

Crescent Lake Chronicles

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Association Notes

By Fred Yates, Lake Association Secretary-Treasurer

As usual, the Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Unity Fire Station the first Saturday after the 4th of July. This year that means the meeting will be held **July 10, 1999**, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

At our 1997 annual meeting, Lake Association members voted unanimously to add \$10.00 per year to our dues for repairs to the dam at the eastern end of the lake. The Association is in the process of getting a repair quote. We will keep you informed. After we have raised the necessary repair cost this extra fee will be discontinued.

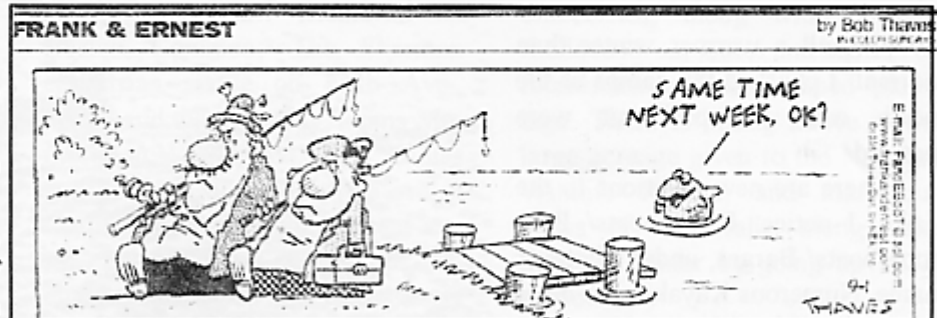
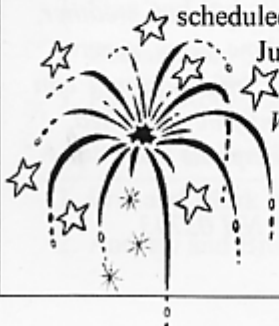
Annual dues of \$20.00 are due and payable by the time of the annual meeting or can be mailed. Checks should be made out to *Crescent Lake Association* and mailed to:

Crescent Lake Association
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Good News—Fireworks!

They will be held again this year thanks to the Desbiens family.

This year's extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, with a rain day (*It Wouldn't Dare*) on Sunday, July 4. Same time, as soon



**Early to bed — Early to rise.
Fish all day! Make up lies!**

Anonymous

Cartoon contributed by David and Terry Levin

as it is dark enough to see the displays in the sky.

Remember, this fireworks show costs quite a bit to put on. If it wasn't for the Desbiens brothers, it would probably cost us four times as much to put on the great show we see each year at Crescent Lake. So when you send in your dues, it would be appreciated if you would also put in a **Donation for the cost of the fireworks**. Over \$800 was collected the year before. **Thank you.**

T-Shirts

The T-shirt contest was won this year by Camp 27A, Charles Clauss, "The Loon." The colors of the T-shirts this year will be heather gray, fuschia pink and forest green. They will go on sale at our Annual Crescent Lake Meeting and thereafter at Marie Boyle's camp.

Welcome, New Neighbors

This year we had six camp changes that I know of. If there have been other changes, please let me know as soon as possible before the annual meeting. Thank you.

Camp 32—Mark & Joyce Schaeferle, Fallbrook, CA.

Camp 41—William and Polly Hirschberg, New York, NY.

Camp 41B—William & Cindy Creed, Tyngsboro, MA.

Camp 57—James & Beth Magliano, Wilmington, MA.

Camp 84—Peter & Patricia Terrell, Oxford, CT.

Camp 115A—Jerry & Shirley Bly, Claremont, NH.

Welcome to Crescent Lake. We hope you will fall in love with Crescent Lake as we all have. If there are any questions please feel free to contact your Lake Association Officers at any time. We don't get paid much, but we have a lot of fun.

Your Prez Says...

By David M. Sloan, Lake Association President

Hello to all—Well I got through another winter without getting too cold. Hopefully you did also.

Overall a warmer winter than normal. I checked the camps at the north end. No problems were noticed.

There are new additions to the Lake, I notice. Party boats/ Pontoon boats/ Barges, under whatever name. Numerous Kayaks, and more on order so I have been told.

A great sight to see so many different vessels getting along together. Are the camp owners? We think so. Don't you?

Gail and I look forward to seeing you on and around the Lake. The meeting will be July 10. Hope to see all of you there.

