

1983 NEWSLETTER

Seymour Lake Association

CAMP WINAPE AERIAL PHOTO, 1940



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of you took the time when forwarding your dues this past year to include a note of favorable comments relative to the '82 Newsletter. Those remarks were most appreciated and made our efforts worthwhile.

Speaking of dues, it is interesting to note that they remain at one dollar, the same as at the inception of the Seymour Lake Association. You may find it interesting to also note that your association president is not recommending that the bylaws be changed to allow for any increase. (And he is not running for any office, including re-election.) Monies raised from the current membership, the biennial auction and coupled with donations made by several people at the time they renew their membership appear to be adequate to handle the needs of the organization.

Your membership does say "I Love Seymour Lake" and am interested in the organization whose primary goal is to maintain its purity and beauty.

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1982 - 1983

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Annual Dinner DOT CARTER
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MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen DAVE GRAY — MERRILL LACLAIRE, Chairman — KEN JENNESS
Town Clerk & Treasurer LUCILLE FLYNN
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Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday through Friday — 9:00 to 12:00, 1:00 to 4:00

(NOTE: Friday Evening Hours — 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. from Memorial Day weekend to the end of November)

Selectmen's Meetings

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

Land Fill Hours

June 1st — October 31st

Saturday 9:30 to 4:30, Sunday 12:00 to 2:00, Wednesday 9:30 to 4:30

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fire Department	State Police
Derby Line..... 873-3000	Derby 766-2211
East Charleston..... 723-4442	
Island Pond..... 723-6262	Fish and Game
	Derby 766-2211
Ambulance	North Country Hospital
Derby Line..... 873-3000	Newport..... 334-7331
Sheriff	Morgan Town Clerk
Newport..... 334-3818	Morgan 895-2927
Sheriff's Deputy	
Morgan, Bert Judd 895-4085	

COTTAGE FOR RENT?

The following have graciously agreed to list available cottages. If you wish to rent yours, you may contact any or all of these:

Fred Taylor, Derby 766-2256 — Morgan 895-2757
Lucille Flynn (Morgan Town Clerk) 895-2927

Morgan Country Store 895-2726
Beach Store 895-2975

ANNUAL DINNER

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Lake Seymour Association was held at the Morgan Community House on August 14, 1982.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the traditional pot luck supper. Assisting Chairman Dot Carter were Alice Lessing, Colleen Beaugard, Eleanor Fraleigh, Claire Ahrens, Win Barter, Nita Potter, Marg Arnold, and Shirley Elliot. Bob Cain called the "lucky" table numbers and Rosemary Willis and Laurie Cain handled registration and membership.

A sing-along was led by Art Jones, assisted by John Fraleigh at the piano and Frank Witzman on the saxophone. Eric Lessing was awarded a half gallon of maple syrup for coming the greatest distance and Grace Kaessler the same quantity of Vermont's sweetest for coming to Seymour the greatest number of years.

The business meeting was incorporated into the program as a slide presentation by the president. Scenes of the lake and surrounding area were shown as were pictures of the officers and committee members who gave brief reports as their pictures appeared on the screen.

Approximately 160 members and guests were present at the supper and meeting. An enjoyable evening seemed to be in evidence on that 2nd Saturday in August.

THE FEDERATION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

The tenth Annual Meeting of the Federation of Lake Associations Northeast Kingdom, Vermont was held on July 15, 1982, at the Highland Lodge, Caspian Lake, Greensboro. Representing your association were Mel and Dot Carter and Fletcher and Nita Potter.

During the membership roll call each representative responded with interesting topics relative to his own association. The sharing of this information is most beneficial and the socialability of the luncheon meeting is most enjoyable.

Because of interest expressed by lake associations outside of the counties of Orleans, Essex and Caledonia, a by-law change has been proposed which will allow for increased membership and a name change to "Federation of Lake Associations, Northern Vermont".

It is interesting to note that the Federation was formed in 1972, and that Lloyd Saville was one of the founders.

AUCTION

Under the direction of Jean Gilliam, a successful auction was held last July which netted \$838 for your association. Experience has shown that this money-raising event is more profitable when held on alternate years. Accordingly there are no plans for an auction this summer. Receipts from last summer's auction coupled with that realized from membership dues appear to be adequate to handle the normal expenses of the association.



BEACH COMMITTEE

We worked with the State and Fish and Game to smooth out the beach across from the parking lot area. This area was graded and seeds will be planted as soon as the weather breaks.

Topsoil was purchased from Carroll Cass to fill the graded area. The State supplied all the manpower and equipment.

A pedestrian crossing was painted from parking lot to beach across Route 111.

