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GOOD MORNING AMERICA COMES TO FITZWILLIAM

By Phyllis Chase

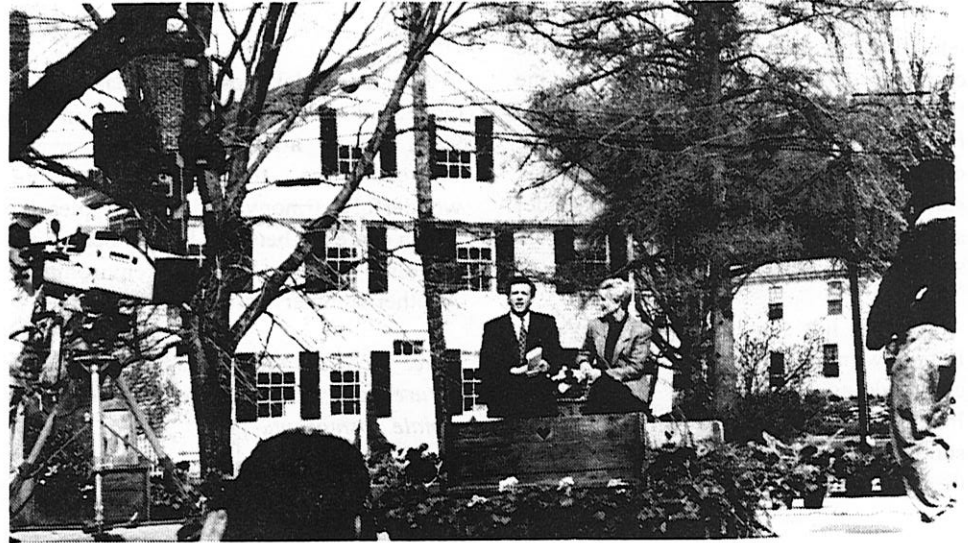
Early arrivals for lake season, and folks lucky enough to call Fitzwilliam home, year round, had an unforgettable treat in store May 11 when ABC's Good Morning America filmed on Fitzwilliam Common. The two-hour national TV show, co-hosted by Joan Lunden and Charlie Gibson, chose Fitzwilliam, "one of the prettiest towns in New England," for its Monday morning stop on a week-long feature called "The Good Morning America Great New England Bus Tour."

Scores of townspeople turned out in the early morning hours and had ringside seats by the stage constructed especially for the occasion, as the news and information program's camera crew frequently panned them. The program highlighted familiar sights and town traditions, and interviewed local dignitaries. In this video age, VCRs in homes near and far, where folks who love Fitzwilliam and the Lake live, were humming as they recorded the program for later taped enjoyment.

Excitement had begun to mount the weekend before the show when the fountain on the Common received a fresh coat of paint and the staging was built. Cameramen arrived to pretape some scenes. Harold the Duck, the Lake's only duck, obliged with true Yankee hospitality by paddling along the lake in one of its most picturesque spots, where Mt. Monadnock rises in the background. This maneuver earned Harold an opening close-up.

Meadowood Fire Department members, including Lake Association President, Bruce Knight, provided a humorous segment in which they were the feature group to wish all of America, "Good Morning!" Additionally, some of them, including Bruce Knight, also spent the program high in the sky on their equipment near the Town Hall steeple, chaperoning TV cameramen filming from that lofty perch.

All in all, May 11 will go down in Fitzwilliam history as a day of great fun and precious memories.



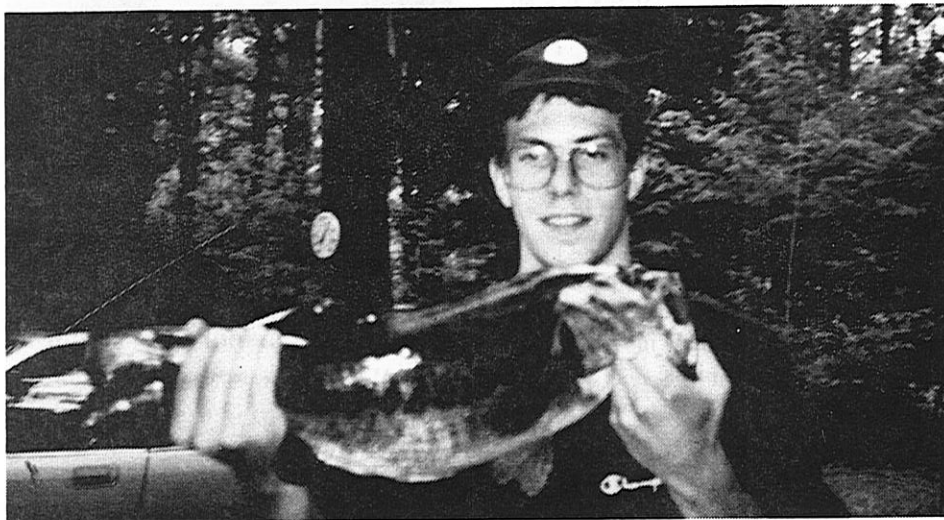
Co-hosts Charlie Gibson and Joan Lunden anchor the "Good Morning America" show from Fitzwilliam Common. This morning show was seen nationally.



The Good Morning America "Great New England Bus Tour" bus parked in front of Fitzwilliam Inn.



Crowd of Fitzwilliam townspeople who turned out to watch Good Morning America at 7 a.m., 5/11/92.



Eric Moreira with catch of the year.



Richard Boriskin holds 20 inch bass that he caught 8/8/92.

THE YEAR OF THE FISH

By Larry Friedman

The Summer of '92 will not go down in history as one noted for its hot sunny days but it was a great summer for catching fish.

On August 8th, Richard Boriskin, an attorney friend of mine, caught a 20 inch Small Mouth Bass which weighed about 5 or 6 lbs. (see photograph). The fish was caught right off my dock using an ultra light rod and a night crawler as bait. We released the fish back in Laurel Lake.

Eric Moreira, grandson of Edmund and Marguerite Albertini caught two fish in Sportsman's Pond. The first fish was 22 inches long, 13 inch girth and weighed 8 lbs. It was caught on September 6th in the early afternoon. Eric used Rubber Stick bait.

Eric caught a second fish the very next day which was bigger than the first. Both fish were released in Laurel Lake.

Eric Moreira works at Entwistle Inc. in the sheet metal department. A recent graduate of Assabet Valley High School, he spends his summer weekends with his grandparents. Eric can be seen on Laurel Lake with his dad, Tony, in their blue canoe.

We had two children catch several fish off our dock this summer. The kids would start early in the morning and fish all day. Louis Ostrowsky, age 9, caught 15 fish in one day. Jessica Levy, also age 9, caught 16 of various species.

I've been fishing Laurel Lake for 8 summers now. Every year I pay the state of New Hampshire their \$35 for my License. I have never caught a fish of decent size. I'm jealous.

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VISITING CORMORANT FASCINATES LAKE RESIDENTS

By Phyllis Chase

In mid-August, Joey the Cormorant joined Harold the Duck as a lake resident. The brown and black water bird with the hooked yellow beak could be seen soaring over the lake, then making a spectacular water landing, cruising a bit, and finally diving for dinner.

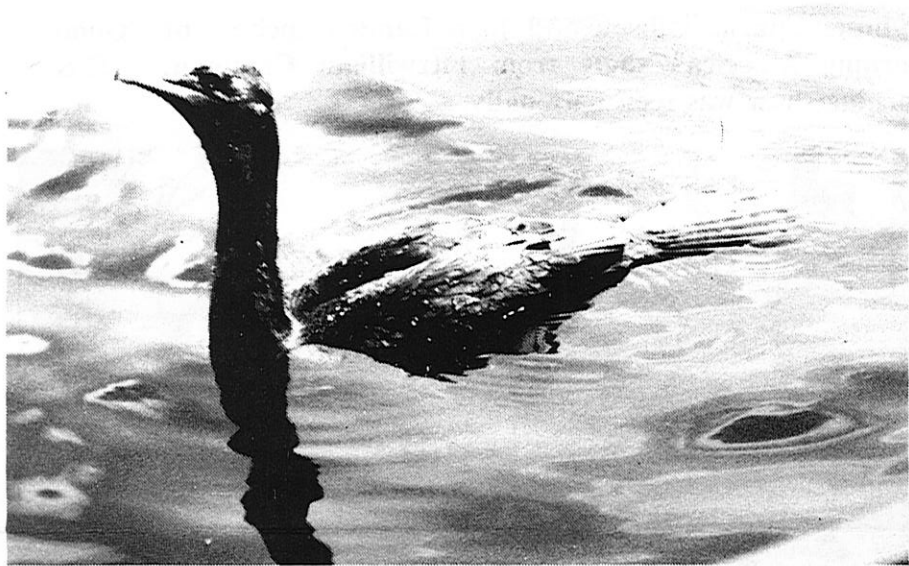
To the astonishment of some human lake residents, Joey seemed to seek out the company of homo sapiens. One fisherwoman was startled, but pleased, to find Joey alight on the bow of her canoe one misty morning as she fished. Joey stayed with her for a half-hour's lake ride, spreading his wings wide to dry, and serving as an elegant bow ornament.

Another hot summer's day, Joey was found swimming alongside a mother and child doing their daily swim laps. Fearless Joey also regularly joined sunbathers on at least one lake raft, and they all caught the rays together.

The cormorant gave more than just company. Joey also put on a good show. Usually around lunch time, the bird would suddenly dive from the raft for its meal, emerging with a sunfish or small bass in its beak, which usually flopped wildly for its life. After a moment or two, in one giant gulp, Joey would swallow the dinner whole!

Joey helped lake residents sneak an "up close and personal" look at life in the wild. Joey also gave rise to many Thoreau-esque thoughts about the wonderful harmony and mutual pleasure which can exist between human beings and creatures in the natural environment. Another summer lesson from the Lake!

Note: According to Beth Samuels, another nature lover, Joey is really Clarice, a female cormorant.



Laurel Lake cormorant...so tame Aaron Samuels actually got to pet it!

FOR THE BIRDS

By George Graf

We are enamored at times with the birds in our environment. Harold is an example of what human kindness and cruelty can do to wild life. Our(?) bird seems to be doing alright. However, one can't be sure what contributions he is making in the form of undesirable chemical and bacteriological residues in our lake. We wouldn't blame Harold if we got swimmer's itch, would we? Now a new avian species is finding Laurel Lake attractive - the cormorant. We see one and occasionally two out fishing. More often, it is observed standing motionless on a raft or float. It looks like the model on the Knight's dock. Did this bird serve as a decoy to attract the cormorants we now see? We hope not.

On Lake Ontario in New York state, a cormorant haven has been established - by the birds themselves. This haven on Little Galloo Island is now covered with bird droppings, egg shells, bones and regurgitated fish. The local residents are protesting the stench. Fishermen are protesting the proliferation of this species because it eats its weight in fish each day. (See attached clipping from a Wilmington, DE. paper sent to us by deBlieus.)

