



Seymour Lake Association

1989
NEWSLETTER

Greetings from your President!

Now that spring is here and summer is just around the corner, I find myself reflecting on the past year as your president. I recall a trip I took last summer with my wife and friends, visiting many of the lakes and ponds that were represented at the Federation of Lakes meeting. I met some very nice people and enjoyed seeing the various bodies of water, but found none of them to be as beautiful as our Lake Seymour.

We have reason to be proud of our water quality, water clarity and the lack of Milfoil weed. This would not be so without all of you working to this end. I'm sure we all realize that the problems will continue, and we must be on our guard at all times. I feel that together we can keep our lake as beautiful as it is now.

As I dealt with the various problems throughout the year, the one that kept surfacing was the poor fishing in our lake. I know this is a great concern of many people; however, this is a problem of all lakes in our area. I feel fortunate that we have a very active fishing committee that is doing a great job of working on many aspects of the situation; and, hopefully, something will be resolved by their actions.

As this is my last message, I thank all of you for your support and cooperation throughout my term. A special thanks goes to my fellow officers, committee chairmen and members, and to the directors of the Lake Seymour Association. You have all made it possible for me to say I have truly enjoyed serving as your president. ■

Harold Kimball

Annual Meeting

The potluck dinner and annual meeting of the Seymour Lake Association was held on August 6, 1988, at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan Community House. President, Harold Kimball, welcomed the approximately 90 members and guests. Grace was offered by the Rev. George Kern.

A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all with help from Wilma Kimball, Janet Selby, Steve and Alma Marsh, Mary Taylor, and Eleanor Fraleigh.

At 7:00 p.m. the guest speakers, Curtis and Kathleen Saville, were introduced. They presented a very interesting slide show on their journey across the Pacific Ocean in the rowboat, "Excalibur Pacific." They also included a lecture with slides on their most recent trip along the Baha Peninsula, which took place this past winter. It was most interesting to see the changes in the equipment and accommodations needed aboard the boat since their new crew member. Two-year-old Christopher Morgan Saville was aboard on the journey along the Baha. The Savilles also are the authors of two popular books which they made available for sale with personalized autographs.

Harold Kimball called the business meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. The reading of the secretary's report was accepted as written in the 1988 newsletter. The treasurer's report was read by Mel Carter, who reported a balance of \$2,643.00 as of August 1. He explained that the balance included income from membership donations and the auction that was held in July. Mr. Carter also listed some of the expenditures, such as the costs for the newsletter, insurance, and community support which included the swim project, search and



Seymour Association Executive Committee: President, Harold Kimball; Secretary, Carol Trembley; Treasurer, Mel Carter; Vice President Homer Selby.

rescue, reading program quartet, miscellaneous for annual dinner, and costs for the members attending the meeting of the Federation of Lakes of Northern Vermont.

Committee reports were then made:

1) **Federation of Lakes.** Janet Selby reported that 54 people attended the meeting, and that 19 out of 20 lakes were represented. Topics included were the milfoil problem, noise, problems at public access areas, and public beaches. A panel discussion was the focus of the meeting. The panel members were Lieutenant Steven Wright, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife; Lieutenant Michael Vinton, head of the state police marine division; Virginia Garrison, the Environmental Conservation Department's Lakes and Ponds Unit Director. Phil Wightman, District fisheries manager; Jan Eastman, State Environmental board; Lance Bowen, Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Selby included that Mr. Bowen has offered the use of an engraver which is available from the sheriff's department, to mark all valuable items in camps in case of theft. She also added that the panel discussion was very informative and helpful in answering all pertinent questions concerning the lake. She thanked the women from the

Beach Committee Report

The Beach Committee has continued to assist the Swimming Program with the placement of buoys and a raft at Lafoe's Beach. In addition the placement and maintenance of buoys at the public beach and at hazardous areas around the lake have kept the committee and other volunteers busy this past year.

Time and weather have taken their toll. The buoys are several years old now and are in great need of being replaced. This will hopefully be done this year.

This past summer, the selectmen of Morgan increased the parking area at the public beach and widened the Rossiter Point Road in hopes of alleviating some of the parking problems caused by bathers. The town plans to continue its patrol of the beach by the sheriff's department.

Serving on the beach committee



THE PUBLIC BEACH

takes a great deal of time and work and the job has now been taken on by Steven Marsh. Any help that you can give, we are sure, would be greatly appreciated. Don't wait to be asked, volunteer your help, especially if there is a buoy near your camp of which you might take charge to make his job easier.

