

# Newsletter 1995

## SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION

### *President's Message*

*The wonderful summer of '94, followed by the most beautiful fall in many years, is one of the many reasons that our Seymour Lake area is so precious. It was truly a fall to remember. However, winter weather has arrived again and it seems incredible that the year has come and gone so quickly. My time as president is quickly coming to a close and there are so many of you to thank for all your help and support these past two years, especially the officers and committee members.*

*Your association was active last summer with attention given to things like: water quality/clarity, a new Seymour Lake map, buoy marking around the lake, zebra mussel signs posted at the access, plans for dredging the fishing access, watercraft control, as well as the regular activities which go on every year. Your association could not do these things without many countless hours of volunteer work by many members. A special thank you goes to Donna Young for the countless hours which she spent on our new map. Donna organized, researched, planned and put together the entire program with some help from volunteers around the lake to verify property and roads. Not to be forgotten are the Morgan Town Officials who were always more than willing to help in any way.*

*We have a busy summer planned and will be calling on some of you for your support. Please get the buoys out for marking the shallow spots in your areas as early as possible this spring. The Association will have some of the large markers available if you need a certain place identified. Also help is always welcomed to check boats entering the fishing access to ensure we are not bringing in milfoil or mussels. We all have to share in the responsibility of keeping our lake clean.*

*If anyone has suggestions that they would like to have the Association review, please drop us a note and we will bring it up at one of our meetings. New ideas and thoughts are always needed.*

*I'm very encouraged about the fisheries of the lake. I was very successful last year and look forward to another good year. I have a new fish finder and hope it will help me the catch the "big one" that got away last year. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all this summer.* ❄️

*Homer Selby, President*

### *Annual Meeting & Dinner*

(NOTE: The following is an edited version of the complete report of the Secretary's minutes. Committee reports are included throughout the newsletter.)

The Annual Meeting of the Seymour Lake Association and a potluck dinner were held on Saturday, July 23, 1994, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Hatton School in Morgan. President Homer Selby presided.

Steve Markason, a Vermont Biologist, presented a slide show on lake watersheds.

The minutes of the 1993 meeting were approved as reported in the Newsletter. The Treasurer's report by Maryann Beaupre was accepted. Harold Kimball reported that the books had been audited.



The State has put up a warning about the safety of water at the kettle, so it is entirely at the risk of the user. Harold Kimball has been supervising the kettle area.

A report was made on the semi-annual auction which was held on July 9, 1994.

Ping Puentes reported that the State Fish & Wildlife Department has agreed to continue Seymour

## Annual Meeting continued...



without proof of having taken the Vermont Safety Boating Course. The Association is looking into sponsoring such a course.

Ruby Jenness reported for the Nominating Committee a slate of officers which was passed.

David Sophrin reported on the Public Lakes Water Usage Bill.

President Selby asked people to contact him if they need more buoys to mark danger spots on the lake. He also reported that the fishing access is to be dredged this year.

Appreciation to town clerk Lucille Flynn was expressed by the President on behalf of the Association and plaque is to be presented to her.

President Homer Selby thanked all who worked on the many and varied projects throughout the year.

Lake as a test lake with the same regulations as in the past.

Bob Arnold reported on water quality.

The new Seymour map will be ready for printing the fall of 1994. Donna Young asked for help in identifying properties.

Our membership continues to be about 400, Ann Torpey reports.

The report of the annual meeting of the Federation of Northern Lakes of Vermont was given by Ping Puente. The main topic was the public usage and lake regulations of our State waters.

Janet Selby reported that by Vermont Law no person born after January 1, 1974, may operate any power boat



## WATER QUALITY REPORT

(Following are excerpts of an August 25th letter to Bob Arnold, Chairman of our Water Quality Committee, from the State Water Quality Division.):

"I have examined the sampling results from data collected this summer during June and August. I am glad to report that we found no major water quality problems.

... "The results of the temperature and oxygen tests revealed no imminent threat to lake health."