Those of us who have rafts on the lake have probably been introduced to cormorant droppings. A broom and bucket on your raft is helpful in removing the soil. This raises the question, do we want to encourage a cormorant population on Laurel Lake? Or, should we discourage it now?

CORMORANTS RANKLE 'RIVAL' FISHERMEN

By Linda Kanamine, USA Today

Henderson, N.Y. - A sunny day in this unusually cold, wet summer found hundreds of little anglers in Lake Ontario pulling up a steady catch - and gobbling it down.

Double-crested cormorants, a protected migratory bird, have found the fishing plentiful this summer. But the growing size of the colony has touched off quite a controversy.

Fishing enthusiasts are angry because the growing ranks of these sleek, brown gluttons are gutting a world-renowned fishery. They've asked state and federal agencies to control the booming bird population.

Others are upset because the birds have created quite a mess.

Little Galloo Island - the major cormorant haven - is covered with bird droppings, egg shells, bones and regurgitated fish.

Trees have been denuded, and "you can't even fish around there because the stench is so bad," said Henderson fishing guide Bill Smith.

Nevertheless, environmentalists are battling attempts to kill off birds or hinder nesting. They point to the diving birds as

a sign that Lake Ontario is recovering from deadly pesticide contamination.

Cormorants aren't on the U.S. endangered or threatened list, but are protected by a U.S.-Canada migratory bird treaty.

Nationwide, the cormorant population - now over 235,000 birds - has rebounded from a low of several thousand in the 1970's.

And, though no one denies that cormorants eat voraciously, there is some debate over the kind of fish they consume.

Local fishermen say the birds tend to eat valuable trout, perch and salmon while cormorant defenders suggest their diets tend toward non-game fish like alewives.

"Watch them, they're like a huge vacuum cleaner," said Smith.

State and U.S. wildlife biologists don't think cormorants are solely responsible for empty fish nets and lines.

Scientists are analyzing boluses - undigested clumps of regurgitated cormorant food - to find out exactly what these birds eat. They'll report findings in October.

"What it comes down to is that cormorants eat fish and they're in competition with fishermen. That always creates problems," said state biologist Russell McCullough.

With each bird eating its weight in fish each day - about a pound - Henderson Harbor fishing guide Ronald Ditch claims state fish-stocking programs are just "meals on wheels" for cormorants.

"The charter industry is down 50 percent" from five years ago, Ditch, 57, said. Without controls, the lake "will be one big swimming pool."

But Mexico, N.Y. ornithologist Gerald Smith said cormorants are "scapegoats."

Anglers "see the lake as an aquaculture pool to raise their fish. I see a damaged ecosystem," Smith said. "To say it's all the fault of the double-crested cormorant is ludicrous."

Cormorant resurgence also has run afoul of fish farmers in the Southeast who see the wintering birds gobbling up profits.

Some fish-growers got federal permits to kill cormorants if they had proof of economic loss and failed in non-lethal methods of scaring off birds.

Officials are weighing similar steps in New York. Other alternatives include changing fish-stocking methods or sabotaging eggs so they don't hatch.

Meanwhile, tempers are flaring: In June, an unknown hunter cruised by Little Galloo Island - the largest Great Lakes colony - and killed two dozen of the lounging birds.

While not condoning the act, Comins understand the impetus: "Cormorants are absolutely worthless to anyone making a living here."

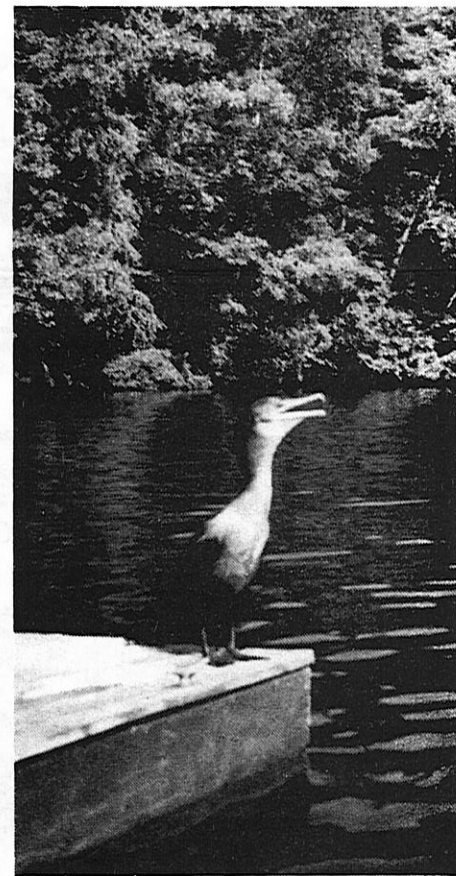
That attitude dismays ornithologist Gerald Smith.

"I'm surprised they haven't been blamed for the national debt," he said.

Yet, with 1.2 million fishing licenses sold each year and 5.5 million young fish stocked into state waters annually, New York isn't about to shrug off threats to a lucrative sport.

"If it's directly impacting the sport fishery, we would probably ask for some kind of control," said McCullough.

Ironically, while New York struggles over its battle, Ohio wildlife officials this summer ballyhooed the first double-crested cormorant pair to successfully raise young there in more than a century.



Joey the cormorant, or is it Clarice?



Ken and Evelyn Cavadini, ages 69 and 70, took 1st place in the Paddle Boat race.

WARREN'S STORE

By Virginia Nevins

Between the time of Whipple's homemade ice cream, served from their parlor and eaten on the porch of their farm at the southern end of Laurel Lake, and Donn's Picnic Bar on East Lake Road, we had a lovely little store simply called "Warrens."

Warren and Thelma Spicer bought a piece of land on East Lake Road in 1947. That year a polio epidemic was sweeping through Waltham and it was their intention to protect their young son, David, by building a cottage in the woods of Fitzwilliam. Warren built two cottages before he built the store.

After purchasing an ice-cream maker at a good price, Warren decided to go into business. Hot dogs and hamburgers were offered as well as delicious ice cream and, in later years, groceries and beer. Thelma managed the store during the week and

Warren drove up every Wednesday evening to make the ice cream from milk and cream supplied by N. G. Guernsey Co.

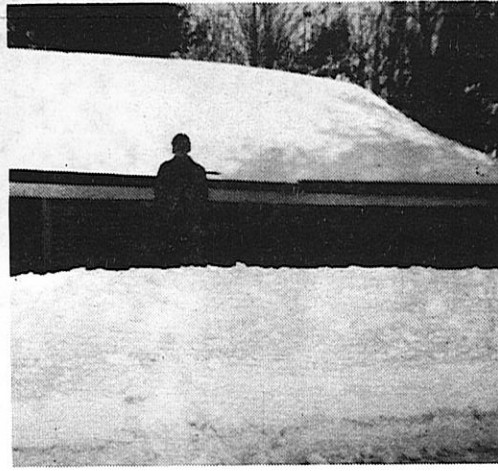
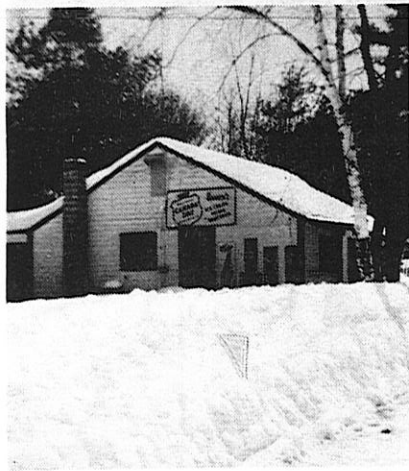
Summer and local residents enjoyed their excursions to Warren's for treats. Warren and Thelma were able to give summer employment to several summer residents and some local girls, including Jessie Baldwin, Margot and Betsy Ward, and Jacqueline Nevins.

The girls and counselors from Camp Fleur-de-Lis trekked en masse to Warren's once or twice during their stay for ice cream and other good things.

The store was sold in 1962 and closed permanently about two years later. Warren and Thelma are deceased, but David continues to be a summer resident. His sister, Patricia, lives in Fitzwilliam. Their grandmother, who is 98 years of age, lives in a nursing home in Keene.



Thelma Spicer in front of Warren's Store.



David Spicer stands on plowed snow. In front of his father's store (right). Warren's Store Laurel Lake (left).

EATING ICE CREAM

By Jaye Nevins

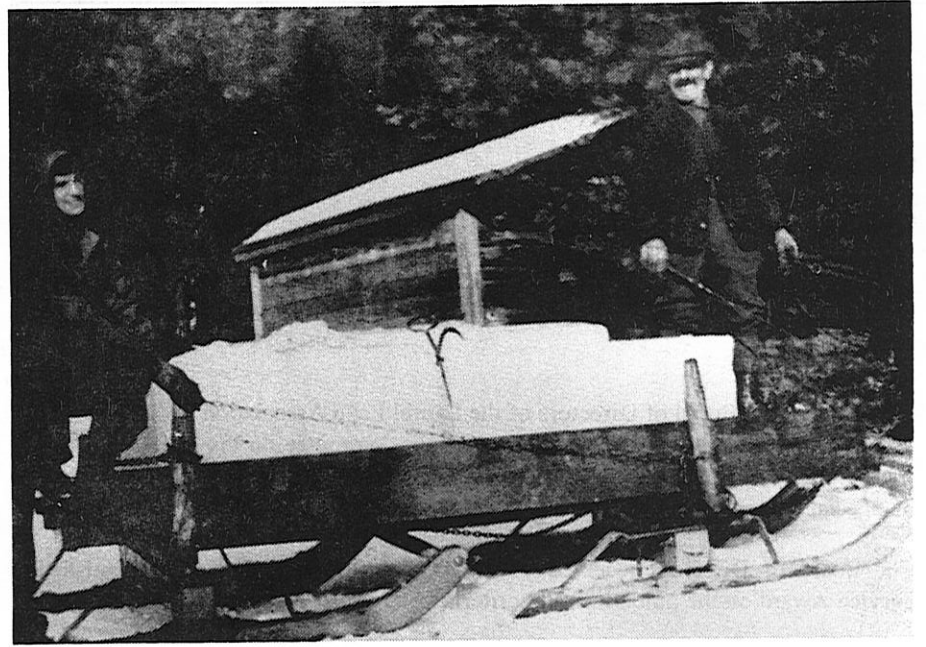
Eating ice cream is a serious business. After the usual discussion about what to order and what size, all discussion and procrastination should stop. Start eating! This is not the time to catch up on the latest gossip. It's not a good idea to try and drive your car, especially a stick shift. Don't get back on your bike. Either stand there and eat or set a leisurely pace and go on your way.

Triple decker cones are useless. Stick to a normal size one or two scoop. Avoid chunky ice cream, particularly that made by those two chubby guys from Vermont; removing one of their super chunks is like pulling a main beam without a jack.

