

1985

Seymour

Lake

Association
Newsletter

W.B. MILLER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year, another dollar — please note that our dues, now \$2.00 per person, are still the best deal around. Other associations in the Northeast charge a minimum of \$5.00.

Our disappointments since the last letter are numerous. The dredging of the F & G launching area wasn't a complete waste of the department's money, but almost. We looked at the problem with one F & G official and agreed on the need and the area needing attention and agreed to pay up to \$1,000 to assist. New blood from F & G did the dredging elsewhere. It was a good job, but it was about like scratching your back where it doesn't itch. The recent proposal by F & G for \$30,000 to do a comprehensive job has not been funded.

The situation regarding control of the Seymour Dam (and Echo's) went along smoothly all through the winter. No executive board action was taken and no actual offer was made by the power company. But, as of press date (March 21), my best guess is that no real offer will be forthcoming.

Enough detail elsewhere in this issue relative to the beach and its problem. If you feel strongly that Seymour's support is valuable to Morgan, please let Morgan officials know it.

Logging and its pollutants still are in the wings with possible detriment to Seymour's purity and without much, if any, legislation to effect control. Susan Warren, Aquatic Biologist with the Agency of Environment Conservation, stated in her report of March 1, 1985, "In 1984 Seymour Lake ranked as greater than average in terms of water clarity, and less than average in terms of algae population density and nutrient enrichment when compared to the other Lay Monitoring lakes." The full report is available if you would like to read it.

There are many committee chairmen and members who work hard at improving our area and who deserve your thanks and mine.

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SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1984-1985

President _____ FRED TAYLOR
 Vice President _____ FLETCHER POTTER
 Secretary _____ GAYLE PHILLABAUM
 Treasurer _____ BETTY MURPHY

DIRECTORS

GEORGE FULLER _____ 1985 HOMER SELBY _____ 1986
 HAROLD KIMBALL _____ 1985 ANNE TORPEY _____ 1987
 ROGER BEAUREGARD 1986 BRIAN KERR _____ 1987

COMMITTEES

Annual Dinner _____ NITA POTTER
 _____ DORIS TAYLOR
 Auction _____ JEAN GILLIAM
 Federation of Lakes _____ FLETCHER POTTER
 _____ FRED TAYLOR
 Fishing _____ HOMER SELBY
 _____ ROBERT ARNOLD
 _____ WILLIAM BURGESS
 _____ BERT JUDD
 Home Protection _____ BERT JUDD
 Kettle _____ JOHN DAVIDSON
 Lake Level _____ SASS & ED KOLAR
 Lake Monitoring & Water Quality _____ ROBERT ARNOLD
 _____ CLAUDE SEGUIN
 _____ HAROLD KIMBALL
 Map _____ ALICE & ARTHUR LESSING
 _____ ALICE JUDD
 Membership _____ WYNNE BARTER
 _____ LAURIE CAIN
 Newsletter _____ ANITA JUDD
 _____ JANET SELBY
 Public Beach _____ ROGER BEAUREGARD
 _____ DAN PHILLABAUM
 Signs _____ ALICE LESSING
 _____ ED MALINOWSKI
 Auditors _____ MEL CARTER
 _____ DOT SLADE
 _____ ANNA KLAFFKY
 Nominating _____ BERT JUDD
 _____ GEORGE KERN
 _____ NITA POTTER
 Publicity _____ EILEEN EARP
 _____ GAYLE PHILLABAUM
 CPR _____ FLETCHER POTTER
 _____ DAN PHILLABAUM

MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen _____ MERRILL LACLAIRE
 _____ KEN JENNESS
 _____ SAM CURTIS, SR.
 Listers _____ ALICE JUDD
 _____ GEORGE KERN
 _____ ANNE HAMILTON
 Zoning Administrator _____ DAVID GRAY
 Road Commissioner _____ CARROLL CASS
 Town Agent _____ BERT JUDD

MORGAN TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday — 9:00 - 12:00
 1:00 - 4:00
 Friday evening hours — 6:00 - 8:00 from Memorial Day weekend to the end of November.

