



**D**ear Friends of the TPEPA,  
Just like that, as though someone flipped a switch, the boats are removed, the docks and swim rafts are dragged to shore and the loons are left to glide and dive with abandon. The sounds of nature are once again front and center. Fall has come to Trickey Pond. By the time this newsletter reaches you the year itself will be nearing its end. Dare I say, we may all be looking forward to that end more than usual.

As this issue of the TPEPA newsletter came together it was a reminder of how our work as an environmental lake association is dependent on *people*. The Courtesy Boat Inspector hours, the watershed study, the water testing, and this newsletter itself, are only possible because of the generous donations of approximately 70 members. In this issue we'll update you on some of these initiatives and you'll also hear from a few of our members, in their own words, share their stories about their connection to Trickey Pond.

The TPEPA also relies on a wider circle of people to help us with our mission to protect Trickey Pond. It's notable that all our work is dependent on the support of professionals from the Lakes Environmental Association, the Lake Stewards of Maine, the Maine DEP, and the generous folks of Naples, who through their budget process, approved additional funding for the watershed project. We invite you to take some time and peruse all their websites as well as ours, (we provide links throughout this issue) to learn more about their work and the resources available to all of us as we work to preserve the natural beauty of Trickey Pond.

Warm regards,

*Martina*

Martina Witts, President

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## Meet Our Members

*You've heard us say it before, the TPEPA is a member driven organization, and we couldn't do our work without your support. So, we thought it would be fun to launch a new feature, Meet our Members. We hope you enjoy the stories below from one of our newest supporters, Robert Fogg of Q-Team, and Robert Mitchell, one of our earliest supporters. If they inspire you to share your own Trickey Pond story in our next issue, please send it to Martina.Witts@gmail.com*

By Robert Fogg

As the past owner, and now a co-owner of the employee owned Q-Team Tree Service, I enjoy membership in the Trickey Pond Environmental Protection Association through our business partnership. As many of you already know,



**Robert Fogg**

my wife, Christy, and our kids, and now grandkids have spent many summer days on Trickey Pond, as my "in-laws" (Bud & Carole McLellan) have had a place on the pond since the early 70's. You may have noticed the now almost 50-year-old "Red Boat" zipping up and down the pond with a skier or tuber behind. Years past, you might have seen a hydro-ski or some other crazy contraption being maneuvered behind the boat. Over the years, workers from my company have pruned and removed trees for many camp-owners along the Trickey Pond Road and Route 114. We appreciate each and every interaction we have had over the years, and it has been a stepping stone to our current and continued success. Trickey Pond is truly a gem, and I'm proud to think that we have, in some small way, helped maintain it's special character by strictly following the shoreland zone tree-cutting rules. So, thanks again to all those who help preserve Trickey Pond.

By Robert Mitchell

Another summer is now a fading memory of the great times we've had at Trickey Pond, so I thought I'd let you know how it all started for us. Fifty-three years ago, in the summer of '67 Pa was coming up to help Art and Dot Kimball with some wiring and Art said, why not come up on a Saturday and bring the family? Well, after wiring up their hot water tank and some burgers for lunch, my brother Don, Pa, Art and I took Art's 14' boat with a 6hp motor around the lake and only made it

half way down the lake when there it was, a lot for sale next to what is now the right-of-way with the boat launch. We all headed down to the realtor's office on the causeway, the one with the light house, and left a \$27 deposit, as that's all the four adults had. That Monday after a call to the realtor my hopes of Trickey Pond almost faded away as instead of \$3,000 the owner wanted \$3,500 and the extra \$500 might as well have been \$1M, but somehow my folks came up with the money and bought the land.

The next year we built the camp and on the Labor Day Pa broke his leg finishing up the trim but thankfully Merle Watson and others were able to load him into the back of the Watson's station wagon on a piece of plywood and drive him to Maine Medical. Over the years, like all of you, we've had great times on the lake from putting in the water ski course one winter day in the 70's with Bud McLellan and others. Speaking of water skiing, some of you may remember us making three and five-person pyramids on skies during our WPI weekend. The 1<sup>st</sup> time we tried a five-person pyramid was 1980 two weeks before Don's wedding. After I got up behind Neal and Fran Ross's boat and then over to our boat as we could only pull out four skiers, we started to climb and then it happened.

