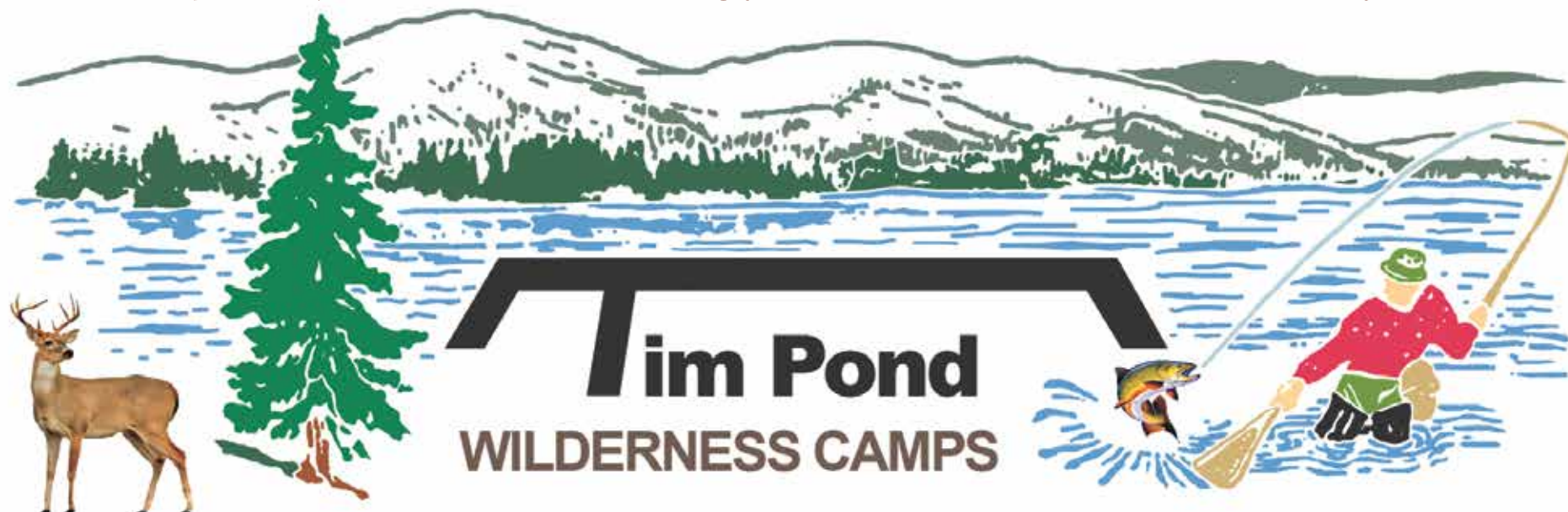


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# A Little Bit of This, a Little Bit of That

For this year's newsletter, I need to admit, I did a horrible job of recording things that happened at Camp in 2025. This newsletter will be a little different than ones in the past. It will be more tidbits of information, projects, happenings, and photos. I hope you all enjoy it.

Bill and I drove all the way into Camp for the first time this 2025 season on May 4th. The ice was out when we arrived, but there was still snow on the edges of the Pond. On May 5th, Bill, Rascal, and I moved into Camp for the season, Jeff and Brunhilda joined us the next day. The first six days we were in Camp, it rained, making opening Camp up a bit more soggy and colder than we preferred.

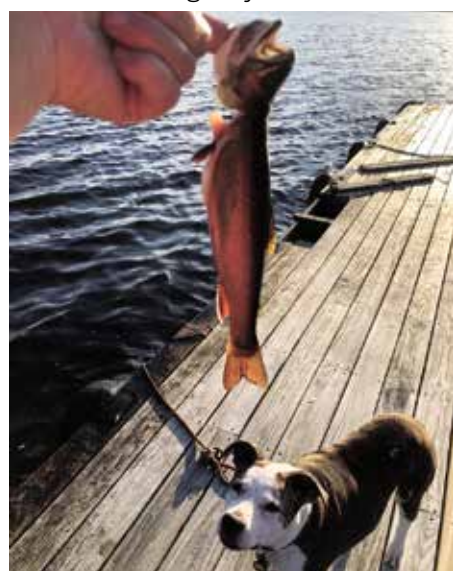


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On May 13th, the first fish of the season was caught by Laurie C.



