



### President's Corner

*By Vicki Willard*

Those of you who were on the lake over Memorial Day Weekend may still be nursing sunburns from sunshine and temperatures we don't usually experience until July. Even the water temperature (by my dock and my neighbor's depth finder) registered a swimmable 70F. I heard lots of splashes and children's laughter drifting over the water from the east side of the lake, something that always makes me smile. The warm weather certainly made dock and swim raft installations easier than usual too. In addition to the weather, the aroma of barbecues and the sight of many wood fires after dark were sure signs that summer traditions have begun anew on Blaisdell Lake.

So much of our time on the lake is steeped in tradition. In our short seven years on the lake, Hunt and I have been building our own traditions and sharing in the traditions of others, but we're missing the generation passing part that will come with time. Lots of you have been on the lake for generations and have experienced the wonderful gift of teaching those traditions to your children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren. In this newsletter, long time (and long-lived) BLPA member Margaret Leichthammer, has written a lovely article that will give us all some perspective on tradition.

In keeping with tradition, I am delighted to announce that in addition to the much anticipated flare night and Pud Ellsworth Boat Parade, the Olson and Bailey

families are gearing up for "The Dog House" in mid-July. Sixty plus years of "supers" and "specials". Truly, tradition is alive and well on Blaisdell Lake!

See you at "The Dog House"!

#### **DUES REMINDER**

**Summer 2016 begins. If you have not yet done so, please send your annual dues. And, if you have any new neighbors please let them know that we'd love to have them join us. Please send your tax-deductible dues of \$85.00 to:**

**BLPA  
Attn: Peg DeMone  
PO Box 453  
South Sutton, NH 03273**

#### **Weed Watch**

**Please sign up for at least one Weed Watch session this summer. Help keep our lake free of invasive species. Week-ends and Holidays only. Each session is 2 hours. Go to [www.blpoa.org](http://www.blpoa.org) to sign up!!!**

### **BLPA 2016 Summer Calendar**

Pud Ellsworth Boat Parade	Sunday, July 3	4:00 pm
Flare Night	Sunday, July 3	9:00 pm
Raindate for Both	Monday, July 4	
BLPA Sponsored Loon Preservation Lecture Freewill Baptist Church North Sutton, NH	Thursday, July 7	7:00 pm
The Dog House	Friday, July 15	5:00-8:00 pm
	Saturday, July 16	11:00 am-8:00 pm
	Sunday, July 17	11:00 am-6:00 pm
Board Meeting	Saturday, July 30	8:30 am
BLPA Annual Meeting	Saturday, July 30	10:00 am
Board Meeting	Saturday, Sept 3	9:00 am

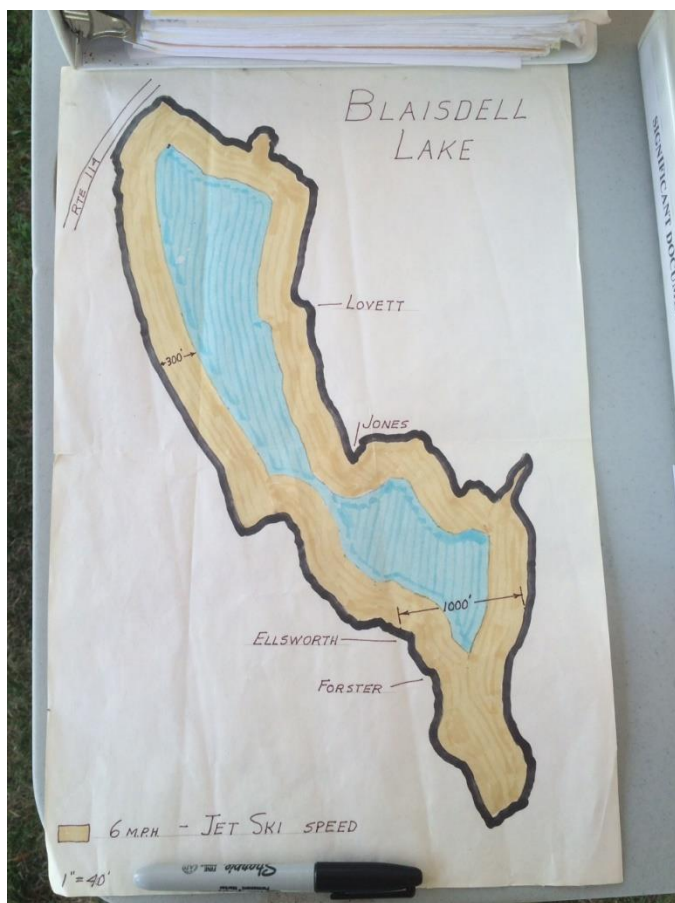
### **Bradford Independence Day Schedule**

**July 2, 2016**

Fair Opens	8:00 am
5K Road Race	9:00 am
Lunch Booth Open	10:00 am- 2:00 pm
Musical Entertainment	10:30 am- 12:00 pm
Community Band on Library Lawn	12:00 pm- 1:00 pm
Parade	1:30 pm
Fireworks at night!!!!	

