

## 2024 BLA Raffle

### Another Success for our Lakes

### Dedication, Donation, Participation

Through dedication, donation and participation by us all, we had a superb 2024 BLA raffle for our lakes. Together we all achieved \$44,000 in raffle revenue for our mission, to Protect and Preserve Great Pond and Long Pond. Dedication of the BLA board members and volunteers who helped out at the tables, the valuable donations from our excellent suppliers, and the participation by many including you made it a success.



There were many wonderful moments. Bill Barrett, a long time Belgrade resident, won the first prize Hamlin's boat! The winner of the Hammonds Shore Master Boat lift (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) asked that the prize be directed to the Pine Tree Camp for disabled children and adults on North Pond. They were excited to get it. Their rescue boat's home is the beach and hence hard to launch. The lift is a BIG plus for them!

### Hammonds ShoreMaster Boat Lift Directed to Pine Tree Camp for the Disabled



**Hammond**  
Lumber Company

The four \$25 Sadie's gift certificates at the drawing were a big hit. "Dad", an older gentleman, stood up and made the huge trip to the raffle table to get his. Another winner had torn her ticket up and had to patiently reconstruct it so the team could confirm her winning number.



**“Dad”**



**Sally Whittington doing the drawing**



**“Did I win?”**

We owe huge thanks to those who generously donated over \$40,000 of prizes. They all came through for us! Those contributors include Hamlin’s Marine, Hammond Lumber, Bert and Sara Languet, Lynch Landscaping, Dick Greenan, Days Store, Gail Rizzo, the Village Inn, Trent & Sandy Shute, Skowhegan Savings Bank, Our Passion Alpaca, The Farmers Market team, Lakepoint Realty, and the Dilts family lemonade & cookie stand.



This year we had beautiful laminated maps of Great Pond and Long Pond at our raffle tables as well as toy baby stuffed Loons for those who became BLA Junior membership. The maps and baby loons almost sold out!

Many deserve special recognition for their efforts on behalf of the raffle. Some of those include Directors Bert Languet, George Atkinson, Dick Greenan, Polly Beatie, Blaine Horrocks & Carol Johnson. Members Lynn Matson and Marcel Schnee did important work to help us along the path to success. Like all great successes, we owe this BLA raffle to hard work by a lot of people and the generosity and participation by many more. It’s paying off for the lakes. Nicely done and thank you all.

Protect and preserve

Andy Cook

***All photographs courtesy of Dick Greenan. Thank you Dick!***