



Crescent Lake Chronicles

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Your Prez Says...

By Dave Sloan, CLA President

I hope that all of you had a cozy winter, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the lake this spring, summer, and fall.

Association Notes

By Fred Yates, Secretary-Treasurer

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 5, 2008, from 10 AM until noon.

Free Pancake Breakfast!

Special CLA breakfast: The Ladies of the Acworth Meeting House Restoration Project are putting on a FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST for all CLA members who plan to attend the annual meeting on July 5. Starting at 8 AM, at the Acworth Meeting House / Church dining room, the pancake breakfast will consist of pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, and coffee.

This is a very nice special invitation for the CLA. If you are pleased with your breakfast, a small donation as you leave will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go to the Restoration Project. (See inside for news of another important and fun event in support of the restoration project on July 12.)

Dues Are Due

At the 2003 Annual Meeting the CLA cottage owners voted to

Thank You, Marie Boyle!

We dedicate this issue of the Chronicles to our beloved Marie Boyle--the *mater familias* of Crescent Lake--for her incredibly contagious effervescence and the many ways (not to mention the millions of hours) she has worked to bring us together since she and Ray came to the lake in 1973. Here's Marie keeping Dave Sloan and Fred Yates in line (she's the only one who can) as they divvy up the cake she designed for last year's Labor Day picnic. See inside for a photo of the cake, adorned with Marie patented handmade canoes.

Much love from all of us, Marie!



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.

Bill Paton's report on the Milfoil Committee's activities appears inside. 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 cottage owners who work 365 days a year to help keep our lake free of invasive weeds. Tim Perry is the Milfoil Committee chairman.

Annual dues of \$40.00 are due BEFORE the annual meeting. Checks should be made out to Crescent Lake Association and can be mailed to:

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

Fireworks July 5th!

Thanks to **Allen Desbiens** and his faithful crew, this year's gala is scheduled for Saturday, July 5. Since most of the campers on the lake must go home Sunday, the rain date will be July 12. That way we're sure to include as many as possible.

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 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 \$1,590 from 72 cottage owners--an average of \$22 per cottage. This is the largest amount of donations ever. Thank you! Thank you!

For the third year, the 2008 fireworks display will not be held at Silver Beach. Although we still have fond memories of Silver Beach extravaganzas, our new venue proves equally as spectacular, and more visible for our "westerners."

So this year's display will take place at the western end of the lake, on the shoreline of Chris and Karin Lisischeff's property. **The Association has one serious request: NO PARKING** by anyone who doesn't live or own property in the Emerson Road area. This is a very narrow one-lane road that must stay open for emergency vehicles if required. Thank you.

To ease the concerns of our cottage owners, the debris that falls into the lake from the fireworks is

very thin sheets and pieces of paper that dissolve into the water, causing no danger to the lake, fish, or environment. Otherwise the environmentalists would have stopped us long before now. But thank you to the cottage owners who asked.

Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

This year marks the ninth annual golf tournament. It is open to all cottage owners, family, and friends--both men and women. 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 a twosome, we'll pick a foursome to compete. This is a great day. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

The event starts at around 8:00 AM on July 19 at Newport Country Club. Golf party and Men's Nite at around 6:00 PM at Dave Sloan's cottage.

2008 T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

This year's design winner is "When We're Not Looking," by Kate Schneider, a 15-year-old guest at C-Side (camp 103). Kate first visited Crescent Lake as an infant. Shirts and other items will go on sale before our Annual Crescent Lake Meeting. (Come early!) They'll be available thereafter at Marie Boyle's cottage, #80, all summer long.

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

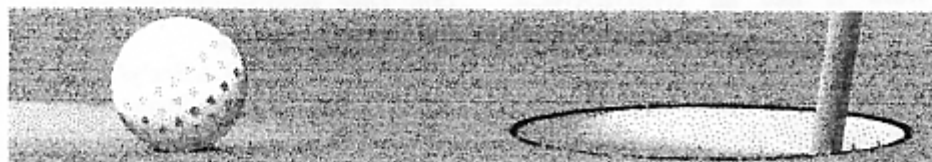
For the thousandth time, hats off and heartfelt thanks to our Milfoil Committee, whose hard work helps protect our most valuable and beautiful resource. Preventing Milfoil and other invasive plants is the biggest issue we face as a lake community.

