

# *Association for the Preservation of Long Pond*

67 Long Pond Circle, Centerville, MA 02632

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Dear Members:

Well another summer has flown by, but by all accounts it was a very good one on and around Long Pond. Many people enjoyed swimming and boating during the course of the summer and those activities often complemented and enhanced our lake's natural beauty. It's just so nice to see the colorful sail of a Sunfish and fun to watch our small flotilla of kayaks of various colors. Then add Long Pond's beautiful shells sculling across the lake and the scene is totally idyllic. Hard to believe now that we came so close to losing all this a few short years ago.

## **Hydrilla Update**

Aquatic Control Technology completed their annual survey of the lake on June 19. Good news, bad news. Bad news was that the survey found widely scattered hydrilla plants in all three basins of the lake. Good news was that the plants were very widely scattered – and they were only 2-3 inches high on average.

The decision to treat with Sonar is an easy one even when hydrilla plants are small and widely scattered. If we don't treat, the aggressive growing and expansion cycle of hydrilla will start anew. Each year will bring new tubers (the "seeds" for hydrilla) and more plants. Larger plants will emerge as time goes by and in a few years we would once again face a serious problem. Every year that we do treat, however, the number of hydrilla growing tubers is reduced and our chances of total eradication is enhanced. Do understand, however, that total eradication remains an extremely difficult task and is probably still quite a few years away from becoming a reality.

## **Thanks Again!**

Once again we would like to extend our thanks to our Town officials for their continuing help in restoring and maintaining our beautiful lake. It should also be noted once again that their actions have also served to prevent the spread of hydrilla to other Lakes in Barnstable, Cape Cod and New England. Were it not for help from the Town Council, Town Manager John Klimm, our Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Lakes and Ponds Program, we would not be able to submit our encouraging progress reports. We also need to once again thank Dr. William Haller, the renowned hydrilla expert from the University of Florida, for his continued interest and expert advice.

Without taking anything away from all the folks mentioned above, we have to once again single out Rob Gatewood, head of the Conservation Division, for his support and interest in our Association's goals. He is a truly extraordinary public official.

## **Purple Loosestrife**

Thanks to all those who have worked at removing their shoreline Purple Loosestrife plants. However, we will need to do more if we are to keep ahead of this rapid-spreading invasive shoreline plant that likes to crowd out our desirable native plants. If you are unable to completely remove your plants, it is helpful to cut them down as soon as possible to avoid the spreading of the millions of seeds each mature plant produces every fall.

### Our Duck Population

Just a reminder that ducks go where they are treated the best and if people on or near the pond provide a place for the ducks to eat, they will take up residency on our pond. Everyone likes ducks. They are so beautiful as they fly overhead. They are nice to have on the pond. BUT only in reasonable numbers! Fewer ducks will mean better water quality and clarity, two important objectives to keep in mind. A simple request: PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DUCKS. Do we need to mention the geese? ☺

### Please Come to the Annual Meeting

The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on **Monday, October 20** in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Victory Church on South Main Street in Centerville. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM and will last for perhaps one hour. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting providing attendees a chance to socialize or informally discuss issues of interest. We keep the meetings as casual as possible and hope you will plan to attend to show your support for your Association and perhaps, as well, show your desire to win the drawing for a 2009 champagne cruise on Long Pond. ☺

### Our Treasury and Dues

Thanks to support from the membership through dues and voluntary contributions, and a transfer of the funds from the original Committee for the Preservation of Long Pond, we now have a bank balance of a little over \$8,000. While that is clearly enough to cover anticipated expenses for 2009, we do need to maintain sufficient funds to provide for the possibility of unexpected expenses should things not go as smoothly as they have over the last few years.

That leads us to an appeal for you to renew your membership once again by sending the enclosed form with your 2008 dues of \$10 per household to our Treasurer Kallie Garoufes. To our good neighbors and new residents who are not currently members, we hope you will join us in our ongoing efforts to maintain this beautiful resource called Long Pond.

We look forward to seeing many of you on October 20 at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gilmore, APLP Chairman  
and

The APLP Steering Committee:

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