



Crescent Lake Chronicles

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Association Notes

By Fred Yates, Secretary-Treasurer

New this year: the **Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting** will be held at the **Acworth Town Hall** the first Saturday after the 4th of July. This year that means the meeting will be held **July 9, 2005**, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

At the 2003 Annual Meeting the CLA cottage owners voted to raise the annual dues to \$40.00 per cottage owner. Members voted to apply \$30.00 to support the **Milfoil Committee's** work, so of the \$40.00 dues, \$10.00 goes to the operation of the CLA, and the rest goes to combat Milfoil.

The Milfoil Committee's programs will cost an estimated \$11,500.00 each year from now on. For this year that budget will be financed as follows: **State of NH**, \$4,000; **Town of Acworth**, \$2,000; **Town of Unity**, \$1,000; **Crescent Lake Association Dues**, \$4,500.

The Milfoil Committee's work is like an **INSURANCE POLICY** on your cottage valuation, helping to protect our most important resource. Where else can you get an insurance policy for \$30.00 to help preserve your property value? The answer is, **"YOU CAN'T."** So support the eight cottage owners who work 365 days a year to help keep our lake free of invasive weeds.

Where else



When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake rests his beauty on
the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

The Peace of Wild Things
by Wendell Berry (1934 -)

can you get a great **FIREWORKS** display, **CANOE RACES**, **GOLF TOURNAMENT**, **ANNUAL PICNIC**, and a **CLEAN** lake for everyone, for only \$40.00 per year? Annual dues of \$40.00 are due and payable **BEFORE** the annual meeting or can be mailed. Checks should be made out to *Crescent Lake Association* and mailed to:

Fred W. Yates, CLA Sec'y/Treas
17 Washington Street
Westminster, VT 05158

Hope to see you at our annual meeting, July 9, 2005, this year at the Acworth Town Hall.

Fireworks July 2nd!

This year's gala is scheduled for Saturday, July 2 (rain date Sunday, July 3). **Thanks as always to the Desbiens.** This is an expensive show and a lot of hard work to prepare. If not for the Desbiens brothers, it would cost us four

times as much for the beautiful, professional display we see each year at Crescent Lake.

So when you send in your dues, consider adding a **donation for fireworks.** Last year we collected over \$1,560.

Kayak Raffle

We will have another Kayak Raffle this year at our Annual Picnic. Last year's winners were Kathleen Pesca Gonzales, cottage 71, and Sue Paton, cottage 42A. Tickets will be on sale at our Annual Meeting and at the Picnic. Chairman Fred Yates.

2005 T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

The shirts and other items will go on sale at our Annual Crescent Lake Meeting, and afterwards at Marie Boyle's cottage, #80, all summer.

If you wish to purchase T-shirts and other items at the meeting, please come by 9:30 a.m.

Sickness and Distress

Members of the Association, if you know of any Camp that has had a serious sickness or distress in their family this past year, please notify me, Secretary Yates, as soon as possible. I need this information for our Annual Meeting report. I can't be everywhere, know everything, so I need your help. Drop me a note in your dues payment. It would be greatly appreciated.

Milfoil Committee

We continue to be grateful for the dedicated efforts of our Milfoil Committee. Many Lake Association members want to donate money to the prevention of Milfoil/exotic plants because they are not able to give time or help in other ways. **If you would like to make a donation, please write your check to the Crescent Lake Association and designate that the money is for Milfoil/exotic plants prevention. Send the check to Fred Yates, or give it to any member of the Milfoil Committee.**

The Milfoil Committee:

- ◆ Tim Perry, chairman
- ◆ Carol Calkins, secretary
- ◆ Jerry Bushway
- ◆ John Demars
- ◆ Jim Howe
- ◆ Bob Kroupa
- ◆ Bill Paton
- ◆ Stan Rastallis

Please contact any Committee member if you haven't yet received their Spring report, which reviews the 2004 season and outlines the goals, budget, funding, and strategy for 2005.

The most critical activity is to **INSPECT ALL BOATS** as they

In Sympathy

By Fred Yates, CLA Secretary

The Crescent Lake Association wishes to extend to the families of the following Lake Members, past and present, which have lost someone in their family this past year, our deepest sympathy in the loss of one so dear. The grief has eased, but the love will continue forever.

