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From the CLA President

by Kevin Brenker, map site 40

Ripples: May 2015 and The Chronicles back in distribution thanks to Colleen, Fred and a host of contributors. The early part of Spring still not extending much in the way of warmth, but we'll take an exit from this past Winter gladly. Right now, one week after a declared "ice out" on April 25th (a record date), the lake shows signs of promise of the coming seasons of being outdoors, enjoying the water, friends & neighbors. We've had many sightings of the "resident" bald eagle (and a young eagle), large hawks and the ducks and merganzers that seem to be having a great time on open water. Since Labor Day 2014, the CLA Board of Directors and the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee met twice. See the article on our AIS program in this edition of The Chronicles.

Ripples. There's an interesting phenomenon about Crescent Lake. You can travel to where you think hardly anyone would be in position to know this spot and find someone who not only has been here, but has fond recollections of the place. We stumbled upon a small brewery in Colorado, basically in the outer reaches of the resort areas, and our host asked, "So where ya'll from?" Turns out, she not only knew of Crescent Lake, but spent some of

her "formative" years here. Another venture, about a month ago in Arizona, and a couple visiting there from western Massachusetts described many trips to Crescent Lake back in the 70's. We may be small, but we have notoriety!

Ripples. Drop a stone into the water...the ripples extend outward in each direction unimpeded. That's the effect of the many volunteers and committee leaders who make up CLA. We're fortunate to have their dedication and help to get things done – and we're always grateful for more volunteers and leaders. This summer (during our annual meeting on July 11th) two positions open up for election or re-election– CLA President and (1) Board member. Our association is only as good as our diversity and broad participation and we encourage you to get involved. (*continued on p. 2*)

Dues are Due

CLA 2014 dues are due before the Annual Meeting starts. Please come early and write your check ahead of time if you plan to pay that day.

The dues are still only \$40 per cottage. \$30 goes to the AIS Program and the remaining \$10 goes to CLA activities.

To pay early, mail your check to:

Crescent Lake Association
Treasurer Greta Perry
P.O. Box 131
Acworth, NH 03601

CLA Invasive Species Program 2015

by Kevin Brenker, NH Lakes Point Person, map site 40

Thankfully the warm weather is back and with it our annual program to keep aquatic invasive species from finding a comfortable home in Crescent Lake. First a little rewind on last year's program – we inspected over 900 watercraft during the 2014 season (about average) and had ZERO invasive species finds. The program is funded by a) your generous donations to the fund annually, b) NH Lakes Association Grant, c) Towns of Acworth and Unity. The grants from NH Lakes, Acworth and Unity account for approximately 40% of our annual budget which is spent on funding paid Lake host positions at the Crescent Lake public access ramp. At last year's CLA annual meeting, we all agreed to rename the Milfoil Committee as the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program.

The good news is we have a talented squad of trained paid Lake Hosts and volunteers who are truly our “last line of defense” keeping invasive weeds and animals out of the water. Our Lake Hosts and the education of the boating public are the best means to ensure our water remains clean and Crescent Lake property values stay intact.

Our 2015 Team:

- ♥ Kevin Brenker, Point Person (managing program dir.)
- ♥ Tim Perry, Chairman Crescent Lake AIS Committee, Lake Host volunteer
- ♥ Bob Woolner, Lake Host (property owner and many for many years our weekend “Captain”)
- ♥ Elizabeth Cubberly, Lake Host (returning for 2nd year)
- ♥ Tyler Sherwood, Lake Host (first year)
- ♥ John Kotuli, Lake Host (first year)
- ♥ Diane Brenker, Lake Host (multi-year)
- ♥ Betsy & Doug Allen, volunteer Lake Hosts (returning)
- ♥ And more people at the ready for NH Lakes training as volunteer Lake Hosts

How You Can Help: Our current property owners know the importance of courtesy inspections for invasive species. You can help by spreading the word about the NH Lakes “Clean, Drain & Dry” program to anyone who may come to visit, or renters, or daily users of our lake.

CLEAN: Clean your boat, the prop, trailer, inside live wells, etc. (AND FISHING GEAR) of any weeds prior to coming to Crescent Lake, and when departing Crescent Lake (so no weeds are taken from here to somewhere else).

DRAIN: Drain every water-holding area, making sure water from here, stays here and vice-versa.