Be sure to remove the cone wrap ... whoever thought up that ridiculous idea? ... cones are what made ice cream a portable edible. And please, don't go wrapping your cone in napkins to catch the drips ... you're better off with the drips than you are with the resulting paper/goo mess.

Hold the cone tip at a slight angle from your chin. Lick from the base of the scoop upward, twisting cone with thumb and forefinger as you lick. This is a pretty artful move that takes some practice. Ice cream was meant to be licked, or even bitten, not vacuumed. Hovering makes you look, and sound, like a guppy. As mentioned earlier, get down to business. Keep licking and twisting, licking and nibbling, until the ice cream is now only left in the cone. We're talking a matter of minutes here; this is not a culinary delight you linger over like a fine wine.

When you get to the cone, your eating style becomes more personalized. Some people nibble around the edges until they've nibbled down to a tiny little triangle which they delicately pop in their mouth. Others prefer to really crunch that cone down in no time, just chomping haphazardly. And still others simply toss the cone away, whatever.



Winter 1933

Bob White and Everett Boyce haul ice by sleigh.

ICE HOUSES AT LAUREL LAKE

By Silas White

On the north end of Laurel Lake at Sandy Beach, my dad, Stephen White, cut ice for the farmhouse and when he had it full, Nate Hayden used the same hole and field to fill his ice house on West Lake Road, hauling it out with his horse and sled up the road past School #7. On the point a couple hundred yards to the east, my dad also put up ice in a big ice house. It was my job when I was about five years old, to ride the horse out a path about 100 feet to pull the ice up a chute or ramp by block and tackle; and when someone unhooked the tongs, I turned the horse around and went back to get another load. We pulled up three blocks at a time that measured 18 x 18 inches plus the thickness of the ice. We started when the ice was eight inches thick and one time, before we finished, it was 36 inches thick. The ice was cut with a saw six feet long by six or eight inches wide with teeth about two inches long. Some of the big houses used an ice plow pulled by a horse. It would cut about halfway through the ice and then the rest would be broken with an ice axe that had a blade about eight inches long and two inches wide. Some of the other tools used for harvesting ice were pike poles to push or pull the ice and ice tongs to lift the cakes. During the summer my dad sold and delivered ice, along with milk and vegetables, around the lake in an old flat bottomed boat.

The next ice house on the east side of the lake was next to the Swimming Club in back of Andersons. That was a big commercial house and was owned by Ed

Dean who lived at the top of the hill from the Depot on East Lake Road. He delivered ice in Fitzwilliam and Troy. Below that, next to Townsends was Thurston's ice and pump house. In the summer, water was pumped up the hill to his house on the Brigham Hill Road. Arthur Smith, who lived on East Lake Road about halfway to town, had the job of filling this ice house. So he would help my dad fill his house and then my dad would cut ice for him to fill Thurston's.

At the south end of the Lake where Fleur de Lis' dock is now was the biggest ice harvest. John Hanninen, from Sandy Hollow, cut ice there, loaded it onto a sled and started the horse for home. His wife would unload it and send the horse back for another load. One day the horse got tired of going down and up the big hill so it turned around with the load on the top of the hill and went back to the Lake. Old John was quite upset and he told that horse, in Finnish, what he thought of that idea. For a few years, every time John went into the store and post office at the Depot, the people would kid him about his smart horse. After John filled his house, Bill Whipple would fill his and help fill one for T. T. Baldwin, where Charlie Wallace's road goes to his camp.

When the Laurel Lake Inn was being used, ice was cut on the lake in front of the dance pavilion and put in an ice house in back of the Inn.

Another ice house of some importance was the one on the back side of Sip Pond that the Boston & Maine railroad used via a spur track so they could haul ice to Boston.

Finally, a word about sharing. Ice cream is the perfect sharing food. It gives you the opportunity to try new flavors. It lets you get silly little splashes on your nose, or someone else's nose. It brings

forth wonderful phrases of praise, such as "yummm", "oooooh", and, "lip smacking good." There may be a science to eating ice cream, but let us never forget the first rule ... eating ice cream is fun!



We've got it and we're open ... Dick Weber's Depot Store has everything you need and then some.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Shirley Quinn
11 Homestead Rd.
Wellesley, MA 02181

September 15, 1992

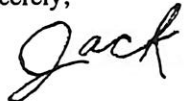
Dear Shirley:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Laurel Lake Association I wish to thank you and your Memberships Special Categories Committee on the excellent work accomplished in preparing such a comprehensive report dealing with the subject of Special Memberships.

The Board of Directors received your report and patterned the Distinguished Service Award on the guidelines and criteria you and your Committee established.

It is through active members like yourself that the Association will grow and become stronger in its efforts to preserve the beauty and purity of Laurel Lake.

Sincerely,



John H. Dumont, Secretary
Laurel Lake Association

**LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

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| <p>I. Criteria</p> <p>A. Must have performed <u>outstanding service</u> to the Association over a "period of time."</p> <p>1. Outstanding Service is interpreted as going beyond the ordinary duties of Association or Board membership by routinely expending time, energy and possibly personal funds in the work of the Association.</p> <p>2. Period of Time is interpreted to mean that this service has been performed over a period of at least three years.</p> <p>3. Examples of such service might be, but not limited to:</p> <p>a. Organizing and running an Association Event.</p> <p>b. Heading an important Association Committee.</p> <p>c. Participating in Committee work to an extraordinary degree.</p> | <p>II. Nomination of Candidates</p> <p>A. Presented in writing to the Association President by members of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>B. The Association President will turn the names over to the Nominating Committee which will consider and vote on the candidates. The Nominating Committee will propose to the Board of Directors, as a whole, those candidates whom it has unanimously selected.</p> <p>C. The Board of Directors will consider and vote by secret ballot on candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>A 75% affirmative vote of attending Board members will be required for election to receive the Distinguished Service Award.</p> | <p>III. The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award will receive suitable recognition by the Laurel Lake Association composed of its Board, Officers and membership.</p> |
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1993 LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION

1993 OFFICERS

Bruce Knight	President	1993
Phyllis Chase	Vice President	1993
John Dumont	Secretary	1993
Don Austin	Treasurer	1993

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Marguerite Albertini	1993
Milt Posovsky	1993
Arnold Anderson	1993
Anne Korjeff	1993
Karl Anderson	1994
Barbara Green	1994
George Graf	1994
Jim Baldwin	1994
Don Treat	1995
Liz Young	1995
Charles Brackett	1995
Larry Friedman	1995
Don Garland	

MEETINGS & EVENT DATES

Board of Directors Meeting @
Milt Posovsky's House
Saturday, June 19, 1993

Annual Meeting/Family Picnic
Saturday, July 17, 1993

Canoe Race
Saturday, July 24, 1993
Sunday, July 25, 1993

Chicken Barbecue
Saturday, August 28, 1993

Labor Day Sunfish Regatta
Sunday, September 5, 1993
Monday, September 6, 1993
(Rain Date)

Board of Directors Meeting @
Anne Korjeff's House
Saturday, September 11, 1993

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Knight

Once again I'm writing this message while enjoying the brilliant colors of October in Fitzwilliam (I really am!).

This will be my last message as president of the Laurel Lake Association. That certainly does not mean that I won't remain active in the Association. I plan to remain on the Board of Directors and I would like to take a more active role in the Water Testing Committee.

My duties over the last four years have been made much easier with the help of some very hard working individuals. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped. I'd particularly like to thank the Board of Directors and all of

the committee members who do the real work of the Association. Members of this group deserving special note are Milt Posovsky, who pushed the membership to record levels; Larry Friedman, who does a superb job on the Laurel Lake Ledger; and Jack Dumont, whose organizational skills make the president's job a snap. Also thanks to the Pelkey family's Laurel Lake Campground, Fitzwilliam Police Chief Scott Ellis, Officer Richard Audette of the N.H. Department of Safety, Marine Patrol and Chief Bob Murray of the Meadowood County Area Fire Department.

Who will be the next president? How about you?

FITZWILLIAM AIRPORT

By Silas White

In March, 1923, the first plane to land in town landed on Laurel Lake on the ice. The pilot was Wells and he bought the plane from Clarence Chamberlain, who was racing Lindberg to cross the Atlantic. The weather wasn't very good when Lindberg took off and Chamberlain waited a couple of days before he took off, but Lindberg had all the glory by then.

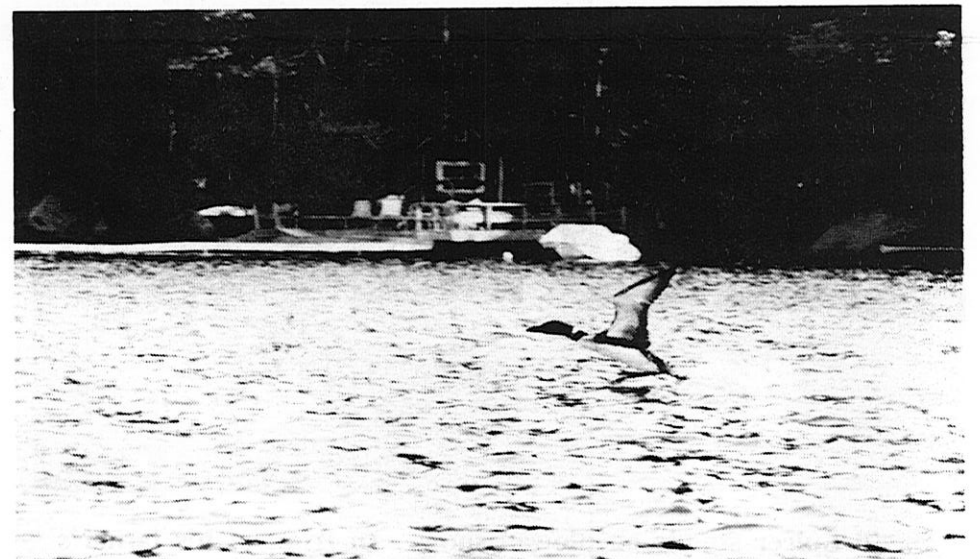
A broken piston was the reason for the forced landing and Wells just made the south end of the lake. They pushed the plane up to the cove in front of the Farm, out of the wind, and Wells stayed with us. He called Chamberlain and he came up with his mechanic and the repair parts. They all stayed with us about a week before they had repaired the plane and

Wells took off for Northern Vermont. Wells gave my dad a ride over town, but my dad made me go to school so I couldn't take one.

They had a little trouble timing it because it had a Wright Whirlwind nine cylinder motor and they had timed it for a seven cylinder. On the Wright Whirlwind Motor, the propeller is bolted to the cylinders and they all turn instead of the crankshaft.

The last I heard of the plane, it was for sale by some farmer up in Northern Vermont, for the rent he couldn't collect for storing it in his barn. Wells had had another forced landing and never went back to fix it.

He went to South America and started an air line, the last I knew.



