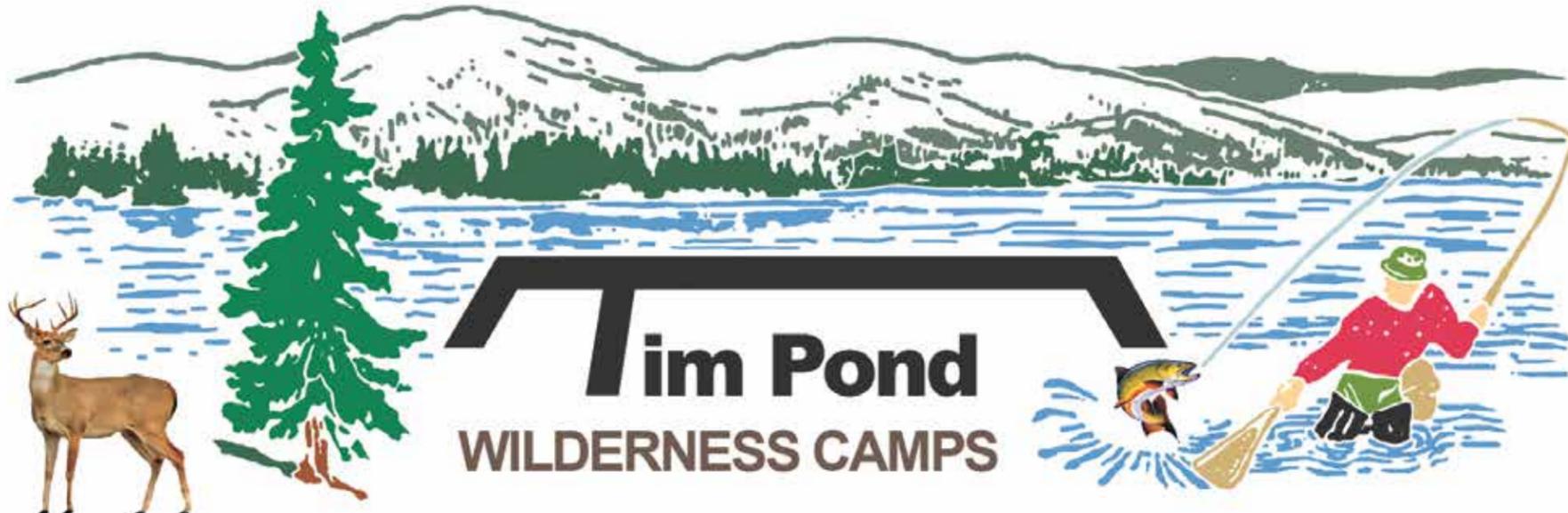


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## NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2022

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# BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

2021 was a fantastic season for us at Tim Pond Camps! Fishing season was busy, and for the first time since the Calden's have operated the Camps, we were open the entire month of October for bird hunting. Thank you to everyone that made our season a success!

### Angler Cabin and Grant Process

During the winter of 2020/2021, Harvey and I worked on paperwork for a grant that he had heard about. When the windmill project was starting in the area, the company came up with an idea for grant money to help out local and historical businesses in unorganized territories in Franklin County. It offered up to \$50,000 matching funds if you qualified. Harvey had a great idea of applying for it to help us start a new cabin.

We began our plans for the restoration of the Angler Cabin, which was the original name of the laundry room. The Angler Cabin will be



a 4-person, 2-bedroom cabin. With the help of Rachel, we made a to-scale version of what we wanted the cabin to look like with rope, measuring tapes, and whatever else we found in Harvey's hangar. We had the entire layout of the cabin laid out on the concrete pad outside of Harvey's house in Florida. With the dimensions figured out, he contacted Katahdin Cedar Log Homes to come up with a design for us.

Part of the grant application process was to have three letters of recommendation. A huge thank you goes to Bill & Carol Kaszubski, Dan & Susan Christy, and Michael & Patty Whitehill for writing those for us.

