



Crescent Lake Chronicles

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Association Notes

By Fred Yates, Secretary-Treasurer

The Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting is traditionally held the first Saturday after the 4th of July. This year we'll be meeting on July 4th itself, from 10 AM until noon at the Acworth Town Hall.

Free Pancake Breakfast

Special CLA breakfast: The Ladies of the Acworth Meeting House Restoration Project are planning another FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST for CLA members before the annual meeting on July 4. Starting at 8 AM, at the Acworth Meeting House / Church dining room, the breakfast will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, and coffee--served with a lot of smiles--and donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds go to the Restoration Project.

Last year's breakfast raised over \$1500, and along with the many other fundraising efforts organized by the great people of Acworth, it has helped bring the project closer to completion. Some say the steeple might even go back up in June! Come and share in the excitement of this impressive project.

\$\$ Dues Increase \$\$

The last dues increase for CLA cottage owners was in 2003 when we started the Milfoil project and raised dues from \$10 to \$40 to support the Milfoil Committee's important efforts to preserve the beauty of our lake.

The Acworth Wild Man

[From "Fritz: More Stories from New Hampshire Chronicle," by Fritz Wetherbee, available (autographed!) at the Acworth Community store. And no, he's not talking about Fred Yates, as the story title seems to imply. That gets obvious right away--read on...]

Seems that in March of 1925, the Ben Hawkins family was sitting down to a late Sunday dinner in their home over near the Unity town line when one of his daughters looked up to see a scraggly-bearded man looking in their window. The girl screamed and the men folk went for their guns.

The scary man took off with such speed that the men could not catch him. They noted, however, that he was naked except for a pair of shoes and a short raincoat and was over six feet tall.

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At that time the CLA was receiving \$3000 per year from the NH Lakes Association. In 2006 this was lowered to \$2000 because more NH lakes were getting involved in the Milfoil inspection program. This cut back on the amount available for CLA.

This year we were notified that Crescent Lake will receive only \$1500 from the Lakes Association. Fortunately, five years ago we started getting additional funds from the Towns of Acworth and Unity, which helped replace the State funds. On average, about 30 cottage owners per year donate extra money to the Milfoil Fund, for an additional \$1100.

But with this latest reduction, the Milfoil Committee is coming to the CLA membership for a dues increase to take effect in 2010. A \$5 increase will raise about \$700 more. A \$10 increase will raise

\$1400.

The Milfoil Committee strongly recommends that we continue its successful program of inspecting all boats that enter Crescent Lake to keep out invasive weeds that could choke our most precious resource. But in addition to the countless hours donated by our tireless volunteers, the full-time inspection program costs nearly \$10,000 per year.

So please come to the Annual Meeting ready to vote on this proposed dues increase for 2010.

Dues are Due

2009 annual dues--still \$40.00 --are due **BEFORE** the annual meeting. Checks should be made out to *Crescent Lake Association* and can be handed in at the meeting or mailed to:

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

Fireworks July 4th

Thanks to Allen Desbiens and his faithful crew, this year's gala is scheduled for Saturday, July 4--rain date July 11.

This expensive show takes a lot of hard work to prepare. If not for Allen Desbiens, it would cost us four times as much for this professional display we see each year at Crescent Lake. So when you send in your dues, consider adding a donation for fireworks. Last year we collected over \$1733 from 74 cottage owners--an average of \$23 per cottage--the largest amount of donations ever. Thank you! Thank you!

For the fourth year, the 2009 fireworks display will not be held at Silver Beach. Although we still have fond memories of Silver Beach extravaganzas, our new venue proves equally as spectacular, and more visible for our "west-erners."

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

Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

This year marks the tenth annual golf tournament. It is open to all cottage owners, family, and friends--both men and women. If you are a golfer and want to participate, please contact Dave Sloan, 863-7156, or John Marshall, 863-1513.

We have participants with handicaps from 10 all the way up

to 35. So you see everyone can play in this tournament. If you are alone, or a twosome, we'll pick a foursome to compete. This is a great day. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

The event starts at around 8:00 AM on July 18 at Newport Country Club. Golf party and Men's Nite at around 6:00 PM at Dave Sloan's cottage.

Milfoil Committee

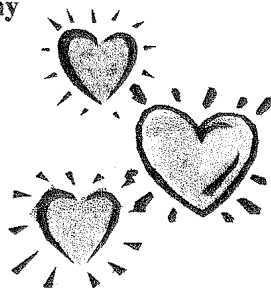
For the thousandth time, hats off and heartfelt thanks to our Milfoil Committee, whose hard work helps protect our most valuable and beautiful resource. Preventing Milfoil and other invasive plants is the biggest issue we face as a lake community.

