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The 2012 Crescent Lake

Chronicles

Association Notes

By Fred Yates, Secretary-Treasurer

The Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting is traditionally held on the first Saturday after the Fourth of July. This year we'll be meeting on **July 7, from 10:00 am until the crack of noon** at the **Unity Fire Station**. T-shirt sales will start at 9:30 am.

This facility is handicapped accessible. Please—no pets.

The CLA Fireworks have been cancelled until further notice, due to insurance issues.

Dues Are Due

2012 annual dues—still \$40—are due **BEFORE** the annual meeting. As decided by vote several years back, this includes \$30 for the Milfoil Fund and \$10 for other CLA activities.

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

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Poppy Scoumas has carefully preserved this lovely memento from the very first CLA canoe race. See the full story on page 4. Thank you, Poppy!

Ambulance Service

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

Acworth Dump Closed on Sundays

Not only have we lost the world's friendliest transfer station manager, Jim Jennison (he's now at Lempster), but the dump is no longer open on Sundays. Contact your Acworth Selectmen to request reopening the dump on Sundays.

Lake Maps

Once again we will have new lake maps at this year's annual meeting on July 7.

Display Your 911 Address!

Remember, we need to put our addresses on our cottages, especially on the north

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

Fishing Notice

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

T-Shirt Design

The winning entry this year came from the Clauss family at cottage 27A. CONGRATULATIONS! Also thank you to the other three cottages that sent in drawings.

Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

This year marks the thirteenth annual

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

We have participants with handicaps of 10 all the way up to 35—so you see, everyone can play in this tournament. If you are alone, or a twosome, we'll pick a foursome to complete. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up. The fun starts at **7:30 a.m. sharp on July 21st** at Newport Country Club.

CLA Giant Yard Sale August 18

That's right. This is the year for our third biannual yard sale on Crescent Lake Road. Start sorting your stuff, and sign up early to get the best spots along the road. COST: \$10 per location. This fee plus 10% of your sales will go to the Milfoil Fund. For more information, contact Fred Yates, 863-1021.

Local Treasures: Discover the South Acworth Village Store *by Linda LaCasse, Acworth*

[Ed: We were all saddened when Will's Place, the best store in Unity, shut down last winter. Rather than making the trek to Newport or Claremont, may we suggest you try the amazing volunteer-operated South Acworth Village Store? It's truly a treasure in our midst, as we're sure you'll agree after reading this article and checking it out yourself.]

In this tiny, hilly town of Acworth stands an old Village Store. It is the heart of the community. Constructed during the Civil War, it has been operating as a store since then. It has had many private owners until the last ones, Nancy and Dick Stewart, moved out after 15 years. The building was in danger of closing until the Acworth Historical Society got involved in acquiring the property to preserve and protect it. With much effort from the AHS and the generous donation of time and effort from Acworth residents, it finally paid off. 120 residents raised \$30,000 for the down payment, \$5,000 from the NH Charitable Foundation grant, and a Community Reinvestment Loan through the Savings Bank of Walpole to help the AHS to secure the building. The rest is history.

The store was restored and rehabilitated from the foundation to the roof. It was later found that some of the foundation wood dates back to 1790. Some of the same wood was used in the building of the USS Constitution and the nearby Winchester Dam.

Currently the Village Store is run by volunteers and paid staff all helping to keep the community center alive. People help out for all different reasons. Some who are retired fill up time, some want to see the store use local products, and some give time from a social aspect. Whatever the reason, the efforts are what makes the Store special and the heartbeat of the town. Everyone feels like they belong to the community and are part of something larger than themselves.

Similar to its past, the Store hosts events for the community. Historical events include October Fest, plays, concerts, hay wagon rides, lumberjack contests and cider making. Current events include a wine and cheese tasting, a beer tasting, music fests, gourmet dinners, pizza nights to name a few. See page 6 for a list of upcoming events.