Fishing News

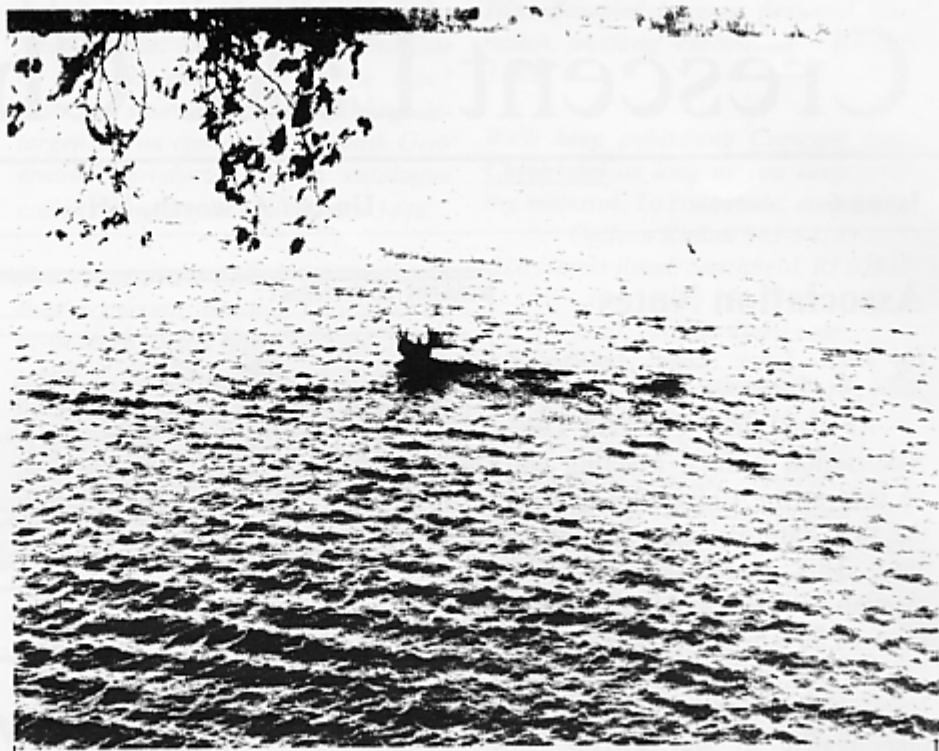
By Dick Brown, map site 4

On July 11, 1998, at the annual Lake Association meeting the vote was to purchase more bass. Especially after the nice donation just received...

I immediately phoned Mr. Ed Keefe, E. Barnstead, NH, to see if he had some more large mouth bass. He advised that he did and that this would be a great time to get them as he is getting out of the bass business and ready to retire. He said he thought he could get 175 out of his last pond. Good that we called when we did.



On August 4, Mr. Keefe called and



Loch Cress Monster? Here's the kind of visitor we get when hardly anybody's watching. The photo was taken from cottage 41 one warm day late last October. Looks like our friend hasn't heard about the one-way rule for lake navigation!

was ready to deliver the first load when I was available. We met on August 5 and we offloaded about 80 into my bucket and I motored them to four different locations.

On August 6, noonish, Mr. Keefe came back but he and I misconnected on meeting—poor communications—so he offloaded the balance due us in front of the landing with Mr. Bly, new neighbor, red cottage, as his witness. Mr. Bly verified with me that they were put in.

The following letter came in response to last year's fishing questionnaire, along with a generous donation from Mr. Leo Bray. We thought you'd enjoy reading his report.

In fifteen years of fishing Crescent Lake, I have caught—and released!—between 2,500 and 3,000 bass. Each and every catch has been documented and recorded (size, location, etc.). Best

year: 1993 — 420 bass caught and released, of which 22 were in excess of four pounds, and 10 of these 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 pounds. Total weight of catch that year was 760 pounds of bass; a testimony of the angling quality.

My 8.0 was caught on October 15, 1994. It was witnessed by the gentleman who lives on the south side of lake in the brick camp. The fish measured 24 inches and was released immediately after weighing.

I firmly believe that the Lake Stocking Program plays an important part in the quality of our fishing. We cannot count on a strong spawn every year because of the unpredictability of our weather, which dictates how many survive.

Any further information I can provide will gladly be furnished.

