

THE CRESCENT LAKE CHRONICLES

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Closing



our world...

Crescent Lake seems to be an ever-changing world. As we bid farewell to our long-time neighbors, we warmly welcome the new ones. Soon you, too, will know why we are so proud of our lake community!

1. Chris & K T Myles, 30 Lake RD
2. Athan & Karen Chekas, 46 Emerson RD
3. Alan & Darlene Wachter, 34 Shorewood Estates RD
4. Dan & Gail Freer, 24 Shorewood Estates RD
5. Ryan Beaulieu, 106 Anderson Road

A belated welcome to:

Kevin & Stephanie Fallon, 248 Crescent Lake RD

(Announced at last year's annual meeting but they were unable to attend)

While You Were Away

Kevin Brenker, CLA President



Spring always brings a sense of things opening up at Crescent Lake. Apart from the annual ice-out event (or "CELEBRATION!!") the weather gives us the chance to get outside and get things ready for boating, kayaking, or just enjoying a lazy afternoon on the water. Your Crescent Lake Association Board of Directors has been busy all Winter and into the Spring with preparations for 2016's warm season. Starting at the tail end of 2015 we began our communication to Acworth and Unity for their

annual donations that support our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program and the NH Lakes grant application process began in late February with a recent award announcement. We have secured the right people to work at the public access boat launch to inspect boats for invasive weeds and animals. This year we may see up to 4 new faces in addition to our long-standing, dedicated paid and volunteer Lake Hosts. The goal is to keep Crescent Lake among the "clean" New Hampshire lakes. A designation that becomes more concerning and challenging every year. We are truly as "clean" or "secure" of aquatic invasive species as our last courtesy boat inspection. Having a public access/boat launch that we do not own or operate, but maintain our AIS inspection process, presents its own challenges to access before, during, after our manned operations. PLEASE ensure CLEAN, DRAIN & DRY is your motto and the motto of any renter or day boater you may know or encounter.

Your CLA Board has met, as customary for the past four years, twice since Labor Day 2015. Keeping an eye on CLA finances, water quality, seasonal activities such as the annual picnic, topics concerning all of us as a whole, the Board is a group of dedicated neighbors. One mission. To keep **our** Crescent Lake the best lake and Association in the region.

Of course, the title of this article, "While You Were Away" is not necessarily reality – many more property owners look at Crescent Lake as their "residence" today than a decade ago. More people spend weekends here in Winter than a decade ago. More "camps" from the 50s are being renovated and upgraded, and developed in the past handful of years. Your Board does not take the responsibility of representing every CLA member and their interests with any trivial sense. Communications via our Facebook page has helped keep you informed daily (often hourly) as to things happening at your Crescent Lake. This year, the publishing of The Chronicle, a long-time Crescent Lake tradition given life by our (and your) favorite neighbor, and editor-at-large, Colleen Kaftan, shifts to CLA formally as Colleen believes the future of the Chronicle is best in the hands of more invested people. We can't possibly express the value, the delight, the information the Chronicle at Colleen's hand has given us for many years, but we're going to try. And the best way to succeed at this attempt is for YOU to become active in sending in article information, writing articles, helping out in any manner you think possible. This is the best way to say, "Thank You" to Colleen.

Much of what ever happened at Crescent Lake has been covered in the Chronicle. It's our DNA. We can only pay tribute to this superb resource by keeping it active and alive. We hope you will agree and help us all. And...thank you, Colleen. For so many great publications, for so many years of love for Crescent Lake.

It's your turn. While you were away much has happened. The emerging warm season brings parties, activities, much traffic on the lake, and a lot of things going on sometimes simultaneously. Participate in events that occur around Crescent Lake. Be helpful to your neighbors. Be aware of others while on the water. Be safe. There are many people who volunteer and dedicate time to this "thing" called Crescent Lake Association. Please help us and thereby help yourself by being one of these people. Enjoy Summer 2016!!

and now this from COLLEEN KAFTAN



Birth of the Chronicles *by Colleen Kaftan*

Crescent Lake Chronicles

Vol I Issue 001Unity / Acworth, NHLabor Day, 1995

Lake Lore

After the great success of the Association's 60th anniversary photo retrospective, there's been some interest in capturing the tales people could tell about life on Crescent Lake.

If you'd like to help gather and publish an oral history, or if you know a story that needs to be told, please contact us so we can plan the next steps over the winter and spring.



Greetings!

Welcome to the very first issue of *Crescent Lake Chronicles*. We hope this little paper — to be published whenever we have enough to say — can help us stay in touch with each other and share information between Lake Association meetings. But the content has to come from you!

We're looking for all sorts of contributions: comments on lake life, tips on the area, lost & found, for sale / wanted to buy, assorted announcements and other items, news and reviews, letters to the editor...

To submit an item during the season at the Lake, contact Fred Yates (at "HateToLeaveIt") or Ray and Marie Boyle (look for the T-shirt display). Over the winter, send your suggestions to:

Colleen Kaftan Phone: (401) 232-1537
 228 Harris Road Fax: (401) 232-5545
 Smithfield, RI 02917 E-mail: ckaftan@aol.com

We'll try to include the next issue in the Association's spring mailing!