A loon takes off in front of the Laurel Lake Swim Club. Photo by Ives Parrott.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Larry Friedman	By-Laws Revision Committee	Jack & Barbara Dumont	Annual Meeting/ Family Picnic
Don Treat	Water Testing Committee	Shirley Quinn & Midge Deyo	Membership Committee
Don Garland	Nominating Committee	Charles Brackett	Canoe Race Committee
Larry Friedman	Editor/Publisher <u>Laurel Lake Ledger</u>	Shirley Quinn	Membership-Special Categories Chicken Barbecue Committee
Jim Townsend	Lake/Boating Navigation Aid	Michael Friedman	Labor Day Sunfish Regatta

SPECIAL NOTICE

Any member of the Laurel Lake Association interested in serving on a committee to plan a "catered" Chicken Barbecue should contact any Board member prior to the June 19, 1993 Board of Directors meeting. Or call Bruce Knight (603) 585-9549.

WHO'S WHO ON LAUREL LAKE

By Larry Friedman

Did you ever wonder who belongs to the Laurel Lake Association? Well wonder no more. I put together a list of all those who were members in 1991 and 1992. We realize that we don't reach everyone. If you know of somebody who has an interest in our lake (and is not on the following list) please send their name and address to:

Shirley Quinn
11 Holmstead Rd.
Wellesley, MA 02181

or

Midge Deyo
154 Wilson Av.
Athol, MA 01331

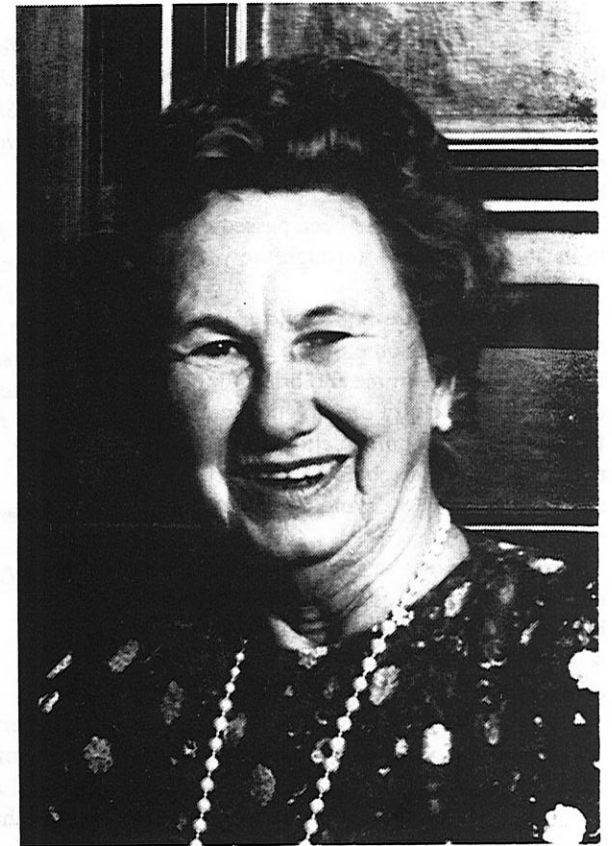
Ask Shirley or Midge to mail them an application for 1993 membership. Please make sure your immediate neighbors are on this list. Thank you for your cooperation.

Aaron & Aleen Agranowitz
Ed & Marguerite Albertini
Donna & George Allen
Kay Amsden
Arnold & Linda Anderson
Karl & JoAnn Anderson
Carol & Richard Arcuri
James & Ursula Arcuri
Anna/Chris/Jonathan Arcuri
Kerry Ashmore
Don & Marion Austin
Henry & Jeanne Baab
Jim & Paulene Baab
Henry Babin
Don & Gale Bailey
Jim & Paula Baldwin
Carol & James Barker
Wayne Bartels
Jim & Kate Basore
Robyn Bates
Rod & Judy Beauregard
Peter & Susan Bellin
Frances & Harry Bolles
Mary Ann Bonafaire
Charles Brackett
Donn Brackett
Roberta Brackett
Peter & Linda Bredberg
Betty & Roger Brooks
Harold Buck
Dustin & Shirley Burke
Bill & Susan Butler
Christine & Edmund Butler
Kevin & Barbara Cantwell
Edwin & Edith Carey
Ken & Evelyn Cavadini
George & Robin Chase
Wayne & Phyllis Chase
Evelyn Cirillo
Andrew Clukey
Don & Jill Cohen
Bruce & Ellen Colburn
Ray & Anne Couture
Susan Crim
Gregoire Croteau
Don & Barbara Crutchley
Ed & Linda Cynewski/Tewksbury
Nancy Daub
Paul & Nina Davids
Julie & Michael Davini
Bill & Sandra Davis
Ken & Martha DeBlieu
Helen & Ivan DeBlieu
Bob & Betty Devin
Gary & Judith Deyo
Jim & Midge Deyo
Cyrus & Pauline Dolbeare
Scott & Beth Dolbeare-Ryan
Tad & Lyn Downing
Gardner & Barb Dresser
Alan & Jeanne Drugg
Erika Duke
Jack & Barb Dumont
Terry & James Dupaul
Richard Dwinell
Scott Ellis
Joe & Susan Fantozzi-Chiasson
Gregory Farnum
Fran & Catherine Favreau
Bernie Feldman
Erik Fey
Jill/Laurel/Mark Fey
Martin Fey
James & Doreen Flaherty
John Flaherty
Albert & Mary Flanders
Ashley & Lee Fletcher

Camp Fleur de Lis
Mike Foley
Yvette Forest
Richard & Carrie Forleo
Gretchen Fox
Larry & Marilyn Friedman
Norman Frigon
Mary Lou Fuller
David Garland
Nancy Garland
Donald & Phyllis Garland
Susan & Russell Garland
Steve & Lynn Gatcomb
Ray & Betty Gehling
Lilly & George Graf
William Graf
Brad & Catherine Greeley
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John & Debbie Holman
Arthur & Muriel Holmes
Gus & Susan Hoyland
Randy Hull
Philip & Dorothy Jalana
E.C. & Sara Jones
Samuel M.D. & Barb Jones
Frank & Helen Judycki
Tony & Cathy Judycki
Linda & Wayne Kassotis
J. Kates
Christine Keefe
Marguerite Keith
Bill Klockars
Bruce/Joan/Kim Knight
Michael & Anne Korjeff
Tom & Sally Lacy
Ray Lafontaine
Helen Larder
Tom & Elizabeth LaRoche
Roger & Ella Laroie
Joseph & Wendy Larson
David & Judith Lawton
John & Patricia LeClaire
Barbara Leith
Marie & Marino Limauro
Susan Link
David & Debra Livengood
Mitch & Marty Luber
George & Laura Mahler
Dan & Cheryl Mahoney
Bucky & Catherine Main
Richard & Karin Marchetti
Josephine Martin
Susan McDaniels
Bob & Betsy McGonagle
Robert & Anne McGonagle
Rob & Claudia McKenney
Will & Karen McKenney
Robert McMahan
David McMahan
John & Debbie McNamara
Erwin & Sheila Merrifield
Michael Methé
Betty Meyer
Susan & Kirk Meyer
Louis & Elaine Milanesi
Nancy & Carlet Miller
Peter & Hanna Minietti
Dennis & Dawn Moore
Tony & Judith Moreira
Russell & Frances Morrison
Ted & Edith Moses
Wesley & Charlotte Mowry
Dana & Laury Mullett
Dennis Murphy
Alvin/Nancy/Alvin Murray
Leo Murray
Perry & Roberta Nadeau
Ray & Debby Nance
Virginia Nevins
David & Elaine Nirenberg
Morris & Rita Nirenberg
Robin Olejarz
Dick & Tanja Olson
John O'Day
Marilyn O'Donnell
Steve & Kathy Olson
Tom & June Parker
Wesley & Leslie Parrott
Monika Patten

George & Lisa Patten
Ann Pelkey
Len & Pam Pelkey
Andrew & Diane Perhaur
Clavin & Mary Ann Perry
Robert & Judy Perry
Pam & Jane Perry-Curie
Lee Peterson
Louis Petkiewicz
Yana Posovsky
Amy Posovsky
Mark & Jill Posovsky
Milt & Anne Posovsky
Beth Poulin
Dave Pouliot
Nancy Pratt
Gage Price
James & Julia Price
Robert & Gretchen Prunier
Patrick & Shirley Quinn
Art & Dianne Raitto
David Raitto
Don & Lois Ray
Bill & Joanne Richard
Wayne & Mariette Rigg
David Robichaud
Anita Robinson
James & Eleanor Rogers
Joseph & Sally Romano
Barry Rose
Mark & Joanne Rose
Pamela Rose
Sam Rose
Art & Genevieve Rouseau
Paul Rousseau
Howard & Gayle Rummel
Ray & Dorothy Russell
Carolyn Saari
June Sailor-O'Day
William/Beth/Eve Samuels
Scott & Sherry Sanderson
Ronald/Marion/Kim Sargeant
Barbara Schecter
John Schecter
Robin Schecter
Chris & Janet Sieg
Chuck Silver
Terry Silverman
Edson Skinner
Jim & Alice Snell
Warren & Lorna Snow
Wilder Sosan
Evelyn & George Spaulding
David & Phyllis Spicer
Patricia Spicer
Frank & Beth Steiner
Stillman Stone
David Streeter
Roy Sunter
Violet Swenor
Bonnie Symansky
Alfred Talbot
Alfred & Elizabeth Talbot
John & Jean Talbot
Rich & Gail Talbot
Jonathan & Karen Tolson
Joe & Ruth Tardiff
Barry Timmerman
Charles & Doris Tousley
Amy Townsend
Jim & Doris Townsend
Bill & Paula Townsend
Don & Anne Treat
Kim & Carol Treat
Joe & Margaret Veale
John & Barb Vitone
Harold & Betty Wallace
Damian & Dana Wasserbauer
Dick & Patty Webber
Eleanor Wentworth
Douglas Wheeler
Bob White
Dave White
Dave & Lorraine White
Si & Ruth White
Tom & Deb White
George & Elizabeth Wildman
Art & Sylvia Willard
Dick & Jackie Wood
Anna Wood
Sue Woods
Nancy & David Wyman
Chip & Nancy Yensan
Liz Young

OBITUARY



Pearl Vaida 1914-1992

By Larry Friedman

Pearl Vaida was one of those rare people you might meet once or twice in your lifetime. When someone coined the phrase "(S)he would give you the shirt off his (her) back" they must have been thinking of Pearl. Although I probably met Pearl some 14 years ago I didn't really get to know her until I moved to Laurel Lake in 1985. Pearl and Emil Vaida were more than next door neighbors; they were like an extra set of grandparents for my 3 children. I suppose I will never really be able to describe to you her uncanny ability to make you feel like the most important person in the world. I never remember her saying anything negative about anybody, always finding the good in people. She was a very special lady, she will be missed by many of us at the Lake. The following is an obituary from The Providence Journal:

Worcester, Mass. - Pearl Vaida, 78, of 24 Melrose St., a health, physical education and recreation teacher at Forest Grove Junior High School for many years before retiring in 1973, died Monday at home. She was the widow of Emil Vaida.