The State supplied adequate trash cans along the beach and around the parking lot to accommodate all trash. They emptied the cans regularly and we feel this situation worked well.

MORGAN-HOLLAND SWIM PROJECT

The Morgan-Holland Red Cross Swim Project has been a vital part of summer at Lake Seymour for many summers. It is held at Lafoe Beach during the middle two weeks of July. This year it will be held July 11th thru the 22nd. The organization and preparation for the project is by volunteers. The monetary support comes from donations and lesson fees.

Each summer approximately 150 youngsters participate. All levels of swim instruction are offered for ages four and up. Several of our area teenagers that are in the highest levels of water safety, but are not old enough to be full-fledged Water Safety Instructors, assist as aides under the guidance of one or two WSI's. Last year the project was able to acquire its own boat and with the welcome donation of lumber from Bill Moore, barrels from someone in town, and some good-natured husband's donated time, we now have our own project raft.

Through the interest and support of our area people this project has remained successful in providing our area youngsters (and adults, too, if they care to learn) with good swimming skills and water safety.

IRON KETTLE PROJECT

Once again with winter behind us and spring upon us we must turn our thoughts to the kettle clean-up. Many of you good people have been a great help with this task and we look forward to your continued help this summer. Some repairs were completed to make the filling of large containers easier. Many of you have signed up to volunteer for this duty. However, I still have some dates open and would appreciate your help. They are April 24 through May 7, May 22 through June 4, July 31 through August 13, August 14 through August 27, August 28 through September 10, and September 11 through September 24. If you would like to take one of these dates, please call me, John Davidson, at 895-4009. Have a good summer!

LAKE LAY MONITORING PROGRAM

When compared to the other 1982 Lay Monitoring lakes, Seymour ranked as greater than average in terms of water clarity, and average of terms of chlorophyll—a concentration (algae population density) and phosphorus concentration (nutrient enrichment). The monitoring throughout the summer indicated a general transparency increase while the chlorophyll concentration decreased. In addition to the lay program total phosphorous is measured by the staff of the Vermont Department of Water Resources. This measurement is done during the spring overturn period, shortly after the ice goes off the lake.

Editor's Note: A quote from a communication from the Department of Water Resources: "As you know, Gibby Arnold is the Seymour Lake Lay Monitor. He is a conscientious monitor with a very good sampling technique and because of this I consider the Seymour Lake data to be very reliable". Assisting Gibby in this worthwhile project were Claude Seguin, Lester Grant and Alfred Bonneville.

REPORT OF THE FISHING COMMITTEE

Although final results have not been tabulated, it appears that the 1982 creel census will show a catch rate somewhat better than in 1981. Fall netting produced approximately 74 legal salmon. The nets were set for salmon but 7 lake trout and 11 browns were captured. Brown trout were also observed to be actively spawning in the main stream by the access area.

The Vermont Department of Fish and Game have indicated that the stocking program for lake trout and salmon (6,000 and 9,000, respectively) for 1983 will continue as in past years.

Unfortunately, brook trout stocking will be reduced from 3,000 to only 1,000. This decline is attributed to the closure of the Berlin National Fish Hatchery. Your committee regrets this action as brook trout fishing was beginning to come into its own in most areas of the lake.

A meeting was held this past July with State Fish Biologists to discuss the stocking program and related subjects. It is anticipated that this important contact will continue with the Department of Fish and Game.



NEW MAP SCHEDULED

Because of the many property transfers that occur over the years, it is necessary that the lake map be revised with some frequency. The current map published in 1980 is in the process of being updated and the new map is expected to be released sometime in the early summer. The committee is planning on dividing the lake into sections with certain residents assuming the responsibility of cataloging his own neighborhood. This method should result in a minimum of errors in listings. Heading this ambitious program are Alice and Art Lessing and Alice Judd.

LAKE LEVEL COMMITTEE REPORT

During the late spring, summer and early fall, lake level readings were made and recorded as in previous years. The lake level and the run-off at the dam was consistent and was dependent upon weather conditions.

Citizens Utilities Company controls the lake level. They have been most cooperative in maintaining a normal level.