Many CLA members want to donate money to the prevention of Milfoil/exotic plants because they are not able to give time or help in other ways.

The CLA and the Milfoil Committee wish to thank the 33 cottage owners who donated an extra \$1015 for the cause in 2008, above and beyond their CLA dues.

If you would like to make a donation this year, please write your check to the Crescent Lake Association and designate that the money is for Milfoil/exotic plants prevention. Send the check to Fred Yates, or give it to any member of the Milfoil Committee:

- ◆ Tim Perry, chairman
- ◆ Lorraine Dion, secretary
- ◆ Jerry Bushway
- ◆ John Demars
- ◆ Jim Howe
- ◆ Bob Kroupa
- ◆ Bill Paton
- ◆ Stan Rastallis
- ◆ Mark Wilson



These dedicated volunteers work hard all year to run one of the best Milfoil/exotic weed prevention programs in the state. Second to none!

The Acworth Wild Man

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They reckoned that he was in his early forties with a dark complexion. He was, they said, filthy. Matted wooly hair covered his forehead and eyes.

Now you can imagine what an incident like this did to a town as small as Acworth.

Mrs. I.W. Mailman did her shopping at the general store while carrying a revolver and told everyone that she was ready to use it.

Emily Jeffery was out in her yard one afternoon when the apparition appeared and scared the wits out of her. She called for her three sons who chased him away.

In the chase, they noted that the man easily vaulted over a five-foot fence on their property. He ran, they said, like a deer with his heavy coat flapping at his knees.

No one, it seems, could catch him. Everyone was trying. And all were scared to death. He was the wildest apparition ever seen in Acworth.

Finally, the townsmen formed a posse and scoured the woods for the man. They found his camp over in North Charlestown.

The waited for the man and captured him without incident.

Historian Frank does not tell us what the name of the wild man was but apparently he was harmless and homeless. He had, the historian states, never committed a crime.

Dates to Remember

July 4, 8 AM. Free pancake breakfast at the Acworth Meeting House/ Church dining room. Graciously offered by the ladies of the Meeting House restoration project. Donations gladly accepted. Meet your Acworth neighbors before the CLA annual meeting.

10 AM: Annual CLA Meeting, Acworth Town Hall.

July 4, Dusk: Annual CLA Fireworks Display, Lisischeffs' beach area. Rain date: July 11.

After Dark: Kids Show Big screen cartoons & movie for the young of all ages. Popcorn furnished, bring your drink, chair, and blankets for the young ones to sleep on. Presented by Bethany Yates Coursen at Yates-Terrell cottages.

July 18, 8 AM: Tenth Annual Sam Calkins CLA Golf Tournament, Newport Country Club, followed by Men's Nite at Dave Sloan's cottage. Call CLA President David Sloan, 863-7156, or John Marshall, 863-1513.

July 18: Ladies' Night! Call Liz Marshall, 863-1513.

September 5: Labor Day End-of Season Celebration

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

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

Early evening: Kayak rally at the lighthouse!

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

Grand Finale Kids Show! Big screen cartoons & movie for the young of all ages. Popcorn furnished, bring your drink, chair, and blankets for the young ones to sleep on. Presented by Bethany Yates Coursen at Yates-Terrell cottages.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

This year there were only five cottage changes. The Crescent Lake Association and its members welcome all of you to the best lake community in New Hampshire.

If there have been other changes, please let Secretary Fred Yates know as soon as possible before the annual meeting. Contact Fred at (802) 463-3468 or drop by camp 86, *HATETOLEAVEIT* -- 863-1021.

♦ *Cottage 30SW Paul and Pat LaHaise, Turnbridge, VT*

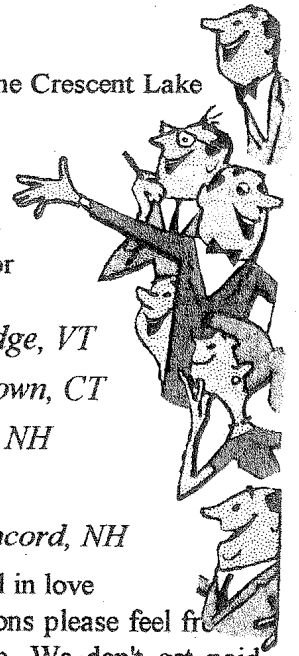
♦ *Cottage 10SW Amrk and Amy Richards, Newtown, CT*

♦ *Cottage 62 Hoyt and Liz Sutherland, Hanover, NH*

♦ *Cottage 46 Mark and Jean Wilson, Unity, NH*

♦ *Cottage 115 William and Susan Gamache, Concord, NH*

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



Free Magic Show & Lakewide Talent Event

Come one, come all, to C-Side (cottage 103) on Saturday Evening, August 8, for an exclusive East Coast engagement featuring the renowned magician known as:

CHAD THE MAGNIFICENT!