Birth of The Chronicles cont.

It started in 1995 when an untethered boat somehow snuggled up to my dock. I didn't know whose it was, and I really didn't want anybody to think I was trying to steal it. So of course I called Ray and Marie Boyle. This got the boat back home and got me over to the front room of "Papa's Dream" for a nice long chat. I'd been thinking we needed a "classified ad" publication like the one that came with our NHEC bills at the time. The Boyles were very encouraging, not to mention wonderful in every other way.

One night near the end of summer I made up a one pager announcing the birth of the *Chronicles*, and printed a bunch of copies to hand out at the picnic. I called it "Crescent Lake Chronicles" because I couldn't get the font size right to fit "The Crescent Lake Chronicle" in the banner headline. So right from the start there was bound to be more than one issue. Fred Yates immediately joined the effort, and served as the backbone

of our "staff" from then on. The next spring, Mike and Diane Walker offered to print enough copies of Issue 2 for everyone on the lake, and continued to do so for nearly 20 years until Mike retired. Dick and Mike Brown were first to send in articles. Carol and Arnie Antak, Betsy Snider, Clark Moore, David Levin, Dave Sloan and too many others to mention also contributed in the early years--and from there it just kind of turned into one of our annual traditions. I went from knowing almost nobody on the lake to feeling part of a community--and for me that might have been the best part.

Thanks everybody for your support and your great articles over the years. Thanks also to Larry McCluskey for our beautiful web site, Kevin Brenker for our Facebook group, Kari McLeod for our online yard sale--and to Nancy LeBlanc for taking over the *Chronicles* when my life got too complicated to continue. Long live the conversations of Crescent Lake!

OUR DEDICATED CLA OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:	Kevin Brenker
TREASURER:	Greta Perry
SECRETARY:	Elizabeth (Betsy) Allen
DIRECTORS:	Don Mayberry
	Richard Maynes
	Tim Perry
	Tim Grinaski

MINUTES FROM CLA ANNUAL MEETING

Crescent Lake Association

83rd Annual Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2015, 10:00 AM, Acworth Town Hall

1. President, Kevin Brenker, called the meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of officers.
2. A Moment of Silence was observed for those members who had passed in the last year: Ann Bordeau, Arthur Dion, Norman Ferland, Peter Fitts, Fred Mellish
3. Secretary's Report: 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes (attached) was passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report: Financial Statement dated 5/31/15 (attached). Greta Perry, Treasurer, responded to a question regarding non-profit status requirements by State of NH, that she had contacted them, and they are satisfied with our non-profit status. It was the feeling of the members that we do not need to go any further and check with the IRS. She further reported that a 501C Report is current and filed annually with the IRS. Treasurer's report was passed unanimously as presented.
5. Welcome and Introduction to New Owners: #105A, Kevin & Stephanie Fallon, Hancock, NH, #4, Karen Ryan (Dick Smith), #45, Roderick & Kari MacLeod, Medway, MA, #70, Todd & Christina O'Brien, Keene, NH, #105, David & Kimberly Howley,

Franklin, MA, #109B, Gregory & Wendi Belisle, #125, Robert & Judy MacLeod, Milton, MA, #SE 58, David and Sue Stephens, Weston, MA

6. Election of Officers: Moved and seconded to nominate Richard Maynes Director Three Years (2015-2017), Passed unanimously. Gavel turned over to Director, Tim Grinaski, who asked for nominations for President (2015-2017). Moved and seconded to re-elect Kevin Brenker. Passed unanimously.

7. By-Law Changes (attached) were presented by the Board. Moved and seconded to change election term from one to three years for Keeper of the Gate. Passed unanimously. Moved and seconded to delete "Lake Patrol" from list of officers and Article 9 relating to payment for Lake Patrol service. Passed unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

T-Shirts - Diane Brenker asked for volunteers to help with ordering and at the T-shirt shack. Winning design was by Pat Flanagan.

Picnic - MaryBeth Gilpin reported that the Labor Day Picnic will be held on September 5, 2015 at Dick and Jane Desbien's. She thanked Trina for being Chair for the last several years. Baskets will be needed for the raffle, the main fundraiser. Volunteers are needed. Moved and seconded to fund the Picnic in the amount of \$2000. Passed unanimously. A Picnic Meeting will be held Sunday, May 12, 10 am at #106 Camp, Glenwood.

Poppy Scumus gave a brief history of the Picnic/Canoe Race, noting that Bob Spaulding had been the founder in 1982, which has evolved to the event we hold today. She asked to name the annual event "The Bob Spaulding Annual Canoe Race and Picnic." Approved unanimously.

Annual Crescent Lake 5K Run & Walk - Kevin Brenker reported the 6th Annual Walk/Run will be held on Sunday, August 6, at 9 am. Funds are donated to a wounded warrior charity.

Annual Golf Tournament - Dave Sloan reported that the event will be held on Saturday, July 25 at 8 am.

Aquatic Invasive Species - Kevin Brenker reported that the committee met twice during the year. A grant from NH Lakes and donations from Unity and Acworth, fund our program. Eighty-one lakes in NH currently have milfoil. Our Lake Host Program and Snorkeling Swim provide us with excellent detection information. NH Lakes is interested in our snorkeling swim and has asked us to provide an article for the publication. Kevin will write the article.

