



Seymour Lake Association

NEWSLETTER 1994

President's Message

As I sit here writing my message to you, it is difficult to keep in mind that you will be reading this under much warmer conditions. It is presently -20 degrees F. and they are predicting freezing rain with up to an additional foot of snow by the weekend. While the temperature may be cold, I hope that my message will be warm.

Although I do not live on the lake year round, I am fortunate to visit Seymour frequently throughout the winter. I am reminded by all of the activity that our lake is a busy place even in the dead of winter. I counted twenty-three fishing shanties last week, saw dozens of snowmobilers, and watched several cross-country skiers brave the cold winds. Seymour is definitely a lake for all seasons.

It is, therefore, important that the Association try to protect the beauty and quality of our lake and its surroundings for all users. We will attempt to continue programs that are beneficial and which we feel we can handle with our limited resources. If we spread ourselves too thin, then we run the risk of doing no job well. The Swimming Project, Water Quality, and Fisheries Management are just a few of the projects we hope to continue. It takes a great deal of time on the part of many people to make the Association a productive group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have so willingly agreed to serve as officers and on committees for the coming year.

We will be holding our Auction this year on July 9th, and our Annual Meeting on July 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will bring a dish to share and spend an evening with your neighbors around the lake. There are many important issues to be discussed and your participation is important to give the officers and directors guidelines to follow as they make decisions throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you around the lake in the spring and wish you health and happiness until then.

Homer Selby, President

Annual Meeting & Dinner

(Note: This is an edited version of a very complete report of the secretary. We have omitted committee reports, as they are included throughout the newsletter.)

President Jerri Potter called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m., at the Hatton Elementary School.

Secretary Jane Hall read the minutes of the 1992 meeting which were accepted as read.

Ruby Jenness offered a report for the Map Committee on a 911 Map which she, Ken, and Kitty Sprout had been working on.

Jerri Potter reported that there was no newsletter for "1992-93," but one would be forthcoming.

The Membership Committee reported 450 members. Ann Torpey would like help on a 1994 drive.

Bob Arnold reported that the water clarity quality remains the same as in past years.

Vince Spozanza reported on the Property Tax Committee. After much discus-

sion, a motion was made by Mark Schafley that this committee continue its research and report back to the Association. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Jerri Potter reported that the Association was represented at the Federation of Lakes and Ponds Meeting on July 19, 1993. There was much discussion on lake pollution, lake surface use, and second home tax.

Jim Horler reported on the Morgan Town Water Quality Committee. He said that there has been discussion regarding the need for septic system control. It has been decided to put such a proposal to the Selectmen and Zoning Board.

A motion was made and passed for the Association to pursue water quality testing. A committee was formed with Jerri Potter as chairperson. Other volunteers are Carl Sanders, Bob Beaupre, David and Karen Anderson. It was suggested from the floor that contact for help be made to the State Water Resources Department and to North Country Union High School - Science Department.

It was voted to hold the Annual Meeting on the fourth Saturday of July, instead of the second Saturday of August.

Ruby Jenness reported for the Nominating Committee and the slate passed. (See list of officers.)

A motion that the Tax Committee prepare a questionnaire insert to be mailed out with the newsletter was passed.

Fred Jackson requested that the Association notify the Fish and Wildlife Department that Seymour Lake continue to be a test lake. The motion was made and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Jane Hall
Secretary*

Federation of Lake Associations, Northern Vermont

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Federation of Lake Associations of Northern Vermont met on July 19, 1993, at Sterling College at Craftsbury Common. Present from the Seymour Lake Association were President Jerri Potter, Donna Young, Mel Carter (Past President of the Federation) and wife, Dot.

Ginny Garrison, Supervisor of Lakes and Ponds, Department of Conservation, brought us up to date on milfoil problems. Ken Warner, an environmental consultant, spoke on the impact of motorized watercraft on our lakes. Jackie Sprague spoke on the revisions of the boating regulations by the State Police Committee.

A heated discussion addressed the Non-Residential Property Tax. It was led by Phil Dodd, publisher of "Vermont Property Owners Report."

Representatives from 22 lakes gave brief reports of their problems which, more often than not, were the same as ours.