The Magnificent One will perform for children of all ages, and then invite any and all others to display their own special talents for their lake neighbors. Any kind of family-friendly performance will be welcome! Please contact Colleen at 863-9415 or (401) 480-5518 to sign up for the talent event and describe your staging needs. Surprise us with your heretofore hidden capabilities--we know there's talent out there. (An accordion concert, Mr. J?)

Time TBA--listen for "Summertime" on trumpet just before we start. We'll have desserts, coffee, and s'mores. BYOB, lawn chair or blanket.

Donations welcome to support the Milfoil Committee's work.

Favorite Places

Acworth! The whole town! The more you learn about town activities, the more you'll like it. In addition to the laudible community-wide steeple restoration project, there's a thriving cultural community and lots of opportunities to join in. (The annual Halloween Play is a huge personal favorite.)

Acworth has gorgeous architecture, spectacular vistas, and a venerable history lovingly documented at the Acworth Silsby library and in *These Acworth Hills*, by Acworth's own Helen H. Frink (available at the Acworth Community Store, which by the way is entirely staffed by volunteers). The town has a truly engaged (if occasionally divided) citizenry of artists and artisans, musicians, thespians, poets, playwrights, conservationists, computer specialists, farmers, gardeners, purveyors of maple syrup and blueberries--and many, many committed volunteers. Who knows what other treasures lie hidden in those hills?

2007 Canoe Race

By Bob Mumford, map site SWE 6

The annual Crescent Lake Canoe Race that took place on Sunday, August 31, 2008, worked out perfectly thanks to the organizational skills of forced absentee chairwoman Liz Grinaski. Liz would have been there on Saturday, but after Beth Boyle made the wise weather call to shift the festivities to Sunday, Liz had miss the party to take her son to college(!) on Sunday.

However, with the able help of co-chair Bob Mumford, past chairwoman Gail Sloan, and timer Stan Rastallis, the Canoe Race went off without a hitch (we even had leftover T-shirts!!). Dave Sloan got his crew of swabbies to lay out the orange buoys and later picked them up for storage until next year. Beth and her able committee provided coffee and donuts for spectators and participants alike.

Although the sun was shining and the temperatures perfect, a wind kicked up just at start time. The wind and choppy waters slowed the finish times a bit, but at least no one tipped out of the canoes! All starters

finished and appeared to enjoy themselves, and first-time winners will surely spread the word of the fun and maybe increase participation for next year. The Men's division provided the closest competition with only 6 seconds separating first and second place.

An experimental kayak race was run and the organizers will evaluate the results and present revisions for next year. Thanks to one and all for all the help in making this another success! Here's a list of the winners:

Men's Division

1. Chip Colello & Kris Huttar - 27:38
2. Steve Dowd & Larry McCluskey-27:44
3. Kelsey Cabral & Kevin Marchetti-29:15

Women and Men

1. Ashley Farnen & Tom Farnen - 30:47
2. Nancy Petrov & Sam Breen-31:30
3. Jen Bell & Ed Bell - 31:44

Women's Division

1. Beth Coursen /Sheryl Yarosevich- 22:40
2. Debbie Fielding & Kim Lucisano-23:00
3. Diane Brenker & Shelly Bonomo-23:55

Under 14

1. Sam Colello & Ben Colello - 21:23

Adult with Child Under 12

1. Don Gonzales & Kahlia Gonzales- 20:15
2. Grant Freeland & Ben Freeland- 23:45

CLA Raffle Breaks Records

By Fred Yates

President David Sloan once again led a very successful basket raffle which broke all records. Cottagers donated a record number of baskets. We lost count, but there must have been 60 baskets!

A special thank you to Greta Perry and her committee for gathering and putting the baskets together. Hearty thanks also to our many ticket sellers for their excellent effort. Without these enterprising folks, we could not have hit a basket sales record of \$2228. This broke the previous record by over \$400.

What a day!! We estimated the attendance at 435.

Thank you as always, Dick and Jane Desbiens, for the use of your beautiful beach as we said goodbye to yet another summer at Crescent Lake. And thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to make it all happen.

Barry Caravan (cottage 74) Wins Town-Gown Award at Colby-Sawyer College

[Excerpted from "Colby-Sawyer College Commencement" in *The Kearsarge Shopper*, May 6, 2009. Thanks to Greta Perry for sending the article.]