It was snowing on opening day, May 23rd.



On May 26th, the black flies arrived in full force. During the first full week of being open, it did not get above 50 degrees.

On June 1st, we had quite the storm come in early in the morning. When Bill got to the Lodge at 5am, the wind was blowing something wicked, and it was raining. He looked down at the dock and realized the boats were going under water. He was able to get them up on shore.



June 7th was the first day above 70 degrees.

On November 20th, Tim Pond froze over.



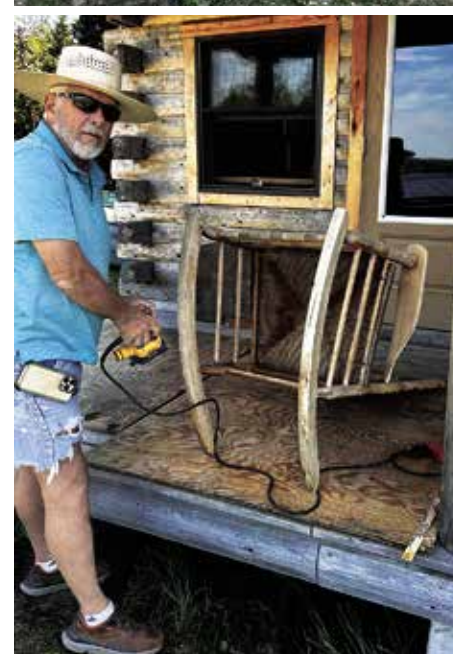
Harvey had us keep track of how many fish were cooked for breakfast—30 in May, 146 in June, five in July, five in August, 19 in September.



In August, we finally had a timeframe with no rain so we did some much needed roof repairs on Fox and Beaver. Only ran into a brief issue with rain. Luckily everything in the cabin was covered in plastic. Bill, Jeff, Dan Christy, Jody Hodgdon, and myself were able to get those roofs done. We ran out of time to do Rabbit, but it is on the list for 2026.



Thank you to Dan Christy for pressure washing, stripping down, and staining the rocking chairs. They were in need of some TLC.



See **This and That** on page 2

Thank you to Dan Christy for cleaning up and putting new stain on the picnic tables.



Thank you to Susan Christy for making new curtains for Fox and Rabbit. They fit the decor perfectly.



Thank you to Tom Hurd for making much needed tables for the cabin porches!



In memory of her husband John, Judy Steenbock donated his collection of well cared for hunting books to our Lodge. Many people have already been enjoying them. Thank you Judy.



In September, our granddaughter, Alayna, helped me flag out the trails around the Pond. It was fun to do it with her and spend that time out in the woods with her. She made it her mission to make sure people out on the trails would see each piece of flagging tape marking the trail.



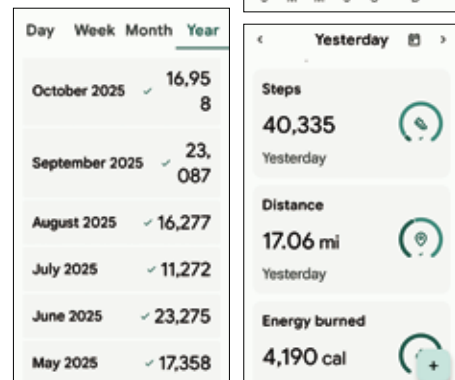
On September 27th, Gage A. brought his girlfriend, Amelia, to visit Tim Pond for her first visit.

Gage worked here in the Fall of 2022 and has been helping me out whenever he can every year since, so he wanted to show her the place he talks about and meet his Tim Pond Family. After lunch, Gage brought her down to the dock to do some casting. She did not know there was another plan going on at the time for this beautiful fall day. Back in February, Gage had asked me if he could propose to Amelia at Camp. I said, "absolutely!!" So after a little planning, he got her up there. I hung out on the

shoreline pretending to take pictures for our website while Wyatt was over on the boathouse porch filming with his phone. Earlier, Wyatt had put the ring on the dock. When Gage couldn't find it, Wyatt had to go out there and try and hand it to him unnoticed. It was quite a hilarious scene. We are so happy for them! Oh... and she said yes!