Leo Bray, map site 33

Box 928

Claremont, NH 03743

Favorite Places

By Helen Sirkin

For a superb gourmet touch at a country inn with authentic French cuisine: Home Hill on Route 12A in Plainfield, NH, phone 675-6165. Once a summer (or fall—or winter!), Home Hill is worth the trip.

For a nearly gourmet meal in a nearby quiet country inn outside Newport (north Main Street): the Eagle Inn at Coit Mountain... the Green Room Restaurant, phone 863-3583.

For summer music: the Monadnock Music Festival... superb chamber music artists visiting a number of village churches (but based mostly in Jaffrey and Peterborough). In this area in summer performances are in nearby Walpole, Washington, Marlow. For a summer schedule, call Sirkins (863-1187) in July, or get a schedule by writing Monadnock Music, Box 255, Peterborough, NH 03458.

For one of America's greats:

the Augustus St. Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, 9 miles north of Claremont. Home, studios, gardens. His most notable statues include The Farragut Statue in Madison Square, NY; The Puritan in Chicago; The Standing Lincoln; the famous Shaw Memorial on Boston Common; The Sherman equestrian statue on Fifth Ave., NYC; and the haunting Adams Memorial in Washington, D.C. Studies and castings of all of these are in Cornish, which became a great artists' colony in the late 1800s, including Maxfield Parrish and poets Percy MacKaye, Witter Bynner, and William Vaughn Moody. Concerts are given on Sunday afternoons in the summer... easy to bring a picnic and sit on sloping lawns (where kids can play), as well as on the verandah.

For maple sugaring, production and products, visit Bascom's in Acworth, or Clark's in Alstead.

And don't miss a day at The Fells, the home, gardens and acreage of John Hay, Secretary of State

under William McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt. You will see unique plantings of heather, ginger and galax, and ground covers that blanket and enhance the sides of tiny streams winding to pools and the unspoiled woods beyond, and blueberries, along with massive rhododendron, laurel and azaleas as foundation and landscaped plantings. There is hiking above in the large acreage given to the National Wildlife Refuge, and marvelous views of and walks along Lake Sunapee. Enter by going up 103B at Newbury.

Best nearby crafts: don't miss "Helena's" at the end of Gove Road above Crescent Lake. Awesome panoramic view of hills and mountains and the church steeple in Lempster.

Nearby vegetables, and pottery lessons: Barbara and Steve Davis, on the left toward Acworth Town on Cold Pond Road. *[Thanks for a wonderful to-do list, Helen. The Chronicles staff thinks "Favorite Places" should become a regular column. Who will write the next one?]*

The Race — 1998

Another great performance by our valorous paddlers! The 1998 winners:

Men's Division

1. Bob Mumford and Bill Gamache — 26:10 (26 seconds off last year's performance!)
2. Tim Grinaski and Randall Gallmeyer — 26:35 (a 55 second improvement!)
3. Jonathan Millar and Jarad Millar — 27:22

Men & Women

1. Stan and Judy Rastallis — 26:24
2. Bethany and Scott Coursen — 28:26
3. Patrick Rousseau and Tricia Carney — 43:53

Adult with Under-14 Child

1. Eric and Mark Ryan — 25:10
2. Andrew and Brendan Kennedy — 26:32

3. Matt and John Millar — 26:36

Women's Shortened Course

1. Katie Rousseau and Nettie Compton — 23:36

Under 14 Shortened Course

1. Michael Grinaski and Ryan Foley — 23:55
2. Jason Levin and Isaac Young — 26:25



Clark's Column

We always enjoy hearing from Clark Moore. This year he's been thinking about canoes.



Sacred Harp Society

By Clark Moore, map site 22

On a peaceful summer Friday night, you may hear singing voices floating over the water of Crescent Lake. The first time I did, I paddled out in my canoe towards a group of canoes rafted together. I discovered the Springfield, VT chapter of the Sacred Harp Society. The Society is a national organization dedicated to the preservation and performance of early American music. That's the stuff that has that unique three-part harmony sound.

Each Friday at dusk throughout the summer, they gather with their canoes at some lake to sing as they float gently down the lake. Unfortunately, last year, the night they scheduled for Crescent Lake was a "thunder boomer" evening.

So, next summer, listen on those quiet Friday evenings. Maybe that is the night they visit Crescent Lake.

