



Seymour Lake Association

1990
NEWSLETTER

President's Message

During the past few months, I have learned more about the ecological and environmental issues that impact all of us. Water quality, use of the lake, the quality of fishing, and beach safety are but a few issues that persistently need review and frequently require action. The 1990 newsletter contains a simple survey that I ask you to complete and return with your association membership fee. I encourage you to write in ideas and suggestions at the bottom of the survey. Increase in future membership dues may be necessary in order to support projects such as the instructional program in swimming. Your input will guide the activities of the directors and officers as we serve the present and future interests of the association.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 4th. An annual budget, membership fee structure, and review of major issues will be part of the agenda. Any significant action to be taken by the directors and officers of the Lake Seymour Association must be authorized by the membership at the August 4th meeting. Please plan to attend.

The continued success of the Lake Seymour Association is dependent upon the support and involvement of our members. In particular, I thank the officers, directors, and various committees for their efforts, hard work, and dedication.

Cyrus Benson, Jr.



*I am a true labourer, I earn that I eat,
get what I wear, owe no man hate, envy
no man's happiness, glad of other men's
good.*

William Shakespeare

Annual Meeting...

The Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting of the Seymour Lake Association was held on August 5, 1989 at 6:00 P.M. at the E. Taylor Hatton School in Morgan. President, Harold Kimball welcomed the approximately 150 members and guests. Grace was offered by the Reverend George Kern. A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all with help from Wilma Kimball, Janet Selby, Ruby and Ken Jenness, Joan Witzmann, and Eleanor Fraleigh. Also helping wait tables were Ann Champigny, Amy Hall, Kenneth Stockard, Molly Phillabaum, and Nathan Kenny.

At 7:10 P.M., Harold Kimball and Homer Selby introduced the guest speaker, Lieutenant Michael Vinton. Lt. Vinton is the head of the State Police Marine Division. He gave a very informative talk on Boating Safety, including new rules from the State. Lt. Vinton also provided information about the role of the State Police in patrolling the lakes and ponds in Vermont.

Following the guest speaker, President Harold Kimball called the business meeting to order at 7:52 P.M. The reading of the Secretary's report was accepted as written in the 1989 newsletter. The Treasurer's report was read by Mel Carter, who reported a balance of \$2,376.00. He explained that the balance included income from membership donations. Mr. Carter also listed expenditures as: cost of the newsletter, insurance, swim project, CPR course, printing of the Lake Map, rental of the Community House, donation to the school from the Mary Troxell Fund, annual dinner, and porta-toilets at the public beach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE THEN MADE:

1. **FEDERATION OF LAKES** — Homer Selby reported that he, along with Harold Kimball and Mel Carter, attended the Meeting. Representatives from the ten lakes in Northern Vermont and one from Southern Vermont were there. The guest speaker was from the VT Natural Resource Council. The speaker talked about Vermont's excellent natural resources and how education of the public will preserve the resources. He also spoke of concern about large scale development that has doubled in the past two years. Ginny Garrison was also a speaker, and her topic was "Milfoil." She reported that twenty-five lakes presently have a Milfoil problem. After his report, Homer included a "Thank You" to Harold and Wilma Kimball for their hard work and dedication during the past two years.

2. **FISHING COMMITTEE** — Craig Lefevre reported that the committee was less active this year, however, a lake trout policy was being proposed.

3. **KETTLE COMMITTEE** — Fred Taylor reported that the kettle was dry. He thanked all who helped keep the kettle area clean. He also reported that the Spring at the Four Corners was contaminated and the warning sign was stolen. Also, a spring on the town road, opposite the Jordan Farm, was unacceptable to drink because of the poor construction of that spring.

4. **LAKE LEVEL MONITORING AND WATER QUALITY** — Bob Arnold first thanked Sean and Dean Selby for their time spent at the loading dock, inspecting boats for Milfoil. He then reported that the water stayed three inches above the low pin during the dry spell. It is five and one-fourth inches above the pin now and that keeping it at about five inches is insurance against another dry

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spell. He reported that the water quality is excellent, and that for the last six weeks he could visualize the disc down to ten-point-five meters, which is thirty-three — thirty-five feet below lake level.

5. MAP COMMITTEE — Jeff Hall reported that the maps were for sale at surrounding stores and that they collected \$145.00 today in sales.

6. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — Anne Torpey reported that there were three hundred-fifty members in 1988 and five hundred-twenty in 1989. The increase in membership was due to a lake survey conducted over the past two weeks. The Lake was divided into fifteen sections, and fifteen volunteers conducted the survey. The current membership will be put into the computer. Anne thanked all of the volunteers who conducted the survey.

7. NEWSLETTER — Janet Selby requested that all articles for the 1990 newsletter be forwarded before January 1.

8. CPR COURSE — Jerry Potter reported that the CPR Course will be held on August 26th, from 5 - 8 P.M., at the Seymour Lake Lodge. She also included a report of the Loon Watch held on July 15th from 8 - 9 A.M., two (2) adult loons were seen.

9. PUBLIC BEACH — Harold Kimball reported that the Town of Morgan has purchased a new rope and buoy markers for the public beach.

10. SWIM PROJECT — The Swim Project was held for two weeks in July. Fifty-eight children signed up. Harold Kimball thanked Laurie Lafoe and Sally Frawley. He also stated that utilizing the Lafoe Beach area might be a problem in the future.

11. AUDITORS — George Kern reported that the books were without error.

12. NOMINATING — Dot Carter read the nominees for the 89-90 Executive Board and Board of Directors. They were as follows: President - Cyrus Benson, Vice President - Craig Lefevre, Secretary - Judy Fuller, Treasurer - Cynthia Smith, Directors - Walt Jenness and David Augustoni. The new members were elected as a group.

OLD BUSINESS — No reports.

NEW BUSINESS — Anne Torpey gave a report on the Seymour East Lake Association, which held a meeting on July 20, 1989. She made a motion from the Association which read as follows: We, the members of the Seymour East Association, would like to voice our concern about the safe and reasonable use of Jet Skis on our Lake. Jon Fraleigh made another motion which reads as follows: The Seymour Lake Association requests that its officers and directors ascertain, from the appropriate local and state office, the feasibility of banning the use of all motors at any time of year on Seymour Lake, and the steps that would be necessary to achieve such a ban. The Association further requests that the findings be reported to the membership both in the spring newsletter and at the summer meeting in 1990.

Further discussion of New Business included: Bob Marrison stating that after the ice fishing season was over, and ice huts removed, that many owners left a lot of debris on the lake. He asked if an inspection could be made to prevent this. Brad Mann, the Game Warden, stated that he will conduct inspections of the Lake's ice huts in the future, and to contact him through the State Police barracks in Derby, if needed. Craig Lefevre suggested forming a group to inspect the ice huts.

Harold Kimball thanked all the Officers, Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons, and Nita Potter for the flower arrangements. He then turned the meeting over to Cyrus Benson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Carol Trembley, Secretary

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If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Earl Wilson, Field Newspaper Syndicate

Paul Hannon to Speak at Annual Meeting

Paul Hannon, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation and a resident of Holland will be guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Lake Seymour Association, August 4th. A graduate of Williams College and Syracuse University, Mr. Hannon was appointed Commissioner in 1989 by Governor Kunin. Residents of Orleans County will remember Mr. Hannon as a Member of the Vermont House from 1987-1989, and committee activity included Judiciary, Appropriations, and the House committee on Growth and Vermont's Future. Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting and meet Mr. Hannon and his family.



FEDERATION OF LAKES ASSOCIATION REPORT

(Northern Vermont)

Representatives of twenty Lake Associations gathered on July 10th for the annual meeting of the Federation of Lakes of Northern Vermont. Willoughby Lake was the scene of the gathering with the Westmore Lake Association hosting the event in Westmore Community Hall.

Following a morning business session, a delightful lunch was served by the Ladies of the Westmore Church. The afternoon was highlighted with an address by Seth Bongartz, Associate Director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

Your Seymour Lake Association was represented by President Harold Kimball and wife Wilma and by Homer and Janet Selby. Dot Carter, who served as hostess, accompanied retiring Federation President, Mel, who conducted this, the 18th meeting of the Federation.