Lake Hosts this year are Bob Woolner, John Petuli, Tyler Sherwood, Liz Cubberly, with others filling in, Doug and Betsy Allen, Ray and Nancy LeBlanc, Tim Perry and Diane and Kevin Brenker. Renters and Guests need to do a check of any boat, kayak, or canoe before deployment. New volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Water Quality - Stan Rastallis reported that the quality of Crescent Lake is excellent. If you see cloudiness in the water this time of year it is due to high levels of activity and wind. A report can be found on the NH Lakes website.

9. Old Business

Chronicles: Colleen Kaftan clarified that the newsletter is independent from the Association, although she works closely with the Board and Chairpersons.

Directory: Betsy Allen, Secy, noted that the "Membership Forms" are providing up-to-date information for a directory to be shared with members who agree to share. She thanked Trina Janecowitz for starting the Directory, noting that it is the best way to stay connected. She will continue to compile the information and distribution.

10. New Business

a. Stephanie Paumula asked that owners keep their floodlights off to be able to view the night sky.

b. Jim Howe commented that the loon signs on Crescent Lake Road and North Shore Road may be bringing in many more people to the lake and might be a concern for security. Poppy Scumus noted that they are a good reference for giving guests directions. Kevin Brenker suggested that cameras might be purchased as a group and as an individual choice.

c. Ray LeBlanc voiced concerned about the number of geese each year and the affect on the Lake.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am. Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Allen, Secretary

DUES ARE DUE.....

AND they are still only \$40 a year! There are several payment options:

- Send your check to: Crescent Lake Association, PO Box 131, Acworth NH 03601
- Deposit your check at the "T-Shirt Shack". There is a locked Suggestion Box to leave your check safely if the Shack is not open. During open hours, there is a locked box inside.
- Pay at the Annual Meeting at the Unity Fire Station on Sat. July 9th, 2016. To save time, please have your check made out in advance to: CLA.
- Lastly IF all else fails, you will be grabbed (gently) at our annual picnic on September 3rd.

Thanks to all for being so prompt last year. It made my job a lot easier.

Greta Perry, CLA Treasurer

PLEASE CONSIDER ADDING EXTRA TO YOUR DUES TO SUPPORT THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES FUND (includes the dreaded milfoil). We all need to protect our investment in Crescent Lake!!!

NOTE: There is a locked SUGGESTION BOX on the outside of the T-SHIRT SHACK, to the left of the door. Please deposit suggestions, dues, membership update slips, donations!

IMPORTANT: Please update your information! Our CL Directory is the best means to stay connected. If there are NO CHANGES, please either declare if paying dues in person. Otherwise, so indicate with your check! A new form is available for everyone (see next page)

Crescent Lake Association

P.O. Box 131
Acworth, NH 03601

2016 Membership

Cottage # _____

Name: _____

Crescent Lake Address: _____

Crescent Lake Tel. No: _____

Home Mailing Address (if different):

Home Tel: _____

Cell Number(s) _____

E-mail (s) _____

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

Contact information above may be shared with CLA members.

- Please do not share my contact information with CLA members.
 - **All my info is the same as last year!**

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

The 2015 Crescent Lake Canoe Race was held on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at 10 am- a beautiful day to canoe. "Thank you"'s go to Mary-Beth Gilpin (who raced also!) and her organized committee for providing refreshments for racers and spectators (Lorraine Dion doing the honors nicely), and to Tim Grinaski and Dave Sloan for getting up early and placing the orange race buoys along the course and staying after the race to pick them up and deliver them for storage.

Liz Grinaski and Bob Mumford signed up racers on entry sheets Liz printed earlier. More racers were present which was nice except for a slight shortage of winner's tee shirts, which will NOT happen again!!

The lake was in perfect condition, meaning great races and times for all participants and maybe an incentive for even more racers next year!

Here is a list of all the winners in the divisions. Congratulations to all!!!!!!

Women	Time
1. Bethany Corsen/ Sheryl Yarosevich	19:20
2. Shelly Bonomo/ Linda Kahn	19:25
3. Mary Beth Gilpin/ Kathleen Gonzales	20:30
Men	
1. Sam Colello/ Ben Colello	24:10
2. Ben Abrahamovich/Gage Carter	29:55
Co-ed	
1. Kahlia Gonzales/ Don Gonzales	26:26
2. Ashley Farmen/Tom Farmen	28:35
3. Marissa Hallee/Michael Gilbert	30:24
Adult with Child	
1. Aedan Ruddock/Mike Grinaski	20:30
2. Ed Bell/Riley Bell	21:52
3. Kelsey Macleod/Haley Macleod	22:30

Youth

1. Jamie Bell/Sam Bell 25:36

**Water Testing and Weed Watch Report
By Stan Rastallis****Water Sampling for 2016**

The water from Crescent Lake is sampled and tested three times a year, and we have been sampling with this system since 1990. This year's dates are June 8 (a state biologist will be with us), July 18 and September 6. Water samples from two tributaries, the lake's deep spot, and the outlet at the dam are gathered according to a strict protocol developed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES). The samples are tested and analyzed at the state approved lab at Colby Sawyer College or at the state lab in Concord. Fees are paid by the towns of Acworth and Unity and are close to \$400 annually.