The Canoe From Crescent Lake

By Clark Moore, map site 22

It was a summer day in 1983 and scuba diver Jan Narushof from Claremont was "goofing around" the bottom of our lake. He was looking for fishing lures. We have a large supply, as most of you know. Jan noticed rocks piled in a strange way. As he started to move them, he noticed the tip of what looked like a canoe. He soon realized it was a dugout canoe. Ninety-five percent of the canoe was buried in mud and filled with rocks.

Later, after unloading the rocks, the canoe was raised by using a lift bag. This is something divers use. A large balloon is positioned over the object to be lifted. As the balloon is inflated, up comes the object. What appeared was not the Titanic but what was eventually determined to be a 17-foot Abenaki canoe of the 17th century.

Isn't that interesting? Jan told me that large white pine trees were prone to center rot and made excellent canoes. Usually they were hollowed out by burning the logs and carving the remainder.

The canoes were buried in the lake to keep them from being chewed by porcupines and from thieves (finders keepers). Also, mud is a good preservative because it keeps the oxygen out. So, good old Crescent Lake mud did the trick.

What happened to the canoe? Thanks to Jan, it is now on display at the Fort at Number 4 in Charlestown.

An Indian trail once went through what is now the Unity/Acworth town line. So, who knows what else is down at the bottom of Crescent Lake? Besides my lost tools, that is.

I'll bet you would like to know the exact spot where Jan found the canoe. Shh, don't tell, but it is 30 yards off shore from Camp/ Cottage/ Cabin/ Castle 73, straight out from the dock.



Snow Falling On ... Skaters

By Colleen Kaftan, map site 103

It's Saturday, March 6, about 2:30 pm. The fear-mongers have predicted 10-15 inches of snow before morning. Liz Vavra, who had come for an impromptu winter weekend, just left to beat the storm in her low-slung car.

I replenished the firewood supply, walked to the middle of the lake and back, and came in to hunker down as the blizzard began.

That's when I first saw them out my kitchen window: two slightly puffy, dark-clad figures near the sandbar, one on its belly, the other kneeling nearby. I couldn't tell if they were in trouble. Was one of them hurt?

Later I realized they were both looking intently at the ice. Were they fishing? Had they lost something? I checked again after a minute or so, and they were both on their backs making angels in the snow. When they stood I could see they were on skates.

The top layer of ice had recently melted and was now frozen smoothly,



except for a few big cracks here and there. About two inches of light, fluffy snow covered the surface, so the skating was probably pretty good. Except for the cracks.

For the next hour these two anonymous, hardy souls made their way around the lake and put me in a great mood for a snowstorm.

They skated, they trudged, they cavorted and they fell, sometimes one at a time and sometimes in unison. Sometimes one collapsed and the other slipped trying to lend a hand. Each time they got up, dusted each other off, and glided away again. They made snow angels all over the lake, and I imagine they laughed a lot.

Mystery skaters, whoever you are, you made my day!

Chicken Farmer: The Best Love Story

THE BEST *Love Story* of 1997

After years of driving to Crescent Lake from Boston, we were delighted to come across this story in a back issue of *Yankee Magazine* (February 1998). To subscribe, call 800-288-4284 or write *Yankee Subscriber Service*, P.O. Box 520, Boone, IA 50037-0017.

Twelve feet or so off the east edge of State Road 103, which runs north-south through the town of Newbury, New Hampshire (population 1,500, more or less), there sits a squarish brown-gray slab of rock roughly the height of a man. Its southern face is flat, nearly smooth, at a billboard angle toward the traffic coming north.

About 25 years ago, across from the rock on the west side of the road, there sat a tidy white cedar-shingled house in whose backyard, as it is remembered, a dozen chickens pecked about. Their eggs made breakfasts (and a tiny sideline business) for a family named the Rules—whose daughter Gretchen was pretty, smart, wistful, and 16.

There was a boy—a shy boy, also wistful, whose name is forgotten today—who pined for Gretchen Rule. He cast about for ways to tell her or show her—without telling or showing himself—then hit upon the rock: "CHICKEN FARMER, I LOVE YOU," he wrote on it, in eight-inch-high, spray-painted letters, one moonlit, high-starred night—or so the story goes. And the girl saw and guessed the author (although it was only, really, a guess)—and the town and the passing motorists smiled, made their own guesses, and went on about their ways.

