

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION

1986 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Here we are again getting ready for another busy season at Seymour.

To recap some of the major accomplishments of 1985, I would have to begin with the improved conditions at the beach area. The Morgan Selectmen are to be commended for their efforts which consisted of enlarging the parking area, passing an ordinance which established a curfew for parking there and gaining the cooperation of police agencies in controlling both the speed and parking on Route 111. The Association took it upon itself to rope off the swimming area for the safety of those using it. We hope to do a better job of it this year. Most people were complimentary in their

comments about these improved conditions.

We were frustrated again this year in our attempt to have the Vt. Fish & Wildlife Dept. dredge the fishing access. We have made all the area Legislators aware of the problem and enlisted their assistance to get this project completed.

The Lake Monitoring Committee repeated its excellent work again in 1985, and we can be satisfied that the water quality in Seymour is still the best in the State.

There are two major projects planned for this season. First is the auction which provides a major portion of funds for our operating budget. Please do not throw anything away that is usable. Instead, call Jean Gilliam so she can arrange to have it picked up.

Secondly, the Membership Committee will make a concerted effort to contact all new residents to invite them to join and support our Association.

The Fishing Committee will embark on a long-term project to improve fishing. They will report directly to you to acquaint you with their goals and endeavors.

Our new Seymour Lake map will be available soon, thanks to the Map Committee.

We owe a hearty thank you to committee members for the time and every expended effort for the benefit of all. Special thanks are in order to Fred Taylor for the leadership he has provided to this Organization for the past two years.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again this summer. ■

there is very little water there now anyhow. He circulated a list, as per usual, for Kettle cleanup.

Art Lessing reported that a new map is in the process of being updated. To facilitate the process, he has appointed the following team chairmen to verify names as follows:

1 - 10B _____	Lessing	62 - 114 _____	Carter
10C - 27 _____	A. Judd	114 - 134 _____	Morley
28 - 61 _____	Jeness	135 - 153 _____	Taylor

Elliott Acres on Down _____ Torpey & Pottter

Anita Judd, Head of the Newsletter Committee, requested any black & white photographs suitable for publication and reports to be submitted by the end of January.

Ken Jenness reported on behalf of the Beach Committee that the barrels and buoys and rope have worked out pretty well for marking off the swimming area. It has proved successful for keeping the skiers out of the beach swimming areas, along with the fast boats. There are still some problems with keeping them in place, but we are working all this out. The improvements in the parking lot have been well received and the work will continue next spring and summer. Anyone needing to use the dump will need a sticker. These can be requested at the Town Clerk's Office and are your's for the asking.

The Guest Speaker for the evening, Bob Klein, was then introduced. He is from the Nature Conservancy in Montpelier, a national non-profit land trust, in the Vermont branch. He presented an interesting slide presentation entitled, "We're Building An Ark". It was a moving thoughtful program enjoyed by all.

Group singing was then led by Barbara Boyle, with Dr. Elwood Arnold at the piano. A lively sing-a-long was enjoyed by all.

Bob Arnold gave a report on the twenty tests on coliform bacteria presence in the lack conducted recently on the Lake. The maximum bacteria was 6 at any of the locations tested in the Lake. As 200 is considered the danger level, Lake Seymour is quite clean. He used an overhead projector to show the sites tested and the amount of coliform bacteria found: 0 count in 5, 3 count in 8, locations and everything else below 6. We've much cause for pride here.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for the coming year's term as follows:

President _____	Fletcher Potter	Treasurer _____	Mel Carter
Vice President _____	Harold Kimball	Directors: _____	Bob Arnold
Secretary _____	Gayle Phillabaum		Paul Keyton

The slate of officers was voted in as presented. The gavel was passed to Fletcher Potter by Fred. Fletcher thanked Fred for his fine work and all the progress made during his presidency.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ■
Gayle Phillabaum, Secretary

Food For Thought _____

HARVEST POUNDS PER ACRE

The State of Maine, through their study, have come up with the figure of 1/2 lb. of trout per acre to maintain good fishing. Seymour Lake in 1976 harvested 1.5 lbs. per acre and in 1982, harvested 1.25 lbs. per acre. Seymour Lake has 1,727 acres. ■

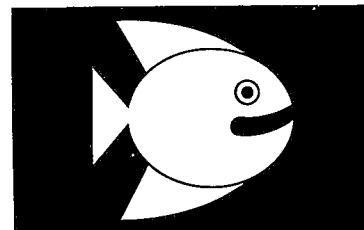
Fred Murphy

Lake Monitoring _____

During 1985, the bacteriological water quality of Lake Seymour measured by the Dept. of Water Resources was excellent. No violations of Class B Water Standards were found. Seymour Lake stratifies and the bottom waters retain an adequate supply of dissolved oxygen throughout the summer.