DRY: Not so much an issue for our “local” boats, but for boats that visit us from somewhere else the NH Lakes program encourages drying the outside of the boat and inside for up to 5 days.

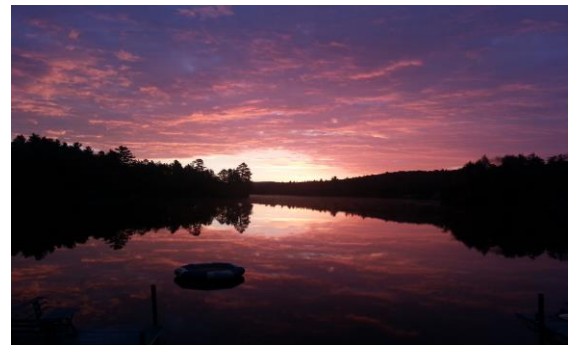
The inspection program is supported well by the **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee** which typically meets 2 scheduled times per year. This committee is comprised of **Tim Perry (Chair), Lorraine Dion, Stan Rastallis, Mark Wilson and Kevin Brenker**. We also have very generous and vital support from a number of water-bound volunteers who assist in the annual inspection of Crescent Lake from below with snorkle equipment. Our annual inspection for 2015 is Saturday June 20th.

A number of elements and resources come together yearly to ensure the program remains vigilant and we always welcome your involvement and support.

Ripples (cont. from page 1)

There's much in store for the warmer months of 2015 at Crescent Lake, a lot described in these *Chronicles*, on the Facebook page (almost up to 200 members!) and the Crescent Lake website: www.crescentlakeassn.org.

Have fun, be safe, and go make some ripples!



Minutes from the 82nd Annual CLA Meeting

July 5, 2014, 10 am, Unity Fire Station

Meeting called to order by Kevin Brenker, President.

Members attending: 101

Fred Yates, Secretary, noted the following members who had passed since the last annual meeting: William Muzeroll, Helen Sirkin, Louise Dubois, Helen Jefts, Jennie D'Amante Millette-Brown and Terry Levin.

Secretary's report and **Treasurer's report** approved as presented.

Fred Yates announced his retirement as CLA Secretary, effective after this meeting.

Election of Officers:

Secretary 3 years: Betsy Allen (2014-2017)

Director 3 years: Tim Perry (2014-2017)

Director 3 years: Tim Grinaski (2014-2017)

Committee Reports:

T-Shirts. (Diane Brenker, Betsy Allen, Nancy Leblanc, Judy Robison) New location for the CLA T-shirts at 188 Crescent Lake Rd, Gary and Judy Robinson's shed, with new signage made by Unique Signs (Ray St.Sauveur).

Annual Picnic. (Trina Janeczek) Motion to sponsor the picnic in the amount of \$2000, approved. New grill needed.

Kayak/Canoe Race. Scheduled the day of the Picnic, with no changes. (continued on page 6)

Dates to Remember

July 11, 2015, 10:00 am, Acworth Town Hall

Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting

The CLA Annual Meeting will be held this year at the Town Hall in beautiful uptown Acworth. Please get there by 9:00-9:45 a.m. to pay dues and buy stuff. Please have your dues check already made out, and if possible, add a donation for the AIS water quality program. Dues are still \$40 / year.

July 4, 2015, 9:15 pm, 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 24, 2015, 7:30 am, Newport Country Club

16th 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 24, 2015, 6:30 pm, Hicking Cottage #55A:

Men's Nite!

Contact Charlie Hicking.

September 5, 2015 (rain date September 6)

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 12:45 p.m. Band will play 1:00-3:00. Thanks. Chairman Trina Janeczek. **BUY YOUR FLARES AT THE PICNIC FOR THE EVENING FESTIVITIES!**

6:30-7:30–Marie Boyle's Kayak/Canoe Rally at the Lighthouse.

Bring your own pleasing beverage.

9:00 pm–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.

September 6, 2015, Boat Landing

6th Annual Walk/Run for Pride 5K

Contact Kevin Brenker 863-5053

Join the Fun!

2014 CLA Picnic Report *by Trina Janeczek, map site 41F*

As I worked on organizing my notes to pass on to the next Chairperson(s), I learned some interesting information that I thought I would pass on to everyone.

