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President's Letter

Dear CLA members and friends,

Another summer has passed all too quickly as we now are witnessing an early, crisp fall. Columbus Day weekend, although early this year, saw late foliage slightly passed its peak in Chocorua. Nonetheless, many people gathered at the bridge to take in the view and their photo as well as luxuriate in Chocorua's clean air. Over the past weekend, probably over 400 people were on that bridge!

This past summer also witnessed many visitors gathering in the Grove and on the Island, but happily it seems as though folks were more respectful, leaving less trash and graffiti. Additionally, there was a lot of boat and swimming traffic. Yet despite all this, the lake's water quality seems to be holding its own (see Dwight's article) and we had a second loon pair nesting!

I include a quick rundown of our CLA summer events that brought in lots of Basin community folks as well. Trail clearing weekend was well attended with approximately 35 volunteers helping out one way or another. Our first CLA community picnic on July 7th at the Rubel's provided glorious weather and was a huge success. Over 100 people showed up cleaning out the pantry of everything! After the picnic, folks wandered up to John and Mary Watkin's extraordinary new house to take a look. Earlier that morning, the Rt. 16 trash pickup successfully finished in less than 2 hours, fielding 35 people to help. Thank you!

Our second CLA community picnic on August 11th migrated to the Balch Big House because of threatened rain. It was also well attended with 70 to 80 people showing up. After a great barbeque, tended by Steve and Kate Lanou and Jeff Landsman, the assembled were entertained by John Coolley from the Loon Preservation Committee in Moultonborough. John came a bit late and was only going to stay briefly, but he ended up talking enthusiastically for over an hour about our Chocorua loons, the loon populations across NH, and answering many questions. It was then that we heard about a potential second loon pair, (see Wildlife Notes).



At the CLA Annual Meeting on Aug. 25th, we once again had a full agenda including the CLCF, CMC and CCA (Chocorua Comm. Assoc.) reports, and a vote on the new CLA membership categories, which were passed by the assembled (see CLA membership article). This year we had 3 speakers: Steve Lanou demonstrated the new CLCF/CLA database; Stephen Johnson, our consultant, spoke about his work

with the two Boards, and Ned Beecher, Chair of the Tamworth Environmental Commission, spoke on the work of this important organization and how we might work together in the future.

Labor Day festivities saw another successful Chocorua/Tamworth tennis tournament/round robin arrangement, (see Alex's article), a thoroughly energized baseball game, and the Grove picnic concluding with our Pied Piper, Tisha, leading 28 lighted boats around the Lake. Another trash pickup was successfully completed on Columbus Day weekend, quickly finished in just over an hour by 21 folks who helped out. Again thanks!

As always, we welcome your comments, inputs and help. So keep in touch, let us know any changes that affect the CLA, and have a healthy and productive winter.

Cordially, Harriet P. Hofheinz, (Please note new email: hhofheinz38@gmail.com)



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Change of CLA Membership Categories, 2012-13

At the CLA August Annual Meeting, the CLA Board presented the proposed change of CLA membership categories, which we had previously alerted you to in the spring newsletter. These new changes, that of **Family** and **Individual**, were put to a vote and were passed at the Annual Meeting, with some dissent. Let me once again sum up our rationale for this change and include the change in full so that there is no misunderstanding in the future.

Because we are eager to maintain the robustness of our community against potential dwindling membership, we need to expand and include all family members as well as those committed to preserving the Basin in perpetuity, not just the property owners. In the spring CLA Newsletter, I expressed our rationale for this change, "when the organization was first set up so many years ago (almost 50), it made sense for the founders to define membership by property ownership. Those were and continue to be the folks who have been paying extra for the Patrol over all these years. Now three or four generations later, this categorization

doesn't make as much sense as it did then...now most properties are mixed generationally and are shared as to property usage. Additionally, the current Basin population has evolved into a broader community and the Basin itself is an extraordinary resource that is enjoyed and valued by many." Over the past year, we on the CLA Board considered how best to reflect these changes in our membership and proposed two categories: that of "Family" and that of "Individual".