... "In June, we also sampled the lake for alkalinity, which resulted in a moderate to high level. At the present time, because it has a high alkalinity, Seymour Lake is not considered threatened, not impacted, by acid rain."

..."YOUR DEDICATION to the health of the lake deserves much gratitude - thank you."

*Steve Markason  
Aquatic Biologist*

(Editor's Note: We thank you, too, Bob.)



Rub a dub dub  
Three men in a tub  
Who do you think they be?  
Arnold, Kimball and Puente!

At seven A.M. every Wednesday morn  
They set out to see  
How clear and good our waters be.

## Treasurer's Report

Balance, December 31, 1993 .....	\$ 1,594.51
Income - 1994:	
Interest, January - December 1994 .....	\$ 43.12
Membership & Donations .....	1,676.00
Map Sales .....	84.00
Auction .....	<u>624.38</u>
	\$ 4,022.01
	\$ 2,427.50
<b>Expenses - 1994:</b>	
Liability Insurance Swim Project .....	\$500.00
Swim Project Expenses .....	400.00
Annual Meeting and Dinner .....	164.79
Newsletter Printing .....	456.75
Newsletter Postage .....	110.68
Liability Insurance .....	267.00
Plaque .....	45.00
Federation of Lakes Dues .....	40.00
Water Test Kits .....	17.00
New Map Work .....	<u>14.51</u>
	\$ 2,015.73
Balance, December 31, 1994 .....	\$ 2,006.28
Checking Account - Interest Bearing:	
Community National Bank .....	\$ 2,006.28



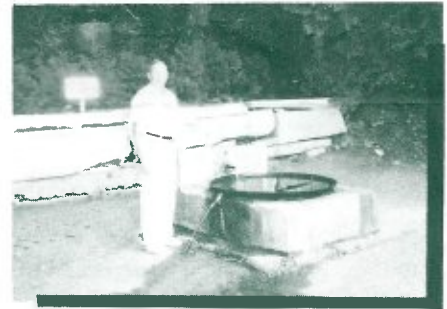
Respectfully submitted,  
Maryann Beaupre, Treasurer

## The Kettle Report

As Chairman of the Kettle Committee I chose to keep the area clean by myself this year. It has proven to be an interesting and sometimes entertaining job. I wonder each day what I will find there and, also, where all the "clutter" comes from. I would like to thank the friends who checked the area in my absence.

I am happy to report that through the efforts of the Lake Association the water at the kettle was tested and found safe for drinking. It remains, however, the risk of the user.

Harold Kimball



This man in white  
Is a welcome sight.

The kettle area he keeps it clean  
It's a job that's often pretty mean.

He's always there on the ball  
Hurrah for Harold Kim-ball.

## Lost & Found

As a hobby, Mr. Roy Ellam of Derby searches the waters off the Sand Beach. With his Geiger counter Roy finds many metal objects — too many can tabs, but occasionally items of value.

The interesting story is of finding a Derby Acad-

emy class ring. It was returned to its rightful owner after twenty years of resting in the sands beneath the waters of our beautiful lake.

## SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION AUCTION "OUR ONE-WORKING DAY FUNDRAISER"

The Seymour Lake Association held an auction on Saturday, July 9th at the Morgan School Gym. Six hundred dollars was added to our bank account as a result of this one-day fundraiser.

Many thanks to all who participated in the activities of the day and

prior to the actual event. Special THANKS go to Ping and Anne Puente for collecting articles, the auctioneers, those who attended and made the day worthwhile.

Although little money was taken in at the concession, it added to the success of the day by allowing the

workers to renew their energy with a snack or two.

NO AUCTION IN 1995! WHAT ABOUT 1996?

*Jean Gilliam, Chairperson*



**CLAUDIA IN CHARGE**

Vital financial contributions were made by Seymour Lake Homemakers (\$125), Dizzy Dames Club (\$50), Morgan Home/School Club (\$100), Echo Lake Association (\$50), Private donation (\$22). \$545.00 was realized as sign-up money and \$900.00 was contributed by the Seymour Lake Association.

