



Newsletter 1996

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION

President's Message . . .

I have been pondering quite a lot lately on the effect that we, as mankind and particularly as members of the most affluent world society are having on our planet earth. I decided to become educated on the subject of environmental destruction but I wanted my research to turn up realistic hope for our planet Earth. I found a wonderful book by Bill McKibben, titled "Hope, Human and Wild." In the opening section of the book he talks about the destruction that the early settlers and farmers caused to this section of the country. Yet this area has recovered to the extent that it is more forested than it was in the late 1800's, and the wild creatures are returning. There was no deer season in Vermont from 1865 to 1897 because there were no deer. Today three-quarters of the nation's forest is in the East.

I was fortunate enough to observe coyote and black bears in this area last year, animals that were practically extinct 100 years ago. We should all feel blessed to live or spend some of our time in such a fine, wild area. But we should also feel a tremendous responsibility, for it is through our stewardship of the land that this area will continue to have one of the cleanest lakes in the world and support the fish and wildlife that it now does. So, when you return to your property around beautiful Seymour Lake this year, please consider what you can do to lessen your impact on the planet earth, particularly this area.

The Seymour Lake Association plans on initiating a Watershed survey of the area so we can all learn about the Seymour Lake Watershed. I hope that many of you will volunteer to help in this effort. The Association receives periodicals from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Lakes and Ponds Section with information on maintaining lakeside septic systems, planting buffer strips, maintaining roads in the watershed, etc. If someone has specific questions on any of these issues please contact any of the Officers for more information.

Enjoy and cherish any time you can spend on Seymour Lake! ☀

Donna Young, President

Annual Meeting & Dinner

(NOTE: This is a condensed version of the annual report for 1995. The complete report is retained in the records.)

Approximately 130 people met on Saturday, July 22, 1995, at Elizabeth Hatton School at 6:00 p.m. in Morgan, Vermont, for the Annual Potluck Dinner & Annual Seymour Lake Association Meeting.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were accepted. A balance of \$1,691.26 was reported. The books have been audited by the Harold Kimballs and Stan McKennys.

Harold Kimball is monitoring the Kettle.

In order to facilitate newsletter mailing, Mel Carter suggested that all members check their addresses.

Bob Beaupré of the Fishing Committee expressed concern about the few salmon taken this year. He also reported that Game Warden, Bradley Mann, suggested that the State would consider two docks for the access area if the Association would maintain them. The matter is to be decided by the new board.

Bob Arnold reported that water testing shows that Seymour Lake is "pure." President Homer Selby presented Bob with a plaque for his dedication and service to the Association.

Donna Young reported that the lake maps are available for

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\$5.00. She was thanked for her work.

Membership is about 500, Chairman Ann Torpey reported.

Janet Selby reported that the Boating Safety Course would be held August 5th, at the school. Persons born after January 1, 1974, cannot run any motor boat without having taken this course. She also reported on the swim project.

Dave Sophrin spoke on Public Lakes and Water Usage. Effective January 1, 1995, motor boats shall not be operated in such manner that either the hull or its underwater exhaust outlet leaves the water as a result of crossing or jumping the wake, any vessel including its own.

The new slate of officers was voted in.

The scheduled speaker, a State Police Officer, was unable to attend the meeting due to the fact that his presence was required regarding a problem which had arisen on Lake Memphremagog.



Treasurer's Report

Balance.....		\$ 2,006.28
Income - 1995:		
Interest, Jan. - Dec., 1995	\$ 49.18	
Membership Dues	1,454.00	
Ad Sales for Map	780.00	
Map Sales.....	811.00	
Swim Program	<u>1,326.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 4,420.18
Expenses - 1995:		
Liability Insurance - Swim Project .	\$ 550.00	
Swim Project - Expenses	1,100.00	
Annual Meeting and Dinner	146.97	
Newsletter Printing.....	455.00	
Newsletter Postage	120.38	
Printing expense for Map	1,012.67	
Liability Insurance	267.00	
Plaque	31.87	
Federation of Lakes, Dues.....	30.00	
Buoys for Lake	<u>199.69</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ 3,913.58
Balance, December 31, 1995.....		\$ 2,512.88

Checking Account, Interest Bearing:

Community National Bank - \$2,512.88

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Gottermeyer, Treasurer
RR1 Box 415
W. Charleston, Vermont 05872



Membership Report - 1995

Membership in the Seymour Lake Association for 1995 was 550 paid members, including about 300 families. This is an increase of 100 members over 1994. Many thanks to all who have helped in this achievement. So many people have given of their time and energy to reach this goal, a "thank you" seems inadequate. But, I thank you all very much. Now, we must strive for the 600 mark! July will again be Membership Drive Month.

