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Dear Fellow Members,

Spring 2009

We are pleased to be sending you this, our 32nd newsletter. Godfrey's Pond is the areas "best kept secret". Our website, [www.godfreyspond.org](http://www.godfreyspond.org) has become a very useful tool for us to get you the updated information that you need, and for prospective new members to discover the secrets that those of us fortunate enough to belong to the club have known for a long time. The very best way to keep informed is to attend our monthly membership meetings held on the second Friday of each month in the clubhouse meeting room at 8 pm. You will hear membership, financial, and committee reports and be able to participate in any business conducted. Our success, over the years, has come from listening to our membership; a policy that has always served us well.

This is a very special year for us. We were incorporated in 1909, exactly 100 years ago. Who would have thought that the hopes and dreams of a few dedicated outdoorsmen would have survived 100 years and become the multi-faceted facility that we are all privileged to belong to today. It speaks well for the leadership over the years and the support of a membership with ever evolving interests. The willingness to expand our vision has allowed us to provide you with an outdoor recreational facility second to none in this area. Come and join us in our celebration of this very special event on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have guest speakers, and many events going on to keep you entertained and informed. You can feel proud to belong to a club that has twice won the prestigious "Outstanding Conservation Club in New York State" award. If you would like to help us plan and execute this very special event, and this very special year, contact any Officer or Director and you will be put in touch with the event planners. We would very much appreciate your inputs and your assistance to make this a memorable "once in a lifetime" event. If you are a Life, 25 or 50 year member, join us that day and be honored.

The "Vukman" and "Ruckle" shelters and the "Pratt Memorial" pavilion are all able to be reserved. If you wish to reserve one of these shelters, or reserve the clubhouse, you must submit your request in writing. The request must contain your name, address, telephone number, the approximate number of people in your party, the date requested, alternate dates if possible, an alternate shelter choice if possible, the nature of your event, and, in the case of the clubhouse, the approximate time in and time out. The **Ruckle and Vukman shelters** have a minimum party size of **15**, and the **Pratt pavilion** has a minimum party size of **30**. The clubhouse cannot be reserved from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Requests are honored on a first come first served basis by the post-marked date on the envelope. Any requests brought to a meeting will go to the bottom of the pile. If you fail to show for your reservation you will be sent a bill for \$25.00 by the club unless you cancel your reservation at least seven days prior to your reservation date. This affords another member the opportunity to utilize the shelter. Remember to submit your request early. They are acted upon only at the regular (second Friday) and Executive Board (third Wednesday) meetings and must be in our hands prior to those times. Each year, some of you lose out by failing to request early enough to be acted upon prior to your desired event date. Be sure to check our website for availability prior to submitting your request so that you don't request a date that is already taken.

**2009 Calendar of Events**

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| March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> | Rochester outdoors show at the Dome Arena. We kick off our membership drive at our booth.   |
| March 28 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Trout fishing seminar on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. Learn about trout rearing, fishing, equipment, and handling techniques from Ron Wickings and Jim Southall. Open to the public, as always.                      |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup>                                      | Trailer and tent camping area opens at 9:00 a.m.  |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>                                      | "Open House" & membership drive at the club, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Chicken BBQ available.   |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Second opportunity "Open House" & membership drive at the club, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and the celebration of our 100 <sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Read all about it and come join us for a day of celebration. |
| Aug. 2nd  | Family day. Kids fishing contest 9:00 a.m. – 11:30, casting contests and waterfront activities in the afternoon.  |
| Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Shooting preserve work day, 8:00 a.m. Meet at the clubhouse.  |
| Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>                 | Annual National Hunting & Fishing day at DEC headquarters in Avon. We exhibit at this event.  |
| Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Pheasant shooting preserve opens. Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for 5 months.   |
| Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Tent and trailer area closes for the season.  |
| Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2010                               | Annual meeting of the organization, 8:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Yearly reports are read and the election of officers & directors is held.   |

## 25 & 50 Year Senior Members

It's a pleasure, once again, to announce the names of the members advancing into either the 25 or 50 year files. We honor these members for their many years of membership and participation. Our congratulations to Charles Barnard, Ernest Found, Mrs. Richard Lapp, Martha Mooney, Marilyn Orlando, and Melvin Post for their entry into the 50 year Gold Star file. They will receive their memberships free of charge from this time on. Congratulations also to William Barton, Michael Crocker, Scott Fisher, Douglas Goodman, Lynn Hayes, Michael Lauria, Thomas Lopuchowycz, John Mason, Vincent Mullen, and Laurel Smith for having been club members for 25 years. They will now be receiving their dues at a 50% reduction. We owe much to these, and the other members in these two files.