The value of being a member of the Federation of Lakes of Northern Vermont is the exchange of ideas for solving mutual problems; and, perhaps showing our legislature that we are quite a segment to be listened to in the preservation of our beautiful State.



It's a four-season operation.



The inside story.

Morgan Hatchery Reopens

Through the efforts of a local sportsmen's organization, The Vt. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Group, The Morgan Fish Hatchery has been resurrected and is up and running under the direction of Fred Murphy.

The new hatchery is located on the same site as the original one which was operated successfully for many years by first Ray and then Charles Burroughs. In the 1960's the State closed the Morgan Hatchery in an effort to become more efficient and subsequently the old building was burned.

During the summer of 1992, the new hatchery was built under the direction of the Vt. F&WCG with volunteer labor. Donations from local businesses and individuals and a grant from the Fish America Foundation. Thus a cooperative effort between the State and local sportsmen was launched to raise brook trout to the "fry" stage, then to be stocked in area brooks and beaver ponds.

Last spring approximately 200,000 fry were introduced to our local waters after five months of pampering under the watchful eye of Fred Murphy. With a consistent effort it is felt that fishermen can expect improved success rates in the future.

Although the egg supply was somewhat limited and a bit late to arrive last fall, the stocking program will be underway this spring. Fred reports that he has had great assistance from Jim Kinney of Island Pond.

Craig Lefevre
Director, Vt. F&WCG

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Meet At
Elizabeth Hatton School
Morgan, Vermont
at 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, July 9th, 1994

For the
Event of the Year...
*Ye Grand
Ole Auction*

Bring the best from your
Attic, Basement or Storeroom.
Take home the best from another's
Attic, Basement or Storeroom.

CALL 895-4243
after June 1st for additional
information...
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED..

Auctioneers
Person to Man Craft Table
Person to Sell Hot Dogs
Persons to Help Pick Up Articles
Persons to Assist at Auction!

Jean Gilham, Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership Committee is looking for help in the summer of 1994. A membership drive will be ongoing during July for the area around the lake, immediate environs and all other interested parties. Our goal is to up the membership to 600 paid members.

As you know, membership is the major source of income for SLA. Without your support many programs would be affected. We all have an interest in Seymour Lake maintaining the high quality of water purity and uniqueness to the Northeast Kingdom.

If you would like to join in this group effort during July, please contact me,

Ann Torpey
96 Prospect Street
Somerville, New Jersey 08876 ---
until mid-June. After mid-June, I'll be at
Seymour. Phone me at 895-4417.

*Ann Torpey
Chair Membership Committee*

The Property Tax Questionnaire

As approved at last summer's annual meeting, a questionnaire on Morgan's property tax was included in the fall issue of the Newsletter. Eighteen responses were received showing a general concern on the increasing burden to property owners. Several indicated that lakeshore properties are appraised at disproportionate values as compared to farms and other rural residences. Others reported the belief that residents "from away" were being unfairly taxed. Nearly half of those responding did, however, acknowledge that their properties were appraised fairly; but, they did have concern with the tax rate.

As the Tax Committee is currently in limbo, your directors forwarded the replies to the Town's Selectmen for their study and concerns.

A RESPONSE FROM THE SELECTMEN

February 14, 1994

Thank you for your letter of January 28, and the results of the Seymour Lake Association survey.

The enclosed figures from the past four years' Town Reports might be of interest to you. Comparisons can be made in the Grand List, the Tax Rate, and the amounts appropriated for various Town obligations.

If, at any time, your Board of Directors wishes to meet with us, our usual schedule of meetings is the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Lucille Flynn can arrange for this to be on our agenda.

Also, if during the summer, the Seymour Lake membership wants to meet with us, we will be glad to set a date for an open meeting.

We appreciate the opportunity of keeping in touch concerning mutual areas of concern.

Sincerely,
George Fuller
Charles Norton
Arline Pat Hunt
Selectmen

Kitty Sprout

REPORT OF THE MAP COMMITTEE

For the past two years there have been two map committees. Jim Horler and Ann Torpey have worked on the Seymour Lake Map. Jim has had an aerial map reproduced and Ann has compiled an updated list of properties and buildings on the lake. Donna Young has accepted the Chairmanship of this Committee and plans to compile the information and prepare an up-to-date map of Seymour Lake for the Association.