Born in Long Bridge, La., a daughter of the late Filmore Paul and Geogie Panola (Joffrion) Bordelon, she moved to Worcester in 1951.

She was a 1935 graduate of Louisiana State University. She received her master's degree in 1938 from Columbia University.

Mrs. Vaida was a member of the United Congregational Church, and its executive board. She was a Girl Scout leader, and a former president of the Adams Square PTA. She was a member of the Adams Square Congregational Church Women's Club, the Col. Timothy Bigelow Chapter of the DAR, and the Worcester Women's Club. She was active in athletics and established tennis and softball teams at Burncoat Park.

She leaves two sons, James E. Vaida of Hubbardston, and Thomas P. Vaida of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; a daughter, Elizabeth V. Samuels of Providence; a brother, Dr. F.P. Bordelon Jr. of Marksville, La.; a sister, Marjorie Corkery of Spokane, Wash., and four grandchildren.

This newsletter contains one application with Membership Survey. Please fill out both sides and mail back with your dues as soon as possible.

A SACHEL FULL OF HISTORY

By Larry Friedman

Jack Dumont stopped by my camp this past August with a tan, leather briefcase or satchel case that opens at the top like a lady's pocketbook. He said it contained records and letters dating back to the beginning of the Laurel Lake Associates. This case obviously had been passed down to various Secretaries through the years.

I opened the case and could smell the old musty papers, some over 42 years old. I brought the case home and briefly looked through the carefully preserved folders. I found a wealth of information about what the Association members were concerned about back in the 50's and 60's.

I could devote several pages of this newsletter to what I found in that briefcase but we really can't spare the space. I do want to share one letter that I found kind of intriguing. It reads:

September 9, 1954

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown
Laurel Lake Road
Fitzwilliam Depot, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Enclosed is \$40.00 which I collected over the weekend from some of the residents at our end of the lake in connection with contributions towards the Fire Boat. These contributions are from:

Mr. Frank A. Hopkins	\$5.00
Mr. Leroy Fales	\$5.00
Mr. Jerome W. Howe	\$5.00
Mr. H. Clayton Kendall	\$15.00
Mr. Warren Snow	\$5.00
(Mr. Kendall's son-in-law)	
Mr. David Leith	\$5.00
(Mr. Kendall's son-in-law)	

While calling on these individuals I have checked and find that they have paid their dues for 1954-55, they have their fire numbers, and they have sent you their latest mailing address.

Mr. Hopkins has just recently moved and therefore will you please change his mailing address to Frank A. Hopkins, 129 Elm Street, Keene, New Hampshire, effective at once.

29 DAYS

By Larry Friedman

I spent a total of 29 days at the Lake this year. I divide the total cost of maintaining this lakeside camp by 29 and come up with a cost per day that makes me ill. Then I ask myself, "is it worth it?" There are some things in life that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Laurel Lake has to be one of them. The recession of the past few years has placed a lot of stress upon people in business and some professions. I can only speak for myself when I tell you how important it is to have a place that feels like home yet is far enough away from home that I can forget my weekday responsibilities. I call it "recharging". If you are lucky enough to be able to take refuge for two days a week in a place that allows you to operate at peak performance for the other five days, then you have received a benefit that is difficult to measure monetarily.

We've created a lot of great memories at Laurel Lake. Some are captured on 4X6 glossy prints, video tape, and some are etched in my mind and the minds of my family and friends.

In reference to Miss Eva LeGeyt, she had left the money for her dues at Warren's store. She has her fire number and also left a contribution to the fire boat with her dues.

I still have some more names of people at our end of the lake but I was unable to contact them as they were not at the lake over the weekend, but I expect to be up each weekend and will make it a point to reach the remaining people on my list and forward the money to you as soon as it is received.

Yours very truly

Gilbert L. Chadwick

Gilbert L. Chadwick was one of the most influential people in the original Laurel Lake Association. He wrote lots of letters that reveal all the various problems happening around the lake. Obviously members were concerned about fire protection. Did they ever purchase a fire boat for the lake? Perhaps one of you older members can write me with that information.

Gilbert L. Chadwick owned the camp that I now live in. He was a very precise man who wrote everything down. He called his camp "Dun Huntin," which I imagined meant that it was where he went when he finished hunting. I've changed the name to "Fitz Ritz."

I feel it is important for us to save this satchel of letters and notes. Perhaps someone in the organization can piece them all together and create an archive. Perhaps the Fitzwilliam Library can store it for us. I truly believe future generations will learn a great deal about us from what we write in the Laurel Lake Ledger and what documents we are willing to save and preserve.

Any member who wants to take on this historic archive responsibility should write to me: Larry Friedman, 265 Freeman Parkway, Providence, RI 02906.

This is my 5th issue of the Ledger since taking over this responsibility from Jack Dumont. I have worked hard to get members to send me articles and that effort is beginning to pay off. This year the response from members was terrific and gratifying. This makes my job as Editor a lot easier and a lot more fun.

I can't help but notice that there is a reluctance upon the membership to take an active role in the association. I shared that same reluctance initially because I didn't want my volunteer time to cut into my precious leisure time. Actually the work I do on the Board of Directors and the newsletters enhances the "Laurel Lake Experience" for me. I never would have met and gotten to know so many wonderful neighbors. It's always better to be a player than a spectator. Try it, you'll like it!

The responsibility of having to put this newsletter together allows me to expand my 29 days. While my body may be in Providence, my mind is at Laurel Lake. Just writing an article like this one, forces one to search their true feelings. It feels good to be at the Lake this morning. I didn't travel by car. All it took was a pencil and paper.



David George Prunier, great grandson of H. Clayton Kendall, demonstrates his kayaking skills. (Is that you DG?)



Charlie Brackett talks about Canoe Race at the Annual Meeting.



Bruce Knight with Dick Audette of the N.H. Dept. of safety, who spoke at the Annual Meeting.



Rob Prunier shows Barb Dumont how to turn hamburgers so they won't fall through the grill. August family picnic.

NEW BY-LAWS NEED YOUR APPROVAL

By Larry Friedman

On August 1, 1992 a new set of By-Laws was presented to Members to be voted on by all attending next year's Annual Meeting. The original By-Laws were written June 20, 1950, amended July 1, 1950 and last updated and amended June 24, 1962. A committee was formed to study the 1962 By-Laws and update them. The committee was Chaired by Larry Friedman and included Don Garland, Jack Dumont, and Bruce Knight. The proposed By-Laws are printed below so those who did not attend the Annual Meeting can read them and comment before the next annual meeting. Send all comments to Laurel Lake Association By-Laws Committee, 265 Freeman Parkway, Providence, RI 02906. The committee will discuss all correspondence.

LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATES FITZWILLIAM NEW HAMPSHIRE BY-LAWS

(Proposal Presented August 1, 1992)
(To be voted on in 1993)

PREAMBLE:

THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON AND IN THE VICINITY OF LAUREL LAKE, AND USERS OF LAUREL LAKE, FITZWILLIAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE, WISHING TO DEVELOP A CLOSER COOPERATION FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ALL, HAVE ORGANIZED THEMSELVES INTO AN ASSOCIATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATES". (ALSO KNOWN AS THE LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION.)

ARTICLE I - Name - Purpose

Section 1. This organization to be known as the "Laurel Lake Associates".

Section 2. The purpose of this association is to promote among its members, a closer relationship and foster any movement, initiative, or improvement for the mutual benefit of its members as it relates in preserving the quality of life on and around the Lake for present and future generations.

ARTICLE II - Membership - Fee - Meetings

Section 1. Any owner or user of land abutting on or near the shore of Laurel Lake, Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, or any interested person, may become a member of the Association.

Section 2. The membership fee shall be set by the Board of Directors for the following year at its Fall meeting.

Section 3. The Association shall hold an annual meeting during the summer at which meeting the officers and Board of Directors of the Association for the ensuing year shall be nominated and elected.

ARTICLE III - Officers

Section 1. The Association shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of thirteen (13) Directors (twelve (12) elected and the past President).

The President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by the membership at the next annual meeting. The President shall become a member of the Board of Directors with all voting powers. He shall also serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President may be elected to succeed himself.

The Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the regular annual meeting for a term of two (2) years and may be re-elected to serve for longer than one term with full voting powers.

The Directors shall be elected at the regular annual meeting for a period of three (3) years and may be re-elected to serve additional terms. Four (4) Directors shall be elected annually.

In the event a vacancy should occur in the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or on the Board of Directors by death or retirement, the unexpired term of such President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director or Directors shall be filled by the President and voted on by the membership at its next annual meeting.

Section 2. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings. He shall, at his discretion, call meetings, and at the request of at least ten (10) members, call special meeting. He shall appoint any committee which he may deem necessary or when so requested, or when so authorized by vote of the Association. The Board of Directors of the Association shall hold at least two (2) meetings per year -- one during the Spring, the other during the Fall.

Section 4. The Vice President shall take the place of the President in his absence or disability, and perform any other duties requested of him or her by the Association.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association, attend to all the correspondence of the Association, and perform any other duties requested of him or her by the Association.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall deposit all income, pay all expenses and keep accurate financial records. Only the Board of Directors or a majority vote of membership in attendance can authorize an expenditure. The Treasurer shall present a written financial statement to the Board of Directors at the Fall meeting.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall have the general management of the affairs of the Association as delegated to it by the Association from time to time.

ARTICLE IV - Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at previous annual meeting or special meeting. Due notice of by-laws changes shall be given each member.

ARTICLE V - Newsletter

The Association shall publish a newsletter at least once annually for the purpose of keeping the membership informed. This publication to be known as The Laurel Lake Ledger.

ARTICLE VI - Distinguished Service Award

Members who perform outstanding service to the Laurel Lake Association will be eligible to receive the Laurel Lake Association Distinguished Service Award.

Section 1. Criteria

- A. Must have performed outstanding service to the Association over a "period of time."
 1. Outstanding Service is interpreted as going beyond the ordinary duties of Association or Board membership by routinely expending time, energy and possibly personal funds in the work of the Association.
 2. Period of Time is interpreted to mean that this service has been performed over a period of at least three years.
 3. Examples of such service might be, but not limited to:
 - a. Organizing and running an Association Event.
 - b. Heading an important Association Committee.
 - c. Participating in Committee work to an extraordinary degree.

Section 2. Nomination of Candidates

- A. Presented in writing to the Association President by members of the Board of Directors.
- B. The Association President will turn the names over to the Nominating Committee which will consider and vote on the candidates. The Nominating Committee will propose to the Board of Directors, as a whole, those candidates whom it has unanimously selected.
- C. The Board of Directors will consider and vote by secret ballot on candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. A 75% affirmative vote of attending Board members will be required for election to receive the Distinguished Service Award.

