

# REFLECTIONS

The Newsletter for the Pleasant Lake Protective Association

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Welcome back Pleasant Lake! As I sit here in Florida on Easter Sunday watching the Masters golf tournament I am receiving multiple emails detailing the arrival of two loons and the impending ice-out (maybe this week) of our beautiful lake. We hope they are our two returning loons as this would be their 17th season with us. Spring is in our hearts if not exactly in the air. Before we know it, the flowers will be blooming, the chill in the air will be gone, fishermen will be trolling for the elusive landlocked salmon and snowbirds, like me, will be returning to our incredible lake.

Speaking of ice-out, it was a strange year where we had ice-in on December 26<sup>th</sup> but then the center of the lake unfroze and did not refreeze completely until February 25<sup>th</sup>. We always need to have safety in mind when on the lake in winter. It may look safe when covered by snow or after a deep cold spell however, please be careful out there. We hope to have more information about a winter safety initiative this fall. Be on the lookout!

One of the things I am amazed about in this wonderful community is the volunteer nature of the folks who live around the lake. Their spirit and desire to make this area a better place to live is considerable. I would like to thank the special efforts of

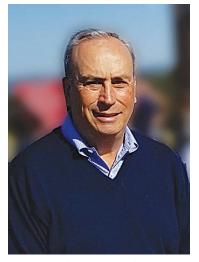
Peter Winship as our treasurer, Doug Baxter as Vice President and head of our boat launch program, and Sue Andrews as our Secretary. Their advice and wisdom have helped me through my first year as president.

There are countless others to thank during the very busy summer months on the lake. We have a large group of weed watchers and are happy to report that we have no known invasive species in our lake. We are always looking for more volunteers so please reach out if you are interested. Thanks to John Wilson for heading up this very important committee.

The water in our lake is some of the cleanest in the state. Oge Young heads up our water-testing committee and we test five different areas throughout the summer. You can read more about water quality results elsewhere in the newsletter.

I want to thank Jen Esten and Jonathan Waage for their great work each year on the e-newsletter, "The Nature of Pleasant Lake." Their photographs of wildlife are stunning and their educational content is incredibly interesting.

Our annual display of July Fireworks will be on July 8th. The Ring of Fire will begin at 9pm. There will be an opportunity to purchase either traditional flares or more modern LED "Power Flares" at the annual



Fred Pierce, President

meeting. Please be on the lookout for more information.

Our annual meeting will take place on July 8th at 9am in the Slope 'n Shore clubhouse. Donuts and coffee will be served at 8:30.

Later that afternoon, at 2pm we will hold our boat parade. We will start at Slope 'n Shore and travel counter clockwise. This year's theme is LOONey Tunes. Let's get creative!

Lastly, let's continue the previous year's theme of neighborliness. Whether it be on the water using your power boat or in your car driving around the lake, let's try and be thoughtful and considerate to the kayakers, stand-up paddlers, swimmers, walkers, joggers and cyclists that share this precious resource we call our home.

Have a great summer! Fred Pierce

### Town of New London Fireworks Ordinance

For the full ordinance please go to the town website.

Displays of Permissible Fireworks (i.e. consumer fireworks) within the Town of New London is prohibited except as provided below:

Displays of Permissible Fireworks are allowed, without permit, on the following days only:

- New Year's Eve/New Year's Day
- Memorial Day weekend: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- July 4<sup>th</sup> and additional days as provided by the Board of Selectmen
- For 2023 the Selectmen have voted that consumer fireworks will be permissible from July 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>.
- Labor Day Weekend: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

No alternate rain dates will be allowed.

Fireworks shall not be ignited or possessed by anyone under the age of 21. Permissible fireworks shall only be discharged or used on the specified holidays between the hours of 10:00 AM and 10:00 PM with the exception of New Year's Eve when the display is permitted until 12:30 AM on New Year's Day.

## Dam Nuisance: Repairs on Dam Gate Actuator

This past winter saw a breakdown of the dam gate actuator, which is the motorized apparatus that opens and closes the gate. The suspected culprits were the starting capacitor for the motor and also the controlling microswitch. These replacement parts were ordered upon consultation with the local actuator distributor and service company. Unfortunately supply chain problems severely slowed their arrival.

