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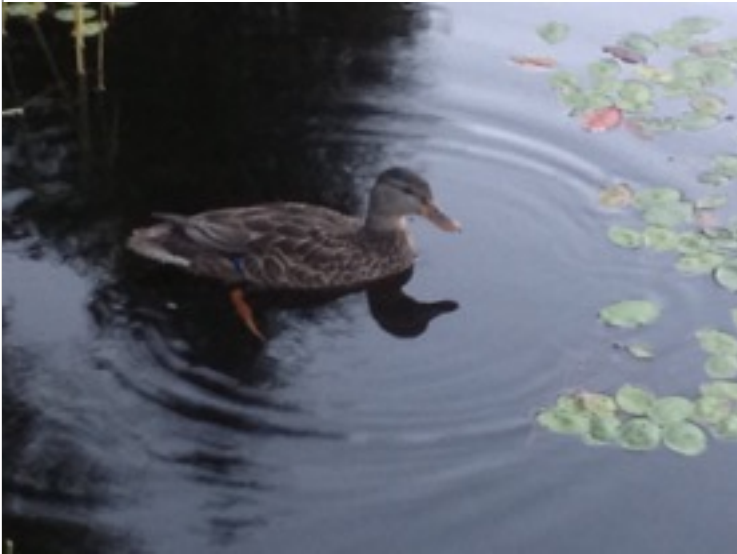
# THE CRESCENT LAKE CHRONICLES

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## Crescent Lake Association Officers and Directors July 2016-July 2017

PRESIDENT:	Kevin Brenker	July 2015-July 2018
SECRETARY:	Betsy Allen	July 2014-July 2017
TREASURER:	Greta Perry	July 2016-July 2019
DIRECTOR:	Tim Perry	July 2014-July 2017
DIRECTOR:	Tim Grinaski	July 2014-July 2017
DIRECTOR:	Rich Maynes	July 2015-July 2018
DIRECTOR (SHOREWOOD):	Patty LaHaise	July 2016-July 2019



### HOW TO BE A LUCKY DUCK!

Everything in moderation. This includes the number of ducks our lake can support as well as feeding them.

They are relaxing and often fun to watch but we should not be regularly feeding them....especially not bread.

But then the grandchildren come for a visit... well, a little feeding won't hurt. Substitute corn kernels, frozen peas, greens or seeds.

We want to **keep our lake healthy** as well as our ducks.

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### Speaking of water quality.....

Stan Rastalis received this email to share with us:

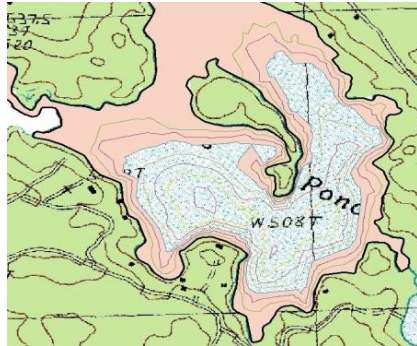
Please find the 2016 Annual VLAP Report for **Crescent Lake, Acworth** attached. Also attached is a helpful guide on how to interpret the information in your report. Please take some time to read your report and recommendations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me at [\(603\) 271-2658](tel:6032712658) or [sara.steiner@des.nh.gov](mailto:sara.steiner@des.nh.gov). I encourage you to share the report with fellow lake residents, association members, non-profit groups, town governments and commissions. The reports can easily be posted on association and town webpages, and copied and mailed to residents. The reports are not yet available on the VLAP website, but will be by mid-April. I will send you a link to the webpage when they are up.

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## HOW TO READ YOUR VLAP REPORT

MORPHOMETRIC DATA <sup>1</sup>						TROPIC CLASSIFICATION <sup>4</sup>		KNOWN EXOTIC SPECIES <sup>5</sup>
Watershed Area (Ac.):	17,664	Max. Depth (m):	11.3	Flushing Rate (yr <sup>-1</sup> ):	12.9	Year	Trophic Class	Variable Milfoil
Surface Area (Ac.):	179	Mean Depth (m):	3.7	P Retention Coef <sup>3</sup> :	0.37	1992	MESOTROPHIC	
Shore Length (m):	4,000	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ):	2,675,000	Elevation(ft):	508	2009	EUTROPHIC	

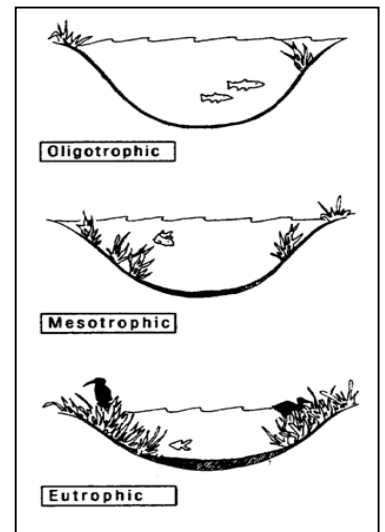
**1. LAKE MORPHOMETRY:** refers to the size and shape of the lake basin, and can affect the physical, chemical and biological processes of the lake. A lake's morphometry can be best described by a bathymetric map.



**2. FLUSHING RATE:** refers to the number of times a lake flushes (volume of water equal to the lake's volume passes through the lake) in one year, expressed to the nearest 0.1 times/year. Lakes have low flushing rates compared to rivers and streams, which are constantly replenishing their water volume, which leaves lakes more vulnerable to the accumulation of pollutants and nutrients.

**3. PHOSPHORUS RETENTION COEFFICIENT:** The phosphorus retention coefficient can be defined as the fraction of inflowing phosphorus that is not lost through outflow and retained within the water body.

**4. TROPIC CLASSIFICATION:** generally refers to the biological production, or how aged a lake is. NH uses four indicators to determine a lake's trophic status. Those are dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll-a, transparency, and vascular aquatic plant growth. Oligotrophic lakes tend to be deeper, larger lakes with clear water, rocky or sandy shorelines, low phosphorus enrichment, limited rooted plant growth, low algal growth and adequate dissolved oxygen throughout. Mesotrophic waters are an intermediate category with characteristics between oligotrophic and eutrophic water bodies. Eutrophic waters are smaller, shallower ponds with mucky bottoms, extensive rooted plant growth, and depleted dissolved oxygen in bottom waters; often tea-colored and sometimes murky from planktonic algal growth.



**5. EXOTIC SPECIES:** plants and/or animals that are not native to a specific region and once introduced, typically have no natural enemies to keep populations in check. In lakes, exotic aquatic plants, such as Variable milfoil, can quickly out-compete native plants for resources and have detrimental affects on the lake ecosystem. Currently, 72 lakes/ponds in NH are infested with an exotic species. For more information on Exotic Species in NH's lakes visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/exoticspecies/index.htm>

Variable milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)



### WATERBODY REPORT CARD TABLES Water Quality Assessment Outcomes

Since the *Clean Water Act* took effect in 1987, it requires that every state submit two surface water quality assessment documents to the EPA every two years. Included in these reports is a list of waters (Section 303d list) that do not meet water quality standards thus, they are impaired or not supporting their designated uses.

