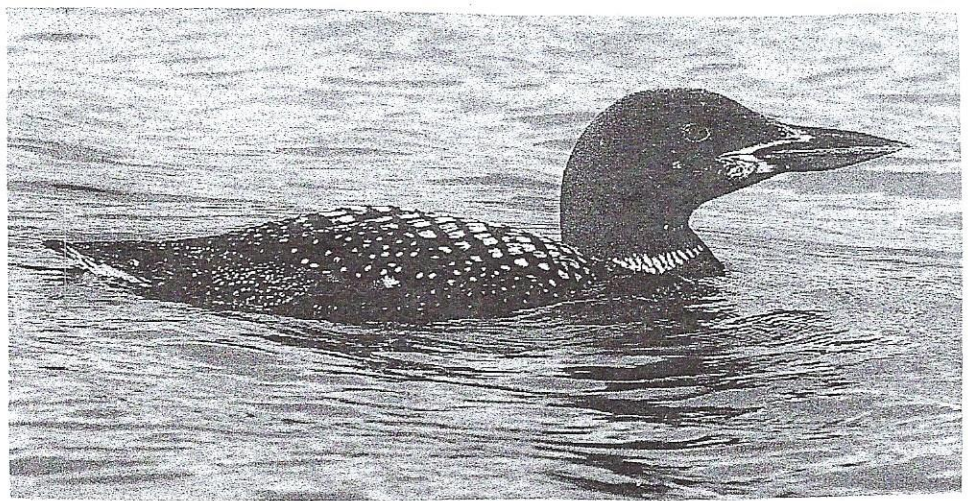


THE LOON



Spring, 2013

It's Spring!! We know that because our calendars say its spring. Spring in Maine happens late and this year is no exception. Official Ice-Out for Sebec Lake was on April 20th at 1:50 p.m. Beavers and other water animals immediately take an exploratory swim down the shorelines, to be followed soon after by the first loons and ducks. Hungry fish are calling to the early fishermen. It's time to think about another beautiful summer at Sebec Lake!

ROADS REPORT

Since we as property owners are responsible for the maintenance and improvements to our roads, the following is a short rundown of last years (2012) road work and the costs of same.

Bill London primarily did summer grading, including additional gravel, on the Sebec Shores Rd., South Cove Rd. and Tim's Cove Rd. The cost of this work was \$1900.

Shane Mailloux did the following work:

Ditched big hill on Sebec Shores Rd. on both sides; removed rocks showing on road surface; built up gravel over culvert at bottom of big hill; calcium from top of hill to Willimantic line.

Removed existing culvert and replaced with 12"x20' plastic culvert and built up road with gravel at Simpson camp. Ditched at Kemp camp area. Removed existing culvert and replaced with 15"x30' plastic culvert at Goodell camp.

Ditched section on South Cove Rd. in area of Adams camp and replaced culvert. Built up over an existing culvert with gravel at camp #204. Two loads of gravel on hill, Tim's Cove Rd. and removed several rocks. The cost of the Mailloux work was \$7640. A total of \$9540.00 was spent on summer/fall road work.

THANK YOU. The money to pay for the above road maintenance and improvement work came from all those property and camp owners who honor their obligation to pay their \$150 yearly road dues. We received no funds or work from the Town of Willimantic for 2012 work, and no funds or work was appropriated by the Town for 2013. We all knew when we bought our property that the roads are not town maintained and are required to be maintained and funded by ourselves. There are still a few who have never paid and who drive in and out "free" on the roads that their neighbors have paid to maintain and improve. When you drive in this year you will see particularly on the big hill on the Sebec Shores Rd. and on down to the "Y" how well the road held up over the winter, due to the deep ditching and gravel work done last year....did you help?

Spring Road Work: An early assessment of all three roads done by board members in late April showed very few issues in comparison to Springs past. Grading will be scheduled sometime after May 15 when frost is out of the roads and heavy equipment can do the work. Sebec Shores Rd. needs one culvert and cover with one load of gravel. Tim's Cove Rd. needs one culvert reset, with one load of gravel. South Cove Rd. and Tim's Cove Rd. need approximately 8 loads of gravel tailgated where needed. Calcium chloride will be spread when time appropriate.

