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Welcome to the 20th (and possibly the last) issue of the Crescent Lake Chronicles, back in print after a one-year hiatus. Time and technology have moved us along, and **Larry McCluskey** has become our new guide, guru, and benevolent creator/curator of crescentlake-assn.org. However, the late (as in usually late for deadlines) Colleen Kaftan and your ever punctual CLA Secretary, Fred Yates, have come together once again to add these Chronicles to the mix.

Thanks to a couple of anonymous benefactors, we were able to print copies at no cost to CLA, as we did when Mike and Diane Walker so graciously donated the printing costs while Mike worked with Newsbank in VT. In the future, we will need to decide how many people still require a print, rather than virtual, newsletter. **Please let us know your preferences.**

We still want you to contribute information, stories, photos, and anything else you can think of, but henceforth please consider sending your contributions to “Feedback” at the wonderful web site Larry has built. There’s a new CLA page on Facebook, too: any member can invite you to join.

Of course, you can also deliver items by kayak, pony express, hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar, email, or snail mail to Col-

leen Kaftan, map site 103, ckaf-tan@aol.com / 11 Hemlock Lane, Newport NH 03773—or hand it over to responsible-looking people like Fred Yates, Kevin Brenker, or any other CLA officer. We’re pretty sure that Larry McCluskey will accept info delivered in person as well.

Association Notes

By Fred Yates, CLA Secretary

The Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting is traditionally held on the first Saturday after the Fourth of July. I can see no reason that we should not do the same this year. So the meeting this year will be held on **Saturday, July 5, 2014, from 10:00 am until the crack of noon at the Unity Fire Station, next to the Unity Common.**

CLA t-shirts, sweats, hats, etc. will be sold from 9:00 am until the meeting starts at 10:00 am. The facility is handicapped accessible. Use the entrance at the back of the Unity Fire Station. **NO PETS ALLOWED.**

Dues are due. CLA 2014 Dues are payable now and due before the Annual Meeting starts. The dues are still only \$40 per cottage. \$30 of your annual dues goes to the Milfoil and Invasive Species Prevention Program and the remaining \$10 goes to CLA activities. Mail your check to Treasurer Greta Perry:

Crescent Lake Association

P.O. Box 131

Acworth, NH 03601

If you plan to pay your dues in person before the meeting, please write your check ahead of time!

A Thousand Thanks

We are fortunate that so many neighbors volunteer their time and energy to make Crescent Lake a better place for all of us. It's risky to make a list, because of course we'll miss some of you, but let's give it a try. Feel free to send in your own lists of people who deserve our thanks.

To **The Boyle Family** (map site 80) with **Marie Boyle** at its head, for years and years of devotion to stocking and selling our lovely Crescent Lake fashions. Marie and Ray Boyle were among the founders of our Labor Day tradition, and Marie managed the picnic as it grew from a small get-together to the huge season-ender it has become. Last year's special "thank you" t-shirt commemorates the Boyles' longtime contributions. We'll be wearing ours for years to come.

On Memorial Day weekend, the new "Shirt Shack" opened its doors, in the space generously contributed by **Gary and Judy Robinson** (map site 90). A new sign by **Ray St. Sauveur** marks the spot, and **Nancy LeBlanc, Betsy Allen, and Diane Brenker** have stepped up to manage sales.

Of course, there would be no t-shirt program, or much of anything else in our lake tradition, without decades of dedication from **Fred Yates**, our venerable CLA Secretary-Treasurer, mayor, chief organizer, cook and bottle washer, Chronicles editor, and at least a dozen other titles. Many, many thanks to Fred and family for everything they do and have done for so long.

While we're thanking CLA officers, let's tip our hats to **Dave and Gail Sloan**, who served as our President and First Lady for well over 20 years (not to mention many summers of hosting Men's Nite and countless other festivities—and oh, that ice cream at the picnic!). Who could forget the humor that **Dave and Fred** brought to every CLA meeting, while **Gail** helped us maintain order and decorum? **Dave Sloan** stepped down in 2012 and **Kevin Brenker** stepped up to take on the President's burden job. See our report on the 2012 Inaugural Ball later in this paper.

Tim and Greta Perry have also worn many, many hats over the years, from managing the all-important campaign against Milfoil and other invasive plants, to serving as an informal cleanup crew during their Saturday walks and as the formal trash patrol for the picnic. **Greta** helped manage the raffle baskets for years and recently took over as CLA Treasurer to give Fred a break.