The following readings were recorded at the minimum water level pin at the outlet of Seymour Lake:

1982	Highest Recording	Lowest Recording
MAY	+ 10" (May 21)	+ 5" (May 28)
JUNE	+ 8" (June 24)	+ 2" (June 19)
JULY.....	+ 5" (July 3)	0" (July 26-31)
AUGUST	+ 5" (Aug. 26)	+ 1/4" (Aug. 1)
SEPTEMBER	+ 3" (Sept. 3)	+ 2 1/2" (Sept. 13)
1981		
MAY.....	+ 10" (May 24-30)	+ 7" (May 13)
JUNE	+ 12 1/2" (June 10)	+ 5" (June 30)
JULY.....	+ 4 1/2" (July 1-4)	+ 3" (July 24)
AUGUST	+ 10" (Aug. 18)	+ 2 1/2" (Aug. 4)
SEPTEMBER	2" (Sept. 6)	+ 1 1/2" (Sept. 7)

HOME AND LAKESHORE PROTECTION

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department activity report for the past year starting April 1, 1982, through February 28, 1983, is as follows:

Sheriff's deputies patrolled 125 hours, covering 1,310 miles and answered 9 calls for complaints. This reflects an increase of 47 hours and 57 miles over last year. There were two less complaints but with added coverage I feel this has served as a deterrent and therefore cuts down on complaints.

Officers operated radar checks for speeders at the request of the Town Selectmen, and this proved successful. Also deputies have been checking summer homes and camps on Seymour Lake since late December, and to date have found very limited vandalism. This also proves the fact that patrols serve as a deterrent.

I am pleased to be able to provide these patrol services to your area on an ongoing basis.

JAMES G. MURPHY, Sheriff

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, 3/15/82		\$1,399.16
INCOME		
Dues	\$ 475.20	
Maps	82.00	
Sale of Food	15.40	
Auction.....	878.30	
Interest.....	74.12	1,525.02
EXPENSES		
Vermont Natural Resources	Pd. 3/22/82 \$ 25.00	
Vermont Natural Resources	Pd. 3/28/83 25.00	
Morgan/Holland Swim Project	Pd. 4/7/82 50.00	
Morgan/Holland Swim Project	Pd. 3/28/83 50.00	
Federation of Lakes.....	10.00	
Lunch — Federation of Lakes	24.00	
Newsletter	372.95	
Annual Dinner	139.50	
Service Charges	10.37	
Auction.....	39.32	
Kettle Repairs.....	55.27	
Community House Donation.....	30.00	
Beach Improvements	120.00	
Miscellaneous.....	.25	951.66
Balance 3/28/83		\$1,972.52

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Kolar, Directors

Editor's Note: In an attempt to make your newsletter more complete it was decided to initiate a "Feature Story". If you find pleasure in this article, perhaps other features can be incorporated in future issues.

THE CAMP WINAPE STORY

Do you ever hear the sounds of reveille or taps across the lake? Get a glimpse of groups of boys swimming and diving at the large dock which extends out into the south end of Seymour? Watch the small fleet of blue and white sailboats silhouetted against the background of evergreens? See the campers in their navy blue outfits with red checked jackets when they attend church or the Sugar-on-Snow Supper?

Camp Winape has been very much a part of Lake Seymour for many years, but most summer residents only observe the fringes of the private camp which is a model recreational facility for boys.

In the early summer of 1911, two young teachers from New York City discovered the wilds of north-eastern Vermont and opened Camp Winape. The twenty-three boys and five counselors who arrived for that first season after a long horse and wagon trip from the railroad station in Newport were handed boards, hammers, saws and nails and set to work building tent floors. Winape was really built from the ground up!

Camp Winape is now beginning its 73rd season, 47 years under the ownership and direction of Edward and Sass Kolar.

During the years tents have been replaced with cabins, a large dining hall constructed, the waterfront developed, tennis courts and other recreational facilities built. Two of the original buildings, the recreation hall and the Kolars' residence, which has since been extensively remodeled and enlarged, are the only original buildings still in use. Additional property has been acquired until now — there are over 250 acres and three-quarters of a mile of shoreline on Lake Seymour.

While most of the 100 campers used to come from the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area, in recent years they hail from many parts of the United States as well as from Canada, Europe and South America.

Besides the two-month summer season, Winape has been a pioneer in the ski camp business since the Kolars first came here in 1937. During the ski weeks, as many as thirty boys and girls are housed in the lodge and dormitory which was expanded extensively in 1963. Some families also stay at homes in Winape Hills, an adjacent development overlooking Echo Lake where several private residences have been built.

A charter bus which originates in New York to bring skiers to Morgan also transports them each day from camp to Jay Peak, Burke Mountain, or to Mt. Orford in Quebec.

Since 1951 the Kolars have given full time to Winape, and they moved here permanently from Tenafly, New Jersey, in 1967.

There is a veteran dedicated staff, many campers coming up through the ranks, including Thomas Irwin who has had thirty-seven consecutive years at Winape, first as a camper and now head counselor. During the "off camp season" he heads the biology department at South Burlington High School, and he was recognized as "Vermont Teacher of the Year".

