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The 2012 Sebec Lake summer season is rapidly approaching. Again there are many community activities that will be happening on or near Sebec Lake. Be sure to put August 4th 2012 on your calendars for the 16th Annual Dover-Foxcroft Homecoming Celebration and the 4th Annual Sebec Lake Fireworks display! The display will be launched from a barge on Sebec Lake between the public beach and the narrows. The concession building on the beach will be serving food and beverages hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft and the Dover-Foxcroft Homecoming Committee. Dover-Foxcroft shuttle busses will provide transportation to and from Sebec Lake public beach. The Sebec Lake Association is a major contributor to the fireworks. Fireworks are expensive and we rely on your contributions and donations in order to continue this event each year. Thanks for your support.

Steve Pratt, 'The Music Maker' will also be on hand, again this year, to provide music and entertainment at the Homecoming Celebration and Fireworks.

Please attend our 2012 annual Sebec Lake Association meeting. The annual meeting is to be held at Mayo Regional Hospital in the Piscataquis Room, Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM. After a short business meeting to elect new Board of Directors and Officers, we will have three guest speakers. State Representative Paul Davis Jr., Biologist Paul Johnson and Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Biologist, Tim Obrey, will show watershed maps and give a power-point presentation. They will discuss updates on new legislation LD134 concerning fish ladders and watershed issues involving the removal of dams on the Penobscot River. A planned fish by-pass at the Howland Dam may affect Sebec Lake with the possible introduction of invasive fish species (Northern Pike) that would destroy the salmon and lake trout population forever. For everyone interested and concerned about preserving and protecting our valuable Sebec Lake resource, this meeting is a must.

We encourage you to become a member of Sebec Lake Association. Yearly dues are still a bargain at \$15 dollars. Please visit our website at <u>www.sebeclakeassoc.com</u>.

Have a wonderful summer on Sebec Lake. We hope to see you at the annual meeting July 14th and at the annual Sebec Lake Fireworks August 4th.

Respectfully,

Brian Woodworth Sebec Lake Association – President Sebec Lake Fireworks

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SAVE THE DATE FOR ANOTHER SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON SEBEC LAKE—AUGUST 4, 2012—9:30 'ish!!!



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THANK YOU TO SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION, CENTRAL MAINE PYROTECHNICS AND ALL OF THE SEBEC LAKE CAMPOWNERS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

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Mark your calendars for these summer events....

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 7p.m. in the Piscataquis Room of Mayo Regional Hospital. We hope to have State Representative Paul Davis and biologist Paul Johnson there to discuss the implications of the Howland Dam bypass and the probability of invasive fish species entering Sebec Lake, and the likelihood of decimating the salmon and trout populations. The Board of Directors will meet prior to the Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Parking and entrance is at the rear of the Hospital.

Dover-Foxcroft Homecoming and the very popular **Fireworks** display on the lake are scheduled for Saturday, August 4th. The theme is 'Perfect Pairs Past and Present 1922-2012'. Please note that the Fireworks display is dependent on enough money being raised. Please be generous when asked to contribute to this amazing celebration. The Sebec Lake Association has contributed \$1000 to the Fireworks Fund.

The **4th Annual Whoopie Pie Festival**, put on by the Center Theatre, is Saturday, June 23th. The Festival again will spread out to Monument Square and beyond. Sample all the varieties of Whoopie Pies brought in from around the state. The Festival will go on rain or shine, but we're hoping for 'shine' this year!

Other events on the calendar: The **Sebec Village July 4th parade** and other celebration events, the **Guilford River Festival** on July 28th and the **Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Auction** is July 26, 27 & 28. Central Hall is currently under reconstruction, so the annual **Ice Cream Social** will be announced at a later date.

Please support these local events! They are all lots of fun and many support local causes.



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South Cove Point by Sam Shepherd

Sebec Lake is divided into two parts by the narrows. The lower lake is smaller and has a higher population on its shores. The upper lake has fewer camps, is deeper and is much more vulnerable to the weather. The long reach of the lake is on an east west axis in line with the prevailing winds.

When going through the narrows to the upper lake, the northeast shore is on the right and goes all the way to the head of the lake. On the left is the south shore that goes only part way to the head of the lake. Where the south shore ends and turns the corner into south cove is known as "South Cove Point". This is a brief history of South Cove Point:

Mr. Putnam owned all of the land south of Sebec Lake in Bowerbank when he died on August 25, 1882. His sister, Harriet Packer, received the land from his estate.

