



## Peter Kallin Named BRCA Executive Director



**P**eter Kallin, a scientist with extensive experience in water quality, watershed management, and wetland habitat restoration, began work as the new BRCA executive director on May 1, 2007. Pete has more than 25 years experience in engineering and scientific project management and prior to joining BRCA was a senior project manager in the Rutgers University Water Resources Program. Prior to working at Rutgers, he was an environmental consultant at TRC Omni Environmental for seven years.

Certified as a professional wetlands scientist by the Society of Wetlands Scientists, Pete has designed and implemented numerous storm-water and wastewater treatment wetland projects, as well as other wetland and watershed restoration projects. He has been active in watershed management in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey and has worked with numerous grassroots watershed associations, providing training in various aspects of watershed monitoring and assessment.

Pete has a broad educational background with specific experience in physical oceanography, surface and groundwater hydrology, water quality modeling, contaminant fate and transport modeling, wetlands ecology and biogeochemistry, risk-based corrective action, environmental impact assessment, and watershed management and restoration. He holds both a master's and a doctorate degree in civil and environmental engineering from Princeton, two M.S. degrees (physical oceanography and systems technology) from the Naval Postgraduate School, and an A.B. (biology) from Harvard. Additionally, he is a Distinguished Graduate of the Naval War College.

While in the Navy, Pete was stationed in Brunswick for nine years. Returning to Maine has been a goal for him and his family. We welcome Pete back to Maine and to BRCA.

## Associations Form a LAKE TRUST

Maggie Shannon

**W**ater quality declines in the 7 lakes of the Belgrade chain are interconnected and worsening. Accordingly, leaders of the area's lake associations as well as the regional Milfoil Committee and Conservation Corps have decided to work closely together as a LAKE TRUST Board within the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) to more effectively address water quality concerns in the Belgrade Watershed.

The newly formed Lake Trust has three objectives:

1. to improve and maintain water quality in the lakes of the Belgrade Watershed,
2. to build the capacity and strengthen the branding of lake associations, and
3. to create public support and increase funding for water quality restoration.

The Lake Trust Board meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 6 to 8 pm in the BRCA/BLA office in Belgrade Lakes Village, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The new board is made up of lake association presidents or their appointed designees, and representatives from the BRCA, the Conservation Corps and the Milfoil Committee.

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to the summer 2007 issue of the McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association newsletter. You will find several articles here that will give you an idea of what your board has been up to over the past year. I am encouraged at the prospects for water quality improvements.

First though, I want to encourage all of you to become members of the Lake Association. Membership is open to anyone who lives on the lakes or in the watershed, or shares an interest in the lakes. Our membership form, with several levels for individuals and families, is enclosed.

Why become a member of MPSLA? There are some very good reasons to become a member. First and foremost, it demonstrates your concern about and support of lake issues. Second, membership helps provide the much-needed dollars to continue programs that help protect our lake, such as milfoil inspections and the remediation efforts by the Conservation Corps. Third, your membership will add to the numbers that we are going to need as the entire Belgrade Lakes watershed begins to work with one voice to improve the water quality for all the lakes in the chain.

## Save the Date

August 8<sup>th</sup>

### BRCA Golf Tournament & Reception

Belgrade Golf Course

The Alfonds have again contributed the use of the Belgrade Golf Course for our Lakes Association Golf Tournament. While planning is still ongoing, we wanted to get the word out early so individuals, teams and businesses could budget and save the date.

This year we have reduced prices to make the day more affordable, but are making every attempt to maintain the quality that we have come to expect. Individual golfers and teams may participate for \$350 per golfer. Golfers will again receive gift bags with a value in excess of \$100. Included in this price is the afternoon reception, which can be purchased separately for \$50. (All proceeds from this reception will go back to the individual lake associations ~ The BRCA will use funds to schedule Milfoil inspections at all boat landings)

Those teams that would like to be sponsors will pay \$2000, which includes the golf foursome, reception and a whole sponsorship. Each team will be assigned a professional golfer, who will also be playing for prize money. We are hoping to have at least one well known celebrity participate in the day. Additionally, activities are being planned for those who don't golf, but would like to participate in some "golf games" prior to the reception.

With the recent rain, sun and blue skies, golfing is great at the Belgrade course. In the next, month and a half, our lakes committee will be working to make sure the tournament is top notch and a financial success. The more involvement from the individual associations and their membership will mean greater exposure for our cause, more fun by the participants and more money for our worthy projects.



## Annual Meeting Set

July 17th ~ 6:00 PM  
Camp Tracy -  
McGrath Pond Road

*See you there!*

If you have suggestions  
for officers or board  
members; contact Terry  
Borman at 465-2860

Over the winter we worked on an effort to form the Lake Trust, a coalition of lake associations working side by side with the Land Trust of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA). This is a very exciting development for everyone who cares about the Belgrade Lakes. The region has taken an important first step in combating the declining water quality throughout the watershed.

Pete Kallin was hired as the Executive Director of the Lake Trust to lead the effort for water quality improvements throughout the watershed. Pete started work at the BRCA office in May and has already attended one of our MPSLA board meetings. He will oversee the writing of grants and work with towns to start reversing the trends of the last ten years. In addition he will work to strengthen the existing lake associations.

It is going to take time, money and membership to make this happen. Time is needed to change the course of nature, this will not happen overnight. Money from the planned Pro-Am golf tournament and grants will be used to fund the effort. Membership is the vital component to make it all happen. The towns will listen more attentively, and grant proposals will be more successful, when a large and diverse membership is represented.

Please take the time to fill it out the membership form and send it in.

Thank you,

Rick Tonge

## MILFOIL: We Haven't Won, We Just Haven't Lost!!

Maureen Maslak,  
Chair, BRCA Milfoil Committee

**A**nnual meltdown on the lakes this spring stimulated us to think MILFOIL as we planned out strategies to keep invasive plants from breaching the thresholds of our beloved ponds. Because our vigilance has produced such great results since 2002, MPSLA members may think that the problem is no longer urgent and assume we don't need volunteers to help us monitor boats at our public ramps. Each year that we beat the threat of invasion, it becomes easier to sit back and think we've won the battle. But we haven't won; we just haven't lost! In fact, the threat of invasion from transferred plants grows each year.

All of the lake associations in the Belgrade chain of lakes have committed to continuing the **Courtesy Boat Inspection Program** as well as **Invasive Plant Patrols** for the coming season – not just because we **WANT** to, but because we **HAVE** to. Salmon and McGrath have not yet been infested by variable leaf milfoil from nearby Snow Pond and the 26 other infested water bodies in the state because volunteers and paid employees inspect boats, talk boaters, pass out educational literature, train multitudes of inspectors and will continue to do so far ahead into the future. **Why do we do all this?** Because our lakes and streams and rivers are such an integral part of our lives that we want our children and our children's children to be able to enjoy using them just as we have.

Please call ?? and volunteer to keep ahead of the problem and keep your lake safe from invasive plants – safe for boating, swimming, fishing and all the things you love to do in, on and around our waters. Don't be a *"Why doesn't somebody do something"* person.

Be the Somebody!



## Melinda Ann Tours Lakes

**I**n the summer of '06, the Melinda Ann treated lake association members and guests to a scientific investigation of our lakes. The custom equipped 30' pontoon boat



engaged learners of all ages with hands on learning. Utilizing high tech equipment; including cameras and computers and old stand bys like the Secchi disk, participants marveled at the living ecosystems they uncovered.

*Robert Borman a visitor from North Pond, checks the water clarity of McGrath Pond with a Secchi Disk.*

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## Be Lake Smart For The Sake Of Your Lake

### *What is harming your lake?*

**P**hosphorus in soil and fertilizer promotes plant growth in your garden and in our lake. In lakes, the crop is algae, rather than vegetables. Algae blooms smell terrible, turn water green and use up oxygen. Lower oxygen levels in the water choke fish. Swimming, fishing and lakeside living lose their appeal and the value of your property goes down.

### 21 Ways to make your property LAKE SMART

1. Pump septic system every 3 – 5 years
2. Keep septic system free of woody growth
3. Cover exterior heating tank
4. Apply pesticides ONLY as a last resort
5. Pick up per waste and put in trash
6. Maintain and enhance native vegetation (buffer) – trees, shrubs, ground cover
7. Leave duff later as natural mulch
8. Leave native water plants to stabilize shoreline
9. Make paths stable and winding
10. Remove dock each fall
11. Cut grass at 3 inches and leave clippings to eliminate fertilizers
12. Minimize lawn area
13. Plant or mulch bare soil
14. Keep shoreline stable by not disturbing vegetation and rocks
15. Direct roof runoff to a rain garden
16. Plant vegetation downhill of parking area
17. Minimize and define parking area
18. Crown and stabilize road
19. Stabilize ditches with vegetation
20. Install water diversion bars and ditch turnouts
21. Buy fewer chemicals, store safely and dispose at hazardous waste collection site

*Lakes like less lawn...*

Frame your view of the lake with native plants that attract wildlife and provide privacy for you and your family. A lush, wide ribbon of trees and shrubs is the number one protection tool.

## Milfoil Inspection

**I**n a collaborative effort with individual lake associations, the BRCA Lakes Trust oversees the Milfoil inspection at each of the boat landings. While each association is billed for requested hours, most associations provide volunteer coverage as well. The BRCA supports this effort with orientation and education programs for both volunteer and paid inspectors.

The McGrath/Salmon Association budgets about \$5,000 a year for coverage at the boat landing on the south end of Salmon Lake. This provides coverage from 7 AM to 3 PM daily during the months of July and August, and 7 hours daily for Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend and weekends during June. Volunteers from our Association can supplement this effort. If you would like to be a volunteer in this worthy program, contact Brooke Jansen at 512-5150.