After much discussion, we agreed on the cabin plans and went forward with the ordering process. They were months behind on their cabin kits. Our estimated date of delivery was the end of May so we proceeded with the cabin order, hoping we would be receiving that grant, which would basically pay for half of the cabin costs. We were jumping for joy when we finally got confirmation that we were awarded the grant!

On July 4th, Bill used his excavator and took the old laundry room down, loaded it into the dump trailer, and removed it from Camp.



On the 12th, he started the groundwork for the cabin.



He decided where the cabin would go, and using the excava-



tor, transit, and tractor, he leveled the area.

On July 20th, some of the cabin kit was finally delivered...only 2 months behind schedule. After Bill helped the driver get his truck and trailer unstuck from between the ditch and a tree on the corner after Mud Pond, the driver unloaded the kit on the lawn in front of the Lodge because he was worried he wouldn't be able to get turned back



around...so we had to figure out how to move all of it down to where it needed to go so we could start building.

On the 24th, I helped Bill start



setting the footers into the ground.

On the 29th, more of the cabin kit was delivered. This driver was more experienced and was able to unload the rest of the kit down where it needed to be, and helped us move the parts that were still sitting in front of the Lodge.



Progress on the cabin really took off in August with the floor, walls, and porch getting done.



Progress slowed during the month of September as we could not find anyone willing to work. So Bill was on the dock the entire month, and Rachel and I would give him a break every now and then. Every weekend, Jody Hodgdon would come to camp and work on the cabin, and when his son, Jason, had time

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he would join him. Shawn Gould also came up to help when he could. If not for these guys, we would not have had the cabin structure up before we closed for the season.

October 20th Bill hired a crane to come in and set the purlins in place, this was after they put the first ones in place by hand and decided it would be safer to have a crane do it.



The roof was put on and the ice and water shield applied for added protection during the winter since they weren't able to get it shingled in time.



November 3rd Bill and Harvey buttoned up the cabin until spring.



We are hoping to be able to use the Angler Cabin late in the 2022 season.

# 2021 in Review

April 25th my father, Rick drove into Camp to check on it for us. When he arrived, the ice was already out and most of the snow was gone!



On May 7th, we moved into Camp (Bill, Rascal, and myself).

Our first hummingbird was spotted on May 14th.

The dock was put in place on May 15th.



On May 17th, Rachel caught the first brookie of the season! A beautiful 12" one.



Opening day was May 28th, Fred and Ryan Miller were the first guests into Camp.

On July 7th, Gary Bannister had a 70th birthday celebration in the Lodge. He was joined by his wife, Ann, their daughters and their families. Other Tim Pond guests and our staff were invited to enjoy the festivities with the family.



We had our annual Fly Fishing School with Bonnie Holding on July 9th-11th. The class was attended by 11 students. The weather wasn't the best but Bonnie made the best out of it, and we had another successful School.

The Flagstaff ATV Club made their annual lunch visit to Camp on August 14th. We had a cookout of hot dogs and hamburgers. 18 machines and 33 ATV Club members attended.



On September 30th, the last day of fishing, Darrell and Kathryn Durant were the last ones off the Pond.

October 26th was Candy's last day...she has officially retired. We planned a small surprise for her. Jeff came in on his day off and cooked supper for not only the guests in Camp but for Candy. We invited her sister, Yvonne, to join her as a surprise. They enjoyed their supper in the dining room. Candy has worked for the Calden's off and on since 1982, but worked for the last 21 consecutive years.

In all the years Candy worked



for Tim Pond, I think the only two things she did not do was fly one of the planes and mow the lawn. She has not only cooked, she has worked the dining room, cleaned cabins, done laundry, worked on the dock, answered the phone, office work, built buildings, painted... I could go on and on. She is best known for her cooking skills, which got her numerous marriage proposals over the years. No one will ever match her friendly voice on the phone or her warm, heartfelt greeting when you pulled into Camp. She will be greatly missed! Don't worry though folks, she has promised to visit Camp frequently!