The Village Store is also a place to showcase local talent. Many carpenters and tradesmen have donated time and skill to replace worn parts of the building. Many local crafters and food producers display their wares. Acworth and surrounding towns have an abundance of talented people who love to create products from local materials such as wool yarn, honey, milk, maple syrup, cheese, wine, soap, meats, and pottery to name a few.

Come hungry! Coffee, breakfast sandwiches, lunch items, and delicious pastry are offered every day. Take away plus take and bake meals are offered for dinner options. Seasonal fresh produce, grown in the community garden behind the Store, is offered in the coolers. Wine, beer, soda and **FREE WiFi** are always available. *(continued on page 6)*



The Village Store in Days of Yore

Milfoil Committee - 10 Year Anniversary *by Bill Paton, map site 42A*

On April 10, 2012, the Milfoil Committee under the leadership of Tim Perry (chairman) held our first meeting of the year with the main topic being the 2012 Lake Host Program. The grant request to the NHLPA was written by Tim & Greta early in the year and we should know within the next week or so the exact amount we will receive. It appears that we will qualify for \$300 more than last year as a result of the increase in boat inspections our Lake Hosts performed in 2011 (more on that further down).

When we combine the grant with monies provided by the towns of Acworth and Unity, in combination with your CLA contributions, we are in great financial shape to start the 2012 season. While the financials are important they only represent a small part of our mission to keep non-native invasive plant life (including milfoil) out of Crescent Lake.

The CL Milfoil committee is convinced that we run one of the most comprehensive Lake Host Programs in New Hampshire. It is the backbone of our efforts to keep milfoil and other non-native invasive plants out of Crescent Lake. To that end our lake hosts in 2011 were a veteran crew who did an outstanding job and as they are all CL owners and/or family members, they take the job very seriously. In 2012 we are losing three of the seven lake hosts who worked as our first line of defense. Please join us in saying thanks to Antoinette & Victoria Woolner and Diane Brenker for their efforts. Despite the loss we are confident that we can continue to serve the needs of the Crescent Lake community with the four returning Lake Hosts in 2012, but if anyone is interested in a position as Lake Host in future years, please let one of the committee members know.

While the lake hosts serve as the front line of our efforts to keep Crescent Lake free of milfoil, we

also rely heavily on those of you who have volunteered as weed watchers, scouring our shorelines from shore, kayaks, etc. for any “funny looking” aquatic plants. We will also be conducting our annual weed watch swim in which divers will survey the bottom of Crescent Lake in the areas where a non-native, invasive plant would be most likely to propagate. This will be held on June 23rd. If you have a snorkel and mask and would like to participate, contact Stan Rastallis.

The Milfoil Committee, whose members are listed at the bottom of this article, was formed in the fall of 2001. 2002 was our first year for the Lake Host program, which makes 2012 our tenth anniversary. We've grown quite a bit over the years. In 2002 we performed 166 boat inspections, and last summer that total grew to 819 (about an 8% increase over 2010). It has definitely been worth it. Some of the newer owners may not know that over the 10 year history we are credited with two saves, in which our lake hosts found milfoil on boats planning to enter Crescent Lake. But the truth is that the entire Crescent Lake community deserves a hearty thank you for the support you have provided. The program is successful, because you recognize the need and provide the help and support that is so necessary.

Committee members:

- ♥ Tim Perry, Chairman
- ♥ Lorraine Dion, Secretary
- ♥ Stan Rastallis, Weed Watch Captain
- ♥ Mark Wilson, Lake Host Captain
- ♥ Jerry Bushway
- ♥ Jim Howe
- ♥ Bob Kroupa
- ♥ Bill Paton

The Birth of the Canoe Race/Picnic *by Poppy Scoumas, map site 78*

Experiencing the lively atmosphere and over-flowing crowds at the major social event of Crescent Lake, the Labor Day Canoe Race/Picnic, it is hard to believe that there ever was a time when the annual Labor Day Picnic drew only a paltry number of residents.