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**DUES: 2013 Dues of \$150 can be mailed to:**

**Julia Flanders,**

**P.O.Box 353**

**Dover-Foxcroft ME 04426**

Camp phone: 207-997-3280. Since we spend most days outdoors, we are not always able to answer the phone. So please leave a message and I will get back to you.



**Know your Directors** – Julia Flanders, Treasurer

I am honored to have been elected by the Board of Directors as treasurer to replace Mac Blanchard, who passed away in August of 2012. Mac was one of the old guard on Tim's Cove, always around, and always willing to help out, and a very good treasurer. I have very tall boots to fill. Dale and I have been coming to Sebec for 25 years. I have been on the Board off and on for all 25 years, edited the Loon for the last 4 years or so, and I spent about 10 years testing water quality on the lake for the State via the volunteer Maine Lakes Monitoring Association. I am interested in getting involved in the annual Loon Count through the Maine Audubon Society and hope to participate this summer. I love to kayak and sail on Sebec, and swim in it too! We also grow a big vegetable garden at the Forge on Wharff Rd., planting, weeding, watering, harvesting and freezing or canning in late summer. Here's to a good summer in 2013. Hope to see you around this year!

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REMEMBER

ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 4th 10:00 a.m.

Watch for signs as to location!
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**TCPOA DIRECTORY** - Don Rush is updating the Directory. He is looking for any changes of home addresses as well as email addresses. Please contact him at either [web@tims Cove.org](mailto:web@tims Cove.org) or [rushva@aol.com](mailto:rushva@aol.com) with the subject "TCPOA Directory". We are planning to publish the new Directory this summer, so please, if your address, etc. information has changed, be in touch with Don Rush at either of the above websites.

**FARMERS MARKETS AND STUFF** – Julia Flanders

A recent report from the Vermont Locavore Council shows Vermont and Maine #1 and #2 in the nation in its commitment to buying from local farmers and producers of locally grown food. This year, make a commitment to stop by the local **Dover Cove Farmers Market**. It will open Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and will continue Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until the end of October. They accept Visa, Mastercard and Discovercard.

**Also**, be sure to check out **Stutzmans farm stand** this year. The recently completed timber-framed barn attached to the farm stand includes a commercial kitchen and wood fired oven where all the breads and

pies will be baked, as well as pizzas made for sale in a small café opening this spring. Watch for their grand opening date. Like them on Facebook: Stutzman's Farm Stand & Bakery. There will be various farmers selling their eggs and vegetables at roadside stands throughout Guilford and Dover-Foxcroft. **Countryside Market** carries local buffalo meat and syrup from Breakneck Ridge Farm, and **Bob's Sugarhouse** on E. Main St. is Dover's own local maple syrup. There is also a **fishmonger** selling fresh Maine fish and shellfish out of his truck on Fridays at the Dover Cove location, which is opposite the Chamber of Commerce building in Dover. Lloyd has been selling wonderfully fresh seafood in Dover for over 20 years and can fill large orders for your lobster party!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**First Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival** – May 31<sup>st</sup> thru June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dover-Foxcroft.

**2013 Maine Whoopie Pie Festival** – Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dover-Foxcroft.

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY** on Sebec Lake (Dover-Foxcroft Homecoming) – Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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2011-2014

Clay Bennett
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Jan Waterman

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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE!** If you haven't visited our website recently or have forgotten the address, go to <http://www.timscove.org> and check it out.

**Have a wonderful, happy, sunny and safe summer at Sebec Lake!!**

Our thanks to Ken Nyser (Snyder camp) who donated his loon photo for our newsletter. Ken is a wildlife photographer whose wonderful photographs can be viewed at [www.hawkscrossingwildlifephotography.com](http://www.hawkscrossingwildlifephotography.com).

Jan Waterman, editor, 2013 Loon.