While waiting for the parts arrival, the gate opening had to be manually managed by Bob Harrington and his very helpful band at Public Works. We thank them all for their diligent con-



sideration.

The parts arrived, the repairs were quickly and easily made and the dam gate is now functioning normally. The lake is now at or very close to summer level.

### 2022 - 2023 PLPA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

### **OFFICERS**

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The PLPA was incorporated in 1969, by a group of far-sighted New London residents who valued the wonderful natural resource we have in Pleasant Lake and wanted to provide for its long-term protection.

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## The Ring of Fire

Pleasant Lake's Tradition of Flares around the Lake Friday, July 8, 9 - 9:30 PM

The PLPA is once again planning the "Ring of Fire" which traditionally precedes the fireworks display. Both Orion Brand Road Flares and LED flares will be available for sale prior to the event at the PLPA annual meeting and at Park 'n Go in Elkins the preceding week. Ways to help protect the lake

- 1. Use Orion Brand Road Flares – they seem to be the most eco-friendly
- 2. Use a Tin Pie Plate under your flares for easy disposal of debris
- 3. Pick up your flare debris in a timely manner.

### THE LAKE HOST PROGRAM

During the 2022 season (Memorial Day – Labor Day) our Lake Hosts inspected a total of 2563 watercraft entering and/or exiting Pleasant Lake at the Elkins boat ramp. Significantly, no invasives were found during these boat inspections!

Our Lake Hosts continue to report that most people launching at the boat ramp are "frequent flyers", those who return time and time again, often using Pleasant Lake exclusively. The transient boaters who do visit Pleasant Lake are typically people who fish, and they do pose a greater threat as they typically visit many other bodies of water, potentially bringing invasive species with them. These folks often launch at the crack of dawn, hours before we have a Lake Host on duty. Lake Host hours are 8am – 6pm, 7 days a week.

For the 2023 season we are very fortunate to have all four of our 2022 Lake Hosts returning; Jane Slayton, Don Sheffield, Rachel Rodrick and Lindsay Brook. These four make a great team and have proven to be very responsible and conscientious, making the coordinators' jobs much easier!

Thank you to all PLPA members for your continued support of this program. And thanks to the Town of New London and the New Hampshire Lakes Association for their continued financial participation.

> Doug & Charlene Baxter, Lake Host Coordinators

### Let's All Be Neighborly

Wake Boats please watch out for kayakers and other paddlers.

Please: No fireworks after 10 pm. Be mindful of your outdoor lighting. Thank you!



### **How to Control Knotweed**

If you would like to control Knotweed on your property, cut it down to the ground in mid June. This will weaken the plant and reduce its size for the next step. In late September, after it is done blooming, spray the leaves with Roundup. It is best to wait until after it has bloomed to avoid any effect on pollinators. In the fall, the plant is sending nutrients to the rhizomes so the spray is most effective at that time.

# The Loons of 1



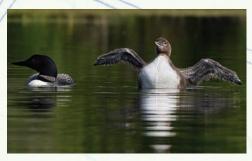
Summer 2022 - Our Mother Loon laid her first egg on May 10<sup>th</sup>, following with a second egg three days later. The parents were plagued with black flies during that first week and more often than not were away from the nest. Both chicks hatched on the same day despite being laid three days apart.



Sadly, one of the chicks was lost 4 days later. The parents had been fighting with an intruder, but we don't know if that was a factor in the chick's disappearance. One of the chicks appeared to be a bit smaller to begin with and the other, more dominant. The survivor was named Prosper and s/he grew to be a strong young Loon.



In early July Prosper was still mostly downy



And only ten days later is nearly as big as Mom!



By early August Prosper had only a few patches of baby down

## Pleasant Lake!



Early in the spring we noticed our female Loon's bands were loose. John Cooley, Carolyn Hughes and two summer interns from Loon Preservation Committee came out one night in June. They captured our female and replaced her bands and conducted a health assessment. All went well! Prosper was too young to band at that time.