Designated Use	Impaired	Parameter	Category
This represents the uses a waterbody (lake, river, estuary) should support. There are seven designated uses: aquatic life, fish consumption, shellfish consumption, drinking water, primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, and wildlife.	If data collected for a specific parameter routinely do not meet accepted criteria, then a waterbody is considered to be impaired for that designated use. Alternately, if data meet accepted criteria, the waterbody fully supports the designated use.	The physical, chemical or biological parameter used to assess whether a waterbody supports a specific designated use.	Depicts how well the designated use is supported based on thresholds assigned to the parameter. There are several categories from fully supported to severely impaired. Category ratings of Bad and Slightly Bad indicate the use is impaired. A category rating of Encouraging indicates additional data are needed. Category ratings of Good or Very Good mean data support the use.

Parameter	Thresholds
pH	6.5 – 8.0
Phosphorus (total)	< 8 ug/L Oligotrophic ≤ 12 ug/L Mesotrophic ≤ 28 ug/L Eutrophic
Chlorophyll-a	< 3.3 ug/L Oligotrophic ≤ 5.0 ug/L Mesotrophic ≤ 11.0 ug/L Eutrophic
Dissolved Oxygen	> 6.0 mg/L Class A waters > 5.0 mg/L Class B waters > 75% Sat. Class A & B waters
<i>E. coli</i>	Single sample < 88 cts/100 mL Public beaches Geometric mean < 47 cts/100 mL Public beaches Single sample < 153 cts/100 mL Class A waters Single sample < 406 cts/100 mL Class B waters Geometric mean < 47 cts/100 mL Class A waters Geometric mean < 126 cts/100 mL Class B waters

And take a closer look at this.....you will NOT find this in our lake today and hopefully never.....



This is the dreaded milfoil plant. This, along with other invasive species, will determine the health of our beloved lake. We need to continue being vigilant and report any suspicious plants to a Lake Host.....

Our Lake Hosts protect and prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species. We owe them our appreciation, respect and support. Talk to them if you have questions!



Lake Hosts are trained by NH Lakes Association and help us keep nasty things out of Crescent Lake. Volunteers/paid hosts are at least age 17, able to conduct a complete boat inspection.



**Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Individual Lake Reports**  
**CRESCENT LAKE, ACWORTH, NH**

**MORPHOMETRIC DATA**

Watershed Area (Ac.):	2,925	Max. Depth (m):	7.3	Flushing Rate (yr <sup>1</sup> ):	3.7
Surface Area (Ac.):	116	Mean Depth (m):	3.2	P Retention Coef:	0.53
Shore Length (m):	5,100	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ):	1,526,500	Elevation (ft):	1215

**TROPHIC CLASSIFICATION**

Year	Trophic class
1979	MESOTROPIC
1992	MESOTROPIC

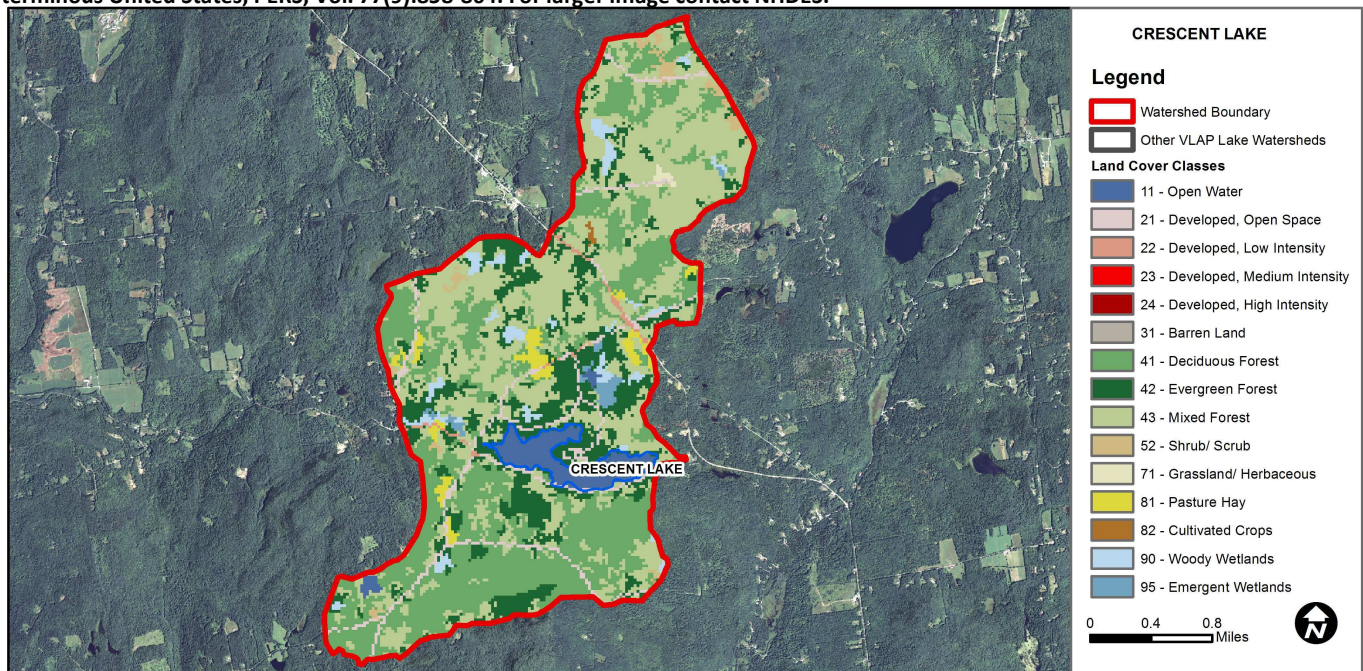
**KNOWN EXOTIC SPECIES**


The Waterbody Report Card tables are generated from the DRAFT 2014 305(b) report on the status of N.H. waters, and are based on data collected from 2004-2013. Detailed waterbody assessment and report card information can be found at [www.des.nh.gov/organizations/divisions/water/wmb/swqa/index.htm](http://www.des.nh.gov/organizations/divisions/water/wmb/swqa/index.htm)

Designated Use	Parameter	Category	Comments
Aquatic Life	Phosphorus (Total)	Good	Sampling data is better than the water quality standards or thresholds for this parameter.
	pH	Slightly Bad	Data periodically exceed water quality standards or thresholds for this parameter by a small margin.
	Oxygen, Dissolved	Encouraging	Limited data for this parameter predicts water quality standards or thresholds are being met; however more data are necessary to fully assess the parameter.
	Dissolved oxygen satura	Cautionary	Limited data for this parameter predicts exceedance of water quality standards or thresholds; however more data are necessary to fully assess the parameter.
	Chlorophyll-a	Good	Sampling data is better than the water quality standards or thresholds for this parameter.
Primary Contact Recreation	Escherichia coli	Cautionary	Limited data for this parameter predicts exceedance of water quality standards or thresholds; however more data are necessary to fully assess the parameter.
	Chlorophyll-a	Very Good	All sampling data meet water quality standards or thresholds for this parameter.

**WATERSHED LAND USE SUMMARY**

Fry, J., Xian, G., Jin, S., Dewitz, J., Homer, C., Yang, L., Barnes, C., Herold, N., and Wickham, J., 2011. Completion of the 2006 National Land Cover Database for the Conterminous United States, PERS, Vol. 77(9):858-864. For larger image contact NHDES.