*Claudia Giguere*

## Morgan-Holland Swim Program

Sign-up for the 1994 Swim Program was held at the Beach parking lot on July 23rd, with some 50 young persons pursuing the course during two weeks of July 25 to August 5. This certified Red Cross program was instructed by Sally Frawley. Participants were from Morgan (11), Holland (19), West Charleston (6), East Charleston (1), Derby (7), Newport (1), Newark (1), and Derby Line (4).



**SEE SALLY.**

**SEE SALLY SWIM & COMPANY**

## *Membership Report*

Membership in the Seymour Lake Association fell short of its goal to up the membership to 600 paid members during 1994. As we start 1995, the membership is holding at about 450 members.

Again in July 1995, a membership drive will be conducted in order to meet the goal of 600 paid members.

Please keep in mind that membership in the major source or revenue for SLA. Without the support of the membership, many programs would be affected. An importance must be placed on maintaining an active association in order to protect the quality of our lake and the uniqueness of the Northeast Kingdom.

If you are interested in becoming active in the membership drive, please contact me, Ann Torpey, 96 Prospect Street, Somerville, N.J. 08876. After mid-June, I'll be at Seymour. Phone me at 895-4417.

*Ann Torpey, Chair  
Membership Committee*

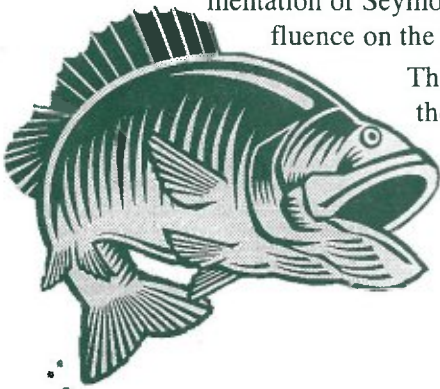
## Fishing Report

Seymour Creel Survey reports for 1994 were quite similar to 1993. The average length of lake trout reported on surveys indicate the fish taken to be in the 19 to 22-inch range. Landlocked salmon fishermen reported a very disappointing season, though several fish in the 24 to 26-inch length were reported. Brown trout anglers did quite well in the early spring and again in late October with 6 to 8-lb. fish taken.

Stomach contents of the fish killed indicate a good population of smelt, which is necessary to promote a healthy cold water fishery.

Seymour Lake continues to be a sleeper as far as smallmouth bass are concerned ... dedicated bass fishermen do very well.

In my opinion catch and release needs to be addressed if Seymour is expected to become a trophy lake trout fishery as it once was. The implementation of Seymour as a test water will have a direct influence on the quality of fishing in years to come.



The 1995 season will be interesting due to the slight ice fishing pressure. Very few hard-water fishermen were on the ice until the weekend of February 4th, less ice fishing pressure may have a bearing on the quality in the spring, summer and fall seasons of 1995.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Beaupre*

## 1994 FEDERATION OF LAKES MEETING

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Federation of Lake Association of Northern Vermont held their annual meeting at Sterling College in Craftsbury, Vermont, on July 19, 1994. The Seymour Lake Association was represented by Homer Selby, President, and Ping Puente, Director. Also attending from the Association were Melvin Carter, Past President of the SLA Association and The Federation of Lakes, Dorothy Carter, Janet Selby, and Dave Sophrin.



Guest speakers were Bill Bartlett from the Water Resources Board and Ginny Garrison from the Vermont Division of Lakes and Ponds. Mr. Bartlett gave an update on the proposed Public Water Usage Bill of the Water Resources Board. They hope that it will be ready for the legislature by fall. Ginny Garrison gave an updated report on the continuing milfoil problem. She also gave an extensive presentation on Vermont's newest lakes' problem, the Zebra Mussel.