Here she is showing off her new bands.

The fall was mild so the juvenile Loon lingered on the lake, only to become iced in when a sudden cold snap froze the lake overnight. Loon Preservation Committee came and rescued it. We presume this was Prosper. After a thorough exam, s/he was released on the NH coast. This past winter a record number of Loons, 33, were rescued by Loon Preservation Committee biologists after a sudden late freeze.

For more information and photos of last year's Loons, and other nature in our watershed, check our newsletters on our website at plpa.net

Photos by Jen Esten and Jon Waage







In October Prosper was enjoying fall foliage on the lake

### SAFE BOATING AND FISHING RULES

We appreciate everyone's help in respecting our neighbors and our lake. We hope you enjoy your day boating here on Pleasant Lake!

For your safety and enjoyment as well as that of others, please follow these important boating and fishing rules:

#### NO WAKE ZONES

When you are within 150 feet of any shore, other boats, skiers, swimmers, floats, or marked swimming areas, State law mandates that you must slow down to NO WAKE speed. NO WAKE means no faster then 6 mph. 150 feet = the length of two ski ropes.

### **TOWING SKIERS**

- All skiers **must** wear life jackets.
- A maximum of two people may be towed at any time.
- An observer, 13 years or older is required.
- No skiing is allowed before sunrise and after sunset.
- Keep your boat and skier 150
  feet or more away from EVERYTHING; the shore, the island, other boats, skiers, swimmers, floats,
  and marked swimming areas.
- Do not drop a skier within 150 feet of the shore.

### **ON-BOARD SAFETY**

- It is illegal and dangerous to sit on the edge of the cockpit, bow or transom.
- There must be at least one appropriately-sized life jacket for every person onboard. This includes paddle boarders and kayaks. By law, children 12 or under must wear a life jacket at all times. On a power boat, it is recommended that you always attach a lanyard to the ignition kill switch.

### **BOATING CERTIFICATION**

New Hampshire law requires that all persons who operate a powerboat with a motor greater than 25 horsepower must have a New Hampshire Safe Boater Education Certificate and that certificate must be carried on board. Out-of-state boaters must have completed a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course and carry that certificate on board. Call 1-888-254-2125 or go to www.boated.com/nh/ for more information.

### WILDLIFE, LOONS

Pleasant Lake is home to many water birds, including nesting loons. The loon is a protected species and harassment is a **punishable offense**. Loon chicks are very small and cannot dive or fly to escape an oncoming

boat, kayak or canoe. Please keep well away from all water birds, especially loons and their chicks.

### **FISHING**

- Children under the age of 16 may fish without a license.
- The use of lead sinkers and jigs is strictly prohibited. Ingestion will kill a loon!
- Only smelt can be used as live bait in Pleasant Lake.
- Be sure to follow all the Fishing Rules published in the New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest.

Copies of A Boater's Guide to NH Boating Law and The New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest are available at Rocky's Ace Hardware in New London.

### THE "150 FEET LAW" New Hampshire Law 270-D: 2 Section VI

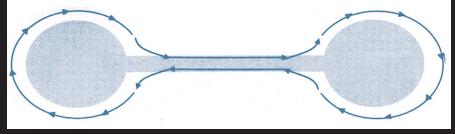
### **SPEED**

All vessels shall maintain headway speed (only 6 mph and No Wake) when within 150 feet (the length of two ski ropes) from: the shore, the island, other boats, docks, rafts, swimmers, permitted swimming areas.

## BEST PRACTICE TOWING

Ski down the middle of the lake and Use "Best Practice" Towing:

Long, straight runs, with barbell turns help keep the wake moving away from the skier.



### IF YOU SEE A VIOLATION, PLEASE REPORT IT!

- Obtain the bow number of the boat.
- Call Marine Patrol at 293-2037. They appreciate our help!