Many CLA 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.

The 2007 donations were a terrific sign of support: we received over \$1,180 from 37 cottage owners--an average of \$32 each. Thanks to all who donated to the Milfoil fund.

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
- ◆ Mark Wilson



Dates to Remember

July 5, 8 AM. Free pancake breakfast at the Acworth Meeting House/ Church dining room. Graciously offered by the ladies of the Meeting House restoration project. Donations gladly accepted. Meet your Acworth neighbors before the CLA annual meeting.

10 AM: Annual CLA Meeting, Acworth Town Hall.

July 5, Dusk: Annual CLA Fireworks Display, Lisischeffs' beach area. Rain date: July 12.

July 12, 10 AM to 4 PM: Acworth Meeting House Open House Steeple Day. Tour the restoration project! Chicken bar-b-que at noon; lots of other activities all day.

July 19, 8 AM: Ninth Annual Sam Calkins CLA Golf Tournament, Newport Country Club, followed by Men's Nite at Dave Sloan's cottage. Call CLA President David Sloan, 863-7156, or John Marshall, 863-1513.

July 19: Ladies' Night! Call Liz Marshall, 863-1513.

August 16-17: Second annual Giant CLA Yard Sale.

August 30: Labor Day End-of Season Celebration!

10 AM: Canoe Race, Desbiens' Silver Beach Area. Co-chairs Bob Mumford and Liz Grinaski.

1 PM: Annual Picnic. Bring a dish to share and a basket to raffle.

Early evening: Kayak rally at the lighthouse!

After Dark: Flare night and farewell boat parade. Decorate your boat and/or your cottage!

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 there were eleven cottage changes. We have eight new association members on the lake and three 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 AR 54 Christopher & Melinda Stupka
- ♦ Cottage AR 91 John & Joanne Salerno, Salem, MA
- ♦ Cottage SW 45 Philip & Shelly Bonomo, Bridgewater, MA
- ♦ Cottage 21 Scott & Karen Bacloed, Weymouth, MA
- ♦ Cottage 28 Grant & Beth Ferland, Boston, MA
- ♦ Cottage 34 Robert & Terry Payne, Norfolk, VA
- ♦ Cottage 46A Vivia Carter & Nick and Mike, Windsor, VT
- ♦ Cottage 69 Steve & Laurie Murray, Conchester, CT
- ♦ Cottage 71 Donald & Kathleen Gonzales, Wallingford, CT (2005)
- ♦ Cottage 91 Douglas & Elizabeth Allen, Windsor, VT
- ♦ Cottage 113 Fred & Delores Mellish, Perkinsville, VT

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.



September 1, 2007: A Birthday Cake for the CLA



Passing the Torch: Notes From Our New CLA Race & Picnic Leader

By Beth Boyle, map site 80

[Editor's note: Who better to follow Marie's example than her daughter-in-law, Beth Boyle? And aren't we lucky to have such devoted and talented people in our midst? Here's a note Beth sent us over the winter.]

As the new Chairman of the Canoe Race Committee, I was amazed how everything came together—don't get me wrong, the job can be a lot of work, coordinating, planning, and communicating, BUT I had so much help. My mother-in-law, Marie Boyle, is the best teacher and coach—she gave me binders of past picnic notes and lots of guidance. She has years of experience and knows what works and what doesn't work. Then there are the committee volunteers—WOW—what a bunch of great people—friendly, helpful, and eager to do whatever I asked. I want everyone to know how lucky I am to have them on various committees. I am including the entire list [see next page] so everyone who reads the *Chronicles* will know who they are and how much it takes to pull our traditional end of summer race and picnic together. I also want everyone to know how much I appreciate your help. Thank you all very much!! AND we can always use new volunteers so don't hold back.