The Town-Gown Awards celebrate the Colby-Sawyer College and New London area communities' long history of working together to enhance the quality of life in this region. This year the awards honor two individuals, community member Daniel C. Snyder of New London and staff member **Barry Caravan** of Newbury.

Barry Caravan, a staff member in the Facilities Department, is involved in the New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA) and organizes an annual dinner for disabled veterans.

Every weekend from December to April, Mr. Caravan can be found at Mt. Sunapee Resort, teaching students of all ages how to snowboard as one of the head instructors in NEHSA's program. Mr. Caravan has also worked with Sodexo Dining Services and Colby-Sawyer to organize a dinner for veterans from around the country who participate in NEHSA's Winter Sports Clinic for Disabled Veterans. He has also coached Little League baseball teams, directed an elementary school ski program, and played a major role in the creation of Fishersfield Park in Newbury, NH.

"Barry's nature is to be helpful in any way that he can. While he goes about his work around the college, he always has his eye out for the best interests of the students, which carries over to his volunteer activities as well," says Doug Atkins, vice president for administration. "He very much enjoys snowboarding and takes great satisfaction from showing disabled people that they, too, can enjoy the slopes. Barry works very hard every year to put together the dinner for the veterans, and he shows the same dedication to his work at the college." [And of course, that same nature comes shining through in everything Barry does at the Lake. Bravo!]

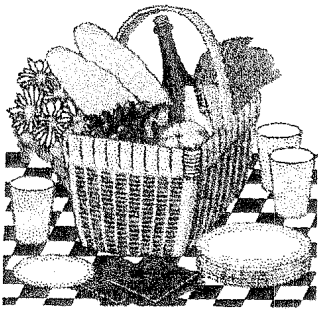
Chairman's Hardest Job

By Beth Boyle, map site 80. Beth is our capable and devoted Chairman of the Labor Day Picnic Committee—thanks Beth!

One of the hardest jobs for the chairman of the Canoe Race Picnic is NOT ordering the hamburgers and hot dogs and sheet cake. Nor is it coordinating with all the volunteers who help make the picnic a wonderful event. BUT I think the hardest part of the job is making the decision to postpone the canoe race picnic.

This past year, thunderstorms were forecasted for mid-day on Saturday. Sunday was to be a beautiful day. It seemed like a no-brainer to postpone the race and picnic, but as we all know, the weatherman can be wrong. So many people plan their Labor Day Weekend knowing that on Saturday we have the annual canoe race followed by the picnic which marks the end of summer. Many cottage owners like to use Sunday to begin closing up their cottage for the winter.

I listened to the weather and then talked to Marie, Fred, and a few neighbors. Some voted in favor of canceling and some wanted to hold onto our tradition and prove the weatherman wrong. I am one of those people who like to know early on what's happening so I can make my plans, and I am sure others are like me too. I know that my decision was important to Liz Grinaski who co-chairs the canoe race with Bob Mumford every year. She said she'd be there for Saturday's race, but then had to head home because she was taking her son to college on Sunday. This year she didn't have to come for Saturday because...



Early on Friday morning, I made the decision to reschedule the canoe race picnic for Sunday. I called our picnic volunteers and several lake owners, and asked them to pass the word along to their neighbors. I put up a sign at Silver Beach and hoped everyone got the word. I think we had a pretty good telephone chain. I am grateful to everyone who helped pass the word. Maybe there were a few who got the word late on Saturday morning.

Many told me that they were pleased with the decision. Sunday's weather was beautiful. The picnic reminded me of Christmas morning in the story of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas...* All the Whos in Whoville came out and celebrated the day even though they didn't have their presents and holiday decorations or food.

We celebrated our end-of-summer canoe race and picnic even though the day was not our traditional Saturday. Our raffle baskets raised a record number of raffle money, an unbelievable \$2228! I don't remember the exact count of baskets but Greta Perry thinks it was between 55-60 baskets! I did notice the salad table was a little short of contributions, but we didn't run out of hamburgers or corn. And there was plenty of dessert and cake. I welcome comments and suggestions.

Three years ago, the Crescent Lake Association started an Unsung Hero Award. The award is presented at the picnic to someone who deserves to be recognized for his/her efforts as a member of the CLA. The first year it was Fred Yates, for all the work he does as both secretary and treasurer of the CLA and for all the extra effort he puts into preparing for the picnic on Labor Day weekend, running errands like picking up the race winner T-shirts in Claremont, bringing all the boxes of T-shirts, sweatshirts and various Crescent Lake items to sell at Silver Beach, and picking up the gas grill (to name a few).