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### Shoreland Zone Ordinance, Town of Naples



Thank you to Robert Fogg for mentioning the Shoreland Zone tree-cutting rules. Maintaining a robust vegetative buffer and tree canopy are essential to protecting the water quality of Trickey Pond. To learn more, visit the Town of Naples website at:

<https://www.townofnaples.org/ordinances> and scroll to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The Maine DEP website is also an excellent resource; you can learn more at : <https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/slz/ip-szveg.html>

# Trickey Pond Public Launch Sees Record Number of Boat Inspections

By Martina Witts

Twenty years ago, the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) piloted the Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) program on Long Lake in Harrison. In 2018 the LEA reported that sometime that summer they hit a remarkable milestone, the 1 millionth boat inspection! The public launch on Trickey Pond is a small part of this significant achievement. Since 2006, the TPEPA has paid for CBI hours that resulted in over 5000 boat inspections at the Trickey public launch. These numbers matter because the threat of invasive aquatic plants in Maine is very real. This summer a CBI stationed at Moose Pond discovered and intercepted an invasive plant on a pontoon boat coming to the pond that had previously been on Sebago Lake. There are 30 infested waterbodies in Maine, several in the Sebago Lake Region: Sebago Lake (including Sebago

Cove, Songo River, Panther Run), Long Lake, Brandy Pond, Little Sebago Lake, and Thompson Lake.

For the summer of 2020 the TPEPA was able to increase the CBI hours by 26% over the previous summer hours to a total of approximately 790 hours. These hours resulted in 825 boat inspections, a 44.5% increase over 2019. This shows that the busy early spring boating at the public launch continued throughout the summer.

Inspectors found and submitted for evaluation, two plants – thankfully they were classified as non-invasive. Please remember, Maine state law prohibits the transfer of all vegetation on boats, trailers and gear. You can avoid fines and protect Trickey Pond by remembering to:

**CLEAN** plant debris, mud and al-

gae from all boating and fishing gear and dispose in trash.

**DRAIN** live well, bilge water, and engine water away from waterbody.

**DRY** any gear that comes into contact with water.

Thank you to this year's Trickey Pond CBIs, Christa, Addison, Andrew, Josh, and Kelsey for ably handling an extremely busy summer; and thank you to our donors; your contributions make this effort possible.

To learn more about invasives, please visit the LEA website at [www.mainelakes.org](http://www.mainelakes.org) and click on the Invasives tab.

## *Meet Our Members: Robert Mitchell . . . Continued from page 2*

The next thing I knew Pa pulled Don out of Trickey with blood coming out of his head. After several stitches in the head at the Bridgton hospital the wedding still went on as the Doc did a nice job with the hair. The next two years we made our five-person pyramids.

Many things have changed over the years some for the good and some maybe not so good. Gone are the days of water ski pyramids, slalom courses, girls camp, oiling the dusty camp road and hello to a paved camp road, public boat ramp on Rt.114, houses not camps and pontoon boats. You never saw a pontoon boat on Trickey in the '70s and now they're everywhere. Well, although things change and people pass their camps/houses on to new generations as Ma passed away this summer, two things will always remain the same, the loons and the peacefulness of Trickey Pond.

I could go on with stories of the great times we'd had over the years with family and friends at Trickey Pond as I'm sure all of you can but I'll close by wishing you all a safe and healthy winter, whether you're staying at Trickey Pond for the winter or returning "home". Whether you're a newbie to Trickey Pond, say less than 10 to 20 years, or an old timer of 50+ years, as there are close to dozen families who have been at Trickey Pond since the 60's, or are somewhere in between. Have a safe winter and one thing we know will be true when we return next year and that is the loons will be here along with the tranquility of Trickey Pond. We're all glad that some things never change. Stay safe, Bob Mitchell

# Trickey Pond Watershed Study Updates

By Martina Witts

Work on the watershed study has continued throughout 2020. In June the TPEPA received the Watershed Survey Report from FB Environmental. With guidance from the Lake Environmental Association (LEA), erosion sites eligible for the Lake Stormwater Phosphorus Compensation Funds were identified. The fund of approximately \$18,000 is administered by the LEA under the guidance of the Maine DEP and is to be used exclusively for work to protect the Trickey Pond watershed.

LEA members and TPEPA members visited these sites to determine the best management practices (BMPs) to employ in order to address the erosion issues. We are pleased to report that based on the watershed survey report, the request by LEA to the Maine DEP was approved. Depending on timing and weather, work may be

completed in the late fall on three of the high priority sites. There are a few other high priority sites identified in the report that are potentially eligible for these funds as well and the TPEPA will continue to reach out to property owners of those sites in the coming months.

The shoreline survey was conducted in mid-September by two scientists from FB Environmental accompanied by LEA staff and TPEPA members. All 88 parcels around the shoreline were evaluated on five attributes and assigned a numeric rating (low number is good, high number less good) to determine a Shoreline Disturbance Score for each parcel:

- ◆ amount of vegetative buffer along the shoreline (scored 1-5)
- ◆ amount of bare soil (scored 1-4)
- ◆ shoreline erosion (scored 1-3)
- ◆ slope of the land (scored 1-3)
- ◆ distance of structures from the shore (0-3)

A photo of each parcel was also taken. The TPEPA received the report in early October. The data collected showed that 30% of the parcels had moderate erosion issues and 10% of the parcels had significant erosion issues.