Lucius H. Dwelley was the owner of Dwelley & Co., a spool factory located in Foxcroft where Mayo Hospital now stands. Mr. Dwelley wanted to own 100 acres of Harriet Packer's land, so in 1888, he had the prominent land surveyor of the time, William P. Oaks, design a parcel of land enclosed on the north, west and east by Sebec Lake and bounded on the south by a line running parallel to the south line of Bowerbank. The line was drawn so that the land north of the line contained 100 acres and was to be known as "South Cove Point". He then had Mr. Oaks survey seven lots on the shore of Sebec Lake, as well as what is now known as Brown's Island. All were located in the "South Cove Point" parcel.

Mr. Dwelley was the father-in-law of Mr. Fred D. Barrows of Dover, who, up until March of 1888, had been the co-owner of the firm that published the Piscataquis Observer. He had Fred negotiate with Harriet Packer to buy the "South Cove Point" parcel. Meanwhile Dwelley went about selling the lots before either he or Fred Barrows owned the land. On January 11, 1889, she sold the 100 acres of land to Fred Barrows and he mortgaged the land to the Piscataquis Savings Bank.

On April 6, 1889, Dwelley closed the deal with the Piscataquis Savings Bank to buy out the mortgage on the South Cove Point tract. On the same date, Mr. Dwelley purchased the land from Fred Barrows.

On April 20, 1889, just two weeks later, Dwelley had all seven surveyed lots sold with half the island going in another two weeks. At that point, he had more than recouped his money and still had more than half his land left with most of the valuable lake-front still in his name. The year 1889 was a significant time in the development of the south shore of Sebec Lake in Bowerbank. For the first time, camp lots above the narrows were sold.

Some of the land was purchased to build camps. There were four camps completed by the end of 1889. The other three lots were divided, resold, re-divided and resold again. One by one the lots were recombined and camps were built, the last being completed in 1893. Some now speculate that these lots were used as poker chips on the cold winter nights.

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In 1893, Dwelley sold all of the remaining 51 acres to Josiah B. Mayo. Three years later, on November 6, 1896, the same parcel of land went to Joseph B. Peaks. In another rapid deal that must have been pre-planned, the whole thing was again sold one week later. Five acres went to Dr. Crowell C. Hall, and the remainder went to Joseph's son, Francis Peaks. It is assumed that both Dr. Hall and Francis Peaks built their camps the next summer in 1897.

On September 3, 1900, Francis Peaks sold about one acre of land on the shore east of his camp to James Bathgate who was vice president of Mayo and Son, Inc., one of the two woolen mills in town.

The ten camps located in the South Cove Point Tract were some of the earliest built on Sebec Lake. They were all constructed by prominent families of Dover, Foxcroft and Sebec. Ownership of these ten camps has been remarkably stable. Four of the camps are still owned by their original families and in each of the other six, a maximum of two new families have owned the camp.

The location of the line defining the "South Cove Point" was a mystery for a long time. Any sign of the line had long ago disappeared into the forest. By following clues on the plat and on the ground, both ends of the line now have been found.

Note: This article is from a new book being written by Sam Shepherd about the history of Bowerbank. He is looking for interesting stories to include in the book. He can be reached in the winter at 410-647-6077 and in the summer at 207-564-2234

COME TO 25 NORTH STREET, D-F & FIND THESE 3 GREAT BUSINESSES



New SLA Welcome Sign Installed by Rick Page, Director

Being a Dover resident in my youth and a returning out-of-towner to Sebec Lake through my retirement years, I became accustomed to the first sight of Sebec on coming down the Greeley's Landing hill or, later, the 'Welcome to Sebec Lake' sign on the right at the end of the Park Road. Through the years, the weather and sun had faded the original bright paint on the sign and the post that held it was tiredly leaning.

Michael Weymouth, formerly of Dover, was the artist that designed the Sebec Lake Association logo, which is a stylized 'S' in blue with the outline of Sebec Lake in the middle of it.

After I became a summer resident at the Lake, I became interested in some of the activities of its Association. In the summer of 2010, I suggested that the old welcome sign be refurbished and replanted. I volunteered to see the job through and the next day I went to fetch the sign and it was gone, nothing but a posthole was left. After a thorough search and several inquiries, no sign was to be had. In June 2011, the Board approved a replacement sign and a new chapter began.