MORGAN 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.

MORGAN LANDFILL HOURS

June 1 - October 31 : Saturday _____ 9:30 - 4:30
 Sunday _____ 12:00 - 2:00
 Wednesday _____ 9:30 - 4:30
 November 1 - May 31 Saturday _____ 9:30 - 4:30

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Seymour Lake Association was held on August 11, 1984 at the Morgan Community House. Fred Taylor, President, welcomed the approximately 90 members and guests. Grace was offered by George Kern prior to a delicious potluck dinner under the direction of Doris Taylor, chairperson, and her committee.

Following the dinner, Art Jones led the group in some lively community sing-alongs, accompanied by John Fraleigh at the piano and Frank Witzmann on the saxophone.

The guest speaker was Chris Fichtel of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Woodstock, environmental education and research. He spoke about the loon — giving an interesting slide presentation and talk. There are current projects underway to overcome its problems which are the loss of nesting habitat, cottages, recreation, boats, canoes and speed boats, as well as water level fluctuation, pollution and acid rain. Artificial nesting platforms are being built to help the loons nest.

The Constitution underwent several by-law changes concerning the posting of special meetings, the separation of the secretary/treasurer position into 2 separate offices, the raising of annual dues to \$2.00 per person, and the secretary assisting the treasurer as necessary, and vice versa.

That evening, ^{330 plus} it was reported that the current paid membership is 348. The 33rd Annual Meeting was another pleasant evening, everyone looks forward to the annual meeting.

GAYLE PHILLABAUM, Secretary

IRON KETTLE PROJECT

As I prepare this message for our Annual Report, a considerable amount of snow is on the ground. It makes one wonder when spring will get here; but, thank goodness for the four seasons, so let's hope spring is around the corner. May I thank all of you good people for taking your turn at keeping the area around the kettle clean. We have a problem with the incoming water overflowing; so, if anyone has plumbing experience, I would appreciate help to eliminate this condition.

As in the past, we once again are soliciting your help to keep the kettle clean. Many have signed up at the last annual meeting, but we still need more volunteers. Will you help?

JOHN DAVIDSON

LAKE MONITORING

Weekly samples were taken during the months of June, July and August, 1984 by Robert Arnold, Harold Kimball, Alfred Bonneville, Gordon Elliott and Walter Whinn.

Results of sampling indicated there was a significant increase in the algae population density between 1979 and 1983. However, there was no increase in water clarity or level of nutrient enrichment. We will be sampling again this summer.

ROBERT ARNOLD

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, April 9, 1984.....	\$	1,946.09
Income:		
Dues.....	\$	387.00
Auction.....		1,212.00
Donation.....		24.00
Interest (Checking account).....		104.16
Maps.....		85.50
Food (Annual Dinner).....		6.50
		<u>\$ 1,819.16</u>
Expenses:		
Annual Dinner.....	\$	132.71
Auction.....		20.00
Federation of Lakes.....		10.00
Flowers.....		20.00
Insurance (liability).....		118.00
Kettle Repairs.....		10.80
Morgan Community House.....		15.00
Morgan Swim Project.....		50.00
Newsletter.....		387.40
Postage.....		130.00
V.I.N.S. 5/21.....		25.00
V.I.N.S. 8/14		
Chris Fictell Program.....		<u>25.00</u>
		<u>\$ 948.91</u>
Balance, January 31, 1985.....	\$	2,816.34
Checking Account (Interest-Bearing).....		2,772.44
Community National Bank,		
Cash on Hand.....		<u>43.90</u>
		<u>\$ 2,816.34</u>

ELIZABETH T. MURPHY, Treas.