Here's how the new language for the amended CLA membership categories will be:

CLA Membership:

Any person, who lives within the Chocorua Lake Basin and/or those who are interested in conserving the Chocorua Basin in perpetuity, may become a Member upon payment of CLA annual dues. Members are divided into two categories:

Family membership: constitutes spouses, partners, and children under the age of 25 years.

Individual membership: constitutes one person

All members are entitled to one (1) vote under the designated membership categories, which are established by the CLA Board of Directors. The annual fee structure shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Revocation of membership: failure of any member to pay any annual dues or assessments shall result in loss of membership

Additionally, starting in 2013 the CLA Board has proposed the annual fee structure for membership. It reads as follows:

Family membership: \$80 per year

Individual membership: \$45 per year

Gifts are joyfully accepted

*Please note that we have included a provision for those who cannot pay the full annual dues amount: this provision is worded: "We greatly value and appreciate the participation and support of all our community. If you are unable to pay the membership fee, please contact the CLA President at hhofheinz38@gmail.com to inquire about a reduced fee.

Next spring, when we first ask for your membership dues for the 2013 season, you will see these changes. Only the two above CLA membership categories will appear. No longer will you see a separate selection for the Patrol, or for Associate membership. The fees after many years have also gone up to cover our increasing costs. I hope these changes will not be confusing. We are anticipating that this will help make our organization more equitable and representative of the folks that actually take part in our activities and services and to more adequately cover costs. Thank you for your participation. If you have further comments, questions please don't hesitate to contact any of the current CLA Board members.



CLA Tributes and Special Thanks



Giving tribute to those who have given special support for CLA/CLCF endeavors around the Basin, is not only a pleasure, but a way of saying thanks for continuing to keep this community alive and well. Three years ago, we honored Neely Lanou, past President of the CLCF, for her long, dedicated, often unheralded work for the CLCF—represented by boxes and boxes of documents. Last year we missed this annual dedication, so this year we decided to make up for our remiss and honor 2 individuals: they were Jim Bowditch and Toby Page. Jim for his long dedication to the CLA as a Board member and President and for his extraordinary undertaking pulling together the material to register the Basin’s historically important people and places, on the National Historical Register. We are now the largest such designated area in New England. His book, Chocorua Lake Basin, a National Historic District was published in 2005. And Toby Page as the CLA President, who spearheaded our first Capital Campaign, the Berms and Swales project to help protect the Lake’s water quality, and pushed for expanded land acquisition particularly in the northern realm of the Lake.

Jim accepted his award, a large black and white photo of Chocorua, at the August annual meeting. Unfortunately, for us, Toby and Theo were away for the meeting, so although mentioned as this year’s recipient, we decided to hold off the presentation until next year, 2013, when they will be in Chocorua in person.

There are others who deserve special thanks: Howard Mathew for replacing the kiosks on the protected lands; Pete Lewis and Kate Lanou for once again staining the new bridge rails for the second time; John Wheeler for keeping the invasive knotweed at bay particularly at the Grove’s entrance; John Roberts, Steve Weld and Charlie Worcester for overseeing the well-being of the Lake’s dam; and to all those who faithfully come out for the Rt. 16 trash pick ups on the July 4th and Columbus Day weekends. You are making a difference, thank you!

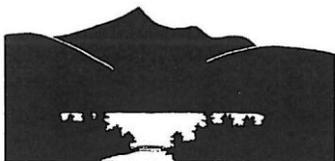
Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation Report

November 11, 2012

The arrival of hurricane Sandy last week presages the 21st century challenges we face as we celebrate the unique wildness and rhythm of the Chocorua experience. Consider, we first encountered the 1000-mile wide storm while watching the full moon cloud over the dam at the Little Lake. Mary and I were there to inspect the dam in response to an emailed pre-storm check list send by state and federal authorities for all dam owners. All was in order. Also, a quick call to Steve Weld indicated that he and John Roberts had recently conducted an extensive review for the CLCF/CLA in August to plan a scheduled maintenance and repair program. Three days and ten inches of rain later the west side of the lake was to be without power for 72 hours. The electricity was then restored by a repair crew that had traveled from Oklahoma to provide help. Gives new meaning to “live free.”