This last year Stan Rastallis's family, Karla Underwood's family, and Timothy Perry's family lost the love and the dear companionship of someone so dear, their mother. Our deep condolences to these three families.

To Alan Abrahamovich's family on the passing of your father, Michael. The Crescent Lake Association sends our deepest condolence to Alan and the Abrahamovich family.

To Dean F. Campbell, cottage 53, we the Crescent Lake Association send to you and your family our deepest and sincere condolence on the passing of your beloved wife, Beverly, this past January. Our prayers are extended to you during this trying time. May the comfort that Bev loved Crescent Lake very dearly during the past 20 years help console you and your family.

To all Crescent Lake families that have lost someone this past year, our prayers and sympathy are extended to all of you and your loved ones.

The Members of the Crescent Lake Association

enter the lake, screening for weeds and informing boaters about the danger of carrying weeds from one body of water to another. The Committee will again put in place a program to perform boat surveys and boat / trailer inspections throughout the summer.

A new underwater survey will be done in June to map the vegetation in the shallow areas and check for the presence of invasive plants.

The Weed Watcher Program will continue this year, with trained lake volunteers conducting ongoing inspections of the shallow, weedy areas where invasive weeds are most likely to take root. Thanks to Weed Watcher Captain Stan Rastallis and all our other volunteers for helping prevent invasive weeds from entering our beloved lake.

Send In Your Answers!

First ones to send in the correct response to this year's summer puzzler will win great acclaim! Send to ckaftan@aol.com or at C-Side, #103.

Summer Puzzler

Magic Square #1: Place a number from 1 to 9 in each of the boxes below. Don't repeat any of the numbers. When you have finished, the numbers in every 3-box line (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) must add up to 15.

Magic Square #2: Same task, only this time all of the lines should add up to *different* sums.

Canoe Race: Important Notice

After many years, Gail Sloan has retired as our Canoe Race Chairman. Gail, we at Crescent Lake want to say **THANK YOU** for the great job you have done over the years. It is not an easy job; very time consuming the day of the race. Gail, you did a terrific job and we all appreciate your dedication. Happy retirement.

Our new co-chairmen are **Robert Mumford** of Shorewood Estates and **Lizette Grinaski** of camp 119. Congratulations to both of you and **THANK YOU** for taking over the chairmanship of this very important committee.

This coming year, 2005, if you have any questions about the canoe race, contact Robert at 863-8732 or Liz at 863-5036.

Dates to Remember

July 2, 2005, Dusk. Annual CLA Fireworks Display, Desbiens' Silver Beach Area.

July 9, 2005, 10 AM. Annual CLA Meeting, Acworth Town Hall.

July 16, 2005, 8:00 AM. Sixth Annual Sam Calkins CLA Golf Tournament. Newport Country Club, Newport, NH, followed by Men's Nite at the lake. Call CLA President David Sloan, 863-7156, or John Marshall, 863-1513.

July 16, 2005. Crescent Lake Ladies' Night! Join us for a night on the town. Call Liz Marshall, 863-1513.

September 3, 2005, 10:00 AM. Crescent Lake Canoe Race, Desbiens' Silver Beach Area. Co-chairs Robert Mumford and Liz Grinaski.

September 4, 2004, 1:00 PM. Annual Crescent Lake Picnic,

Desbiens' Silver Beach Area. Bring a dish to share and a basket to raffle.

CLA Annual Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

This year marks the Sixth Annual Golf Tournament that the Association has held. This is open to all cottage owners, family and friends. This year we are planning a few changes that will make it a very exciting event. If you are a golfer, please contact Dave Sloan or John Marshall if you are interested.

We have participants with handicaps from 10 all the way up to 35. So you see everyone can play in this tournament. If you are alone, or there are two of you, a foursome will be picked to complete.

This is a great day. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

The Picnic and the Race, 2004

Another super season-ending bash brought the happy hordes to Desbiens' Silver Beach on Labor Day weekend. Gail Sloan ran the canoe race one last time (Thanks again, Gail!) and Marie Boyle was pressed back into service for the picnic. As always, Gail, Marie and all the volunteers did a marvellous job.