We thank all who have helped us in the past years and especially the Phillabaums, Fletcher Potter, Fred Taylor, Mel Carter and Harold Kimball. ■

Homer, Sean & Dean Selby

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Morgan Church who provided a delicious luncheon.

- 2) **Fishing Committee.** Craig Lefebvre reported that the fishing committee has been very active. They have found that the quality of fishing has declined in the past 2 decades. He stated that the fish and wildlife department claims fishing conditions remain okay, but the committee feels otherwise. He encouraged all to attend a hearing on the fishing report to be held on August 10th at the North Country High School.
- 3) **Kettle Committee.** Fred Taylor thanked all those volunteers that are keeping the kettle clean.
- 4) **Map.** Jeff Hall reported that the map will be completed by Labor Day weekend.
- 5) **Public Beach.** Homer Selby extended thanks to his sons, Sean and Dean, and also Fred Taylor for helping him tend to the beach. He reported hazardous areas before July 4. He stated that buoys will need to be continuously replaced and that the association should

consider setting funds aside for the cost of replacement. He also stated that a storage area is needed to keep all equipment in one location. Otherwise, everything turned out well this year.

- 6) **Newsletter.** Anita Judd thanked all who sent in reports. She also stated reasons for the delay in the mailing of the newsletters, and that next year they will be mailed earlier.
- 7) **Membership Committee.** Ann Torpey reported that there are 340 members, 91 of these are new members. She thanked Dan Phillabaum for providing a computerized list of members. She reported that a membership drive did not happen, but there is still a need to do so, and that volunteers are needed now for a July 1989 membership "push." She also thanked all who helped her, especially Mel Carter.
- 8) **Lake Level & Monitoring.** Bob Arnold reported that the level measured 5¼" above the low pin which is a good reading. He also included a report on the clarity of

the lake which is very good. He could see the disc down to a depth of 10½ meters or 36.3 feet. He included that the water sampling done resulted in no excess of coliform anywhere, but that the tests should be done continuously. A discussion took place concerning names of owners of the cottages where random water sampling is done. All agreed to only publish the lot numbers instead of the names.

- 9) **Auditors.** George Kern reported that the books were without error.
- 10) **CPR.** The course was scheduled for August 9 & 10, at the Morgan Community House.
- 11) **Swim Project.** 59 children registered. Swimming was taught by Laurie Lafoe, Alex Lafoe and Jared Gray. The organizations which contributed to the cost of the swim project were the Seymour Lake Association, Seymour Lake Home Dem Club, The Morgan School and the Dizzy Dames.
- 12) **Nominating Committee.** Bob Gosselin read the nominees for 2 positions for the board of directors. They were Jim Kenney and Jerri Potter. The secretary cast a ballot to accept their nominations for the board. The four present officers were reinstated for the forthcoming year. Homer Selby, present V.P., stated that he could not assume presidency next year and that the position will need to be filled.

After all the committee reports were presented, George Kern extended a further thank you to Sean and Dean Selby for their involvement and all sang "Happy Birthday" to Dean.

There was no further business or discussion and Harold Kimball thanked all committee chairpersons, officers, especially Homer Selby, the dinner committee and Nita Potter for the floral arrangements. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. ■

Carol Trembley, Secretary

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How far the little candle
throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a
naughty world.

William Shakespeare

Treasurer's Report

Balance - January 31, 1988		\$1,424.90
Income:		
Interest	\$ 100.05	
Memberships & Donations	1,097.00	
Map Sales	28.00	
Auction	1,156.45	
Annual Dinner (Food)	30.50	<u>2,412.00</u>
		\$3,836.90
Expenses:		
Newsletter - printing	\$ 380.00	
Newsletter - Postage	168.25	
Newsletter - Miscellaneous	9.79	
Federation of Lakes	32.00	
Vermont Symphony (Donation)	25.00	
Annual Meeting & Dinner	147.68	
Swim Project	169.00	
Morgan Community House (Rental)	30.00	
Morgan Community House (Donation)	31.10	
Town of Morgan (Public Beach Maintenance)	500.50	
Liability Insurance	298.00	
Postage	5.00	
Auction Expense (Advertising)	47.40	
CPR Course	55.00	<u>\$1,898.72</u>
Balance, January 31, 1989		\$1,938.18
Checking Account (Interest Bearing), Community National Bank		\$1,938.18

Mel Carter, Treasurer

Federation of Lakes Association Report (Northern Vermont)

The Federation of Lakes Association North was held at our own Community House in Morgan in July with nineteen of the twenty lakes sending representatives. Our Seymour Association was represented by Harold and Wilma Kimball, Janet and Sean Selby, and Melvin and Dorothy Carter.