The 75th Anniversary of the Crescent Lake Association was marked by the huge success of our Canoe Race Picnic. Hey, we made it to the front page of the Sunday Eagle Times! I am sure some found slight inaccuracies in the article, but I think our young reporter was a little overwhelmed by our tremendous turnout and community togetherness. It reminds me of all those little Whos in Whoville on Christmas morning in the story of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The only thing we were missing was a community song (smile). Where else can you have a day that starts with a canoe race in several categories, an award ceremony for the winners, picnic setup, grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, potluck dishes and salads, drinks, homemade ice cream, dessert, and cake for 300+ folks, games for the kids, live music, Crescent Lake clothing for sale, raffle baskets, announcements, awards, complete clean-up, flares at night and (some years) a boat parade? The best part is visiting with all our lake friends.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Boyle.

75 Kayaks for the Crescent Lake Association's 75th: The 9/1/2007 Rally

Can you count up to 75? Or even to 50 (as in "Stay Back 50 feet")? Obviously, a good time was had by all. Thanks to Beth Boyle for the party and the photos.



2007 Canoe Race

By Bob Mumford, map site SWE 6

Windy conditions and cooler temperatures provided a welcome relief from summer heat for the annual Crescent Lake Canoe Race on Saturday, September 1, 2007.

After Dave Sloan, Tim Grinaski, and son Michael laid out the orange buoys to mark the full course, enthusiastic canoeists started trickling in to Silver Beach from across the lake to participate in the race and open the festivities for the 75th anniversary of the Crescent Lake Association. They were welcomed by race chairman Liz Grinaski and her partner in crime Bob Mumford. Even photographer Karl Torno of the Claremont Eagle Times was there to take pictures, which were printed on the front page of the next morning's Sunday edition along with a very flattering article about our association by staff reporter Kyle Jarvis.

After a little "hokey-pokey," the race got under way. Many divisions were hotly contested, including a tie for first place in the adult-with-child

category as the Gonzaleses and the Coursens ended in a photo finish, both in beaching their canoes and in handing their slips to the judge. This was reminiscent of the Coursens' close race with the Rastallises a few years ago. The mixed division was as close as it could get, with Ashley and Tom Farnen besting Jen and Ed Bell by only one second! What action!

Thanks as always to Beth Boyle and her committee for providing coffee for the racers and their fans. Below are the race results. Congratulations to all.

Men's Division

1. Tom Creed & Mike Grinaski - 27:04
2. Chip Colello & Kris Huttar - 27:32
3. Ian Grinaski & Tim Grinaski - 29:25

Women and Men

1. Ashley Farnen & Tom Farnen - 30:30
2. Jen Bell & Ed Bell - 30:31
3. Peachie Berthiaume & John Kaftan - 35:00

Women's Division

1. Sheryl Yarosevich & Brenda Saunders - 28:37

Under 14

1. Sam Colello & Ben Colello - 22:40

Adult with Child Under 12: TIE!

1. Don, Kahlia & Kalen Gonzales - 21:40
2. Scott Coursen & Reid Coursen - 21:40

Raffle Raises \$1,774

CLA President David Sloan once again led a very successful raffle of 65 donated baskets at the Labor Day picnic, raising a total of \$1,774 from some 475 attendees. Many thanks to our raffle ticket sales team: Michelle, Phil, Mark, and Mark Senior!

50-25-25 Raffle: \$468

In 2007 we replaced the kayak raffle with a "50-25-25": 50% for the Milfoil Fund, and the rest to two winners for 25% each. Guess who won both? None other than Fred Yates. Mightily embarrassed, he donated the first \$117 to the Milfoil Fund, and returned the second to be redrawn for lucky Deborah Lynch, daughter of Jim & Nancy Howe. No raffle tickets for Fred this year!

2007 Canoe Race Picnic Volunteers

Beth Boyle submitted this list along with her article about the picnic crew. Pretty impressive, huh? And no doubt there are other unsung heroes who helped in other ways.