Jeff, who has been with us for the last three years, will be in charge of the kitchen. Jeff and Candy have known and worked with each other for years. The last couple of years Jeff has learned the Tim Pond meals and has even added some of his own twist on things. He also loves to garden, as was apparent this past season with all the fresh salads and veggies that frequented our meals.

## Lynx Sightings!!

In June, Peter McCracken and his grandson Charlie spotted two lynx along the shoreline. The Ed-dys and Hanks also watched a lynx prowl around on the southwest shore for about 30 minutes the next day.



On October 11th, our son Billy had taken a boat for a ride and felt he was being watched, and saw one sitting on the shore watching him. Talk about exciting!!



## Our Beloved George

It is with great sadness that the Calden family let's everyone know that George was laid to rest Wednesday, March 30th.

George had a phenomenal life. He loved camp life and traveling with his parents. He is no longer in pain, and I am sure he is playing with his best pal, Luke, in Heaven.

George will be missed so very much.

# Mother Nature's Gift to the Brook Trout

In his book *SQUARETAILS, Biology and Management of Maine's Brook Trout*, Forrest Bonney, a longtime State of Maine fisheries biologist and brook trout specialist, shares his studies with us. Forrest has been to Tim Pond several times, taking samples of the fish to study; figuring the age of the fish, how much they grow each year, what they have been eating, etc.

The main diet of the brook trout at Tim Pond is the insects that hatch year-round, even under the ice in the winter-time. They do eat other things such as salamanders, frogs, and even smaller brook trout.

The growth rate is determined by how much food is available. When there are too many fish in the lake, the growth rate slows. This seems to go in cycles, for instance, at one time several years ago, catch-and-release was the in-thing to do, but when we saw that the fish were starting to get smaller, it was recommended to us to encourage the fishermen to keep some fish so as not to overpopulate. Then Mother Nature took over, and we had a few years of very dry weather.

Normally the trout at Tim Pond school up in front of the three major inlets—Greenbush, Hack, and Alder—about mid-September in preparation to go up the streams to spawn. But with the water being so low in the streams, the fish couldn't get upstream so they had to spawn on the shoreline. It is estimated that when the fish spawn in the streams with a fine gravel bottom and water flowing over the eggs, about 40%

of the eggs survive. But when they spawn in the pond, only about 10% of the eggs survive.

A typical 10" brook trout will lay around 500 eggs, and a 16" fish will lay about 1,000 eggs. Just a few years ago when the fish were all schooled up in front of Greenbush,



Photo courtesy of Jeff K.

we had a big rain and the fish went upstream. Then it turned hot and dry and the fish were trapped in the larger pools in the stream. Due to a continued lack of water, the pools dried up and we lost several hundred fish. Because of that, we are noticing the average size of fish caught are considerably larger. A pond of a certain size will produce so many pounds of fish flesh per year, whether it is 500,000 6" fish or 250,000 12" fish.

We try to help Mother Nature by varying the recommended bag limits, but for now most anglers are very happy with the size of the fish and the quantity. The fish are in extremely good health and great fighters for their size. The PH of the pond is perfect. The food supply is good. The native brook trout at Tim Pond have a bright future.

Tim Pond has never been stocked, and no other species have been introduced. The high water falls downstream of the outlet make it so no other fish can migrate upstream.

The Maine Department of Inland & Fisheries along with the University of Maine have been to Tim Pond to net some fish, and use them for a baseline to determine all native brook trout populations in the State of Maine.

## The Newest Addition to the Calden Family

Welcome to the family, Cooper Calden! He was born February 8th, and he was so excited to join the family that he arrived 4 weeks early. He was born a healthy 6 lbs, 3.35 oz. He is settling in at home with his folks, Billy and Isabella, and sister, Alaynna.



## Reclaiming Hiking Trails

When the pandemic struck in 2020, Harvey was at Camp and decided to reclaim the old hiking trails. He started at the Boat House, went down to Mud Pond, around Little Tim, crossed the Loop Road, and up the Old Buckboard Trail. He then turned uphill toward Mud Pond Ridge, past the Gorge along the top of Mud Pond Ridge, and headed to the top of Tim Mountain. He worked on it through the fall of 2020 and restarted again in the spring of 2021. Harvey has got about 3 miles done. He plans on finishing the last half mile to the top of Tim Mountain this spring.