May I, again, remind you that the main source of revenue comes from membership dues. Your support is needed to continue the many important programs in which the association is involved. It is most necessary to keep an active association in order to protect the quality of this pristine lake in the Northeast Kingdom.

If you would like to become active in the membership drive, please contact Ann Torpey at 96 Prospect St., Somerville, NJ 08876, or write a note on the comment section of the newsletter. I will be at Seymour after mid-June. Phone me at 802-895-4417.

Ann Torpey, Chair 

Fish Stocking Program

Morgan Fish Hatchery

We started this season on November 16th, with 21 quarts of Brook Trout eggs (320,000). It takes about 100 days before they are ready to be fed. Stocking will start in mid-March to avoid overcrowding in the tanks.

This past summer we enlarged the hatchery building to accommodate a small office and meeting room.

Our goal is to keep records on stocking, which will tell us where we are successful. It will prove that this type of stocking works.

At this time, March 1, 1996, we are feeding about 300,000 Brook Trout Fry.

Jim Kinney
Fred Murphy
Managers

Editor's Comment:

Stocking takes place in watersheds of the Northeast Kingdom (headwaters - streams and beaver ponds). ❄️



A Beautiful Lady

on A Beautiful Lake

Mrs. Grace Kaessler of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., continues to "summer" at her lovely cottage on Seymour. Grace, with her late husband, Dr. Henry Kaessler, acquired the property over a half century ago; and, today she shares many fond memories with family and friends.

The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted the following information relative to their stocking program in Seymour Lake:

On May 16, 1995, 1,500 Brook Trout were stocked (9" average length), 2,000 Landlocked Salmon (7.2") and 4,000 Lake Trout (7.9"). Plans are to stock identical numbers in 1996.

"The lake trout and salmon we are stocking are all

marked by removal of the adipose fin (the little fleshy fin on the fish's back, just forward of the tail). We are doing this so that we and the anglers will be able to tell which fish result from natural reproduction and which ones are stocked. Also, we have been stocking the salmon smolts (what we call them when they reach about 6", turn silvery and want to migrate into a lake) into Valley Brook at the Holland bridge. We hope this will give them at least a small chance to imprint on Valley Brook before heading into the lake, and increase the probability that some may return to that brook to spawn two years later."

"Seymour is currently under Test Waters regulations (only 1 lake trout, must be 20", 4 lines in winter, 1 line in summer). The Test Waters regulations will sunset at the end of 1996, and Seymour will revert to general regulations (2 lake trout, must be 18", 8 lines in winter, 2 lines in summer), unless Test Waters regulations are extended by the Fish and Wildlife Department or the Fish and Wildlife Board establishes them or some other rules as permanent at Seymour. We will be soliciting public input beginning in the spring. We hope to ask your lake association to invite us to come and talk with the members about it this coming summer."

Information furnished by
Leonard Geradi
Fisheries Biologists



The Word is Out!

The anonymous "Gardener" has been identified. Thanks to Ron Cook for planting and caring for the beautiful flowers at the site of the Seymour Lake sign.

COTTAGE TO RENT

Contact Ellie Ingram
at
334-7277

Water Quality

Lay Monitors: Robert Arnold
Ping Puente
Harold Kimball

Seymour Lake is a large, deep, coldwater lake.

Lake Surface Area: 1,777 acres
Drainage Basin Area: 12,920 acres
Maximum Depth: 167 ft. (50.6m)
Average Depth: 70 ft. (21.2m)

Compared to other lakes, 1995 parameter averages indicate:

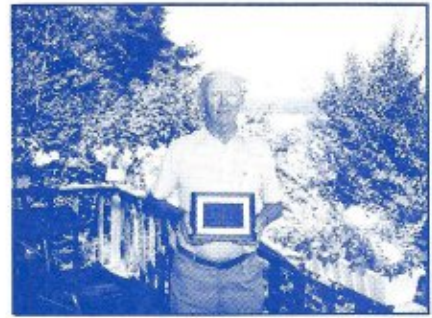
Water Clarity: High
Algal Population Density: Low
Nutrient Enrichment: Low
Trophic State: Oligotrophic

Comments:

Thanks to the cooperative effort of the Seymour Lake Lay Monitors, supplemental sampling continued during 1995. The 1995 water clarity mean on Lake Seymour was the highest mean recorded out of all the lakes monitored under the Lay Monitoring Program during the summer. Statistical analysis shows little variability of Secchi water clarity readings and total phosphorus concentrations, and moderate variability of chlorophyll-a concentrations.