Using a picture of the original sign, supplied by Tim Merrill of Sebec Lake Marine, a new sign was created at Carl Brackett's Dover AMB Signs workshop. On 9/21/11, the new sign was put in place by Association President Brian Woodworth and me.



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Sebec Lake Association

- New Sebec Lake Association Decals for your boats or cars with our website www.sebeclakeassoc.com
- Colors are blue over white
- Size is oval 3 inch x 4 inch
- Sebec Lake profile is in the letter 'S'
- All members attending the 2012 Annual Sebec Lake Association meeting, July 14, 2012 will receive a free decal
- Extra decals are \$2 each

Invasive Plant Species in Maine Lakes

The introduction of non-indigenous invasive aquatic plant to the United States has been escalating with widespread destructive consequences. The impacts of the spread of invasive aquatic plants are well known: habitat disruption, loss of native plant and animal communities, reduced property values, impaired and degraded recreational experiences, and enormous and ongoing control costs.

With over 6000 lakes and ponds, and thousands of miles of stream habitat, the task of preventing the spread of invasive aquatic species in Maine waters is one of the greatest environmental challenges of our time. Invasive plants are moved about in complex and often unseen ways. The speed at which a new introduction can explode into an ecologically and economically disastrous infestation is well documented. Once an invader is well established, eradication is extremely difficult and costly, if not impossible.

No matter how comprehensive and aggressive our statewide prevention effort, chances are, some invasive organisms will slip through the cracks. In such cases, it is crucial that the invaders are detected as early as possible, before they have had an opportunity to cause significant damage or to spread to other water bodies. Early detection provides the best (and sometimes only) hope of eradication.

Last summer some residents in Newell Cove noticed an unusual plant growing along the shoreline and contacted the SLA. Bob Hall, SLA's water monitor, went over to collect a sample and with the help of the **Field Guide of Invasive Plants in Maine** was able to determine that it was not one of the invasive species. We thank those concerned residence for their diligence, and encourage others to be on the lookout as well. The following link is to the Field Guide that can be used to help with species identification: <u>http://www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org/mciap/</u>FieldGuide.pdf

Feel free to contact Bob at director2@sebeclakeassoc.com. If uncertainty remains as to identification of the plant in question, we will send off a sample to the VLMP for a definitive determination.

Every season the VLMP (Volunteer Lake Monitor Program) holds Training Workshops for those interested in becoming more proficient in identifying invasive species. The VLMP is in the process of preparing their schedule for this season. We are attempting to have one of those Workshops scheduled to be held in the Sebec Lake area. If you are interested in attending one of these Workshops, please contact Bob for relevant information.

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The Four Invasive Plant Species now present in Maine





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Fish stocking in Sebec Lake

Sebec Lake is one of the few lakes in Maine where landlocked salmon are considered to be truly native. At one time there was a hatchery on Ship Pond Stream near the confluence with Sebec Lake. There were many local small federal hatcheries in the early 1900s and most were in close proximity to the railroad system to facilitate fish distribution. Reports from these hatcheries are scarce, but we do have stocking records for hundreds of thousands of salmon in the Sebec drainage area. It is likely that these fish originated from Sebec Lake and some were probably stocked in other waters around the state. In the early 1990s, we stocked a small number of hatchery salmon at Greeley's Landing to support the fishery while we worked out a strategy to ensure mature adults could access the spawning and nursery habitat in Wilson Stream. Since then, we have had very good reproduction and all the salmon in Sebec Lake are now wild.

The lake is also one of the best quality lake trout waters in the state with anglers catching trout in the 15-20 pound range every year. This popular fishery is maintained primarily through stocking. There have always been a few wild lake trout in Sebec Lake and we suspect that these fish were probably dropping downstream from waters with robust wild lake trout populations, such as Big Benson Pond and 1st Buttermilk Pond. However, the limited number of migrants has never been adequate to sustain the fishery. The lake trout stocking program in Sebec Lake began in 1961 and the number of fish stocked ranged from around 10,000 to 64,000 annually through 1978. Smaller numbers are stocked today because the fish that were stocked in the 1960s and 1970s were much smaller and survival was much lower. As a result, more fish needed to be stocked to sustain a fishery. Lake trout stocking was in its infancy and we were still learning what stocking rates were appropriate. We soon determined that many waters, including Sebec Lake, were stocked with too many fish and growth suffered. In the early 1980s, anglers were catching many small skinny lake trout. Stocking rates have now stabilized around 3,200 fish annually. We spend a lot of time on Sebec Lake collecting data and we adjust the stocking rate based on those findings. The result has been a much more consistent fishery with higher quality lake trout and folks still catch the occasional whopper.