The Crescent Lake Association was formed in 1932 and the first formal CL Picnic Committee was formed in 1982. The Chairperson was Bob Spaulding and the committee consisted of Frank D'Amante, Mike Schipper, Bob Brown, Marie Boyle, Brad Thomas and Poppy Scumas. Bob remained the chairperson through 1984, when Poppy Scumas became Chairperson. From 1986 through 2006, Marie Boyle was the Chairperson. In 2007 Marie chaired and her daughter-in-law, Beth Boyle, co-chaired. Beth was the Chairperson in 2008 and 2009. In 2010, she added me, Trina Janeczek, as her co-chair. For 2011 and 2012, I chaired and had Diane Brenker as my co-chair. I again chaired for 2013 and 2014. Diane went on to other responsibilities on the lake. Next year we are going to a 3 chair position. Marybeth Gilpin and Nancy LeBlanc have volunteered and we are still looking for one more person. This should correct my earlier error of stating I had chaired for 6 years and give credit to all the people who have taken on this job.

The following shows the total cost of the picnic, the raffle income, and the number of baskets. This does not include the money taken in for the races, or the money spent and earned on t-shirts.

	Cost	Raffle Income	# of Baskets
2006	\$1332.00	\$1508.00	65
2007	\$1394.05	\$1794.00	59
2008	\$1382.12	\$2228.00	63
2009	\$1524.20	\$2198.00	59
2010	\$1582.75	\$2191.00	63
2011	\$1931.81	\$2038.00	63
2012	\$1652.00	\$1763.00	40
2013	\$1427.65	\$1651.00	45
2014	\$2155.30	\$2445.00	56



Please note that we spent just under \$400 for our own grill this year as we no longer could rent the gas grill we have rented for many years. You will note how important the raffle is to cover all the expenses. Each person who was in charge of purchasing various items worked hard to get the best bang for their buck.

We started trying to take attendance in 2012, which showed 338 people. The weather was rather iffy in 2013, but 304 people came and this year we had 311. Taking attendance helps us in the purchase of fresh food for the next year. We also used name tags this year and we received a lot of positive feedback. Putting a first and last name with a face was definitely a positive thing and putting a face to a particular camp was also a bonus. As I have worked on my directory each year, it amazes me how few people know and recognize other camp owners on the lake.....but each year it is getting better! This really helps us to be a community.

The other thing I find interesting is that the picnic started out with six people as volunteers. I am sure there were probably others who helped out, but there are no records. This year, including myself, there were 66 people involved in making it a great event. That means 22% of the camp owners and their families were involved, thus, in my mind, really making it the CLA picnic!!!!

As past Chairperson, I cannot express how much it meant to me to have so many people willing to jump in and do a job. I hope this tradition continues on for a very long time. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each person on the committee. *(Photos by Laurie St. Sauveur Wallace)*

(Minutes, continued from page 3)

Run/Walk Rally. (Kevin Brenker) To be held the Sunday after Annual Labor Day Picnic at 9 am. \$678 raised in 2013. Proceeds help a disabled war veteran and his/her family.

Annual Golf Outing. (Dave Sloan) To be held July 26, 7:30 am, Newport Country Club, approx. \$58/person.

Milfoil Committee. (Tim Perry) Moved and seconded to change the name of this committee to “Aquatic Invasive Species Committee” (AIS Committee). Approved. Weed Watch was performed in June and the Lake was found to be clear of any milfoil or other invasive species. Stan Rastallis reported that water tests were excellent.

New Business:

Deployment of boats. Concerns raised about renters/guests putting boats in the lake from private property. Owners need to advise that these should be put in at the boat ramp.

Milfoil Funds. Regarding Milfoil reserves, the AIS Committee is authorized to spend on emergencies and does not need a membership vote. They will give a financial report at annual meeting.

A suggestion that milfoil funds be invested in mutual funds was not approved.

Fire Dept. Donations. Discussion regarding donation to Unity and Acworth Fire Depts. The amount of \$100 donated each year to each department voted in 2013, was upheld.

Heart Defibrillator. Cost approx. \$650, voted to table, with a note that we need to check with our insurance company regarding liability.

Water testing and samples. Due to a question regarding funding for this, Stan Rastallis noted that the State and both towns pay for the testing. Stan asked for volunteers to help with June 2015 testing.