Every year the Association would invite homeowners to bring their lunch baskets and beverages to Silver Beach for a picnic, with the Association offering free hot dogs. However, most homeowners preferred to celebrate Labor Day at their own cottages with their individual relatives and friends.

In 1982, Mother and I, joined by Marie & Ray Boyle, decided to show our support for the Association and walked to Silver Beach, sitting down at a table where we were joined by Bob Spaulding, Frank D'Amante, and Lorraine & Fred Yates. The conversation turned to the picnic and the lack of interest thereof. It was while we were bandying about ideas on how to energize the event that Bob Spaulding, an inveterate canoeist, came up with the idea of holding a canoe race. It struck a chord with everyone, and it was decided that Bob would present the idea at the 1983 July meeting. The idea was immediately embraced, and a committee was formed right then and there.

The committee was comprised of Bob Spaulding, founder and chairman, Frank D'Amante, Mike Schippers, Bob Brown, Marie Boyle, Brad Thomas, and yours truly. Bob laid out the race course, and established the rules—no pro's, only amateurs. After much conversation and planning during the summer, the day finally arrived. The Labor Day Canoe Race/Picnic was a complete success, and to our delight it was well attended with picnickers.

Bob presided as chairman for two years, and in the third year, in 1985, I was elected chairman. Brad Thomas created an attractive tee shirt design, Frank D'Amante donated the hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and ice cream, and the Canoe Race was expanded to three separate races:

- Paddle Boat Race w/special & shorter course; 1 class, any age, any sex, registration \$2.00 per boat. (Five entries)
- Free-style swim race w/special course; 4 classes: Tadpoles (12 & under), Young Frogs (13-20), Frogs (21 and older), Grand Master Frogs (60 and older), registration \$1.00 per person. (Fourteen entries)
- Canoe Race w/one course that followed the contour of the lake; 4 classes: men, women, mixed, and under 14, registration \$2.00 per canoe. (Fourteen entries) The course was a tough challenge and drew keen competitors, two of whom in the women's division were Helen Sirkin and myself. I am pleased to say we won two years running.

Reflecting on my 1985 financial report of the race (see chart on page 5), I marvel at how much progress we have made. The enthusiasm that had been generated during the preceding years continued, and the following year Marie Boyle was elected chairman. Marie stayed on nurturing and developing the race/picnic to the 300-person attendance it enjoys today before passing the baton on to new chairmen.



It is heartwarming to see the legacy of Bob Spaulding continue, and expand, due to the unique talent and energy offered by each new chairman.

Calliope (Poppy) Scoumas

[Ed: We are grateful to Trina Janeczek and her crew for picking up the baton from Beth Boyle, who followed in the footsteps of her esteemed predecessors as Picnic Chairman.]

Poppy Scoumas serves up some yummy Crescent Lake cake at last year's Labor Day picnic.



**Financial Report for the 1985
Crescent Lake Canoe Race/ Picnic**
*contributed by Poppy Scoumas, map site 78**

Income

Tee Shirts & Registration \$363.50

Expenses

88 Tee Shirts	\$323.58	
30 lb. Cutty Hunk Line	18.54	
Bricks	<u>8.10</u>	<u>350.22</u>

Profit **\$13.82**

*I have to thank my family at home who have been prodding me to prune my files of paperwork. The information for this article was found among all the "stuff" I have stored for years.



CLA Labor Day Picnic, 2012: More than 300 attendees, 63 raffle baskets donated, \$2038 raised, 150 hamburgers and 130 hot dogs served, 50 committee volunteers, total budget \$1575.80. Thank you, Trina Janeczek, Diane Brenker and crew—and thanks to all those who have built this delightful community event that has brought so many of us together over the last 30 years. (For the bigger financial picture, figure in \$3381 spent on t-shirts, sweats, etc., for the whole 2011 season—and sales of \$5488.)