The Lake supports a sparse plant population. There were no serious nuisance plant conditions on the Lake. ■

Robert Arnold



Seymour Lake Fish Report _____

Fish stocked this past year:

9,000 Salmon
6,000 Lake Trout
2,500 Speckled Trout

Two Strains of Lake Trout have been stocked (Genasee and Manatoba)

The Genasee strain have the LV Fin clipped. The Manatoba have the adipose fin clipped.

Biologist, Phil Wightman, was pleased to see a good amount of Lake Trout spawning last fall (1985) in Seymour Lake.

We were not able to carry out our Spawning bed project this winter. (Too much red tape.) ■

Iron Kettle Project _____

As I decided to prepare this message for our Newsletter today, Jan. 26th, wouldn't you know a winter storm descended upon us. At least 8 inches and still snowing. As in past years, spring will still arrive, the grass will turn green, trees will bud, the ice will disappear from Seymour Lake and duty time will be upon us at the Kettle.

I would like to thank all who gave of their time to help keep the Kettle area clean.

As in the past, we are once again soliciting your help to keep the Kettle clean. Many signed up at the last Annual Meeting, but we still need more volunteers. Will you please help? ■

John Davidson

Lake Level Report

As in previous years, lake level recordings were made at frequent intervals from May 15 through September 30. The readings were made at measuring pins placed in a ledge at the west side of the outlet of Seymour Lake by the Vermont Public Service Commission. These metal pins mark the agreed natural maximum and minimum water levels, a difference of 14 inches.

LAKE LEVEL READINGS — 1985

Highest Level

May 15	9 "
June 25	6½"
July 18	5½"
August 1	4 "
September 6	4½"

Lowest Level

May 31	5 "
June 12	4½"
July 25	3 "
August 24	1½"
September 19	2½"

Ed and Sass Kolar

New Map Report

Because of the numerous property transfers during the recent years, it was decided by the Directors that a revised map was in order. The new map, just off the press, may well assign a new number to your location.

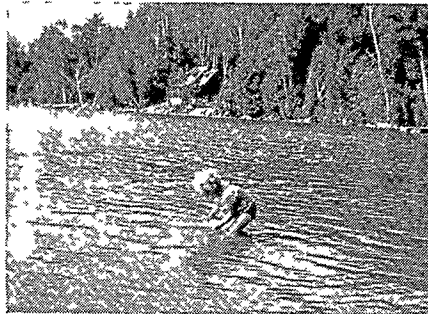
Once again the tedious task of this revision fell on the shoulders of the Lessings. Thanks, Art and Alice. ■

Federation of Lakes Annual Meeting

Representatives of fifteen of the sixteen lake associations comprising the Federation of Lakes Association gathered last July 15th at Ashley's at the Colonade in Lyndonville. Fletcher and Nita Potter and Frank and Anne Torpey represented our Association.

The opportunity of "visiting" with others of like interests, common problems; and, yes, solutions to problems, makes the annual gathering most worthwhile—and the \$10 annual membership fee, most minimal. Somehow, there is a feeling of pride of "belonging" to one of the finest lakes in the entire area.

Dr. Edward Bloom of the Westmore Association (Willoughby) is serving as president. Other officers include Mel Carter (Seymour), vice president; Joanne Rohrer (Woodbury Lake), secretary; and Margaret Knight (Greenwood Lake), treasurer. ■



Busy Beavers Attack Seymour Beach

Many hands and boats make big jobs seem small. The Seymour Lake Association attacked a major project in '85. After many close calls between swimmers, skiers, and boats, a distinctive swimming area has been marked off to protect both swimmers and skiers.

Many hours were spent experimenting as to how to keep

ropes and buoys in place during rough weather and rough swimmers! We think we have some new ideas for next season—so look closely. You will see bright blue buoys and yellow ropes with clear signs indicating state swimming areas at Seymour Beach!

The Town Ordinance for '85 restricting parking in the lot across from the beach greatly reduced the loud parties and major messes created in the past years. The parking area was also fixed up quite nicely to accommodate more cars in a more organized manner. A great big "Thank You" goes to the Morgan Selectmen for saving our beach and parking area, and the peace and quiet that the Seymour residents enjoy and value so much. ■

Dan Phillabaum, Chairman

Going Once! Going Twice! SOLD TO...

It's that time again! Don't throw anything out. Save all those "goodies" for the AUCTION on July 19. Remember what is trash to you may be treasure to someone else. Bring your "goodies" and let us turn them into "gold" for the benefit of the Seymour Lake Association Community Activities.

If you feel inclined to try your hand at auctioneering, let me know. All aspiring candidates will be given a chance to show their skills. ■

See you in Morgan, Jean Gilliam

Membership Notes

Total membership for the year 1985-86 is 441. Several cottage owners and friends bought memberships for each of their family members. Others made contributions above their membership dues. This gave us an additional sum of \$199 which is included in the item "Memberships & Donations" within the Treasurer's Report. ■

FREE FREE FREE

A FUN EVENING FOR ALL AGES!