Section 3. The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award will receive suitable recognition by the Laurel Lake Association composed of its Board, Officers and membership.

Section 4. Eligibility requirements may be changed from time to time with approval of the Board of Directors.



David and Phyllis Spicer at the annual meeting.

LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, August 1, 1992

The Annual Meeting of the Laurel Lake Association was held on Saturday, August 1, 1992 at White's Field in the Laurel Lake Campground in Fitzwilliam, NH.

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Knight at 10:50 A.M. at which time he introduced Dick Audette from the Department of Safety, State of New Hampshire. Mr. Audette's presentation consisted of the review of water safety and boating rules and their enforcement by his Department.

Jack Dumont, Association Secretary, read the minutes of the July 20, 1991 Annual Meeting. On a motion by George Graf and seconded the minutes were accepted as read.

Don Austin, Association Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Association. On a motion by Rob Prunier and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight reported on the status of our 1992 membership drive with the assistance of Association Secretary, Jack Dumont.

Don Garland, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a proposed list of persons to serve on the Board of Directors. For one (1) year terms: Marguerite Albertini, Milt Posovsky, Arnold Anderson and Anne Korjeff; for two (2) year terms: Karl Anderson, Barbara Green, George Graf and Jim Baldwin and for three (3) year terms: Don Treat, Liz Young, Charles Brackett and Larry Friedman. On a motion by Jim Baldwin and seconded that the Secretary cast one vote for the entire slate of Directors as presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight addressed the membership on the need for a Chairperson for our Annual Labor Day Sunfish Regatta. There were no volunteers at the meeting. (Later in the summer Michael Friedman volunteered for this Chairmanship.)

President Bruce Knight also discussed the need for a Chairperson to handle the Chicken Barbecue. After some discussion the matter was dropped. (No one ever did take on this responsibility and, therefore, there was no Chicken Barbecue in 1992.)

Don Treat, Chairman of the Water Testing Committee, reported on the current results of water testing as compared to previous years. He also explained how to interpret the results of the testing. On a motion by Don Austin and seconded that the report be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Friedman, Editor/Publisher of the Laurel Lake Ledger, addressed the membership on the need for articles for the Association's Newsletter.

Larry Friedman, Chairman of the By-Laws Revision Committee, reported on the progress of his Committee and presented formally to the Association and its membership a new set of By-Laws to be considered by the general membership at its 1993 Annual meeting.

Charles Brackett, Chairman of the Canoe Race Committee, addressed the Membership on the success of this year's Canoe race held on Saturday, July 18, 1992. He displayed a trophy and had for viewing a videotape of this year's event. He also sought volunteers to help him with the 1993 race. On a motion by Phyllis Spicer to raise the entry fee of the Canoe Race by one dollar in order to keep the canoe race as a local event on the Lake. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Milt Posovsky addressed Association Members on the need to join the Association and support its officers by returning membership applications by mail.

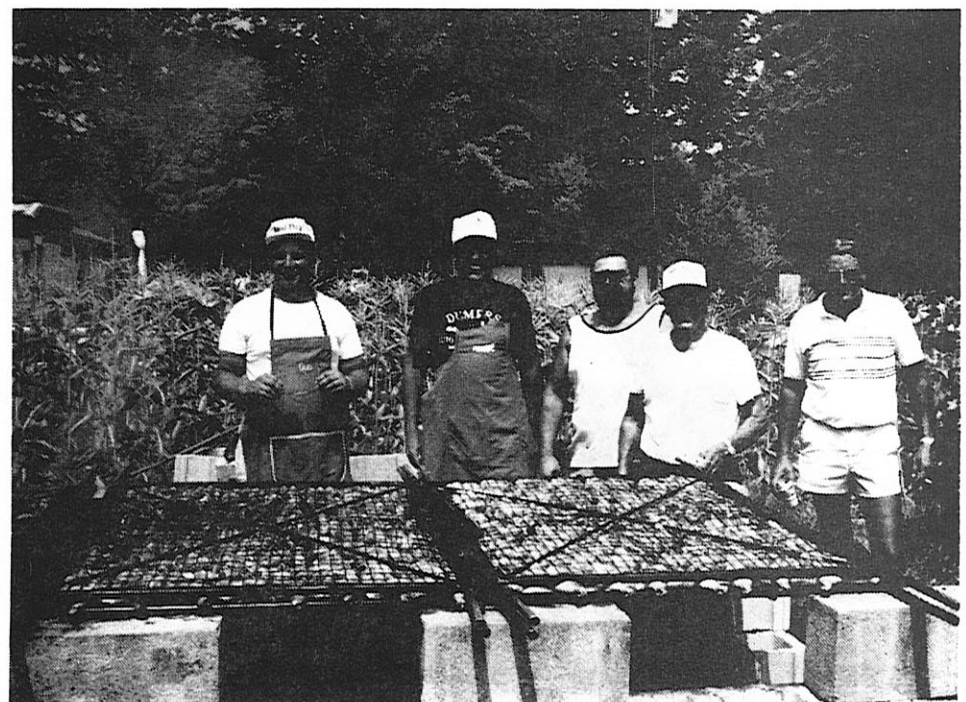
President Bruce Knight with the assistance of George Graf provided information to the membership on the condition of the leaking earthen dam located on the Pratt property on the south end of the lake, along with what measures are being taken to solve the problem.

Jim Townsend addressed the membership on recent placement of additional buoys in the Lake with the assistance of Dick Audette from the Department of Safety.

On a motion by Rob Prunier and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack
John Dumont
Secretary



No shortage of volunteers for past Chicken Barbecues; however, no barbecue for 1992 due to no one volunteering to chair the event.

1992 REPORT OF THE LAUREL LAKE WATER TESTING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION

N.H. MEAN VALUE DESIRABLE VALUES	YEARS			
	'89	'90	'91	'92
CLARITY (ft.) 12.75 > 20	21	19	21	17
CHLOROPHYLL-a 6.0 mg/m ³ < 4	7.71	4.21	3.34	3.8
PHOSPHORUS 10 ug/L < 10	4	6	8	5.3
pH 6.50 6.5-7.5	6.36	6.50	6.61	6.47
ACID NEUTRALIZING CAPACITY 6.8 mg/L > 5	1.7	1.4	2.26	2.13
COLOR 25 < 20	9	11	6	8.3

Don Treat explains results of this year's water testing.

By Don Treat

A reduction in CLARITY was noted by a number of boaters, swimmers, and fishermen, and could be attributed to particulate matter, probably pine pollen, suspended in the upper layers. Because we can expect the particles to slowly settle out, the clarity may well return to 21 ft. next June as it was in June '92. Low readings of 14 to 15 ft. in July and August reduced the mean value this year.

CHLOROPHYLL-a is a green pigment found in algae. This year's value, 3.8 mg/m³ is good and the 0.26 increase over last year's value is probably not significant, especially as the PHOSPHORUS value showed a nice decline from last year.

That's good news! Since Phosphorus is the limiting factor for algae growth in lake water, we hope the trend toward lower values continues, and it will if everyone does his/her part in reducing or eliminating phosphorus entering the lake.

PH is a measure of the lake water's acidity or alkalinity. A pH of 6.47, this year's result, is disturbing as it reverses a three-year trend away from acidity. I don't know why the values declined--perhaps there was more acidity in the rain this year, or perhaps the abundance of pine pollen contributed to lowering the pH.

ACID NEUTRALIZING CAPACITY (buffering capacity) measures the lake's ability to neutralize acids. Because New Hampshire lakes have granite bottoms, they generally have low buffering capacities, and Laurel Lake is no exception. So far, the values remain steady, though relatively

low. If the pH should approach levels dangerous to fish (5.5), the State might consider liming the lake to increase its buffering capacity.

COLOR is another measure of clarity. This year's value, somewhat higher than last year's, is still very good. Incidentally, a lake's color is not related to bacterial pollution but rather is caused primarily by decaying organic matter. Shallow lakes with mucky bottoms often contain tea-colored water; deep lakes with sandy or rocky bottoms tend to have clear water.

My thanks to Water Committee members Jim Deyo, Don Garland, George Graf, Barbara Green, Lou Milanesi, and Jim Townsend for their continuing interest and effort.

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Table 1: Laurel Lake Water Testing Results from 1989 to 1992 expressed as mean (average) values.

Table 1 displays results derived by averaging the values obtained from samples and measurements taken each year near the end of June, July, and August.

The following articles are from *The Sampler*, a Newsletter of the New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Assessment Program.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO BAN PHOSPHATES

By Jody Connor, Limnology Center Director

An important bill was introduced by the Senate Development, Recreation, and Environment Committee this legislative session. Senate Bill 351, introduced by Senator Russman, prohibits the sale of household cleaning products that contain a phosphorous concentration in excess of a specified quantity. This bill also limits the concentration of phosphorous allowed in cleansing products used primarily for industrial, institutional, and commercial use. After strong lobbying efforts to kill the bill by the soap and detergent industry, Procter and Gamble, Monsanto Company and the Business and Industry Association, a somewhat watered down phosphate detergent limitation bill overwhelmingly passed the Senate. Recently, the House Agriculture and Environment Committee held two hearings on SB 351 and placed it in Interim Study.

The key issue that this bill addresses is one of lake protection. We all want to protect New Hampshire's crown jewels so future generations will be able to enjoy them.

The problem, of course, is one we should all be familiar with, that nasty "p" word, phosphorous. Phosphorous plays a major role in biological metabolism. In comparison to other macronutrients required by the biota, phosphorous is least abundant in New Hampshire and is the first element to limit biological productivity.

Phosphorous is the causative agent in:

1. turning lakes green and turbid with excessive algal growth,
2. reducing water clarity,
3. depleting the lake's oxygen,
4. decreasing the lake's aesthetics,
5. accelerating the rate of aging,
6. accelerating the filling-in process,
7. creating obnoxious growths of aquatic plants,
8. creating the death of aquatic organisms, and
9. initiating obnoxious odors.

Although phosphorous is found naturally in the environment, artificial sources such as septic leachate, animal waste runoff, fertilizer runoff and cleaning products effluent have increased the supply of phosphorous to our lakes.

VLAP

By George Graf

The New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Association Program (VLAP) is actively supported by the Laurel Lake Association. Four years ago, our Lake Sampling Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Dr. Donald Treat. Serving on the committee with Dr. Treat are Dr. Donald Garland, Dr. Barbara Greene, Dr. George Graf, James Deyo, Milton Posovsky and James Townsend. How does this group, which includes 2 physicians, a microbiologist, a chemist and 3 laymen, operate?