2011 Canoe Race Results

by Bob Mumford, map site SWE 6

Thank you one and all for making the 2011 Crescent Lake Canoe Race on Saturday, September 3, 2011, go off without a hitch! Thank you Trina Janeczek and her crew for providing refreshments for spectators and racers alike. Thank you Tim Grinaski and Dave Sloan for placing the orange race buoys so that the racers could guide their canoes around the lake properly and for then picking them up after the race so that they can be used again next year.

Liz Grinaski and Bob Mumford greeted the racers at 9:30 am for sign-up for the 10am start. The day was clear and brisk, yet the lake was as smooth as a glass surface, making for easier paddling than last year.



2011 Canoe Race Winners

At right is a list of all the winners in the divisions. Well done! Notice that not all divisions

have a full complement of racers, especially the 14-year-old and under group which had **NO** participants. Try to encourage friends to participate next year, since a \$10 entry fee and good exercise will earn them a shirt they'll be proud to wear.

Women

1. Bethany Coursen / Sheryl Yarosevich 20:04
2. Linda Kahn/Shelly Bonomo 22:29
3. Diane Brenker / Deb Fielding 22:50

Men

1. Shahil Karhesaria /Tim Grinaski 26:45
2. Andrew Bellemare / Joe Fazio 28:50

Co-ed

1. Janna Grinaski /Michael Grinaski 26:50
2. Paulette Rowell / Kris Huttar 27:10

Adult/Child

1. Don Gonzales /Kahlia Gonzalez 20:36
2. Ed Bell /Jamie Bell 23:50
3. Jen Bell /Sam Bell 25:18

Congratulations to all!

2011 Kayak Race

by Jim Howe, map site 47A

Congratulations to all 12 entrants for completing the Kayak Race. It was a beautiful morning on Crescent Lake. Special congratulations to the winners:

Under 12: (short course)

1st - Evelyn Page 7:12

12-15 years: (medium course)

1st - Ben Freeland 10:01

2nd - Kellie Sovak 10:14

3rd - Dakota Page 13:47

16-54 years: (long course)

1st - Grant Freeland 15:05

2nd - Jared Fong 15:15

3rd - Erick Bond 15:53

3rd - Paul Beinstein 15:53

55 and up: (long course)

1st - Tom Farnen 17:42

Thank you to Jim Howe, his daughter Amy Sovak, and Billy and Beth Page for coordinating the Kayak Race. Special thanks to Mrs. Vivian Carter for making the delicious homemade doughnuts.



2011 Kayak Race Winners

South Acworth Village Store (continued from p. 2)

People who visit the Store love the old time country feel, from the creaky wooden floor to the built in post office and the rocking chairs on the porch. They come to sample the food as well as remember what it must have been like



147 years ago. It's a vibrant place to gather, to get the local buzz about town events, state and regional politics, and gardening tips, or just to enjoy some easy conversation. Despite the hardships and the celebrations, the Store remains the heart of this community.

[Ed: Don't forget **take-and-bake fresh pizza every Friday** (menu below) as well as Theresa Darling's 100% **homemade carry-out meals on**

Thursdays. We will try to post the weekly menus at crescentlakeassn.org and by email. Theresa is offering wholesome fresh summer meals such as stuffed peppers, crab or salmon cakes the size of cheeseburgers (served on a bed of spinach with aioli sauce), chicken broccoli alfredo, and whatever else is in season, all packed as individual portions complete with all the fixin's, priced between \$5 and \$9 per person, and she always offers vegetarian and gluten-free meals along with her regular menus. Or you can order larger, family sized portions of any dish. Theresa can also cater small- to medium-sized private events. Call her at 835-2395 or email Therasas93@msn.com.]

Take & Bake Pizza

Friday, 4-7pm

S. Acworth Village Store

835-6547 (call to order)

NEW 16" PIZZA!

\$9.00 Cheese \$10.00 Veggie \$11.00 Meat

Crusts: white, wheat, gluten-free

Toppings: onion, pepper, mushroom, cheese, broccoli, olives, hot pepper, pepperoni, sausage, hamburger, anchovy

We make it, you take & bake it!