People always ask me how many steps I take on any particular day. Thought you all would get a kick out of pictures from my FitBit. The first photo is from 2025, with my average



steps at the top and what it breaks down to monthly. The second photo is my average steps daily per month. The third photo is of June 1st. This was the day with the most steps for me of the season.

Firewood and kindling are always a necessity at Camp. Bill cuts and splits it from tree length out at the wood processor. Jeff, Robert, Wyatt, and Brunhilda all work on the kindling.



Jeff kept us in fresh salads and veggies for the majority of the season. It is a lot of work. He does all the planting, weeding, picking, prepping, and cooking of the goodies from the garden. We don't tell him enough how much it is greatly appreciated.



## Tim Pond Makes the List

In July, I received an email from Yank Shugg with an attachment of a page from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife spreadsheet on the State Heritage Fish waters.

Maine's State Heritage bodies of water are never stocked, prohibit the use of live bait, and are usually located in remote areas. Key factors on Heritage waters are to prevent the introduction of invasive species and protect the genetic integrity of native species.

These bodies of water are essential for maintaining Maine's status as holding over 90% of the native brook trout populations in the United States. We are proud to have Tim Pond on this list. Tim Pond's brook trout are used to set the baseline for the native brook trout population in Maine.



## The Green Drake: How Can You Tell?

Article from the *Northwoods Sporting Journal*, August 2025 Issue  
By V. Paul Reynolds

The Green Drake: When it shows itself on the surface of a trout pond late in the afternoon, its presence is for the trout angler a moment of utter delight, a trout bum's rapture.

The Hex hatch, or the Green Drake hatch, is long awaited by all serious trout anglers.

When those big ole May flies materialize on the trout pond, it is a happening. To a trout-loving fly fishermen, a Hex hatch is an adrenaline rush—a sight to behold. In fact, like a solar eclipse or an expanse of northern lights in the winter sky, a true Hex hatch on a trout pond counts as one of those special moments in Nature. For a brook trout, these fabled May flies are a turkey dinner with all the fixin's—a chance to get the most amount of food for the least amount of effort.

There is an ongoing debate among Maine anglers about what to call these big bugs. Anglers who know a lot more about entomology than I do say that most of us misname the Hex, calling it a Green Drake, as in "Hey Joe. You really missed it. As soon as the sun set, the pond was covered with Green Drakes. A wicked hatch! Never seen anything to beat it."

So the question is, I guess, "When is a Green Drake a Green Drake, and when is a Hex a Hex?"

Leighton Wass, a Vermonter and a trout man who loves Maine, has a book that cuts to the chase on Green Drakes. It is the quintessential chronicle of these big May flies. It is called "Fishing the Hex Hatch." Wass has really done his homework.

He writes, "A gorgeous mayfly owning the scientific name,

*Ephemera guttulata*, a second cousin to *Hexagenia limbata* is also called a Green Drake, as is the Hex. As you can see, confusion reigns supreme here."

He goes on, "Confusing the matter more, this mayfly hatches nearly at the same time as Hex mayflies, and both are often found inhabiting the same water body. Also, these two mayflies are similar in size, with *E. guttulata* being a tad smaller than the Hex. The easiest way to distinguish the two, with an adult mayfly in hand, is to count the tails. Hex adults have two and *E. guttulata* (here-in to be called the Eastern Green Drake, EGD) have three. Easy peasy. Also, if the mayfly you are eyeing has any hint of light green to it all, it's an Eastern Green Drake."

In summary, if a giant mayfly has three tails, a greenish hue, and mottled wings, it is no doubt the Eastern Green Drake, *Ephemera guttulata*. If a big mayfly has two tails, no green coloration, and a networked wing design, it's our megastar, our big cheese, *Hexagenia limbata*.