## THE PLEASANT LAKE BOAT PARADE 2022

2022 Theme: **NativeSpecies** 

















SATURDAY JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 2 PM

## 2023 Theme: LOONey Tunes

Parade marshals will be **Bruce & Marsha Johnson**  1:30 pm Gathering of the **Boats off Slope 'n Shore Direction of travel** will be counter-clockwise 2 pm Parade The horn will sound and

we will follow The Tortoise

## IN MEMORIAM

**Richard R. Clayton**, 84, beloved by his family and faithful follower of Jesus Christ, passed through the shadow of death and entered into eternal life to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 26, 2023.

Dick and his wife, Leigh, moved to Elkins, NH in 1994 and built a house on Pleasant Lake where all of their family could gather and enjoy each other and the beauty of New Hampshire. There are many fond memories of life on the lake and later from a new house atop the closed King Ridge Ski area.

Dick was active in retirement serving as President of The Outing Club board and as President of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association from 2002 to 2010. In 2012, the NH Lakes Association awarded him the John F. Morten Memorial Award for exemplary stewardship of the lakes and ponds of New Hampshire. He remained an honorary Board member of the PLPA until his death.

While Dick loved his volunteer work in the community, his greatest joys in retirement were his wife, family, and serving Jesus Christ in the local area and at church. He attended Wilmot Baptist Church where he led adult Sunday school, served as a Deacon, and taught several Alpha Courses which introduce the basics of Christian faith to those unfamiliar with Christianity.

A memorial service will be held at Wilmot Baptist Church in Wilmot Flat, NH on June 4 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Allen Koop will officiate the ceremony. There will be no reception afterwards as the family will immediately proceed to a private graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice Care online (https://lakesunapeevna.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257. They provided professional and compassionate care throughout the last nine months of Dick's life.

**Terence Ernest Dancy** (Terry), 97, died peacefully on February 17, 2023, at Woodcrest Village, New London, NH, with his family at his side. He was predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Edna in 2019.

Terry and Edna moved to New London in 1990 where they had a summer home on Pleasant Lake. Terry was Chairman of the New London Conservation Commission, resulting in a local trail being named after him. He was also a team leader for the local Habitat for Humanity, designing and building homes for needy families.

Using their chemistry skills, he and Edna initiated and managed for 25 years, water testing of their beloved Pleasant Lake on behalf of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association. Throughout his life, he balanced his career with an active personal life. This included building and restoring almost anything, reading history and literary works, weaving rugs and fine cloth, making jams and maple syrup, and boating of all types.

Terry was a devoted father, grandfather, and great grandfather, teaching and mentoring all generations. His children, grandchildren and great grandchildren all gave him great pleasure enjoying boating and swimming in Pleasant Lake.

There will be a celebration of Terry's and Edna's lives on Saturday, June 10, from 3:00-5:00 pm at Lake Sunapee Country Club, New London, NH. All are invited.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Upper Valley Humane Society or the Pleasant Lake Protective Association.

Scott Michael Reed, 57, died peacefully after a long struggle in UMass Memorial Hospital on May 1st, 2023 in Worcester, MA. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and his two children, William and Abigail. Though he was taken too soon, Scott lived a full and adventurous life. He traveled the world, inspired those around him, and loved fully and completely.

In 2015, he and Jennifer purchased the Inn at Pleasant Lake in New London, NH and began their new life as innkeepers. In 2020, they purchased the New London Inn. Scott was passionate about the local community and was involved on several boards. At the time of his death, he was on the board of the PLPA. He was also a strong supporter of the Center for the Arts and the New Hampshire Food Bank. Scott had a variety of passions and had many skills, but his biggest passion was always his family. His children remember him as a father who went above and beyond and always motivated them to achieve their dreams.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Healing Heart Hospitality House (website: https://healinghearthouse.org/) or the New Hampshire Food Bank (website: https://nhfoodbank.org/get-involved/donate/).

## PLEASANT LAKE WATER QUALITY REPORT

There is good news to report on our lake's water quality from last year's lab results. Pleasant Lake remains a wonderful oligotrophic NH lake- deep, relatively large, with clear water, low in phosphorus enrichment, limited plant growth, low algae growth and adequate dissolved oxygen. Weed watchers reported NO EXOTIC PLANTS. Thank you, Lake Hosts!