- ◆ Janet Albright
- ◆ Dave Baldasaro
- ◆ Arlene Bates
- ◆ Philip Bonomo
- ◆ Barry & Sally Caravan
- ◆ Bill Cossaboon
- ◆ Bethany Coursen
- ◆ Carolyn DaVanzo
- ◆ Lorraine Dion
- ◆ James Genovese
- ◆ Lizette Grinaski



- ◆ Jan Harrington
- ◆ Mark & Michelle Hayward
- ◆ Trina Janeczek
- ◆ Bob & Linda Kroupa
- ◆ Dave & Terry Levin
- ◆ Mike Maine
- ◆ Betty Moore
- ◆ Robert Mumford
- ◆ Cathy Palasciano
- ◆ Tim & Greta Perry
- ◆ Stan Rastallis



- ◆ Mary Ellen Rousseau
- ◆ Dave Sloan
- ◆ Patti Terrell
- ◆ Bonnie Woodward
- ◆ Fred & Lorraine Yates

In Sympathy

By Fred Yates

The Crescent Lake Association and all its members wish to extend our deepest condolences to the Crescent Lake families that have lost a loved one. There are not enough words to express our sorrow. Our prayers of sympathy, strength, and hope are with you in the days ahead.

Stanley Kurek in the loss of your wife, Shirley, in 2005, I did not know, and also Dorothy G. Kidder in the loss of your husband, Stephen, in 2005. To James and Nancy Howe in the loss of your son-in-law, Jerry; to Helen Sirkin in the loss of your husband, Abraham; to Richard and Jane Desbiens and Allen, in the loss of your mother, Aline; to Mary Ellen Rousseau in the loss of your father, Henry; to Vivian Carter (Nick and Michael) in the loss of your husband, Sherman; to Mary Beth Gilpin in the loss of your mother, Elizabeth; to Louisa Pacquette in the loss of your husband, Donald; to the Spertz family in the loss of your brother; to Caryl E. McDevitt in the loss of your mother, Joyce Oberkotter; and also to the Caravan family, Barry and Richard, in the loss of your father, Arthur, in Florida at the age of 94. Art was our corn cooker for many years at the CLA Labor Day picnic.

I know I have probably missed someone, but of course it is not intentional. To ease your sadness I say: Time to heal will come. The grief will ease, but the love for our departed will continue forever.

Acworth Meeting House Open House / Steeple Day

COME ONE--COME ALL!

WHEN: July 12, 2008, from
10:00 AM to 4 PM.

WHERE: On the Meeting

House/Church Common.

WHAT: Chicken Barbecue at noon with all the trimmings. Special guided tours of the restoration. Raffles of all kinds and many basket raffles. And just about everything else you can imagine will be there. Bring the kids!

Crescent Lake Maps

We again have maps of Crescent Lake and Shorewood Estates cottage locations. Special gratitude goes out to the following for their hard work and dedication in putting this program back into circulation after several years without maps.

They are CLA members Charlie Clauss, Larry McClusky, Skip Paquette, Robert Woolner, Fred Yates, and especially Mike & Diane Walker. So from this date on, Fred will update the maps, Charlie will update the disc, and Mike will produce the revised maps. This is an example of why we are the #1 Association in the state of New Hampshire. THIS IS DEDICATION TO THE CLA.

CLA Giant Yard Sale

WHERE: CRESCENT LAKE ROAD--2007. Our first lake-wide yard sale was a great success. I was hoping for 10-15 tables; we had 25. Everyone had a great time, just like a big reunion--more socializing than sales. What a day! Beautiful weather, you couldn't ask for anything better. If you missed that day, you missed a great event.

The biggest winner was the Milfoil Fund. We collected \$1,044.22 in sales, donations, and fees. I was hoping for \$600 the first day. We beat that, but good--thanks to you.

Many cottage owners who could not be here donated their sale items to the CLA to sell and keep the proceeds. We made \$285 on these

items. The CLA and the Milfoil Committee thank you for your generous donations.

Everyone who participated agreed that we should do it again this year in 2008. Others who could not make it for one reason or another indicated that they will take part this year. So guess what:

RESERVE THE THIRD WEEK-END IN AUGUST, THE 16TH.

Thanks to all,
Fred Yates, Chairman

Ambulance Calls

We have some bad news. Golden Cross Ambulance will no longer come to Crescent Lake for Acworth residences. They are now contract competitors. You must call 911 for ambulance service out of Bellows Falls, the LeFevre Ambulance Service (802) 463-5200. If you think you need an ambulance, do not hesitate. It takes 15-20 minutes to get to Crescent Lake from Bellows Falls.

