



NEWS FROM THE LAKE | August 2024



Untying knots while blindfolded – just one of the Survivor Challenges in July!

Photo credit: Kate Cleveland

NEWS from the LAKE:

- What would summer on Deering Lake be without drama from our wildlife? One of the mid-summer storms appears to have taken down the eagle nest on Driftwood Island. A few weeks later an eagle attack resulted in the death of the loon chick from the Campbell Cove area. To get more details, come to the DLIA meeting on Saturday, August 31 to get Glenn Clark's report.
- Many lakes, including Winnepesaukee have been dealing with multiple outbreaks of cyanobacteria blooms this summer. Deering Lake has been fortunate to have not had an issue (so far) in 2024. Cyanobacteria blooms can occur at any time of year (even under ice in winter), but are most common in the summer and fall when there is the right combination of sunlight, warm water and excess nutrients. Stormwater and erosion contribute a significant amount of unnatural nutrient load that reaches the lake. Fertilizers and failing septic systems can also contribute nutrients to water. You can do to limit the risk of a bloom in a variety of ways:
 - Be aware of the [Shoreland Protection Act](#) and its restrictions on the use of fertilizers along the shoreline. No fertilizer, except limestone, may be used within 25 feet of the reference line (shoreline). Beyond that distance, NHDES recommends either avoiding fertilizer or using fertilizer without phosphorus.
 - Properly maintain your household septic system and pick up after your pets.
 - Maintain a buffer of natural vegetation on the water edge to filter water before it enters the waterbody.
 - If you think you see a bloom, [report it to the DES!](#)

(And yes, the nasty Filamentous Green Algae is back ... [here's what it looks like](#) so you don't need to worry that it is a cyanobacteria bloom.)

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

Deering Lake Survived the first Survivor Challenge!



Wow! Kate Cleveland and Donna Raoust are amazing event planners, and even managed to provide perfect weather for the almost 100 tribal members who competed on a fantastic family day on the lake! Eleven tribes competed in all sorts of challenges, from corn hole to donut eating without your hands (and tough luck if your donut landed on the ground – you still had to eat it!) Many MANY thanks go out to lots of volunteers, and to the DLIA board for supporting this event that actually made money due to some very generous donors. Rumor has it that plans for next year are already underway...!

A hearty thanks to all the other hosts of DLIA events this year. We've had successful turnouts for the Lakeside Luau and two Deering Diner's Club dinners. We are hoping to get the Home, Garden, Art and Yard Sale underway next year.

(The KikiWaka Tribe after successfully completing a challenge. Photo Credit: Kate Cleveland)

Reminder: Harvest Happy Hour

This year's event will be hosted by John Rudd and Bev Chin on 9/21 from 3-6 PM at 46 Parleys Way. Please bring an appetizer to share. Cost is \$10 per-person. You can pay at the 8/31 DLIA meeting or Venmo: @Lilian-Carter-2. To RSVP for the event please email lcarter0914@gmail.com.

The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, October 5, leaving at 9am from the town hall. Plan to arrive early to get a vest and to be assigned a team. We (the DLIA) do about 2 miles along Deering Center Road; it usually takes about an hour. *Thanks to Glenn and Carole Clark for running this 3 times every year.*

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

We will be voting on the following slate of candidates at the August 31 DLIA Member Meeting:

Lilian Carter: Treasurer

Ben Barkhouse: Council Member (third term)

Dave Glauner: Council Member

Note: We are still searching for a VP – there is still time! Please let [Barbara Larmand](#) know if you'd like to join the team to help DLIA continue as a vital organization for our lake community.

Please pay your membership dues if you have not yet done so. Dues are \$40/year per household. You may pay by check or cash at the August meeting or by mail (P.O. Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244), or by credit card (for \$43) at the [DLIA website](#).



Our speaker at the August 31 meeting will be Eric Simon, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Biology & Health Science, New England College (and Deering resident). He will be presenting on John James Audubon and his depictions and descriptions of the birds commonly seen on Deering Lake.

We will also reveal our 2024 “DLIA Volunteer of the Year” Award!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 1: Boat Parade ending Summer 2024

Sept 7: 10am Program: Acrylic Painting for Adults (age 12+)
Deering Library/Schoolhouse-free. Limited space – contact [Betsy Holmes](#) for more info

Sept 21: Harvest Happy Hour- Close out this season in style!

Belted Kingfisher, John James Audubon, Birds of America

Enjoy the autumn days ahead- see you next year!

Betsy Holmes

DLIA Past President, Membership Committee



Creating the Tribal Flags

Photo credit: Doug McDougald



The aptly named Loonatics Tribe at the Deering Lake Survivor Challenge

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