### Tent & Trailer Camping



We offer tent and trailer camping facilities for our members at very nominal pricing. We have 41 trailer sites with electric and water hookups, and 35 tent sites, all in close proximity to bathrooms and shower facilities. Grills, garbage cans, and picnic tables are available on, or in close proximity to each site for your use.

We are pleased to announce the addition of 9 new trailer sites that should be completed for the camping season opening this spring. These sites were begun last year and the water and electric hook ups are in place with just some finishing touches and some grading and seeding to be completed. These sites are available on a first come – first served basis to those campers who camped for 3 consecutive months in 2008. They may select one of these new sites **for full season camping** in place of their old one if they choose, but must do so by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. After that date, should any of the new sites still be available, they may be chosen by any other member by **May 1<sup>st</sup> for full season camping**. Fees are due and payable as outlined in items 1 & 2.

If you wish to camp, check in with the caretaker **upon arrival** and you will be assigned a site. You may have overnight guests at your site, however, guests are not entitled to rent their own site. A **new rule put in place in 2006** requires that you also **must sign out** with the caretaker **upon departure**. If you leave without signing out, you will be billed at the **daily rate** until you do.

Camping options and fees for 2009 are as follows:

**Payments go to the caretaker. Do not include your camping fee with your dues payment on one check.**

1. Any member that camped on a site for **three consecutive months of the 2008 season** will be able to reserve **that same site** or **one of the 9 new sites** for the 2009 season. In order to qualify, **the fee for the entire season must be paid to the caretaker in advance, in full, by April 15<sup>th</sup>**.
2. **Beginning on April 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 1<sup>st</sup>**, any other member not qualifying under the conditions of item # 1 will be allowed to select any unreserved site for the season. **The full season fee must also be paid to the caretaker in advance, in full, by May 1<sup>st</sup>**.
3. Campers desiring a site that do not take advantage of either item #1 or #2 must **line up no earlier than 8 AM** on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Any camper arriving prior to 8 AM will be asked to leave the property and return after 8 AM. **At 9 AM**, the campers will be allowed to select their sites from any remaining open sites on a first come basis.
4. Seasonal Fees: Tenting shall be \$775.00. Trailers shall be \$1000.00. Trailers with air conditioning shall be \$1200.00.
5. Monthly Fees: Tenting shall be \$160.00. Trailers shall be \$190.00. (Trailers with air conditioning shall be \$240.00 from June 1 to September 1).
6. Daily Fees: Tenting shall be \$7.00. Trailers shall be \$12.00. (Trailers with air conditioning shall be \$15.00 from June 1 to September 1).
6. Second refrigerators shall be charged at the rates of \$100.00 per season, \$20.00 per month, and \$1.00 per day.

We know that many of you will be looking for recreation closer to home this year and we will be here to provide you with the facilities to enjoy your summer. Space requirements, water, sewage disposal facilities, bathroom and shower facilities, parking and land terrain all play a part in expansion and we realize that it must be limited to fit within these parameters. We will endeavor to maximize the area that we have, keeping in mind that we also must maintain open spaces and a natural setting as our main priority for the enjoyment of all as much as possible. Approximately 8% of our members camp here at least one weekend a year, and some all season. The facilities are here for you to enjoy. If you have any questions, please contact our President, Dave Knapp.

## **Dues Renewals and the State of the Membership**

**Your 2009 dues bill is attached to this newsletter.** Please submit your dues payment before the **April 1st deadline.** You will have a 20 day grace period until April 20th to pay without penalty. After that time, **a final bill is sent to all unpaid members granting a final ten days and including a late fee of \$10.00.** Renew early and save us the expense of the second mailing. You may pay by mail, in person to the caretaker, or to me at my home, whichever is most convenient for you. You will be given a receipt if you pay cash. If you pay by check and it bounces, you will be sent a letter and will owe the original amount plus a \$20.00 penalty.