Every pizza is made fresh before your eyes exactly how you want it.

Then you take it home and bake it in your oven whenever

you're ready,
so it's always served piping hot and delicious.

Thursday Night Carry-Out

Visit or call the store 835-6547 to inquire about each week's menu and place your order.

Upcoming Events:

June 10 – Sunday Brunch 9-1:00 - Breakfasts made to order, Pancakes, Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, and Sausage.

June 26 – Pizza Night fundraiser at Orchard Hill School

June 30 – Spring Music Fest featuring local bands



The Store Today
1068 Rte 123A, South Acworth
603-835-6547



2nd Annual Crescent Lake "Run For Pride" 5K Road Race

by Kevin Brenker, map site 4



And They're Off!

Dear Crescent Lake Friends,

The 2nd Annual Crescent Lake Run For Pride 5K Road Race and Walk was a great success! You are a most generous and giving community. How giving? We raised over \$1,200.00 on Sunday morning September 4th with nearly 60 participants divided between runners and walkers.

This money, along with last year's proceeds of over \$620.00 will be given to Sgt. Edward Matayka of Lee NH, and we expect a few more donations to arrive that may put us over the \$2,000.00 total amount we can provide to Sgt. Matayka.

Of special note, we received very generous donations from a number of "benefactors," those who could not attend but made a definitive impact in our success. Everyone's participation and generosity is profoundly humbling. Thank you!

It was so very moving (pun intended) to see so many families participate this year. We hope this event now becomes part of your Crescent Lake Labor Day ritual, along with the picnic and canoe and kayak races. We hope you will invite more people to participate next year. Spread the word!

Our runners this year had to endure a bit of heat and humidity (and my running partner and I want to know who put in the 2-3 additional hills in the course this year!!), which brought times down slightly. You can find a results table for the times and placement for those who ran at crescentlakeassn.org.

Matt Maynes now holds the 2-fer title, taking the Run For Pride for the 2nd year. We're sure there must be some competition out there just waiting.... :)

During June of 2010, when Rich Maynes and I conspired to develop a lake activity/event to take up the "quiet period" between the 4th of July and Labor Day, and settled on the 5K Road Race, we knew that any proceeds had to go to some worthy cause that could make a difference.

Our "Run For Pride" is clearly a modest attempt to say "Thank You" to those families who have someone serving in the military and could use a little help. The 2011 Run is a clear indication you feel the same way and we look forward to making the 2012 "Cressie" event bigger and better.

No event like this happens without tireless support from multiple people. Those who have played an integral role in last year's success include Meg Maynes, Rich Maynes, Peter Murray, Diane Brenker, Steve Dowd, Matt Maynes, Larry McCluskey and Tom Farmer. We are most appreciative of their support and efforts to make this a signature event for Crescent Lake.

Thank you again, on behalf of Crescent Lake Runners, and Sergeant Ed Matayka. We do hope you will support us again and make the Run For Pride stand out as just one of the ways this community, our community, makes a difference. See you next year!

kevin_brenker@hotmail.com



Generations of Fun



Sprinting to the Finish Line:
Steve and Trina Janeczek with Bill Paton

Crescent Lake Memory Lane

by Michael Marshall Brown, map site 4

UNITY, NH – My wife Alexandra shares my passionate if not addictive habit of watching vintage reruns of the 1970s television classic, *The Waltons*.

It's more than a simple way to wind down after our busy daily lives wear us thin and frazzle our minds; we seek to savor simpler times where family, community and going for the gusto were common themes of the show and now also for our lives.

However, *the Walton Story* is excellent but not quite as good as our very real and shared Crescent Lake story. Take a minute to think about all the people who have long enjoyed countless positive experiences at Crescent Lake in New Hampshire thanks not to John & Olivia Walton but to Richard and Judith Brown and countless other lakeside residents.