An annual report published online at the NH DES website details the parameters and results. Generally the results have been good with normal caution about discoloration and suspended solids in the lake. There has been a slow but steady decline in transparency since records have been kept. Phosphate levels are average for this type of lake, and bacteria counts are low and well within parameters recommended by the state.

Those participating regularly in the sampling are Bob Kroupa, Mark Wilson, Tim Perry and Stan Rastallis. Others periodically join us. This year Rich Maynes will be joining us. If anyone wants to join in, we welcome you – call me at 863-8838. Sampling starts at 10 AM and we are usually done by noon.

Weed Watch

Watching for unusual or exotic weeds in Crescent Lake has gone on for 25 years in one form or another. Normally people in kayaks or on boats look for exotics in the shallow areas (less than 10 feet). We also do a “Millfoil Swim” where a group of people with wetsuits and snorkels search the most vulnerable portion of the lake. We use two boats with spotters. Usually about 10 people are involved. Tim Perry, Mike Boyle, the Grinaski family, Rich Maynes, Steve Janeczek (not every year), Kevin Brenker, and Kris Huttar swim, while Bob Kroupa and Stan Rastallis supply boats. We finish up with a sauna and meal at the Rastallis cottage. If anyone wants to join in, let one of us know. This year the swim will be June 25 starting at 10 AM.

Item of Interest

The freshwater mussels we have are a vital part of our lake. They filter and extract plankton (includes blue/green algae). The state is putting a great deal of effort in determining what creates a toxic bloom and ways to prevent. This stuff is related to red tide, and usually its presence precipitates the closing of beaches. We are sampling for this and it is always present, but it is only a problem when overabundant. Phosphates (such as from fertilizer or cleaners) will encourage blooms and that’s one reason that phosphate use has been severely restricted in recent years. The mussels and bryozoans (moss animals) you can sometimes see on the navigation markers help keep plankton in check. For more information, look on the NH DES website for Lake Biology Fact Sheet WD-BB-55, Freshwater Mussels in New Hampshire and Fact Sheet WD-BB-59, Bryozoans in New Hampshire Lakes.

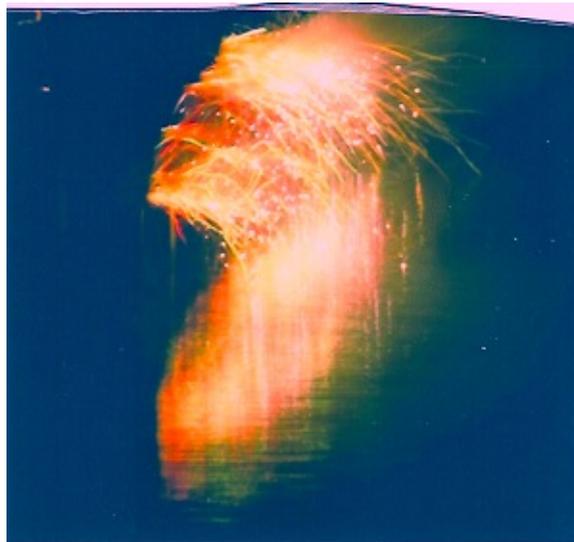
The other interesting animal we have noticed over the last 10 years is freshwater jellyfish. They are not toxic and also feed on plankton. Last year they were abundant in late summer. For more information, look online for Fact Sheet WD-BB-51, Freshwater Jellyfish in New Hampshire – They Do Exist!.

CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION 2016 CALENDAR:

July 3 - 9:15 PM (Rain date July 4, 2016)

PLEASE NOTE: July 3 is Sunday night

Fourth of July Fireworks Display East End of Lake



Charlie provided this picture taken by an observer last year. Do you see "the indian chief of the lake"? Hmmmmm.....

Thanks to Charles Hicking for his hard work on keeping this tradition alive.

Be sure to contact Charlie and contribute to the fund!

If watching Charlie's awesome display from the water, please exercise caution and follow rules for nighttime navigation.

July 9 - 10:00 AM

CLA ANNUAL MEETING

Unity Fire Station

The CLA Annual Meeting will be held this year in the upstairs meeting room of the Unity Fire Station. Arrive early (9:30-9:45 am) to buy the latest 2016 T-shirts and **see the unveiling of this year's very special raffle!**

2016 CLA dues are still \$40, and can be paid in advance of the Annual Meeting at the T-Shirt Shack on Crescent Lake Road or mail to CLA Treasurer, P.O.Box 131, Acworth, NH 03601. Remember to update your personal information or verify if no change. **If you can, please make an extra donation to the AIS water quality program.**

July 16

17th Annual Sam Calkins Golf Tournament

Everyone is welcome to play. Call Dave Sloan (863-7156) or Fred Yates (863-1021)

July 16 (night of Golf Tournament) 6:30 PM

Men's Night



Hicking Cottage, 138 East Shore RD
Contact Charlie Hicking for more info! feddamomma@gmail.com 863-5711