At the close of 2008, our regular senior membership file stood at 1048. Due to the strong efforts of Mike Rickard, there has been a steady increase for the past four years which provides us with the opportunity to have a cash reserve and go forward with various projects around the club. We will be looking for at least 150 new members once again in the year 2009 due to the fact that we lose members each year for various reasons. Remember, \$.86 of every dues dollar goes out to pay for labor, insurance, utilities, property taxes and routine operating expenses. Consider that whatever is left after paying for these fixed costs is what we try to operate our committee budgets and finance new projects with. Indeed, a challenging and sometimes nearly impossible task. A huge factor in your recreational plans this year has to be the economy. Stay at home this year and spend the season with us. You won't regret it.

To improve our chances of gaining new members, we are again going to exhibit at the **Rochester Sportsman's Show at the Dome Arena on March 6th, 7th, and 8th.** We will have a 10' x 30' booth set up which will contain our portable bird display pen. We also have photographs, handout literature, maps, and an informational CD demo on a computer. Volunteer club members will man the booth. Encourage your friends to attend, and, if you are in the area, stop by and say hello. Want to help, contact Dave Knapp.

We hope to gain interest in the club from the Rochester Show, our annual "Open Houses", and the National Hunting and Fishing Day observance in Avon that we exhibit at each fall. Only by actively promoting the club to the local public will we be able to sustain our membership at a financially responsible level. **We need your help to accomplish this goal.** We will hold our annual membership drive **"Open House" on Sunday, May 17th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m and another on June 14<sup>th</sup>** as part of our 100 year celebration. As always, the facilities are open to the public at that time and we encourage you to pass the word among your friends to attend. There will be interesting exhibits around the grounds, Ken Rumble and his crew of volunteers will have hot food available, and club members will be on hand to answer questions and act as tour guides if desired. **Only by your actively helping can we wage an effective campaign.**

The club has worked very hard to maximize the quantity and quality of recreational opportunities for you, your family, and your guests. There is truly not another facility that offers so much and charges so little anywhere in the area. You can feel proud to be an integral part of this fine organization. We trust that you will support us in our endeavors and we wish to thank you in advance.

The policy of granting a complimentary membership to any club member who sponsors five new senior members throughout the fiscal year of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> will continue. This is a great opportunity to help make your club financially stronger and receive next year's dues free of charge. Our congratulations and thanks go out to **Troy Andrews** for sponsoring five new members in 2008. A membership blank is included with this newsletter. Please put it in the hands of someone that you feel would be a good club member and who would enjoy the type of facilities that we provide. Additional application blanks can be obtained at the caretaker's or I can send them to you in the mail if you so request. We much prefer to responsibly manage the financial affairs of our club by increasing our membership base than to continue to increase the dues and fees that we are forced to charge in order to fund the mandatory taxes, labor, and insurances that we must provide for in addition to the optional activities and programs at the club that make us what we are.

## **Donations & Volunteering**

For several years now we have requested donations from those of you able and willing to help us. This money has been set aside in a special account to continue work on the pheasant, waterfowl, and trout facility renovations. Due to budget constraints, we are unable to do work of this magnitude out of regular dues funds alone. Last year, through your generosity, we added \$3755.00 to this fund. We were able to purchase several species of pheasants and waterfowl to complete our collection and plan to add even more this coming year. These funds also assist us in our efforts to rear and stock our own trout in our new trout pond. The major expense there is feed.

**As in the past, your dues bill contains a line for contributions.** If you wish to support this project, add in your contribution to your dues bill on the line provided and it will be held in reserve for this program. Expenses for major projects such as this are not cheap since we are dealing with heavy equipment usage, concrete, lumber, wiring, pipe, etc. A great deal of the work is being done by club volunteers but we will have contracted out portions of the work that are beyond our means to accomplish. We wish to sincerely thank those of you who have assisted us in the past and to let you know that your money will be put to the good use that you intended. Some of you might like to consider supporting this or other projects with a memorial or endowment. This is commonly done here at the club and goes a long way in furthering our goals. A memorial or endowment is a meaningful way to remember a loved one and assist the club with its programs at the same time. If you wish to consider this, feel free to contact me for details.