Trina Janeczek may well be the most organized person on the lake. Only she could have taken on the task of chairing the Labor Day picnic committee when Marie Boyle stepped down. Trina has the planning, organizing, and hosting duties down to a science, as is evident to every reveler who attends—and to all the **Picnic Volunteers** who contribute to the festivities—including BBQ masters extraordinaire, **The Caravan Family**. **Liz Grinaski** and **Bob Mumford** manage the canoe race, **Jim Howe** presides over the kayak race, and **Dick and Jane Des-**

biens somehow manage to put up with the hubbub every year. **Kevin Brenker** founded and chairs the "Run for Pride" event on Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Thank you, everybody!

A few years back, **Charlie Hicking** (map site 55A) took it upon himself to keep our Fourth of July fireworks tradition alive after the CLA could no longer insure itself for hosting the event. Charlie collected funds and created a magnificent show for us, and he has continued to do so each year since then. Be sure to get in touch with Charlie and contribute to the fireworks fund. The CLA no longer accepts contributions for fireworks, so find Charlie at the Annual Meeting or out on the lake. Charlie also hosts Men's Nite, having taken over from Dave Sloan. We understand that it's quite an event, scheduled this year for July 26.

Thanks also to **Mike and Diane Walker**, for printing every single issue of the Crescent Chronicles until Mike retired last year, and to **Larry McCluskey**, who built and manages our web site, crescentlakeassn.org.

Finally, once again we hope to have new lake maps at this year's annual meeting on July 5. Many thanks to **Charles Clauss** and **Fred Yates** for staying on top of the updates and keeping the maps in print. See the list of new cottage owners on page 4.

Photo, opposite page: REPRESENTIN!
Tim Perry at the 2012 Old Home Day
parade in Unity

Race Results

Canoes 2013 by Bob Mumford, map site SWE 6

The 2013 Crescent Lake Canoe Race was held on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 10 am. We really lucked out as the bad weather held off for both the canoe and kayak races AND the Crescent Lake Picnic too!! "Thank you's" go to Trina Janeczek and her organized committee for providing refreshments for racers and spectators, and to Tim Grinaski for getting up and in his boat by 7am to place the orange race buoys along the race course and staying after the race to pick them up and deliver them for storage.

Liz Grinaski and Bob Mumford signed up racers on sheets of paper occasionally protected from a few rain drops, but overall there was no rain and no sun, so not too hot to paddle well!

Here is a list of all the winners in the divisions. Congratulations to all!!!!

Women

1 Bethany Coursen/ Sheryl Yarosevich 20:45

Men

1 Kris Huttar/Brian Bishop 23:58
2 Larry McCluskey/Steve Dowd 24:16
3 Sahaell Kantesaria/Matt Willett 25:53

Co-ed

1 Janna Grinaski/Michael Grinaski 18:36
2 Kahlia Gonzales/Don Gonzales 19:24
3 Ashley Farmen/Tom Farmen 20:14

Adult with Child

1. Mark Hayward/Eleanor Hayward 19:45
2. Ed Bell/RileyBell 23:45
3. Jen Bell/Sam Bell 23:50

Kayaks 2012/13 by Jim Howe, map site 47A

We've had seven competitors for the Kayak Race in both 2012 and 2013—a different lineup each year. Special congratulations to the winners in each category:

2012 Winners

Under 12: (short course)
1st - Kyle Sovak 6:20

12-15 years: (medium course)
1st - Ben Freeland 12:04

16-54 years: (long course)
1st - David Howley 14:39
2nd - Grant Freeland 14:47
3rd - Jarrod Fong 15:10

55 and up: (long course)
1st - Steve Dowd 15:44
2nd - Tom Farmen 18:55

2013 Winners

Under 12: (short course)
1st - Adelyne Hayward 3:36
2nd - Jamie Bell 3:43

16 - 54 years: (long course)
1st - Annie Damond 19:05
2nd - Ginger Turner 19:57
3rd - Mike Gilbert 20:59
3rd - Marissa Hallee 20:59

4th - Emily Trowbridge 21:30

Thank you to Jim Howe, his daughter Amy Sovak, and Billy Page for coordinating the annual Kayak Race.

Ambulance Service

Golden Cross Ambulance of Claremont holds the contract to service the Crescent

Lake area 100%. Call 911 or Golden Cross Ambulance, 542-2244, and be sure to give your 911/ mailing address, NOT your CLA lake site number. The 911 addresses are listed (along with lake site numbers) on your map, and of course on your property tax bill.