Some 57 baskets donated for the raffle raised about \$1700 for the CLA coffers. Thanks to Diane Brenker's following up on a suggestion by Pam Muzeroll, we also had a very succesful Crafters Corner featuring the fabulous handiwork of our campers and other contributors.

There were soothing massages, magnificent photos and greeting cards, beautiful jewelry and other crafts, so even if you didn't win at the raffle, you could

go home with your hands full and a smile on your face.

The early evening rally at the lighthouse attracted scores of ka-YAKKERS -- we counted at least 75 -- all happy to join in

the fun. Sue Paton, fresh from winning a kayak at the picnic, sported a snappy "FOR SALE" sign on her vintage vessel. Later, the red flames of flare night and the bittersweet boat parade wrapped up the festivities for another summer.

Men's Division--Full Course Around the Lake

1. Ben Hart & Josh Hart - 27:02
2. James Murray & Ted Pert - 27:11
3. Brian Ignatowski & Tim Derby

Women and Men--Full Course

1. Judy Rastallis & Kristian Huttar - 28:38
2. Megan Murray & Kelsy Cabral - 29:10
3. Edward & Jennifer Bell - 30:30

Women's Division--Short Course Around the Lighthouse

1. Christine Salamone & Dana Boyle - 21:30

Adult with Child Under 12--Short Course

1. Chip Colello & Ben Colello - 18:41
2. Janna Grinaski & Tim Grinaski - 18:52
3. Scott Coursen & Reid Coursen - 20:20

Under 14--Short Course

1. Michael Grinaski & Tommy Creed - 19:26
2. Nick Riccio & Dan Magliano - 23:20
3. Jacob Mellish & Ian Grinaski - 23:27



Notes from the Trail

Our intrepid neighbors, Bill and Sue Paton of cottage 42A, are realizing the dream of walking the Appalachian Trail. They have been sharing their adventure by email, and we'll print a few of their notes for your reading pleasure.

Early May: Hi, I know that many of you have done some homework regarding the Appalachian Trail, or AT as we call it, but I thought I'd give you the perspective of someone who has spent a few days hiking it.

Sure, it's a footpath from GA to ME, but it is always interesting, for far, for Sue and I. It can be anything from 6" to 10' in width, generally hard-packed earth, but it can have a surface that is everything from roots, rocks, boulders, gravel, roads and our favorite--mud. Our favorite is when we get into the tunnels created by the Rhodies either when it's raining or right afterward. The thick goopy mulch that is created from the rain mixing with the dead leaves of the Rhodies, that can be 6-10" in thickness and wants to suck the boots right off your feet is our favorite.

The trail is rarely level, although we cherish those stretches of trail. We use the term MUDs, for mindless ups and downs, which it seems the trail does most of the time--up one hill then down the other side. I guess that's why they use the term "scenic" in the official trail title--it hits all of the high points.

Gap is another term we've come to dislike. It is the equivalent of notches in New Hampshire. It is used to



describe everything from a low point between two mountains, to a road crossing (maybe a fire road, or even an interstate), to a major river crossing. Gap means there is an uphill climb over the next x miles. Usually the gaps between mountains mean only a small climb, the ones with roads a fairly good climb, but the ones with rivers are generally the killers.

The distance which we make each day is very dependent on the condition of the trail and the elevation gains and losses that we encounter. Our low-mileage day this week was 10.4 miles out of Allen Gap. That stretch of trail had considerable ascents as well as a very rocky ridge walk that reminded us of the White Mountains. Sue joked about a "short" day coming into Erwin today, but it really was a smooth trail, with very little in the way of steep ascents that allowed us to walk the 11 miles in 5 hours.

We're looking forward to getting into Damascus, VA, which is about 100 miles from here. We understand that the topography of the trail changes yet again in VA with fewer steep ascents and descents, which really take a toll on old muscles.

That's about it as far as the trail goes. We've met some terrific people--both on the trail and in the towns we've visited. To me, the best part of the trail is really the people and camaraderie that's developed. *Bill*

Another note:

We finally had to leave Hot Springs and get back to business. We were pretty ambitious and hiked 14.9 miles. We started looking for a place to camp with a water source about 12 miles on. There was a nice spot for a tent right off the trail that we knew we could

come back to if we found water. At Allen Gap we



found water and decided to go back to that site. It was a pretty quiet day--we didn't see many hikers all day, and we camped by ourselves.

