



2015 Spring Newsletter

Welcome to all JPVIS'ers for our 2015 season. What a winter! Boston has a new snowfall record, the south and Midwest saw temperatures and in some cases unheard of snow, while the west basks in extremes: drought or rain. But all that is almost behind us now. Boothbay Harbor temperatures are above freezing *most of the time*; however, Easter morning began with snowflakes!!! And we still have a lot of "dirty snow" along the roadsides. So, let's turn our thoughts to much warmer and sunnier days ahead at our beloved Juniper and McKown Points.

As usual, a lot of planning has gone on this winter in preparation for a very full season ahead. We've planned the regular events – the Welcome Back Reception (June 27th), the Lobster Bake (July 4th), our environmentally friendly Trail Day (July 11th), the Annual Meeting (July 25th), Field Day with Potluck Supper (July 29th), the Tennis Exhibition (August 8th), two Ladies Tennis Luncheons (one in July, one in August), and the JPVIS Annual Tennis Tournament, beginning the first week in August.

Please note that as we move further into the 21st century, we will continue to increase our electronic methods of communication and veer away from snail mail. We will post this Newsletter, the Membership and Lobster Bake forms, the Calendar, and all event announcements on the JPVIS website – www.jpvis.org. Last year, our Editor-in-Chief, Helene Barnes, published her weekly column of JPVIS news, not only in the Boothbay Register, but also electronically to your email address, with the able assistance of Andy Matthews. This popular mode of communication will continue again this year. New this year, we are trying our hand at a JPVIS Facebook page, open to JPVIS members only. We will use this social media platform primarily for the tennis programs, and if successful, we can explore further options for its use. In addition, we will send out email "blasts" to everyone periodically throughout the summer. (Don't worry though, we will still have the Membership Book and Calendar in a paper version, as well – at least for now!)

Brittany Warren is returning to the Point this summer to teach her all levels yoga class. This is a wonderful class that Brittany is providing to our community. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced yogi, you will benefit from her caring instruction. She will offer the class for six weeks in the Community House on Tuesdays, 9:15-10:30 am, from July 7-August 11. The fee is \$13/class.

Last year, we learned that the State of Maine will put up for a silent auction on July 15, 2016, the Welch House property on McKown Point Road. There are very limited uses for the property permitted by Boothbay Harbor zoning ordinances: open space uses (including parking, driveways, and outdoor recreation), a single-family residence, or institutional/government facilities, but no commercial uses. (See *BBH Zoning ordinance* at <http://ecode360.com/8627785>, §170-27 E.) The property is also burdened with a sewer easement on the western edge of the grassy area, and FEMA flood zone regulations are substantial. While JPVIS does not have the wherewithal to bid or support the property, it would be beneficial to the Point if we could find a way to protect it, and possibly use it in some fashion for JPVIS benefit. Some JPVIS members have expressed an interest in researching the issue.

Please complete the enclosed Membership and Lobster Bake forms and return them to the JPVIS mailbox – P.O. Box 498, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575. Maître d', Bunny Gagne, would like the Lobster Bake form submitted with the membership form so that she can do the pre-planning for our lobster feast. We would like to have all of the forms returned (the sooner the better) to us by June 1st (to avoid a late fee for membership) to assist us with our membership book preparation and lobster bake planning. (The June 1st late fee deadline does not apply to the short term folks.) The membership dues for On-Point Owners, Associates, and Off-Point memberships are the same as last year. Again, we have combined the Renter's form with the regular Membership form, offering short-term folks a one-week option.

Tennis Report

The Tennis Committee is delighted to report that Dave Taylor and Po Grant, our popular Tennis/Recreation Director and Assistant, will both return this summer, along with Dave's wife, Becky, and their daughter, Katherine. For those who do not know Dave, he brings more than 14 years of experience as a tennis professional. He has served since 2006 as head tennis coach for the varsity boys' tennis team at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, while also working as a special education teacher at a local school. Dave holds an NTRP rating of 5.0 and he played Division 1 Varsity Tennis at the University of New Hampshire from 1996-2000. As many of you already know, Po and his family have been long time members of the JPVIS community and has served as our assistant tennis professional since 2013. Po also is a certified personal trainer, high school basketball coach, and tennis professional at Winchester Country Club. Dave and his family plan to reside in the Director's Cottage for nine weeks. Both Dave and Po will be arriving the week of June 21st and will be available thereafter for private lessons and will offer junior and adult clinics throughout the season, although we hope to have the courts ready for round robin and individually organized play soon after Memorial Day. Information and updates on tennis programs will be posted on the JPVIS website and the JPVIS Facebook page. Questions can also be directed to any of the following members of the Tennis Committee: Emily Whiting, Andrew Matthews, Jessica Dumphy, Jose McComiskey.

If the weather cooperates, the tennis courts *may be* ready (and that's a big *may be* this year) by Memorial Day weekend. Happily for us, we have tennis warriors who continue to play right through late October. At that point, there is a stalwart volunteer group who rally to pick up and store the tapes and sort the tape nails for the winter!

Floats and Grounds

This has been a quiet year with respect to Grounds. Carey Swope reports that we will use bungee cords to secure kayaks/paddleboards at Moore's Landing. At present, there are two bungee cords. We anticipate an additional four cords on the east side of the runway this summer.

Treasury

JPVIS had an excellent 2014 as revenues were at an all time high of \$49,223. Expenses were \$42,991 leaving a cash positive balance of \$6,232. We have been able to increase our capital reserve account to \$50,000 with a checking account balance of \$3,807 going into 2015. The projections for 2015 show a positive cash flow in excess of \$8,000 but this is always subject to unexpected capital improvement expenses.

Manley Reed Scholarship Fund

JPVIS established this Fund many years ago in the name of Manley Reed and makes grants from the Fund to assist Boothbay Region High School students who plan to pursue a career in the trades. All contributions are tax deductible. Peter Edwards reports that the current balance of the Fund is \$38,314, as of December 31, 2014.

Cottage Rentals

In addition to all known cottages for rent listed on the JPVIS website, Andy and Penny **Matthews** are renting their guest cottage. All the details and photos are located at http://www.pottlerealtygroup.com/property_detail.html?listing_id=212&search_group_id=5.

Can't wait to see everyone in a couple of months!

Lee Corbin – President, JPVIS