Since the CLCF annual report, the CLCF /CLA boards have continued to develop and update the new electronic database confirming the names and addresses for the key stakeholders and owners of the 78 easements in the basin. To date 35-40 responses have been received. Thank you to those who have responded. Reminders and queries are on the way to complete the task.

In similar fashion, we continue to compile land survey data and other required



easement auditing information from the public domain. The goal being: that it is accurate, cost effective and respectful of personal privacy. Some of you may have seen the remarkable demonstration by Steve Lanou and Tim Baldwin of the GIS information acquired from Google images and serial aerial photography at the annual meeting.

Finally, board members from both organizations are gathering to share their collective talents and expertise as we conduct a review of our financial data systems, documentation, investment and auditing practices. Several individuals with experience regarding the required practices for 501(3)-(c) organizations are being interviewed to provide a formal audit in the coming weeks.

We have a busy, if not daunting schedule for the coming months judging from Peg Wheeler's invaluable scheduled monthly activities. So as the summit of Chocorua accumulates snow, one is reminded of the lines from a Roberts Frost poem.

"Whose woods are these? I think I know... we have miles to go and promises to keep..."

John B. Watkins, MD, President CLCF

The Extraordinary Monarch



Often on the trash pick-up mornings on Columbus Day weekend, we are delighted by the presence of flittering Monarch butterflies, seemingly going in all directions at once. Their burnt-orange wings are a stunning re-enforcement of the exquisite fall colors. But why are these butterflies appearing so late and where are they going?

Most of you know that Monarchs migrate and that this takes place anytime from August through early October. They are on a mission gathering and moving south probably realizing as much as 15 to 20 miles a day. They have a way to go as they are bound for their wintering grounds in Mexico approximately 2,500 miles away. It is hard to imagine this when you watch a butterfly fly – never in a straight line.

How does a butterfly know where to go and how does it get there? A mystery. Scientists have posited that Monarchs rely on sun angles, or visual cues such as coast-and-ridge lines, and/or have an internal magnetic compass somewhat like migrating birds do. But it is a cosmic mystery really, relying on instinct and luck.

Not until relatively recently, in the end of the last century, did scientists and butterfly enthusiasts discover where they migrated to, but not why.

As tough as any given Monarch is, the beautiful species is vulnerable if its environment changes too much. Most eastern Monarchs spend their winter clustered together (how long it takes any one to get there is anyone's guess), in a few mountain forests in Mexico. Although this forest is protected, infringements continue to whittle away at its circumference by loggers, agriculture endeavors, and strange weather. A number of years ago, this part of Mexico experienced an unprecedented freeze that did a number on the Monarch habitat killing a lot of them.

Those Monarchs that do survive through the Mexican winter, begin to fly northward as things warm up in the spring. When they reach the southern US, they lay their eggs on milkweed and die. After the eggs hatch, the caterpillars feed on the milkweed, growing on its nourishment and also ingesting the milkweed's

toxin which helps protect the butterfly from hungry birds. The toxin acts as a repellent against bird and other insects—once eaten, never again! Because birds learn to avoid Monarchs, another butterfly, the Viceroy, mimics the Monarch's orange and black colors to protect it even though it does not have the poisonous cocktail. This seems to work for the look-alikes.

So herald the extraordinary and beautiful Monarch; plant some milkweed and Buddleias, a plant it also loves, to help it on its way, so that “no generation of the Monarch relay team drops the baton, perhaps fatally”.

*Adapted from J. Wickersham's column, The Boston Globe.

A Very Sad Loss, by Jim Bowditch

Sometime last fall, one of the most historic buildings in the Chocorua Lake Basin disappeared. Many of us knew it as the Candy House, the large white house at the top of the hill about one mile north of Chocorua village on Route 16. Few knew its full history, including the owner of the abutting property who bought it from the bank in Dallas that held it after the last owner defaulted on his mortgage (it had been empty and up for sale for about three years) and had it torn down.