Land Cover Category	% Cover	Land Cover Category	% Cover	Land Cover Category	% Cover
Open Water	3.91	Barren Land	0	Grassland/Herbaceous	0.16
Developed-Open Space	3.56	Deciduous Forest	31.76	Pasture Hay	1.93
Developed-Low Intensity	0.55	Evergreen Forest	16.45	Cultivated Crops	0.1
Developed-Medium Intensity	0	Mixed Forest	36.96	Woody Wetlands	2.58
Developed-High Intensity	0	Shrub-Scrub	1.31	Emergent Wetlands	0.76

## SECCHI DISK AWARD 2017 GOES TO CRESCENT LAKE!!!

Tim Perry and Kevin Brenker were at the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) training at NH DES on Saturday May 20th,—just in time to see Crescent Lake Association (Acworth/Unity) receive the 2017 Secchi Disk Award for water quality monitoring efforts!



Congratulations! Isn't this the coolest award?

**Larry McCluskey** All of us who enjoy the pleasures of Crescent Lake owe a debt of thanks to those who have worked so hard to not only maintain lake water quality but to improve on it over the years.

Lets not forget that as residents of the shores of Crescent Lake, we can all have an impact on lake water quality.

Congratulations to the Association for the winning 2017 Secchi Award. Well earned!

**Colleen Kaftan** It has taken decades to get the lake to this degree of pristine water. I salute every single person who has contributed to that trajectory until now, everyone who is keeping up the good work today, and all those who will continue to do so in the future. Many, many thanks to all of you!

**Michael Kahn** Kudos to all that make this lake the wonderful community that it is!!! And now a poem submitted by Colleen Kaftan gleaned from The New York Times Magazine and selected by Matthew Zapruder on April 14, 2017:

## BEING A LAKE

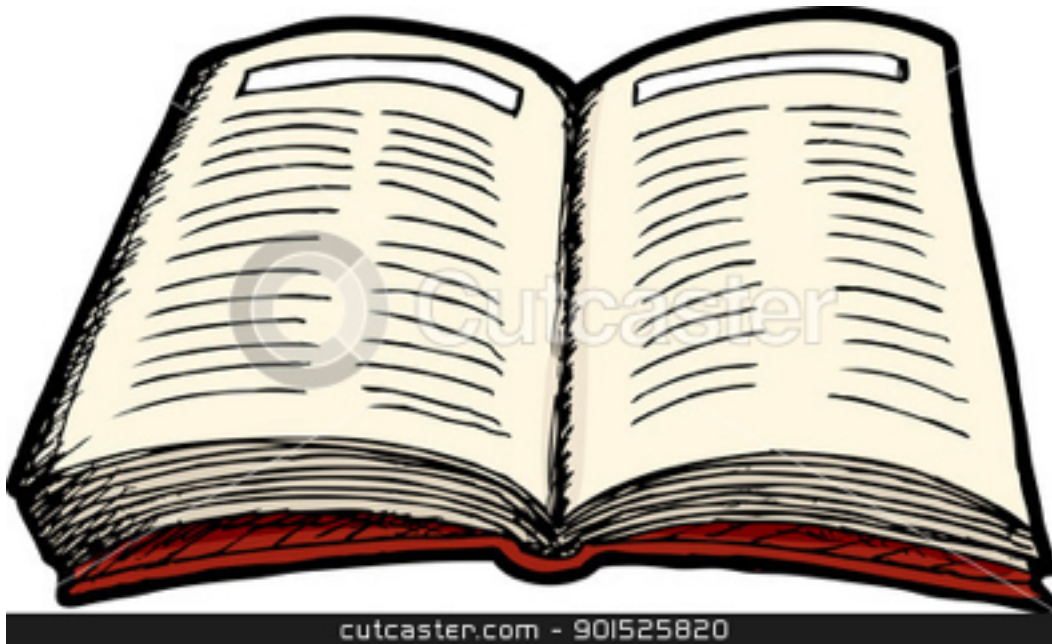
He has never dreamed of being a lake  
in the high mountains, and now he wonders why.  
Surely there could be no better, in the way  
of dreamy aspirations: to be clear and cold  
and swum through by trout. To allow the sunlight  
far into your depths, to have depths no one  
will ever visit. To be ceilinged by ice  
and many feet of snow in winter, to shine pure blue  
into the pure blue of the sky, to show the stars  
the stars, to be drunk by wild animals.  
And to admit an occasional human,  
who, because of the memory of having been there,  
might dream of being there. Being there.  
Not a visitor but a dreamer, dreaming  
this very lake is what he's always wanted to be.

By ROBERT WRIGLEY



Cover Picture on our Facebook Page from  
the Brenker Collection

(thank you, Colleen, for sharing)



## THE CRESCENT LAKE BOOK CLUB

This May marks the one year anniversary of the Crescent Lake Book Club. We meet every 6-8 weeks at homes on the lake, to discuss the selection, visit, and have a little food and drink. We're a casual, the hostess provides light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, and those of us who want an "adult beverage" bring our own. We meet year-round from 4:00-6:00 on Saturdays. Some of our members are able to be at meetings only in the summer, some just every now and then, and others never miss! This year we read and discussed The Invention of Wings, Small Great Things, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, and The Pearl that Broke its Shell, to name just a few. Please send your contact information to [lakahn19@gmail.com](mailto:lakahn19@gmail.com) if you would like to be included in the next email. If you are new to the lake, this is a great way to meet and get to know some of your neighbors! - submitted by Linda Kahn

ADDENDUM: The next Crescent Lake Book Club meeting will be held at Patty LaHaise's cottage, 30 Shorewood Estates Road on Saturday, July 1 at 4:00 PM. The book selection for discussion is Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Patty's tel 603-863-3443



## RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR!



As the population of full timers grew on our lake, New Year's Eve celebrations were shared. For several years it was a progression from one home to the next. Someone would host appetizers and a gift exchange, then on to another home for dinner, ending with dessert/champagne and midnight at the last home. As it became more and more popular, it was decided to look for more space. So on Dec. 31, 2016 a group of around 50 gathered at the Acworth Town Hall. The hall was decorated, tables set up, a tree decorated and the potluck

food rolled in. It was deemed a huge success and the hope expressed that it would be repeated!

Suggestions are welcomed as are volunteers to help make a grand celebration. All are invited and encouraged to include family and friends. To be a part of this fun event and learn more about future plans, call 863-1441, email: [crescentlakechronicles@gmail.com](mailto:crescentlakechronicles@gmail.com) or just spread the word!



## DUES ARE DUE!

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FROM GRETA PERRY, TREASURER

Once again it is time to pass the hat. In fact, several of our new cottage owners have already sent in their dues. THANK YOU!

Dues are still \$40, and checks may be made out to Crescent Lake Assoc. or just CLA. \$10 goes to the Association and \$30 is designated to battle all aquatic invasive species!

You may send them to: Crescent Lake Assoc  
PO Box 131  
Acworth, NH 03601

or pay at the annual meeting at the Town Hall in Acworth on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our "T-Shirt Ladies" will gladly accept your check at the T-Shirt Shack. There is a locked suggestion box outside or a locked box inside when shop is open. You will locate the shop on Crescent Lake Road between 182 and 190.

