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Unity / Acworth, NH

Spring 2006

Association Notes

By Fred Yates, Secretary-Treasurer

The Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Unity Fire Station the first Saturday after the 4th of July. This year that means the meeting will be held July 8, 2006, 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 each year from now on. For this year that budget will be financed as follows: State of NH, \$3,000; Town of Acworth, \$2,000; Town of Unity, \$1,000; Crescent Lake Association Dues, \$4,500; Donations, \$1,000.

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 can you get fireworks, canoe races, golf tournaments, annual picnics, and a clean

What to do on Spring Equinox

Compost this poem.

Take out all the words that remind you of winter, words that slip frozen into your heart,

bare limbs of words that stick into the sky and shake.

Prune out dead wood;

rough ragged never gonna fruit,

done is done!

Pay attention to what is here,

not what isn't.

Send your roots into another row or field or bed. Mow. Rake up all the grass.

Layer, as if you're expecting a hail or a deep frost; The end of winter is always unpredictable.

Add manure, plenty of manure

and call in the flies, the dung beetles, the worms. Soon, they'll be heat. Steam.

The pile will soften, break down, give in, let go. Compost winter into spring,

take off those old clothes you've been wearing,

the despair like a hat on your head, dig into the pile,

into the heat and heart of what matters.

Plant your garden and remember, each year,
everything will be different;

compost what you can.

Author unknown

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 the annual meeting, July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Fireworks July 1st!

This year's gala is scheduled for Saturday, July 1 (rain date Sunday, July 2). Thank you Allen Desbiens. This is an expensive show and a lot of hard work to prepare. If not for Allen Desbiens, it would cost us four times as much for this 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 \$1485.

For the first time in over ten years, the 2006 fireworks display will not be held at Silver Beach. The Desbiens have their property up for sale and they have requested a year off. We all wish to express our deepest appreciation and a huge THANK YOU to Dick and Jane Desbiens for the use of their beach area over the years.

This year's display will be held at the western end of the lake, on the shoreline of Chris and Karin Lisischeff's property. Many thanks to the Lisischeff family for the use of their beach area. The Association has one serious request: NO PARKING by anyone who doesn't live or own property in the Anderson Road area. This is a very narrow one-lane road that must stay open for an emergency vehicle if it is required. Thank you.

2005 Kayak Winners

Our CONGRATULATIONS go out to our 2005 kayak winners, Terry Wallace of cottage 41C and Jean Cronk of cottage 124. Total kayak raffle ticket sales were \$1,040, giving each winner \$520 toward the purchase of a new kayak. Thanks also to Don at Alden of Sunapee, Newport, for taking such good care of our winners. So when you are in the market for a good Pungo kayak, the Crescent Lake Special, see Don.

2006 T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

The shirts and other items will go on sale at our Annual Crescent Lake Meeting. They'll be available thereafter at Marie Boyle's cottage, #80, all summer long.

If you wish to purchase Tshirts 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

Once again, hats off and heartfelt thanks to our Milfoil Committee, whose hard work helps protect our most valuable and beautiful resource. Preventing Milfoil and other invasive plants is the biggest issue we face as a lake community.

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. Donations in 2005 were the lowest in three years: only \$601. If you would like to make a donation this year, 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:

- · Tim Perry, chairman
- · Lorraine Dion, secretary
- Jerry Bushway
- John Demars
- Jim Howe
- · Bob Kroupa
- Bill Paton
- Stan Rastallis

The most critical activity is to INSPECT ALL BOATS as they enter the lake, screening for weeds and informing boaters about the danger of carrying weeds from one body of water to another. The committee has again put in place a program to perform a lake bottom weed survey as well as boater surveys and boat/trailer inspections throughout the summer.

In Sympathy

Our deepest condolences go out to the Ferguson family in the passing of Clarence Ferguson, Portland, CT, and Shorewood Estates. We had not heard of the passing of Clarence in time for last year's Chronicles. Clarence loved the lake and will be missed by his friends and neighbors here.

The Association also wishes to extend to William, Jeannette, and Phyllis (Pam) Muzeroll our deepest sympathy on the passing of their daughter and sister, Frances M/Pomeroy. Just months later, they also lost their beloved son and brother, Martin. In moments like this, there are no words to express our sorrow for your loss.