The second year, it was Tim Perry for his dedication and leadership as chairman of the Milfoil Committee. He is passionate about how we take care of our lake.

Last year, Dave and Terry Levin were our Unsung Heroes for their energy, creativity and enthusiasm in organizing the kids' games and prizes for many years at the Labor Day picnic.

Who will be this year's Unsung Hero?

I hope everyone enjoys the summer at the lake. Please make my job easy and pray for some great weather on Saturday, Labor Day weekend!

Yours truly,

Beth Boyle, Chairman, Canoe Race/Picnic



Clark's Corner

[After years of nagging our favorite writer, Clark Moore (cottage 22), to contribute another article, we finally got these gems in the mail over the winter. Welcome back, Clark!]

Now What Will We Do?

We've all done it. Planned for a big weekend for visitors, including kids. Then it rains. Every day, all day. It is best to be ready. But, what do you do? Here are some thoughts. First, forget about the adults. They will just sit around and talk, and maybe play cards. Forget about teens. They are impossible and maybe won't come anyway.

As for the kids (pre-teens)--let the parents worry about those under age 5. For the rest:

1. Make sure that the TV works.
2. Send them outside. So what if they get wet? Try fishing, boating, scavenger hunts, water games, catch frogs, gather firewood, etc.
3. Have food constantly available. Preferably low sugar. Don't plan meals. Just let them eat whenever they want.
4. Have plenty of board games available. Buy new ones beforehand to be sure you have all the pieces. Check the "age appropriate" so you get the ones best for your visitors. These are a good investment.
5. Have plenty of cards and card games available. Our family likes Skip Bo and Cribbage.
6. Start a large jigsaw puzzle.
7. Be ready to play parlor games: guessing games, word games, paper and pencil games, dice games, Dominos, etc.
8. Finally, to be sure you are ready for rain, read books on inside games for kids. Author Gyles Brandreth has published several with names

like "Games for Rains, Planes, and Trains" plus "The World's Best Indoor Games." Good luck!

Canada Geese

By the time you read this, our Canada Geese crisis may be over. But just in case, I thought I would share with you the results of some of my research. First, their name is Canada, not Canadian. And for those of you who think this is "much ado about nothing," you probably haven't heard the expression "loose as a goose." Now, I don't have a solution to keeping them off shoreline property. I do have a list of things that DON'T work. Thanks to those who mentioned some of them to me.

1. Put "keep out" tape across your waterfront. You know, the kind they use for crime scenes, construction, etc. One neighbor tried several colors but eventually realized the geese are color blind and can't read anyway.
2. String good contractors twine along the shoreline. My neighbor found that one string didn't work so he added two more. One day, a neighbor noticed that one of the adults in the gaggle lifted the string with their head as the little ones passed through.
3. Make noise. It seems this scares them off temporarily. My wife has run after them shouting and waving a broom. The geese must have laughed. So did I.
4. Erect a 3 or 4 foot high fence--chicken wire, plastic, whatever. Or overhead nets and grids. Then watch them come onto your property from the neighbor's.
5. Put out flags, scarecrows, and similar things. Eventually some will land and feed and there goes the flag's effectiveness--the word gets

around.

6. Learn to imitate Canada Geese calls. Especially those they make when fleeing.

But why do they want to come on land? To eat vegetation. They spend more time on land than in the water even though they do eat water weeds like our Crescent Lake pickerel weed. We must not give up. I think it was Edison or Yogi Berra who said something like: If you try 10 things that don't work, then you know 10 things that don't work. There are laws and regulations that prohibit killing them like the "Migratory Bird Treaty Act." Of course, permits are required to do other things. The scientists give fancy names to them. Like "habit modification," "alternate food sources," "live capture," "repellents," "destroying nests and eggs," "fertility control." They mate for life. When a mate dies, some re-marry. For more information go to extension.unh.edu waterfowl damage management. I give up.

Vintage Clark: Wrenches at the Bottom

From the Spring 1997 Chronicles

There is an area at the bottom of Crescent Lake near our camp that is filled with rusty old wrenches. You cannot see them or find them. They sunk into the mud over the years.

They got there when I dropped them while trying to bolt or unbolt the ladder from the raft. One in the Spring and one in the Fall, putting the raft in and taking it out.

No longer can I afford this. This year, I wired a wrench to the belt loop on my pants. It took twice as long to do the job, having to untwist it all the time. I'll be darned if I'll make any more contributions to the lake bottom. You won't hear that giant sucking sound any more when my wrench hits the mud.

Does anyone have a better idea than wiring the wrench to my clothes?

