

# ASLPT Holds Its Annual Easement Monitoring Workshop

## ASLPT press release

Help protect land by training to be one of our over 90 land steward monitors. We have been so successful adding new protected properties that we need an additional 38 easement monitors. This is a wonderful opportunity to be in the woods making a concrete contribution to saving our rural landscape.

There will be Monitoring Protected Properties training workshop on Wednesday, June 6, from 2 to 6 PM. The workshop will start with one hour of classroom instruction, and then you'll be outside for the remainder of the workshop. Wear hiking boots, and be prepared for bugs. We will meet at the ASLPT office at 71 Pleasant Street in New London. For more information or to register, contact Sue Andrews at 526-6555 or [SAndrews@Ausbonsargent.org](mailto:SAndrews@Ausbonsargent.org).

## Spring Ledge Farm Tour

Join us on Sunday, June 10, from 4:30 to 6 PM for a tour of Spring Ledge Farm with Greg Berger and enjoy listening to our guest speaker, the former New Hampshire Commissioner of Agriculture, Steve Taylor.

## Happy Birthday, Ausbon!

Grab your lunch and come to the party on the New London Common as we pay tribute to our namesake, Ausbon Sargent, on his birthday. There will be music and stories and entertainment reflecting on Ausbon and the New London Common that he purchased in 1985 and gifted to the town that we might continue to use and enjoy this open space forever. Bag lunches will be available at Ellie's, Hole in the Fence, Peter Christian's, Pizza Chef, and Subway. Join us on Monday, June 11, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.



Winners of the Andover Fish & Game Club's Kids Trout Fishing Derby included (front) for longest non-trout species (a bass), Sam Ladd; (back) for second-longest trout, Shyann Shaw; for trout total length, Trinity Place; for longest trout, Trey Kierstead; for third-longest trout, Jarod Frost.

Photo: Amanda Gross

# ANDOVER FISH & GAME KIDS SPRING TROUT DERBY

By Amanda Gross  
AF&G volunteer

It was a perfect day for fishing on Saturday, May 19, at the Andover Fish and Game Club's (AF&G) 17th annual Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby. The sun was shining down on the AF&G clubhouse, where hot dogs and refreshments were provided for all in attendance, and glistened off the adjacent Highland Lake Channel, where 79 boys and girls age 15 and under participated in the great sport of fishing.

The Channel was stocked the night before with 500 trout, 250 purchased by the Club and a matching amount provided by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The public stocking



Braydon Burt, 13 years old, of Claremont gets ready to wet his line. Braydon is the grandson of Steve Smith of Andover. Photo: Gordy Ordway

At the Derby, a total of 112 fish were caught, including 91 trout, eight sunfish, seven bass, three hornpout, and three shiners. After the big event, raffle prizes, lucky prizes, and trophies were awarded to lucky participants. Every kid received a participation ribbon.

The trophy winners were as follows: Longest trout at 15 1/4 inches to Trey Kierstead, second longest trout at 15 1/4 inches to Shyann Shaw, third longest trout at 15 inches to Jarod Frost, total length of trout caught at 55 3/4 inches to Trinity Place, and longest non-trout species, a 13 3/8 inch bass, to Sam Ladd.

The Andover Fish and Game Club thanks everyone who donated time and supplies to make this event a successful and fun learning experience for the kids. Mark your calendars on Saturday, August 18, for the Club's next event, the Beef Barbecue and Chinese Auction, its biggest fundraiser of the year.



Ethan and Liam Fecteau were among the dozens of kids who helped stock Highland Lake on May 18.

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was attended by a good crowd of interested kids and their parents. The kids, each equipped with a bucket of fish, helped Fish and Game Conservation Officer Heidi Murphy release the slippery beasts into the water.

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