When paying your dues, please include your "Membership Form" found on the next page. We request that you complete the form, indicating if you are a renewing or a new member. This insures that we have all information correct. Be sure to indicate if you do NOT want us to share your information with other members.

Betsy Allen, CLA Secretary, does a phenomenal job keeping us all up-to-date but relies on your input!

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

2017 Membership: I am renewing my membership \_\_\_\_\_  
I am a new member \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Crescent Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Crescent Lake Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address (if different):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please make check payable to: Crescent Lake Association, \$40/year (\$10 membership dues, \$30 CLA Aquatic Invasive Species Program). For your convenience you may leave your check with membership form at the T-shirt shop, or mail to the above address.

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Contact information above will be shared with CLA members, unless box is checked below:

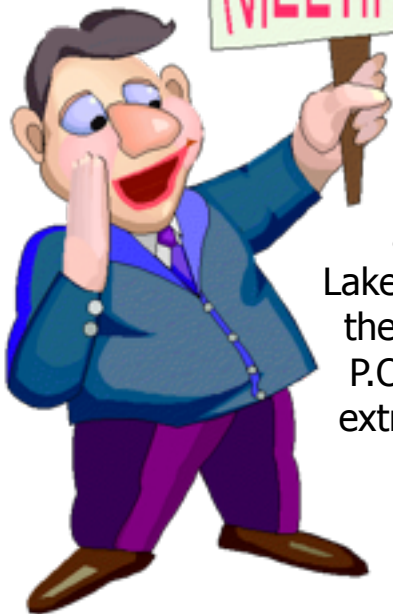
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2017 Crescent Lake



Association Calendar

Crescent Lake Association  
Annual Meeting



July 8, 2017, 10:00 am, Acworth Town Hall

The CLA Annual Meeting will be held this year at the Acworth Town Hall. Arrive early (9:30-9:45 am) to buy the latest 2017 T-shirts! 2017 CLA dues are still \$40, and can be paid in advance of the Annual Meeting, at the T-Shirt Shack on Crescent Lake Road (drop it in the Suggestion Box located on the outside of the building if the shack is not open) or mail to CLA Treasurer, P.O.Box 131, Acworth, NH 03601. If you can, please make an extra donation to the AIS water quality program



Fourth of July Fireworks Display

July 8, 2017, 9:15 pm, East End of Lake (Rain date July 9, 2017)

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

(Make checks payable to Charles Hicking and mail to Fireworks c/o Charles Hicking, 138 East Shore Road, Newport, NH 03773, or drop off at the T-Shirt Shack)

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



Saturday, July 15, 2017

Everyone is welcome to play. Call Dave Sloan or Fred Yates to

sign up and receive further info.

### Men's Night

Saturday, July 15, 2017 6:30 pm  
Hicking Cottage, 138 East Shore Road  
Contact Charlie Hicking for more info.



## Ladies Night

We will meet at Kim Howley's lake house; date and time to be announced! Stay tuned.....this is an event not to be missed!



## Labor Day End-of-Season Celebration

**Saturday, September 2, 2017**

**Kayak and Canoe Races** (further information will be available later in the season)

**1:00 pm Annual Picnic**— 2017 Theme to be announced

Bring a dish to share and a basket to raffle, chairs or blanket for comfort.

Chairpersons: Nancy LeBlanc, Marybeth Gilpin, Patty LaHaise

**6:30 pm Kayak/Canoe Rally** at the Lighthouse

**9:00 pm Flare Lighting and Boat Parade**

## September 3, 2017

**9:00 AM** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run for Pride 5K Meet at the Boat Landing  
See Richard Maynes or Kevin Brenker for more info.



## WELCOME TO CRESCENT LAKE!

### NEW COTTAGE OWNERS 2016-2017

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Michael & Susan Mulhern                       | 206 Crescent Lake Rd     |
| 2. Christopher & Amy Lavina                      | 178 Crescent Lake Rd     |
| 3. Francis & Erin Kuehn                          | 100 Crescent Lake Rd.    |
| 4. Paul & Maria Antinori                         | 14 Shorewood Estates Rd. |
| 5. Ryan Tilly                                    | 108 Crescent Lake Rd.    |
| 6. Brian Boardman                                | 318 Crescent Lake Rd.    |
| 7. Wilbert & Brenda Babbitt                      | 25 Lakeside Drive        |
| 8. Mark & Michele Welch                          | 46 Anderson Rd.          |
| 9. Theodore Sanford                              | 89 East Shore Dr.        |
| 10. Carla Mora                                   | 44 Emerson Rd.           |
| 11. Melissa Francoeur & Justin Davis             | 42 Emerson Rd.           |
| 12. Angela Buckley                               | 10 White Way             |
| 13. Alan & Deborah Brown &<br>Tom & Sally McPhee | 34 Emerson Rd.           |
| 14. David & Beverly Daigle                       | 21 Lakeside Drive        |
| 15. Stephen & Sharon Mikucki                     | 44 Page Rd.              |



## The Shirt Shack Corner

Every year we have carried the tradition of selling uniquely designed Crescent Lake T-shirts and other items with the CL Crest. In the recent years, we have posted different hand drawn entries onto the CL Website so that we all can vote on our favorite drawing to be printed. Thank you to those who have contributed.

We begin selling the annual shirts at our July meeting. After which, all items will be sold in the "Shirt-Shack" located on Crescent Lake Road and then at the end of the summer at our Labor Day Picnic along with fall clothing. A big thank you goes out to the neighbors who help keep the Shack open; volunteering their time. Our new items added last year are beer glasses and coffee mugs. We are always looking for more volunteers and suggestions. Diane Brenker [dmbrenker@gmail.com](mailto:dmbrenker@gmail.com)

**NEW AT THE SHACK:** There is a grand collection of all that goes on in New Hampshire. Take a seat in the chair by the door of the shack and wander through pages and pages of where to go and what to do! There is a lot going on when you can bear to tear yourself away from our lake! Please copy info or ask questions of Ashley Farnen, Linda Kahn or Nancy LeBlanc, all certified NH Granite State Ambassadors. Leave the notebook(s) intact for the next visitor to our shack to enjoy and get informed!

**REMINDER:** There is a locked suggestion box located on the outside of the Shirt Shack. Use this box to deposit your dues and/or suggestions



## FOR OUR LITTLE MINNOWS AND TADPOLES....

## JOIN THE CRESCENT LAKE KIDS' CLUB!

Molly and Max Mulhern (9 year old twins) are anxious to make lake friends! They would like to make summer memories sharing cool adventures!

Would you like to learn a craft? Go on a hike? Catch a fish? Share a picnic? Bake cookies? Sell lemonade? Trade books?

**INTERESTED:** To join in the fun, leave your name, telephone number and/or email address in the locked **SUGGESTION BOX** in front of our T-Shirt Shack. For even more fun, ask a parent, aunt, grandmother to volunteer as a "leader". Meetings will be held on the weekend unless otherwise planned.

Molly has contributed the following three pages to share with you!



\* The animals you  
 could see at Crease  
 Lake road! !!!!!!

