

RPEA Board Member List

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RPEA Mission Statement

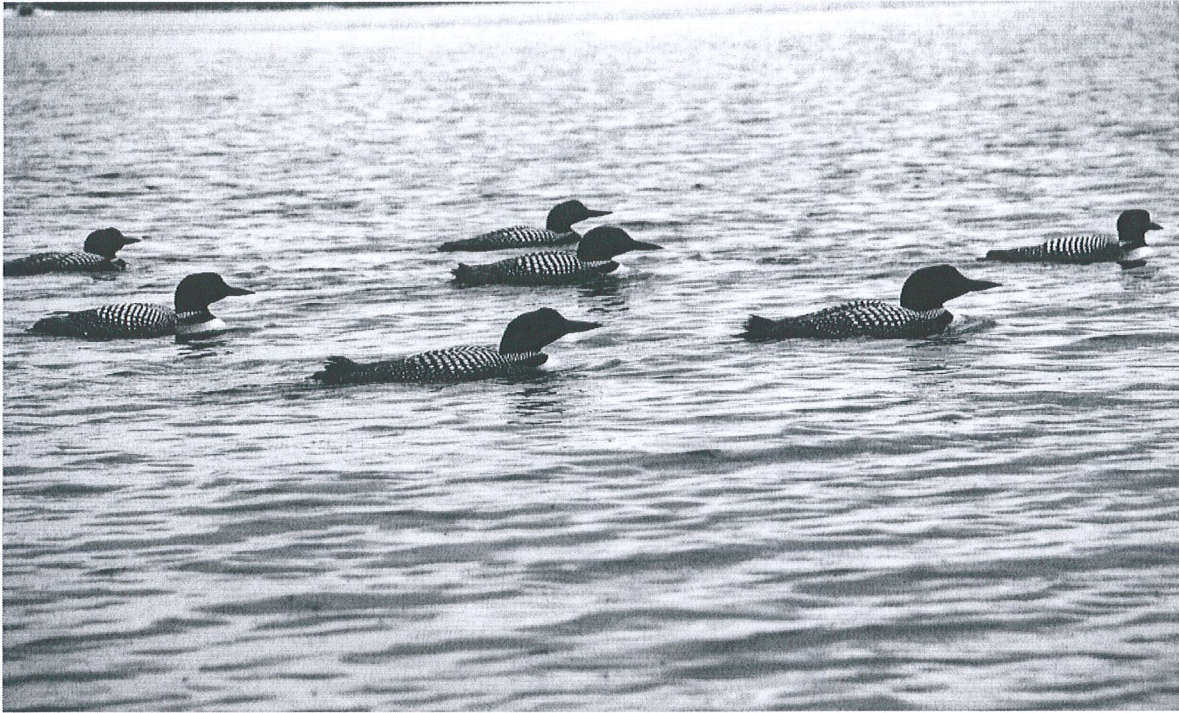
The Range Ponds Environmental Association is dedicated to protecting the water quality of Lower, Middle and Upper Range Ponds by consistent water quality monitoring and by providing education and technical assistance to residents and municipal officials.

RPEA
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The RPEA would like to give special thanks to:

- *Wayne Andrews for keeping our web site current with pictures and news from all of you! Check it out at www.fairpoint.net/~wayneandrews/RPEA.htm
- *Matt Brettler for his dedication and all of his work as President of the RPEA
- *Nanci Brandt for contributing her loon photos to this newsletter and to our web site



RPEA President's Message

Dear Range Pond Watershed Residents,

Welcome to our first newsletter in several years. We hope you will find it informative, current and enjoyable. We want this to be your local newsletter that focuses on the Range Ponds and their watershed. Please feel free to contact us with any ideas you may have for future issues.

*Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 18th at 10 a.m. at **Cyndi's Dockside Restaurant**, Route 26 in Poland. Please join us for some refreshments and to hear Scott McWilliams, Director of the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, discuss the current status of the Range Ponds and what we can do to keep them healthy.*

Two current items to note. Our membership numbers have been declining and unfortunately we have had to cut back on our monitoring of the lakes from twice a year to only once a year. We would like to have our lakes monitored twice a year again, but we need your support to do this. This monitoring must continue in order to spot trends, both positive and negative, that impact water quality. Please help support us by joining or renewing your membership.

Due to the efforts of member and past President Bob Limoges, the milfoil infected area in Middle Range Pond appeared to be free of this invasive when checked last fall. We have recently marked the area again and will continue to do so for the next few years while we verify that this area is indeed free of milfoil. Please do your part to stop the spread on any possible remaining plants by staying clear of this area.