The meeting was called to order by its President, Melvin H. Carter of the Lake Seymour Association. Report from the representatives of each lake were heard and many of the problems that were brought to light were common to the various associations. Eurasian milfoil, public beach problems, fishing accesses, fishing, and noise were mentioned by many as areas of concern.

After a delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the Morgan Church, the associations listened to a presentation from a panel that included Steven Wright, Commissioner of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife

Division; Virginia Garrison, Environmental Department of Lakes and Ponds; Phil Wightman, fisheries biologist of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife; Jan Eastman, State Environmental Board; and Lance Bowman, Sheriff's Department. After the presentation, the representatives were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Sheriff's Department is urging summer residents to engrave their valuables in their camps with their names in case of theft. This makes the return of recovered stolen articles much easier. The department has an engraver which they will gladly loan to anyone wishing this service.

The Seymour Association will again host the Federation of Lakes Annual Meeting for the Northern part of Vermont next year and Melvin Carter will preside as the President completing his two-year term.

Janet C. Selby

Water Quality Report

Letter to Robert Arnold from Susan Warrent, Aquatic Biologist for the State of Vermont:

We now have ten years of data on the lake, thanks largely to your efforts! The 1988 summer average Secchi disk transparency was 8.9 meters. The 10-year average transparency is 8.4 meters, so 1988 was an above-average year in terms of water clarity. Lake Seymour continues to be one of the clearest lakes in the state. Lake Seymour was not sampled in 1988 for spring total phosphorus.

On July 21, the Summer Lakes and Ponds crew conducted an Eurasian search in the vicinity of the Fish and Wildlife access area and down along the southern shore of the lake. No milfoil was found, as you know. The search is not intended to provide detailed information about the native plant species, but the crew does make notes about nuisance plant conditions they may see. No problem conditions were observed during this survey and Lake Seymour generally supports a sparse plant population.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts as Lake Seymour's Lay Monitor and Milfoil Watcher. As far as I know, you are the most active Milfoil Watcher we have in Vermont! Hopefully, we will be able to protect the lake from a milfoil infestation through your regular searches for it and our educational programs.

Morgan-Holland Swim Project

Sixty children from around the area were enrolled in the swim project which was held for two weeks this summer.

Donations for the project were received from several local organizations with Seymour Lake Association paying the balance of the cost. The swim project was again held at Lafoe Beach.

Laurie Lafoe did an excellent job this year and has agreed to be the instructor for another year. Our thanks to Laurie and to the people who put out the ropes, raft and markers.

Harold Kimball

Fishing Committee Report

The highlight of the summer of 1988 for the Lake Seymour Association Fishing Committee was a hearing held by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the "cold water" fisheries of the Northeast Kingdom.

This committee met with Commissioner Wright during the fall of 1987 to discuss the quality of fishing in Lake Seymour. These meetings concluded with Mr. Wright stating that trout policy would be forthcoming in June of 1988. Well, the policy was issued and to the dismay of this committee, it stated that fishing in Vermont's cold water lakes was as good, if not better, than it had ever been.

When a firm date for a hearing was given to our committee, about

one week prior to the hearing, the Lake Seymour Association Fishing Committee hurriedly began informing folks around the Northeast Kingdom about this important meeting. To make a long story short, the people from the lakes of our area represented themselves well and presented their views on the quality of fishing in our cold water lakes. All who spoke, except for one man who works for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, found the state's report to be out of line with what fishermen are actually experiencing.

Those who attended this meeting had an impact as Commissioner Wright has requested to meet with us after the first of the year. Hopefully, an air of cooperation can be established and progress toward improving

fishing can be made.

Some important efforts on the legislative front are being made primarily through the efforts of Fred Murphy. One bill is being drafted for this legislative session to reduce the fishing pressure on our lakes. The second bill deals with the Fish and Wildlife Board expanding their scope of input from just the state biologists to also include perspectives from the public, game wardens, landowners, and farmers.

This committee realizes that the process of change is a slow one, but believes that its efforts are in the right direction and that ultimately these efforts will be rewarded. The support at the hearing last summer was greatly appreciated. ■

Craig A. Lefevre

County Sheriff's Report

For the year of 1988 the Orleans County Sheriff's Department patrolled in the Town of Morgan 243¾ man hours covering 5,009 miles and investigated 29 incidents.