Of course, water temperatures affect not only insect hatches but trout behavior. We do know that pond temperatures are unseasonably warm thanks to an early spring. What we don't know is what impact this all will have on the customary early July Hex hatch, circa 2021, as well as trout-feeding patterns.

The farther north in Maine you go the more likely that the favorable water temperatures will hold a while longer. And who knows? You might get lucky and get in on a Green Drake hatch during a cloudy, hummus day. You won't soon forget it, if it happens.

Oh yes, if you are fortunate enough to hit the Hex hatch, tie on big artificialis: Wulffs, Adams, Hornbergs.

# Fisheries Management Report for Tim Pond

On Nov 21, 2025, we received an email from one of the Maine Fisheries Resource Biologists who had visited Tim Pond on August 7, 2024 to survey the Pond. She apologized for the delay in sending us the report on the Pond. In summary:

- Out of the 40 fish samples, the age classes identified were from 1+ to 5+ years old.
- The average brook trout measured was 9.56 inches and had a condition factor of 0.88 (Condition factor, also known as Fulton's K, or "K factor", is a metric fisheries biologists use to assess the overall body condition of a fish. It is calculated using a fish's length and weight. For species such as brook trout, a condition factor around 1.0 generally indicates a very healthy fish.)
- The largest fish measured was 13.42 inches.
- Stomachs were found with leeches, dragonfly larvae, diptera larvae, zooplankton, and scuds.
- Only one brook trout in the sample was found with a hooking injury.
- Water quality measures found limited suitable habitat with the thermocline. (The thermocline is the layer where water temperatures drop rapidly compared to surface waters. This layer is critical for coldwater species such as brook trout, which require cool temperatures to survive. In addition to cooler water, adequate dissolved oxygen levels are also necessary. Together, these conditions within the thermocline layer provide essential summer habitat

for coldwater species until surface waters cool again in the fall. During the summer months, water in lakes and ponds becomes stratified, meaning distinct layers of water with different temperatures form from the surface to the bottom.) Water temperatures within the thermocline were suitable, although dissolved oxygen levels were low which left a narrow 1 foot band of cool and oxygenated habitat.

- Due to the limited habitat in the pond, hundreds of brook trout were found utilizing Greenbush Inlet as a thermal refuge area. The tributary was cool at 16C/60.8F and multiple age classes were observed.
- The wild brook trout population remains abundant in Tim Pond. The age class structure of this sampling event is indicative of a healthy robust population with good recruitment as seen in the abundance of 2+ to 3+ year old cohorts in this sample as well as mature 5+ year old cohorts. (Recruitment into a fish population refers to when brook trout survive early life stages and successfully enter the population. In Tim Pond, the abundance of younger fish (ages 2-3) indicates strong survival from early life stages, including egg incubation, fry development, and growth into juvenile and adult fish. Early life stages are when brook trout are most vulnerable, so observing abundant younger fish in a wild population is a positive sign.)
- Condition factors have improved since sampling in 2015 from a rod and reel survey increasing to 0.88 from 0.77.

Variation in condition factors over time are likely attributed to the susceptibility of environmental factors to the small system.

- In 2008, Greenbush Inlet was impacted by siltation after a logging operation removed the riparian buffer in the area of the tributary. (A riparian zone is the vegetated, transitional land area directly adjacent to the pond. They act as a vital connection point between aquatic and upland ecosystems, directly shaped by water pressure. They stabilize streambanks, filter pollutants, and provide crucial habitat for wildlife, such as shade-loving fish and birds.) Impacts from this habitat degradation were reflected in 2012 sampling with lower abundance, missing age classes, and high condition factors. Although in this sampling event, Greenbush Inlet has since had regrowth of riparian areas, and the brook trout population has stabilized.

- Summer water quality has shifted compared to prior sampling events, although despite limited suitable habitat in the pond during the warm months, the brook trout are finding thermal refuge and surviving.

Conclusion: Our brook trout are doing well!! The current regulations are appropriate and no management recommendations are necessary at this time.