To all Crescent Lake families that have lost someone this year, we extend our kindest thoughts along with our prayers and sympathy.

Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

This year marks the seventh annual golf tournament. It is open to all cottage owners, family and friends. If you are a golfer and want to participate, please contact Dave Sloan, 863-7156 or John Marshall, 863-1513.

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.

Dates to Remember

July 1, 2006, Dusk. Annual CLA Fireworks Display, Lisischeffs' beach area.

July 8, 2006, 10 AM. Annual CLA Meeting, Unity Fire Department, Unity, NH.

July 15, 2006, 8:00 AM. Seventh Annual Sam Calkins CLA Golf Tournament, Newport Country Club, followed by Men's Nite at the lake. Call CLA President David Sloan, 863-7156, or John Marshall, 863-1513.

July 15, 2006. Ladies' Night! Join us for a night on the town. Call Liz Marshall, 863-1513.

September 2, 2006, 10:00 AM. Canoe Race, Desbiens' Silver Beach Area. Co-chairs Robert Mumford and Liz Grinaski. 1:00 PM. Annual Picnic. Bring a dish to share and a basket to raffle. Early evening. Kayak rally at the lighthouse! Dusk. Kids Show! Big screen cartoons & movie for the young of all ages. Popcorn furnished, bring your drink, chair, and blankets for the young ones to sleep on. Presented by Bethany Yates Coursen at Yates-Terrell cottages.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

This year we had several cottage changes. We have at leas nine new association members on the lake and in Shorewoods Estates. The Crescent Lake Association and its members welcome all of you to the best lake community in New Hampshire.

If there have been other changes, 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 -- 863-1021.

- * Cottage SW-AR44 Keith & Clare Felton, Sterling, MA
- * Cottage SW-AR90 Carolyn E. Da Vanzo, Unity, NH
- Cottage 2 Peter & Elizabeth Heacox, Vernon-Rockville, C
- Cottage 10 Matthew & Ellyn Vander-Wyden, Guilford, CT
- Cottage 39 George & Donna Colello, Sudbury, MA
- * Cottage 46A Kenneth Dandineau, Lebanon, NH
- * Cottage 58 Peter Luke, S. Windsor, CT
- Cottage 105A David & Karola Dery, Wilton, NH
- Cottage 121 James & Mia Decelles, Smithfield, RI

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.

The Picnic and the Race 2005

Marie Boyle came out of retirement to run yet another fabulous summer's end celebration with the help of many dedicated volunteers. Bless you, Marie and crew!

Some 72 baskets were donated for a record-busting raffle take of \$1925.00! Special thanks to Matthew & Ellyn Vander-Wydens, who did a terrific job of selling tickets, topping our previous record by \$430.00. Thanks also to all cottage owners and guests who donated baskets and purchased tickets.

Of course it all starts with the annual canoe race, which got under way at 10 AM under the capable cochairmanship of Bob Mumford and Liz Grinaski. Over 17 teams entered. Congrats to 10 winners in 5 categories:

Men's Division--Full Course Around the Lake

- Kris Huttar & Wayne Bruneau 29:15
- 2. Mike Grinaski & Tom Creed 29:30
- Brian Ignatowski & Cody Barfield 38:08

Mixed Division

- Siegfried Lisischeff & Julie Lisischeff 29:30
- Ed Bell & Jen Bell 33:43

Women's Division

1. Beth Coursen & Cheryl Yarosevich - 30:25

Adult with Child Under 12-Short Course

- 1. Alex Harrington & Ian Grinaski 22:00
- 2. Dan, Kahlia, & Kalen Gonzalez 22:27
- 3. Scott Coursen & Reid Coursen 22:41

Under 14--Short Course

1. Nick Riccio - 25:23

Every participant put in a great effort. As you can see by the winners listed, several divisions are open to more racing teams. All cottage owners, their families, and guests are welcome. Come on down to Silver Beach in 2006 for another great day of racing!

Ode to a Barking Dog

Oh, barking dog. Oh, barking dog.
Where for art thou barking dog?
Has your owner gone away?
Are the children off to play?
Are you left all alone,
Tied up so you won't roam?
The noise echoing across the
lake

Can be very hard to take.