AUGUST 13 6:30 PM LADIES NIGHT

Hosted by Patty LaHaise
30 Shorewood Estates Rd.
COME AS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE STAR
Bring a dish/dessert to share. BYOB
Contact Patty: plahaise3443@gmail.com
863-3443



September 3, FLYER TO FOLLOW LATER

Labor Day End-of-Season Celebration THE BOB SPAULDING ANNUAL CANOE RACE & PICNIC



KAYAK & CANOE RACES IN THE MORNING (times TBA)

1:00 pm Annual Picnic – 2016 Theme is “Movies”

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

Chairpersons: MaryBeth Gilpin, Nancy LeBlanc, Patty LaHaise

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

9:00 pm : Flare Lighting and Boat Parade

September 4, 2016-MORE INFO TBA

7th Annual Walk/Run for 5K

Pride



Meet at the Boat Landing
See Kevin Brenker, Richard Maynes for more
info.
(863-1021) to sign up and receive further info.

And this message from Kevin:

In 2014, we were introduced to the organization, Homes for Our Troops who build adaptive homes for combat-wounded soldiers. Our Labor Day 5K proceeds were dedicated to a New Hampshire home project for Staff Sgt Matt DeWitt in Hopkinton. That Fall, I was invited to help on work detail for the home build and showed up only to find the project had been "adopted" by This Old House productions as a home they wanted to assist in building. I spent much of the day with Roger Cook, laying sod and did a bit of painting on a greenhouse designed exclusively by This Old House's Kevin O'Connor. This Old House filmed a number of segments for Homes for Our Troops and the specific episode for Sgt DeWitt's home won an Emmy award on April 26th for Outstanding Lifestyle Program at the 43rd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards. The clip shows a very appreciative Sgt. DeWitt, someone who has determined being a double amputee shall not impinge his ability to have a healthy, active lifestyle.

Our Labor Day 5K donation was a bit under \$2,000.00 in a project that cost well over \$500,000, but we as a community can say we did our part in supporting returning veterans, specifically those with significant combat wounds. A truly "feel good" story,

Here's a link: <https://www.hfotusa.org/toh...>

Thanks for your annual participation of the Crescent Lake 5K Walk/Run.

From Our Dam Watcher, Tim Perry:

DAM FACTS AND PICTURES

In the late seventeen hundreds, water sources started to be harnessed for water power. This included Cold River and its head waters Cold Pond (Crescent Lake).

About that time, a wood and stone rubble dam was constructed at the east end of the lake to store and control water for mills along Cold River. In the 1930's, Public Service Company of NH controlled the water rights and dam. They also replaced the old wooden dam with a concrete and stone rubble dam in 1939.

Crescent Lake Association purchased the dam and .11 acres of land from Public Service in 1945. The present dam has been modified over the years but is basically the same structure that was built in 1939. The concrete portion measures 40 feet long, including an 18 foot spillway and a 3 foot wide by 23 inch deep controlled outflow. This outflow contains boards for controlling the water level. The top two (approximately 12 inches) are removed in the fall in order to limit ice damage and are replaced after ice out. Occasionally water level adjustments are made to accommodate unusual rain events.



The dam averages 12 inches above the lake bed.

The state classifies the dam as a Non-menace Class AA Structure, meaning there are no downstream structures that would be adversely impacted by a breach of the dam. The state has inspected the dam an average of every 8 years. The last inspection was 2008.

The 2000 inspection recommended we repair the cracked concrete on the spillway slab. This was done in 2002 by an association crew headed up by Charlie Claus.

Dam maintenance consists of periodic checking to see if the outflow is plugged and removal of the occasional beaver dam.

Because of the large water shed area (6.1 sq. miles), the lake is susceptible to large level changes. Approximately one inch of rain can raise the lake by 4 inches. This was born out in October 9, 2005, when we got 10 inches of rain in a 100 year storm and the lake rose by 42 inches. There were 36 inches going over the dam spillway and when the water subsided,

there was no damage to the dam. This gave us confidence that the dam could handle about anything and be good for years to come.



Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Tim Perry, dam keeper
tgperry@myfairpoint.net





While it is so tempting to feed the ducks, perhaps we should reconsider. For more information, go to this website: www.birding.about.com and in the search box, enter what to feed ducks.

[birding.about.com](http://www.birding.about.com)

Please remember when fishing, NO LEAD sinkers...they are fatal if swallowed by birds (and loons love them).

COTTAGES FOR RENT:

Having friends and relatives at the lake this summer? Want to be together, but separate? Camp #4 for rent. 3 bedrooms, plus bed on the porch. Sleeps 7-9. Deck, green grass yard, sandy beach, dock, float. Long weekends or week rentals available into Labor Day or beyond. Call Dick Brown 727 734 4712 or Karen Brown Ryan 704 880 3754

" 2+ bedrooms, 2 full baths rental available from Friday afternoons until Tuesday mornings . Inquire with Diane Brenker for rates and pictures. 603-863-5053 or email dmbrenker@yahoo.com .

