

Embden Pond Association



NEWSLETTER--Fall 2016

President's message

What a spectacular autumn on the pond this year. Go to the EPA website to view some of the members' pictures.

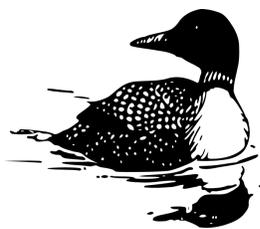
Hi. I'm Ernie Falcone, your new Embden Pond Association president. I spent last year as the vice president, along with Greg Trefethen, and learned a lot about the association and its mission and responsibilities. This year I was lucky enough to be elected president. I'm very excited to make some changes and bring some excitement to the pond. I'm looking forward to working with our officers and board members to continue the hard work of preserving Embden Pond for future generations.

I'd like to share with you some of the things the Association does. I feel the most important part of our job is making sure the pond is free of invasive plants. Mike Whitmore does an amazing job of monitoring the lake. He has divided the lake into sections, and with the help of

some of the homeowners he checks the lake bottom to be sure we have not been invaded. My wife and I checked our section -- it is a lot of fun and very rewarding. I would like to send out a big "Thank You" to Mike and all those who help. Water quality is another area we excel in. For years Doug Sears has kept a careful watch on our pond and continues to report back his findings. We are pleased to report Embden Pond is one of the cleanest lakes in Maine. Thank you, Doug. In addition we give out a cash scholarship to a local graduating senior. We also award a new bike to the winner of an essay contest entitled "What Embden Pond Means to Me." There are many more functions of our organization that you can see posted on our website.

This winter we will be working on updating the newsletter to be more informative as to the happenings on the pond. I would like to invite our members to submit some stories -- humorous or factual -- to be included in the newsletter. Members can also submit trivia questions about the pond or the state of Maine, or send in photos of interest. Is there an aspiring journalist out there who would like to write a column? I would like to make the newsletter informative and entertaining. I want it to be something you look forward to receiving. As you can see we

already have made some changes to the newsletter format. We have Jennifer Lachapelle to thank for the new direction. Jen brings so much energy and excitement to the association.



The association will also be looking at our by-laws with the intent to update and make appropriate changes. I invite you to check out our website during the year for additional information and projects we are working on.

Beverly Peck, a longtime active and involved member, passed away this year. Bev will be remembered fondly for the time and hard work she devoted to the association.

Henry Hinman also passed away this year. I'm sure we will all miss watching his seaplane take off and land on the pond. Henry and his wife, Ellen, were the forces behind the new spillway. We are in the process of creating a remembrance of Henry and Ellen for their dedication to the pond.

I would like to address the current state of Embden Pond. As you all know this has been an especially

dry year that started last winter. The level of the pond is very low. Thank goodness we have a new spillway that has helped hold back water that used to escape under the dam. After some research I'm told we lose water three ways: 1) evaporation because of the north-south wind. 2) water that flows underground, and 3) water that is taken out by the fish hatchery. This last one is my biggest concern. I am working with a small group to research the amount of water lost and why the state has chosen not to recycle water back into the hatchery's tanks. We will be contacting state officials and the agencies responsible to see what other options may be available. Stay tuned.

As you see it will be a very busy winter for the association. We welcome any and all suggestions and concerns. Every comment or suggestion is valued and appreciated. The best way to reach me directly is through the association email:

embdenpondassociation@gmail.com. Thank you for the support you have given the association over the years, and we look forward to earning your continued support in the future. Ernie Falcone

*Fun Fact: Embden was once called “South of Lost Nation.” Which town was known as Lost Nation?

*Thank you to Caroleen Caldwell for printing the newsletter once again.



*Merchandise: If you are looking for Christmas gifts with the Embden Pond logo, contact Janine Leach at 566-7131.