Ruby and Ken Jenness and Kitty Sprout have worked on a map of the roads in Morgan for the 911 Rescue and Emergency Service. That map is presently on display at the Town Clerk's Office.

Morgan-Holland Swim Project

Eighty-four young people from the area participated in swimming lessons during the last two weeks of July with Geoffrey Lyons returning as their instructor. While 33 were enrolled from Morgan and 19 from Holland, other participants were from West Charleston (12), East Charleston (4), Derby (12), Newport (1) and Newark (3).

Your lake Association makes this program possible by underwriting the cost of the liability insurance in the amount of \$590. Supporting committee organizations include the Morgan Home Demonstration group (\$125), The Holland Home & School Club (\$50), The Morgan Home & School Club (\$100), and The "Dizzy Dame" Club (\$25).

This is a certified Red Cross Instructor's program and it is anticipated that it will continue during the summer of 1994.

*Claudia Giguere
Newark, Vermont*

Jet Skis

At our 1993 meeting, several members expressed concerns about personal watercraft (Jet Skis). Since then, some of us have gone to information meetings held by the Vermont Water Resources Board. This Board makes the rules for the use of Vermont's public waters.

The Water Resources Board has prepared its proposed Use of Public Waters rules and hopes to adopt its final version before June 1, 1994.

These proposed rules allow personal watercraft on 24 Vermont lakes, all over 300 acres and including Seymour Lake. After the rules are adopted, petitions for changes can be filed by ten Vermont Freemen. Petitions filed after June 1, might not be considered until 1995.

Based on what we have heard at the information meetings, we believe the Water Resources Board will not ban personal watercraft on our lake. We feel that the best we can gain by petition would be the same restriction as the one obtained in 1991, by Caspian Lake which limits the speed of personal watercraft to hold down the noise. We feel we should have the approval of the association before filing the petition and plan to ask for it by motion at the meeting this summer.

If you would like more information, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Dave Sophrin
RR 1 Box 416
West Charleston, VT 05872

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE DEPT.
Fish Stocking Update - Area Waters
June 30, 1993

Seymour Lake - May 18 - 6,000 (7.5") Lake Trout
3,000 (8.5") Brook Trout
Valley Brook (Morgan) - April 22 - 2,016 (6.5") Salmon
Pherrin River (Brighton) - April 29 - 2,500 (8") Brook Trout
Sargent Pond (Coventry) - May 19 - 500 (7") Brook Trout
Shadow Lake (Glover) - June 17 - 900 (7.6") Lake Trout
June 25 - 2,000 (6") Brook Trout

SEYMOUR TO CONTINUE AS TEST WATERS

From a letter to President Homer from Vermont Fish & Wildlife Operation Director, Angelo Incerpi:

"Based on the presentation by Mr. Gerardi (fishery biologist) and the concurrence of the F&W Board, I plan to extend the regulations on Seymour Lake."

*A Little History
About This Building*



The unique white building with red shutters which sits on Route 111 on the east shore of Lake Seymour has a varied history.

During the turn of the century it was operated as the Ouaniche Inn by Mrs. Arabelle Parker. After many years as a private home, it housed a real estate agency. Presently, it is the home of Bob, Maryann and Andy Beaupre; and, it also houses the offices of "The Vermont Sportsman" magazine, a periodical that is the oldest hunting and fishing publication in New England. *The Vermont Sportsman* was founded 25 years ago by John Randolph who is now editor of *Fly Fisherman Magazine*. John still maintains a deer camp in the area. Bob and Maryann purchased the magazine 11 years ago. They moved to Morgan 4 years ago, after many years of hunting and fishing in the area. The locale has proved ideal for publishing their magazine.

The Vermont Sportsman is distributed throughout New England, many other States and foreign countries.

Summer and year-round residents are cordially invited to stop by for a visit and a cup of coffee. Photographs of fish caught in Lake Seymour are welcomed for publication in the *Sportsman*.

The Seymour Lake Association Fishing Committee holds its meetings here.



Seymour Fishing Committee: (L. to R.) Peter Bronson, Bob Beaupre, Craig Lefevre and Sean Selby

CREEL SURVEY RESULTS

Seymour fishermen have been recording their success rates for the past two summers in order to provide some indication of the health of the resource. As a group, those submitting results could be classified as some of our more serious and successful anglers. Anyone interested in taking part in future surveys is encouraged to pick up the forms at the Morgan Store or from a member of the Fishing Committee.