FISHING REPORT

Significant decrease in the number of lake trout caught during the summers of 1983 and 1984 due to fishing pressure (angler hours), but a progressive numerical increase in lake trout caught during winter ice fishing season. There is a possible vulnerability of lake trout to ice fishing.

My recommendation is to reduce the number of lines from eight to two for ice fishing and to increase the number of lake trout stocked annually.

ROBERT ARNOLD

LAKE LEVEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Lake level readings were made and recorded as in previous years. Readings were made at the measuring pins placed in a ledge on the west side of the outlet of Seymour Lake by the Vermont Public Service Commission. The metal pins mark the agreed natural maximum and minimum water levels. Readings are in inches.

	Highest Level	Lowest Level
May.....	19½ - May 25	- May 1
June.....	25½ - June 1	3½ - June 30
July.....	8 July 17	2½ - July 3
August.....	1 - Aug. 3	3 - Aug. 22
September....	2 - Sept. 1	5 - Sept. 16

On October 5, 1984, the Seymour Lake Association president, along with several association members, met with Steven F. Bliss, Superintendent of Productions & Operations, Citizens Utilities Company, to discuss a wide range of mutual concerns about the operation of the gate at the dam and the lower than normal lake elevations of the lake.

The areas of discussion covered the maintenance program that Citizens had underway at the dam, including the results of the on-site visit to the dam with Steve Bliss, Fred Taylor, Ed Kolar, and Gibby Arnold. The maintenance program, consisting of repairs to the dam, was completed on October 12th.

The operation of the gate at the dam was discussed at length and the following consensus arrived at: Citizens will draft an agreement with the Association for a trial period of one year in which the Association will assume responsibility for the operation of the gate at the dam.

ED AND SASS KOLAR

BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Activities both day and night during the summer of 1984 were at an all-time high because of warm weather. Many near misses occurred between ski boats and swimmers, speeding cars and people, parked cars and motorists! Parked cars on Route 111 were a major problem as late-night, all-night, loud parties which disturbed campers, residents, and visitors to our beautiful lake, causing many very upset people promising never to return. Those of you who rent out your camps will, no doubt, suffer from this serious problem.

Support from the local Selectmen and the Sheriff's office was almost non-existent to help eliminate these beach/parking problems. The Beach Committee feels that something must be done to preserve our precious beach and to protect the people who enjoy it from dangerous boating practices, lethal and unsightly littering, reckless and speeding cars, and loud and obnoxious all-night parties.

DAN PHILLABAUM & ROGER BEAUREGARD

ACID RAIN REPORT

Of the 75 precipitation samples taken between August 7, 1984 and March 5, 1985, only 4 showed any significant amount of acid when compared to the acid rating chart.

DAN PHILLABAUM

FEDERATION OF LAKES ANNUAL MEETING

Nine members of a sixteen-member association were represented at the 12th annual meeting held at the Highland Lodge in Greensboro on July 16, 1984. Our's was represented by Nita and Fletcher Potter and Doris and Fred Taylor.

In the morning session, besides reports from the association officers, association member representatives gave brief reports on their activities and problems. Virginia Garrison, Supervisor of Lakes and Ponds Div., State Dept. of Water Resources, told us about Eurasian Milfoil, a persistent water weed now found in several Vermont lakes and which can spread easily to others. Her emphasis was on how to prevent its spread to uninfested lakes. We think Seymour is still free from it.

In the afternoon session Steven Klein of the Nature Conservancy gave an interesting talk and showed us a film on endangered species, which now include a rare orchid, Calypso, still found in a few cedar swamps here in Orleans County. Besides the older concerns of weeds and algae, parking, speeding, traffic, late-night parties, water levels, pollution, dues, water quality, and fishing, a couple of new ones were brought up by our own representatives. The need for better and quicker availability to C.P.R. and protection from pollution from clear-cut logging operations.

The problems of other lakes, especially Lake Parker in Glover, with its pollution, weeds and algae, make us appreciate what we have here at Seymour and should motivate us to do whatever is necessary to protect it.