### **Around Town Activity**

Sutton Old Home Day Traditional Service South Meetinghouse South Sutton, NH	Sunday, August 21	11:00 am
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### ***NH Boating Guidelines***

As a reminder to all who will be out on the lake with boats and PWCs, we are including the following link to the Boat NH Course and specifically the regulations for operation of Personal Water Craft.

[https://www.boat-ed.com/newhampshire/studyGuide/Proper-Speed-and-Distance-on-a-Ski-Craft/10103101\\_700056582/](https://www.boat-ed.com/newhampshire/studyGuide/Proper-Speed-and-Distance-on-a-Ski-Craft/10103101_700056582/)

The map above outlines the legal operating areas on Blaisdell Lake.

### ***In Remembrance***

#### **Don Hurd**

H. Donald Hurd, 82, of Route 114 died Friday, March 25, 2016, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

He was born in New London on Jan. 15, 1934, the son of Harold Hurd and Madeline (Brooks) Hurd.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Beverly (Blake) Hurd, of South Sutton; two sons, Daniel Hurd of Pace, Fla., and Joseph and his wife, Sandra Hurd of Norfolk, Va.; grandchildren Christine, Daniel and Samantha Jo; brothers Howard Hurd of Ossipee and Richard and his wife, Nancy Hurd, of Contoocook, James Preston and his wife, Jan, of South Sutton; sisters Sara and her husband, Jack Harkins, of Hollis and Mae and her husband, George Edwards, of Concord; many nieces and nephews; and Jen Hooker of Orinda, Calif., who is considered to be a member of the family. Don was predeceased by a brother, Charles Hurd, and a sister, Patricia Craig, and daughter-in-law Victoria Hurd.

#### **Flag Disposal**

**Please remember to dispose of your American flag properly. Worn or used flags may be brought to the Sutton Transfer Station or to the Sutton Town Hall for proper handling.**

## **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Peg Leichthammer**



As Margaret "Peg" Leichthammer approached her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, BLPA asked her to reflect upon the lake and her memories of friends, family, and the community over the years. Here's what she said:

"Seventy seven years ago, at age 23, I drove my parents from Norristown, Pennsylvania to see my sister and her husband Isabelle and Earl Little's site for their summer camp on Blaisdell Lake. It immediately became my favorite vacation spot. First at the Little's, then renting Lazy Lodge and Wise's camps, and finally in 1968 buying the 1925 Caldwell camp on Bass Point Road.

So many memories; learning to paddle a canoe with my niece Gerry Little (Strachan), swimming in clear, soft water, watching Girl Scouts at Wabasso trying for water badges, Camp Blaisdell girls (at a distance) taking evening skinny dips, the boys from Camp Kemah walking down Route 114 to the Bradford Baptist Church on Sundays, Chet Wright's store with his dummy and the penny candies, the Dog House with Estelle and Pat's special sauce on hot dogs and hamburgers, 4th of July lighted shores, and the "Spruce Point Six" couples: Ellsworth, Bigelow, Hungerford, Little, Hall and Leichthammer!

I remember after one of the Spruce Point Six's regular fun-filled Saturday suppers, we initiated the first boat parade with the Queen Mary leading and each couple following in diminishing boat size order, ending with our rowboat powered by a 1 ½ horsepower motor.

So many friends all around the lake were made by my husband Frank and me serving on the BLPA Board (back when it was still the Blaisdell Lake Property Owners Association), as did son Frank and grandson Steve Domber.

Wonderful neighbors on Bass Point. We watched Stu Jones build his sea-plane in his garage. He took my husband Frank up for his first plane ride and me for my second. How very exciting to land on the lake.

The beauty and serenity of Blaisdell Lake, the spring wildflowers, birds, animals, waterfowls, fish, fall foliage and the clear view of the heavenly stars are all a wonderful gift to all of us. I hope you cherish them as much as I do."

Peg celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 23, 2016.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY PEG!**



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