Oh, barking dog. Oh, barking dog.
Where for art thou barking dog?
Each and every summer day Boats speed by your house in

You make sure your presence's known to each and every laker's home. Growls and barks, yaps and yips. If only you would close your lips.

play.

Oh, barking dog. Oh, barking dog. Where for art thou barking dog?

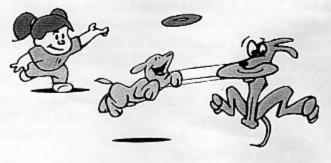
Dogs are great fun at times, But don't forget, bring yours inside.

We love to see them frolic around,

But not when you have gone to town.

Don't forget, we live here too. All that barking, our ears are blue. We just want to be good friends. So, please see that the barking ends.

By Linda and Julie Kroupa, map site 17



The Flood of 2005

By Neil and Pauline Hanlon, map site 62

CLOSING WEEKEND, OCTOBER 2005: We have been closing our cottage now for 22 years here at Crescent Lake and have had some interesting weather to cope with over the years including snow and 90 degree weather but this one took the cake.

We got here Friday the 7th to enjoy what we thought would be a peaceful, fun weekend. Our neighbor, and now my sister-in-law Mary Hinners Grenier and a few of their friends would be up to play golf all weekend and just hang out. Well, the rains started and never stopped. Needless to say, golf was out and card games were in. After a nice dinner at the Shutters Saturday night and more card games at Mary and Paul's, we crossed the street to find our place flooded from the rains off the mountain and the overflow of the brook. Thinking we were funny, we put on life jackets and sang "Nearer My God to Thee," never knowing what we would encounter the next morning. Neil couldn't sleep and at 1 AM went out to check the lake and found our boat and dock ready to float away. Thankfully, he caught it in time and quickly tied both to a tree, and then noticed the Hinners-Greniers', Maines', and Bunickys' dock floating down towards the dam. We knew we had some problems ahead...

Early that morning the news was horrible and the scene on the lake wasn't much better. Mike and Jane Maines' property was so bad...Mike woke up to the sounds of raging water on one side of his camp and the lake coming up the front. He said it was a little unsettling to say the least. Our place looked like we lived on a house boat.

Thankfully, David, Tim and Bob helped our guys remove the docks and Tom's paddleboat from the dam. The roaring waterfall was the most incredible sight and the raging water flowing under the bridge is a sight we'll never forget.

Closing is always sad but this year it was terrible because of all the heartaches in Alstead, Acworth, and other towns in New Hampshire.

We hope for a more tranquil winter and can't wait to see our beautiful Crescent Lake again in April.

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the time of the flood, we discovered a great way to keep up with news from the area. Go to http://www.wmur.com for complete TV coverage from channel 9. The online images from the October flood were devastating, and unfortunately so were the ones from May. Pray for sun this summer!

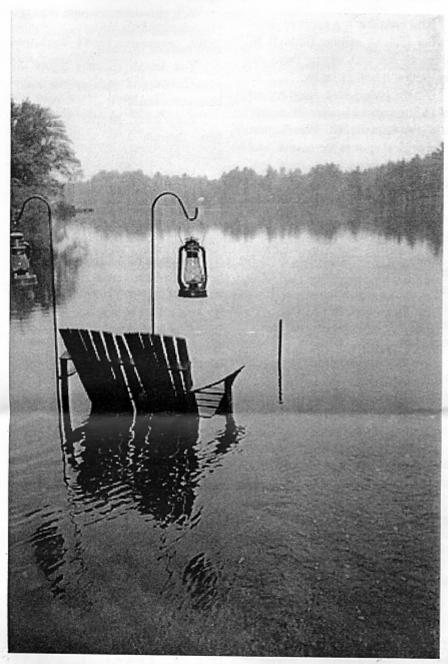


Photo courtesy of Neil and Pauline Hanlon

Favorite Places: The Back Side Inn

You're in your mid twenties, a history and international studies major with a minor in business and economics and a promising New York career in financial services. What's the logical next step? To buy an old inn in Goshen, N.H., of course!