Our patrol started checking the camps and summer cottages earlier, in fact our first round of checking started in December of 1987, before the snow got very deep and continued our checks each month thereafter up to the end of March, 1988.

Statistics prove that the visibility of police deters crime. We feel that our presence does, in fact, deter crime around the lake in the winter months; however, we can't be everywhere at once, and we have a set amount of revenues to work with.

We feel that we should start checking camps right after Labor Day, at least once a month, each month through April of the following year. This would further help deter crime; however, this is not possible at the present time because of financing.

We continued patrols on Seymour Beach for the summer months. Problems arose like they usually do, however, we did our best to curb the activities of a few who make a nuisance of themselves at the



IRON KETTLE IN THE WINTER

Iron Kettle Report

First, I'd like to thank all of those volunteers, drafted to work, for the fine support in taking care of the kettle location this season.

There was a good and sufficient flow all summer '88, except at the end of the dry spell. The water actually stopped from July 16 to August 1st.

Dr. Trembley, Morgan's Health Officer, had the water tested in the Spring and found it potable. Another sample, taken in late fall, also proved to be safe for human consumption. Use of this water supply continues year round, probably due somewhat to Derby's water quality problem.

It seems that more and more

people are coming to respect the kettle area and that less rubbish is littered around it each year. I'm sure we get help in keeping the area clean from untold people who stop. As you know the water at the kettle runs cold, but it wasn't too cold to keep at least one visitor from taking a bath right there. One July morning the kettle was found full of soapy water and set of underwear discarded nearby. Your kettle committee does its best to please.

Note: The test showed less than 1 Bacteria per unit, so it is in excellent drinking condition. ■

Fred Taylor

displeasure of others.

We also continued our *Special Patrol* to apprehend impaired drivers which is an additional patrol coverage not reflected in the County Patrol figures. This patrol is paid directly by State and Federal funds.

Lastly, we continued to visit senior citizens who live alone and to let them know that we care about their well being, and that they can call us 24 hours a day, if they need help in any way.

Without adequate police protection, only the criminal element can benefit. ■

James G. Murphy, Sheriff



SEYMOUR LAKE LODGE

Elizabeth Taylor Hatton School MORGAN, VERMONT

The Elizabeth Taylor Hatton School in Morgan, Vermont, was built in 1963. Twenty-five years later, in 1988, a new addition for the school was completed; and, in November, the doors to the new parts of the building were opened.

Up until this time, students had to eat their lunches at their desks, have indoor recesses in their classrooms, visit a library which occupied a portion of one of the three classrooms, and visit the nurse in a storage closet.

Since the grand opening of the new addition, all of these things have changed. The students enjoy eating

lunch in their new cafeteria and the indoor recesses are actually a special treat as the children have a beautiful gymnasium to play basketball, jump rope, or even do cartwheels if they so desire. Morgan boys were even able to form a basketball team this year.

Students are brought into their new library twice each week. They seem to enjoy this room just as much as their gym. It is spacious, bright and cheery and new bookshelves line the walls. It is with pleasure the students browse, and finally make their book selection.

Children with special needs were taught in old storage closets which

had been cleaned out and made into makeshift, windowless rooms. This, too, has changed. These students are now being taught in bright, cheerful classrooms with sunlight beaming through the many windows.

Band students who once had lessons in the kitchen, now have a place where they can play their instruments and not worry about disrupting the whole school. Students who are feeling ill have a nurse's room where they can lie down. Before the addition, a cot was set up in the already crowded hallway.

Kindergarten students have a room all to themselves, utilizing the stage area; and, finally, the old kitchen has been converted into a teachers' lounge, so even they now have a place they can call their own.

The residents of Morgan should feel very proud of the advantages they have given to their youngsters through this new addition. ■

Morgan School Directors



PAST PRESIDENT WILL BE MISSED.

On the eve of your Newsletter going to press, it was learned that Past President, Fletcher Potter, had passed away on March 30 in Lakeland, Florida. Fletcher served as president of the Lake Seymour Association from 1985 to 1987. A memorial service was held at the Morgan Church on April 15. ■

Coming Events

May 28, 1989

Third Annual

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

Canusa St., Beebe, VT & Quebec
Check local newspapers for
time and more information.

June 3, 1989

SHRINE PARADE of Mt. Sanai Temple & BAND CONCERT

3:00 P.M. in Newport along
Main Street and ending at
Gardner Park

July 4, 1989

PARADES

Check local newspapers for
times and locations.

July 19, 1989

NEWPORT WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE TOUR

Newport, Beebe, Derby Area
Check local newspaper for
times and locations.