Favorite Places, Part 1

◆ **Google Maps / Google Earth.** Look up Crescent Lake and see what you get. Zoom in. Then go anywhere else on Earth. Way cool.

◆ **Ocean State Job Lot.** Our favorite Rhode Island store comes to the Newport shopping plaza, in the old Ames store next to the video store, Aubuchons, Butsons, NH Liquor, Chinese take-out, and more. Ocean State Job Lot has most of what you want or need--and at prices that make it well worth the trip. Try it!

Summer Puzzler

Is the hole of a donut a part of the donut? Best answer will be printed in next year's *Chronicles*. Send yours to any staff member or email to ckaftan@aol.com.

Report from Your Milfoil Committee

By Bill Paton, map site 42A

The Milfoil Committee has gotten off to a great start in 2008. We began our very successful Lake Host program May 24th and are extremely fortunate to have a seasoned veteran crew returning. Stop by the ramp and say "hi" to Alan Hicking, Charlie Watt, Shaun Gilpin, or Bob, Victoria, or Antoinette Woolner. These are the folks who form the backbone of our efforts to keep invasive water plants (milfoil) out of Crescent Lake. Certainly a large part of our success, to date, stems from the fact that our Lake Hosts come from the Crescent Lake community and take the job very seriously. Thanks to all of them.

In 2007 our Lake Hosts worked from Memorial Day through Labor Day for a total of 872 hours. They worked 10 hours per day on weekdays and 12 hours per day on weekends, and inspected a total of 491 boats/trailers. Our goal of educating the boating public that uses Crescent Lake seems to be going very well. On a statewide basis, 157 boats/trailers were found to be carrying an invasive, exotic weed. The good news is that since the inception of the Milfoil Prevention Program, no new lake has become infested.

In addition to the boat/trailer inspections performed by our Lake Hosts, once again, Stan Rastallis headed up our program to survey the lake bottom for weeds, with an eye towards finding any potential problems. Our first goal is to keep invasive weeds completely out of Crescent Lake. Our second goal is to discover invasive plants that may have inadvertently found their way into Crescent Lake. Early detection would be critical in minimizing

potential impacts. Thanks for all of the volunteers who assist in this effort, and are willing to take an early swim in the lake while the water is still pretty chilly.

For 2007, the cost to run our prevention program was \$9,832 and was made possible by the following contributions: \$3,000 grant from the NH Lakes Association; \$2,000 donation from the Town of Acworth; \$1,000 from the Town of Unity, as well as that portion of the CLA dues earmarked for milfoil. This year we will be working with a reduced grant from the NH Lakes Association of only \$2,000. This reduction was the result of a \$53,000 reduction in their grant money and an increase in participation by other lakes who have joined the Lake Host program.

The good news is that we can continue, in 2008, to fund our program with no adverse effects thanks to YOU, the members of the CLA. Your generosity was overwhelming last year. In addition to that portion of your CLA dues earmarked for milfoil (\$4,470), thirty-four camps contributed over \$1,000 in donations to the milfoil effort, and last summer's yard sale also contributed over \$1,000. It is very obvious that you understand the value of a lake free from invasive aquatic plants. The members of the Milfoil Committee wish to thank you for your contributions. We also wish to thank the many volunteers who contributed 138 hours of their time to make this program successful.

- ♦ **Tim Perry, chairman**
- ♦ **Lorraine Dion, secretary**
- ♦ **Jerry Bushway**
- ♦ **John Demars**
- ♦ **Jim Howe**
- ♦ **Bob Kroupa**

- ♦ **Bill Paton**
- ♦ **Stan Rastallis (Weed Watch Captain)**
- ♦ **Mark Wilson (Lake Host Coordinator)**

Long Winter, Anyone?

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.
- ♦ 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 phone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number.
- ♦ You have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day, and back.
- ♦ You install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked.
- ♦ You carry jumper cables in your car and your wife/girlfriend knows how to use them.
- ♦ You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
- ♦ Driving is better in winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
- ♦ You know all six seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, mud, black fly, and road construction.
- ♦ (They forgot Labor Day! Enjoy your summer at the lake.)

