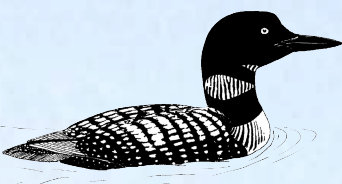


THE TALKING LOON



A FILE FULL OF OLD NEWSLETTERS

Dear Friends,

This summer a family gave me a file full of old newsletters and correspondence from Helen and many of her letters started with "Dear friends". It was nice to see the progression of the work that was done at Lake Paradox Club when she took over and her passion for the preservation and conservation of our area. She did upgrades when time and money allowed and that is something we must remember. It is easy to have goals and want to get everything done quickly, but with 12 short term rentals and 3 long term rentals, it is an endless task of the busy work along with fitting in the time and money for the upgrades and repairs we see into the future. Please know that our goal is to remain the caretakers of this great piece of property and maintain the integrity and structure, but to add our own ideas for current and future generations to enjoy. Time cannot be our friend in these instances for it seems that we never have enough of it!

WE LOVE INPUT FROM YOU!

One of the things that can help us move forward with some of these goals is input from you. There were several requests to change Fernwood's toilet closet off the kitchen and we listened! In fact, Cherrybank, Breezes, Eastward and Fernwood were all given "new" bathrooms to some degree. Our biggest goal, but seemingly impossible, is working on Minglewood. We have not been successful in finding someone that will do the work we want in our area. Many of the contractors are from downstate, central NY or out of state. Some guests expressed concern with taking away from the antiquity of the house, but our goal is to just make it last for the next 100 years. The simplest of goals that we are focusing on for the spring is new shirts! Jess has bounced ideas off his brother-in-law, who is a graphic designer, and the shirts are hopefully going to be started in March.

NICER WEATHER DANCE FOR NEXT YEAR

As we look forward to next year, let's all hope for a little nicer weather next summer. This summer, we had several severe storms that caused extreme damage to the roadways and waterways in our area. The end of River Road remained washed out and closed until the end of September. I read one of Helen's letters from 1998 when they had an El Nino year and the same happened. That was the year the trees came down on Minglewood and in Westwards field, the beach flooded, and docks were pulled. Our beach finally returned, although the wash out issues remain a problem. Helen's newsletters talk of significant washout on the beach that year, so Jess and I have talked about adding a retaining wall up by the road, like what the Association Beach has, but this would require some serious meetings and zoning with the town, and it is not an obstacle we feel ready to tackle just yet. Many of the docks were pulled in August, as the water level was not dropping, and the docks became saturated and slippery. We are ordering new perimeter lines that will no longer be attached to the docks on the shore, but will be buried, so that future flooding should not affect the condition of the lines.

THE FIREPIT IS BACK AT THE BEACH!

As many of you noticed, we re-introduced a firepit to the beach. We feel that if guests can be responsible and respectful, we can leave it at the beach. The firepit is to be left at the beach and is to be shared as a community. Noise should be kept to a minimum out of respect to the people staying in neighboring cabins. The fire pit should remain on the sand and fires should be thoroughly put out before leaving the vicinity. Any remaining ashes should be doused with water before being disposed of. Wet ashes can be emptied into the woods adjacent to the beach. Please do not empty them on the grass or sand area.

A FEW UPDATES AND A NEW WEBSITE

This spring, we had a professional photographer take photos and drone footage of the property and houses. We have been working on a new website with these beautiful photos and videos and hope to have it out before the new year. If you have not already, please send us a testimonial we can include on this new website. We will also have a space where we will feature photos guests have submitted of fishing and photos submitted of their families and time at Lake Paradox Club. We have decided to opt out of listing vacancies or a calendar as most people just email for inquiries. We will still have the reservation request option, but please feel free to call or email me with requests. Please do not text me with reservation requests. I like to have the ability to save them in the email and return to them when I have a moment to pull up the reservation schedule. We have tried not to make any dramatic increases, but the cost of just about everything has gone up in the past few years. We increased the boat prices, and the price of the cabins will be going up between 2-4% for 2024. Starting in 2024, we will also be increasing the pet fee to a one-time fee of \$50/pet for each stay. We understand that pets are part of the family, and we are happy to have them, but please keep them leashed, off the beach and picked up after.