Reports from the various lakes were given. Many of the lakes discussed similar concerns ranging from milfoil, water usage problems from boats and personal watercraft, property taxers, and overnight mooring of boats. Overnight residence in fishing shanties was brought to the attention of Bill Bartlett from the Water Resources Board. He had not been aware of this problem and reported he would discuss it with the Board.

The Federation of Lakes took an active role when the second home property tax was being considered by the legislature. This is one of the reasons that it is important to be a member of the Federation of Lakes. When issues of concern need a voice, the Federation becomes involved to help preserve our lakes and the quality of life around them.

### Map Committee Report

The new Seymour Lake map will be available in the Spring of 1995! This map outline is larger and more accurately represents the lake area and roads since it was reproduced from an aerial photo. The roads are labeled with the names from the map prepared for the 911 Rescue and Emergency Service. Donna Young bicycled around the lake and placed the camps on the new map. Ten representatives then helped Donna verify and identify the camps along each section of lake shore. Thanks to Dave Sophrin, Ruby and Ken Jenness, Janet Selby, Dot and Mel Carter, Robert Cargill, Ping Puente, Maryann Beaupre, Ms. McWain, Ann Torpey, and Lucy Keyton for their help in this task.

The map will be printed on the same size paper as previous maps, and the names will be printed as a leaflet and attached to the map. The new maps will be available for \$5 at the Morgan Country Store, Tradewinds, East Charleston Country Store, Seymour Lake Lodge and Vermont Sportsman.

*Donna Young*

## Jet-Skis

At the July 23, 1994 annual meeting, the Association authorized the filing of a petition requesting that the VT Water Resources Board extend its 1991 Caspian Lake ruling on the manner of operation of personal watercraft (jet-skis) to apply to Seymour Lake.

Members of the committee formed to work on this project are Dave Sophrin, Bill Gottermeyer, Joyce Wieselmann and Byron Fish. The committee began its work by contacting the Morgan selectmen and the two members of the Vermont House of Representatives who represent Morgan.

Before the petition was completed, the Water Resources Board adopted new rules which went into effect on January 1, 1995. Section 3.2b of these rules extends the Caspian Lake rule to all Vermont lakes and, thus, made the petition unnecessary. That section applies to all motor-powered vessels and states that they:

"shall not be operated in such a manner that either the hull of the vessel or its underwater exhaust outlet completely leaves the water as a result of crossing or jumping the wake of any vessel, including its own wake, or for any other reason."

*Dave Sophrin*

**DON'T FORGET TO  
FILL OUT AND  
RETURN THE  
SEYMOUR LAKE  
ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP FORM  
ON THE  
LAST PAGE  
OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER!**

# Coming Events

- June 17 & 18 **Antique Gas & Steam Show**  
Old Stone House - Brownington — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- July 3 **Boat Safety Course** - Time & Place to be announced.  
(By Vermont Law, everyone born after Jan. 1, 1974, who wishes to operate a power boat must have proof of having taken this eight-hour course — Resident or Non-Resident. For more information, call 895-2951.)
- July 18 **Evening of Music & Humor & Ice Cream Social**  
Old Stone House, Brownington — 7:00 p.m.  
(Prof. David Smith of Middlebury College and Margaret MacArthur, folk singer and musician of Marlboro.)
- July 4 **Derby's Annual Celebration**
- July 5 **Tour of Perennial Pleasures**  
(For information, call Joan Lapoint at 895-4200 or Natalie Cass at 895-2888)
- July 21-23 **Newport Summer Fest**  
(For information, call Recreation Department at 334-6345.)
- July 22 **SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER**  
6:00 P.M. - Hatton School
- July 29 **House Tour** - sponsored by North Country Hospital Auxiliary  
(Details to be announced, watch the local papers.)
- August 2 **Seymour Lake Homemakers Club Annual Bazaar**  
Morgan Community House
- August 13 **Old Stone House Day**  
(Orleans County Historical Society) Brownington
- August 16-20 **Orleans County Fair at Barton**
- August (Date to be announced) **Morgan-Holland Swim Project**  
Sand Beach
- August (Date & location to be announced) **Second Boat Safety Course** (Call: 895-2951)

## MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS

### Selectmen:

George Fuller, Chair  
Roger Beauregard  
Sam Curtis, Jr.