## USPS Nightmare

As many of you know, we have had extreme difficulty in having our mail forwarded to us. Many people had their envelopes returned saying they were unable to

forward it or that the address was not known. When mail is actually getting to us, it takes 1-4 weeks to arrive!! We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Moose Hunt 2021

The week of October 11th-16th was the moose hunt for our area. We had two sets of moose hunters, Curtis Adams and his Dad, and our son, Billy and myself. Both moose were shot on the first day of the hunt.

Curtis shot his moose at 8:30am—he had a 26-yard shot, the moose was 748 lbs with a 51-3/4" spread.

At 5:30pm Billy took the first shot, I took the second shot. It was a 32-yard shot—the moose was 661 lbs with a 41" spread. Isabella and Alaynna were on hand for the harvest.



Thank you to Matt Tinker of Green Farm Guide Service. This guy knows moose!

## Conservation & Preservation

FRIENDS OF TIM POND NON-PROFIT UPDATE



During 2020 and 2021, we got a website setup, a GoFundMe page setup, and brochures made and mailed out. Our expenses are minimal. All of the legal expenses were donated by the Calden family, and all the time to take care of mailings, paperwork, etc. is donated by Darcie Calden.

Here's where the fundraising efforts stand so far. In the first 30 days after the mass mailing of the brochures in December 2020, we raised \$50,000.00! 10% of our goal!

We have categorized the donations into four groups.  
Bronze: donations up to \$500  
Silver: donations \$500-\$2,000

Gold: donations \$2,000-\$5,000  
Platinum: donations \$5,000+  
(We are working on more creative categories, but these are what we will use for now. Your ideas are welcome, just contact Darcie.)

In 2020, we had 95 contributions.  
Bronze: 67 donations  
Silver: 24 donations  
Gold: 1 donation  
Platinum: 3 donations  
For a total of: \$ 55,795.00

In 2021 we had 42 contributions.  
Bronze: 27 donations  
Silver: 13 donations  
Gold: 1 donation  
Platinum: 1 donation of \$25,000!  
For a total of \$40,875.00

As of March 25, 2022, The Friends of Tim Pond has a total of \$100,576.11 in its accounts. We are very pleased with how well we are doing. We want to thank everyone for their support. We hope everyone continues to help us in our mission to preserve Tim Pond; the camps, the fish and wildlife, the heritage, and the sporting camp experience.

## PHOTO GALLERY



Meade group.



Novak group.



Mailley family.



Peabody, Benson, and Kaszubski.



Kaszubskis with Bill and Darcie.

# 2022 RATES

## FISHING RATES

\$255\* per night per person.  
Includes cabin, meals, boat, motor and gas.  
Children 12 and under, half price.  
Children 5 and under, free.  
10% Discount for 7 or more nights.  
Pets Welcome: \$15 per visit.  
10% Discount in July & August.  
10% Military Discount.



## FLY FISHING SCHOOL

\$595\* per weekend per person.  
Beginner & intermediate fishing skills.  
Casting, knots, equipment, ecology.  
Includes cabin, meals, boat, motor and gas.



REMINDER: We do NOT sell fishing or hunting licenses at camp.  
Please purchase them online prior to arriving at [mefishwildlife.com](http://mefishwildlife.com).