PAYING FOR YOUR STAY HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER

Deposits and final bills can still be paid using cash, check and Zelle for free. We are accepting credit cards, but there will be a surcharge applied to each transaction. We are not accepting venmo/paypal or any other online forms of payment at this time. Zelle payments can be made using the email RedhouseLPC@aol.com." We have officially formed Lake Paradox Club, LLC in September, so checks are to now be made out to Lake Paradox Club.

FIGHTING INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES IN OUR LAKE

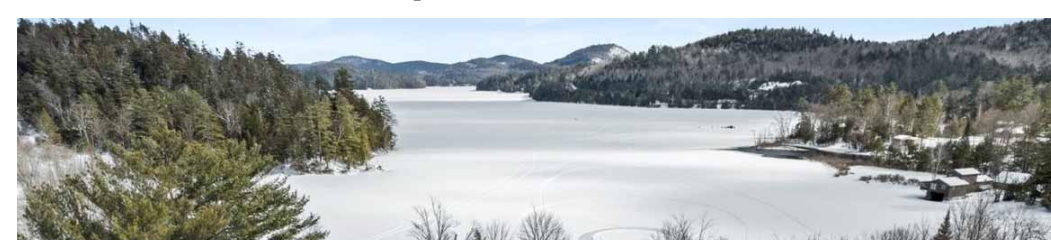
Lastly, I urge all of you to check out the Paradox Lake Association's website (paradox-lake.com) and educate yourselves on the work they are doing to combat invasive aquatic species in Paradox Lake. The current focus is to apply an herbicide (ProcellaCor) to Eurasian Water Milfoil to treat areas of the lake that are difficult to hand harvest. While eradication of Milfoil is unlikely, this would be a means to control the rapid growth and spread that hand harvesting cannot keep up with. Lake Paradox Club donated to Paradox Lake Association in honor of Helen and the work she did to educate others and to protect our lake. The best way you can help on this project is to educate yourselves and others and if you feel inclined, make a donation. The cost of the herbicide is expensive, and it may be a multiyear process, but according to their website, the contract for hand harvesting for 2023 was \$90,000 and that is not sustainable. You can also help by making sure your kayaks and small boats that have been in other waterways are properly cleaned before putting them into Paradox Lake. The cabins have outside faucets and hoses as well as the cottage shed that may be used for rinsing your watercraft.

WE ARE ALL ABOUT FAMILY

Family updates- Gwendolyn started 2nd grade this year and played soccer throughout the fall. In between plays on the field, she is doing constant cartwheels and splits, so we have decided to enroll her into a gymnastics program in Glens Falls. In January, she starts a 6-week snowboarding clinic to improve on her snowboarding skills she learned last winter. Somehow, she still has energy far beyond her parents. Max has slowly been learning more words and is happiest when we are on the golf cart zipping around the property and neighborhood. He liked to practice kicking around a soccer ball while his big sister played. Kelley DeVita has stepped back from massages this year but may be offering them in the future. For now, she is enjoying her retirement swimming with Gwen in the warmer months and working on her house in Plattsburgh in the colder months. Kasey has also stepped back from dog sitting this year due to some shoulder issues, but we will see what the future holds for future dog sitting opportunities. Tony (Kyle) is living in the Glens Falls area and working for a farm to table style restaurant in the downtown area. Jess and I are hoping to take some vacations this year and have a few things on our bucket list. Hopefully we can take some breaks here and there and enjoy life outside the Adirondacks (but who really wants to leave here??).

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and beautiful New Year!

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