\* You would be  
 amazed how many  
 😊 animals we have  
 seen at Crease



Lake. We have  
 heard a big  
 animal splashing  
 on the lake in  
 the winter and  
 moose tracks on  
 😊 the snow too. So

we think it's  
 a moose. We



have also seen  
 foxes, big ones  
 and small ones



too. We have  
 also seen bald  
 eagles soaring  
 over the lake  
 when we get

up in the morning.

We have also seen  
bobcats crossing the  
roads.

We have  
also seen duckys  
swimming over to  
our house.

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We are really  
excited to see  
a moose in the  
lake!!! this summer  
!!!

By: Molly  
Mulhern



Moose



Fox



Budgie



Bobcat



Ducky



## In With the New, But Maybe Not Out With the Old?

FROM COLLEEN KAFTAN:

Most of you know that BCNU, the erstwhile lakeside store at what is now map site 108, was razed last fall as too far gone to repair. I'm happy to report that there's a lovely new house there, now complete with the old BCNU sign.

So many of our oldest camps are disappearing! While it definitely brings our community to a new level and builds the terrific population of year-rounders, it's still sort of hard to see the old places go.

There's a group project aimed at saving the bare-bones early 1900s yellow and green cottage formerly at map site 105, where Kim and Dave Howley have built another gorgeous new home. When the old place refused to cede its soul to the bulldozer that came to tear it down, we hatched a last minute plan to move it to my land, just next door. The Howleys graciously donated the building provided we could move it without impeding progress on their own construction.

The move was a saga in itself, and if we're lucky I'll be able to meet the setback requirements to keep this little old beauty near where it now sits. Acworth approvals still to come (I hope) but if all works out we'll have an unofficial headquarters for the not-yet-official Crescent Lake Historical Society. If that's not possible, we'll look for a new solution. Any ideas for better places to put it? If so, please contact me at [ckaftan@aol.com](mailto:ckaftan@aol.com). Thanks to all who are helping and rooting for us!



# AWAY FROM THE LAKE.....

## Why not take a hike.....

When you've had enough lake fun (is there such a thing?) and are looking for something to do on dry land, there are plenty of hiking options available within a short drive from the area. Last year we mentioned Mt. Ascutney, Mt. Sunapee, Mt. Monadnock, Silver Mountain, and the "Goshen Ocean". We've discovered several other trails this past year, all just a short drive away.

Chesterfield Gorge is a wonderful, fairly level, .7 mile hike located on Route 9, west of Keene. A little "Flume Gorge" located just an hour or so away. Pair this with a visit to Pisgah State Park just 15 minutes away and you've got a full day. Pisgah has plenty of well-marked trails covering over 13,000 acres. We liked Kilbourn Loop Trail and Pisgah Mountain Trail this Spring. At the top you'll have beautiful views of Mount Monadnock to the east and Massachusetts and Vermont to the southwest.

More challenging is Smarts Mountain in Lyme. It's a small peak (3,240 ft.) that feels and hikes like a bigger mountain. Views of the upper Connecticut Valley, the Green Mountains, and the White Mountains will greet you at the summit on a clear day. Stop at the ledges for views and be sure to climb the fire tower! Use the trail maps found online to plan your visit. We followed the Appalachian trail up and the Ranger Trail down.

Pillsbury State Park is another favorite. Located on Route 31 in Washington, there are a variety of trails to choose from. We took the Five Summers Trail to a very nice view where we ate lunch. This is not a steep trail, but it is rather lengthy. A shorter hike would be the Balanced Rock Trail to Balanced Rock. Or a combination of the two, perhaps! This park does have a nominal entrance fee, so be prepared. New Hampshire residents over the age of 65 are admitted free of charge with ID.

We do have a group of hikers from the lake that try to get out and hike a couple of times a week in the summer. If you're interested in being added to the email list, please let me know: [Lakahn19@gmail.com](mailto:Lakahn19@gmail.com).

Happy trails!

## Or ride your bike.....

- There are several organized bike rides when you tire of the local back roads. They do require advance registration and have a fee or fund raising requirements. Information regarding dates and starting times can be found on line. Some that come to mind are as follows:
- LONG TRAIL CENTURY RIDE (benefits Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports)
- THE PROUTY (benefits Norris Cotton Cancer Center)
- HARPOON POINT TO POINT RIDE (benefits the Vermont Food Bank). The Crescent Lake Cruisers have done this ride for several years. Free meal at the end.
- TOUR DE TASTE-A pedaling picnic (benefits the Upper Valley Trails Assoc.)

## Or make your own pizza!

**Tuesday** nights at **ORCHARD HILL BREADWORKS**

Starting at 5 til 7:30 PM

They provide : crusts, sauce and cheese, tools, instruction

You bring: pizza toppings, cash/check (\$8 crust, \$10 gluten free crust) drinks, picnic blanket, plates and silverware.

\*please leave your dog(s) at home. Learn more at [www.orchardhillbreadworks.com](http://www.orchardhillbreadworks.com)

The Orchard Hill Bakery is open as well and functions on the honor system.

MORE PIZZA.....

### SO ACWORTH VILLAGE STORE!

Every Saturday night, baked in outdoor pizza oven. Weekly special as well as your custom order. Place your order by phone 835-6547 and then either pick-up or enjoy at a picnic table behind the store while listening to local bands. FUN!

**THE UNITY GENERAL STORE:** Really, really good pizza custom made by friendly folks! Try the chicken ranch, yummy! Call 603-542-0027 Closes at 7:30 PM

# Or take in a play....at New London Barn Playhouse

Get together with your neighbors and friends; 10 couples=20% discount!!! 15 couples get 30% discount. What fun!

## CHILDREN'S THEATER

Performed by our Junior Intern Company • 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

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Never underestimate the little guy! An endearing musical about the adventures of a kindhearted and hopeful mouse.

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Children's Theater	Select Thursdays & Saturdays, 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

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**Evenings:**

Orchestra & Balcony	\$36/\$26 under 16
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An original musical revue introducing our 2017 Acting Intern Company.

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The Gospel according to St. Matthew unfolds on our stage in a timeless musical celebration of friendship, compassion, tolerance, and love.

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Saturday, July 8, 2017

10AM until 4PM

*rain or shine*

Featured are the nationally recognized gardens of Kristian Fenderson, Landscape Designer, and a plant sale by notable regional vendors.

384 Grout Hill Road  
Acworth, New Hampshire

The **Garden Tour**, ticket required, includes the nationally recognized Grout Hill Gardens of Kristian Fenderson, Landscape Designer at 384 Grout Hill Road.

The **Plant Sale** features a wide variety of plants from New England's finest growers.

A **Boxed Luncheon** will be available at the South Acworth Village Store for \$15. They may be reserved in advance by calling the Store at 603-835-6547, or purchased on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10AM on the event day.

A **Book Sale** by the Acworth Silsby Library will be held in the Town Hall offices from 9AM to 4:30PM. Ticket not required.

The **Acworth Community Charitable Trust**, a tax-exempt organization, was founded in 2007 for the purpose of supporting charitable projects benefiting the town of Acworth and its citizens. The Trust welcomes new members and donations for grants in the areas of Education, Conservation, Historic Preservation, Arts and Humanities, and Special Projects consistent with its mission statement. Independent and locally based, it aims to expand, enhance and augment the existing charitable activities in the town.