Display Your 911 Address!

Remember, we need to put our addresses on our cottages, especially on the north side of the lake where emergency personnel have a hard time finding cottagers who call 911. The number to display is NOT the one that identifies your site on the CLA map, but the actual street address, which can be found on your tax bill. Make sure it is clearly visible from the road-facing side of your house.

Fishing Notice

Please do not use LEAD sinkers when fishing. They are no longer authorized in the State of New Hampshire. REASON: Loons love them, but they are fatal to the birds if swallowed.

T-Shirt Design

The winning entry this year is patterned after the beautiful lake signs made by Ray St. Sauveur for the entrances to Crescent Lake Road and North Shore Road. Thanks to all who submitted drawings, and to Larry McCluskey for tallying the votes on crescentlakeassn.org.

Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

This year marks the fourteenth annual CLA golf tournament. It is open to all cottage owners, family, and friends—both men and women. If you want to participate, please call Fred Yates 863-1021 or Dave Sloan, 863-7156.

We have participants with handicaps of 10 all the way up to 35—so you see, everyone can play in this tournament. If you are alone, or a two-some, we'll pick a foursome to complete. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up. The fun starts at **7:30 a.m. sharp on July 26th** at Newport Country Club.



Welcome, New Neighbors!

We counted lots of cottage changes over the past two years. While we hate to lose our old neighbors, we're always happy to meet new ones.

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) 463-4368 or drop by camp 86, HATETOLEAVEIT – 863-1021.

- #5 and 7, Wilfred & Shirlene Tremblay, Newport, NH
- #41A, Peter & Lisa Scheffer, Newport, NH
- #46B, Robert & Pam Bazyk, East Granby, CT
- #53, Thomas & Ashley Farnen, Washington Depot, CT
- #62A, Daniel & Keri Govoni, East Freetown, MA
- #65D, Steve & Lori Murray, Colchester, CT
- #76, Kathy Carter, West Unity, NH
- #81, Erin E. Diaz, Charlestown, RI
- #101A, Mark & Jean LaFreniere, Hudson, NH
- #102, Michelle Hallee & Gordon Wong, Brookline, MA
- #122, David & Barbara Grinaski, Enfield, CT
- #46AR, Danielle MacConnell, Claremont, NH
- #77AR, Coleby Lamoreau, Unity, NH
- #14SW, Marc Bernatchez, Unity, NH

Dam Facts *by Tim Perry, map site 75*

In the late seventeen hundreds, water sources started to be harnessed for water power. This included Cold River and its head waters Cold Pond (Crescent Lake).

About that time, a wood and stone rubble dam was constructed at the east end of the lake to store and control water for mills along Cold River. In the 1930's, Public Service Company of NH controlled the water rights and dam. They also replaced the old wooden dam with a concrete and stone rubble dam in 1939.



Check out the CLA dam at the east end of the lake.
Photo by Tim Perry

Crescent Lake Association purchased the dam and .11 acres of land from Public Service in 1945. The present dam has been modified over the years but is basically the same structure that was built in 1939. The concrete portion measures 40 feet long, including an 18 foot spillway and a 3

foot wide by 23 inch deep controlled outflow. This outflow contains boards for controlling the water level. The top two (approximately 12 inches) are removed in the fall in order to limit ice damage and are replaced after ice out.

Occasionally water level adjustments are made to accommodate unusual rain events.

The dam averages 12 inches above the lake bed.

The state classifies the dam as a Non-menace Class AA Structure, meaning there are no downstream structures that would be adversely impacted by a breach of the dam. The state has inspected the dam an average of every 8 years. The last inspection was 2008.

The 2000 inspection recommended we repair the cracked concrete on the spillway slab. This was done in 2002 by an association crew headed up by Charlie Clauss. Dam maintenance consists of periodic checking to see if the outflow is plugged and removal of the occasional beaver dam.

Because of the large water shed area (6.1 sq. miles), the lake is susceptible to large level changes. Approximately one inch of rain can raise the lake by 4 inches. This was born out in October 9, 2005, when we got 10 inches of rain in a 100 year storm and the lake rose by 42 inches. There were 36 inches going over the dam spillway and when the water subsided, there was no damage to the dam. This gave us confidence that the dam could handle about anything and be good for years to come.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

*Tim Perry, dam keeper
tgperry@myfairpoint.net*

Defibrillator at the Lake?

Members of the Acworth Fire and Rescue Company have suggested that the CLA consider purchasing or making a donation to help purchase an **automated external defibrillator (AED)** to be housed at Crescent Lake. We will discuss the proposal at the upcoming annual meeting.