The building's early history is a tad murky due to frustratingly vague deeds recorded in the Carroll County Registry of Deeds, it was very likely a farmhouse (not mentioned) on land on Blaisdell Hill (now Heavenly Hill) that John Henry Nickerson bought from a Henry Nickerson in 1861. Not one to miss an opportunity to cash in on the burgeoning post-Civil War tourist trade, John Henry apparently opened his house to “flatlanders” seeking an escape from the crowded and smelly city (usually Boston) to the purifying wilds of the White Mountains. In 1865, he enlarged the farmhouse to accommodate more guests - three stories, with room for 35 occupants - and called it Chocorua House. The guestbook, now in the Chocorua Library, which begins in 1867, shows that almost every person/family who bought land/farmhouses in the Chocorua Basin for summer residency stayed there. It thus became a gateway to the Basin as essentially a summer colony that, thanks to conservation-minded owners, is now one of the most environmentally well-preserved and protected lake areas in the state. In 2005 it became New England's largest National Historic District.

In 1913, when successors to the Nickersons built the much larger Chocorua Inn, the Chocorua House became the Inn's annex until the Inn was torn down during World War II because of taxes and lack of business. After that it repeatedly changed hands as a private residence, under Edith H. Davis becoming the Candy and Ice Cream Shop. In 2003 the Patrick Boswells, who eventually defaulted on the mortgage, bought it. Now it is just a grassy spot overlooking the lake and mountains.

Perhaps this sad incident will motivate our community to examine the inventory of historic buildings in *Chocorua Lake Basin, a National Historic District* published in 2005 and look for a way to communicate that history to buyers and sellers when the property changes hands.

Grand Opening of the Tamworth Artisan's Gallery

Before entering Chocorua Village, on top of the hillside on Route 16, resides a



small, yellow cottage that boasts a new sign “Works Art Gallery”. This is the Tamworth Artisan’s new home. On this crisp Columbus Day Sunday afternoon, it opened its doors to the public with a flourish. What a stupendous opening it was, hot coffee, cider and munchies were served outside while inside the galleries’ four showrooms exhibited a rich, diverse assortment of lovely crafts, photographs, cards, and paintings. Over a hundred people showed up to celebrate and to contribute to the brisk sales.

The story of how this gallery came to be is a testament to the diversity of artistic talent in Tamworth and the surrounding area, and to the creative power of a committed group of people willing to work hard for something they believe in. Here’s the brief history:

After a successful trial run in the corner of the Tamworth Farmer’s Market, three years ago, the Tamworth Artisans took off. The first winter it found an indoor small exhibit space in the downstairs of the Chocorua Pottery. This proved successful, but too small and now two years later, this more elegant gallery has been established, thanks to Jerse and Larry Nickerson who own the charming yellow house. Much renovation, painting inside and out, and planning went into this space to make it such a beautiful spot, full of lovely light highlighting the works. It is a must-stop before coming north through Chocorua Village.

Hats off to Myles Grinstead and Mary Beth Bliss for masterminding and encouraging first the Tamworth Artisans and then, establishing this permanent home to show off all the extraordinary art work created by Tamworth and other area artists.

Don’t miss the **Art Works Art Gallery** for your Christmas shopping as well as for your own pleasure and serenity.

The Gallery’s hours are: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The phone number is 603-323-8041.