## **Pheasant & Waterfowl Project, the New Brooder House**

*The spring of 2008 marked a significant step forward in the long term plan of beginning the new brooder house and rearing pens that we have planned for so long. With the completion of this phase of the renovations and expansion of the Fish & Fowl area, we come one step closer to making the display much more complete and closer to our end goal. Don Hilbert, Tom Boss, and I work nearly every day on the new brooder house in an effort to have it ready for spring. 2009 will see the completion of the brooder house and the outside pens that will house our young birds and some of the adults. There is a great deal of work to do in the spring when we begin the outside pens. We had some very timely help from some very skilled members during the early phases of construction and wish to thank them all. Any and all help, either financially or through labor would be greatly appreciated. Drop in when you are down and take a look. It will also be open for viewing during our two open houses.*

*When this phase is completed, we will begin demolition of the old pheasant pens and turn that area into a large waterfowl exhibit with waterfalls, several small ponds, a stream running through it, landscaping, and a very nice display of waterfowl from around the world. That phase would complete the renovation begun about ten years ago and will add a great deal to the area. If you are interested in helping, drop us a line or give us a call.*

*Our spring cleanup started in March with the break in the weather and we were able to ready the area for the breeding and nesting seasons soon to come. The incubators were all cleaned and repaired as necessary and all of the nesting boxes and pens were cleaned and made ready. During the year, we were able to set and hatch numerous eggs from both pheasant and waterfowl species. The bad news was the loss of the first several batches of young pheasants due to a weasel and exposure to cold. The completion of the new brooder house will eliminate both of these problems going forward. We took our excess young birds to the annual auction of the Western New York Pheasant and Waterfowl Association at the Batavia Fairgrounds in October and came away with a \$300 profit. We were also able to purchase a few quail, pheasants, and waterfowl to fill out our collection.*

*We took our display cage and birds to the Gun show in Batavia, the Outdoor Show in Rochester, and to the National Hunting & Fishing Day celebration in Avon. We plan to do so again this coming season. At each event, the live bird display always draws crowds and aids us in the ultimate goal of new member recruitment.*

*Once again, we received generous donations from our membership to aid us in providing this facility and to renovate and expand. In all, we received \$4895 in donations from members and would like to thank Emerson Campbell \$400, Chris Hilbert \$175, Dave Cole, Don Reese, \$125, Jerry Vukman, \$115, Peter Mark, Keith Truax, Mary Shaw, Larry Belluscio \$100, and every one of the other 97 members who donated money to support our efforts. In all, including these generous donations, the sale of birds, and trout feeder receipts, we were able to offset construction and feed expenses by \$5605.34. A big "THANK YOU" to you all. We couldn't have done it without you.*

*The trout pond provided some good fishing early in the Spring and gradually tapered down as the water warmed. We are now seeing some small bluegills and other fish showing up and would recommend that if you catch any, to not return them to the water. Remember, you are not allowed to stock the pond or use live bait of any sort to fish in it. We will stock the pond with trout again before the season opener on April 1st. We currently have over 1,000 rainbow fry that are between 3 and 4 inches growing in the raceway and about 500 goldens that are between 8 and 10 inches in the large pool. We will stock some of the goldens in the spring as well. Unfortunately, due to a pump problem, we lost nearly all of our breeder trout and the trout we normally would have stocked this past fall. Through the generosity of Don Hilbert with his \$500 donation, and budget monies this spring, we will purchase trout to replace our breeders and to have a sufficient quantity to stock in our pond prior to the trout opener.*

*Ron Wickings and I held a Trout Fishing and Equipment seminar in the clubhouse last Spring, and plan another this year on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> just before the trout season opener. Come and learn about trout rearing, habitat requirements, fishing equipment, and fly fishing techniques. All are welcome to attend and this is always open to the public.*

*Special thanks, as usual, to Don Hilbert for his 365 day a year commitment to the project and his generous donation of \$500 to purchase trout in the spring. Don works tirelessly every day to feed, water, and maintain hygiene at the pens and has been working daily on the new brooder house since it's beginning last Fall. I would also like to thank all those whose generous donations allowed us to finance the project up to this point and save towards the balance of the needed restoration of the old pheasant and waterfowl areas and brooder house. No donation is too large or too small and every minute of donated labor by our membership moves us forward to help achieve our goals. Slowly but surely the renovation to the entire area is progressing and our members and guests will derive greater enjoyment from each newly completed phase.*