Wikipedia describes an AED as “a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia ... and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

“With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, first responder, and basic life support (BLS) level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes.”

Early estimates put a price of about \$800 on the unit, including mounting, signage, battery and pads. The battery has a three-year life and the pads about 18 months. Pads must be replaced whenever the unit is used.

The AED would be placed at a central location and available for use lakewide. Acworth Fire and Rescue estimates that it would shave *at least* 10-15 minutes off rescue time for cardiac emergencies—a time savings that could be enough to save a life.

The number of people who survive sudden cardiac arrest is increasing gradually, thanks to the use of AEDs. For this reason, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation developed the National SCA Survivor Network, which provides a platform for mutual support and for engaging in the mission to help save other lives.

Dates to Remember

July 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Unity Fire Station

Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting

The CLA Annual Meeting will be held this year in beautiful downtown Unity. Get there by 9:30 a.m. to pay dues and buy stuff. Please have your dues check already made out, and if possible, add a donation for the Milfoil program. Dues are still \$40 / year.

July 5, 2014, after dark

East End of the Lake

Fireworks Display

Thanks to Charles Hicking for his hard work on keeping this tradition alive. Be sure to contact Charlie and contribute to the fund!

July 26, 2014, 7:30 a.m.

Newport Country Club

14th Annual Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

Everybody's welcome to play! Call Dave Sloan 863-7156 or Fred Yates 863-1021 to sign up and receive further info.

July 26, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Hicking Cottage #55A

Men's Nite

August 30, 2013 (rain date August 31)

Silver Beach and Lakewide

Labor Day End-of-Season Celebration

9:30 a.m. – Kayak Race. Must have life jackets. Chairman James Howe 863-5739.

10:00 a.m. – Canoe Race. Must have life jackets. Co-chairs Bob Mumford 863- 8732 and Liz Grinaski 860 402-2746..

1:00 p.m. – Annual Picnic. Bring a dish to share and a basket to raffle. Food must be delivered by 12:50 p.m. Thanks. Chairman Trina Janeczek. **BUY YOUR FLARES AT THE PICNIC FOR THE EVENING FESTIVITIES!**

Early evening –Marie Boyle's Kayak/Canoe Rally at the Lighthouse. Bring your own pleasing beverage.

After Dark – Flare Night and Boat Parade. Horn will be sounded three times to announce flare lighting. Decorate your boat for the boat parade, or cheer from the shore.

After the Boat Parade. Private fireworks by Barry Caravan.

Sunday, August 31, 2014.

5th Annual Run for Pride 5K

Contact Kevin Brenker 863-5053

In Sympathy

by Fred Yates

The Crescent Lake Association and all its members wish to extend our deepest condolences to the lake families who have lost a loved one since we last published the *Chronicles*. There are not enough words to express our sorrow, but we offer our prayers, our sympathy, and most of all the strength and hope we wish for you in the days ahead.

To the Muzeroll family: what can we say, the past few years have been very hard on you all. Us old timers on the lake will never forget the sunny evenings seeing **Bill Muzeroll** sitting in his chair, at the eastern edge of the lake, enjoying another beautiful sunset. Bill would often say, "If only this world of ours could always be as peaceful and beautiful as it is at this brief moment. Thank you, Mother Nature." No truer words have been spoken. May you rest in peace, Bill, with our beautiful sunsets.

It gives great sorrow to learn that **Helen Sirkin**, up the dirt road in Acworth, passed away last year in San Francisco. If anyone loved this lake with all her heart, it was Helen. She was a world traveler with her husband, Abe, but no place on earth was as beautiful as Crescent Lake when they would come HOME. Helen did not have a cottage on the banks of Crescent Lake, but she had a strip of shoreline that meant more to her than all the land in the world. With her float as her station, Helen enjoyed her time here to the hilt. We will dearly miss seeing Helen and Abe being towed up the lake on that float. God bless you, Helen.

For over 50 years the Dubois family was a fixture on Crescent Lake Road. At Tony's auto repair garage, you could get just about anything fixed. After Tony passed away, life was not the same, but we were lucky to continue sharing time with Louise. Many a Crescent Lake resident would travel to Newport to visit Louise after she moved there. She was a special type of person, and she knew the history of Crescent Lake like a book. It has never been the same on the south side of the lake without Tony and **Louise Dubois**.