Anne Benroth and her partner, Glen Verity, are two of the most energetic and capable people we've ever met. After 6 months combing through 2,200 web listings and visiting 35 properties, they took over the Back Side Inn, with its 135-year old farmhouse including 10 guest rooms, wraparound restaurant, and surrounding 120 acres, just before Thanksgiving in 2003.

Since then it's been non-stop activity as the pair worked to renovate the guest rooms and public spaces while retaining the Inn's existing clientele and attracting new customers for Anne's vast culinary talents as executive chef.

With extensive experience at top-rated restaurants in the Hamptons (Long Island), in California, at Mont Tremblant in Quebec and at western ski resorts, Anne offers her guests and diners a touch of the true four- and five-star experience when they come to table, as she told a reporter for the Argus-Champion last summer.

And she succeeds. "This is no hamberger joint," wrote Allen Lessels in New England Magazine.

A typical fixed price winter menu (at under \$25 last winter) includes a choice of tasty starters, plus soup or salad and entrees such as Chef Anne's chicken picatta, traditional chicken marsala, shrimp scampi over handmade linguini,

(continued next page)

fresh haddock fillets with crabmeat hollandaise, sirloin strip steak in an herb butter crust or smothered with mushrooms and onions, cranberry maple glazed pork tenderloin medallions in an orange cognac sauce topped with prosciutto and caramelized onions, or sliced boneless duck breast--each dish generously garnished with delicious veggies and a starch. And of course there's dessert--a tempting array of Anne's own pastries and other delights.

To enjoy the bounty of Sunday brunch, you might want to skip dinner the night before just to save room for tasting everything! The Wednesday evening handmade pasta buffet has already become a hit with locals and visitors alike.

The Back Side Inn, on the back side of Mt. Sunapee at 1171 Brook Road, Goshen, is a BYOB establishment, and you can call ahead to for special menus-in fact, Anne does a large portion of her business by request and reservation. Call 863-5161 or visit www.backsideinn.net

Summer Schedule

- 9:00 Sunday
- -12:30 Brunch
- Wednesday 6-8:30 pm Handmade Pasta Buffet
- Thursday (July 4th-Labor Day), Friday, & Saturday 6-8:30 pm Various Fine Dining Menus
- · Catering on & off premises available-we'll even host BBQs at your home so you can enjoy the company of your guests
- · We will customize menus to your needs--just give us a call
- We do weddings, rehearsal dinners, private parties, and family reunions--guests can stay at the Inn and leave all the work to us!

You Might be a New Englander if...

You consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 36 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping it will swim by.

You're proud that your region makes the national news 96 nights each year because Mt. Washington is the coldest spot in the nation, and Boston gets more snow than any other major city in the US.

Your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May.

You instinctively walk like a penguin for six months out of the year.

Someone in a Home Depot offers you assistance, and they don't work there.

You've worn shorts and a parka at the same time.

You've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number.

"Vacation" means going anywhere south of New York City for the weekend.

You measure distance in hours.

You know several people who have hit a deer more than once.

Summer Puzzler: Sudoku! Liberally adapted from "Sudoku, Easy to Hard"

join the Sudoku craze. For those who've been living under a rock, Sudoku is an addictive numbers puzzle featuring a 9x9-square grid, with heavy lines dividing it into nine 3x3 boxes. You fill in the grid with numbers so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits from 1 to 9, without repeating. Some digits are placed in the grid to get you started. As always, the first correct answers sent to the Chronicles editor will earn great prestige at the lake.

You have switched from "heat" to "AC " in the same day, and back again.

You can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching.

You install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked.

You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend/wife knows how to use them.

You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction.

Your idea of creative landscaping is a statue of a deer next to your blue spruce.

"Down South" to you means Philadelphia.

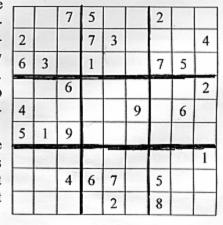
Your neighbor throws a party to celebrate his new shed.

Your 4th of July picnic was moved indoors due to frost.

You find 10 degrees "a little chilly."

You actually understand these jokes, and forward them to all your New England friends!

by Will Shortz, NYT Crossword Editor. Send an-It's high time for Crescent Lake to swers to ckaftan@aol.com or deliver to C-Side.