On Sunday, July 10, 2011 there was an eclectic group of about 65 family members and friends gathered on the Unity lakeside location for a whopper of a summer party. It was a wedding celebration for my wife and I, and also a time to celebrate 50th birthdays for my sister Karen Brown Ryan and brother-in-law Mark Ryan. It was also my son Cody's 19th birthday. The day was a celebration of grandeur and a passage of time highlighted by the musical talents of the Moore Family Band.

I still laugh when my Dad recalls how his wife wasn't very happy back in 1966 about a "huge investment" of about \$6,000 for a lakeside property. Mom, I think we all got our money's worth!

What are your own giant memories at this little lake?

Guests at the Crescent Lake party last July 10 admired a photo of my late brother Terry Brown spraying a monster rooster tail while dancing over the water on fancy water skis. I took that photo 31 summers ago at this cherished lake. Terry gave his life as a volunteer firefighter just five months later. Sure do wish he was here with us today. Nobody enjoyed this lake as much as he did but he enjoyed every moment of his 21 years of life, as many of you know. He's still teaching us well.

Think about Judy Brown cuddled up on the old couch over at that porch, and two giggling little kids providing a classic moment with their grandmother. Those little kids, Shane and Erin, are now almost 25 years old.

Christopher Lisischeff's booming laugh was a wonderful expectation over the years when I would come to visit from New York or from Ohio. "Michael's here; get him a good beer" he would say loudly to the world while welcoming me out on his deck. Did he have any inkling that I would someday marry his daughter? I sure didn't!

That same deck is where my knees trembled in 2008 after visiting his eldest daughter in Hamburg, Germany.

Here's the story. I had returned solo from Germany to Crescent Lake. With gifts and a not-so-well-kept secret under my arms, I gathered representatives of both families on the deck around Christopher and found a way to tell them that Alexandra and I were serious about our relationship. Crescent Lake's waters and the sky never looked more beautiful and life seemed to be standing still for that moment.

Despite my public relations career exploits, I struggled to come up with the right words for the tense gathering. Alex and I thought we had a good future. We were a couple with potential. You could have heard a pin drop as the co-mingled family sat awkwardly in silence for the longest seconds. **Then Christopher suddenly smiled and said, "I knew it all along."**

There are so many stories to savor.

We were honored to have Tom Harty leading our wedding and family ceremony on July 10 with Alexandra in full wedding regalia. When I think of the wonderful Harty family there are precious memories on Green Street in Bellows Falls, a short walk from the St. Charles Church where most of us often bowed our heads to God during many weddings, baptisms and of course funerals.

How about childhood friend Paul Obuchowski noticing "The String" out on a Crescent Lake dock one sunny day about four score and seven years ago?



Family Outing at Crescent Lake (Laurie Wallace photo)



Beauty Wherever You Look: Ladyslippers
by Laurie Wallace



Who Wouldn't Love This Paradise?
(Laurie Wallace photo)

Then there are the classic bonfire and dockside memories with Paul & Sue Stack, plus Don and Lisa Bruce, and often joined by Ken and Aynn Hadley right here on this shoreline. All their "little girls" have now grown up into professional and outstanding young women. So many good memories. Anyone for skinny dipping?

Just the week before the pilgrimage to the lake, during a frantic day in Ohio with business and life starting to wear me down, I called my sister Karen. Much like our mother always treasured, Karen the school teacher was savoring her summer break. She was sitting in a wicker rocking chair, having a strong cup of coffee, idly watching the world wake up at Crescent Lake. What a gift. It made me want to be there with her more often. As she spoke to me, the troubles of the world suddenly didn't seem all that daunting.

When I think of the Sloan, Yates, Luke, VanderWyden, Walker, Brown, Ryan and Lisischeff and so many other families able to spend so much time at the lake, it is with a sense of deep satisfaction.

The shared memories are lasting and unforgettable for many personal reasons. Over the many years, it has been impossible for me to cook a fried egg without thinking about my father serving up "over easy" eggs to queasy Ken Hadley one early morning after a long night of revelry in the Vermont pubs. That was 35 years ago. How do you like them, now, Ken?