When cottage 59 came up for sale in 1977, some of us wondered who would want this place that had been burglarized three times in the previous ten years. Along came **Hazel Jeffs** with her husband, Carl. The Jeffs turned this run-down

camp into a beautiful cottage—Hazel's home. Hazel was a fixture on the eastern end of the lake and was loved by all her neighbors and everyone else on the lake. Hazel, you will be missed, we love you, and your family is representing you very well. They are doing a beautiful job for the lake association. Your training has paid off. Job well done, Hazel!

One of the saddest days in 2012 was the day we all learned about the passing of **Terry Levin**, wife of David Levin. So young, beautiful, and full of life, Terry was taken away much too soon. Many a child growing up at the lake will cherish memories of the games and competitions she and David organized during the Labor Day picnic. Our deepest sympathies to David and the family. There are not enough words to express our sorrow. To ease your sadness, the Crescent Lake family says, "Time to heal will come, the grief will ease, but the love for Terry will continue forever."

As the years go by, our oldest and dearest friends and acquaintances pass on to a place where we will eventually all meet again. To Jane Desbiens, our deepest condolences on the passing of your Mom. We will always remember her daily position behind the counter at D'Amante's store at Silver Beach, collecting quarters from the swimmers going to the beach and presiding over the penny candy jar on the counter, top of the meat case. She loved the store, the kids, the beach, and the lake. She and Frank D'Amante were quite the pair: in their minds, there was no place on earth so peaceful and loving as Crescent Lake. With her passing, we lose another beloved icon from our shores.

We lost Frank in 1988, Bill Muzeroll this year, Ed Luke in 1996, Charlie Ginter in 2008, Tom Buinicky in 1983, Charlie Ahern in 2001, Sam Calkins in 2000; all great individuals who built Crescent Lake into what it is today. We owe so much to those who came before! May you all rest in peace.

Photo:
Back in
the day at
Crescent
Lake.



With Gratitude

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend sincerest thanks to all who sent cards, letters, emails, and texts to Terry during the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2012 as she faced her awful illness. So too, my appreciation and gratitude for the heart-warming cards, prayers, expressions of sympathy, and memorial week visits after she passed away. I was truly overwhelmed by the out-pouring of kindness.

When we closed up the house on Memorial Day weekend 2012 it was in anticipation of a stem cell transplant that would come with severe travel restrictions after June. She would have no immune system and remaining close to medical care was essential 24/7. We looked back as we headed up the road that day, and with tears in our eyes, said we would be back next year. Such was not meant to be but please know there wasn't a single weekend from June to October that she didn't ache to be alongside beautiful Crescent Lake. We both longed to watch the kayaks, boats, birds, turtles, and frogs all in their annual rituals of the season. It was part of our life together. Our hearts were with you at the annual meeting, at the Labor Day picnic, and each weekend in between.

As a new season approaches, I will lean on memories of the years gone by for strength and the recovery from my own broken spirit. I will be there, but it just won't feel the same. Thank you so much to all of you,

David Levin

Back in the Day

Judie Crookston posted an old photo that was taken on Crescent Lake back in the 30's. I'm not sure if



anyone has this one in the CLA collection. She gave us permission to share it.

Judie wrote, "This is a picture of my Mom and Lou Gendron. She was his babysitter, and think this was taken at Crescent Lake. I believe this was around 1930. Her name was Frances (Costello) Blewitt.

"We also owned a cottage there for many years. I believe it was 1955 to 1987. We sold to Tim and Greta Perry. Tim worked for my Dad in HS. My friend, Betsy Allen, contacted Greta and she sent me pix of the place. Gorgeous how the rhododendrons are most outstanding!"

Labor Day Picnic Plans, circa 2014

Trina Janeczek, our picnic chairperson, would like to get organized early for the annual picnic. She would like to have the only picnic committee meeting on the same weekend the annual meeting is held. She promises to make it short and sweet.

If you volunteered last year and would like to volunteer again for the same job, or would like to try a different job, or if you would like to be a new volunteer this year, please email Trina at janeczekt@gmail.com as soon as possible.

If you have any suggestions for how the picnic is organized, also, email Trina. We had a raffle rotating bin donated to us last fall, so that should handle most of the raffle ticket issues.

Looking forward to a great summer at Crescent Lake!