In nine years the Trust has awarded over \$77,000 in grants to local projects.

**Tickets** are \$20 at Grout Hill Gardens on the event day, cash or check only. Advance tickets are available for \$15 each. Children are free. Make checks payable to the Acworth Community Charitable Trust. To purchase tickets in advance, complete the form below, detach and send with your check and a self addressed stamped envelope to the Trust address below. Orders received after July 1 will be acknowledged by phone or email and held for the purchaser at the Grout Hill Gardens parking area desk.

Acworth Community Charitable Trust  
PO Box 10  
Acworth, New Hampshire 03601

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets:**

Qty \_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Include a self addressed stamped envelope.

*For more information:*  
Stella Herpel at 603-835-2925  
email: frogwood@myfairpoint.net

## OR...House and Garden Tours at THE FELLOWS in Newbury NH

### Garden Tours

Forty-minute guided tours of the gardens are offered Wednesday through Sunday, mid-June through mid-August. Garden tours are included in the cost of admission. Tours begin on the Veranda at 11am and are conducted by a member of The Fellows landscape staff.

Watch a 15-minute video, learn about Hay family history, the architecture and building phases of the Main House, and discover what it was like to live on Lake Sunapee in the late 20th century. Guided historic tours of the Main House are offered Wednesday through Sunday at 12pm and are limited to 15 tour goers. Reserve a minimum of one day in advance or check for openings at the Main House when you arrive. No telephone reservations please.



- Self-guided tours are available from 10am-4pm. during Main House Hours. Wander the House at your leisure and on your own schedule. Ask questions of Historic Docents and learn about the Hay family and John Milton Hay's incredible contributions to American history through interpretive signage throughout the House. Browse the History and Ecology Exhibits and visit the Art Gallery and souvenir Shop. Enjoy the views of Lake Sunapee and Mount Sunapee from seating on the Veranda.
- Docent-led guided tours are conducted at noon whenever the House is open.

## **IN NEWPORT:**

# **Saturday, July 15th 9:00am-3:00pm**

## **in honor of the Arts Center's 50th Anniversary (1967-2017)**

Enjoy this self-guided tour some of the area's most creative gardens and enjoy seeing artists and musicians in the gardens throughout the day.

**Tickets: \$12 advance / \$16 day-of** *Gardens are a source of inspiration, beauty and*

*renewal,*

*a place perfect for artists to create! Be inspired both by the gardens created by gardeners who are artists in their own right, as well as the art being created in these imaginative and beautiful spaces. It is our hope that this tour will fill you with inspiration to create beauty in your own backyard.*

**Tickets are available in advance at Kathan Gardens (beginning 6/17/17),**

# 2016 CL CANOE RACE WINNERS

The 2016 Crescent Lake Canoe Race went off Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at precisely 10am. Liz Grinaski and Bob Mumford were there to register all participants. It was a perfect day- no wind, no rain, but we didn't have a lot of canoes to race- only 10!!

Despite that, there **was** drama in the men's race- the 2 finishers only 10 seconds apart!

Again, a lot of thanks to Tim Grinaski for setting out the race course buoys and also to Lorraine Dion and Maribeth Gilpin for providing and dispensing refreshments for racers and observers alike!

We hope to see more canoes next year!

Here's a list of the WINNERS! CONGRATULATIONS!

## Mens:

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| 1. | Kris Huttar and Robert Bishop  | 26:02 |
| 2. | Steve Dowd and Larry McCluskey | 26:12 |

## Womens:

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| 1. | Bethany Corsein and Sheryl Yarosevich | 21:00 |
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## Co-Ed:

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| 1. | Clare Stephens and Ben Colello    | 18:07 |
| 2. | Marissa Chivers and Peter Chivers | 19:18 |
| 3. | Kari Macleod and Rod Macleod      | 21:58 |

## Adult with child:

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| 1. | Ed Bell and Riley Bell           | 22:07 |
| 2. | Kelsey Macleod and Haley Macleod | 27:30 |

## Youth:

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| 1. | Jake Myles and Lindsay Macleod | 33:38 |
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## Crescent Lake Association 84<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2016, 10:00AM  
Unity Fire Dept.

1. President, Kevin Brenker, called the meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of officers. There were 85 members in attendance.
2. A Moment of Silence was observed for those members who had passed in the last year: Arlene Bates, Marie Boyle, Marjy Dow, Paul Graves and Betty Sperzel
3. Secretary's Report: 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes were distributed. Membership Forms help to keep contact information current for emergency purposes and keeping the Directory up to date, which has almost 100% participation. Thank you to Patty Lahaise for personally visiting every new resident with a CL Welcome Packet that includes CLA and environmental information. There are currently have 16 CL properties on the market.
4. Treasurer's Report: Greta Perry, Treasurer distributed a Financial Statement dated 5/31/16. Report passed unanimously.
5. Welcome and Introduction to New Owners: Ryan Beaulieu, 106 Anderson Rd.; Athan and Karen Chekas, 46 Emerson Rd.; Dan and Gail Freer, 24 Shorewood Estates Rd.; Fran & Erin Kuehn, 100 Crescent Lake Rd.; Chris & Amy Lavina, 178 Crescent Lake Rd.; Chris and KT Myles, 30 Lake Rd.; Allen & Darlene Wachter, 34 Shorewood Estates Rd.; Mike & Susan Mulhern, 206 Crescent Lake Rd.
6. Election of Officers: Moved and seconded to nominate Patty LaHaise Shorewood Director Three Years (2016-2019), Passed unanimously. Moved and seconded to re-elect Greta Perry, Treasurer (2016-2019). Passed unanimously.

### 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIS Kevin Brenker announced that a new NH law has been passed in the Senate and looks likely to be in effect next Spring which will make it mandatory that boat drain plugs be removed after leaving every body of water.

Milfoil Swim Organized by Stan Rastallis this Spring, before the seeds exploded. Crescent Lake shows no sign of invasive plants. Several lake residents participated. This activity is open to anyone who wants to join in.

Water Quality Testing Stan Rastallis reported that cost \$400 and was excellent. Specific results can be found on line NH Dept. of Environmental Services. He noted some phosphate in a tributary area, which has been there for 20 years with no explanation, and dissipates in the Lake. Next test is Monday, 7/11/16.

Lake Host Program directed by Kevin Brenker, has 6 paid lake hosts and 6 volunteers, which gives us excellent coverage at the Boat Ramp. He noted that Crescent Lake is one of a few lakes in NH that have no invasive species. He thanked Judy and Gary Robinson for volunteering to do payroll. Mike Kahn noted that we need to let our renters know that launching boats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, etc. should all pass through inspection at the Boat Ramp, not only to protect water quality, but also so that we get credit from the State.

CLA Golf Tournament Dave Sloan has set the date for July 16, 2016 at 7:30 am, cash only, at the Newport Country Club. Men, women and children are welcome.

T-Shirts Pat Flanagan's 2016 design won the contest. Diane Brenker noted that after the meeting all t-shirts and CL items for sale will be available at the T-Shirt Shack. Hours will be noted on CL Facebook Page. Kevin Brenker thanked Gary and Judy Robinson for the use of their shed for the t-shirt sales at 188 Crescent Lake Rd.

