



Conservation Commission Chairman David Grobe and Upper Valley Land Trust Stewardship Manager Jay Waldner Monitoring the Benson Forest property

## RECREATION COMMISSION

This past year was both saddened and challenging with the loss of our Recreation Director, Mr. George T. Prescott. George established the Plainfield Recreation Program about 20 years ago and has been a very dedicated and respected individual in the community. His main objective was to have a program that the youth in the community could participate in, learn from, and enjoy. I believe he did just that. He has been a great friend and mentor. He has been and will continue to be greatly missed. In his memory, this commission is looking forward to continuing what George started some many years ago. We look forward to your input as we move on.

We, the commission, are currently meeting on a monthly basis and we now have a web site available with sign-up forms, schedules, directions, meeting minutes, and general information, as well as a link to contact us. We hope this will help with communication in the future. The web site is [www.plainfieldnh.org/recomm/recomm.html](http://www.plainfieldnh.org/recomm/recomm.html).

Our baseball and softball program had a very rough season. With the rainy weather, many games and practices were cancelled. Although we cannot control the weather, the commission is currently in discussions and the planning stages for this coming season so that the weather will have the least possible impact.

The annual fishing derby was held in early June and the rain continued. Although the weather was poor, the participation was still very good. We had about 90 participants and all had good luck as the fish were biting well. The grill was going and food and drinks were available to all.

T-ball had 35 participants for grades 1 and 2 and an additional 22 for a kindergarten group. They worked on basic skills and grades 1 and 2 played games with each of the other teams.

We had 23 kids sign up for our tennis program with several skill levels. Our very important swimming program was well attended and enjoyed by 58 children ranging from beginners to experienced swimmers.

We had a very big participation in soccer with 29 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys making up three teams and 25 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls making up two teams. They played in town as well as some other area recreation teams. We had an additional 45 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that made up four teams that worked on basic skills and played each other. We had 22 kindergarteners that worked on basic skills. That was a total of 124 soccer kids. All received a ball to use at practice and to keep so they could practice at home.

Basketball is currently running with 20 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders working on basic skills. We have an additional 23 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders working on skills and will play six games through the season with some area teams. They will finish off playing three games in the Claremont tournament at the end of the season.

We would like to thank Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Also thank you to the Meriden Deli, Meriden Garage, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for their donations. We would also like to thank the town of Plainfield and the select board for all of your support through the year. A huge thank you to all of the coaches, officials, and various individuals who have donated their time and helped make this program successful. Without all of your help and support we would not be able to run this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Hastings, Sam Lappin and Leila Krein show off their trophies from the annual fishing derby. Photo: Stephen Halleran