Did you know I never knew Alexandra over all the years she was living and working in Germany? What I remember most about our first encounter, five years ago, will be published in a book.

My son Cody and I had driven the long route from Ohio, and a good omen made its presence known on the back road just before we got to Acworth. A rare, large, and elusive mountain lion slinked across the road!

The next morning, sluggish from the long drive, I got up and went to join my father in the sweet rocking chairs on the porch. As was his usual routine, he was reading a newspaper, and he never looked up when I asked him who the attractive brunette was down on the beach. He rattled off, "That is Alexandra, Christopher's oldest daughter, she's visiting from Germany, I think she's getting divorced; why don't you go down there and talk to her!"

I always obeyed my father!

So flash forwarding to the party last July, the occasion provided in many overwhelming ways a sense of giving thanks to the natural world at the lake, the people, the memories, and how these experiences shaped all our lives in positive ways and means.

Crescent Lake is our shared family Walton's Mountain.

We are naturally connected to the bullfrogs, the change of seasons that typically come in late August, the refreshing mountain air, the thunderstorms, and the dirt roads that continue to baffle even those with GPS capacity. We will cherish memories that each of us will pass on to others in our families and to those merely on the road to a grand experience.

As many have said of my father in an admirable way, we also have never met any strangers at Crescent Lake. The dirt and hard scabble roads leading to Crescent Lake guarantee precious connections to the past, present and future.

[Michael Marshall Brown is a writer, and public relations and marketing professional living with his wife Alexandra (Lisischeff) in Columbus, Ohio. His lake memories started in 1966 when parents Richard & Judy Brown from Bellows Falls, VT, purchased a cottage at Crescent Lake. Google his other writings and current connections at Legacy Media Blog.]



Love Thy Neighbor: Michael Brown and Alexandra Lisischeff

Welcome, New Neighbors!

This year there were three cottage changes, and several other cottages are still on the market. While we hate to lose our old neighbors, we're always happy to meet new ones.

The Crescent Lake Association and its members welcome all of you to the best lake community in New Hampshire.

If there have been other changes, please let Secretary Fred Yates know as soon as possible before the annual meeting. Contact Fred at (802) 463-4368 or drop by camp 86, HATETOLEAVEIT – 863-1021.

- Cottage 5, Wilfred & Shirlene Tremblay, Newport, NH
- Cottage 41A, Peter & Lisa Scheffer, Newport, NH
- Cottage 53, Thomas & Ashley Farmen, Washington Depot, CT

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

Dates to Remember

July 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Unity Fire House

Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting

The CLA Annual Meeting will be held this year in beautiful downtown Unity. Get there by 9:30 a.m. to pay dues and buy stuff.

July 21, 2012, 7:30 a.m.
Newport Country Club

13th Annual Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

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

August 18, 2012
Crescent Lake Road

3rd Biannual Giant Yard Sale

September 1, 2012 (rain date Sept. 2)
Silver Beach and Lakewide

Labor Day End-of-Season Celebration

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

10:00 a.m. – Canoe Race. *Must have life jackets. Co-chairs Bob Mumford & Liz Grinaski.*

1:00 p.m. – Annual Picnic. *Bring a dish to share and a basket to raffle. Food must be delivered by 12:50 p.m. Thanks.*

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

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

Sunday, September 2: 3rd Annual Run for Pride 5K.

In Sympathy

by Fred Yates

To my knowledge, we did not lose any cottage owners this year.

However, I am sorry to report the passing of several family members. Our deepest condolences go out to Linda Bushway (37A) in the passing of your sister, Maryann Vaccaro; also to James Howe in the passing of your sister, Betty Dutille; to Alan Abrahamovich (96) in the passing of your mother, Miriam; and also to Gerald Bushway (37A) in the passing of your mother, Annie.

To our bereaved friends, our prayers and thoughts are with you. We are saddened whenever we must announce a loss in our lake community.

