

The Loons are Back!

Ice out declared on Easter

Donna Baker Hartwell

Happy Spring, Everyone!

The ice went off Highland Lake on Easter, April 16th. This morning I was able to confirm that "our" pair has returned. They were feeding near "The Point" - the lake end of the channel. Lots of geese, ducks, and an immature bald eagle have been seen, as well.

Within the next few weeks, a new wooden sign or bulletin board will be

installed at the public boat ramp. This will provide a place for the posting of official notices. The Highland Lake Protection Association sponsored the making of the sign and post in order to protect the old tree now being used for this purpose. I think the tree will be happy with this!

If you know of other folks who would like to be included in this group mailing, please pass my email on and I will be happy to add them. I will try to keep up with LOON NEWS as it happens! In the meantime, enjoy this lovely season. 

Upcoming Events for Ausbon Sargent

Spring hikes and activities planned

Press Release

Spring Awakening Hike, Saturday, May 6 from 9 to 11 A.M. Maple Leaf Natural Area and King Hill Reservation. Led by Ausbon Sargent Land Specialist, Andy Deegan. For directions and to sign up please contact Kristy Heath at: kheath@ausbonsargent.org or call 603-526-6555.

Thursday's Child Benefit Dinner, Thursday, May 25 at the New London Inn. Please contact the New London Inn for reservations.

Woods Walk at Clark Pond, Friday, June 2 at 4 P.M.: With County Foresters Dode Gladders and Tim Fleury, and Ausbon Sargent Land Specialist, Andy Deegan. For directions and to sign up please contact Kristy Heath at: kheath@ausbonsargent.org or call 603-526-6555. 

The Andover One Wheelers Ride Again!

Will ride in 4th of July Parade

Percy Hill

Well, to be more specific, the infamous Andover One Wheelers Precision Unicycle Team will be performing in the 4th of July Parade in Andover New Hampshire; some will be walking, some riding unicycles and some pushing their unicycles, but they'll be there to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Andover 4th of July Parade.

The Andover One Wheelers amazed thousands of spectators during their [more than] two decades of performances throughout New Hampshire, New England, throughout the United States, Canada and, yes, the Bahamas. During their reign of fame, the young Ambassadors learned valuable lessons through travel, commitment and dedication delighting crowds with their precision routines and their unmatched showmanship. Tremendous thanks goes out to the coaches, parents, volunteers and community members who dedicated their time, talents and love to make the Andover One Wheelers the program to celebrate along with the 75th Anniversary of the Andover 4th of July Parade.

So, if you are an Andover One Wheeler, dust off your unicycle and join the parade on July 4th. We will meet at 10:00 A.M. at the Andover Elementary/Middle School gymnasium. Feel free to contact me at percyhillconsult@gmail.com or on facebook.

Be sure to come out on the 4th to cheer, celebrate and support. 

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to supervise various segments of the planned ring around the mountain.

The citizens of the towns all around the mountain were "invited to attend equipped with Guns, Sounding Horns, &c. &c. to form a line round said Mountain and assist in the Chase." They were to assemble at 9 A.M. that morning at six different points around the base of the mountain (Searle's Starch Factory, Clarke's and Walker's Taverns, Taunton Hill, Thomas R. White's Store, and so forth). The officers were asked to appear on horseback and to form their line of men in sections of ten each. Each officer would also appoint an additional five gunners (there would have been sixty in all, then) who were to station themselves (along with a "Colour bearer") at the summit of Ragged (which one, we can only wonder) at 8 A.M.

Samuel Butterfield, the Andover law-

yer (and jack of many other trades as well) who, as Secretary of the planned hunt, was responsible for the Patriot news item, played up the recreational and festive aspect of the outing for all it was worth. Having a sad weakness for doggerel, he even began his report with an epigraph:

*Now if you dare to hunt the Bear,
Report yourselves at nine,
A chase so rare you'll seldom share
With prospects half so fine.*

Nevertheless, nothing seems to have come of this elaborate plan; the follow-up hunt, for whatever reason, did not take place. A later July 22 news story in the Patriot reported only the relative ineffectiveness of the original, June 22 hunt, due to the hunters' failing to keep their line orderly. But the editor, caught up at a distance (the Patriot was published in Concord) by the spirit of Butterfield's call to arms, interjected a personal response: "Make another attempt. We should like to try our hand at bear hunting." 

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