Thanks to Tim Obrey, Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist for contributing this article.



Penobscot River Restoration Project: Impact on Sebec Lake

As many of you know, Northern Pike eat all other fish they encounter. Pike are an invasive species in Maine, introduced illegally by fishermen. They currently have access to the Penobscot River and are already in Pushaw Pond. If they make it into Sebec Lake, our prized trout and salmon will be gone forever.

The Penobscot River Restoration Project has three phases: Removal of the Great Works Dam south of Old Town in 2012; removal of the Veazie Dam in 2013-14; and a 'State of the Art' fish bypass at the Howland Dam by 2015. The bypass will allow many searun fish species including shad and alewives access to the Piscataquis River. Unfortunately, invasive Northern Pike will also have access.

The concern is the Northern Pike will get to the base of the Milo and Dover dams. If they breach the Milo dam, they will have access to breach Sebec dam and enter Sebec Lake.

Representative Paul Davis saw this as a real concern and arranged a meeting with Governor LePage to address the issue. The Sebec Lake Association was represented by President Brian Woodworth, Joe Guyotte and Director Maurice Marden. Also in attendance were many other concerned organizations and citizens. Retired fish biologist Paul Johnson presented a strong argument for keeping northern pike out of the Piscataquis River. The Governor indicated that he felt we had a valid case and that he would like to see both sides reconsider the plan.

Subsequently, Representative Davis arranged an informational meeting in Dover-Foxcroft to allow both sides to state their case and educate the local citizens about the restoration project. The meeting was attended by representatives of Atlantic Salmon Federation, Trout Unlimited, the Penobscot River Restoration project, biologist Paul Johnson and Sebec Lake Association representatives Brian Woodworth, Joe Guyotte, and Maurice Marden. Both sides of the issue were presented and the meeting was rather friendly. Your representatives spoke out against the bypass which, according to the restoration plan, appears to be nothing more than a 20 foot wide glorified ditch around Howland Dam.

Any future meetings will be announced on the Sebec Lake Association website. Special thanks to Tim Obrey, Paul Johnson and especially Representative Paul Davis for supporting us in our goal to prevent the bypass. This issue has not been resolved and we need to stay diligent. We need to keep the pike out of Sebec Lake so that land locked salmon, trout and other native fish species don't become just a memory.

Maurice Marden, Director

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Did you know?

All Sebec Lake property owners receive our mailings to their home address of record. We try to keep the addresses up-to-date based on the address of record in the tax records of each town on the lake. Please let us know if you are not getting our mailings or have a change of address by filling out the form under **Contact Us** on the SLA website, <u>www.SebecLakeAssoc.com</u>.

Maine law states that all motorized boats operated on inland waters MUST display the current year's Lake and River Protection Sticker. When you register your boat at your town office, you will receive this sticker which reads 'Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers – Preserve Maine Waters' attached to the registration. NOTE: Owners of **non-Maine registered motorized boats** are required to purchase and affix a separate non-resident sticker every year. PLEASE take the time to check your boat, motor and trailer for plant remnants BEFORE launching your boat in the lake. Invasive plants can establish themselves from only a small remnant of these plants.

The Maine Audubon Society conducts an annual count of each lake's loon population in July. Volunteers inspect a section on each lake counting loons, including adults and chicks. The 2012 count will take place on Saturday July 21st from 7 to 7:30 a.m. For more information or to volunteer, go to <u>http://www.maineaudubon.org</u>.

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Sebec Lake Association Website

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Sebec Lake Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Mayo Regional Hospital – Piscataquis Room

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To pay your dues for 2012-2013:

Go to <u>www.SebecLakeAssoc.com</u>, click on **Dues** in the drop down list under **Sebec Lake Association**, and pay with a credit card via PayPal. Be sure to fill out the **Update Member Info** form under **Contact Us.** Or you can fill out the form below and mail it with a check for \$15 to:

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Year Lake Property acquired: (Helps determine if property	
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Lake Property Phone:	
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