## **The New Caretakers – One Year Later**

*Tony and Sarah Christopher joined us a year ago and have very comfortably fitted into our organization. They bring a wealth of skills to us and have made numerous improvements, saving us money along the way. they had a great staff this past season and will, as always be looking for lifeguards in the spring. We hope you will support their efforts to make our club the place we all want to go to for our outdoor recreational enjoyment. To Tony and Sarah....."Great Job, and Thank You".*

## 2008 Fishing Contest Results

Every year, we conduct fishing contests for our members and guests. The kids contest is sponsored through a yearly donation from Richard Dick in the memory of his late father and long time club member, Alan Dick. We thank Richard for his continuing sponsorship of this contest throughout the years. Winners of the 2008 contests will be posted in the kiosk. If you catch a nice bass, northern pike, or trout here **in our waters**, you can enter the contest by taking the fish to the caretaker, the day that it was caught, and having it weighed. If your fish is the largest weighed in at the end of the year, you will receive a check for \$25.00. **You must have a New York State fishing license and observe season, bag, and size limits when fishing on our waters. We encourage catch and release of the larger breeder size fish. Have it weighed and return it to the water. It's a wise conservation practice. Remember also to observe the slot limit in the next section.**

During Family Day, Paul Wood runs a kids fishing contest for members sons and daughters. Last year, 25 kids caught 149 fish, the biggest being an 11 ½" bass. Check the calendar of events on page one for the date and time of the contest this year. There are also casting contests and waterfront events that day. Bring your kids down that day and let them join in the activities.

### New Fishing Regulations – Important, please take note

In an effort to improve fishing and to comply with state law, the following regulations shall be in affect until further notice. Violations of any of these new regulations may result in the suspension of your membership. - Please be sure to inform your children of these.

**Largemouth Bass** – There is now a **slot limit**. All bass **18"** and above must be returned to the waters unharmed as quickly as possible. This step is made in order to protect the breeder stock of larger fish that are necessary to continue natural propagation.

**Crappie** – There is an **8 fish per day** limit and a slot limit of **12"**. All fish 12" and above must be returned to the water immediately.

**Minnows** – To comply with state regulation, any minnow used as bait in our pond must be purchased from **a licensed dealer and the user must have the appropriate permit in their possession. You may no longer take minnows from our stream or any other body of water and use them as bait in any of our waters.**

### Promoting Our Club

Mike Rickard has been doing an outstanding job for the past four or five years heading up our advertising and membership drive efforts. His tireless work has allowed us to increase our membership level to over 1,000 for the past couple of years which enables us to do the projects that you have requested. We have found that once people see our facilities, they want to become part of it. Care to help or have a question? You can send mail to Mike at the club address or contact him directly. His phone number is 716-983-0354 and his email address is mikebknyv@yahoo.com. Your help and ideas are always welcomed.

### 50/50 Raffle winners

We conducted 8 drawings for the 50/50 drawings last year and each winner was sent a check for \$250.00. Our congratulations and thanks to all the lucky winners. Tickets for 2009 drawings will be mailed out to you with your membership card. There are only 50 tickets in each drawing so if you purchase a book of five your chances of winning are one in ten which is pretty favorable odds. Your participation is appreciated but is strictly voluntary with no expectations on our part.

### Boat & Canoe Auction – Boat & Canoe Owners Take Notice!!!

**If you have a boat or canoe stored at our club or have a boat dock or canoe rack, take notice.** Our rules call for the owners' name to be on the boat dock or canoe rack, boat, or canoe, that they have on our grounds. We have several privately owned boats and canoes that have no name on them and appear to be abandoned. If you have a boat or canoe here on our grounds, **you have until June 1<sup>st</sup>** to put your name on it or to claim it if it has already been removed to the area of the caretakers' residence. You will have to have some sort of proof that you own the boat or canoe in order to claim it. **All unclaimed boats and canoes will be auctioned off at the club on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. The club will assign minimum bids for each boat and the boat must be paid for at the time of the auction.** Additionally, all privately owned boats, canoes, docks, and racks are to be kept in a safe and presentable condition at all times. If you have any questions concerning the boat rules or the auction, please contact the caretaker.

### Notice of New Ruling on Dogs

All dogs are to be kept on leashes when in the **beach or dock**, areas during the summer season of **Memorial Day thru Labor Day** and in the **campground areas** during the entire camping season. Dogs will be allowed off leash at all other times but only when under the direct control of a responsible accompanying adult. Dogs will be allowed off leash **in all other places on association property throughout the entire year** but only when under the direct control of a responsible accompanying adult, but should be on a leash when around groups of people. Dogs off leash must be sufficiently trained to obey the commands of the responsible adult controlling them or they must be kept on leash. All dogs on association property must have a valid license and current rabies vaccinations.