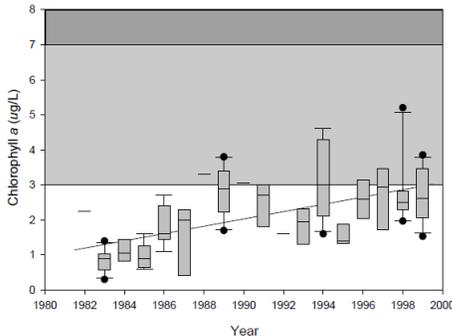
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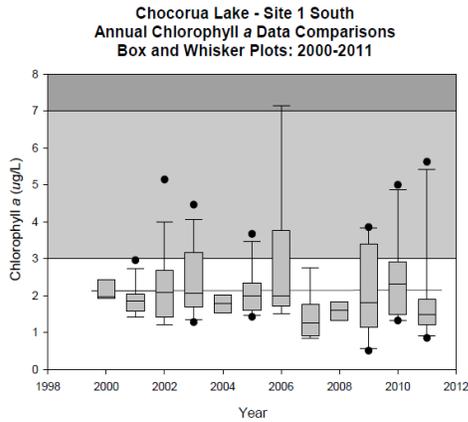
Chocorua Lake 2011 Annual Water-Quality Report

The water quality of Chocorua Lake continued to be high in 2011 although the lake did experience reduced transparency and elevated chlorophyll a and total phosphorus readings following the intense rainfall event of August 28th associated with tropical storm Irene. As reported in the “Chocorua Lake Water Quality Monitoring 2011” report “the late season water quality reductions documented in Chocorua Lake are a reminder that our New Hampshire lakes remain susceptible to short-term periods of nutrient loading”. The complete report is posted on the Chocorua Lake Association web page at <http://chocorualakeassociation.com>. Specifically, during the 2011 sampling season:

- Water clarity ranged from 2.8 to 5.9 meters with an average of 4.5 meters (14.8 feet). Variables controlling clarity are suspended inorganic particulate matter, microscopic algae concentrations and the color of the water. The higher the water clarity, the better the quality.
- Chlorophyll a (algal concentration) ranged from 0.9 to 5.6 ppb with an average of 2.2 ppb. The three highest values were measured following tropical storm Irene. The three highest total phosphorus concentrations were also recorded after this heavy rainfall event and these elevated concentrations provided the

Chocorua Lake - Site 1 South
Annual Chlorophyll a Data Comparisons
Box and Whisker Plots: 1982-1999





nutrient for the increased algal growth.

- Total Phosphorus ranged from 1.2 to 5.4 ppb and averaged 3.6 ppb. This is well below the 10.0 ppb that can cause severe algal blooms.
- Total Alkalinity (pink end point) ranged from 2.1 to 4.6 ppm and averaged 3.7 ppm. Alkalinity is a measure of the water’s ability to resist a rapid change in acidity/pH; thus the higher the better. Although the average of 3.7 ppm is in the moderately vulnerable range, the pH of the water did not fluctuate greatly and remained close to the neutral value of 7.0 units.
- The pH of the lake water ranged from 6.5 to 7.0 standard units and averaged 6.8. These values are well within the acidity range tolerable to most aquatic organisms.
- Specific Conductivity is a measure of the dissolved salts in the water. It ranged from 26.6 to 31.7 micro-siemens and averaged 29.6 micro-siemens. These values are low and suggests the lake is not receiving large quantities of dissolved road salts or nutrients from failing septic systems or the application of excessive fertilizer to vegetation.
- Dissolved Color is often perceived as “tea color” and is indicative of the dissolved organic materials in the water. The values ranged from 17.1 to 52.4 cpu units and averaged 28.6 cpu units. The highest value (52.4 cpu units) was recorded after tropical storm Irene and was likely the result of the flushing of large volumes of highly colored waters from wetlands found along the rivers and streams that flow into the lake.

In summary, the quality of Chocorua Lake is good. Data presented in the 2011 report seem to show the benefits accrued from the implementation of the “berm and swale project” along the public beach area. The first plot below shows the best fit line through the yearly median values of chlorophyll-a from 1983 through 1999 (the year the berm-and-swale project was constructed) and the second shows the best-fit line for chlorophyll-a from 2000 to 2011. There was a clear increase in the growth of algae from 1983 through 1999. From 2000 to 2011, the positive slope of the yearly median values has leveled off. Since 1999, the median total phosphorus values have fallen. The lower algae/chlorophyll-a concentrations are likely the direct result of the reduction in phosphorus concentrations entering the lake due to adsorption of the dissolved phosphorus on soil particles as runoff from Rt 16 infiltrated through the bottom of the swale.