Maps Kevin thanked Charlie Clauss for updating the 2016 maps and to Mike and Diane Walker for donating the printing of the maps. He noted that not only do these maps provide the property owners with information, but also the Unity and Acworth Fire and Rescue Depts use them for emergencies.

Chronicles Kevin Brenker thanked Colleen Kaftan for her past dedication to the Chronicles, and to Nancy LeBlanc, who volunteered to be editor this year. Kevin also thanked Colleen for being so diligent in sending out blitz emails.

Website Kevin thanked Larry McCluskey for keeping our website up to date.

Picnic Mary Beth Gilpen announced that the Annual Labor Day Picnic will be held at Desbien's, 86 Crescent Lake Road, on Saturday, 9/3/16, at 1:00. Members are asked to make a "basket" of goodies for the auction, which funds the event. Flares will be available this year for sale, which should be lit around the Lake for the boat parade.

Canoe Races - information to be announced at a later date.

Fred Yates made a motion to change the name of the Picnic back to "Annual Crescent Lake Association Picnic."  
Seconded and passed.

5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, 9/4/16, starting at the Boat Ramp. Donations of \$20/runners and \$10/walkers go to Homes for our Troops. Last year there were 35 participants. Looking for a business sponsor to pay for the t-shirts.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Lake Safety concerns were made by Trina Janeczek, noting that they are at the narrowest point of the Lake and see many close calls. Discussion brought out the following points: motor boats should hug the black marker, non-motorized boats and swimmers need to stay close to shore and not in the boat lane, paddleboards must have life vests, canoes and kayaks must have lights on at night. It was generally stated that we use common sense and courtesy.

5K Run/Walk Sue Patton made a motion that the t-shirts be funded by CLA in an amount not to exceed \$250. The motion was seconded and passed.

Note: Stephanie and Kevin Fallon will finance the t-shirts.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dick Brown announced that after 53 years on the Lake, he and his family will be selling their cottage.

Ellen Vander Wyden (Emerson Rd) asked what could be done about the weeds that are filling their bay.

Discussion regarding dredging permits and what was allowed by the State indicates that research is needed.

Dave Levin voiced concern about speeding cars on Crescent Lake Rd. He will investigate what can be done to enforce the 25 MPH speed limit.

Kevin Brenker noted the recent catch of a walleye, not native to our Lake. He asked that if anyone caught it again, to please not put it back in the Lake.

Linda Kroupa reported that ducks that are not native to our area have shown up on their shore. These ducks cannot fly, and therefore, have been transported here by someone.

Raffle Quilt Nancy LeBlanc reported that this year's raffle is a t-shirt quilt from past CL T-shirts, made by members. Tickets are \$5, or 5 tickets for \$20. They will be on sale until the Labor Day Picnic, where the winning ticket will be drawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Allen, Secretary

# A LETTER OF THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTION “HOMES FOR TROOPS”



Building Specially Adapted Homes for our Severely Injured Veterans

Homes for Our Troops HQ: 6 Main Street, Taunton, MA 02780

December 29, 2016

Crescent Lake Association, Inc. of Acworth/Unity NH  
PO Box 131  
Acworth, NH 03601-0131

Dear Friends,

As a generous donor to Army Sergeant Christopher Gomes' specially adapted home, I wanted to contact you personally to let you know that Chris received the keys to his new home on December 10, 2016.

Thanks to your generous contribution and many others, Chris will become more independent in doing the simple day to day task that we take for granted like bathing, cooking and simply going from room to room. Being able to accomplish these tasks on his own will enable him to regain his freedom and independence and begin the process of rebuilding his life.

I am enclosing a photograph of Sergeant Christopher Gomes' new home and the ribbon cutting ceremony. On behalf of Chris and Homes for Our Troops, we would like to thank all those who contributed to making the dream of home ownership a reality.

“Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives.”

Sincerely,

Beth Lyons  
Director of Development

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OUR



## FOND MEMORIES AND A WARM HELLO!



"Poppy" Scumas sends a warm hello to all her CL friends. Unfortunately, she will no longer spend her summers here. She has shared her memories and misses her time at "The Parthenon". Before listing her property with a realtor, she would like to offer her property to the Crescent Lake Community. However, she adamantly requests to entertain only serious inquiries. You may call 603-863-0094 for further information.

She would love to hear from one and all. Her address and telephone number in Florida is listed in our directory. We visited her in January and found her to be as delightful as always.



Bob Spaulding extends "hello, and look out!" as he will be visiting his old stomping grounds in July. At 96 years young, he continues with his woodworking and gusto for life. I am sure he is more than a little sad to see what Ray and I have done to his cottage on the lake but, at the same time, he is pleased and happy to keep the property in the family. As his daughter, I perhaps am excused.

He is excited to see friends as well as the changes. Surprisingly, many of the adirondack chairs he built are still seen around the lake. He also carries the reputation of organizing the canoe race here and expanding the popularity of our Labor Day Picnic. Please stop in while he is here at 182 CL Road.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

**FOR SALE:** 1974 Sears aluminum 14 ft boat with a 10 hp Evinrude motor. Oars included. Asking \$650 or bro.

Please call Gary 603-863-3110.

**FOR RENT:** Thanks for reaching out to us. Actually we just had a cancellation due to a critical health situation. The week of July 8th - July 15th is now available. The end of the summer has one opening also.....August 26th -Sept. 2nd.

The lake home is immaculate with 3 bedrooms which sleep up to 7 persons. Descriptions and information can be found by linking on to Flip Key property no. 3810696. Contact information is: Dick and Janie Desbiens e-mail: [djdesbiens@aol.com](mailto:djdesbiens@aol.com) phone: 603-863-1573

We truly appreciate you including this in the Chronicles. Janie

**FOR RENT:** 2+ bedroom, 2full bath house for rent. Weekly or for weekends. Inquire with Diane Brenker [Dmbrenker@gmail.com](mailto:Dmbrenker@gmail.com) for rates and for pictures.

**FOR RENT:** Waterfront home large enough to sleep 12 with 2 full baths. Call 508-243-3928 or email: [csewall@gmail.com](mailto:csewall@gmail.com)

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

1. Join a group to plan our New Year's Eve celebration! Contact: [crescentlakechronicles@gmail.com](mailto:crescentlakechronicles@gmail.com) or call 603-863-1441 or talk to Diane Brenker, Betsy Allen, Ashley Farmen or Nancy LeBlanc.
2. Be a part of Acworth's Sestercentennial event this August. Help plan a float for the parade or man a booth on the lawn by The Church on the Hill. For more information email [crescentlakechronicles@gmail.com](mailto:crescentlakechronicles@gmail.com).
3. Share your Crescent Lake memories/history with Colleen Caftan, Trina Janeczek!
4. Be a Lake Host volunteer. Help keep our lake CLEAN! Contact Bob Woolner!
5. As a CL ambassador, get to know our new neighbors!
6. Share your views and ideas with [Crescent Lake Chronicles!](#)

Congratulations to Michael Grinaski and Allie Rodgers on their recent engagement. A June 2, 2018 wedding is being planned.

On a sadder note, [Brandy Clemons](#), 41, passed on February 9, 2017 after a long illness. She was born on November 4, 1975 and has lived on Crescent Lake since 2004 with her Aunt Diane. She will be missed.