Monday morning when I came out of the tent a couple were out walking their dog and putting up signs inviting hikers to their home for "trail magic." They insisted we should come as soon as we were packed up.

Turns out they are 1999 thru-hikers and have a lovely log cabin 300 yards down the road from the trail in Allen Gap. They served beef stew, biscuits, and a great ice cream dessert. Yes--that was breakfast on Monday.

All week the weather has been great for hiking--a few clouds, mostly sunshine, and temps in the 60's. Since Sunday we hiked 68 miles. We hiked a short day today--only 11 miles into Nolichucky Gap and now we're recovering in Erwin, TN.

Hiking the AT is living a life a lot like the hobos of the 1930's and 40's. We carry all of our belongings, sleep out in the open, meet old friends and make new friends along the way, and are happy to accept handouts (trail magic) wherever the magic occurs. Big advantage for us is that the Master Card affords a little more luxury when we're in town.

We're both still doing well. Today we're just plain tired and a little worn out.

*Until next time, Sue & Bill
(aka Buffet & Goat)*

Lucky Litter

By Colleen Kaftan, map site 103

Last year's Labor Day picnic witnessed the first ever *Chronicles Extra Edition*. The occasion? A blessed event at C-Side, where a lovely little tuxedo cat crawled into the cellar and brough forth four adorable fuzzballs on about August 15. We had two little girl kitties and two boys, a pair each in gray and black, and each cuter than the next. To avoid the risk of turning into a crazy old cat lady (since I already had two), I was determined to find them happy homes.

And since it was so hard to let them go, I hoped they would somehow stay nearby. Not to be too demanding, I also wanted them to go in pairs so they would have the comfort of a brother or sister in their new surroundings. And, oh yeah, I wanted them to have the best of accommodations, food, toys, medical care, and at least a college education.

Where Are They Now?

Columbus Day weekend was my target adoption date. The demand for the little ones was so strong that I almost had to ask Mama Kitty to make a few more! In the meantime, I commuted back and forth to Rhode Island with 7 cats in my car. But on the fateful day, Noah and Bella (the adorable gray pair) went to live with Laurie Wallace, daughter of Mrs. St. Sauveur of cottage 20. Laurie is such a great person that I'm happy to have developed a friendship with her. She sends photos and updates on those babies (now pretty big!) and I'll get to see them again in summer.

Bump and Boo (the fuzzy black sweethearts)



Welcome, New Neighbors!

This year we had very active cottage changes. We have at least 13 (*) new neighbors, plus six (**) new members to the Association from the Shorewoods Estates area. The Crescent Lake Association and its members welcome all of you to the most active Association in New Hampshire.

If there have been other changes that I have not recorded, please let Secretary Fred Yates know as soon as possible before the annual meeting. Contact Fred at (802) 463-3468 or drop by camp 86, *HATETOLEAVEIT*.

- ◆ *Camp SWA** Leon & Carol Dombroski, Shorewood Estates*
- ◆ *Camp SWB* Kim Snedden, Shorewood Estates*
- ◆ *Camp SWC** Jack & Sandra McNamura, Hampton, NH*
- ◆ *Camp SWD* Kevin & Angie Hemingway, Shorewood Estates*
- ◆ *Camp SWE* Rich & Jean-Manlove Robinson, Shorewood Estates*
- ◆ *Camp SWG** Clarence Ferguson, Portland, CT*
- ◆ *Camp SWH* Richard & Ellen Levesque, Putney, VT*
- ◆ *Camp SWI* Gary & Carol Bouchard, Sandown, NH*
- ◆ *Camp SWR** Chet S. Manning, Shorewood Estates*
- ◆ *Camp SWU** Jennie Florida, Bethany, CT*
- ◆ *Camp 14A* Ralph & Kathleen Lamb, Deep River, CT*
- ◆ *Camp 40* Kevin & Diane Brenker, Longmeadow, MA*
- ◆ *Camp 46C* Phillip & Shelley Hallee, Andover, MA*
- ◆ *Camp 76* Timothy Donovan, Unity, NH*
- ◆ *Camp 88* Raymand & Nancy LeBlanc, Springfield, VT*
- ◆ *Camp 90* Gary & Judy Robinson, No. Haven, CT*
- ◆ *Camp 112* Joyce H. Oberkotter, Unity, NH*
- ◆ *Camp 115A* Robert & Laurel Woolner, Hillsboro, NH*