How Things Happen at Crescent Lake *By Fred Yates, CLA Secretary/Treasurer*

What does it take to put on all of the functions on Crescent Lake in the short three months that most of us get to spend here, enjoying all the activities that your CLA officers, committee chairpeople, workers, and participants put together each year? Hundreds? Let's see.

Here goes: First item, the *Chronicles*, starting in March (and earlier for some of our contributors)—two editors, four committeemen, plus 10-15 observers and writers who submit articles for each year's edition. Benefit: over 240 cottage owners, as well as "social" subscribers (those who may no longer be on the lake, but who still want to know what's going on), and local organizers and businesses. A nice little enterprise for all.

Second item: Milfoil Committee—9 officers, 10 volunteers—boat landing, benefit nearly 500 boats inspected, testing lake waters 6 people, inspecting shoreline waters, divers and boat—estimated 10-15 people.

Third item: Annual Meeting—6 officers, 90 cottage owners in attendance.

Fourth item: Fireworks—2 committeemen, 15 workers, over 500 observers.

Fifth item: Golf tournament—2 committeemen, 25-30 participants.

Sixth item: Men's Night—Sloans' cottage, 30-40 participants.

Seventh item: Ladies' Night—Marshalls', 20-25 participants.

Eighth item: Yard Sale—one chairman, 35-45 participants, 300 visitors.

Ninth item: Canoe Race—2 committeemen, 10-15 workers, 30-40 racers, 80-90 race fans at Silver Beach plus 200-250 supporters cheering from the shore along the race route.

Tenth item: Labor Day Picnic—chairman, 30-35 workers, a large number of raffle basket donors, several hundred picnic revelers.

Eleventh item: Kayak Rally at the sandbar—75+ participants.

Twelfth item: Lighting the flares—over 150 participants, observers over 300.

Thirteenth item: Boat parade—over 35 participants, observers over 300.

These estimates don't even touch the surface of the hundreds of hours that are put into meetings, setting up functions, tearing down, cleanup, transportation, reports by committee chairmen, meetings throughout the year, letters, bulletin handouts, phone calls—you name it, your Crescent Lake officers and committee members' hours are unbelievable in the scope that everyone puts into your summer activities for the Association. That is why we have the best lake association in the State of New Hampshire. My total estimate of people involved? Over 3,700.

The Great Pumpkin Visits Crescent Lake

By Joanie Cassaboon with Jane Desbiens and Greta Perry

In 2006 we had Molly, the Crescent Lake moose. Last fall we had an extended visit from the Crescent Lake cow we named Pumpkin. My husband and I were taking our evening walk when we saw a beautiful, huge, hairy orange cow at the Silver Beach. We knocked at the Desbiens' door, called the police, and learned that a Scottish Highlander had escaped in transit to its new home in Lempster. The owners (who hadn't met her yet) were overjoyed to know she'd been found, as she'd been missing for over a week. We found her again near the bridge, got her calmed down, and waited with her for five hours in the autumn chill before calling it a night. Thus began a month-long saga of trying to corral her.

Dick Desbiens and other year-rounders tried a new tactic every night—and almost every day somebody had a new plan. But Pumpkin had a different idea of how to live her life. Neighbors put out treats which she consumed and then hid out in the woods until dark. Her new owner, the principal at the Goshen-Lempster school,

came out whenever he could (there are kids to educate, after all), but it was truly a community endeavor. Somebody had a tranquilizer gun, so the vet came out—but the gun turned out to be a type that wasn't authorized. The vet came back and succeeded in tranquilizing her, but after the group penned her in as best they could and tied her to a tree, she broke free to lead a parade of five men pursuing a sleepy cow through the woods. Foiled again!

Somebody put a horse trailer with food and water in it at Mary Grenier's house, but Pumpkin managed to get the food and water and disappear. As she got more brazen, she started lumbering out in front of passing cars in the dark. The animal welfare people came out, but just as they'd get close to her, she'd bolt. Turns out, also, that we're short on rodeo stars at the lake: nobody was able to throw a lasso around Pumpkin's great big neck.