The message endured for years, though brambles grew up to obscure it and the letters, once so bold and white, began to fade. Gretchen Rule went away to Harvard, then on to life. The boy, whoever he was—or is—became a man. The rock grew into a relic, a love note out of time.

One night—ten, perhaps 12 years ago (no one saw it happen, and no one today can say for sure)—the brambles were cut away. And the message was repainted and renewed: "CHICKEN FARMER, I STILL LOVE YOU."

The rock became a landmark. "It's your first left past Chicken Rock," the locals were wont to say. "Chicken," "love," and "farmer" were the first words one Newbury kindergartner—today a teenager—learned to read. Sunapee-bound skiers headed north from Boston spun tales of unrequited love. And every year or two, barely noticed, the letters would be freshened and the brambles cut away.

Then, late last April, an unknown caller complained of "graffiti" to the Newbury office of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. By nightfall the same day, a three-foot square of rust-colored primer was all that was left of a shy boy's long-ago love. The *Concord Monitor* offered its requiem: "Love Message to Chicken Farmer Is No More."

A week passed. Then, with the coming of dawn on April 30, a Wednesday, the new sun rose on New Hampshire's stubbornest love: "CHICKEN FARMER, I STILL LOVE YOU."

The same message, the same eight-inch letters. But bolder this time: thicker-lettered, almost crude, and painted rather than sprayed. As though written by an angry or defiant hand.

In Newbury the townspeople, inspired now as never before, took steps to insure that their landmark would live on. "A Petition for Status Quo to the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation," they called it and filled it with signatures—192 signers in the space of a day.

The DOT responded with a letter. The Chicken Rock's message would be forever safe.

And somewhere, surely, a shy, 40-ish man must have smiled. *Geoffrey Douglas*



Acworth Zoning News

We've received the following letter from the Acworth Planning Board: *March 31, 1999. Acworth Residents of Crescent Lake: As you may know, the town voted at town meeting to amend the zoning law with respect to Crescent Lake. The amendments were recommended by the Planning Board, which acted at the request of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. These amendments were designed not to change the current zoning law, but to*

clarify intent of the law and to provide the ZBA with tools to address individual issues at the lake. At the two public hearings which were held in December and January, pursuant to local law, some residents of the lake expressed concern over the fact that they didn't know about these amendments in advance of the public hearings. Since no changes to the amendments were offered, the Planning Board voted to present the changes to the town for consideration.

In order to help residents

understand the changes, I'll outline where each amendment came from. Copies of the zoning law can be obtained from the town clerk.

Creation of a separate Crescent Lake District. Currently, Crescent Lake is within the Residential District. Since it has unique characteristics, including the fact that many residences are non-conforming in certain respects, the Planning Board believes that making a separate district for the lake is necessary. The preamble, which outlines the

purpose of the district, is taken from the State Shoreland Protection model ordinance.

The uses permitted under the new law are the same as those permitted in the residential district in the previous law. Again, these uses may be affected by the uses permitted in the Conservation Zone (which includes all land within 100 feet of the shores of the lake).

With respect to the land standards portion of the new law, this contains requirements which are either in the current law or in the state Shoreland Protection Act. Lot sizes are the same as for the residential district. Setback requirements are the same as for the residential district. Erosion prevention concerns are found in the State Shoreland Protection model ordinance. The height limit (of 35 feet) is found in the State Shoreland Protection model ordinance and is new. The requirement of a natural woodland buffer of 150 feet is found in the State Shoreland Protection Act. The requirements outlined for subsurface waste disposal systems are found in the State Shoreland Protection Act and model ordinance. The restriction on use of fertilizers within 25 feet of the shore is also found in the State Shoreland Protection Act. Finally, the boundaries of the district were expanded to include all land north of a line within 200 feet south of the southern edge of Crescent Lake Road; the previous boundary line was the land north of a line 100 feet south of the road. The district was expanded the extra 100 feet to conform more closely to the boundaries of the State Shoreland Protection Act, which protects land within 250 feet of the shore.

I hope that this is helpful to you. I would urge any landowners who would like to present further changes to this law to the Planning Board to attend our meetings. They are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at town offices.

Sincerely, Bruce Bascom
Chair, Acworth Planning Board

Newcomers Run Remarkable Raffle

With apologies for sketchy fact-checking by our staff reporter.