Another Glorious Labor Day Tournament, by Alex Moot

The 2012 edition of the Labor Day tennis tournaments elicited a wonderful turnout, with 16 Mixed doubles and 10 Men’s doubles teams entering the two tournaments. As usual, a wide range of ages were represented in both tournaments, from 10 year old spunky Grace Helm to 89 year old graceful and resilient Bill Helm. The two tournaments raised an impressive \$520 in entry fees that was contributed to Tamworth Caregivers.

Fans were especially excited to see the return of three past champions who hadn’t played in many years -- Mark Smith (Mixed ’93), Bill Lincoln (Mixed ’89, ’96 & ’04; Men’s ’80) and Sara Sedgwick Brown (Mixed ’97) -- and a number of tournament newcomers: Laura Cannon and husband Sean Kerwin; Nomi Cannon’s husband Andy Fredericks; Anna Hadden’s husband David Burley; and



the Gould family, Andy, Laurie and Zach. Also returning were the 2011 champions Nick Hadden and daughter Anna Hadden Burley (Mixed), and Jere Burrows and Kent Hemingway (Men's). Everyone was disappointed that two long-time and good natured tournament stalwarts were unable to join us on the courts this year: Bob Bradford and Rob Sedgwick.

On Saturday, all 26 doubles teams and scores of fans converged throughout the day on the four Chocorua clay tennis courts, (Balch/Wheeler, Weld, Helm/Lloyd, and Cannon/Keith) to play the first round robin matches. After each set, all teams rotated to a new court. The round robin format followed the same format as last year, with teams winning the most sets in their group advancing to play on Sunday in traditional elimination matches.

Eight teams emerged from the Mixed doubles round robin to face off Sunday in quarterfinal and semi final matches. After a pair of quarterfinal defaults, which allowed the Gould family to participate in the annual softball game, David and Anna Burley played Andy and Laurie Gould in a semifinal Mixed doubles match late Sunday in which the Burleys emerged victorious. On the other side of the draw, Nick and Sherry Hadden won a long three-set semifinal match against Emilie Smith and son Nick Caruso.

In the Men's doubles, four teams emerged from the round robin to play on Sunday. In the first semifinal match, Kent Hemingway and Jere Burrows defeated defending finalist Geoff Gill and partner Andy Fredericks. In the second, Nick Hadden and son-in-law David Burley won a tough match against past champion John Sedgwick and two-time finalist Rick Carey to advance to the finals.

On Monday morning, throngs of fans showed up at the Helm court to watch what turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable "family affair". The mixed doubles final featured Nick and Sherry Hadden against their daughter, Anna and their new son-in-law Dave Burley, who we learned had had shoulder surgery only six weeks prior. After a tense first set won 6-4 by the younger couple, Sherry employed her wonderful smile, humor, laughter, and slice shots to help her and Nick steal the second set 7-6. Unfortunately, Sherry's jokes were not enough to disrupt Anna and Dave in the decisive third set, and Anna and Dave captured the Mixed doubles by a final score of 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.

After the match, Nick and Dave shook hands, grabbed a short breather while Bill Helm awarded Dave and Anna their championship bowls, and then teamed up to play Kent Hemingway and Jere Burrows in the Men's doubles final. For the next hour, the crowd was treated to spectacular shot making by all four men, but the match lacked the family drama of the Mixed doubles finals. Nick and Dave prevailed, winning the Men's doubles by a final score of 6-3, 6-1.



Wildlife Notes - by Harriet Hofheinz

2012 seemed the summer of the Common Water Snake (*Nerodia Sipedon*), as many were spotted around the Lake. At the Grove Bridge there was a den with young. The den has since been blocked to discourage future nesting. Several more were spotted in and around the swimming area on the western shore as well as near the inlet. These snakes although, often quite long, are harmless unless caught when they can give one a nasty bite. But they are not poisonous and are natural to a lake such as ours. Later on in the summer, a snake trapper arrived unbeknownst to us and I believe, trapped some. Don't know how he heard about

the abundance of the Lake's water snakes, but he arrived just in time. Next year, undoubtedly, there will be more. Probably we need to learn to live with them.