In Sympathy

By Fred Yates

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

To Stephen Haynes in the loss of your Dad, Philip. His flying days have ended in peace. To Gary and Donna Dutton in the loss of their son Peter in Wisconsin. Especially the double tragedy for Donna Dutton, who also lost her loving mother, Elaine. Also to the Bimbo brothers, Edward and Frank, in the passing of their mother, Mary. To the Riley family in Arizona in the loss of our long-time cottage owner, Jacqueline Riley. For more than 30 years, Jackie loved this lake so much, and she was making plans to spend the summer here after selling her cottage (#115) this past February. Jackie, you will be missed.

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

Crescent Lake Maps

Once again we will have new updated maps of the lake at this year's annual meeting on July 4. A special thank you goes out to Fred Yates, for updating all the changes, and to Charlie Clauss for computerizing the changes and setting up the new map. Don't forget our Mike Walker, for again printing out over 100 new maps for the coming year. I don't know what the CLA would do without these three.

Ambulance Service

A contract has been signed by the Acworth Selectmen, LeFevre Ambulance Service of Bellows Falls, and Golden Cross of Claremont to allow the Golden Cross to service the Crescent Lake area 100%. All of the cottages in both Acworth and Unity will now be serviced by Golden Cross of Claremont, which should make for a speedier response time for Acworth cottagers. Call 911 or Golden Cross Ambulance: 542-2244. Be sure to give your 911 mailing address, NOT your cottage number. If you do not know your 911 address, call Fred Yates, 863-1021.

Online Updates

There are now at least two wonderful local websites, updated regularly to help us stay on top of things. Our own Pam Muzeroll (cottage 60B) has started a news blog for the greater Claremont area that many find more edifying than their *Eagle-Times* subscriptions. Go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/etickernews> for a look at e-Ticker News of Claremont, or request a free

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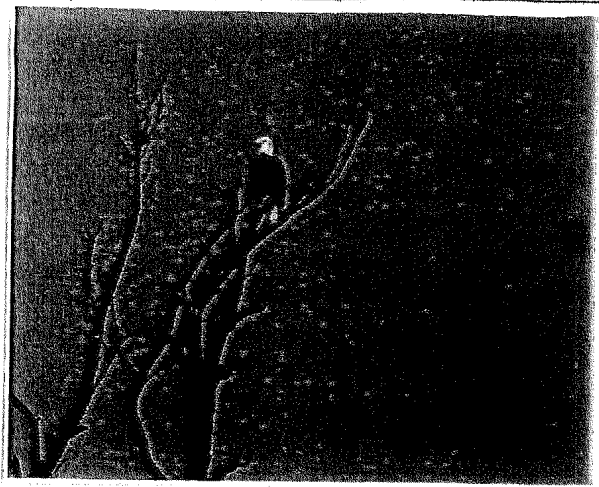
Project Management/Environmental Permits
Land Planning-Subdivision Design

ERIN DARROW, P.E. (603) 523-8800

36 Williams Hill Rd., Grafton, NH 03240

ERIN will assist CLA members with the permitting requirements for the NH Dept. of Environmental Services regarding construction activities within 250 feet of the shoreline.

(Above approved by Fred Yates)



Bob Mumford sent this photo of a bald eagle like the one spotted circling above the cove near the Sloans' cottage. Bob saw this one near the Farmington River in Connecticut. He thinks both eagles were unable to fish in the muddy Connecticut River after the early August rains--so they headed for clearer water nearby. Thanks, Bob!

subscription at eticker-news@gmail.com.

We also continue to be impressed by the Acworth website:

<http://acworthian.org>

Gretchen Abendschein has performed a real service for the area by creating and maintaining this site, which features lots of interesting information about Acworth and a monthly newsletter.

June's newsletter has a particularly relevant and informative article about the Asian longhorned beetle infestation that has reached Worcester, MA, and the steps being taken to protect our beautiful NH forests from it. Sign up for a subscription at postmaster@acworthian.org, and as a bonus you'll get breaking news of interest in the neighborhood.

Please let us know of other interesting websites you've tagged.

CLA Giant Yard Sale

We will not have our yard sale this year on the third week of August--we'll take a year off, and have a yard sale every other year, on the even year. So save up all of your excess treasures for August, 2010.

Milfoil Committee

By Bill Paton, map site 42A

Once again, under the leadership of Tim Perry with the excellent assistance of Mark Wilson and the rest of the Milfoil Committee, 2009 has gotten off to a great start. We continue to be extremely fortunate to have a very veteran Lake Host crew returning to man the boat launch, assisted by a couple of highly qualified new hosts as well. It is our Lake Hosts who form the backbone of our efforts to keep invasive water plants (milfoil) out of Crescent Lake. Certainly a large part of our success, to date, stems from the fact that our Lake Hosts come from the Crescent Lake community and take the job very seriously. Thanks to all of them.