Each June, the Committee meets to review the prior year's testing data, plan the sampling program for the current year, and discuss appropriate information or other programs of interest to it, such as lake water level management. After this

New Hampshire's water quality assessment report demonstrates that while the state's lakes have good water quality overall, a number are already impaired from phosphorous enriched water and the trend is toward increased phosphorous enrichment. New Hampshire should be doing all it can to reduce phosphorous inputs to its lakes to protect them from further enrichment. The use of non-phosphate detergents, especially within the perimeter of lakes and tributary streams, can be one of the most cost-effective lake eutrophication control measures available. Although detergent phosphorous limitations are not a cure-all for all of New Hampshire's lake problems, it is estimated that the reduction will decrease the amount of phosphorous load to a lake by five to ten percent. A detergent phosphorous limitation is not only cost-effective but a positive step in the task of protecting this state's lakes for future generations.

Proposed Lake Related Legislation

HB-601

This bill establishes a statewide public boat access program. A statewide public boat access fund will be established that would require an additional \$5 fee from each private boat registration. Several amendments were proposed at the March 26 senate hearing. At this time, no vote on the fate of this bill has taken place.

HB-1244

This bill adds a definition for pressure treated wood and prohibits its use in any surface waters of the state. The bill did not pass the house vote. However, the wetlands board will distribute a DES fact sheet on pressure treated wood for all those that seek permits for the placement of structures into public waterbodies.

HB-1400

This bill makes technical changes to the shoreland protection act. The bill adds some rivers and amends rule making authority. The Senate Environment Committee heard this bill April 1, 1992. No vote on the fate of this bill has taken place.

HB-1436

This bill amends the effective dates for septic system setbacks and terrain alteration permits to 60 days after passage of the Shoreland Protection Act. This bill was heard on March 25, 1992 in the Senate Environment Committee, but has not been voted on.



Is there a doctor in the house? Doctors George Graf, Don Treat and Don Garland take samples of lake water for testing.

meeting, a part of the group, accompanied by a State representative, embarks on the first sampling session.

This session is perhaps the most important one of the year. Using special equipment supplied by the State and operated by its representative, temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles are determined at the deepest spot on the lake. From these data, the State representative sets the 3 sampling depths for the season. Water samples for chemical and biological analysis are taken and sent to the Concord laboratories of VLAP.

Sampling is again carried out in July and August. For the past three years, your dedicated doctors (photo attached) have served you. Attend the Annual Meeting to hear about the health and possible illnesses of our lake.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHICKEN BARBECUE?

By Susan Geary Hoyland

The news that the 1992 season brought no Chicken Barbecue is spreading.... While a few responded with ambivalence, my very unscientific consensus tells me that most were genuinely sorry to see the annual event discontinued (if perhaps just momentarily...). The tradition of the Chicken Barbecue held no less honor in the list of expected traditions in our family than did Thanksgiving, Christmas or Fourth of July! (Can you imagine if Christmas were canceled because no one would help out to make it happen??)

So, what happened? And what's next?

I volunteered for several years to help out with the Chicken Barbecue. And after each year, I'd tell myself that I'd never do it again. But year after year it seemed that people whom I knew and liked, were running it, and so I'd put on my "good sport" hat and join in, - hoping that that year would feel differently. Last year was the final straw! (I'd only agreed to help when I discovered that my good friend, Gale Bailey, was involved. I think that was my "excuse" the year before when I found out that Karl and JoAnn Anderson were in charge and before that with the Albertinis and Morellis, the Hoags and the Woodruffs, and so on and so on...)

So why not help anymore? Was it too much work? Am I too busy? Do I dislike the barbecue? Am I too selfish to care? NO, NO, NO and NO! In a word, it's SHOULD.. (commonly heard from the mouths of armchair, or in this case, sand chair) critics.

It seems that the majority of people have appointed themselves to critique the volunteer work that others do. As human nature would have it, the verbalized critiques seem to be largely of the negative type. "YOUSHOULD hold the barbecue earlier; YOUSHOULD hold the barbecue later; YOUSHOULD cook the potatoes longer; YOUSHOULD cook the potatoes less; YOUSHOULD've bought more rolls; YOUSHOULD've bought better rolls; YOUSHOULD've cooked it earlier;

YOUSHOULD've cooked it later; YOUSHOULD've found easier games; YOUSHOULD've found harder games, YOUSHOULD've...

Frankly folks, I don't volunteer anymore because I got sick and tired of being SHOULD on...

Each comment by itself seems harmless and well-meaning enough. But, put them together on a 90 degree day, as you're standing in the sun feeling the searing heat of the open pit, as you watch others eating and laughing and relaxing and if there was any expectation of fun to be had, it quickly diminishes... What we wanted was to carry on a tradition, have a little fun, and Yes, be thanked for caring enough to help. The fantasy was far improved over the reality.

So, Now What?

It's been suggested that the problems that plagued the Chicken Barbecue was that too many people wanted to be planners, organizers, managers and critics, and not enough wanted to be laborers. And why should anyone want to be a laborer when for every one of him or her doing the work, there were countless standing by criticizing the process... ?

It's this writer's opinion that the very "demon" that eroded the Chicken Barbecue is in many ways related to the "demon" that has eroded the American economy... In the same vein, I don't believe that a Caterer will solve the problems of a Chicken Barbecue any more than a President will solve the problems of a country.

Perhaps if each and every one of us replaced YOUSHOULD with ICOULD, we'd make some better progress...

P.S. By the way, Larry, thanks for a great newspaper... YOUSHOULD do an article about the barbecue... Okay, okay... ICOULD and I did.

CHICKEN BARBECUE - A THING OF THE PAST?

By Bruce Knight

1992 saw the first summer in memory without a Laurel Lake Association Chicken Barbecue. Many of you have asked me why this happened. There was no shortage of individuals who were willing to help. The problem was that no one wanted to head the committee. We need a leader to pick up the ball and assure that this tradition stays alive.

The chairperson's job is made easy by the years of experience that the Association has in setting up the barbecue. Past committees have kept detailed records of all that is needed. Most of the non-food items are currently stored at Karl and Joanne Anderson's house.

The barbecue pit is now permanently installed in the campground field. There are plenty of people who are willing to share the workload. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved with your neighbors. Ideally, the chairperson's job is to assign all of the various jobs to the committee members.

If you are interested in seeing this tradition stay alive, please let me know. I can be reached at P.O. Box 700 or at 603-585-9549.

Bruce Knight is President of the Laurel Lake Association.

NOBODY WINS

The following article from the July 7, 1992 issue of the Keene Sentinel illustrates how difficult it is for a group of lakefront property owners to sue for abatements due to overvaluing property. Even if you win, you lose. This article was sent to me by Milt Posovsky. Spofford Lake is a beautiful body of water off Route 9 between Keene and Brattleboro.

SPOFFORD LAKE RESIDENTS BALK AT CHESTERFIELD PROPERTY TAX

By Catherine Pritchard
Sentinel Staff Writer

Steamed over what they see as way-too-high property taxes, 256 landowners along Spofford Lake have taken their complaint to court.

A lawsuit seeking abatements of 1991 property taxes for the lot of them was filed June 29 in Cheshire County Superior Court in Keene.

It's the largest number of plaintiffs in a single lawsuit ever at the court, according to officials.

The suit claims that property on Spofford Lake has been overvalued by the town of Chesterfield, leading to too-high taxes.

The petitioners first applied to the selectmen for abatements - the first step in such a process - but they were denied.

Now, they're asking the court to determine the "just and proportionate" assessments of their properties.

Meanwhile, the town is adjusting its 1989 complete property revaluation, which will likely push assessments down all over town, including around Spofford Lake.

Selectman Curt Nowill said it's his understanding that the Spofford Lake landowners filed the suit simply to protect

their interest while they wait to see if they think the results of the property assessment adjustment are fair.

It's possible they'll be granted the abatements on the 1991 taxes, he said, but that could mean the tax rate will go up and they'll simply be charged more next year.

"If there is a mass abatement and all the properties in town go down (in value), the tax rate is going to go up," Nowill said.

They might get \$1,000 back, he said, but they might have to pay \$1,000 more the next year, plus attorney's fees.

"Nobody wins," he said.

The Spofford Lake landowners have been particularly hard-hit with taxes during the past few years, in part because they got a break for years before that, Nowill said.

Until the 1989 revaluation, their properties had never been assessed at 100 percent of their values, he said. "They were grossly undervalued."

Nowill said that after the revaluation, they got hit with "a very large increase in taxes." The bottom fell out of the real-estate market, pushing their property values under their assessments.

Now, the town is working to adjust its assessments to meet the current market.

Nowill said that's hard, because there haven't been many sales between willing landowners of lake front property, as opposed to foreclosures and the like. That makes it harder to determine actual market value, he said.

The new revaluation should be done by Aug. 15, he said. Done on a computer model, it's costing \$15,000, as opposed to \$90,000 revaluation based on visits to properties around the town.

MEMORIAL DAY '92 IN FITZWILLIAM

By Phyllis Chase

A parade began the observance. The Monadnock High School Marching Band played patriotic selections. Children on decorated red, white and blue bicycles were a colorful addition to the parade. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cubs, sports teams and local dignitaries joined Veterans of several wars in the march honoring our Nation's war dead.

The ceremonies at the front of Town Hall were moving and meaningful, as the sacrifices of people who fought for the freedoms we enjoy, but so often take for granted, were recalled. Prayers, special music, and a stirring address by the Principal of Fitzwilliam's school reminded us of our common heritage. The program concluded with a gun salute and Taps.

Expressing the sentiments of many who were moved by this simple but time-honored traditional event in the town, are the words of a Chinese mother and college age son who had attended and later wrote to their lake hosts, "The Fitzwilliam memorial parade will be with us a long, long time."



This photo shows part of the crowd gathered on the Common and in front of Town Hall for the annual Memorial Day observance, held this year on Monday, May 25.

SAVING N.H.'S LAKES

By Eric Aldrich
Sentinel Staff Writer

The following article clipped from the July 18, 1992 Keene Sentinel was sent in by Milton Posovsky and also Phyllis Chase. Members are encouraged to send in newspaper and magazine articles that are relevant to life on Laurel Lake and lakes in general.

Here are few sure ways to ruin a lake:

- Build lots of houses and septic systems close to the shores.
- Throw tons of fertilizer onto lakeside lawns. That will leak phosphates into the water and help choke the lake with weeds and algae.
- Cut trees and shrubs so the shores fill up with silt.

In an effort to make sure people don't do these things to lakes and ponds, the N.H. Legislature last year passed the Shoreland Protection Act.

It places new restrictions - and reinforces existing laws - on shores around N.H.'s 780 lakes and ponds, as well as coastal estuaries, seashore and rivers not protected in another state program.

State officials plan to hold informational sessions on the little-publicized act this fall.

Important step

Though the act doesn't take effect until next year, lawmakers, conservationists and heads of lake associations are hailing it as an important step toward protecting the state's public waters.

Some say the act doesn't go far enough, that it was weakened by compromises. They complain that the Legislature passed the act but didn't include money to implement it right away.

"The law, as weak as it is after getting watered down, is a step forward," said Rep. Steven R. Maviglio, D-Laconia, one of the bill's sponsors.