2014 Pre-Season Update *by Kevin Brenker, CLA President. (Posted earlier on crescentlakeassn.org)*

As we head toward the warmer season here are some highlights of activity that has occurred during the last weeks of winter:

(1) This year we will begin the transformation of our **invasive species program** from one historically focused on milfoil to include a number of additional plants and animals (clams, mussels) that pose a threat to us. While we're NOT reducing our efforts to restrict milfoil, we have known for some time that other invasive species are making advancements to bodies of water near us. The NH Lakes program carrying over from last year, "Clean, Drain & Dry," will continue, and represents good practices toward reducing threats from invasive species. We are our own best defense to keeping Crescent Lake clean.

(2) Continuing this theme, the CLA Board and our entire membership wish to recognize **Tim Perry** for well over a decade of serving as our leader for invasive species mitigation. Tim has spearheaded the milfoil program and has been our "point person" to NH Lakes for annual grant money for our milfoil program, while working daily with Lake Hosts during our busy season to ensure they have completed training and are vigilant in inspecting boats for these invasive threats. Tim has gone beyond the timeframe that he originally anticipated to mentor this program with CLA and each one of us, each property owner, has witnessed increased property values during our milfoil program execution under Tim's excellent direction. We are indebted to **Tim and Greta Perry** for their service to CLA.

(3) During the most recent milfoil committee meeting, Tim handed the program to Kevin Brenker, who will take on the "point person" role, and will gladly accept every offer of assistance to help move this program to support inspection efforts for species beyond milfoil. We need swimmers during our traditional June lake inspection as well as Lake Hosts to help cover some hours during the busy summer months. A few hours from a few people will make a significant difference in our ability to monitor Crescent Lake and maintain the clean body of water we enjoy. *(See the 2013 Milfoil Committee report on page 9.)*

(4) Over the Labor Day weekend in 2013, NH Marine Patrol conducted boat inspections and cited a number of boat owners for "relatively" benign violations. First reminder - keep your registration and safety certification documents handy. The Marine Patrol cited some boaters for violation of distance to shore/headway speed near the lighthouse, although we have maintained for years we are in state regulatory compliance. The Marine Patrol officer, while new to Crescent Lake and perhaps lacking the historic context of our "narrows" and how we educate members annually, cited some boats for operating over the allowed speed while in the western side of the "narrows" by the lighthouse. Our measurements, taken when the lake froze so that the markers would be locked in place, indicates as we anticipated all along - we are still within 150' compliance of shoreline standoff in that specific section.

Milfoil Committee Members

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| ♥ Tim Perry, Chairman Emeritus | ♥ Jerry Bushway |
| ♥ Lorraine Dion, Secretary | ♥ Jim Howe |
| ♥ Stan Rastallis, Weed Watch Captain | ♥ Bob Kroupa |
| ♥ Mark Wilson, Lake Host Captain | ♥ Bill Paton (retiring) |
| ♥ Kevin Brenker, New "Point Person" | ♥ Fred Yates |

Milfoil Committee Report 2013 *by Bill Paton, map site 42A (prepared last year!)*

Again this year a grant request for our Lake Host program was made by Tim Perry for the amount of \$1550 to the New Hampshire Lakes Association. While we have not heard back as this article is being written, we assume that our request will be granted. [It was.] We have a 2013 anticipated budget of \$9200 to run the Crescent Lake, Lake Host Program. We have already received \$2000 from Acworth, and anticipate receiving \$1000 from Unity. The rest of the money comes from CLA dues and donations. We have scheduled our annual weed watch swim for Saturday June 22, 2013, and we encourage anyone who would like to participate to contact either Stan Rastallis or Tim Perry.

The Milfoil Committee held its first meeting of 2013 on April 8th. One item that was raised for discussion was the topic of changing our name to better reflect all of the responsibilities that the Milfoil Committee has undertaken over the previous 10 years that includes more than just the prevention of Milfoil. Milfoil may be the most commonly known invasive species of plant life that we're concerned about, but the list of invasive species keeps growing and is no longer just limited to plant life. Invasive species of fish, mussels (zebra mussels) and the latest – snails is also on the list of items that concern our committee. Additionally, it is members of the Milfoil Committee that sample the water quality three times a year to ensure that Crescent Lake continues to provide a safe environment for our recreational use. As such, it was suggested that we adopt the new name of: The Crescent Lake Milfoil and Water Quality Committee, which better defines the responsibilities that we serve