Membership Committee

I hope that many of you are pleasantly surprised to have received this EPA Fall Newsletter. As membership chairperson, I wanted to reach as many people who live on the lake as possible. I truly hope that you will enjoy this edition and complete the application for membership attached to this newsletter. Your dues help sponsor many of the projects as noted in the president’s report. Go to embdenpondassociation.com for project updates. We always look forward to meeting new families and renewing friendships in the

beginning of summer at the “Welcome Back Breakfast.” In addition to funding activities, the dues help support efforts to maintain the health of the pond. Please look on the EPA website for the membership list, which is updated frequently. This is often a helpful way to know if your dues have already been paid. Please feel free to call me (566-5560) with any membership concerns. I thank you in advance for your renewals and new family memberships and look forward to meeting you over the coming months. Kathy Falcone



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*Wishlist:

- a boat check at the boat launch
- a graphic designer

Send us an email if you are interested. At the 4th of July breakfast someone who is a

graphic designer expressed an interest in helping out. We just never asked for a name!



*We are looking forward to meeting members this winter on the trails. Whether you are snowmobiling, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing, give some thought to joining the Embden Traveler's Club to show your appreciation of the trails. Go to their website to find membership information.

2016 Invasive Plant Survey

The 5th annual IPP survey has been completed, and no invasive plants were found. I asked that residents of the pond sign up and become monitors of a section of the pond and be responsible for surveying that section each year. The response has been great: this year 11 of the 12 sections had monitors. These volunteers and some Carrabec High School students under the guidance of science teacher Sue Hellewell did a tremendous job. The following deserve our thanks:

Residents -- Sharon and Richard Strickland, Sharon Whitmore and Steve Costa, Bruce Belbin, Ed and

Elaine Gray, Doug Sears, Jan Welch, Dana and Janine Leach, Bruce Dow, Ernie and Kathy Falcone, John and Alyson Duff and Doreen Whitmore.

Teacher and students -- Sue Hellewell, Sara and Samantha Taylor, and Ian Miller.

Each year I send all the data collected, native plants found, participants' names, hours spent, and expenses incurred to the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program organization. I will provide a copy of that report to anyone who is interested.

For next year I have two sections that need monitors, one on the West Shore and one on the East Shore. Both are at the north end of the pond. If interested call me 566-0531 or email me at mrwhit4@hotmail.com.
Mike Whitmore

*2016 5th Grade Essay Challenge and winners

Topic: "What Embden Pond Means To Me."

Janine Leach, Bailey Atwood, and Liberty Chestnut visited the 5th grades in SAD 74 again this year. They stressed the importance of keeping our lake clean and

strongly emphasized the need for awareness in checking for invasive plants. Using their own experiences at the lake, the fifth graders were challenged to write essays in which they explained why a clean and unpolluted lake would be important to them and



their futures. This year's winners were Luke Carey from CCS and Lacey Dickey from Solon Elementary. They were each presented with a bike at their respective final assemblies.

*Myles Durkin and Janine Leach visited all SAD 74 schools on staff appreciation day and handed out donuts, muffins, and juice.

* Public Relations Committee: This committee acts as a link between the Embden Pond Association and the public. It gathers information and posts it on the Embden Pond Association website, in our E.P.A. newsletter, and on our Facebook group page (Embden Pond Association) Contact Jen or Dave at 634-4477 for more information.

OFFICERS:

President: Ernie Falcone
Vice President: Greg Trefethen
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Kathy Falcone
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***COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

Membership: Kathy Falcone
Public Relations: Jen & Dave Lachapelle
Safety: Steve Thyng
Special Events: Greg Trefethen
Water Quality: Doug Sears
Merchandise: Anne Trefethen
Invasive Plant: Mike Whitmore

***Important phone numbers:**

-Emergency: 911
**-Maine Warden service/State Police:
1-800-452-4664**
-Animal Control: 635-2852
-CMP: 696-1000, 1-800-750-4000
-Sheriff: 474-9591
-Code Enforcement: 474-4515
-E.P.A. Pres. Ernie Falcone: 566-5560
**Fun fact answer: Concord was known
as Lost Nation.**