REPORT FROM AGENCY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

As you know we are attempting to rejuvenate the existing brood stock located at Bald Hill with fish which have shown the ability to survive in the wild and reach maturity. By replacing the existing brood stock with a more viable strain, we are hopeful that fishing will improve.

Because we are primarily interested in the Memphremagog salmon strain, our netting efforts concentrated on Seymour and Lake Memphremagog during the 1984 spawning season. The one net located in Seymour yielded 22 salmon, of which eight were mature female suitable for egg taking purposes. All fish used for egg taking purposes (males and females) were returned to the lake proper. I would like to state the numbers obtained during netting do not reflect in any way the total population of salmon and lake trout spawning in the lake. Probably the most meaningful information would be the average size of the salmon and lake trout captured during this period.

In the case of the lake trout, the specimens captured reflects the approximate time of peak spawning and the fact there is movement away from the spawning reefs after spawning commences. This opinion is based on the fact several lake trout females were partially spent when captured.

Studies by other biologists indicates female lake trout move from one spawning area to another. Apparently the old saying, "Don't put all of your eggs in one basket," is a common a common practice among the lake trout population.

I will try to get some guidelines to you on the spawning reef installation as we discussed during our meeting on February 1.

Total number of salmon captured	22
Total number of lake trout captured	12
Average length of salmon captured	19.1 inches
Average weight of salmon captured	2.3 lbs.
Average length of lake trout	22.6 inches
Average weight of lake trout	4.0 lbs.

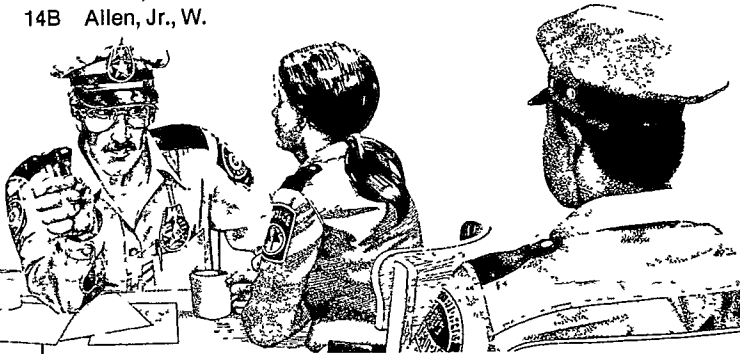
PHILIP P. WIGHTMAN
Dist. 4 Fish Biologist

MAP CHANGES

House No.	Former Owner	Present Owner
59	Audet	Lazzara
41	Downs	Busta
119	Fifield	Mendes
216	Bean	Judd, Jr.
541	Elie	Shook
31A	Flanders	Phillips
523	Frizzell	Ricker
176	Stevens	Perkins
203	Perkins	Emery
564	MacDonald	Dale
142	Clark	Marrigan
542	Bauer	Corkin
546	Corkin	Fox
120	Fifield	Jackson
88	Hovland	Kidder
147	Lacoss	Gelorimino
235	Newkirk	Ayotte
13	Smith	Estabrook
96	Webber	Page

The following new homes are to be added:

- 18A Judd, B.
- 10B2 Ames, L.
- 14B Allen, Jr., W.



ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

The sheriff's office received numerous complaints from are people about cars racing up and down along the beach area, parties consisting of loud music and people yelling, bonfires and illegal parking.

We spent many hours of patrol in the beach area and sent officers in on random patrol in order to try to curb the problem at hand. I foresee the same problem existing this coming summer if some ordinances are not passed in order to assist us in taking care of this problem.

It is my belief that more patrols are needed in the beach area in the early part of the summer in order to curb the problem before it starts.