Waterfront home on warm Crescent Lake. Large enough to sleep 12 with 2 full baths with a very intimate feel! <http://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p362918>. to avoid homeaway fees contact me directly at 508 243 3928 csewall@gmail.com

Beautiful Silver Beach Cottage rentals: Dick and Jane Desbiens, 603-863-1573 email djdesbiens@aol.com

LOCAL FUN SUMMER "STUFF"

So many fun things to do, so little time. There are many fine restaurants in the area, check our webpage for listings.

www.crescentlakeassn.org

(Larry McCluskey is our webmaster and has done an awesome update. You will find history, pictures, past issues of The Crescent Lake Chronicles as well as lots of local attractions).

In addition, how about a play?

THE NEW LONDON BARN PLAYHOUSE, NEW LONDON, NH

Visit their website: NHBARN.ORG for this year's performances.

NOTE: **GROUP DISCOUNTS!!** 15 tickets or more = 15% discount
20 tickets or more = 20% discount

**JOIN US FOR OUR
2016 ANNUAL GALA CELEBRATION
We Got Rhythm:
The New London Barn's Annual Gala**

Friday, July 8 5:00 PM-8:00 PM Ivy Field, Colby-Sawyer College

Help us celebrate the Barn's 84th Summer Season. Enjoy delicious food, great music, and fabulous entertainment by our 2016 Acting Intern Company.

\$80/person for individuals, or \$130/person for "Event Patron" attendees. As always, a portion of the ticket cost will be acknowledged as a tax-deductible donation.

For tickets call (603) 526-6710, stop by the Box Office in person after May 30, or email tickets@nlbarn.org.

Sponsored by our great friends at [Colby Sawyer College](#) and [MJ Harrington & Co.](#)

JUST HEARD THE NEWS: **Crescent Lake Book Club** is for real!!! The first meeting of the Crescent Lake Book Club will be Memorial Day weekend! Quite a few of us read The Boston Girl, by Anita Diamant last summer, but we ran out of time to meet and discuss it. Let's plan a get together to talk about that book, and pick the next book, hostess, and meeting date. Even if you haven't had a chance to read this month's selection, come and be a part of the group. I'll host this first discussion on Sunday, May 29th at 4:30 at 78 Anderson Road. I purposely chose cocktail hour for our first meeting, but we can talk about what time of day/day of week works best for everyone, or it can be up to each hostess to choose - that will be one of the things we'll talk about! BYOB if you want an adult beverage. I'll provide some munchies and coffee/tea/soda. Let me know if you can make it! Linda Kahn bippybb@aol.com

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A HIKE!

Compiled by Linda Kahn.....

Looking for a hike in the Looking Crescent Lake area? There are a lot of choices out there, from pleasant walks to challenging climbs. Many are practically in our back yard! Directions for most can be found online, including where to park, and descriptions of marked trails along with their distances. In addition, The Valley News and SooNipi Magazine both list hikes offered throughout the year by various organizations which have proven to be an enjoyable way to discover trails and make new friends!

Close by:

Gove Hill – Follow the trail starting off of Crescent Lake Road by the boat ramp and ending up at the snowmobile shed at the top. Seasonal partial view of our lake from rocky outcropping.

Silver Mountain – A short, but sweet hike in Lempster. Nicely marked trail leads uphill to a spectacular view. There is a “faux peak” before you reach the real peak with the stone chair!

Gunnison Lake (“Goshen Ocean”) – Off of Goshen Center Road in Goshen. Three mile trail goes all the way around the lake. Lots of water access points for dogs. Not much elevation, so nice for kids and those who prefer small inclines.

The Fells – Newbury. Besides the mansion and gardens, The Fells has many trails to choose from, including one directly across the street from the gate house which takes about an hour to climb, but has views of both Mt. Sunapee and Lake Sunapee from its peak.

Cornish Town Forest – Located on the Claremont/Cornish border, take the white trail (a 2 mile loop) to a beautiful overlook of Mt. Ascutney and the surrounding area.

A little further afield:

Mt. Sunapee – park in the main parking lot for the ski area and follow the red trail to the top of the mountain. Take the same trail back down. Great view of Lake Sunapee, Killington, Ascutney, and Okemo. For a longer hike, leave a car at the base of Andrew Brook Trail in Bradford beforehand, then start at the ski area base taking the red trail up, then follow blazes/signs to Lake Solitude and the Andrew Brook Trail down.

Okemo Mountain – Easy to follow Healdville Trail to the summit, again with great views. Fire tower to climb at the top. Located in Ludlow, VT.

Mt. Ascutney – Several trails to the top, with a fire tower to climb. Closest to us are the Weathersfield Trail located in Weathersfield, VT and the Windsor Trail located in Windsor, VT. Be aware there a lot of roots and rocks on these trails.

Mt. Cardigan – Several trails to choose from with lots of rock at the top and great views. Located in Cardigan State Park east of Canaan.

Mt. Kearsarge – A great family climb, start at Winslow State Park in Wilmot. Take the Winslow Trail up and the Barlow Trail down to make a loop.

OR, MAYBE RIDE YOUR BIKE!

Tired of riding the local roads and ready for an organized bike ride? We've participated in several in the area and have found them to be a lot of fun. All require advance registration and have a fee, and/or fundraising requirements. Individual websites give details on routes to choose from, along with starting times, and information on how the fundraising monies are used.

Long Trail Century Ride (benefits Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports) This year's ride is Saturday, June 25th and begins at the brewery in Bridgewater Corners, VT.