### Listers:

Diane Moore, Chair  
Barbara Norton  
Ronald Cook

### Road Commissioner:

Shawn Austin

### 1st Constable:

Robert Cain

### 2nd Constable:

Gregg Wood

### Tax Collector:

Ken Jenness

### Zoning Officer:

Barry Thibodeau

### Health Officer:

Julie Wood

## Seymour Lake Association Officers

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

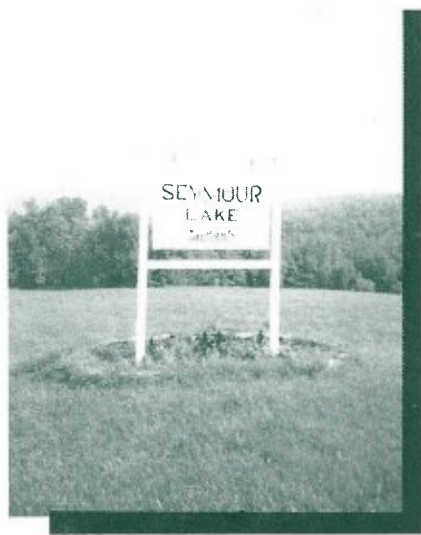
### Directors

Dave Benware \_\_\_\_\_ 1995  
Roger Beauregard \_\_\_\_\_ 1995  
Ann Torpey \_\_\_\_\_ 1996  
Ping Puente \_\_\_\_\_ 1996  
Kitty Sprout \_\_\_\_\_ 1997  
Dave Sophrin \_\_\_\_\_ 1997

### Committee Members

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Torpey  
Fishing \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Beaupre  
Pete Bronson  
Sean Selby  
Bob Durgin  
Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Janet Selby  
Donna Young  
Water Quality/Clarity \_\_\_\_\_ Ping Puente  
Harold Kimball  
Jim Horler  
Kettle \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Kimball  
Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Mel Carter  
Dot Carter  
Janet Selby  
Swimming \_\_\_\_\_ Claudia Giguere  
Maryann Beaupre  
Janet Selby  
Personal Watercraft  
Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Sophrin  
Bill Gottermeyer  
Byron Fish  
Joyce Weisemann  
Nominating \_\_\_\_\_ Janet Selby  
Ruby Jenness  
Ken Jenness  
Map \_\_\_\_\_ Donna Young  
Auction \_\_\_\_\_ Jean Gilliam  
Federation of Lakes \_\_\_\_\_ Homer Selby  
Ping Puente  
Alternates \_\_\_\_\_ Donna Young  
Dave Sophrin  
Auditors \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Kimball  
Wilma Kimball  
Stan McKenny  
Jean McKenny

## Beauty To Behold



Thanks to an anonymous "Gardener", the sign was enriched with the planting of flowers. **THANK YOU!**

## Morgan Town Notes

Morgan is in the process of naming all roads in town as a step towards the enhanced 911 emergency calling. Ruby Jenness undertook the initial mapping with names of all streets with 3 or more houses. The selectmen asked for other suggestions at Town Meeting before ordering signs. This will be followed by numbering the houses on each road. The selectboard is working on finalizing the street/road names. It has included an amount of \$2,000.00 in the budget to begin the purchase of signs. Signs will meet state and federal standards as set forth in the booklet entitled "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices."

**WASTE DISPOSAL** - continues at the same location (site of the old landfill - Route 111) on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Thanks Lucille



**President, Homer Selby, presents Town Clerk, Lucille Flynn, with a plaque in appreciation of her cooperation and assistance to the Seymour Lake Association.**

## 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 1995-1996 - \$3.00 per person. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WINTER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES & MAIL TODAY!



**Seymour Lake Association**  
Morgan, Vermont 05853



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