We hope to see you at our annual meeting at Cyndi's Dockside on Sunday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Matthew Brettler, RPEA President

What is the RPEA and why is it important to you?

The Range Ponds Environmental Association is YOU and all of us who live within the twelve and one half square miles that make up the Range Ponds Watershed. The RPEA was originally formed by concerned neighbors who were committed to protecting the water quality of all three ponds. Today the RPEA is made up of four Board members and six Directors who are dedicated to fulfilling this mission. Our day-to-day actions can inadvertently add to lake pollution. Lawn care, washing our vehicles, growing crops and clearing the land can all negatively impact the ponds. The good news is that our water quality, when checked last year, was still very good. Please become part of the RPEA and help us all protect the ponds we love so much. The vast majority of your annual dues and any donations go to the cost of testing the ponds' water quality. If we discover a negative trend, we can ask the state for help, so it is imperative that we continue to test the waters! Please support the RPEA!

RPEA Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 18, 2010

10:00 A.M.

@ Cyndi's Dockside Restaurant

Please join or renew your membership to the Range Ponds Environmental Association today!



Join the RPEA's Annual July 4th Boat Parade!

Come join this year's parade! Prizes will be awarded for the most festive and creatively decorated boats. Meet at Cyndi's Dockside at 2:00 p.m. and plan to tour Upper and Middle Range Ponds until about 3:30. Everyone enjoys this Fourth of July parade, so come join in the fun!



Cyndi's Dockside Restaurant

Located on Beautiful Middle Range Pond and Route 26
Summer Hours are 11:30 a.m. Until 9:00 p.m Daily

Come to Cyndi's for natural beef burgers, the best lobster rolls in town and a variety of delicious appetizer and meal choices, as well as a nice selection of libations. The atmosphere is welcoming and relaxing with many tables overlooking Middle Range Pond. Dine inside or out.

See you at Cyndi's!

Treasurer's Report

As submitted by Moira Clegg and Carmen Evrard

Beginning Balance: July 19, 2009.....\$4,376.65

Income:

Membership dues 2009 (55).....	\$3,580.00
Coffee and Raffle Intake @ Annual Meeting on 7/22/09.....	\$ 108.00
Cash from return of unused raffle tickets.....	6.76
Bank Interest.....	6.27

Expenses:

Lake & Watershed Resource Mgmt. Assoc. (water quality testing).....	\$1,700.00
Maine Congress of Lake Associations Donation.....	\$ 300.00
Crockett, Philbrook & Crouch, P.A.....	\$ 35.00
Chains and Shackles—Lowe's (to place Milfoil markers).....	\$ 138.94

Balance on May 26, 2010.....\$5,903.74

Annual Dues: \$35.00

Your annual dues support the continuation of RPEA's efforts to protect the water quality of our Range Ponds. Please join or renew your membership today!

POLAND SPRING EDUCATION

Jason C. Libby

Executive Director

Poland Spring Preservation Society and Park

Many of you may know that Poland Spring Water has been actively providing educational programming throughout the state through our education and outreach programs based out of Poland Spring Preservation Park. We have sponsored water festivals and other one-day workshops for over a decade but we have become more intentional with our programming efforts over the past three years.

Our work with the fifth graders in Poland, Minot and Mechanic Falls and elsewhere throughout the state with our *Brookie Buddies* program has been very successful and is embraced by the schools and more importantly the schoolchildren. The program gives students the opportunity to learn about the importance of water quality by raising brook trout from eggs. The students then release these fish into streams and rivers approved by the State.

The past two years we have worked with Poland Regional students in partnership with the USGS and the state to perform snowpack surveys in Poland in order to submit data for predicting flooding and aquifer recharge. This year we had a great opportunity to work with Caroline Peinado's high school students on a water erosion project that helped to repair a section of the trail system at Preservation Park. The students learned firsthand about erosion issues, native plants, water bars and much more. The project was completed in May and a sign posted to note their hard work.

This will hopefully be the beginning of a series of partnerships that will concentrate on other erosion issues in the town and also working with the students on their "Poland Planters" project where they make salsa and are in the process of constructing a greenhouse. We hope to be able to assist them with a composting project which will reduce materials in the waste stream and helping them on other sustainable steps to make their products have a beneficial advantage.

We look forward to continuing our work with students and organizations like the RPEA in the future. Good luck and thank you for your work in the watershed!

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