Old Business:

Concern that we get a letter from the State of NH that CLA can have reserves of over \$25,000. Secy. Yates will send a letter to State of NH for verification.

Lake Host. Standing ovation given to Tim Perry for being the Milfoil Host Chairman for 13 years. Kevin Brenker has assumed these responsibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Edited by Betsy Allen, Secretary, 7/11/14

Your Lake Association Officers and Reporters

President: Kevin Brenker, map site 40
Secretary: Betsy Allen, map site 91
Treasurer: Greta Perry, map site 75
Directors: Don Mayberry, map site AR97
Joseph Tardiff, map site 46D
Tim Grinaski, map site 119
Tim Perry, map site 75

Send articles, photos, or other contributions for the CL Chronicles 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 via the site's feedback button. Of course, you can also deliver items by kayak, pony express, hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar, or snail mail to either of us.



A Little Night Music

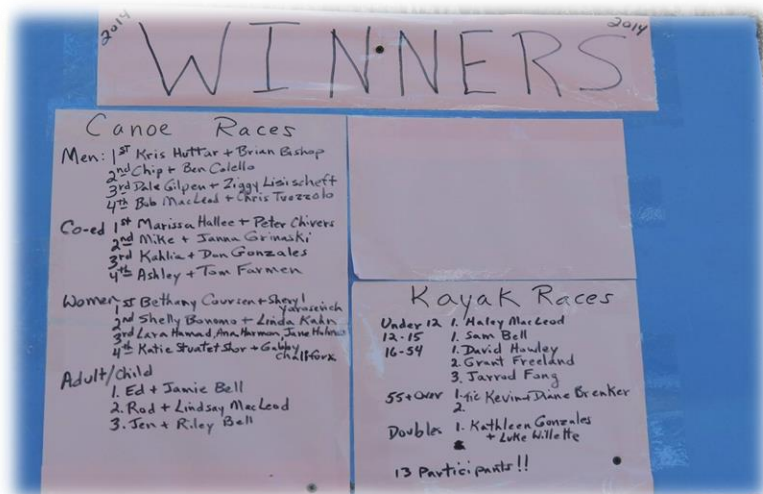
Apologies to Mozart, Harold Hill, and the CL Frog Chorus

Seventy-six large males led the serenade
With a hundred and ten small peepers in tow
They were followed by rows and rows
Of our froggy virtuosos—
The stars of every nightly show!

The Races, 2014

by Bob Mumford, map site SWE 6

The 2014 Crescent Lake Canoe Race went off on Saturday, August 30, at 10 am precisely. It was a beautiful day except for some wind that made it hard for the canoeists to paddle and for Liz “Celine Dion” Grinaski and Bob Mumford to prevent the sign-up sheets from blowing away. We put lots of rocks and staplers on them to keep them in place. We had more racers this year than last, necessitating continually monitoring the finishing canoes to be moved so that later finishers could land safely! Again, a lot of thanks to Trina Janeczek and her organizing committee for providing refreshments for the racers and spectators alike and for Tim Grinaski for placing the orange buoys to mark the course before the race and for picking them after, for storage for next year! Thanks also to Jim Howe, his daughter Amy Sovak, and Billy Page for coordinating the annual Kayak Race!



Our 2014 paddlers. For final times, please see crescentlakeassn.com



Paddling Down Memory Lake

Here's a rather surprising photograph from the very first CLA canoe race, in 1983. Thanks to Dick Brown, map site 4, for his wonderful collection of scrapbooks!

The winners, Bob Spaulding and Ivan Perron, were treated to a “special nectar,” saucily served by “bunnies” Dot Cenate and Ellen Howard, who came in last in that year’s “social run.” Somehow we can’t quite imagine that happening again any time soon.

Awarded the Bronze Star for heroic actions during the Battle of the Bulge, Bob is 94 now. His camp #88 has been replaced by the lovely new place built by Ray and Nancy LeBlanc (Bob’s daughter). Some of his famous Adirondack chairs remain with lucky owners around the lake.

Lakeside Wonders

Take a stroll down East Shore road. You’ll be enchanted by the numerous, perfectly balanced stone cairns. Are they Native American artifacts? Druid ceremonial objects? Modern-day trail markers?

What sensitive soul caused them to be there? What do they mean?

The main thing you should know is that it is NEVER okay to disturb such a structure. Just appreciate them!