One of our biggest problems, which made my officers frustrated was to receive a complaint of such actions, as I have mentioned, then proceed to the Seymour Beach area only to find that no one was present. It seemed to us that the individuals creating the problems somehow would know in advance that we were coming and would disperse before we got there. One possibility is that such individuals had in their possession a police scanner and thus would know our whereabouts. As Sheriff of this County, I want to see to it that this problem is stopped; however, I feel in order to do this the Town of Morgan must adopt stiff rules and regulations for the beach area, thus giving us the leverage to curtail the problem.

It is not my position, however, to drive people away from the beach, but to cease the unnecessary rowdiness that has occurred in the past.

JAMES G. MURPHY
Sheriff

STATE POLICE REPORT

As another summer will soon be upon us, I welcome this opportunity to speak to your association through this newsletter. As you are aware, last summer, as in summers past, problems occurred at the beach are on Route 111. The frustration of land owners near the beach led to a meeting between Sheriff Murphy, State's Attorney Phil White, the Morgan Selectmen and myself on October 2, 1984. At this meeting we discussed the problem at the beach and possible solutions to these chronic aggravations.

We see the problems, from an enforcement aspect, as follows, and so presented them to the Selectmen:

1. Seymour Beach attracts sizeable crowds for which inadequate parking exists.
2. Loud parties on the beach and in the parking lot cause disturbances late at night.
3. State disturbance laws (so-called "breach of the peace" statutes) and motor vehicle laws which require an officer to physically witness a violation before any immediate enforcement action can be taken.
4. Inadequate personnel (I can speak only for the State Police) to assign a trooper fulltime to the beach area.

We suggested to the Selectment that local ordinances might be drafted, which are now lacking, to prohibit bonfires and late-night parties at the beach and parking lot. We also recommended barriers be placed beside Route 111 in the beach area to make parking impossible.

I do not know what will become of our suggestions and, of course, those decisions must be made at the local level.

I do ask for cooperation from the residents near the beach in reporting complaints. Usually, if a camp owner would ask a person who has illegally parked near his property to move, the person will move on. As matters now stand, bonfires and parties on the beach and in the parking lot are perfectly legal. You should be aware that unacceptable or annoying noise levels are a difficult thing to prove in court and by allowing parties and bonfires, the Town of Morgan has given its tacit approval to a certain amount of noise. Troopers can only ask parties to keep quiet and that's the extent of our ability. We will aggressively ticket illegally parked vehicles on Route 111 this coming summer. You should be warned, however, that all cars will be ticketed, even if they have permission to park on or near your property.

I cannot promise a trouble-free summer — frankly, I expect otherwise. I do hope that we can work together in lessening whatever problems do arise.

If you have problems or questions that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call me.

SARGENT SID ADAMS
Vermont State Police



MORGAN- HOLLAND RED CROSS SWIM PROJECT

Last year we had approximately 125 children enrolled. Due to increasing expenses for equipment and boat repairs, we are desperately in need of contributions in order to continue. We do not want to terminate this project, because we feel that with so many lakes and ponds in the area, all children should have the opportunity to learn basic water safety and rescue.

The Lake Seymour Association has been very generous to the project, and we thank you.

MARY LOU CHAMPIGNY

REFLECTIONS

Dear Friend,

I've been doing a little reading lately about Lake Seymour and the Town of Morgan. Knowing of our mutual interest and love of the area, I thought I'd pass some of it on to you.

It appears that these early fish and game clubs formed in the 1920's and 30's were probably the forerunners of our Seymour Lake Association. Membership in those early organizations soared to 275. Now our Association is celebrating its 40th! That handful who set it up in 1945 probably had no idea that the membership would grow to over 300 today.

Imagine keeping the dues at just a dollar a year for all those years. Glad we voted last August to increase it to \$2.00. The cost of preparing and mailing the newsletter alone spoils the most of that.

Of course the Auction held every other year has been our life-saver. And isn't that Jean Gilliam something? She's been directing that thing for over fifteen years. I've never seen an auctioneer quite like that George MacLeay!

