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How will a changing climate affect the Adirondacks?

Adirondack Explorer held a Q&A session between reporter Zachary Matson and Curt Stager, climate scientist, author and professor at Paul Smith's College.

Watch the video: https://lpsoa.org/how-willa-changing-climate-affect-the-adirondacks/

Note from the President

It was a spectacular summer on the lake.

As the long winter months approach, we are already preparing for next year and continuing to focus on preserving the quality of our lake. The first stages of implementing our new Lake Management Plan are underway and hold much promise for the long-term vibrancy of our beautiful lake. Those of you who use the village or state launches have seen our Lake Stewards inspecting boats for invasive species. This program continues to be successful because the stewards intercept invasives on boats that would otherwise make their way into the lake. The stewards educate visiting boaters on ways to prevent invasive threats. Our dive program that manages existing variable leaf milfoil infestation – located primarily in Paradox Bay – also continues to be successful. We have increased the program to include three separate dive weeks resulting in a significant reduction in the size of each harvest.

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A farewell to recently departed members of our Community.

Laurana Schultz Fish of Camp Redwing passed away last November. She was from northwest Pennsylvania and graduated from Allegheny College. Laurana and her husband Henry Fish celebrated 66 years of marriage before he died in 2016. Laurana was an avid Adirondack hiker well into her 70s, and "warm dock days" in Lake Placid were her favorite way to spend treasured moments with family and friends, including three children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Laurana is featured in the well-known book Ladies of the Lake.

Marna Tulin and Steve Tulin of Camp Williamette both passed away last spring, having been married for 63 years, leaving two daughters, a son and several grandchildren. Marna, a PhD and practicing psychotherapist, and Steve, a NYC attorney who loved history and politics enjoyed spending summers at their camp on eastern Buck Island. They participated in all things Placid including waterskiing, sailing, fishing, and climbing mountains, passing their love of the lake on to their grateful descendants.

John D. Reynolds, of Lake Placid died in late May at age 80. "JD" graduated from St. Lawrence University and pursued a diversified career in both commercial flooring and white water kayaks. He commuted from Boston to Lake Placid for long weekends to be with his family. Starting as a child, he competed in ski-jumping, alpine/slalom, and cross country. He continued ski racing into his 60s and skied recreationally even longer. He was also an avid water skier. JD was the first Chairman of the Board of the NY Ski Educational Foundation and was inducted into its hall of fame. In the summer, JD could be seen running or cycling around the Adirondacks. While he traveled the world for skiing and fishing, JD loved Lake Placid most of all. Along with his wife of 57 years, Diane, he welcomed his sons and their

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Thank You to all of our dues paying members! We're delighted to report that five new shore owners have joined the SOA this year, bringing us to 161 memberships for 2022, the highest number since 2017.

Our new members are Joe & Jaimie Cambi of Camp Timberock on the southern west lake, David Colapinto & Karen Rodgers of Camp Blueberry in Paradox Bay, Spiro & Laurie Karetsos of Brewster Peninsula/Sunset Strait, who are from northeastern Pennsylvania, Harry Lengsfield of Camp Dionysus (formerly Moonlight Mile, southern west lake) who is from NYC suburbs now living in Santa Monica, CA, and Jim & JoAnn McKenna of Buck Island/Sunset Strait who live in Lake Placid year 'round. Last year, new shore owners Emily & Eli Schwartzberg of Camp Alouette on the west lake joined the SOA. Please help us extend a warm welcome to all these folks, especially if they are your neighbors on the lake. Introduce yourself to any other new shore owners and let them in on the good work and camaraderie of the SOA. Also be sure you've paid dues for 2022... our fiscal year now lasts through the end of December, so it's not too late.

The increased dive frequency is limiting the growth of milfoil, reducing the likelihood that we will see transmission to other parts of the lake, and allowing our divers to spend more time eliminating existing plants.

We continue to regularly test tap water and lake water, maintain the outlet dam, assist with private septic pump-outs, map property for the local fire department, deploy boating navigation markers every spring, and work with the Lake Constable to promote boating safety and shoreline protection.

The care of the lake and its shore lands is in our hands. If you have not already done so, please give generously to the Keep Placid Pure fund. Donations to this tax-deductible 501(c)(3) fund go directly to programs that protect Lake Placid water quality.



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Situated at the south end of the west lake along the Jackrabbit hiking trail, and adjacent to the Brewster Peninsula, the Outlet Dam was originally built in 1846 to regulate the flow of water for industrial purposes downstream. The water level of the lake fluctuated by 3 to 5 feet as a result. In 1892, a group of shore property owners formed an organization to purchase the dam and four acres surrounding it from Peru Steel Ore Company. The following year, the Shore Owners' Association of Lake Placid was established and rebuilt the dam according to an agreed upon and relatively constant lake water level.

The SOA replaced the original wooden structure with a masonry dam in 1901. It had served the lake well for nearly a century when, in 1995, the SOA rehabilitated both the dam and the footbridge across Outlet Brook, dedicating the bridge to the late Harry W. Voege of the east lake, a long serving SOA trustee and Chairman of the Dam Committee. The maintenance of the dam continues to be a primary responsibility of the SOA in the 21st century. Under the new leadership of Bill Kaufman, engineers have determined that while the dam is still strong and functional, water seeping through beneath the concrete will eventually compromise it unless it is repaired once again. The scope of work required and construction options are being studied during this off-season, so stay tuned for updates next summer.

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families to their Signal Hill home and their boathouse on Placid Lake. JD was a loyal friend to many with a magnetic personality, high energy, and a great sense of humor.

Shelley Orringer Sherr, of New York City and Lake Placid, died in early June. A graduate of NYU, she earned a masters in speech therapy from Columbia University. She enjoyed performing and appeared in many off-Broadway plays and a few movies, and hosted a public radio show called "In Touch." Shelly loved her summers and holidays in Lake Placid, attending Sinfonietta concerts and playing bridge. She especially enjoyed spending time here with her daughter and son and their families. Her son Andrew lives in Lake Placid.

Winifried ("Wini") Holdereid or Opa of Sunny Cove on western Brewster Peninsula, beloved husband of Stefanie Holdereid, died on June 15 at age 90. Although a humble cabinet maker by trade, born in Germany, Wini was a builder...of houses, fountains, stone walls and waterfalls, a car wash, motels, restaurants and resorts. He had the ability to view any failures as steps to success, with no loss of enthusiasm. He saw the potential in every person and place. Wini built family fun fueled by a million memories, endless laughter, beer and schnapps. In addition to Stefy, Wini leaves behind 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Carole Joy Hunt, of New York City, passed away on July 4th, which a friend said was fitting because she epitomized the joyful and caring American spirit. Carole went to Connecticut College and worked at Time Inc. before raising 3 children and promoting education, especially for girls. She served on the board and as president of the Spence School. Carole and her late husband Jim were avid tennis players and golfers who spent summers in Lake Placid most of their lives, including at Camp Colburn since the 1980s. Carole is featured the book, Ladies of the Lake and was a big personality: exuberant, energetic, curious, humorous, thoughtful, warm, inclusive, powerful, zestful. Carole is survived by two sons, a daughter, their spouses, and eight grandchildren, as well as her Placid loving sister Claudia Razook.

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