Welcome, New Neighbors!

2014 was quite a year for sales of cottages on Crescent Lake. There were a lot of beautiful new buildings, but very few changed hands. While we hate to see our friends leave us, we are always happy to meet new ones and welcome them to the lake.

If there have been other changes, please let Secretary Betsy Allen know as soon as possible before the Annual Meeting.

- #4, transferred from Dick Brown to daughter Karen Ryan
- #45, Roderick & Kari MacLeod, Medway, MA
- #70, Todd & Christina O'Brien, Keene, NH
- #105, David & Kimberly Howley, Franklin, MA
- #109B, Gregory & Wendi Belisle
- #125, Robert & Judy MacLeod, Milton, MA
- #SE 58, David and Sue Stephens, Weston, MA

Welcome to the best little lake in New Hampshire. If you have any questions, please contact any Lake Association officer. We don't get paid much, but we do have a lot of fun.

A Note from Fred Yates

This is a special thank you to all of you, members and cottage owners of the Crescent Lake Association that I have come in contact with over the past 48 years. A thank you for all of your help throughout these years.

In 2013, after having been your Treasurer for over 43 years, I retired from that position and turned it over to the most wonderful, knowledgeable person I could find around Crescent Lake to handle the CLA finances. That person is Greta Perry. Greta is doing a terrific job.

Last year, I also retired from the position of Secretary, and you elected Betsy Allen to take over the job. The Association is very fortunate that both of these fine people are willing to serve as officers.

I have been a member of the CLA for 48 years, and an officer for over 46. I was elected as your President in 1969, and then as Secretary/Treasurer in 1970. In 1967-1969, we had the worst lake water readings in the State. The lake bacteria count was over 395, recorded in our six test areas. The State's lake pollution limit is 415. This meant no swimming, boating, fishing, or any contact with the lake waters if it rose to 415.

Now after 40 years of very hard work including cottage inspections and testing by your CLA officers and volunteers, Stan Rastallis, our Water Quality Chairman, reports that in the past several years the results have been in the range of 0-5. Same testing areas. I do not have to explain the hard work done by your CLA officers over the years to reach this goal.

Over the past years, Crescent Lake has become the envy of every other lake association around the State of NH. It is one of the cleanest bodies of water in the state, has the highest percentage of dues-paying membership at 98%, and the best attended Annual Meeting (percentage-wise), averaging over 80 campers each year. One of the largest social events around, our Labor Day annual picnic, counts 300-350 attendees each year. We must be doing something right: one of the best t-shirt sales



programs anywhere, a Crescent Lake map that cannot be compared or equaled, one of the most highly respected Milfoil programs in the state, an envy of many Associations. Overall, the best operation around, run by members of the CLA.

The complete operation of our Association cannot be beat, or compared with any other Association in the state. Most of these programs I started, nurtured, and babied over the years with help from so many of you.

These accomplishments did not happen overnight. It took many years of very hard work, cooperation between the officers and members of the CLA—by so many, including some who are no longer with us.

I have never had a complete summer off, to enjoy Crescent Lake, in all these years. My time was spent with the CLA and its operation, this came first. This is ending.

This past year there have been so many changes and suggestions by the present CLA administration that I do not approve of and in some cases did not know about until rumors came my way. In short, I am not used to changes on programs that are not broken, especially when it affects Crescent Lake. So after over 44 years as your Association Secretary/Treasurer, as a participant in just about all lake programs, I am retiring from this position and all my other lake responsibilities. I am tired and I am getting too old. I want to enjoy this lake and everything it can offer me and offers to every one of you. This is one of the best lakes in New Hampshire.

Goodbye. God bless you all, and thank you for your loyalty over the years.

Fred

Moose in the Marsh

by Trina Janeczek, map site 41F

On Saturday night, May 30th, about 20 plus people from Crescent Lake experienced firsthand the music of a local band, Moose in the Marsh, who were playing at Daddy's Pizza in Claremont, NH. One of our Crescent Lake residents, Kevin Brenker, played the piano and sang. All the band members were very good at their craft, whether they were singing or just showing us what they could do with their instrument. The guy on the electric guitar played some mean solos.