## **Around the Grounds**

There were several major projects undertaken and completed in 2008. The Grounds Committee Chairman, Gus Warren, the caretakers, Tony and Sarah Christopher, and grounds crew are to be commended for an excellent job. Some of the major projects undertaken were the paving of the balance of our road into the property, work was begun on the expansion of the campground with the 9 new trailer sites, new gutters on the front side of the clubhouse, 10 tons of sand were brought in and spread on the bathing beach area and a netting barrier constructed to keep pondweed and leaves off the beach area, boat and boat dock repairs were made, truck tractor and mower repairs and maintenance were completed as necessary, and numerous day to day projects that come up during the course of the season were accomplished. We also purchased a new backhoe for our tractor. Our thanks to Don Hilbert for his generous donation of \$2200 to aid in the purchase. It is something we have needed for a long time and will be put to good use.

## **Reminders**

1. The club operates a 1500 acre licensed pheasant hunting preserve that runs for five months beginning the last Saturday in September. Shooting days are Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Contact the caretaker, Tony Christopher, or the committee chairman, Ron Wickings, for more information. Back tags, bird tags, rules, and preserve maps are available from the caretaker.

2. You are responsible for registering any guest that you bring onto the grounds upon their arrival. Sons and daughters of members are not allowed to bring guests without their parents being present. As the sponsoring member, you are responsible for your guests' behavior. Any non-member found on the grounds, regardless of circumstance, is potentially subject to arrest for trespass if they aren't registered in with the caretaker as a guest for the day. As a dues paying member, it's not fair for non-members to enjoy the facilities for free that you provide with your dues dollars. Everyone receives a strip of 6 guest tickets for their use with their membership card. The guest ticket fees are very reasonable and help to offset some of the insurance we are required to carry because we allow non-members to use the facilities.

3. There are still a number of you who take out a boat and fail to pay. The most common offenders are young children and teenagers. It is your responsibility to inform your children that the boats must be paid for upon return. The box is on the clubhouse wall. As an interested member, you can also "remind" anyone you see abusing the privilege. We would also ask you to treat the boats as if they were your own. Boats must be signed out on the sheet on the clubhouse and back in again upon your return. No exceptions. If you get mud or seaweed in the boat, you will be asked to clean it out. Also, please remove your trash when finished.

4. We ask that you strictly observe the speed limit signs both on your way in and out. We have many children that are on our roads during the summer season and we don't want to face the tragedy of a needless accident. Slowing down while you are on our roads will only take a moment but may save a life and we treat offenders harshly.

5. Contact the caretaker, Tony Christopher, if you are, or know of, a Red Cross certified lifeguard looking for work. We will need grounds / lifeguard staff for the coming year.

6. If you have any questions regarding your membership or any club activities, please feel free to contact the appropriate committee chairman, any club officer or director, or the caretakers. Our club telephone number is 585-343-8390. Remember that you may also check the club website for information at [www.godfreyspond.org](http://www.godfreyspond.org) or [www.godfreyspond.com](http://www.godfreyspond.com).

7. College student step-up membership deferrals are granted to sons and daughters while enrolled in college as full time students. The normal step-up membership process at age 18 is delayed until their schooling is completed or until they drop out. If you have a son or daughter entering college, contact me and they will be put into the college file, which allows them to take their step-up at a later date when they are more financially able to do so. Remember, if your son or daughter doesn't attend college, or enter the armed forces, and they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, they are no longer covered under your membership and must be registered as guests when on the grounds. They have one year after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to take their own "step-up" membership without having to pay the initiation fee.

We hope that you have enjoyed this newsletter and found it informative. Remember to renew early and make a special effort to sponsor at least one new member this year. Donate or help out if you can but, most of all, come down and enjoy your membership with your family and friends. It's a great place to spend your time in the outdoors. We believe that we have a fine organization and offer excellent outdoor recreational activities. We need members like you to keep us strong and growing. Hope to see you at the club this year. Remember, this is our year to celebrate our first 100 years. Join us on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the club for the big event.

Jim Southall, Financial Secretary