

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.

April 2009 Newsletter

SPRING – TIME TO THINK OF THE LAKE

The ice disappeared on the lake over night April 8 – can it be long now before we return to beautiful Eagle Lake? How has our property survived the long, snowy winter months? We will all learn soon. The days are growing longer and warmer, finally. Attached to this letter is your ELPOI membership form for the 2009-10 year. Please fill it out and return with your check to ELPOI, 11 Deepwood Drive, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Dues remain \$25 for each resident, \$10 for associate membership.

SAVE Saturday, JULY 11

Also mark your calendars for our annual meeting on July 11 at the Chilson Fire Hall Park. Sign up is included with the membership form. Meet and greet your neighbors! We are looking forward to seeing you all there to hear about accomplishments in the fight against Milfoil and to vote on new Board members and officers for the coming year.

WAR ON EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

Next steps as reported in our last newsletter were:

1. ELPOI to issue questionnaire to determine your thoughts on use of Renovate in our Lake. **Status:** This is being delayed to allow for better timing in conjunction with application dates.

Renovate® OTF
On Target Flakes



Aquatic Sites: For control of emersed, submersed and floating aquatic plants in the following aquatic sites: ponds; lakes; reservoirs; marshes; wetlands; impounded rivers, streams and other bodies of water that are quiescent; non-irrigation canals, seasonal irrigation waters and ditches which have little or no continuous outflow.

2. Apply for use of Renovate in Eagle Lake. **Status:** The APA continues to demand that any application must be curtailed off from rest of lake. This is, as reported earlier, very expensive and time consuming. Some agreement is currently being

negotiated to limit test site in size to reduce costs and get more parties on our side! To that end, Rolf Tiedemann with Town of Ticonderoga and Crown Point Supervisors will be meeting with the Essex County Board of Supervisors April 20 to seek their support. A follow-up meeting with the Director of Adirondack Council is planned to seek their support (again!). Another attempt was made for more dollar support from the State, but current budget restraints

seem to dictate none will come. Crown Point will seek to get approved State matching funds released from State Senator Betty Little \$10,000 grant for lake sampling and other Renovate application requirements. These funds will be added to the remainder of your funds at the Town for this year's actions. Further funds should also be available from the State \$55,000 matching fund grant.

3. In 2009 move mats to new locations, hand harvest if Renovate is not approved. Apply Renovate if it is approved.
4. 2010 brings ongoing maintenance to treated areas and more matting / hand harvesting if funds are available.

The herbicide Renovate has been used successfully in several NYS and Vermont lakes over the past year. In order to evaluate the efficacy of treatment and the need, if any, to address these concerns in future treatments, extensive pre and post treatment plant surveys and other types of monitoring have been conducted by the various Lake Associations, Applicators and State Agencies that were involved with the respective herbicide treatments. Please note: Based on Renovate's product label, there should be no swimming restrictions after its application, but there might be some limited water use restrictions for only a matter of days.

Remember however Eagle Lake is NOT classified or designated as a source for drinking water, any use of it for this purpose is done so at one's own risk.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?!

So, what do we need from you at this time? We need your commitment! We need all of you that made a "cash pledge" in the past and those of you now willing to make a contribution to send in your check to ELPOI. If you cannot remember the dollar amount you pledged at one time or another, don't be concerned. It is understood that financial situations are ever changing. Send in what currently works for you. Many of your neighbors have already contributed, some as much as \$500 or more. Past contributions have allowed ELPOI to support the Towns' Milfoil Program with \$20,000. That along with your time in hand harvesting Milfoil in front of your property, with preparing mats for placement in the Lake also counts toward meeting the matching requirement that secures the State's grant of \$55,000. Contact any

member of the Board to obtain work reporting forms. Remember the Towns will not spend money directly for this program.

Make it a habit to pick-up and remove to a secure area any Milfoil fragments found in the lake while out and about. Milfoil's major means for spreading is through fragmentation. Check boat motors to remove any Milfoil caught in propellers. Visitors with trailers should also make sure their boat trailers do not carry fragments as they leave the Lake. This stuff spreads too easily.