They played song after song of classic rock and country rock. The dance floor was constantly hopping with enthusiastic "young" people dancing to tunes from their "good ole days." It was a great evening even for those folks just watching and listening. I heard they might have some events scheduled at the Anchorage in Sunapee. I am sure wherever they play next, you can hear about it ahead of time on the Crescent Lake Association Facebook page. So far, we know they'll be playing at Daddy's on June 27 and July 11. See you there!!



The Amazing Buster Keating and His Yacht Club Orchestra

Music has long been on the menu at Crescent Lake. *Moose in the Marsh* had a predecessor from just across the cove. Born in 1906, prodigy Buster Keating played several instruments from a young age before settling on the drums. He founded "Keating's Jazz Orchestra" as a junior at Stevens High, and went on to lead several other dance bands

popular throughout New England and in southern Quebec. Crowds flocked to music pavilions in every small town where for 10 cents they could dance the night away—until the Great Depression hit in 1929. Buster and the band contracted with the Lake Sunapee Yacht club and served as the house or-

chestra well into the 1940s. He and his wife Anna bought a place on Crescent Lake around that time, and organized annual clam bakes/band reunions there into the

1980s. With a little imagination on a quiet summer night, you can still hear the echo of a lingering tune. *Many thanks to Ray Keating for sharing this great story. That's young Ray on the drums at right. See the full history at:*

crescentlakeassn.org



In Sympathy *by Fred Yates, map site 84*

The Crescent Lake Association, its officers, and all of its members wish to extend our deepest condolences to the Crescent Lake families that have lost a loved one this past year. There are not enough words to express our sorrow in your loss, and at times like this. Our prayers of sympathy, strength, and hope are with you in the days, months, and years ahead. If we have missed anyone, it was not intentional, just our oversights in not being aware any other of our Crescent Lake campers had passed away. May God bless each and every one of you.

To the Dion family: We lost this year one of Crescent Lake's biggest icons, a life member of the lake, its Association, its activities, and a supporter for many, many years. On February 13, 2015, Arthur "Firecracker" Dion passed away. No man loved this lake like Art did. The Dions purchased their cottage sometime in the 1950s and moved from Claremont sometime in the early 1960s to live permanently on the shores of Crescent Lake. That started Art's love for this lake, matched by none. Always a friendly smile and wave as you passed by his beautiful manicured white home on the southern shores.

Art was one of our first Lake Association presidents, back in the 1960s, and helped guide us on our journey to becoming one of the best organized and cleanest lakes in New Hampshire. He served as a CLA officer for years too numerous to count, always with the best interest in his heart for the betterment of the place.

What Art did for this lake cannot be said or measured in one statement—it was over 50 years in the making. When there was work to be done, Art was there. At our annual meetings, it was not a good meeting unless Art was involved, not only in the discussions but in the final approvals. Art, you will be missed, but always remembered. Our annual meetings will never be the same. "No more fireworks."

So Art, when you get up there, look up Charlie Ginter, Al Buinicky, and Ed Luke. You four Crescent Lake icons will have a great time reminiscing about the good old days at the lake. God bless you all.

The passing of **Norman Ferland** was a shock to many of us. His witty smile, always looking for a challenge, is going to be missed. The sound of his Model A fog horn will no longer be heard. The blue streak flashing down Crescent Lake Road will no longer be seen, but will always be remembered by the Lake Road old-timers whenever they see a blue truck traveling by. That old car was his pride and joy: "Don't touch me."

The passing of Norman Ferland on December 13, 2014, after a long illness, was peaceful and quiet in the presence of his loving wife, Rita, and their son, Adam. To all of you, we extend our deepest condolences. The end of an era, a great welder, a loving husband, friend of the lake—but as I always used to say to Norm, you will always have one fault. Your Coast Guard training did you no good, but you did become one of the best welders in our area.

Norman came to Crescent Lake in 1977. Purchased a cottage at the end of the cove, rebuilt the cottage to a beautiful home, a place he loved so dearly that we would never leave. He passed away in that home on the shores of Crescent Lake. God bless you, Norm.

Fred Mellish and his wife, Delores, purchased a cottage on Crescent Lake only a very short few years ago in 2007. Fred was a classmate of mine back in Bellows Falls, in the 1950s. We had many great time playing with a tribe of kids in the Oak Street area. Never a quiet moment when we all got together—at least the neighbors didn't think so.