This last year we also saw the passing of two longtime previous cottage owners: Stella Ahern (39) and Leroy Underwood (90). These two individuals were very active over the years in the CLA and the Milfoil Program. Without their wisdom and guidance we would be a lot different today. They will always be remembered for their generous contribution to the CLA.

If we missed anyone who passed away this year, we are deeply sorry. It was not intentional; we just didn't know.

Email List/Directory

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

Also, check with Trina Janeczek (cottage 41F) for the lake directory, which includes only the people who choose to participate.

Massage in South Acworth. On route 123A, 1.7 miles off of route 10. Laura Morris, Licensed Massage Therapist with over thirty years of experience offers a clean quiet space for you receive Massage Therapy for Injury prevention or relaxation \$60.00 per hour slightly more for hot stone massage. By appointment 835-6293 or email:

lmorris03@hotmail.com

Favorite Places

by Colleen Kaftan

Our own Laurie St. Sauveur Wallace (map site 20) recently opened Kit 'N Kaboodle Consignments on Tremont Street in Claremont. The store is adorable—and chock full of treasures for you to discover. I found a vintage 20-piece porcelain teddy bear tea set, which will be perfect for visiting toddlers and their larger friends. There is so much to see, so tastefully displayed, that one could spend hours poking around and trying things on. Kit 'N Kaboodle is presently the only consignment store in Claremont, NH. It offers a large variety of gently used clothing in all sizes, from infants up to adults to include womens, misses, juniors, mens and formal wear. You'll find jewelry, arts & crafts, household items, and other treasures there too! (603) 504-6622

Store hours:

Tue – Thu:	11:00 am	- 7:00 pm
Fri:	11:00 am	- 8:00 pm
Sat:	10:30 am	- 5:00 pm



Break-Ins at the Lake

We experienced a series of break-ins over the winter at the lake. Several involved the increasingly common theft of copper pipes, which can be recycled for higher prices than usual these days. Others left cottages bereft of TVs, laptops, and related electronic equipment—and in one case, a valuable family gun collection. In at least two cottages the culprits left doors and windows wide open and turned the heat to maximum, so that tankfuls of heating fuel were wasted. Some places suffered damage from vandalism in addition to broken doors or windows. Elsewhere, the thieves seemed more intent on taking “valuable” metals rather than trashing the rest of the property.

One suspect was caught within a week of the first break-in report, and confessed to state police that he had been involved in a number of the thefts. His partner, found a few weeks later, also confessed to specific break-ins. (During a driving trip with state troopers, both pointed out the places they had “hit.”) However, even after these arrests there were further incidents, indicating either unrelated suspects or a bigger group of miscreants targeting the lake. If you have anything to report, call State Trooper Aaron Richards at the Keene barracks, 603 358-3333.

The Acworth Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department has information about an affordable home alarm system that monitors smoke, fire, and break-ins from a central office in Keene. Local responders or the closest state trooper can be on the spot fairly quickly. Call Deputy Fire Chief Steve Morris, 835-6293, in South Acworth.

Crescent Lake Chronicles, Still in Print

We'll keep publishing *Crescent Lake Chronicles* as long as you keep sending material. To contribute, contact:

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Or **Fred Yates**, Camp 86, HATETOLEAVEIT 863-1021

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And don't forget our beautiful website: crescentlakeassn.org

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

Left: Kit? Or Kaboodle? Visit Laurie Wallace's shop on Tremont Street, just off Opera Square in Claremont, to find out. You'll find lots of other good stuff too!

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

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

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

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Independent Electrical Work. *Lyman Young, South Acworth. 603 863-6388.*

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

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

Crescent Lake Cottage Rentals.

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

Spacious, Private Waterfront Cabin #102 (Syme). *\$850 /week. 4 bedrooms; full bath; kitchen fully furnished; dock; TV DISH; DVD player. Available: Sat. June 30 to August 25, 2012. Check in: Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Check out: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Call 860 767-1248.*

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CLA Annual Meeting: 10:00 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 7
Unity Fire Station