There were a number of other sightings on the Lake this summer. Lake Chocorua seems now to be on the fall migration route of Bald Eagles and Osprey as a number of both species were observed. This is good news for our lake as it means there is an abundance of fish to be caught and also I might add, most unfortunately, baby waterfowl.



As you may have heard, another loon pair established breeding territory somewhere on the north end of the Lake. Our original pair set up their nesting site in their usual spot in April. Once again, they lost their first two eggs to high waters after heavy rain in May. Their second nest was successful yielding one chick in July. In the meantime, the north end Loon pair was successful yielding two young without any wash out. This family was first spotted near the bridge in June confusing us all. Usually, loons are very territorial, but somehow these two pairs must have kept their distance from one another. In early/mid August both were seen at various points in the Lake: one pair with two slightly older chicks and our original pair with one younger chick. Then around the third week of August, a "hawk" took one of the two chicks. Unfortunately, this was witnessed only by a renter who had no idea about bird identity, so we don't know what "hawk" it was. After Labor Day when our spotters are no longer in business for the most part, we don't know the next chapter or if there has been one. With luck, the young will remain on the lake until ice-in which could be late this year, when they take off to follow their parents to somewhere on the Atlantic sea coast. We wish them a successful winter.

A young bear was seen cruising around in May and June. He/she hit my house hard draining both hummingbird feeders and generally messing up the deck. Luckily, he did not help himself to the fish defrosting on my countertop by tearing through the screen door! He managed to visit every feeder along Chocorua Lake Rd. The moose also were seen and heard bellowing in the early spring. The foxes again, setting up residence somewhere on Heavenly Hill and coyote and deer evidence seen on trails.

In July, Jean Tewsbury on Washington Hill spotted the usual bird suspects: a Wood Thrush calling, Ovenbirds, Pine Warblers and a male Red Bellied Woodpecker. Actually, the Wood Thrush and Red-Bellied Woodpecker are not so usual. On the Thrush Survey for the first year, we reported no Wood Thrushes and Red-Bellied Woodpeckers are, as I've mentioned before, new to the scene.

Finally, Howard and Nancy Mathews spotted (and photographed!) what they believe is a bobcat right in their back yard! See photos at left.

Keep the reports coming; it really helps to keep the wildlife inventory in our small corner of the world. As always, Harriet Hofheinz, hhofheinz38@gmail.com (Please note change in email.)

In Memory of John Woodhouse & David Loring



We are sad to report that John F. Woodhouse passed away on October 29. John was a friend and generous supporter of both the CLA and CLCF, as well as several other local organizations. Before retiring, John served in a number of capacities at Sysco Corp, including serving as its Chairman and CEO. John is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marilyn (Lyn) Morrow Woodhouse; son John C. Woodhouse, II and his wife Deborah; daughter Marjorie Ann Woodhouse-Purdy and her husband R. Scott Purdy; as well as three beloved grandchildren. We send condolences to the Woodhouse family.

We are sad to also report that David Loring passed away on September 14, 2012 following a brief illness. He was 61 years old.

David grew up in Concord, Mass., but spent his summers in Chocorua at his family's summer house "Graycroft". After his racing career, he opened David Loring Racing in Conway to develop racing programs for vintage cars as well as to provide auto restoration services. He and his wife Kathy lived in Graycroft, which he beautifully restored and refurbished.

David was highly respected for his racecar building and restoration work, as well as being recognized as a championship-winning racecar driver. David won over 60 races during his career, and has been called "America's greatest Formula Ford racer". To read more about David's racing career, please see the fascinating *Sport Illustrated* article published in 1991 at

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/vault/article/magazine/MAG1139692/index.htm>.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, two sons, Evan and Aleks; his sister, Katherine Amador; brothers, Stephen, Charles, Andrew, and Eric, and let us not forget his dog, Sniffer. We send condolences to the Loring family.



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