In 2008 our Lake Hosts worked from Memorial Day through Labor Day, performing a total of 692 boat/trailer inspections. The typical work day is 10 hours per day during the week and 12 hours per day on weekends. Our goal of educating the boating public that uses Crescent Lake seems to be going very well. I can't begin to stress enough how very fortunate we are to have such a comprehensive program to keep invasive plants, such as milfoil, out of Crescent Lake. During the summer of 2008 two incidences of milfoil were found in Lake Sunapee. One was a piece of milfoil floating at the boat launch in Sunapee Harbor, but a fairly substantial infestation was reported at the State Beach boat launch. It proves that we can never let our guard down and must continue our vigilance.

One other issue should be noted. Over the last couple of years we have seen the funding that we receive from the NH Lakes Association cut. We went from \$3000 in

2007 to \$2000 in 2008 and this year our funding has been cut to \$1500. The Milfoil Committee has, to date, been able to cover expenses with only minor changes to our Lake Host program. We appreciate all of the donations and the special fundraising efforts that have been made on behalf of the Lake Host program.

Stan Rastallis is again heading up our program to survey the lake bottom for weeds, with an eye towards finding any potential problems. Our first goal is to keep invasive weeds completely out of Crescent Lake. Our second goal is to discover invasive plants that may have inadvertently found their way into Crescent Lake. Early detection would be critical in minimizing potential impacts. Thanks for all of the volunteers who assist in this effort, and are willing to take an early swim in the lake while the water is still pretty chilly.

The members of the Milfoil Committee wish to thank all the members of the Crescent Lake Association (YOU) for the support you have provided, and continue to provide, to help with the fight against milfoil and other invasive plants.

- ◆ Tim Perry, chairman
- ◆ Lorraine Dion, secretary
- ◆ Jerry Bushway
- ◆ John Demars
- ◆ Jim Howe
- ◆ Bob Kroupa
- ◆ Bill Paton
- ◆ Stan Rastallis, weed watch captain
- ◆ Mark Wilson, lake host coordinator

Acquiring this property would likely benefit all Crescent Lake property owners by protecting our watershed and keeping valuable acreage from development, so we want to keep property owners informed. Please feel free to email or phone me with any questions or input about this project.

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Conservation News

By Susan Paton, map site 42A

Dick and Jane Desbiens have offered the town of Acworth first option to buy an 83 acre parcel located on the south side of Crescent Lake Road bordering the Acworth/Lempster town boundary. They are asking \$123,000 for the 83 acres. If acquired the property must be protected with a perpetual easement preventing it from being developed. The property borders the Acworth Gove Forest which is protected land. If the town acquired the property it could be added to the Gove Forest and be protected and monitored by the town and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. The Desbiens have chosen to make this offer after considering other options which they felt might not be beneficial to Crescent Lake and the lake community. They are committed to protecting lake, the watershed, and the surrounding lands.

The Acworth Selectmen referred the proposal to the Acworth Conservation Commission. The commission discussed the importance of the property to Crescent Lake, the Cold River watershed, and the town, and voted to aggressively pursue the acquisition. There are many questions and concerns that need to be addressed. Foremost and most obvious is funding. The final decision regarding the property is required by statute to be brought to a vote by the town. If the Conservation Commission determines that purchasing the property is recommended, our goal is to have an article ready for the March 2010 town meeting.

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

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

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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 give up for resale or auction, please contact Marie Boyle at 863-3778.

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

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

Lakeside Forge, 36 Lake Rd. (Crescent Lake) Unity, NH. Welding of all kinds, including aluminum. Also light backhoe work and snow removal, Shorewood Estates and Anderson Rd. area. Norm Ferland, (603) 863-3013.

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

CGD Property Service. Owner: Chad G. Demars (603) 543-7071. Tree removal, snow plowing, and more. Just call & ask. Claremont, NH 03743.

Keep up with area news and events!

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

Likewise, pick up the **Unity Newsletter** at **Will's Place** in beautiful downtown Unity. Summer hours: M-F 6 am - 9 pm, Sat. 8 am - 9 pm, Sun. 8 am - 8 pm. 543-3769.

Support Will's Store and Market Place! Please support your local store as much as possible. Next store is 10 miles away!

South Acworth Community Store, 835-6547. Operated by the town people and Acworth Historical Society. Support another special local store.