[ELPOI WEB SITE – CHECK IT OUT](#)

The Tiedemann family has loaded our web site with many interesting and informative items. Results of past water tests, the story of Renovate, Board meeting and annual meeting minutes – it is all there. If you do not have a computer, go to your local library where it is a good bet one is available and with an individual who can help you find our site at www.eaglelake1.org

For specific information on other lake applications of Renovate go to: eaglelake1.org/html/otherlakes/otherplantsurveys.Shtm

[OTHER TYPES OF INVASIVE SPECIES](#)

Zebra Mussel, Spinney Water Flee, Purple Loosestrife



(picture shown), Cormorants, non-native bait fish, are examples of other invasives to which our lake is vulnerable. Purple Loosestrife is at once pretty to see, but will crowd out our

native plants. It should be pulled up by the roots and disposed of before it seeds.

Our neighbors on Lake George and Lake Champlain have for the past few years been dealing with many of these invasives with some success. BUT be aware that boat trailers and boat propellers, etc. from those lakes can spread the invasives into Eagle Lake. Signs are

posted at the State boat launch warning those entering our lake about this concern. Don't be bashful, caution them about our concern for this lake and in their carrying Milfoil home with them.

[NEW ASSOCIATION OF LAKES](#)

ELPOI has joined with a number of local lakes in a new association with the objective of sharing in the many common issues we all face. The second meeting is scheduled for 7 May. Mary Lloyd Burroughs will represent us.

[PERSONAL WATER CRAFT](#)

Many of you have complained about PWC on our lake. Complaints include noise, unsafe handling and driver lack of attention to Milfoil beds. These are all valid concerns, but what can we do? Drivers must be made aware that speed is limited to 5 miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, dock, raft or anchored boat (notably fishermen). See our September 2008 newsletter for other NYS rules that are also posted on our web site.

[WE NEED YOU !](#)

It cannot be overstated how much you are truly needed. Your support and commitment during this very crucial time in Eagle Lake's history is essential. Help make a difference – Help Eagle Lake survive!!!

Welcome to Jeff and Linda Becker who have recently purchased a camp on Hurd Point.

For the Board,
Rin Fraize, President

2009 Membership Application/ Renewal and Proxy form

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

All property owners around Eagle Lake and adjacent to the Lake are eligible for membership and 60% of you joined last year! Let's make it a 100% this year! The annual *Membership* fee is \$25.00 per property. \$15.00 for non-property owners who wish to join as *Associate Members* as a show of their interest in supporting the Lake and to stay on ELPOI's mailing list.

Please return dues by June 30, the record date for the annual meeting. (Monies will also be collected prior to the annual meeting) Picnic to follow meeting. Costs, are listed below – burgers, hot dogs and place settings are provided, please bring a dish to pass.

Contact Information	Membership- (check/complete appropriate lines)
Name _____	Membership \$25.00 _____
Winter Address _____	Associate Member \$15.00 _____

E-Mail _____	Picnic request
Winter # _____ Lake # _____	_____ # Adults x \$6.00 = \$ _____
	_____ #Children x \$4.00 = \$ _____
	_____ #Family x \$18.00 = \$ _____
	Additional Donation(s)
	Unrestricted Donation \$ _____
	Milfoil Restricted Use \$ _____
	Total Enclosed \$ _____
	Make checks payable to ELPOI

Return all information to:
ELPOI
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11 Deepwood Drive
Ticonderoga, NY 12833

Providing your e-mail address allows ELPOI to contact you at reduced cost!

<u>MEMBER PROXY</u>	
I, _____ as a Member in good standing of the ELPOI, do hereby designate _____ who is a member in good standing, or who is another record owner of the same membership parcel of said Corporation, to vote and act on my behalf on all matters that come before the meeting to be held on July 11, 2009 at 10 a.m.	
Signed by: _____	Date _____
Witnessed by: _____	Date _____