Scene One: It must have been an offer they couldn't refuse. The story goes that midway through last summer, Sam Calkins "informed" Bill and Polly Hirschberg they would be responsible for running the annual raffle at the Labor Day picnic. As newcomers to the lake, they had no way of knowing whether there was any choice in the matter. Sam issued a monster challenge: top his nearly \$900 sales record for the 1997 raffle. There's another hazy rumor about a fifty dollar bill torn in half, but we won't delve into the rituals of raffle management.



Scene Two: 9:00 a.m. on the day of the raffle. Bill and Polly have the tickets and have even arranged some advance sales. But there's no cash box and no blueprint for unloading tickets during the picnic itself.

Scene Three: 11:30 a.m., at the picnic. Picture Pancho Villa with multiple bandoliers around both shoulders. That's the look Polly has achieved, draped in the tickets she's holding for absentee players. Bill looks great too, in his raffle merchant's apron. Sales are brisk, with the 10-tickets-for-\$5.00 package being the most popular choice. (In fact, it's the only one being offered by our enterprising sales duo.) Nobody's quite sure how many tickets the Hirschbergs have bought for their own account. But hey, it's obvious—these new guys are GOOD.

Scene Four: Moments before the drawing. Lots of oohing and aahing over the prizes on display. (Hats off to our great volunteers for a splendid job putting them together.) A mad rush for last-minute tickets. Some Lake Association members risk being trampled in the fray. Dave Sloan is forced to delay the proceedings while the final sales are completed. Bill Hirschberg's apron pockets nearly overflow with cash.



Scene Five: Midway through the drawing. Bill and Polly start trading turns claiming the prizes for the tickets they hold. Each time they come up to pick a prize, they insist it is for one of their "absentee" buyers.

Scene Six: Final prize—Marian Ginter's gorgeous blueberry ceramic breakfast set, the last of its kind, since Marian has decided to retire. The widely coveted set goes to a group that has already claimed several neat prizes. Whoops of joy from the winners. The less fortunate contenders try not to appear too envious.

Scene Seven: The aftermath. Home at last, Bill and Polly debate whether to count the proceeds or eat something before they collapse of hunger. (As usual, there's no time to eat when you have such a heavy responsibility.) They count first. The result? A whopping \$940 or so for the Lake Association coffers. Sam Calkins will surely be impressed.



Scene Eight (still to be written): Who'll handle the raffle in 1999?

Boat Notes *By Fred Yates*

In addition to being your CLA Secretary/Treasurer, I (Fred Yates) also represent NH Department of Safety as your Marine Patrol Auxiliary Patrolman for Crescent Lake. This year I'm scheduling two

weekends to have **Courtesy Boat Inspections**. On **July 17 and July 24**, bring your motorboat to the boat landing for your inspection sticker. **Time 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE to those with motorboats of any size:

The NH Department of Safety has approved our request to have the boats go **COUNTERCLOCKWISE** on Crescent Lake. This became effective last year.

Please be courteous at all times.



1998 Water Quality Report

Some thirty years ago, our "founding fathers" established the Crescent Lake Association to monitor lake water quality and to foster friendly relationships among cottagers. The Association can claim great success on both counts. By all measures, the lake is cleaner today than it was back then—a great place to relax, unwind, and pursue whatever activities come to mind. Swimmers, waterskiers, sailors, canoeists, fishing buffs, and those who simply want to contemplate our beautiful surroundings can all coexist with mutual respect, and with respect for nature's gifts. And of course our many social activities make it a great place to share with friends!

We print here the water quality report for 1998, submitted by Gerri Rudenfeldt.

Tests routinely begin at the east end "deep spot" - a depth of about 22 feet - depths along the shoreline graduate slowly to about 15 feet in the recommended boating lanes and down to 18-20 through the center length.

At the deep spot, water temperatures and depth clarity are recorded and samples are taken at each meter to assess: dissolved oxygen, Acid Neutralizing Capacity, chlorophyll and phytoplankton plus level of ph(acidity), phosphorous, conductivity, E coli and turbidity (which are also tested from samples from the northeast, northwest, southwest and Shorewood inlets and the dam outlet).

These tests are usually done in late May, mid-July and September by cottage owners Werner and Gerri Rudenfeldt, Acworth Conservation Chairman Sam Stephens and once annually a water quality staff member of the DES (Dept. Environmental Services). Costs for tests are shared by the Unity and Acworth Conservation Commissions which each receive a copy of the report.

