund" would have funds available to enable us to respond quickly to the discovery of an invasive species, with the hope that we could eradicate it before it becomes firmly established in our lakes.

We have intentionally kept our membership fees low, to make it easy for new members to join our organization. However, our membership fees cover only about half of our annual expenses. When members renew their membership, they are encouraged to also make a donation to help support our organization. If members do make a donation, they should specify whether they want the extra money to go to the LPSF General Fund or the LPSF Kathy Huber Fund.



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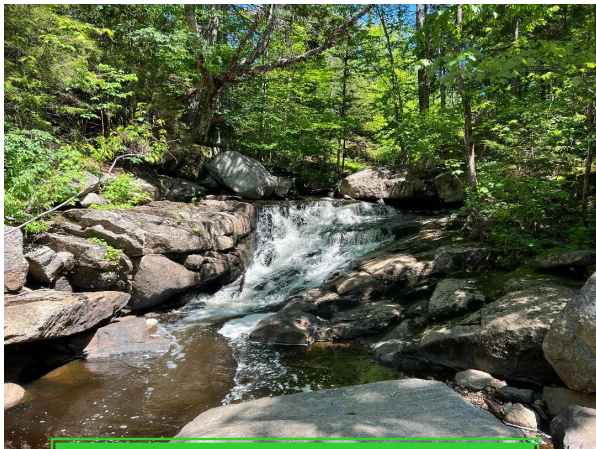


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