They do recommend not fishing near any of the three inlets (Greenbush, Alder, and Hack) during spawning to keep the stress levels down for the fish.

## Preserving the Past for the Future FRIENDS OF TIM POND NON-PROFIT UPDATE



Our conservation fund is constantly growing! We are at \$74,625.62. **Thank you to all who have donated and continue to support our mission!**

In 2025, we had 15 contributors for a total of \$14,270.00.

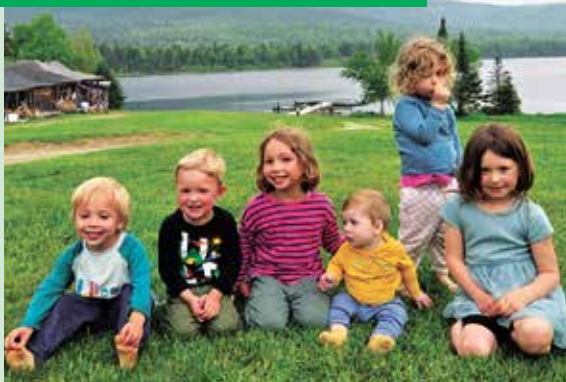
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### Those We Lost in 2025

Alan LaBatte	February 2nd
Marcia Calden	February 14th
Peter Watt	March 19th
Curtis Blakeman	March 23rd
Jim LaBossiere	May 3rd
Darold Comstock	May 20th
Travis Goodchild	June 14th
Megan Letarte	June 19th
Dick Leavitt	June 21st
Jim Kachnovich	July 16th
Will Eastman	July 26th
Conley Gould Jr.	July 27th
Mary Lou Sprague	August 12th
Conley Gould	September 8th
Rick Wyman	September 26th

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

## PHOTO GALLERY



Veilleux, Taliaferro, Calden kids



Alayna C.



Debbie, Darlene, Darcie, Diane



Alayna & Cooper assisting Harvey with garlic bread



Bures, Coombs, Moody group



Dumas family



McLachlan family



Lewis group celebrating 30 years



Grandfather-Grandson fishing



Needham Sporting Club



Cooper C. scoping out wildlife



Rioux family



Robert and Trent



# 2026 RATES

## FISHING RATES

\$295\* per night per person (add 25% for single occupancy)  
 Includes cabin, meals, boat, motor and gas.  
 Children 12 and under, half price. Children 5 and under, free.  
 Pets Welcome: \$25 per visit (no charge during hunting season).  
 10% Discount for 7 or more nights. 10% Discount in July & August.  
 10% Military Discount.

\$295 non-refundable deposit.  
 No Saturday arrivals or departures. Two night minimum stay.  
 Fishing Season: check-in 12pm, check-out 9am.

*\*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.*

## HUNTING RATES: UPLAND GAME

\$250\*/night, double occupancy    \$315\*/night, single occupancy  
 \$1500\*/week, double occupancy    \$1875\*/week, single occupancy

All rates include cabin and meals. Weekly rates are Sunday-Sunday.  
 Guides available upon request. \$350 per day, \$400 per day with dog.

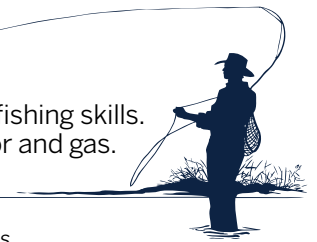
50% non-refundable deposit. No Saturday arrivals. Two night minimum stay.  
 Hunting Season: check-in 2pm, check-out 9am.

Big Game Hunts: call or email for customized pricing

## FLY FISHING SCHOOL

\$650\* per weekend per person, July 10-12. Beginner and 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 online at [mefishwildlife.com](http://mefishwildlife.com) prior to arriving.**



## HUNTING



Conrad B.



Bures Pup



Mike K.



Steve M. and Rick F.



Hunters with M. Kopanon Guide



Laura B.

## FISHING



Alayna C.



Gifford group



R. Gifford, Sept.



Cooper C.



Carrie S.



R. Gifford party



Ralph G.



Gifford party



Michael S.



R. Gifford group



Robert G.



Rioux family