



Worrromontogus Lake Association Newsletter

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**Time to renew
your WLA
membership
for 2008!
Form inside.**

Dear Fellow Members,

Winter Greetings! I'm standing in for President Patten while he is vacationing on a warm sandy island. Sounds very nice...

This is an exciting time for the Worrromontogus Lake Association. First, we are proud to announce the rollout of our new website. Check it out at www.togusponds.org. Note the "s" at the end of the "toguspond". We want to be clear that our organization is interested in and working toward improved water quality for the entire Togus Pond watershed, including Little Togus Pond, Togus Stream, and of course, Togus Pond itself.

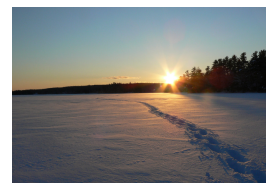
Concurrent with the website rollout, we've set up a mailing list feature that will allow us to send out newsletters and announcements very easily. By now, you should have received an invitation to subscribe to this mailing list, along with an explanatory email. The initial invitation may have been somewhat confusing, so please read the follow-up explanation. If you need help, please email me at vp@togusponds.org. This new mailing list will become our only address list for emailed newsletters, so it's important that you subscribe if you want to receive information that way. We plan to use this list exclusively for the next newsletter, so be sure to subscribe by then!

As you know, the WLA, in concert

with the City of Augusta and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), is applying for a 319 grant to improve water quality, primarily by addressing road erosion problems. Part of that process requires the production of a Watershed Based Plan (WBP), which will be completed by the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District (KCSWCD), under a separate DEP grant. The plan requires the public input of a number of stakeholders. Consequently, a meeting has been scheduled for March 4th at 6:00 PM at the Fox Glen Snowmobile Clubhouse as part of that public input. At a minimum, the membership of the WLA, representatives of the municipalities that have any land within the watershed, the DEP, and the KCSWCD will be invited to attend.

An attached document to this newsletter provides more information about the WBP. I urge you to review this material and join us at the meeting on March 4th. This plan can be a blue print for serious work to improve the health of Togus Pond and Stream, and the plan will be improved by the participation of people like you who have a direct interest in the watershed.

Respectfully,
Dennis Curtis
Vice President



Check out our new website!

www.togusponds.org



We must thank some key people who worked hard to get this website up and running. Aaron Smiley is our webmaster, and did an incredible job with the creative and technical aspects of building this tremendous site. Dick Harvey served as our "content master", ensuring that Aaron had plenty of material to showcase. Aaron's dad, Dean Smiley, provided further creative input, and some incredible photography that we all will enjoy. President

Patten Williams and the entire board of directors engaged in some enthusiastic discussions to provide overall direction. Sue Webber volunteered some of her awesome photos, as did Dick Harvey and Alicia Andrews. Aaron even included a few of my own humble attempts at photography.

So far, the website includes a tremendous history of Togus Pond, a calendar of events, a few of the most recent newsletters, links to pertinent water quality sites, a photo gallery, some interesting web cam feeds, and plenty of other great information. Be sure to send along a few of your best photos to me at vp@togusponds.org, and I'll forward them to Aaron for inclusion in our photo gallery. We'll rotate a selection of photos, and we're still adding and changing content, so keep checking back!

Changes in email addresses

Important information...please read!

Note that we're changing the primary email address we've been using for the Association. For starters, we set up these three accounts:

Please update your address book and start using these email addresses immediately.

President Patten Williams: president@togusponds.org

Vice President Dennis Curtis: vp@togusponds.org

Membership Chair Sarah Fagg: membership@togusponds.org



Remember that when you receive a newsletter from membershiplist@togusponds.org (our internal mailing list address), you cannot reply, as that account is for outgoing mail only. Instead, send email to one of the new addresses listed above.

2008 Membership Drive

It is time to renew your membership for 2008. We are trying to keep the membership renewals on a schedule so people can remember when to renew. Renewals will be at the first of each year. Jan-Feb.

**Please help support the Worromontogus Lake Association by becoming a member today!
Why become a member? The WLA provides many resources.**

- A website that includes history, news, photos, calendar of events and lots of great information.
- An Association that is constantly working on ways to improve the quality and health of the lakes.
- WLA meetings where you can enjoy great food, meet your neighbors and hear speakers.
- Information about upcoming workshops and available assistance grants.
- Newsletters with informative articles and upcoming events.

**Renew today! Send this form and your check to:
Worromontogus Lake Association, PO Box 2582, Augusta, Maine 04338**

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Lake Road _____ E-mail address _____

Yes, I want to renew _____ I am a new member in 2008 _____



2008 Dues

Family Membership \$ 15 _____

Individual Membership \$ 10 _____

Osprey Member \$ 25 _____

Loon Member \$ 50 _____

Eagle Member \$100 _____

Voluntary Contribution to the Dam Maintenance Fund \$ _____

Total Amount of Check \$ _____

**Newsletters and notices are sent via email unless we don't have your email address.
Please give us your email if you have one. It saves us time, money and resources!**

Watershed Based Plan Meeting March 4 at Fox Glen Clubhouse


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Please try to attend this important meeting. Additional information is in the attached document.

The Fox Glen snowmobile club is located on Buck & Doe Trail: from Route 3 go 0.8 miles on Weeks Mills Road to Buck & Doe Trail, which is on the left. The club is the first building on the left on Buck & Doe Trail.

**Please help us keep our records up to date.
Contact us with any address or email changes. Thanks!**

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