The Prouty (benefits Norris Cotton Cancer Center) Cycling is just one of the many activities/sports to choose from. Saturday, July 9th is this year's date. Great vibe and a beautiful ride starting out in Hanover, N.H.

Harpoon Point to Point Ride (benefits the Vermont Food Bank) This year they have added Mountain Biking to the agenda, in addition to the road rides. A group of us (The Crescent Lake Cruzers) have done this ride for several years in a row. Great fun, and they give you three free pints at the end! August 13th is the date this year. They usually offer a practice ride the week before at no additional charge.

Tour de Taste (a pedaling picnic) doesn't have a date posted yet for this year's ride, but is generally the weekend after Labor Day. This ride benefits the Upper Valley Trails Association and begins in Fairlee, VT. Very reasonable, and you stop every few miles and sample food from local restaurants and bakeries.

PIZZA TONIGHT?



21 OLD SETTLERS RD,

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EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT, starting June 14, 5 til 7:30 PM

THEY PROVIDE: Crusts, sauce and cheese, tools, instruction

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

*please leave your dog at home

TO LEARN MORE, GO TO: WWW.ORCHARDHILLBREADWORKS.COM

Many of us have had a wonderful time making pizza here! You will be surprised (and impressed) with the attendance and ambiance. Pizzas are baked as you watch in outdoor pizza oven under a gorgeous pavillion. The Orchard Hill Bakery is open as well and functions on the honor system. For a fun night, go for pizza!

SO ACWORTH VILLAGE STORE

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT starting May 21 in outdoor pizza oven. Weekly specials or your custom order. Stop by or call **835-6547** to place your order. Picnic tables available there or take home. OF NOTE: The South Acworth Village Store has been picked by NH Magazine's editors for the 2016 Best of NH for their general store pizza.

THE UNITY GENERAL STORE

Many of us can attest to the yumminess of the pizzas made to order at our friendly local store. Especially good is their chicken ranch! Get your order in early, **603-542-0027**, they close at 7:30 PM.

THE VILLAGE STORE SOUTH ACWORTH, NH



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Greetings Crescent Lakers!! Spring has sprung - but we hope you'll take a break from your planting and Spring chores to come on down to The Village Store. Let us cook you breakfast or lunch on these busy days and help you to fill in those missing items in your pantry!

It's amazing what your Village Store offers our community! You can find everything from local crafts to local cheese and eggs. We've also got an ATM, ice machine and Blue Rhino propane tanks... and so much more!

After May 21st we'll be featuring Pizza Night on Saturdays. Stop by

and pick up a pizza or two for your Saturday night guests. Pick up some beer, wine and chips too! We've got all of your party needs covered!

You can discover all of the latest news and events on our website at <http://www.acworthvillagestore.com/> - We'll be posting event information and other updates also on our Facebook Page - Acworth Village Store (<http://www.facebook.com/AcworthVillageStore/>)

On June 25th we'll be celebrating Musicfest once again, stay tuned and check out our website for details. We've got some great bands lined up, and some delicious food (as always). It's a great way to spend the day with friends and neighbors.

The Village Store is a Community Owned - non-profit business which relies on your patronage and donations to serve the community - so come on over and see us soon! We've got a couple of new faces behind the cash register. Say hello to Jamison and John!

~ Judy Aron

FOR MINNOWS & TADPOLES



Make your own Aqua Scope to see what interesting things might be just beneath the water! This is what you need:

1. plastic container...yogurt or cottage cheese container, milk jug or carton
2. saran wrap
3. rubber band

Cut a hole in the bottom of your "scope". Cover with saran wrap held with the rubber band. Head to the water & submerge the viewer into the water. Check out the power of your scope (be sure you leave the opening above the water).

HOW ABOUT A GIFT FOR FATHER'S DAY?



A CORK KEYCHAIN FOR THE BOAT KEYS!

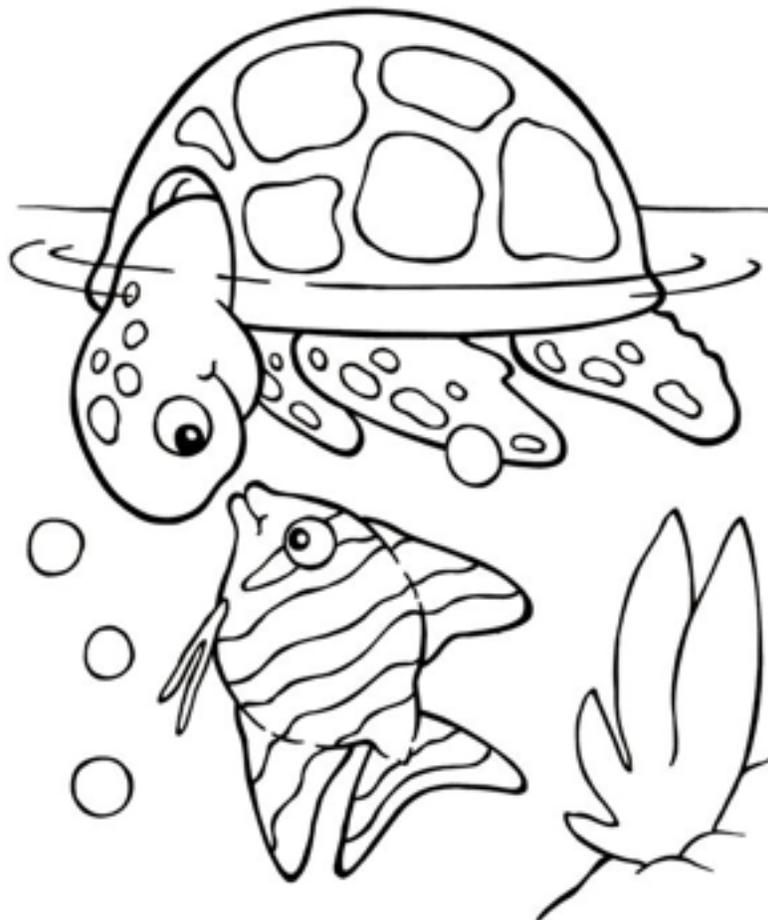
The picture is worth a 1,000 words! And, if you don't have any corks at your cottage, I am sure we can find you some! Cool idea!