Our team consisting of John Wilson, Peter Winship, Doug Bent and Oge Young collected samples from the lake monthly in May, June, July, August and September. Lab work is done at Colby Sawyer College, reported to us and the state's Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) to identify trends, compare NH lakes and recommend ways to maintain and improve our lakes' water quality.

Phosphorus is the most limiting nutrient in NH lakes (low phosphorus levels are good, reducing plant growth). Pleasant Lake continues to maintain low levels, reflecting better management by leaving lakeshore vegetation buffers intact, reducing fertilizer use and regularly pumping septic systems (or replacing old systems contaminating our lake). Recent storm water run-off is our major challenge to maintaining low phosphorus levels.

We have seen our phosphorus levels remain between 4-6ug/L, far less than the NH median of 11ug/L. The result is reflected in low chlorophyll-a levels, the pigment contained in algae for photosynthesis. Chlorophyll-a levels actually have been improving (decreasing) since monitoring began in 2015.

We did have one isolated incident of Cyanobacteria in June of 2022. The small area quickly dissipated without recurrence. This episode serves as an example of how important observation and reporting is by all of us around

our lake. Toxic Cyanobacteria has been a major problem for many other lakes. E. Coli levels were in the low range, much less than the standards for public beaches and surface waters.

Clarity was below average in June due to heavy pollen but improved throughout the summer to a high of 8 meters! Transparency of our clear lake is measured with a Secchi disc, recording how far one can see the disc with and without a view scope. For those of us who swim frequently, water temperature has been increasing on average over the years. It reached a high of 78 F\* at one meter depth in early August.

pH levels remain 6.5-7.4 at all of our inlets and outlet, important to the survival of fish and aquatic life. Our trend line indicates stable pH levels, showing a marked recovery from the impact of acid rain historically almost 15 years ago. Anecdotally, fishermen have noted far fewer fish in our lake over the past few years. We plan to look further into factors that might be affecting our fish populations.

In summary, Pleasant Lake is a very healthy body of water. Let's keep it that way! Shorefront owners should become certified "LakeSmart" through NH LAKES a lake-friendly living program. Consider replacing old septic systems, use less/or no fertilizer, maintain lakeshore vegetation and minimize contamination of oil/gas spillage, fireworks and any other debris.

We look forward to another summer on our pristine beloved Pleasant Lake.

Oge Young Chair of Water Quality Committee

## **Thank You Wakeboarders**

Our wakeboating community worked hard last summer to minimize the damage to the lake that stems from their very large wakes. By staying to the middle of the lake, the severe shore erosion that can occur from the heavy wave action is lessened.

It is important that all speed boats be aware of other boats, kayakers, swimmers and paddle-boarders. There should be room enough for all of us on the lake!

Keep in mind that local boating laws and navigation rules still apply. Follow them and everyone will enjoy their time on the water we share.

# NH State Law Regarding Swim Rafts

- (a) Each swim raft placed in public waters shall display the owners name and shore front address plainly marked on the outside of such raft.
- (b) Each swim raft placed in public waters shall display 12 square inches of reflective material at least half way up on all sides of the raft.

### **FISH LEAD FREE!**

Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the sale and freshwater use of lead fishing sinkers and lead jigs weighing one ounce or less is banned in New Hampshire. Senate Bill 89 was originally signed by Governor Hassan in 2013, but there was a three year phase-in period



allow retailers and anglers to switch to non-lead tackle. Please visit www.loon.org, the website of The Loon Preservation Committee, to learn more about the Fish Lead Free program.

If you see a Loon in distress or find an injured or orphaned bird or animal, call Jen Esten 781-726-2697, Jon Waage 508-463-5906 or

Or message us on the Pleasant Lake Protective Association facebook page

**John Wilson 526-4069** 

## Fishing guidelines from The Loon Preservation Committee:

Reel in your line when loons are around and avoid casting in the direction of loons. Loons are visual predators, and if they see your lure/tackle moving through the water, they may strike at it, break your line, and become tangled.