RESULTS

Year	Hrs./Legal Fish	% Legals	% Sublegals	Avg. Length Legal Laker
1992	6.74	21%	79%	22.57"
1993	3.45	29%	71%	22.24"
Year	Respondent	Total Hrs.	Total Fish Caught	
1992	10	876	616	
1993	6	617	487	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, December 31, 1992.....		\$2,261.42
Income - 1993:		
Interest, January - December, 1993.....	\$ 49.21	
Membership & Donations.....	671.00	
Map Sales.....	30.00	
Raffle.....	93.00	3,104.63
	\$ 643.21	
Expenses - 1993:		
Liability Insurance - Swim Project.....	\$ 590.00	
Annual Meeting & Dinner.....	406.52	
Newsletter Printing.....	180.60	
Newsletter Postage.....	116.00	
Liability Insurance.....	267.00	1,560.12
Balance, December 31, 1993.....		\$1,544.51
 Checking Account - Interest-bearing:		
Community National Bank.....		\$1,544.51

*Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Beaupre, Treasurer*

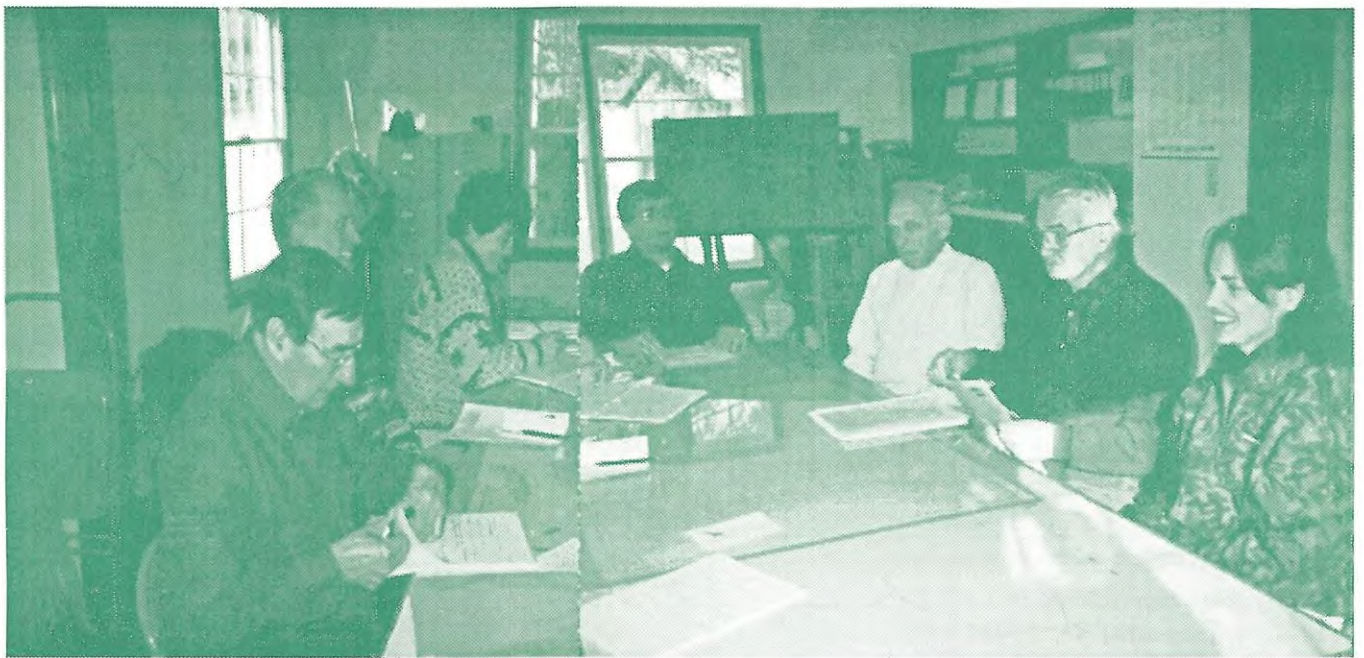
Coming Events

- June 18 & 19 - Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show
Old Stone House - Brownington 9:00 - 4:00
- June 26 - Concert - Estrie Chamber Orchestra
Haskell Opera House - Derby Line 8:00 p.m.
- JULY 9 - ASSOCIATION AUCTION
Hatton Elementary School - Morgan 11:00 a.m.
- July 10 - Concert - Village Harmony (Larry Gordon)
Haskell Opera House - Derby Line 8:00 p.m.
- July 15, 16, 17 - Aquafest & International Swim
Prouty Beach - Newport & Lake Memphremagog
- July 16, 17 - Civil War Encampment
Old Stone House - Brownington
- July 23 - Newport Women's Club House Tour
Irashburg Area - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- JULY 23 - ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
Hatton Elementary School - Morgan 6:00 p.m.
- July 24 - Concert - Ice Fire Performance
(Phantom Of The Opera)
Haskell Opera House - Derby Line 8:00 p.m.
- August 7 - Concert - Bel Canto Wind Quintet
Haskell Opera House - Derby Line 8:00 p.m.
- August 14 - Old Stone House Day - Annual Meeting
Orleans Historical Society, Brownington
- August 17-21 - Orleans County Fair
Barton
- August 21 - Concert - Vermont Jazz Ensemble
Haskell Opera House - Derby Line 8:00 p.m.

Waste Disposal

Selectman George Fuller announced at the Annual Town Meeting that there would be no charge for the disposal of bagged trash from Morgan property owners and that stickers may be picked up at the Town Office.