Welcome to Crescent Lake. We hope you will fall in love with the place as we all have. If there are any questions please feel free to contact your Lake Association Officers at any time. We don't get paid much, but we have a lot of fun.

went to our own Arlene Bates! When I saw her holding each one, I knew they were going to have happy lives. I look forward to seeing them in summer too.

And as for Mama...she's still with us, and she's the sweetest,

most lovable thing! She also seems to appreciate living indoors--never even tries to go out. On the day the babies left, I finally figured out her name. She's Cressie, or The Lady of Crescent Lake, aka The Fertile Crescent. And she's truly a doll.



Caution: Mercury Pollution

Some of the following information pertaining to mercury contamination in the fish in certain lakes in the state of New Hampshire was taken from the quarterly publication of the New Hampshire Lake Association, dated November 2004.

Back in 1990-1992, the Crescent Lake fishermen were requested to send to the state some of the fish that were caught in Crescent Lake. Only recently have these fish been tested.

The final analysis of mercury in the fish in Crescent Lake was not good. The following information indicates that you should not consume over four 8 oz. servings of fish per month. In short, until the Crescent Lake Association has received more information, please catch and release any fish you may catch for the foreseeable future. The Association does not want to frighten you, but we feel we should give you all the information we presently have. This only came to our attention when some officers of the Association received the November 2004 issue of "Lakeside," from the NH Lakes Association. We were just as surprised by this mercury situation as you are now. The Association officers will investigate this further and keep everyone informed.

Background: Game fish in NH's lakes have higher than "safe" levels of the neurotoxin mercury, posing a health risk to anglers, wildlife (e.g. loons) and others who consume the fish. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a reference dose -- a so-called "safe" daily dose of mercury -- of just 0.1 micrograms of methyl mercury per

kilogram of body weight per day. This dose represents the amount of methyl mercury that the EPA believes can be ingested by humans on a daily basis over the course of a lifetime without adverse health effects, based on current scientific knowledge. In 2000, the National Academy of Sciences affirmed that EPA's reference dose "is a scientifically justified level for the protection of public health."

A detailed analysis of fish tissue data from 62 of New Hampshire's 861 mercury-impaired lakes shows that, even though mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants is a problem for anglers on a statewide basis, the fish in some of New Hampshire's lakes are considerably more mercury-laden than are those in other lakes in the state.

How do New Hampshire's lakes stack up when it comes to mercury pollution?

To answer that question, the State Environmental Leadership Program (SELP) and New Hampshire Public Interest Research Group requested and analyzed the data available from state regulators on fish tissue testing for mercury levels. Fish of a variety of species were collected from 62 lakes and rivers and tested for mercury by the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health and the Department of Environmental Services between 1992 and 2002.

SELP then analyzed the mercury level data for several popular game fish species -- Eastern Chain Pickerel, Lake Trout, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth bass and Yellow Perch -- and ranked the NH lakes and rivers in order of average mercury concentration

across these fish species. Waters in which fewer than two fish of those species were tested were dropped from the analysis to guard against misleading results due to small sample size.

Using this conservative methodology, of the 62 lakes analyzed, the 10 worst mercury-polluted lakes in New Hampshire were as follows (listed in priority order):

1. Ashuelot Pond--Washington
2. Comerford Reservoir--Monroe
3. Pine River Pond--Wakefield
4. Cass Pond--Richmond
5. Beaver Pond--Deerfield
6. Massasecum Lake--Bradford
7. Monomonac Lake--Rindge
8. Halfmoon Pond--Washington
9. May Pond--Washington
10. Crescent Lake--Unity

Advisory: Due to the presence of mercury in freshwater fish, the NH Department of Health & Human Services reminds everyone about these general safe-eating guidelines:

- ◆ Pregnant and nursing women: one meal of freshwater fish per month
- ◆ Children under 7 years: one 3 oz. meal per month
- ◆ All other adults, and children age 7 and older: four 8 oz. meals per month.