A Series of Unprecedented Events By Colleen Kaftan

Quick. What's the most amazing thing that's ever happened at or near Crescent Lake? The historic Obama/Clinton "Unite in Unity" event last June, you say? Close, but no cigar. We're thinking one or two of you will note that ending the 2008 CLA annual meeting at 11 am was even more momentous. So in the space of 10 days last summer, we experienced:

- ◆ An extended visit from the Obama advance crew, who thoroughly enjoyed our Crescent Lake hospitality.
- ◆ The influx of news media from across the globe for the aforementioned Unity rally.
- ◆ Fourth of July personal fireworks so plentiful, beautiful, and widespread that it was like a lake-wide CLA professional display.
- ◆ 7/5 Acworth Meetinghouse Pancake Breakfast—the biggest gathering the Church has seen in years.
- ◆ 7/5 The aforementioned CLA meeting adjourns at 11:00 am! (More on back page)

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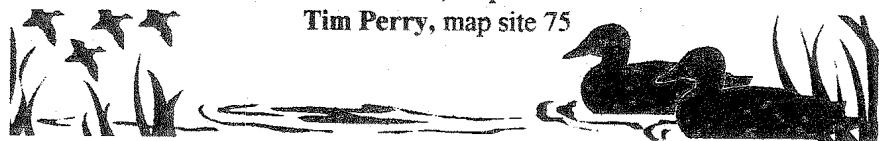
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We're looking for comments on lake life, tips on the area, for sale / wanted to buy, announcements, news, reviews, good summer puzzlers (and solutions!), pithy front-page quotes, letters to the editor... and even photos, especially if they're accompanied by witty captions or stories. Don't be shy! Send your article today!

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Unprecedented Events

(By Colleen, continued from previous page)

A few vignettes from last June's political gathering in Unity:

◆ The advance crew was lodged at a motel in Springfield, VT--so we decided to lure all 18 of them to the lake for a barbecue two nights before the event. As I was festooning orange surveyor's tape streamers to the trees at the top of my driveway, the Perrys came by on their regular litter collection walk. They took one look and asked, "Now what?"

◆ Loch and Jane Syme joined us for the BBQ, and instantly offered their cottage, along with mine, for crew members who'd prefer to stay at the lake. Several packed up and checked out the next morning.

◆ When Jane described our mutual mid-western origins, the team leader (Ethan) asked a few questions--and before long we determined that his mother grew up in my home town, across the street from my uncle. You should have seen Ethan show the gang how to boil bratwurst in beer!

◆ The "kids" were all bright, articulate, dedicated, and extremely engaging--and they had all spent months living out of suitcases. "You have no idea how much this means to us after all the hotels," they told

us over and over.

◆ When I announced that dessert was s'mores, Duncan (another favorite) hugged me and said: "Oh no you did-n't!!" The whole crew sat around the campfire for hours, and many came back for a few hours sleep the night before the event. I awoke early, thinking I'd make breakfast, whereupon Peter suggested I look outside for cars: everyone had left at dawn on little cat feet, already working on the big day.

◆ Lots of lake people showed up at the Unity schoolyard. Elizabeth Cubberly--our future U.S. president--shook hands with both the future President Obama and the future Secretary of State Clinton.

◆ Ken Burns stood just behind us, his two-ish daughter Olivia perched on his shoulders in a beautiful white linen dress. During the candidate's speech, Olivia frequently and randomly shouted, in her adorable baby voice, "Yes, We Can!"

◆ Ken Hall, "Unofficial Mayor of Unity" (and a Republican) made a big impression for the global media with his new sneakers, his red suspenders, and his warm New Hampshire welcome speech.

◆ Dave and Gail Sloan were there early, working the VIP section as volunteers. Speeches over, the aspiring President

buttonholed our own CLA President for advice. Modestly, Dave claims *he* asked why, as a Republican, he should vote for Mr. Obama--and he liked the answer he got.

◆ Afterwards, the crew came to pick up their stuff and go their separate ways. Ethan, Duncan, and Jessica Kerry decided to hang out and swim. Just as Stan Rastalis and pals floated past my guest house and stopped to chat with them, I learned that their car was really low on gas. By the time Stan reached my front dock, I was out there shouting "We need help!" Presto: party boat reserve gas can handed right over...Ah, that Crescent Lake hospitality!

Guys In Wetsuits

THIS JUST IN: on June 6, we witnessed a die-hard crew of guys in wetsuits and snorkel masks, scouring the lake bottom to inventory the weeds and detect any unwanted intruders. We're eternally grateful to these intrepid volunteers, and not just because they put on quite a show!

Last year Tim Perry told us the wet suits get tighter every year, but everybody looked pretty fit to this observer. Thanks much to all of you!

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