These <u>Chronicles</u> printed by NewsBank, Inc.Chester, VT (802) 875-2397. Once again, Mike Walker (map site 1) and his staff have done a terrific job. Thank you again, Mike Walker and NewsBank!

Fire permits: Contact George Dunn, fire warden for Unity. All outdoor fires require fire permits from town fire wardens. Please be careful with anything that might cause sparks, and always get a permit for outdoor fires.

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.

Stan's General Contracting. Building, Remodeling, Home Maintenance & Repair. 863-7417.

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

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

CLASSIFIED NOTICES

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.

Found: 10' green metal rowboat, on Fred Yates' beach 863-1021. Many docks / rafts floated away in last year's flood. Call Tim Perry 863-7107 or Bob Kroupa 863-3080 if you lost one. The lake rose over 52 inches.

SP Drafting and Design draws and updates our lake maps. Elmer N. Paquette, Wallingford CT. Phone: (203) 265-7352 or 863-9714.

Valley Artesian Well. Christopher Farrow (802) 674-6493 or (800) 366-6493. The Valley's leader in honesty, quality & service in water wells.

College student looking for part time work: yards, dog sitting, whatever! Erin Ryan, 863-3935.

Shady Brook Landscaping & Property Maintenance. Tree removal, lawn care. Rod Harper 802-463-1989.

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. (Excellent! FWY)

Or pick up the Unity Newsletter at Will's Place in beautiful downtown Unity. 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.

Gas and Oil Prices

By Fred Yates

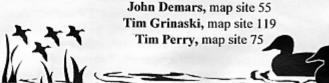
Last year I proposed a Crescent Lake Gas and Oil Coop to create buying power for lake association members, for a membership cost of \$5 every other year. The response and interest have not been promising.

We have over 170 cottages on the lake and in Shorewood Estates. I received 30 replies not interested; 31 replies interested, payment included. Received 8 maybe, no payments.

I am hoping at least 50 more would be interested. If response is negative by the end of the summer, I will cancel this project. So call me! 863-1021 We'll keep publishing *Crescent Lake Chronicles* as long as you keep sending material. To contribute, contact: Colleen Kaftan, Camp 103 "C-Side" -- 863-9415 -- email: ckaftan@aol.com -- or mail to 228 Harris Road, Smithfield, RI 02917. Co-editor Fred Yates 802-463-3468; email: lbyates@verizon.net.

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 Secretary-Treasurer: Fred Yates, map site 86 Directors: Kevin D. Brenker, Shorewood map site K



Gifts from Crescent





In a spontaneous display of generosity during last year's La-

bor Day picnic, several people started circulating through the crowd with brown paper bags for donations to support the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. (We know certain people spearheaded the effort, but we've lost the list! Thank you all anyway.)

Entirely separate from the other fundrasing efforts of the day, the brown bag collection took in \$1500, an already immpressive amount which one anonymous donor then decided to double with matching funds. Later that month, Fred Yates

delivered our \$3000 donation in a brown paper bag to American Red Cross representative Karen Fabis, at her office in Keene.

Speaking for the Red Cross to the Crescent Lake Association, Karen said, "Because of your generosity, the many victims of this year's devastating hurricane will have the chance to recover and move forward." Also, "Our highest priority will always be to those facing challenges from natural or man-made disasters. Your help makes our lives a little easier. Thank you for your support of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross."

Little did she know at the time that the Red Cross and other agencies would need to help people from our area after the flooding just a month later, and again in May of 2006.

In another act of support for local causes, the Crescent Lake Association donated \$600 to the town of Unity for its gazebo project.

Of course many of our summer and year-long residents also work tirelessly to support both the CLA and our surrounding communities. Thank you!

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 readh the lake is 18-19 minutes, and could be longer now that part of Unity Stage Road is out.

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!

Crescent Lake Association Mr. Fred W. Yates, Sec./Treas. 17 Washington Street Bellows Falls, VT 05158



INSIDE: The Spring 2006 Crescent Lake Chronicles!

Lake Association Annual Meeting: 10:00 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 8, 2006, Unity Fire Station.

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