It's better to limit consumption to fish 12 inches or less in length. In preparing the fish, remove the skin, trim away fatty areas, and use cooking methods that allow fat-laden juices to drip away. (Source: NH Dept. of Health & Human Services.)



Can We All Get Along? *By Cindy Creed, map site 41B*

My name is Cindy Creed. I don't think a lot of people know me on the lake, and that is probably because I am pretty quiet (until you get to know me) and I prefer land activities to water sports. There is nothing I like more on a warm early August morning than baking up some blueberry buckle with my freshly picked blueberries from Pitcher Mountain, awaiting my family's return from their usual early morning waterski run.

Last summer when we were granted our permit, my oldest son, Billy, was able to purchase a slalom course with money given to him as a graduation gift from a special relative for that purpose. When we applied to the State of NH and received the permit for that course, there was much excitement in our summer household. When it was first used, we were confronted by Fred Yates, but, as we had followed all of the requirements to receive that permit, we thought there was not going to be a problem.

Boy, were we wrong! We went to the 2004 Annual Meeting and we were pretty well beat up. Mostly, as a mother, what was upsetting to me was how it all happened. We took our son to that meeting as it is his course and he is 19 years old. I thought it would be good for him to get involved. On various topics, members were not allowed to finish speaking, and one was even reduced to tears. If that is what our association is about, perhaps we need to really look at ourselves. And it did not stop there. Residents stand out on their docks with their arms folded angrily when my son has used his course. We heard threats of impeding our passage. Others told us they were strong-armed about their refusal to sign the petition against the slalom course.

When we first arrived on the lake and took our boat out to waterski, we were what we refer to as ignorant to some of the safety rules and the peculiarities of Crescent Lake. Some seasoned lake residents and waterskiers respectfully and kindly pointed out the errors of our ways. This was done in a very positive way and we appreciated being enlightened about issues we were unaware of. We were not made to feel like bad people, just inexperienced people.

There have been activities on the lake that we have not been happy about during our seven years here as well... Last year there was the appearance of personal water craft on the lake. Our past experience with PWCs consisted of drivers jumping wakes dangerously close to boaters and skiers and generally being a nuisance and a safety hazard for all. We saw "those people" driving their PWCs and we were not happy about it at all.

Then one day we saw them out waterskiing and enjoying the lake like everyone else...and it occurred to us that maybe we were wrong and had misjudged them without even knowing them...we watched for a while, and then we did what we should have done in the first place. We drove our boat over to their place and introduced ourselves to our new neighbors...and guess what? They are really nice people just realizing the dream of a summer home on a lake like the rest of us--yet with some different interests than ours--and some similar interests as well! They did not fit the stereotype of PWC owners we had allowed to cloud our judgement. It was a good lesson for us and for our kids.

I guess where I am going with this is that my hope is for a community of people on Crescent Lake who can live with each other without prejudice...pre-judging people who look different than us which translates

into liking/doing things that we may not like or do.

For most of us this is a summer get-away spot and for others it is or will be their retirement home. Neither of which means added stress. Most of us are trying to get away from the rat race for whatever time we can--not looking for more tension in our lives.

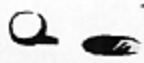
Last summer, when we were met with so much opposition to the slalom course, we spoke with several knowledgeable and highly respected residents on the lake. We tried to find ways to compromise on the use of our course so that everyone could get along. We decided to limit the use of our course, despite the hours we were permitted to use it by the state. Out of respect

for our neighbors, we put it in just four times. Less than 12 hours. We had a permit, we were not breaking any laws. More than worrying about a precedent being set by the slalom course permit, I think we should be concerned about the precedent of taking legal action to control the behaviors of our neighbors. There are many real infractions taking place on our lake which could result in some very unfortunate events. We should worry about those behaviors. If everyone follows the rules and acts with courtesy towards their neighbors, the lake can be a fun and safe place for everyone. Division on the lake, legal action, and disrespectful behavior have all put a bit of a tarnish on the relationships on the lake. Maybe we all need to compromise a bit, but I think it will be worth it if it means we can all just get along and enjoy our lake.

