



Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust

PRESIDENT'S update

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Pierce Pond Ice-Out

A mild winter led the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to move open-water fishing from April 1 to March 17, although this did not affect Pierce Pond's May 1 opening date.

Early speculation on MWWT's Facebook page put possible Pierce Pond ice-out dates as early as April 8. Actual ice-out was April 20, which is one day earlier than the earliest ice-out listed in the 1957 to 1990 chart in Gary Cobb and Alfred Fenton's book, "The History of Pierce Pond."

Intrepid anglers who headed to the Pond for the first few days of the new season saw cloudy, cool, rainy, snowy weather. The hardest and most persistent fisherman did catch fish, but most are awaiting the hatches.

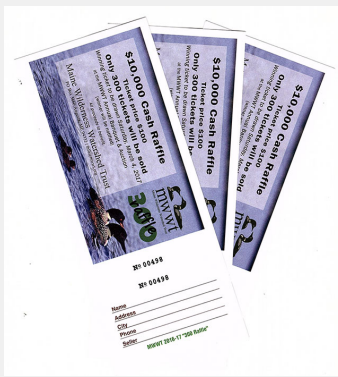
\$10,000 up for Grabs

With a cash prize of \$10,000, [MWWT's 2016-17 "300-Raffle"](#) has only 300 tickets for sale. Tickets are \$100. To buy tickets, contact any member of the Board of Directors, use our [web contact form](#), or e-mail info@mwwt.org. Consider pooling your funds with friends or family to buy a ticket, and plan to split the winnings.* All proceeds will benefit the Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust.

Annual Members-Meeting

MWWT kicked off the 300 Raffle on March 5 at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport, Maine, where 90 members and guests gathered for MWWT's Annual Meeting, Banquet, & Auction. Addressing the annual Members Meeting, MWWT President Carl Freeman discussed possible challenges regarding the Weyerhaeuser purchase of the Plum Creek watershed lands. We will update the membership as this situation becomes clearer.

**Only one person may be identified as the purchaser, and splitting the winnings is the sole responsibility of the winners.*



Trails for YOU

Do you have ideas for new trails in the Pierce Pond watershed? The Board of Directors has committed to improving and expanding hiking opportunities for people of all ages, interests, and abilities. Please suggest

- improvements to an existing trail with which you are familiar,
- a destination that you would like to see accessible by trail, and/or
- the type of trail you would like (e.g., challenging mountain hike, shoreland walk, etc.)

Please e-mail suggestions to [MWWT coordinator Jerry Bley](#).

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Congratulations to Director Derek Pierce on being named [Maine State Principal of the Year!](#)

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