The transfer station is at the site of the old landfill and is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hazardous waste, oil and batteries will be collected and the Waste District will train and pay for an attendant for this service. Nominal fees will be charged for disposal of tires (\$1.25 - \$4.00), construction and demolition waste (\$25 - \$75), furniture (\$3.00 - \$5.00), and appliances (\$5.00). The recycling program will continue as in the past.



Winter Meeting working for you.

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President.....Homer Selby
 Vice President.....Donna Young
 Secretary.....Jean Gilliam
 Treasurer.....Maryann Beaupre

Directors:

Ken Mason.....1994
 Kitty Sprout.....1994
 Dave Benware.....1995
 Roger Beauregard.....1995
 Ann Torpey.....1996
 Ping Puente.....1996

COMMITTEES

Membership.....Ann Torpey	Auditors.....Stan McKenny
Fishing.....Craig Lefevre	Jean McKenny
Pete Bronson	Harold Kimball
Bob Beaupre	Wilma Kimball
Sean Selby	Nominating.....Ruby Jenness
Bob Durgin	Janet Selby
Dinner.....Janet Selby	Map.....Kitty Sprout
Donna Young	Ruby Jenness
Water Quality Testing.....Jerri Potter	Ken Jenness
Karen Anderson	Jeff Hall
David Anderson	Donna Young
Kettle.....Harold Kimball	Auction.....Jean Gilliam
Newsletter.....Mel Carter	Federation of Lakes.....Homer Selby
Dot Carter	Ping Puente
Janet Selby	Alternates:.....Donna Young
Swimming.....Claudia Giguere	Ann Torpey
Lake Quality	
Clarity Monitoring.....Bob Arnold	
Ping Puente	

*Don't forget to
 fill out and
 return the
 Seymour Lake
 Association
 Membership
 Form!*

MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen.....George Fuller
 Arline Pat Hunt
 Sam Curtis, Jr.
 Town Clerk & Treasurer...Lucille Flynn
 Listers.....Barbara Norton
 Diane Moore
 Ron Cook
 Road Commissioner.....Carroll Cass
 Constables.....Robert Cain
 Gregg Wood
 Zoning Officer.....Barry Thibodeau
 Health Officer.....Julie Wood

Seymour Lake Association

MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND MAIL TODAY...

TO: Maryann Beaupre
Seymour Lake Association
HCR 70 Box 42
Morgan, Vermont 05853

Enclosed are dues for the year 1994-1995 - \$3.00 per person. Amount \$ _____

NAME(S) _____

SUMMER ADDRESS _____

WINTER ADDRESS _____

SUMMER PHONE # _____

Comments: _____

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES & MAIL TODAY!



Seymour Lake Association
Morgan, Vermont 05853

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