Elected to the office of president for the ensuing year was Wayne Newell of neighboring Salem Lake Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

LAKE SEYMOUR ASSOCIATION

Balance - January 31, 1989		\$1,938.18
INCOME - 1989:		
Interest (Feb. - Dec., 1989)	\$ 110.09	
Membership & Donations	1,506.00	
Mary Troxell Fund	53.00	
Map Sales	265.50	
Map Advertising	625.00	
Annual Dinner (Food)	<u>18.00</u>	<u>2,577.59</u>
		\$4,515.77
EXPENSES - 1989:		
Newsletter - printing	\$ 413.92	
Newsletter - postage	125.00	
Newsletter - misc.	6.55	
Federation of Lakes	24.00	
Annual Meeting & Dinner	175.01	
Morgan Elementary School - donation	50.00	
Swim Project	176.00	
Map - printing	568.00	
Liability Insurance	298.00	
Misc. Expense	<u>26.00</u>	<u>\$1,862.48</u>
Balance, December 31, 1989		\$2,653.29
Checking Account (Interest-bearing) Community National Bank		\$2,653.29



FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Lake Seymour Association Fishing Committee continues to be active in the pursuit of long-term quality in fishing. To this point we have not been totally successful in convincing the Vt. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife that our views are those of the Association. We, therefore, are providing each member with the opportunity of giving their individual input. First, we encourage all those who fish to fill out a four-item questionnaire to be returned with your membership; and, second, to write a letter to the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife expressing your experiences and

opinions on the subject of lake trout fishing on Seymour. Address your letters to:

Tim Van Zandt
Waterbury Office
Vt. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
103 South Main St.
Waterbury, VT 05676

Your "Fishing Committee" sincerely believes it is critical that you state your beliefs. Please take a few minutes and do both.

Stocking for 1989 consisted of 6,000 six inch lakera being put in our lake.

Iron Kettle Report

This report is almost a copy of that in 1989's newsletter, even to the time the flow stopped and started. In 1989 the water stopped flowing on July 22nd and restarted about 3 weeks later. In 1988, the flow stopped on July 16 and restarted on August 1st. We are told that ground water levels are still depressed.

This report would not be complete without special thanks to all of you who police the area regularly. Your kettle committee appreciates your efforts. Please call your chairman to volunteer for a specific period of time. A week or two will be appreciated.

Dr. Robert Trembley, Morgan's Health Officer, reports that the water was tested late in the fall of 1989 and no contamination was found.

Fred Taylor, Chairman

County Sheriff's Report

This past year was busy in regards to patrols along the Seymour Beach and surrounding lake area. We continued to handle complaints from local citizens and patrolled in the usual manner.

In spite of our efforts there continued to be problems along the beach area. I personally placed an officer on duty on random weekends in order to cut down on the mischief and unruly behavior by certain individuals.

We continued to check summer homes this past winter and found very few cottages which received any vandalism. An officer's physical presence does serve to deter the criminal element.

Beach Report - '89 - '90

The 1989 summer season on the beach was one that proved to be the same year after year. The location, accessibility, and nature of Seymour Beach always causes the usual problems. There were some close calls between ski boats and swimmers even with our marking system. Beach parties were controlled for the most part with the town ordinance.

I am at present working on a new and easier marking system. For this idea, I would like your help in saving your liquid bleach bottles.

Dan Phillabaum

Elizabeth Taylor Hatton School

Dear Friends,

All of us at E. Taylor Hatton were excited to begin our first full year in our new school. After the previous year's delay and learning to the beat of hammers and saws, this year's beginning was pleasantly uneventful . . . just the kind of peaceful, easy reunion we needed.

Thinking about the benefits of the new wing, many obvious examples come to mind: physical education, basketball games, auditorium performances, the library, community gatherings. In this message I would like to focus on a deeper meaning to our educational process and value beyond the obvious, of the complete facility we now enjoy.

For all it is worth, our building is nothing without the many people, young and old, who work together in the learning process. How we work together and share our experience is the essence of that process, the medium within which it all takes place. No longer is each class limited to its own space. We can get together now, in a variety of ways, small groups and large. We have assemblies, stage performances, see demonstrations, and hold combined class sessions. We host meetings, workshops, and sporting events. In short, our new facility offers us unlimited growth as an educational community.

Let me trace an example of a specific curricular area and how the facility and our population are brought together, work together, and learn together in a variety of ways. One focus of instruction both for staff and students has been computer applications. Society has changed over the last ten years and literacy now includes processing language using computers.

We began with inservice for staff members in the new library. Space allowed us to set up all the school computers side by side for group work. Inservice continued in this area throughout the year, and additional equipment and software were purchased. Each classroom now has its own system, software, and user time.