## HUNTING RATES: UPLAND GAME

\$190\*/night per person, double occupancy  
\$215\*/night per person, single occupancy  
\$1,195\*/week per person, double occupancy  
\$1,350\*/week per person, single occupancy  
All rates include cabin & meals. Weekly rates are Sunday-Sunday.  
Guides available upon request. \$300 per day, \$350 per day with dog  
*\*Subject to current Maine meals and lodging tax. Service fees are traditional and usually range from 15-20% of the daily rate, and are not included in the above rates.*

**\$255 non-refundable deposit per person • No Saturday arrivals or departures • Check-in 12pm, check out 9am**

**NOTE:** At the end of each season, we establish the rate for the upcoming season. We did need to raise our rates for the 2022 season. But... WOW...since we have done that, the cost of food has skyrocketed and the price of diesel fuel for the generator and fuel for the boats has almost doubled! At this time, there is such great uncertainty about the operating costs for the upcoming 2022 season. We are hoping things will get back to some sort of normal before we open. If not, we may have to add some sort of surcharge to the bills in order to cover the extra costs of food and fuel. Please bear in mind that we are not looking to profit from this, we are simply attempting to survive these crazy times.

## Thank You

We had a very difficult time finding anyone who wanted to work this past season. Here are some very well deserved and deeply appreciative thank yous. We would not have been able to have such a successful season without the help from the following people...

Our 2022 full-time Staff: **Candy** (her 21st consecutive year), **Jeff** (his 3rd season), our daughter, **Rachel**

(returning after 7 years), **Bill** and **myself** (our 19th consecutive year).

**Curtis** joined our team right before we opened. He headed back to Washington State after we closed in July. **Robert** joined us at the end of June to help get us through the last 2 weeks and ended up staying until he returned to school at the end of August.

**Veronica** (5th season) helped me just about every Sunday to Wednesday, after working her full-time job as a corrections officer 2.5

hours away.

**Shawn** and **Sonja** helped us throughout the summer—Shawn with the building of the new cabin and Sonja with cabins, laundry, dishes, and anything else to help out around Camp.

**Jody Hodgdon** and his son, **Jason**, helped us with the building of the new cabin. They

would drive up just about every weekend—a 2.5 hour drive. The Angler Cabin would not be as far along as it is without their help.

## Those We Lost in 2021

Gary Hamilton.....October 24, 2020  
Mary Morris.....April 2021  
Ken Simpson .....April 11th  
David Walsh .....April 29th  
Tim Smith..... June 2nd  
Les Baker.....August 21st  
Bradley Morehouse . December 4th  
Linda Averill..... December 23rd

*They may be gone, but they will forever be with us...*

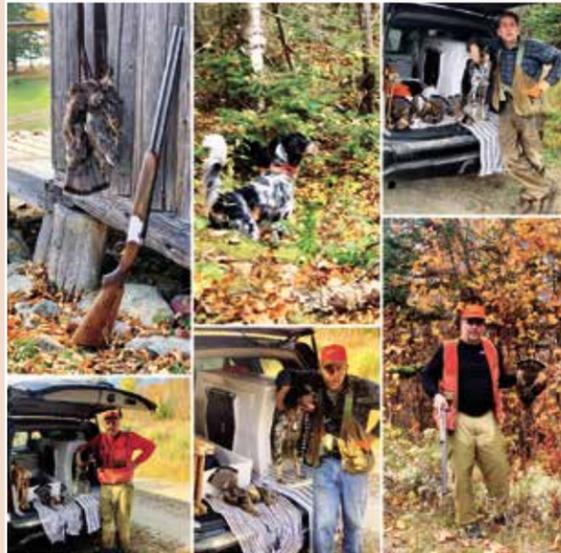
## HUNTING



Smith group.



Match set found by Mickey Tower, Nov.



Gustovich brothers.



Calden family moose hunt.



Major General Dale Alford.



Maritz in Oct.

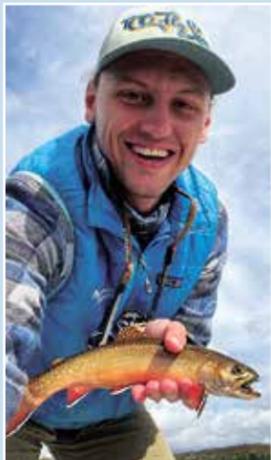


New bird cleaning station.

## FISHING



Brad and Jen F.



Andy.



Robert and Carrie.



Aaron W.



Ann M.



Charlie.



Michael S.



Kayden M.



Peter S.



Billy and Alayna C.