An introduction to Western-Style Square Dancing.

By The King of Square Dance Callers — Al Monty

**Bring Your Families
Bring Your Friends**

Community House - Morgan, Vt.

Saturday, August 16, 1986

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Refreshments

This event is sponsored by the North Country Swingers. Want to know more? Contact Kenneth & Ruby Jenness, Presidents of North Country Swingers, Box 18, Morgan, VT 05853 - Tel. 802-895-4144. ■

Boating Access Improvement Program Department of Fish & Wildlife - March 14, 1986

The Department of Fish and Wildlife presently has one hundred and fifty access points to the States public waters located throughout the State. Many of these areas are in bad need of improvements and they all require some form of ongoing annual maintenance. Many must also be kept open during the winter season. Fiscal restraints have hampered the Department's ability to keep up with the maintenance and keep the required areas open during the winter. We now have an opportunity to take advantage of increased federal funding since 10% of the total received must be used for access area improvement and upkeep. We expect 1.0 million in federal fishery funds in 1987. This means we must spend at least \$100,000.00 of this money on access areas. The federal matching formula is 75% - 25%. We expect that in three or four years these federal funds will be substanti-

ally dedicated to the operation of the proposed new hatchery at Kingsland Bay. For this reason we would hope to do most of our major access area work in the next three years. Both the improvements and an improved maintenance program could be geared up to take advantage of the available federal funds. The \$75,000 in boating funds is ideally suited for

matching purposes because boaters use our access areas and the new federal funds we are to receive include some federal boating funds.

We anticipate that the access area maintenance program for the next three years will cost:

Year	State	Federal	Total
FY '87	\$26,000	\$ 78,000	\$104,000
FY '88	30,000	90,000	120,000
FY '89	35,000	105,000	140,000

Our plan for major improvements over the next three years includes the following projects:

FY 1987:

Area	Town	Water Body	Cost
Chimney Point	Addison	Champlain	\$ 35,000
Lake Seymour	Morgan	Seymour	29,000
Hoyts Landing	Springfield	Conn. River	16,000
Lake Bomoseen	Castleton	Bomoseen	5,000
Island Pond	Brighton	Island Pond	6,000
Keeler Bay	So. Hero	Champlain	20,000
Woodbury	Woodbury	Woodbury Lake	6,000
Putney	Putney	Conn. River	10,000
Fort Cassin	Ferrisburg	Champlain	15,000

MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen _____ Bert Judd
 _____ Merrill LaClaire
 _____ Sam Curtis, Sr.

Listers _____ Alice Judd
 _____ George Kern
 _____ Barbara Norton

Zoning Administrator
 & Town Agent _____ David Gray
 Road Commissioner _____ Carroll Cass
 Tax Collector _____ Ken Jenness

MORGAN TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. _____ 9:00 - 12:00 A.M.
 _____ 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
 Fri. Evening Hours _____ 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
 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 PM.

MORGAN LANDFILL HOURS

June 1-Oct. 31: Sat. _____ 9:30 - 4:30
 _____ Sun. _____ 12:00 - 2:00
 _____ Wed. _____ 9:30 - 4:30
 Nov. 1-May 31: Sat. _____ 9:30 - 4:30

COMING EVENTS



- July 4 _____ Parade and Celebration — 10:00 A.M. — Derby, VT
 Parade — Chicken Barbecue — Dance — Island Pond, VT
- July 5 Annual Ham Supper — Settings at 5, 6, 7 P.M. — Holland
 School
- July 16 _____ Newport Women's Club House Tour — 10:00 A.M. —
 4:30 P.M. — Troy Town Area
- July 17, 18, 19, 20 Aquafest — Newport, Vermont
- July 19 _____ Seymour Lake Association AUCTION
- August 9 _____ Seymour Lake Association Annual Meeting — 6:00 P.M.
- August 31 _____ Lobster & Beef Dinner — Newport City Fire Department -
 Newport, VT — Advance sale of tickets.

NORTH COUNTRY CONCERT ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE



- Sunday, June 29** — The Concert Dance Company will present the Pop Dance Routine "Juke Box" (Music from the Big Band Era)
- Sunday, July 13** — The Ever Popular Green Mountain Guild will present the Broadway Hit Show "Funny Girl".
- Friday, August 1** — A nine-member Brass Ensemble from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra.
- Sunday, August 10** The Craftsbury Chamber Players will present an evening of music by Boccerini, Ravel & Brahms.
- Sunday, August 24** From Montreal the Bernie Primeau Jazz Sextet will present a program of Popular Jazz Tunes. Bernie was formerly with the Oliver Jones Trio.

All events will be held at the Haskell Opera House in Derby Line at 8:00 P.M. with the exception of "Funny Girl" on Sunday, July 13, which will be held at the North Country Union High School at 8:00 P.M.

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 - 5:00 P.M.
July 1 through August 31, every day — 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