This fall, instruction began for students using GEOS, the Graphic Environment Operating System for the Commodore 64, by Berkeley Softworks. GEOS essentially turns our C64 into an Apple Macintosh. It is a vast, user friendly system with lots of power. Children can word process, desktop publish, draw and paint, file, and make charts and graphs. Over the course of a number of sessions I provide initial overview of the system and its parts to each class as a whole using the computer center in the library. In conjunction with these sessions, children have scheduled time with Paula Brock, our library aide, who works with them individually. Classroom teachers as well provide time for children to put into practice and explore this software system.

On the evening of this writing, a Curriculum Fair is being held. The community is invited to tour the building and see the various classrooms "in session", and get a feel for some of what goes on in a typical school day. Children will be stationed at the computer in the library to demonstrate GEOS, and at computers in the classroom to show other software packages.

Right now, the children are learning how to enter and move about in the GEOS world. In due time their explorations will mature into creations and grow in scope and number. Many software packages offer easy to use "desktop publishing" with clip art and paste-up options to choose from. We plan to produce a newsletter/magazine completely from scratch, with original computer artwork and formatting.

I appreciate having this opportunity to communicate with you, especially those of you who summer in Morgan and don't get a chance to visit the school or keep abreast of its activities. I hope I've successfully expressed the wholeness, the integrity, that our educational program aspires to, given the opportunity through the complete facility we now enjoy. The entire school community is grateful for your support.

Jeffrey Hare, Principal



LAKE LEVEL & WATER QUALITY REPORT

In July and August, 1989, nine secchi disk readings were taken with average visibility depth of 9.2 meters. This compares very favorably with tests of former years and shows Seymour to be clearer than Vermont's average lake. Chlorophyll and Phosphorus tests have not been taken since 1985 and 1987, respectively.

On September 5, 1989, we took 20 water samples from selected locations to be tested for coliform bacteria. The results were very encouraging, showing low counts from all locations, and are here at the annual meeting for you.

The Water Quality Division of Vt.'s Natural Resource Dept. does not consider this testing to be conclusive and recommends dye testing instead and at 20 or more locations. This test is simple, being two dye tablets crushed and dissolved in water and flushed into a septic system. In 24 to 48 hours, if there is a septic leak, dye should show up either in the lake close to shore or perhaps in a pool on the lawn.

A search for Eurasian water milfoil was conducted on the lake in July of 1988, and none was found, even though Seymour lies near two lakes currently infested. Residents are strongly encouraged to continue their involvement in the milfoil watchers program. During the summer of '89, six Seymour residents made periodic searches of the lake perimeter for signs of milfoil infestation.

Again in 1989, trips to the dam at the outlet were made (sometimes daily) trying to maintain the water level at 5 inches above low pin. Our association received little help from the dam owner.

Robert Arnold, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership in the Seymour Lake Association has increased from 350 members in 1988 to almost 600 members in 1989. This increase is due in part to the membership drive which was conducted during July 1989. We are very pleased to see an increased interest in the Association and would hope to continue to build on this nucleus.

A very special thanks goes to the people who volunteered to work on this membership drive. They are:

Joe Denning	Mary & Fred Taylor
Jane Hall	Molly Phillabaum
Arlene Jones	Ed Morley
Barbara Boyle	Nancy Gilmond
Shirley Elliot	Stan Rigby
Mel Carter	Anita Judd

Continued increase in membership

can be an effort of all members. Please pass information about the Lake Association on to your friends.

If any questions arise during the summer season or you would care to join in the membership effort, please contact Ann Torpey, Seymour East at 895-4417.

*Ann Torpey,
Membership Chairperson*

Coming Events

May 20, 1990

4th Annual

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

Canusa St., Beebe, Vt. & Beebe, Que.
See local newspaper for time and more information.

July 4, 1990

PARADES

Check local newspapers for times and locations.

July 18, 1990

NEWPORT WOMEN'S CLUB HOUSE TOUR

Westside of Lake Memphremagog
Check local newspapers for times and locations.

July 20, 21 and 22

AQUAFEST

Newport, Vermont
Check local newspapers for times and events.

July 21, 1990

AUCTION

E. Taylor Hatton School
1:00 P.M.

August 4, 1990

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Community House, Morgan, VT
6:00 P.M.

Church News

AREA CHURCH SERVICES AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

See local newspapers for locations and times.