Glad we've been able to contribute over the years to some of the area's worthwhile projects. A yearly donation to the summer swim project has certainly been a good cause. Membership in the Vermont Institute of Natural Resources (VIN) is indicative of the purpose of the organization.

Yes, there have been various donations to the Morgan Community House, but we haven't over-subscribed in relation to the many courtesies that are extended to us. I am always amazed when I recall the spirit of community cooperativeness that went in to the erection and maintenance of that public building. No sir, there were no government grants; just lots of good hard labor and public spirit.

Our annual meeting held the 2nd Saturday in August has certainly held up well with more than 150 members and guests in attend-

ance each year. Its success has got to be the result of sincere membership interest, excellent programs, and great homemade pies. And of course the business portion of the meeting is held at a minimum as the officers and directors handle most of the affairs throughout the year. We sure are fortunate at the moment to have a dedicated Fred Taylor at the helm.

It's interesting to note that some of the perennial problems are still with us. They did get the dam repaired at the south end of the lake this past fall, so there shouldn't be that very low water again. From my reading, I learned that Seymour Lake has the only dam in the state controlled by the Public Service Commission. There has also been generally good cooperation by Citizens Utilities Company who owns the dam.

And that problem at the public beach still exists. In 1966, the secretary's notes (Lois Noyes) expressed it: "Indignation was expressed at the state of the beach at the Center." Its too bad that the people for whom its use is intended can't appreciate it a bit more. I believe the town officials and our Association are currently working together to try to improve the situation.

Oh, there's so much more I'd like to write about — fishing, and that sort of thing. But, it must wait until another time. Glad we did a story on Camp Winape a couple of years ago. As you probably know it's been announced that Ed and Sass Kolar have decided not to continue to operate that fine boys' camp. Many are going to miss the sounds of reveille and taps. It has been such a great part of "our" lake.

Can't close, however, without quoting one from the Morgan Sesquicentennial Booklet: "I presume the people were too healthy to support a doctor. There has never been sufficient encouragement for a lawyer to settle here. I presume the people were too honest to support a lawyer."

See you this summer,

Your Friend

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES

JUNE 30 _____ Newport - Time to be announced later
JULY 4 _____ Derby - 10:00 A.M. - Parade and Celebration
JULY 4 _____ Island Pond - Parade sponsored by the Island Pond Chamber of Commerce - Bands, Floats

OTHER EVENTS

JULY 6 _____ Annual Ham Supper - Holland School - Settings 5, 6, 7
MID JULY _____ Morgan/Holland Red Cross Swim Lessons - Notice to be posted
JULY 17 _____ Annual Newport Women's Club House Tour
JULY 18 - JULY 21 _____ Aquafest in Newport & International Swim from Newport to Magog
AUGUST 3 _____ Arts & Crafts Fair - Barton Fairgrounds
AUGUST 10 _____ SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION POT LUCK SUPPER & ANNUAL MEETING - Morgan Community House - 6:00 p.m.

NORTH COUNTRY CONCERT ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 30 — Bob Conners' New Yankee Rhythm Kings Jazz Band
Friday, July 12 — The Alcott Ensemble - Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano,
from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, July 28 — The Green Mountain Chorus
Sunday, August 11 — The Jazz Company Dancers accompanied
by the "Fingertalk" Band
Sunday, August 25 — An Evening with Gene DiNovi

All events will be held at the Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, at 8.00 P.M.
Membership (5 concerts) is \$20.00 per person.
General Admission (single event) is \$5.00 per person

ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OLD STONE HOUSE Brownington, Vermont

Museum Hours: May 15 through June 30, September 1 through October 15, every day except Wednesday and Thursday - 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
July 1 through August 31, every day - 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

June 29 - Special afternoon children's program - Marionettes & Story Hour
Sunday, August 18: Old Stone House Day from 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Open House at the Museum, picnic luncheon, Program.