The summer of 2012, once again, proved the effectiveness of our Lake Host Program when a boat and trailer entered the lake with milfoil. The milfoil was hiding from view between the bunks of the trailer and the bottom of the boat and was not detected until after the boat was launched and the trailer came out of the water with a piece of milfoil hanging off the bunk. Kudos to Bob Woolner for taking all of the proper actions related to this incident. Milfoil was found floating in the water after the trailer was removed and very carefully removed. A thorough inspection of the water and the surrounding shoreline was made. A fall swim was conducted concentrating of the area around the

boat launch. The New Hampshire DES came out in the fall and conducted a search by boat for evidence of milfoil and found none. While we have our fingers crossed, we believe we can report a complete save. Our June swim will concentrate on the area around the boat launch as well as shallow areas abutting the boat launch. The Milfoil Committee has learned a lot from this incident and we have adopted some new procedures and expanded our training of lake hosts aimed at minimizing future events such as this. But this is an example of why ALL of us must remain vigilant with regards to inspecting the shoreline in front of our camps. If you see anything in the water that seems unusual, or out of the ordinary please leave it alone and call any member of the committee.

Hats Off!

Charlie Clauss reports: I thought you might like to know about the accomplishments of 2+ of our lake teenagers. The 2 are Ben Colello, son of Chip and Donna (cottage 39), and Ben Freeland, son of our daughter Beth Freeland (cottage 27B); the + is Clare Stephens, daughter of David and Sue Stephens of Weston, MA who are frequent lake visitors as guests of the Freelands. The *Boston Globe* recognized them as follows:

- . Ben Colello: Athlete of the Year in Track
- . Clare Stephens: All Scholastic in Basketball
- . Ben Freeland: All Scholastic in Alpine Skiing

Also, as many of you know already, Pam Muzeroll (60B) has been named Claremont's Citizen of the Year for 2014. Pam founded the e-Ticker News of Claremont several years ago and has built it into a local reporting powerhouse by sheer grit, enthusiasm, professionalism, and journalistic leadership. If you haven't yet subscribed, you can request automatic delivery (free!) to your e-mailbox every Monday at etickernews@gmail.com.

A Poet in our Midst

**The ice is gone, the geese are back...
time for us to get back on track.
So get out your list of things to do
and add "CLA dues are due."**

*Dues are still only \$40 and may be sent to Crescent Lake Association, PO Box 131, Acworth, NH 03601. Early responses will be appreciated....don't make me write another poem!
Thank you. Greta Perry, Treasurer.*

Boating Regulations *by Fred Yates*

Cottage Owners: You are responsible for anyone who rents or uses your cottage. They need to know the law and comply with all boating and water safety requirements. It is your duty to inform them of this responsibility and to explain the sandbar and the one-way (counterclockwise) rule on the lake. Also, we have noticed that some boaters provide very poor examples of boating etiquette for children and other boaters. This past year, I have received many—and I mean many—complaints and reports about impolite and dangerous behavior on the lake. Please try to show **respect and courtesy** to fellow boaters, docks, kayaks, canoes, swimmers, sailboats, etc., as you would want them to show you.

Also, please make sure that you and your guests launch all boats from the common ramp. The last thing we want is for guests or local boaters, unknowingly, to bring Milfoil or other invasive species into our lake. The Lake Host program receives credit for every boat inspected, which affects our ability to raise grant money for the following year. Once you have gone through inspection and launched your boat from the ramp, you may dock and launch it from your own shoreline—as long as you have not used it in another body of water other than Crescent Lake. Thank you!

Your Lake Association Officers and Reporters

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Send articles, photos, or other contributions for the *CL Chronicles* to Fred Yates or to Colleen Kaftan, 863-9415, map site 103, 11 Hemlock Lane, Newport, NH, 03773. Email: ckaftan@aol.com. And don't forget our beautiful website: crescentlakeassn.org

Send web contributions to Larry McCluskey or Colleen Kaftan. Both can be reached at the lake or via the site's feedback button. Many thanks to Larry for his tireless work on this great combination of archives, current items, and individual submissions.

The Solemn Ceremony and the CLA Presidential Oath of Office

Things heated up early in the evening as our outgoing President, Dave Sloan (he *is* outgoing, don't you think?), arrived in WaterForce One, accompanied by a full contingent of very serious-looking Secret Service agents (aka Zig Lisischeff and Scott Stringer). At the same time, incoming President Kevin Brenker arrived on foot in a parade down the driveway at C-Side, surrounded by what sounded like the Marine kazoo band playing "Hail to the Chief." Things just got better from there. When the DJ (Rich Robinson, RIP) cranked it up with "Fanfare for the Common Man," we realized something big was about to happen. Soon enough, sirens began to wail and our Chief Justice for the occasion, Phil Bonomo, ar-

CLA List/CLA Directory

If you haven't yet signed up for time-sensitive email messages, contact ckaftan@aol.com. If you're receiving emails but wish to opt out, just send a note to the same email address.