1990 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES of the North Country Concert Association

Sunday, June 24

ORCHESTRE DE CHAMBRE DE SHERBROOKE (Quebec)
Presenting a light classical program of chamber music for a twenty-piece orchestra.

Sunday, July 8

KIM WATERS and RICHARD GORDON; featuring light classical and popular songs and piano solos.

Sunday, July 22

THE **NEW** NEW ENGLAND VAUDEVILLE REVUE from Maine; presenting an exciting variety of vaudeville acts.

Sunday, August 12

OLIVER JONES TRIO from Montreal; Back by popular demand, playing a most requested program of jazz.

Sunday, August 19

The Icefire Performance Group from Stowe, VT; presenting the ever-popular WIZARD OF OZ.

All concerts begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, VT.
For information/reservations, please call 723-6027 or 895-2937.

Orleans County Historical Society



1990 MUSEUM SEASON

Old Stone House, Brownington, Vermont 05860

Museum Hours: 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

May 15 thru June 30 and September 1 thru October 15

Open Friday through Tuesday
July and August — Open every day.

Special Events — 1990 Season

June 23 and 24 (Saturday and Sunday) 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Show, on the Museum grounds.
Lunch available, Flea Market.

August 19 (Sunday) 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Old Stone House Day

--Open House at the Museum (no admission charged)

--Picnic lunch, served by the Ladies Aid of the Brownington Congregational Church (Nominal charge)

--Annual Meeting of the Orleans County Historical Society (Program to be announced)



Pictured above are the Lake Seymour Association Officers. (Left to right) Cyrus Benson, President; Judy Fuller, Secretary; Cindy Smith, Treasurer; and Craig Lefevre, Vice President.

SEYMOURLAKE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1989-1990

PresidentCyrus Benson, Jr.
Vice PresidentCraig Lefevre
SecretaryJudy Fuller
TreasurerCindy Smith

DIRECTORS **Term Expires**
Robert Gosselin1990
Alma Marsh1990
James Kenney1991
Gerri Potter1991
Walter Jenness1992
David Augustoni1992

MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk & TreasurerLucille Flynn
SelectmenAnthony Champigny
George Fuller
Charles Norton
ListersGeorge Kern
Barbara Norton
Diane Moore
Zoning Administrator
& Town AgentDale Bacon
Road CommissionerCarroll Cass
Tax CollectorKen Jenness

MORGAN TOWN CLERK
Office Hours:
Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.9-12 a.m.
1-4 p.m.
WednesdaysClosed

COMMITTEES

Annual Dinner	Cyrus Benson, Jr. Miriam Benson Craig Lefevre Susan Lefevre	Membership	Ann Torpey Barbara Boyle Dan Phillabaum
Auction	Jean Gilliam	Newsletter	Roger Whitcomb Ruth Whitcomb
Federation of Lakes	Cyrus Benson, Jr.	Public Beach	Dan Phillabaum
Fishing	Fred Jackson Craig Lefevre Fred Murphy Homer Selby Bert Judd	Auditors	George Kern Jean McKenny Carl Messinger
Kettle	Fred Taylor	Nominating	Dot Carter Marge Arnold George Fuller
Lake Level	Robert Arnold	Publicity	Eileen Earp Natalie Cass
Lake Monitoring and Water Quality	Robert Arnold Fred Taylor		
Map	Jeff Hall		

MORGAN SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS:

Selectmen's meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at the Town Office at 7:00 p.m.

MORGAN LANDFILL HOURS:

Saturdays8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Building permits are required for all kinds of construction. Permits may be obtained from the Town Clerk or from the Zoning Officer.

FIRE PERMITS:

Fire permits are needed — call Russell Guyer, Fire Warden at 895-4187.

AREA LEGISLATORS:

Vincent IlluzziOrleans, Senator
Michael MetcalfGreensboro, Senator
Nancy SheltraDerby, Representative
Benoit BlaisDerby Line, Representative

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: Articles to sell at the Seymour Lake Association AUCTION on Saturday, July 21, 1990. ARTICLES may come in any size, shape or saleability.

Wanted: People to purchase the articles. PEOPLE may come in any size, shape or buyability.

Please respond to these ADS as you do your Spring cleaning and again with your presence at the Association Auction at the E. Taylor Hatton (Morgan School) on Saturday, July 21, 1990 at 1:00 P.M.

*Jean Gilliam, Auction Chair.
895-4243 (after June 15th)*