Condolences also to Jan Harrington. She lost her partner of 38 years, [Gerald Couto](#), on June 5, 2017.

## IN CLOSING:

I hope you enjoy this 23rd issue of The Crescent Lake Chronicles. It will take some time for me to measure up to Colleen's expertise. She continues to be my mentor. Times change and the sharing of The Chronicles is now almost entirely electronic. Hopefully, you will decide to download for ease in sharing with friends and family. If this is not possible, I would be happy to provide you with a copy.

My goal is to increase the popularity of sharing news, history, memories, pictures, etc. The Chronicles belongs to each and everyone. The contents come from you; I only put it all together for all to share. The more that is given to me, the more interesting it will be! I would appreciate all your criticism (constructive, of course) and ideas for improvement. Perhaps it should be issued more frequently than once a year? Would you like it to include more family interviews? Contests? Pictures?

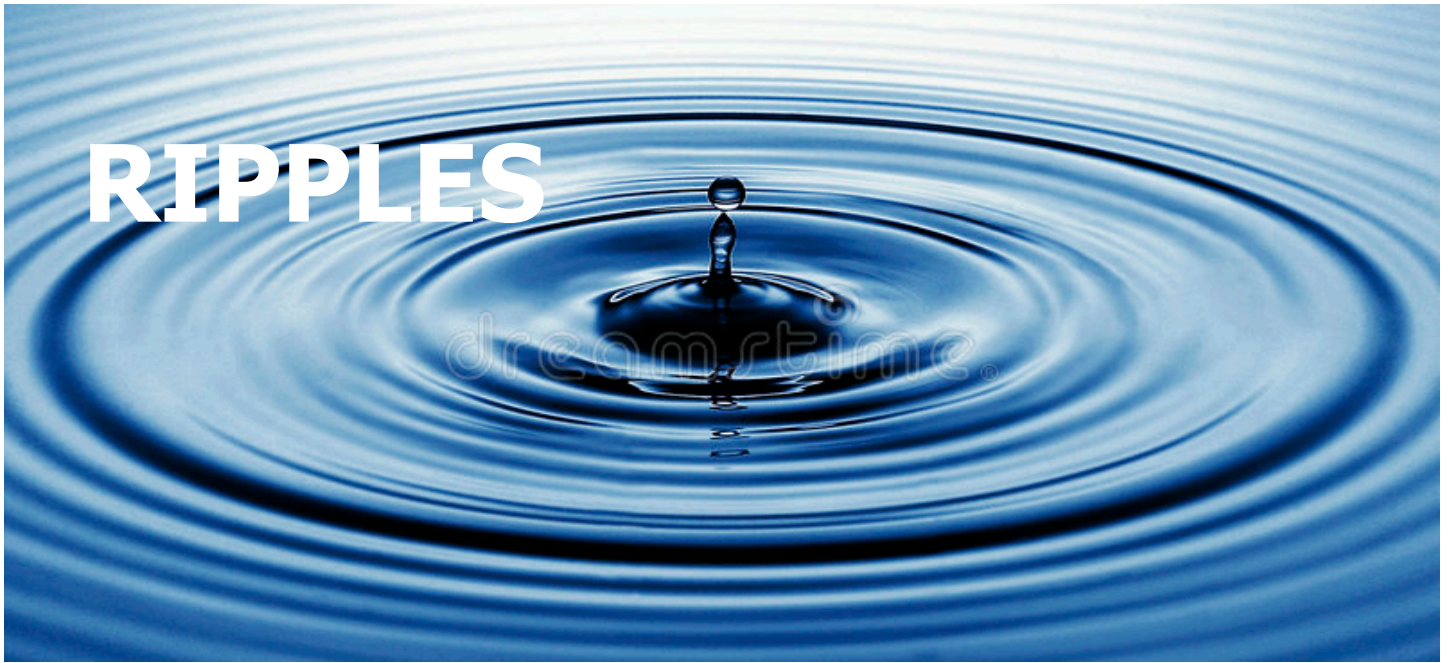
We also encourage your ideas for items to sell in our T-Shirt Shack, events that we could organize beyond our traditional Labor Day Picnic (such as our New Years Eve Celebration), groups we could form (like our hikers and now a potential Kid's Club).

Volunteers are also in high demand. Volunteers for Lake Hosting, for helping with the Kid's Club, organizing pictures and history for our soon-to-be unofficial Historical Society, planning impromptu social gatherings, are all appreciated. Our lake community has grown with more full-time residents. It is a wonderful place to vacation and, for some, a wonderful place to live.

I have, indeed, saved the best for last.....so, until the next issue of [The Crescent Lake Chronicles](#), I remain at your service.

And now, the message from our CLA President.....





Cast a stone and watch the ripples cascade concentrically outward from the point of impact. In many ways Crescent Lake Association members become the catalyst for those ripples that affect what we all have in common...this small, yet resilient & healthy body of water tying us together. Over many decades this community has created ripples wider than our shores .

We all have a story – the story begins in a seemingly unrelated scenario, a micro brewery in Colorado, a walk on a Caribbean beach, a neighbor at a table in a restaurant in the southwest. The usual question of ,“Where are you from?” [cast a stone here...] leads to a discussion of a small lake in New Hampshire. Eventually often enough the other party reveals their own tie to Crescent Lake – out of nowhere. Always a positive recollection of their time spent here for any duration.

Or the recognition from State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services – the annual NH DES Secchi Award for participation in keeping our waters clean by a dedicated team of volunteers [cast a stone here...] who have also provided a platform for DES to bring interns for training. In fact, while Crescent Lake Association has captured a number of “lessons learned” from DES

to bring interns for training. In fact, while Crescent Lake Association has captured a number of “lessons learned” from DES clean water practices, CLA has informed programs @ DES with our own best practices such as the Milfoil Swim, which was highlighted last Fall in NH DES’ quarterly report to member lakes. Apparently no other lake association conducts a “Swim” which looks for any out-of-place growth from previous inspections. Our annual “swim” takes place on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

There is a unique sense of community associated with Crescent Lake property owners and CLA members. Need a special tool or help with a particular challenge? Someone around you will have a solution and available time to assist [cast a stone here...]. This sense of community drives a level of resilience – the ability to bounce back from an event – not found in many other lake associations. Recently, friends visited and commented on this sense of community which is not replicated in their Sunapee Lake association.

Now that we are finally seated in the “warmer season” with a marked increase in lake activity, take a moment to observe the random acts of kindness displayed across this community. Not seasonally related, but more visible in the summer months, there are CLA “ambassadors” [cast several stones here...] that help us create large outward community ripples by their selfless works for others. The summer season also charges us with the understanding that more activity increases the potential for any type of accident, on or off the water. We’re out doing more, riding bikes, kayaking under the stars, hiking any number of great local trails. Stay safe during this warm season, and watch out on the water for anyone who might benefit for a little Crescent 34Lake 101 – safe boating advice.

Thanks to a host of dedicated people who keep this Chronicle active, relevant and of interest, as well as those who volunteer for our many vital committees. They cast their own stone, creating new ripples every week. Thanks to all of you for recognizing those who dedicate so much time and effort as stewards of this unique Crescent Lake community.

Go out and cast a stone...make a ripple.                      Kevin Brenker









