

# Horn Pond News

## Spring 2014

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The **Horn Pond Association** works to maintain the health and pristine condition of the lake. All home owners and friends of Horn Pond are encouraged to join the association to support our efforts.

## Wanted: Volunteers

Hello Horn Pond Association members! My name is Ruth Gutman and I will be managing your NH Lake Host and Maine Courtesy Boat Inspector programs again this summer at the public boat launch. This will be my second year managing the programs, and my third year as an inspector. I grew up in Lebanon, Maine, right on the Acton town line and I have been boating on and swimming in Horn Pond, Great East and Lovell ever since I was a kid. I care a great deal about making sure these lakes stay the way I remember them.



I would love to have some volunteers from the association help inspect boats with the paid staff this summer. You can volunteer whatever time you have available, on weekends or during the week.

Bring a book or a crossword puzzle, sit by the lake, and talk to boaters as they come in. Part of the job is simply helping to educate the public, and the other part is checking boats and trailers for any plant or animal matter, and filling out a form.

If you would like, you can attend a formal training in Concord where you will learn all about the various plant and animal species and get to see many of the plants close up. You can also attend an informal training with me right at the boat ramp any time during the season. Volunteers can help us cover more hours at the ramp, and also help provide the matching funds that make us eligible for grant money from NH and Maine. Though you don't get paid as a volunteer, your time is worth \$22.14 per hour and that looks great on our grant applications.



## Presidents' Corner

Well what a winter we have had. It was a lot of cold, snow and dreaming about warmer days on Horn Pond. I believe we never want to hear the phrase "Polar Vortex" ever again. But now Summer is just weeks away and we can all get excited about a summer full of boating, fishing, swimming, water skiing, barbecues and wonderful times with family and friends visiting our beloved Horn Pond. We are all making preparations for our docks to be put in, boats to be picked up or delivered, summer improvement projects and opening up our houses. It is an exciting time for us all.

As we love to enjoy our time on Horn Pond, we write to you about some important initiatives we are taking to ensure that our pristine waters stay pristine. We have once again partnered with AWWA, the Acton-Wakefield Watershed Alliance to help us run the Lake Host Monitoring Program. We will again have two people stationed at the boat launch to ensure boats are being checked before they enter the water and on their way out. This program could not continue without the grants through the States of ME and NH and our membership dues. Membership to our Association is open to all residents on Horn-Pond and the money collected goes directly back to fund the Lake Host Monitoring Program and invasive species monitoring.

## Wanted: Volunteers (cont'd.)

Without state funding, the association would have to bear the full cost of the programs.

We have two lakes within ten miles of Horn, Balch and Belleau, with serious invasive species problems. Once these plants (or animals!) find their way into a lake, they are impossible to remove completely, and only expensive and continual management programs can keep them under control. Your membership and donations to the lake association are vitally important, and volunteering can help too. Please join me this summer to help make sure we protect Horn Pond!

You can reach me at (207) 370-4191 or by email at [ruth@ruthgutman.com](mailto:ruth@ruthgutman.com). Thank you!



### Mark Your Calendar!

The annual meeting will take place on **Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** at the home of Regina and Tony Delaney, 153 New Bridge Rd.

Meet your Horn Pond neighbors and enjoy food and drink on our beautiful lake!

## Presidents' Corner (cont'd.)

Once again, it is time to renew your commitment to the Horn Pond Association by sending in your annual dues of \$50. The work of our association is dependent upon the generous contributions of our residents. To date, we have roughly 95 properties on the lake and we only collect from 30 or so households. We urge you to make this the year that you make this small but beneficial investment in your lakefront property. As an added incentive, anyone who submits their dues will receive a Horn Pond magnet for your fridge or car. As a second bonus, we will put your name in for a drawing to lead your boat in the Horn Pond Boat Parade. If you don't own a boat, then you will get to ride in the leading boat in the Parade.

We also hope to update you in a more efficient manner this year with a spring and late summer newsletter during the summer months and updates that will be posted regularly on our website [www.horn-pond.org](http://www.horn-pond.org). Also, a few notable dates to put on your calendars: **June 14<sup>th</sup>, free Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop** at Acton Town Hall, coordinated by AWWA and the York County Invasive Aquatic Species Project and lake associations in both Maine and New Hampshire. Please join Julie for this information packed workshop and learn how you can save our lake. Contact Julie to register or take a look at the agenda and what you will learn at [awwatersheds.org](http://awwatersheds.org). the York County Invasive Species. **July 4<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Horn Pond Boat Parade at 4:00 p.m.** and our **annual meeting and picnic will be held on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

We hope you will join us in sending in your membership dues and encourage your neighbors to do the same. We look forward to seeing you all this summer on the Pond. Have a wonderful summer. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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## *AWWA Can Help You Keep Horn Pond Clean*

By Sam Wilson, AWWA Program Manager  
Soil erosion is the number one source of pollution to lakes in New Hampshire and Maine. As stormwater washes across the landscape it picks up sediment and dumps it in the lake. Sticking to the sediments are particles of phosphorus, a naturally occurring element that is essential to plant growth. When a lake gets too much phosphorus there will be excess algae growth and cyanobacteria blooms which can be toxic to animals, including us. It can also be quite an eyesore for property owners and lake visitors alike.

Luckily, there are a number of ways to combat erosion, all with very little cost to homeowners. Simple erosion control practices (known in the AWWA world as Best Management Practices or BMPs) can fix a property's erosion issues while increasing the aesthetics, and value, of a property.

BMP's can be as simple as a few blueberry bushes or as complicated as a 40 foot set of infiltration steps.

They can be as plain as a rubber razor or fire hose diverter, which will move water off a driveway, or a rain garden filled with beautiful and rugged native plants to infiltrate and soak up runoff. Most properties use a variety of BMP's to combat stormwater runoff and erosion, and the truth is, there are dozens of ways of dealing with runoff at every site. It all comes down to what you, as a lakefront homeowner, want to do. Luckily, AWWA and its Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) can help homeowners on Horn Pond. If you think you have an erosion issue, or would just like a site evaluation, call Sam at (603) 473-2500 or email at [swilson@awwatersheds.org](mailto:swilson@awwatersheds.org) to get personalized advice and a design to fix your erosion issues at no charge. You may even want to become a YCC Project Host and have the YCC install your BMP's for you at no charge; you buy the materials, and we do all the work! If you want to see our work, you can take a look at our YCC Site Map at AWWA's website, [www.awwatersheds.org](http://www.awwatersheds.org); it has pictures of every site the YCC has worked on since 2006. Alternatively, you can take a trip down to Langley Shores Rd on Great East Lake where the AWWA YCC fixed erosion problems at six sites last year. I look forward to hearing from you this spring.

## ***Please contribute to preserve Horn Pond!***

**2014 Bonus:** Get a Horn Pond refrigerator magnet and get your name entered into a drawing to lead this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade.

For online payments visit

<http://www.horn-pond.org/join-us.html>



Yes, I want to help protect and preserve Horn Pond by becoming a member of the Horn Pond Association. Enclosed are my annual dues of \$50. (Make checks payable to Horn Pond Association.)

I am making an additional of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to further the Horn Pond Association's mission.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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