Now that both the watershed survey and the shoreline survey are complete, the TPEPA will be sharing the information with the property

owners in the watershed and with the Town of Naples, which provided some of the funding for the project. The goal will be to remediate as many of the priority sites as possible to prevent further decline of Trickey Pond's water quality.

The TPEPA would like to thank the Town of Naples and the Lakes Environmental Association for their continued support of this project.



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# Patrolling Trickey for Invasives

By Joseph Kellogg and Kristin Schroder

When we first moved to Trickey Pond 5 years ago, we fell in love with the pristine nature of the lake and the opportunity to kayak a relatively quiet lake, exploring the shoreline, finding fish swimming in the clear waters and of course interacting with the loons. In fact, when we were first looking to buy and were checking out the area, we encountered Charley Sawyer who proudly told us to Google “the cleanest lake in Maine”, assuring us that Trickey Pond would be so named. Of course, we did and found Charley to be right which played no small part in our decision to purchase our home.

As we paddled the lake, however and explored every nook and cranny, we found lots of vegetation growing in the water and became concerned that perhaps some of these were the dreaded milfoil or other invasive plants we had been hearing about. So, encouraged by Dick Meyer, the reigning Invasive

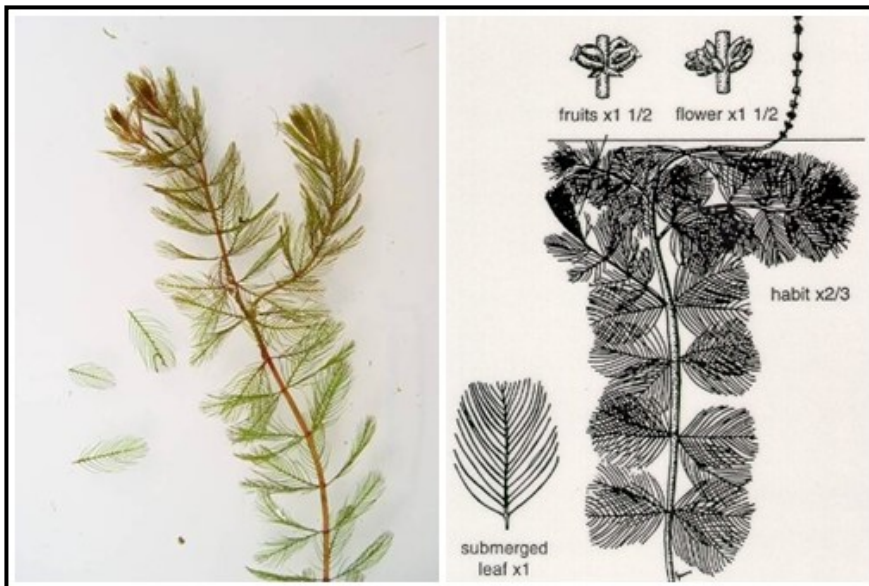
Plant Patroller (IPP) at the time, we signed up to take a day long Invasive Plant Patroller course at the Maine Lake Science Center in Bridgton, presented by the Lake Stewards of Maine. The course was fascinating and well done with lots of educational materials provided at no cost.

We learned a lot at the course and after completing it, taking our newfound knowledge and our laminated info cards identifying which plants are natives and which are invasives, we explored Trickey with a different eye. We now knew better about what we were actually looking at in the water. That first time, 3 years ago, we found no invasives and were happy to give names to several of the natives inhabiting our lake, such as pipewort, floating hearts, spatterdock, and pickerel weed. We also were on the lookout for algae, and found some, but not a lot. Unfortunately, we can't say the same for this year, which, for some reason, seems to

be much more than past years. On the positive side, we still have found no indication of any invasives. It should be noted however, that many invasives mimic the appearance of our Maine native plants, so it can be difficult to identify them at their early stages of becoming established.

Living here full time, we will continue to work as Invasive Plant Patrollers and if you see us lingering in our kayaks along the shoreline in front of your property, we are likely just trying to get a better look at a plant in the water. We should also note that more eyes help us do a better job at this, so if you see something in the water along the shore, which looks new and unfamiliar, please give us a call (845) 901-4092 and let us know where it is. Do not try to rip it out as that might leave pieces which could spread. If we are unable to identify it, we can take a sample in accordance with approved protocols and send it to the Lake Stewards of Maine who will verify whether its native or invasive. With all of us working together, we can keep Trickey Pond the cleanest lake in Maine.

To learn more about IPP, visit the Lake Stewards of Maine website at <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/volunteer-info/invasive-plant-monitors/>



*Eurasian Watermilfoil, this species first discovered in a small pond in Maine in 2003. A serious threat, it has made its way to lakes and ponds throughout New England and the Canadian Provinces. Photo: Maine DEP*

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