Cindy & Bill Creed have researched lake laws and are willing to share what they've learned. Reviewing the law is beyond the scope of the Chronicles; please contact the Creeds directly for more information.



You've been in the woods, the sand and the water, Dave...are you golfing or camping? (Gleefully submitted by Fred Yates.)



Overhead Views of Crescent Lake

Fred Yates sent in a remarkable satellite photo showing our beloved lake as seen from 100 miles above the Earth. The degree of detail is amazing! Unfortunately, the photo couldn't be reproduced in the *Chronicles*, but Fred or Elmer "Skip" Paquette (camp 53) will be happy to show it to you. Thanks for finding the image, Skip!

A bit closer to home, we also have some beautiful aerial shots taken by our own Renee Bobrowski, camp 39. Renee's husband is a pilot, and together they have created an impressive portfolio, much of which was on display at last year's Labor Day picnic.

We'll hope to see those "Photos by RBob" again this year -- and if we can't wait until the picnic, we just might try calling Renee at (603) 863-8431 or (860) 232-0327 for a private showing!

For Sale

Enjoy the true-life adventures of Crescent Lake living through *The Squirrel's Goblet: 56 Tales of Nature's Wonders & Antics*. Discover what other readers have found: old-fashioned story-telling at its best! Available at amazon.com and xlibris.com/TheSquirrelsGoblet.html. Contact authors Jeannette and Pam Muzeroll for signed copies at (603) 542-7319.

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CLA THANKS

 **DENNIS**
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for your annual donations to our Labor Day picnic.

Route 10, Goshen
863-5601

Gas and Oil Prices!!!

By Fred Yates

This last year the gas companies in the lake area increased their gas prices from around \$2.10 to \$4.99 per gallon for non-year-rounders.

Their reasons for the increase? "You don't use enough"; "Increase by their suppliers"; "A trip to the lake for so little usage..."

So what I am proposing is to form a Crescent Lake Gas and Oil Co-op. If everyone on the lake joins, we would put out bids. This bid would also include gas and oil service, repairs, and cleaning, etc.

The cost to each participant to join will be only \$5.00, every other year, to cover the cost of postage for mailings of notices, etc.

Let's talk it over at our Annual Meeting.

What do you think?

Signed,
Fred Yates

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Fire permits: Contact George Dunn, fire warden for Unity. All outdoor fires require fire permits from town fire wardens. Always be careful with anything that might cause sparks.

Sugar River Canoe: Cedar Strip Canoes, Kayaks, Bent Shaft Paddles — those works of art you see gliding by on the lake. Call Stan Rastallis, (603) 863-8838. Lake Road, Unity / HCR 66 Box 193 / Newport, NH 03773 .

Soap Source: Order "Seventh Generation" non-polluting detergents from Harmony, at 1 (800) 869-3446.

Stan's General Contracting. Building, Remodeling, Home Maintenance & Repair. (603) 542-5719

Got extra company? For Rent: 2 bedroom with sleeping porch overlooking West end of Crescent Lake. Call Dick 863-3935.

Lakeside Forge and Fabrication. (welding) P.O. Box 627, Claremont. Norman Ferland, camp 31. 863-3013

Lawn Mowing / Yard Work. Call Bob @ 863-3080.

Crescent Lake T-Shirts: Get 'em while they're current, because they can't be re-ordered. If you have "vintage" shirts you'd be willing to sell or give to a deserving neighbor (or to the Association for resale or auction), please contact Marie Boyle at 863-3778.

Lost & Found: If you find anything floating down the lake—boats, docks, skis, rafts, toys, kids, etc., please try to locate the owner. Also, be sure to secure your boats, etc., and put your name on them so they can be returned if found. Contact the Chronicles or any Lake Association officer to report either lost or found items.

SP Drafting and Design draws and updates our lake maps. Elmer N. Paquette, Wallingford CT. Phone: (203) 265-7352.

Site Specific, Inc. Remodeling, new construction, custom carpentry, period restoration, energy auditing and conservation service. K Wesley Cubberly 863-4802 or 1 (800) 281-2880.