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1998 REPORT:

1. Algae, the microscopic, free floating plants of the lake, are a natural and necessary part of the lake's food chain...algae concentrations are tracked by measuring the chlorophyll-athe green pigment in the algae cells. Chlorophyll-a levels in the lake generally appear to be stable, with algae abundance elevated slightly above normal...rains in June may have contributed to nutrient-laden run-off. Identifying sources of nutrients in the watershed and developing techniques to reduce their impacts will help keep algae at a healthy level.

2. Water clarity (transparency) is the simplest indicator of lake quality and is measured using a Secchi disk. Transparency may be impacted by algae abundance, sediment suspended in the water as a result of erosion and natural tea color of the water. (Comparison with previous years appears to indicate a stable trend in transparency.)

3. Phosphorous is the nutrient which regulates the growth of algae and aquatic plants. There appears to be a stable trend of phosphorous in the lake. Lower layer phosphorous, however, was elevated above concentrations in the upper layer by the end of August. This is a sign that internal loading of phosphorous from the sediments was occurring (causing a lowering of dissolved oxygen). When dissolved oxygen drops below 1 mg/L, internal loading may occur. (The readings for August at 5, 6 & 7 meter depths were 0.1, 0.1, 0.3 respectively.) With more organic matter than normal washing into the lake, more decomposition activity took place, further depleting oxygen. Help watershed residents (cottage owners and all residents below the highest land points surrounding the lake area) understand the connection between what they do on their land and the quality of the lake's water.

4. All bacteria levels were within state standards for Class B waters (our lake) this summer.

5. Continuous tracking of changes in plant abundance and type along the shores have not revealed any nuisance or exotic species as yet. DES recently created a quick reference guide for aquatic plants specifically for use by DES Weed Watchers. For more information, please contact Amy Smagula, Exotic Species Coordinator.

6. A complaint was filed by DES regarding plant harvesting at one cottage location. A permit must be obtained to harvest aquatic plants if harvesting is done by mechanical means and/or greater than 900 square feet area is cleared. Also, if even just hand pulling is done, care must be taken not to disturb plant roots and to prevent turbidity in the water. While too many plants can hamper recreation, they do serve many important functions such as habitat for fish spawning and protection of the shoreline from erosion.

Virginia O'Brien, "Escape Hatch," writes: Many thanks to the good people who came by boat to tell us that our wall and canoe were on fire after the 1998 Labor Day boat parade. Thanks also for the help in putting it out. The fire was ignited by sparks from the flares we had put out. We'll celebrate with white electric lights from now on!

More on fires from George Dunn, fire warden for Unity: All outdoor fires, including camp fires, require fire permits from town fire wardens. Since early May, because of severe dry conditions, there has been a state-wide ban on all outdoor fires. Please be careful with anything that might cause sparks, including cigarettes and fireworks, and always get a permit for any outdoor fires.

Sugar River Canoe. Cedar Strip Canoes, Bent Shaft Paddles — those works of art you see gliding by on the lake. Call Stan Rastallis, (603) 863-8838. Lake Road, Unity / HCR 66 Box 193 / Newport, NH 03773 .

CLASSIFIED NOTICES

Soap Source: Do you use a dishwasher or a washing machine at the lake? Here's a source for non-polluting detergents. You can order "Seventh Generation" products from a catalogue called Harmony, at 1 (800) 869-3446.

Crescent Lake T-Shirts: Get 'em while they're current, because they can't be re-ordered. If you have "vintage" shirts you'd be willing to sell or give to a deserving neighbor (or to the Association for resale or auction), please contact Marie Boyle at 863-3778.



Ryan Property Services: Carpentry, Yardwork, Lawn Care. Mark Ryan, Proprietor. 24 Cherry Hill, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 (802) 463-3790. Camp 4, Crescent Lake (603) 863-3935.

Dino Zampini, logging, firewood, bark mulch, trucking, excavation. (603) 543 1188.

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We're looking for comments on lake life, tips on the area, lost & found, for sale / wanted to buy, assorted announcements, news, reviews (how about another "favorite places" column, somebody?), letters to the editor...and even photos, as you can see (we hope!) in the current issue.

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INSIDE: The Spring 1999 Crescent Lake Chronicles!

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