July 20 - 23, 1989

AQUAFEST

Newport, Vermont
Check your local papers for
times and events.

August 5, 1989

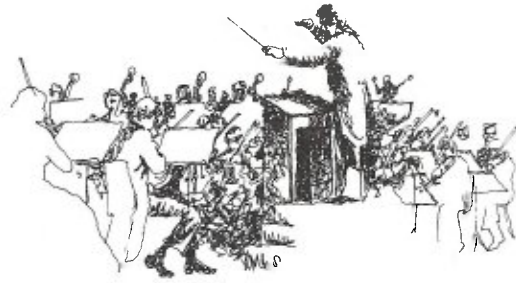
SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING

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

August 16 - 20, 1989

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR

Barton, Vermont
Check local papers for times
and events.



1989 Summer Concert Series of the North Country Concert Association

June 25, July 9 & July 23

A Montreal Jazz Group, a Brass Quintet, and Vocal/Guitar

August 6

The Singing Boys from Pennsylvania

August 20

Green Mountain Guild "Le Caye aux Folles"

All concerts to be presented at the Haskell Opera House, Derby Line, VT
at 8:00 P.M. on Sundays. For further information and reservations, please
call Frank Witzmann at 723-6027.

Orleans County Historical Society



Old Stone House, Brownington, Vermont 05860

THE 1989 MUSEUM SEASON

Monday, May 15

The Old Stone House opens for the season.
Hours: July and August, open daily, 11 to 5
May 15 to June 30 and September 1 to
October 15, open Friday through Tuesday,
11 to 5
(Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Sunday, June 25

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Show
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the museum grounds.
Lunch available.

Sunday, August 13

Old Stone House Day - Annual Meeting of
the Orleans County Historical Society
Schedule and program to be announced.

Sunday, October 15

The Old Stone House Museum closes
for the season, 5 p.m.



New Membership Forms for 1989-90

Your Newsletter Committee in cooperation with your Membership Committee, is making it easier to forward your dues for the ensuing year. No longer do you have to cut out the form from your newsletter. Instead, just return the insert that's included.

Dues and donations were down this past year and it's hoped that the new and easier way will make this a banner year.

And it still remains at only \$2.00 per person to join your association. Several families include all of their members. And, if you forgot to join last year, or if you didn't make the annual meeting on that hot night last August, at which time you usually join, you may include it with this year's, if you wish. ■



Most smiles are started by another smile.
Good Reading





LUCILLE FLYNN Morgan Town Clerk

Morgan Town Officers

Selectmen	Stephen Marsh Roland Besaw Anthony Champigny
Listers	Diane Moore George Kern Barbara Norton
Zoning Administrator and Town Agent	Dale Bacon
Road Commissioner	Carroll Cass
Tax Collector	Ken Jenness
Town Clerk	Lucille Flynn

MORGAN TOWN CLERK

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.	9-12 p.m. 1- 4 p.m.
Wednesdays	9-12 p.m.

MORGAN SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

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

Seymour Seasons

*Lying in the summer sun
All aglow with diamond like glitter
Kind and gentle and the setting sun
Empties from the azure sky above.*

*Stirs the cool breeze that warns of
changes
Emptying clouds bring forth the
snows of
Yearly changes preparing the white
blanket,
Moving creatures to their wintery
homes beneath,
Or chases them on their way to
warmer places
Until the dawn of spring breaks to
Repeat the Seymour seasons for all
once again.*

Janet Selby

MORGAN LANDFILL HOURS:

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Building permits are required for all kinds of construction. Permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office or from the Zoning Officer.

FIRE PERMITS

Fire Permits are needed — Call Tony Champigny, Fire Warden at 895-2894.

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1988 - 1989

President	Harold Kimball
Vice President	Homer Selby
Secretary	Carol Trembley
Treasurer	Mel Carter

Directors	Term Expires
Arthur Judd, Jr.	1989
Jeff Hall	1989
Robert Gosselin	1990
Alma Marsh	1990
James Kenney	1991
Gerri Potter	1991

COMMITTEES

Annual Dinner	Wilma Kimball Janet Selby	Membership	Anne Torpey Barbara Boyle
Auction	Jean Gilliam	Newsletter	Anita Judd Janet Selby Fred Taylor
Federation of Lakes	Harold Kimball Homer Selby	Public Beach	Steve Marsh
Fishing	Craig Lefevre Fred Jackson Fred Murphy Bert Judd	Auditors	George Kern Carl Messinger Jean McKenny
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		
Map	Jeff Hall		

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