In 1957 Camp Winape gained national attention when its forestry group "found" the Christmas tree, a stately tall spruce, for New City's Rockefeller Center, the first one from Vermont. Camp boys and counselors shared the events including dedication by the Governor and the televised cutting of the tree as well as the lighting ceremonies in New York.

A few well-known personalities are among the camp alumni including Curtis Arnoux Peters, a camper in 1915, who, as Peter Arno, brightened the pages of the "New Yorker" with his wonderful cartoons; Joseph Jamele, a newspaperman who was appointed Executive Assistant to Governor Thomas Salmon; Michael Ludlum, who made a microphone at camp and later went on to become a radio announcer, disc jockey, and CBS newscaster; his uncle, David Ludlum, a camper in the 1920's who began the custom of giving weather predictions at camp and became a weather officer for the U.S. Air Force, writer of a syndicated weather column, and then authored numerous books on the subject including "Early American Winters" and "The New England Weather Book".

Old time campers write . . . It was where I learned to swim, paddle a canoe . . . climb my first mountain . . . There I first met the Rover Boys, the Motor Boys and Tom Swift . . . a counselor taught me how to play chess . . . long Sunday walks to church in East Charleston, I remember on a hill overlooking the church were Civil War veterans in blue, playing fifes and beating drums; it must have been the Fourth of July . . . the baseball games we played with neighboring towns on Saturday afternoons.

In the summer of 1983, the reveille and taps you hear encompass a long history and tradition of a famous camp nestled in the evergreens above the shores of Lake Seymour — a camp which has meant much in the lives of many men.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- June 26 ————— Canoe-A-Thon (Benefit Northeast Kingdom Mental Health)
- July 2 ————— Derby Celebrates July Fourth — 10:00 - Parade
- July 2, 3, 4 ————— Newport Celebrates July Fourth
July 3 - 12:30 - Parade
- July 11-22 ————— Morgan/Holland Swim Lessons
- July 13 ————— Morgan Annual Sugar-on-Snow Supper
- July 20 ————— House Tour (Newport Woman's Club) 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- July 21-24 ————— Aquafest 1983 - Lake Memphremagog - Newport
- August 3 ————— Seymour Lake Home Dem Club Annual Bazaar
- August 13 ————— SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION POT LUCK SUPPER & ANNUAL MEETING
6:00 p.m. - COMMUNITY HOUSE - MORGAN



SUMMER CHURCH SERVICES

- Morgan United Church — 9:00 a.m. (Morgan Center Church)
- St. Edward's Catholic Church — Derby Line
Saturday: 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
- St. Benedict's Catholic Church — West Charleston
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

NORTH COUNTRY CONCERT ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 26	8:00 p.m., Haskell Opera House, Derby Line Chamber Music - Artists from Montreal Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, July 17	8:00 p.m., Haskell Opera House, Derby Line Oliver Jones Trio with Charles Biddle
Sunday, July 31	8:00 p.m., North Country High School, Newport "Pops Concert" by Vermont Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, August 7	8:00 p.m., Haskell Opera House, Derby Line "Memories of Europe" - Ricento & Zajkowski, baritone voice & piano
Sunday, August 21	North Country Union High School, Newport Broadway hit show, "Annie" by Green Mountain Guild

ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM (Brownington):

May 15 - June 30	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday thru Tuesday
Sept. 1 - Oct. 15	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday thru Tuesday
July 1 - Aug. 31	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Everyday
July 2 - Aug. 14	A traveling exhibition "Indomitable Vermont Women"
Aug. 14	Old Stone House Day (Open House, picnic lunch, Annual Meeting of Orleans County Historical Society)

The Museum complex consists of three buildings and includes the adjacent Prospect Hill Historic Site — a favorite picnic spot. A mid-nineteenth century perennial garden has recently been developed on the Museum grounds. The museum collection is housed in a four-story granite structure, built in 1836 as a dormitory for the Orleans County Grammar School.

MEMBERSHIP

The response to our membership appeal this past year was most gratifying and resulted in 362 members. Accordingly we are indicating below the status of your particular membership and trust that we may hear from you in the near future.

1982 - 83 Memberships at \$1.00 _____
1983 - 84 Memberships at \$1.00 _____
TOTAL DUE _____

PLEASE FILL IN THIS COUPON AND MAIL TODAY TO:

Rosemary Willis, Treasurer, Seymour Lake Association, The Bluffs, Newport, VT 05855

Enclosed are dues, \$1.00 per person (amount of \$_____)

NAME _____

SUMMER ADDRESS _____

WINTER ADDRESS _____

SUMMER PHONE _____

Comments:
