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ASYCC News

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Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps

The ASYCC is turning 13!!! Since its establishment in 2001, the ASYCC has worked to protect the important water resources of Acton and Shapleigh. Each year the ASYCC employs local youth to help fight erosion and dedicated residents to inspect boats entering and leaving Mousam Lake and Square Pond.

The ASYCC is dedicated to providing environmental education, community outreach, courtesy boat inspections, technical assistance, and the installation of effective erosion control practices on private and public lands.

The ASYCC works to sustain and improve the water quality of Goose Pond, Loon Pond, Mousam Lake, and Square Pond collectively known as the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed.

The ASYCC consists of two overarching programs: the Erosion Control Crew (ECC) and the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program (CBI).

Free Technical Assistance ♦ ASYCC ECC

Are you a landowner within the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed? Have you noticed shoreline erosion or undercut? Have storm events left gullies throughout your property? The ASYCC Erosion Control Crew (ECC) can help! The ASYCC ECC provides FREE Technical Assistance and Labor to local landowners. Please contact us today via email, www.asycc.com or phone to set up your free technical visit.

ASYCC CBI Program

The CBI Program works to prevent invasive aquatic plants from entering the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed by inspecting boats before and after they enter the water.



CBI ◆ Big Saves Plants and Water Chestnuts

In 2012, CBIs collected 263 plant fragments from boats entering Mousam Lake and Square Pond. CBI, Gail Boisvert prevented a highly invasive Water Chestnut from entering Mousam Lake. Water Chestnuts, like invasive plants, destroy a water-bodies' good health, preventing fishing and boating and are very expensive to remove or eradicate.



CBI ◆ Stats: Yearly Comparison

Courtesy Boat Inspections	Lake/Pond	2012	2011	2010
# Inpections per Lake/Pond	Mousam Lake	5,503	4,169	3,095
	Square Pond	564	531	432
Plant Fragments Collected	Mousam Lake	233	34	0
	Square Pond	30	24	3

CBI ◆ How you can help save our waters

Each CBI season, the ASYCC CBIs inspect thousands of boats entering Mousam Lake and Square Pond. Although the ASYCC CBIs do a great job, you can help ensure no "Hitchhikers" are on your boat. Two sets of eyes are better than one. Do your part. Before entering and after you leave a water body, inspect your boat, trailer, and truck to ensure no plant fragments have affixed themselves to your gear.

CBI Did you know...

- ◆ **Invasive Species** are plants, animals and microbes that are introduced from other parts of the world and have the capability to aggressively out-complete native species. With no natural predators, Invasive Species can take over areas within months after being introduced.
- ◆ **"Hitchhikers"** are invasive plants that affix themselves to your boat, trailer, truck, lines, etc., hitching a ride to their new homes. If not caught, they can infest waters of your favorite boating and fishing areas.

Preserve Maine Water Sticker Requirement

- ◆ **How Much?** Maine Residents Boat Stickers cost \$10 and is included with in-state registration. Non-residents stickers cost \$20.
- ◆ **Where do I get a sticker?** Town offices when a boat is registered. Non-Maine registered boat stickers are available wherever boats are registered or fishing licenses are sold. Stickers may be purchased on-line though the IF&W online store
- ◆ **Where does the money go?** 100% of funds collected go to the prevention and control of invasive plants and fish in Maine.



ASYCC Erosion Control Crew

ECC 2012 Project Locations

ECC Keeping Soil in its Place since 2001

The ECC works to fight erosion and shoreline loss, to increase vegetation and to educate landowners about the health of the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed. The ECC is comprised of a group of local high school students who complete conservation projects around the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed for eight weeks each summer.

The services of the ECC are open to property owners within the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed. To work with the ECC, please contact the ASYCC to set up a FREE Technical Visit, which includes a site evaluation, and a FREE Technical Report. If the landowner chooses to work with the ECC to install the recommendations, the ECC will provide FREE labor. All the landowner is asked to do is pay for the materials (material quotes and project phasing of the project are provided). Please visit www.asycc.com to set up A FREE Technical Visit today!!



ECC Stats Yearly Comparison

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Technical Visits	44	43	34	33	32
Technical Reports	34	26	21	29	26
Projects Completed	26	27	24	16	20



ASYCC Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual ASYCC Golf Tournament was a huge success with over 100 golfers joining in on the fun. The ASYCC was able to raise \$17,752, all of which is utilized by the ASYCC to increase CBI coverage on Mousam Lake and Square Pond and to increase the efforts of the ECC.

Major supporters of the ASYCC Golf Tournament include: Mousam Lake Region Association, Square Pond Improvement Association, Caron Engineering of Wells, and Pension Professional of Biddeford.

Thank you to all who donated and participated in the ASYCC Golf Tournament. The 2013 ASYCC Golf Tournament will be held August 2, 2013.

Sign-up forms can be found on www.asycc.com/golftournament.html

ASYCC Supporters

The ASYCC is grateful to all those who donate to the program. Without the support of the following organizations, companies, businesses, or people we could not continue to protect the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed.

- ◆ Town of Shapleigh
- ◆ Town of Acton
- ◆ Mousam Lake Region Association
- ◆ Square Pond Improvement Association
- ◆ Lakes Environmental Association

For a full list of supporters please visit www.asycc.com



Board of Directors

The ASYCC would like to thank George Emery for serving as the ASYCC President for the past four years.

2013 ASYCC Board of Directors

- ◆ Beth Brown, President
- ◆ Norm Lambert, Vice President
- ◆ Bill Sherman, Treasurer
- ◆ Jane Thomas, Secretary
- ◆ Nancy Deans, Director/CBI Liaison
- ◆ Peter Beck, Director/ECC Liaison
- ◆ Bruce Lamb, Director

ASYCC Technical Expertise

- ◆ Marsha Letourneau, Aquatic Plant Specialist
- ◆ Pat Baldwin, CBI Education Specialist

ASYCC Donations

ASYCC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 2001 to protect and restore the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed.

Private donations are always welcome. For private donations please contact Amanda Loomis, Program Director at ProgramDirector@asycc.com

Contact Us

Contact us... Whether it be for a FREE Technical Visit and Report, Environmental Education, Volunteering, ASYCC Annual Golf Tournament, or to just know what is going on with the ASYCC or the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed check us out on www.asycc.com

Note from the ASYCC President

The ECC and CBI stats, along with the success of the 8th Annual ASYCC Golf Tournament, speak to the tremendous season the ASYCC had in 2012. Special thanks go out to all who worked with and for the ASYCC programs last year, as well as to our supporters. I also want to thank our outgoing Board President, George Emery, as well as the other Board Directors and Advisors, for a job well done.

We are hard at work this winter to ensure that the 2013 season gets off to a great start. We look forward to welcoming back many who worked for the ASYCC in years past as well as many new faces who have expressed interest in joining the ASYCC team. The ASYCC team's hard work and the support of the landowners and community enable the ASYCC to continue to protect the water bodies in Acton and Shapleigh today and for generations to come.

Thank you,
Beth Brown



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