This summer Bob Arnold placed a water clarity display sign at the general store located near the Fish and Wildlife access site (for more information about water clarity display signs, see pages 3-5, 1995-96 LMP New Update).

Submitted by:
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation



Bob Arnold, a recipient of a plaque for years of devotion to the Water Quality Program on Seymour Lake

Federation of Lakes

Sterling College in Craftsbury was again the site of the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Lakes of Northern Vermont. Our Association was represented at this July 31st meeting by Director, Ping Puente. (Seymour was one of the organizers of the Federation 23 years ago. It now has a membership of over 20 lake associations).

Fishing was the central topic of discussion with Leonard Geradi of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department as the main speaker. In addition to reporting on fishing, fish stocking, fish diseases and the management and protection of fisheries and fish habitat, Mr. Geradi also spoke about his environmental impact assessment work and his involvement in stream alteration law. Concern was also expressed of the growing zebra mussel population and the potential damage to Vermont lakes.

President, John Washburn of Lake Parker, conducted the very productive and interesting meeting.

MAP COMMITTEE REPORT

A new Seymour Lake Map was completed in the Spring of 1995. The new format has been well received. Since the list of names are attached to the map we plan on updating just the names and reprinting them on an annual or semi-annual basis.	330	Curren, R.
	331	Greene, J.
	332	Guilmette, P.
	333	MacLeay, G.
	334	Wieselmann, J.
	335	Boucher, J.P.
	336	Torpey, E.
	337	Kingston, D.
There were errors in the numbering in the Seymour East area. Please note the following corrections for this area of the map.	338	Emery, M.
	339	Emery, J.
	340	Emery, H.
	341	Torpey, F.
322A Perkins, W (should be on the lake below number 322)	342	Torpey, F.
	343	Torpey, F.
329 Pratt, J.	344	Burgess, W. Jr.



MORGAN-HOLLAND SWIM PROGRAM

The 1995 Morgan-Holland Swim Program began another successful year with 51 participants at the Public Beach from July 10 to July 21. Our certified Red Cross program was taught again by Sally Frawley and our weather was quite cooperative.



Children from six local towns participated (Morgan - 17, Holland - 19, West Charleston - 7, East Charleston - 5, Derby - 2, and Derby Line - 1).

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generous donations to our project: Charleston Home and School Association - \$15.00, Seymour Lake Extension Homemakers - \$125.00, Dizzy Dames Home Extension Club - \$25.00, Morgan Home and School Club - \$100.00, and the Town of Holland - \$95.00. We would also like to thank those individuals who made private donations. Without these contributions, it would make the program very difficult to continue. The Seymour Association contributed \$455.00 and the necessary boat, ropes, buoys, and raft.

Sign up for the '96 swimming program is tentatively set for Saturday, July 20, at the Public Beach Parking Lot, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The lessons will take place from July 22 to August 2.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the program registration for the coming year. If you are interested, please call 895-2951 weekends after May 1 and anytime after July 1.

Janet Selby



The Four Seasons

Spring

*Flowers
Peeking their heads
Above Mother Nature's
Winter mantle of downy warmth!
Awake!*

Summer

*Yellows,
Lilacs, amber,
And sprouts of blues and whites
Bursting forth to greet sunny skies.
Gardens.*

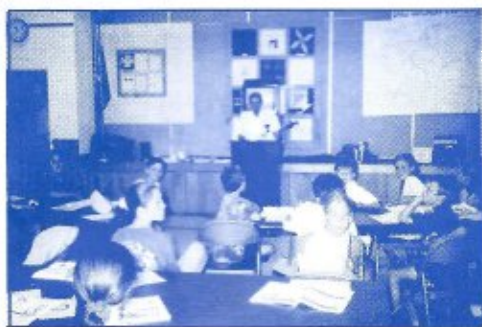
Fall

*Chilly!
The air grows cool.
Trees compete for grandeur.
It's time to step aside for rest
And sleep.*

Winter

*Gale winds
Bluster about.
Glittering snow covers
The earth in stillness and beauty
'Til spring.*

(This poem by Bonnie Gottermeyer of Morgan appears in the National Anthology - "Beyond The Stars".)