If your line gets snagged on a tree, log, rock, shoreline, or something else, please take the time to recover it completely, or to the fullest extent of your ability.

Many birds perish from unrecovered fishing tackle.



This Loon was entangled on another lake in NH.

Photo by Bill Beattie

## LPC's Lead Tackle Buyback

The Loon Preservation Committee is continuing the lead buy back program. Anglers can exchange one ounce or more of banned\* lead fishing tackle for a **\$10 merchandise voucher** redeemable at participating tackle shops.

\*Banned lead tackle means a lead fishing sinker or jig (weighted hook) that weighs one ounce or less, regardless of whether it is painted, coated, covered by some other substance or by attached skirts. The sale and freshwater use of the aforementioned tackle is banned by New Hampshire Law. See NH RSA 339:77 and NH RSA 211:13-b.

View Offer Terms at https://loonsafe.org/lead-tackle-buyback-terms/.

### LOCAL PARTICIPATING RETAILERS

Rocky's Ace Hardware 257 Newport Rd. New London, NH 03257 (603) 526-2800 The Tackle Shack 894 Route 103 Newbury, NH 03255 (603)763-5508



### PLEASE JOIN THE PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

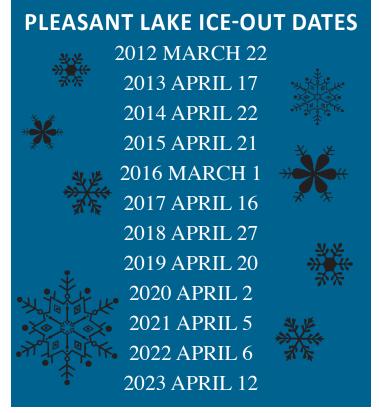
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## WHAT IS NEW WITH THE WEED WATCHERS?

Once again, Pleasant Lake was very fortunate to have found no invasive weeds. Our loyal group of 22 Weed Watchers inspected their assigned territories on the lake at the end of June, July and August. Most of our watchers have been faithfully performing these inspections for many years. Our oldest inspector, George Jamieson is now 86.

We, once again, want to thank all of the Weed Watchers who include Doug Baxter, John and Debbie Wilson, Lynn Annicharico, Linda Messer, Matt White, Jeff Hollinger, Doug Bent and Becky Rockwell, Sally Winship, Bruce Johnson, Judy Oates, Tom Stark, Bruce and John Williamson, Oge Young, Lisa and Jamie Hess, Bob Kirchberger, Dee and Storm Connors and of course George Jamieson.

This summer we look forward to the Herring family joining our group. Bruce Johnson, who has served the group well for many years, will be taking some time off while he recovers from an orthopedic problem. We thank Bruce very much for his dependable years of service.



## LIFE JACKETS REQUIRED FOR STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS (SUP)

Stand up paddle boards are considered boats by the United States Coast Guard and the State of New Hampshire. Accordingly, all persons using a stand up paddle board are required to carry a wearable life jacket onboard while paddling.

The Marine Patrol also reminds boaters/paddlers that anyone 12 years of age and under MUST be wearing their life jacket at all times while aboard any type of boat, including stand up paddle boards.

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PRESERVE AND PROTECT PLEASANT LAKE

## **CELEBRATE PLEASANT LAKE THIS SUMMER!**

### Saturday, July 8

8:30 am Coffee, Juice, Pastries *Slope 'n Shore annex* 

9 am PLPA Annual Meeting Slope 'n Shore annex

1:30 pm Gathering of the Boats *Off Slope 'n Shore beach* 

2 pm Boat Parade Theme: *LOONey Tunes* 

The Parade will go counter-clockwise this year.

9 pm Cannon Fired! Light the Flares!

9:30 pm Fireworks!!

Followed by the Illumination of the Colors and Taps

### The PLPA Store is back!

The store will be open at the annual meeting with new PLPA merchandise!



### **LOST AND FOUND**

If you lost something from your beach or waterfront, or if something unexpected comes ashore, please email will@plpa.net or send a message to the PLPA Facebook page, and we will try to help!