Fred purchased his cottage (#113) with his brother, Donald, from Charlie Hicking. Fred always said it was the best thing he ever did in his life, except for marrying his wife Dolores. Enjoyed the lake and its fishing very much. Lived only a short ways from the lake, up the road in a little town called Perkinsville. In his later years, illness prevented Fred from spending as much time as he liked on the shores of Crescent Lake. Fred passed away in August 2014.

To the Mellish family, the Crescent Lake Association extends our deepest sympathy.

To Trina Janeczek, the Crescent Lake Association, its members and its officers extend our deepest condolences in the loss of your mother, Margaret DiFredo, at the young age of 98. Your mom lived a very nice life throughout her years, seeing a man go to the moon, cars with convertible tops, airplanes flying at the speed of sound, trains going everywhere—what stories she must have told! Margaret DiFredo left us to be in heaven on September 20, 2014. Even with all the years Margaret gave you, the passing is still a sad moment in anyone’s life. Our sympathy to you and your family from all of us. May the days ahead give you great pleasure that you two shared your love for each other for so many good years, and give you comfort in your grief.

To Calliope “Poppy” Scumas, all of us at Crescent Lake extend our deepest condolences in the sudden passing of your beloved brother Christopher, or as we all knew him, Chris. The Scumas family came to Crescent Lake in the late 1930s. The Scumas’s name is on our charter back in 1939 when Crescent Lake Association was formed. Back in the 1940s, when you and Chris became frequent campers at the lake, all those beautiful memories will be remembered. Poppy, what can we say? Words cannot express our sorrow when events like this hit us, we are never ready for it. But as time passes on, the time of sorrow will pass, the time of grief will ease—but the love for our departed will endure forever. Chris had just passed 90. He had a great life, great travels, great memories, and at this time Chris would say, don’t shed a tear for me, let’s have a good drink, talk of the good old days, and have a good laugh. You will be missed, Chris. God bless you.

To the Kahn family: Mike and Linda, you are among the newest members of our lake community, having joined us in 2010. Linda, I am sure that when your father visited he must have seen what we all have over the years—what a beautiful place Crescent Lake is. The Crescent Lake Association, its officers, and its members are deeply sorry to learn of James Farquar’s passing. We extend to the Kahn and Farquar families our deepest condolences.

Something’s Missing at C-Side by Colleen Kaftan, map site 103

Most of you know by now that we lost my formidable husband, Peter Fitts, last July. Our poor Cocoa the Chockie Lab



has been pretty bereft—she also lost her sister Lulu last year. But she’s coming around, and sometimes lets herself out and ends up on Crescent Lake Road. Thanks to all who drive slowly enough not to hit her.

We’re missing two other dear ones for whom the lake was very special: my beloved sister Patty left us in September 2013, and in November 2014 so did my incredible friend Peachie, who has been a regular here almost as long as I have.

Peachie was 82, stood 4’ 10”, and had been my tennis partner for 20 years before I realized I couldn’t keep up with her. I’m 5’ 8” and we

liked to dress alike for matches, saying “Bet you can’t tell us apart!”

She and my nephew Johnny came in 3rd in the canoe race one year, and anybody who has been in our central cove has surely heard her laugh. One beautiful New Year’s morning, we skated all around the lake saying hello to everyone we saw. She became an avid kayaker after trying the one I won at the picnic.

We fully expected Peachie to outlive all of us (or at least to live to 100), but one day last November, she played tennis, had lunch with friends, and then played another match in the afternoon (which was not unusual). She went home at 6:00 pm, had a cup of tea while watching TV in her favorite comfy chair, then stretched out on her couch for a snooze, and didn’t wake up. Very peaceful for her, but heartbreaking for the rest of us. RIP, dear Peachie



No such thing as too much kayak time. (C. DaCosta photos)

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 any Chronicles staff or 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.

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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. 863-6670.

Super Clean Window Cleaning. Screens and everything! Tested at C-Side. Very happy. Call Mike Carroll. 603 748-0518

Nick's Auto Repair. 24-hour towing, full auto service, inspections, detailing. 296 Unity Stage Rd. Call 543-9982.

Gas Equipment Cleaner. Roger Barry 603 542-0419.

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 full of treasures! Proprietor: our own Laurie St Sauveur Wallace. 603 504 6622

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Saturday July 11, Acworth Town Hall