

Geese Patrol

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Lookout geese here we come! As everyone has noticed last year's geese numbers were out of control (60-70). It's time we take an all out assault on our feathered friends this year and do everything possible to control them. Once new goslings are hatched, imprinting takes place and this becomes their place of residence. We all know the mess these animals leave behind on our beaches and on all our club properties. Our goal this year is to have a maximum effort with all the help we can get to reduce the amount of goslings that will eventually hatch. We will do this in two ways:

First, on March 27th we have a egg round-up and addle as many eggs as we can find. We will meet at the clubhouse at 10:00am. If you can help, please call Lisa at the clubhouse (or me) so we know how many we can expect. If you have a boat with a motor we can use that would be terrific. We will scour every island, cove, lakefront, and wetlands for nests and addle the eggs.. The town obtains a permit to do this and gives us permission to do so.

Secondly, we have contracted with a gentleman called the "Bird Man" to spray a material on the grass that will make the geese sick and go somewhere else to eat. It will hold up to inclement weather and there is no risk to anyone who comes in contact with it. The "Bird Man" will put the first application down as board members observe so if necessary we can do the next application ourselves. This material is a rather inexpensive approach to help control our geese problem.

The last thing we all can do is **DO NOT FEED THEM**. If you live on a lakefront property chase them off. If you are on a club property and they are there, chase them off. The more we hassle them they will leave. We all have to make a concerted effort to reduce our geese population. Their droppings are unsightly and create a potential health problem with our water. Let me thank you in advance for all you help in this endeavor and if you can help us on the 27th let us know. Thanks!