Finally an old-timer who really knows cows came out. The vet shot Pumpkin full of tranquilizers again, and the Pumpkin Posse got her into the trailer before she collapsed. So at long last she's home, about five miles away. But who wouldn't want to live at Crescent Lake?

CLASSIFIED NOTICES

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Fire permits: Contact your Unity or Acworth fire warden. All outdoor fires require fire permits.

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.

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

For Rent: Newly remodeled waterfront cottage. Weekends, weeks, or all summer. One bedroom, open floor plan with futon. Kitchen fully equipped. (413) 567-0724 or email Dmbrenker@yahoo.com.

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

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.

Lawn mowing / yard work. Call Bob @ 863-3080.

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

Keep up with area news and events! Subscribe to the **Acworth Community Newsletter**, published monthly by the Friends of Silsby Library. Box 88, S. Acworth, NH 03607. Or visit acworthforum.com for lively discussions on topical issues.

Likewise, 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.



CLA Hurricane Katrina Donation

September, 2005: Fred Yates presents a CLA check to American Red Cross representative Karen Sabis, of the Keene field office, for the Katrina relief fund.

A spontaneous "brown bag" collection at the 2005 Labor Day picnic highlighted our collective compassion just days after the disaster. Halfway through the picnic, a very generous donor matched the collection dollar for dollar up to \$1,000. Two other campers donated another \$700. The brown baggers collected \$1,300, for a grand total of \$3,000. There were many teary eyes in the crowd when the total was announced.

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
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Or Fred Yates: 802-463-3468
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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!

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Support Local Businesses

Will's Place, the Acworth Community Store -- where would we be without them?

Did you know that another local establishment, the Corner Store in Goshen, also features gasoline tanks? At about 7 1/2 miles from the lake, that's pretty convenient. And they might even reserve your Sunday newspaper -- including the New York Times -- if you call ahead at 863-6331.

Also, we've heard that Goshen Library has free WiFi. Bring your laptop and check it out.

Favorite Places, Part 2

Ever notice the "Open" flag and the "Hosta Sale" signs on your left some weekends as you head out of Unity toward Claremont? Next time you see them, take our advice: stop in and share the magic.

Sue Lawrence is a truly remarkable woman. She and her husband, Andrew Williams, have turned their country oasis into Paradise on Earth.

With over 1,000 varieties of hostas (several of which are their own award-winning cultivars -- and who knew there were so many types of hosta, anyway?) and other plants, you will have no trouble finding something to take home and love. And if you're lucky, you'll get the full tour through the many "rooms" and other fantastic vistas of their garden.

See an unusual plant? Sue will tell you all about it, maybe pluck off a few spent flowers and talk to it about how it's looking or feeling that day--and she might even dig up part of it for you to take back to your own garden. If you need further help, she might come out to work right with you. We've thought about sponsoring one of her "Plant or Weed?" seminars at Crescent Lake.

Birds, bees, ducks, berries, and a great big dog (who stays inside) -- they're all part of the picture at Lawrence & Williams gardens. Hummingbirds light on Sue's fingers!

She's hosting the national hosta convention this month in Ascutney, but when that's done she'll be back tending

to her own garden. It's another delightful revelation tucked away in the woods of Unity.

Area Farmers' Markets

Eat good food, produced locally. Find other cool stuff. Enjoy meeting your neighbors. Don't waste gas--yours or the big delivery trucks'. What could make more sense than to frequent our local farmers' markets?

We're lucky to have choices: The Newport market every Friday (June-October) on the Town Common from 3-6 PM; the Claremont market every Thursday from 4-7 PM at the Broad Street park; the Cornish market, Saturdays 9 AM - noon at the Cornish Flat.

Chester, VT, has a Sunday market from 11AM-2PM; Bellows Falls from 4-7 PM on Fridays at Waypoint Center. These are last year's schedules--check to see if they're still accurate this year.

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Lake Association Annual Meeting: 10:00 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 5, 2008, Acworth Town Hall.