Valley Artesian Well. Christopher

Farrow (802) 674-6493 or (800) 366-6493.

For Sale: Beautiful handcarved Crescent Lake clocks. Approx. 10" x 16". \$75, plus shipping (pickup at camp 60B available; call ahead). Call for info and photo (603) 542-7319.

Keep up with area news and events! Subscriptions to the **Acworth Community Newsletter**, published monthly by the Friends of Silsby Library, are \$6.50 / year. Box 88, S. Acworth, NH 03607.

Or pick up the **Unity Newsletter** at **Will's Place** in beautiful downtown Unity: Your Home Town Store. Groceries, Fish & Game licenses, worms & crawlers, Megabucks, rental movies, fresh grinders, soda & ice, Power Ball. Corner of Mica Mine Road and 2nd N.H. Turnpike. Summer hours: M-F 6 am - 9 pm, Sat. 8 am - 9 pm, Sun. 8 am - 8 pm. 543-3769.

Support Will's Store and Market Place! Please support your local store as much as possible. Next store is 10 miles away!

South Acworth Community Store, 835-6547. Operated by the town people and Acworth Historical Society. Support another local store.

We'll keep publishing **Crescent Lake Chronicles** as long as you keep sending material. To contribute, contact:

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Camp 103 "C-Side" (603) 863-9415
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fax: 401 232-5545 email: ckaftan@aol.com.

We're looking for comments on lake life, tips on the area, for sale / wanted to buy, announcements, news, reviews, good summer puzzlers (and solutions!), pithy front-page quotes, letters to the editor... and even photos, especially if they're accompanied by witty captions or stories. Don't be shy! Send your article today!

Your Lake Association Officers:

President: David Sloan, map site 11A

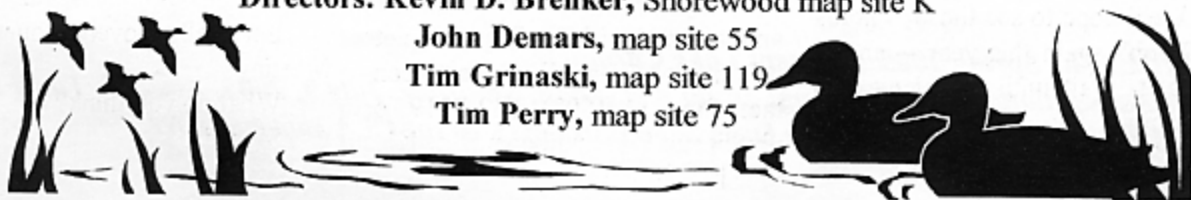
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Ice Out!

By Colleen Kaftan, map site 103

April 16, 2005. We finally got back to the lake after a long, hard winter. There was still some ice on Friday, but by Saturday it looked ready to give way on a long-awaited sunny afternoon.

Cue the boats! We saw several canoeists and kayakers forge right onto the remaining ice.



Some were able to plow right through like intrepid icebreakers. Others got hung up for a short time, but it didn't stop them from having a ball. The sound of the ice breaking up was most exhilarating! I've always loved the sound of the ice forming in the late autumn--but this noise heralded spring, yippee! It was a gleeful afternoon and a great break from yard work. By late afternoon the lake was sparkling clear.

Now if only summer would decide to grace us with some warm dry weather at last...



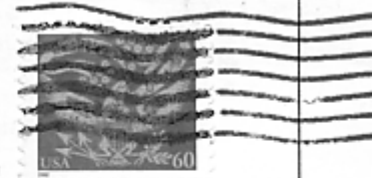
Ambulance Calls

Acworth residents, to speed response time in case of medical emergency, DO NOT call 911. The 911 system calls an ambulance from Bellows Falls for emergencies in Acworth. Average time to reach the lake is 18-19 minutes.

Instead, call **Golden Cross Ambulance** at (603) 542-2244. Golden Cross will come from Claremont and can make it to the lake in about 7 minutes. We hope you never have to call!

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Lake Association Annual Meeting: 10:00 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 9, 2005, Acworth Town Hall.

\$40 Association Annual Dues are Due! SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE CLA ADDRESS ABOVE.