Boat Safety Course

The first Boat Safety Course sponsored by our Seymour Association was held at the Hatton School on August 5th. The day-long study was attended by twenty-nine young folk with the majority receiving certifications to operate power-driven boats.

Most participants were "Vermonters", four from Massachusetts, one from New Hampshire, two from Toronto and two from Delaware. Seymour and Memphremagog were the lakes represented.

This highly-organized course was made possible by the volunteer efforts of two certified instructors. Bob Partridge of Derby (and Lake Seymour) was able to devote several hours in the morning to this worthy cause. The entire eight-hour day was provided by summer resident, Bob Bishop, with the "finals" being administered under his capable command. Bob is a resident of Nashua, New Hampshire and has spent each summer as a resident of Seymour Lake.

Continuance of this course is vital to enjoyment of Vermont waters. Any person born after January 1, 1974, is required to have successfully completed this study. (Young people are not permitted to operate even with an older person in the boat.) Hopefully, the Association will continue this program in the summer ahead. ❄️

Domino Events

- June 22 & 23 **Annual Antique Steam Engine Show**
Old Stone House, Brownington, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- July 4 **Derby's Annual Celebration (Derby Lions Club)**
- July 11 **Robert's Bros. Circus - Newport**
(Newport Rotary Club)
- July 13 **Box Supper/Social, Fox Hall, Westmore, 5:00 p.m.**
(Enterment by friends & neighbors sponsored by the Orleans County Historical Society)
- July 19, 20, 21 **Newport Summerfest (Newport Recreation Dept. 334-6345)**
- July 20 **Morgan-Holland Swim Project Sign Up**
Public Beach, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- July 22 - Aug. 2 **Swimming Lessons - Seymour Public Beach**
- July 27 **SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER***
- August 7 **Circle of Friends Annual Bazaar - Morgan**
Community House, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- August 18 **Old Stone House Day - Brownington**
Barn Raising & Barn Dance
(Orleans Historical Society)
- August 21 - 25 **Orleans County Fair at Barton**

*July 27 SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

We are revising the format of the annual meeting to attract new faces. Instead of an evening meeting with reports from the committees, we are going to hold a fair. There will be information booths for the Watershed Survey, Water Clarity, Fishing, Membership, and Map committees. This gathering will start in the afternoon and conclude with a potluck dinner at 6PM. We hope that people with a casual interest in the Association will drop by to see what we do as an organization. Anyone with any ideas for booths, particularly fund-raising ideas, please contact the Officers.

Morgan Town Officers

Clerk & Treasurer _____ Lucille Flynn
 Asst. Clerk & Treasurer _____ TammyLee Morin
 Selectmen: _____ George Fuller, Chair, Roger Beaugard; Sam Curtis, Jr.
 Listers: _____ Dianne 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 Officer

President _____ Donna Young
 Vice President _____ Hollis Emery
 Secreta _____ (open)
 Treasurer _____ Bill Gottermeyer

Directors

Ann Torpey _____
 Ping Puento _____ 1
 Kitty Sprout _____
 Dave Sophrin _____ 1
 Roger Beaugard _____ 1
 Dick Boyle _____ 199

Past Officers _____ Homer Se
 _____ Jean Gillia
 _____ MaryAnn Beaup

Committee Membe :

Membershi _____ Ann Torpey
 Fishing _____ Bob Beaupre
 _____ Pete Bronso
 _____ Sean Selby
 _____ Bob

Water Clarity _____ Bob Arn
 _____ Ping Pue
 _____ Harold Ki

Kettle _____ Harold Kim

Newsletter _____ Mel Cart
 _____ Dot Carter

Swimmin _____ MaryAnn Beaupre
 _____ Janet Selby

Personal Watercraft

_____ Dave Sophr
 _____ Bill Gottermey
 _____ Byron Fish
 _____ Joyce Weiselman

Nominating _____ Janet Selby
 _____ Rub
 _____ K

Map _____ Donna You

Auditors _____ Harold
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 _____ Stan McKe
 _____ Jean McKe



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Seymour Lake Association
RR 1 Box 415
West Charleston, VT 05872

Enclosed are dues for the year 1996-1997 - \$3.00 per person. Amount \$ _____

NAME(S) _____

SUMMER ADDRESS _____

WINTER ADDRESS _____

SUMMER PHONE # _____

Comments: _____

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Seymour Lake Association
Morgan, Vermont 05853



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