Also, check with Trina Janeczek (cottage 41F) for the lake directory, which includes only the people who choose to participate. You can opt for the PDF version or ask Trina for a printed copy. It's very helpful for contacting people on the lake and at home. (Thanks, Trina!)

Unprecedented Event

After more than two decades of dedicated service from CLA President David Sloan, we experienced a change of Administration during the summer of 2012. Kevin Brenker is now firmly in charge and ~~drinking from the fire hose~~ fully on top of his new presidential responsibilities.

We marked the transition with the first ever (we think) inaugural ball at Crescent Lake in August, 2012. All lake citizens were cordially invited to "come as you are or think you ought to be" for such an august occasion.

You can see from the photos on the opposite page just how seriously our populace rose to the occasion.

rived in a bullet-proof Jeep to administer the oath of office (which we reprint below for posterity). And OMG, the speeches! The desserts! The dancing! If you weren't there, where the heck were you?

*I, Kevin Brenker, do solemnly swear to sacrifice my sanity as well as my solitude
by tending to every single need or whim of my neighbors at Crescent Lake
and their extended families, friends and guests.*

*I will embrace my duties as I embrace life on the lake...with a 'do rag' tied tightly around my shiny noggin and
'guns' blazing from my sleeveless shirt. I will hold court on my deck
with a vodka tonic, or if I'm in the mood, a scotch and a cigar.*

*I will rule quietly but firmly and will travel my lake majestically, in a skinny boat about half the width of my ass,
rowing backwards, not knowing where I'm going, until I hit something.*

Like the lighthouse. (Speaking of the lighthouse, did anyone find that damned light?)

*I will defend the lake against the dreaded milfoil, even diving in the cold spring depths,
looking quite sassy in my 'skin tights'. I will honor the red, the white, the blue...
the proud colors of Pabst Blue Ribbon. I will support our annual events with vigor.*

The annual meeting will now embrace the latest technology: A mute button.

I will keep dog barking to a minimum on the lake...yeah right.

*I will support the rights of all camp owners to have a relaxing, peaceful lake experience,
so long as it's counter clockwise...*

*and will dedicate myself to preserve life as we all know it at Crescent Lake
So help me... FRED.*



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

Steve The Plumber. Master Plumber, NH & VT licensed & insured. Steve Morris, 1697 Rte 123A, South Acworth. 603 835-6293.

WFS Electric, LLC. Master Electrician, NH & VT. Fully insured. William Starks, 76 Grange Hall Road, South Acworth. 603 835-2990.

Keep up with area news and events!

stickernewsoclaremont.com

Or try the **Acworth Community Newsletter**, published monthly by the Friends of Silsby Library. Box 88, S. Acworth, NH 03607.

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

Nyblom & Sons Masonry. Also light carpentry and repairs. John Nyblom, cottage 26SW, (603) 826-3454.

Avery's Marine Repair. Excellent boat & auto repairs. Lake side repairs possible. 806 John Stark Highway, Newport. Lance Avery, 603 863-6670.

Ed's Top Notch Tree Service. Dangerous tree removal. Pruning, Topping, Clearing. Main Street, Newport. Call Jeremy 603 543-7363.

Independent Electrical Work. Lyman Young, South Acworth. 603 835-6388.

Gas Equipment Cleaner. Roger Barry 603542-0419.

CGD Property Service. Chad G. Demars 603 543-7071. Tree removal, snow plowing, and more.

Support our local stores!

Unity General Store: The best thing that's happened here in ages. Cindy and Rob have built a wonderful business: Fresh cut and prepared meats, salads, scrumptious carry out pizza and sandwiches hot off the grill, 23-flavor ice cream window and much, much more. Let's help them keep it going! Pick up a menu and call 542-0027

South Acworth Community Store, 835-6547. Operated by the town residents and the Acworth Historical Society. Support this unique local store, and take part in the many fun events it sponsors.

Cottage Rentals, Beautiful Silver Beach: Richard & Jane Desbiens, 603 863-1573. Email djdesbiens@aol.com

Kit 'N Kaboodle, on Tremont St (off Opera House Square) in Claremont. An amazing consignment shop chock full of treasures! Proprietor: our own Laurie St Sauveur Wallace. 542-6622

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Saturday July 5, Unity Fire Station