DIY INSECT REPELLING BRACELETS



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A fun "rainy day on the lake" project. For complete instructions, go to: onegoodthingbyjillee.com/diy-mosquito-bracelet Hmm, perhaps an item to sell?



Following shared by Loon Preservation Committee:

With a record early ice-out this year on many lakes in New Hampshire, people started asking if the loons were going to nest earlier than usual. I didn't think it was going to happen, but it looks like I may be wrong! So far we have gotten reports of 3 loon pairs on nests: one in the Monadnock region, one in the Sunapee region, and one in the Lakes Region. Two have been confirmed with photos (see below) and both nests were first observed exactly a week earlier than last year.



This loon stands to turn the egg(s) in its nest on Bolster Pond. This is one of the first nesting reports of the 2016 season. Photo: Brian Reilly.



Another early nest was established on Pleasant Lake on May 9. The adults will take turns incubating the eggs for approximately 28 days. Photo: Kittie Wilson

At this time of year, loons will often get on & off of their nest site before the eggs are laid so it can be tricky to determine if they are in fact nesting. They need to make sure everything is just right before settling in! A good way to know for sure is if they are sitting consistently on the nest for several days. Another good sign that they may be nesting is if you are suddenly only seeing one loon swimming around the lake or territory by itself.

In other exciting news, the [LIVE loon webcam](#) is up and running for the 2016 season! The pair has been on and off the nest site for the past few days so perhaps they will start nesting soon. Check out this time-lapse [video](#) taken this morning. For all the early birds, the loons seem to be most active on the loon cam between 5-7 am. How cool is it to watch everything unfold from the comfort of your home?! Since both adults are banded, we have confirmed that it is the same pair from previous years. You may recall that the female was rescued in 2014 after being tangled in fishing line. Thanks to our viewers, we were alerted to the situation and were able to respond quickly. Last year one chick hatched from the nest and successfully left the lake in the fall. I personally can't wait to watch them this year! Try it out and let us know of any problems.



The webcam is mounted to a post in the water this year.

A special thanks to the 10 hard-working volunteers who came to our raft and sign building workshop on Earth Day! They built 10 new signs, 4 new rafts, and updated 3 existing rafts. Wow- that's an impressive total for a few short hours!

We are eagerly looking forward to a wonderful day for loons next month! Senate Bill 89 (SB 89) was originally signed by Governor Hassan in 2013, but there was a three year phase-in period to allow retailers and anglers to switch to non-lead tackle. *Effective June 1, 2016, the sale and freshwater use of **lead fishing sinkers and lead jigs** weighing **one ounce or less** will be banned in New Hampshire.* Please check out the [Fish Lead Free](#) website for more information. It's going to be a great day for loons and other wildlife in New Hampshire!

We're gearing up for the field season which officially gets underway on May 23. As always, we welcome your sightings and reports anytime. We have a lot of [events](#) on the calendar throughout the summer so make sure to check our website often!

All the best,



Susie Burbidge, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator

IN CLOSING

I hope I have covered enough news to keep you interested in The Crescent Lake Chronicles. I am grateful to all of you have supplied material for this issue and those of you that helped me cover for Colleen. I have learned just how much time and energy goes into this publication but, I have to admit, I have enjoyed every minute. I hope to continue as an able assistant, providing the best for the best.

Please keep The Chronicles in mind whenever you experience or learn of something to share with our lake community. We are growing socially and in notoriety - let's hope this is a good thing! For years we have been a well-kept secret. Having recently moved here from only 20 miles away, our friends are actually "googling" our location in an effort to find us!

The Summer of 2016 promises to be one to remember! This will be our second year with a "theme" for our picnic, lending enthusiasm as well to perhaps a fun family night "at the movies". Stay tuned! Nancy LeBlanc (standing in for Colleen)

To share your suggestions or requests to be published in the next issue of The Crescent Lake Chronicles:

- Email to crescentlakechronicles@gmail.com
- Snail mail to 182 Crescent Lake Road
- Deposit in the Suggestion Box by the door on our T-Shirt Shack

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