"It's a baby step forward."

Conservationists have complained that the act as passed in 1991 excluded all rivers. Then, in May of this year, the Legislature restored rivers to the act, but not those in the N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program.

The rivers in that program should have the same protection as is provided to other rivers, lakes and estuaries in the shoreland act, conservationists say.

Still, conservationists like the act. Without it, lakes here "would eventually look like the lakes in Massachusetts or Connecticut - a lot of green, swampy lakes," said Paul Grevstad, director of the N.H. Lakes Association.

N.H. fortunate

Grevstad, a nationally recognized authority on shoreland protection, said,

"New Hampshire is unbelievably fortunate for the purity of its lakes."

Fortunate, he said, although many of the shorelines of the state's lakes have been developed, which threatens the water's quality.

When lakes get overdeveloped, unhealthy things begin to happen to the water and fish, Grevstad said. Effluent from septic systems and lawn fertilizers fill lakes with phosphates, which encourages algae growth. That, in turn, can reduce oxygen supplies for fish.

Cutting natural vegetation and removing stumps lets silt spill into lakes, further clouding the water.

Keeping houses, septic tanks and fertilizers away from the shores is part of the antidote for unhealthy lakes, he said.

Model plan

Grevstad and others who praise the act say they like the fact that it encourages cities and towns to adopt a model shoreland protection zoning ordinance being prepared by the N.H. Office of State Planning.

The model ordinance will have many of the same provisions as the new act, and communities that adopt it will be exempt from the state act. When standards conflict between the state act and local ordinances, the provision that's more strict prevails.

Gov. Judd Gregg and state planning officials will unveil the model ordinance Aug. 8 at Lake Sunapee, where towns have cooperated in formulating their own protective measures.

Whether these measures balance water quality with landowner's rights will be the topic when communities begin debating the local ordinances, Grevstad said. That's where education fits in, he said.

"You can have all the laws you want, but it really boils down to educating people about protecting lakes," said John Calhoun 3rd of Harrisville, president of the Harrisville Pond Association.

Calhoun concedes that some people see the act as statewide zoning - more fitting for Maine or New York.

But states that have emphasized local involvement are way ahead of others in adopting shoreline protection measures, Calhoun said.

"If you give people good scientific facts about why they should do something, it kind of takes the political haggling out of it," Calhoun said.

Leonard Frazier of Munsonville, an officer of the Granite Lake Association, says that lake has shown improvement in water tests and hopes to see that continue.

But he knows there are septic systems that are too close to Granite Lake. He worries about that.

Frazier, who never heard of the Shoreland Protection Act until Thursday, says it's a good step.

GOOD CATERPILLARS

This article was sent to us by George Graf. The article is from the June 21, 1992 edition of the Boston Globe.

CATERPILLAR MAY BE NEMESIS FOR WINNIPESAUKEE'S WEED

Associated Press

CONCORD - The lake weed that has plagued New Hampshire swimmers and boaters may have found its natural nemesis, biologists say.

A tiny underwater caterpillar has been eating away at the exotic milfoil plant, which grows fast and as high as 15 feet, choking off swimming areas, boating lanes and fishing coves.

After Moultenborough residents last summer noticed the milfoil mats getting smaller in a section of Lake Winnepesaukee and nearby Lee Pond, state biologists investigated and found the caterpillar.

"I think what is happening here is nature finally catching up with the milfoil," said Ken Warren, an aquatic weed specialist with the state.

The weed is not indigenous to New Hampshire, but has found its way into at least 14 of the state's lakes and ponds, Warren said.

Specialists believed the plant had no natural predators in New Hampshire except humans. People have tried to get rid of the weeds -using chemicals, machines or just pulling them out with their hands. But they always come back.

ACCORDING TO GEORGE

By George Graf

In the mail recently we all received an advertisement about a product for improving the operation of our septic tanks and cesspools. It reminded me that the State of Delaware requires registration and approval of products marketed as additives to these waste disposal systems. The rationale is to ensure that the public can buy products which are effective for the problem involved and that the effluent or discharge from the system will not add any undesirable chemicals to the ground waters.

I have selected a few products and their manufacturers from the Delaware list, should you wish to publish them.

Manufacturer	Product Name
King of All Mfg., Inc. Flint, MI	Live Bacteria Enzyme Activator
FX Lab Company Fairfield, NJ	FX products FX 3,4,5,7 & 11

The New Hampshire biologists sent some of the caterpillars to the University of Florida, where they were identified as the larval stage of a type of aquatic moth. They believe the moth is native to the state, because the University of New Hampshire has specimens dating back to 1900.

Warren said little is known about the caterpillars. Scientists don't know their lifespan, but the moths are out only a couple of weeks, the only time the insect lives out of water.

"They mate, and they die," Warren said. "Kind of a tough life."

This summer, researchers will conduct laboratory and field studies on the caterpillars to see what kind of food they like, how much and how fast they eat, said Bob Estabrook, the state's chief aquatic biologist.

Scientists put the caterpillars in a screened area in Wolfeboro Bay of Lake Winnepesaukee, which is thick with milfoil, and watch what they do.

"If it works out this summer, we may try to transport them to other areas in Winnepesaukee and other lakes, but that's a way down the road," Estabrook said.

There are native species of milfoil that don't pose problems for New Hampshire lakes, in part because they grow only two feet tall. Exotic milfoil comes to New Hampshire from the South on boats and trailers.

The weeds can live out of water for several hours, and only a small piece is needed for the plant to establish itself.

Roebic Laboratories Inc. Haven, CT	Roebic North Products Formulas K-37, K-47, K-57
American Enzyme Mequon, WI	Septictrine
The d-Con Company Alliance, OH	Rid-X
Ecological Laboratories, Inc. Freeport, NY	Micro-Lift

All of these products seem to provide supplementary bacterial or enzyme action to break down the waste matter in your disposal system. Frankly Rid-X is fine with me. An occasional dosage of horse droppings from East or West Lake Roads is fine too.

George Graf contributes helpful hints for preserving the environment in every issue of the Laurel Lake Ledger. We welcome his advice and opinions.

WHIPPOORWILLS

By Jim Townsend

I've been coming to Laurel Lake since 1914, the year I was born. It has always been a favorite place for me and my whole family.

Recently, I've been thinking about the fact that I haven't heard a whippoorwill here for a great many years. In fact, I

can pinpoint it to 1948. Back as far as I can remember, there were several whippoorwills on our side of the lake calling out each evening and there were several on the west side who would answer. Then, as time passed, there were fewer and fewer.

My grandmother enjoyed listening for them each evening and keeping track of them. After many years had passed, she would say, "I don't hear as many whippoorwills any more." Then, the

count was down to only one on our side of the lake. My grandmother thought that poor bird must be lonesome with no feathered friends around to answer its 'whippoorwill' cry.

My grandmother died in October, 1949 and that summer she said, "I haven't heard a single whippoorwill this year." We haven't heard any since that time either. We wonder if the reason they haven't been around is because the lake is more thickly populated. In those days, the

boys camp, South Pond Cabins, was the only place on the west side of the lake and there were only about a half dozen camps on the east side.

If anyone has any other thoughts about why the whippoorwills are no longer calling each other at Laurel Lake, I'd be interested to hear them.

Write: Box 310, East Lake Road
Fitzwilliam, N.H. 03447

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By Larry Friedman

I received quite a few letters during the winter months. Below are two that were written in response to the last issue of the Ledger. Your comments are most welcomed.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

The article about Ellen M. Olson looked great with the photos. We really enjoyed having it in the Ledger.

I just wanted to let you know that Ellen died on Dec. 27, 1991. She was 81 years old. I'm very glad I took the opportunity to write down her story and share it with other people before she died.

Keep up the good work with the Ledger.

Yours Truly,

Erika Duke

Dear Mr. Friedman:

My husband and I look forward to receiving the Laurel Lake Ledger. The combination of lake history, folklore, and current events is very well done and we appreciate the effort and time that go into "putting it all together." It is a fine publication and a bright spot in the long winter season. Just a brief comment on your restaurant section - we have very much enjoyed the New England charm of the Fitzwilliam Inn - it sure is close by - the meals are excellent, the service is great and we look forward to dining there. If you haven't tried it as yet, do think about it. Thanks.

Marilyn O'Donnell

FITZWILLIAM INN

By Midge Deyo

This year will be our twenty-fifth year at Laurel Lake.

Our favorite eating place in the area is the Fitzwilliam Inn. Not many places give you crackers and dip with your drinks and include appetizers to dessert in the price.

I've tried most of the menu and have enjoyed most of it.

I especially like the Chicken Marsala. My husband really likes the Black Diamond steak.

For appetizers, I usually have juice or fruit cup. They have soup and chowder. The salad is always fresh and crisp. There is a choice of two vegetables with the entree.

The desserts are great chocolate mousse, parfaits, cherry cobblers, strawberry shortcake. Lots of choice.

The atmosphere is friendly and the service is excellent.

Fish is a good choice; it's cooked just right.

FLOWER OF THE LILY

Dear Larry,

I received your letter today requesting articles for the Ledger. Since I hate creative writing, I am including a copy of a column about camp written by someone who obviously fishes the lake. For all I know, he is a member of the Association. All of us at camp really enjoyed the column and I thought Association members might also enjoy it.

A couple of comments on the column. The camp was administered out of the Episcopal Church Regional office, but never has been funded or controlled by the Episcopal Church. Fleur de Lis was a service organization of girls and women in Episcopal Churches (mostly in Massachusetts). It was sort of a forerunner of Brownies & Girl Scouts. And it was the ladies of "the Order of Fleur de Lis" who started the camp. There was a male counterpart "the Order of Galahad" and they started Camp O-AT-KA which is still in operation on Lake Sebago, in East Sebago, ME. In fact Fleur de Lis first operated at Camp O-AT-KA. When the men and boys weren't using O-AT-KA, they let the women and girls use it. Needless to say, it wasn't long before the females said, "Hey, we want and need our own facility." In 1928, they found and purchased the Fitzwilliam property and our first season on Laurel Lake was in 1929.

In addition to waterskiing, which everyone on the lake sees us doing, one of the most popular activities continues to be Riflery (target shooting only). And we do still shoot matches against the boys (Camp O-AT-KA and William Lawrence Camp, our other brother camp in Center Tuftonboro, NH). And we continue to be triumphant over the boys more often than not. If anyone wonders why they see a largish group of young men on our dock twice a summer, it is because they have come visiting for a social and rifle match.

I hope this is of some use and that you get hundreds of articles.

If you need to contact me with any questions, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely,

Liz Young
6 Rutland Circle
Worcester, MA 01609

By Paul Seamans, The Recorder

At the southwest end of Laurel Lake in Fitzwilliam, N.H., there is a camp by the name of "Fleur de Lis."

The camp is well named - Flower of the Lily. It has a summer population of attractive young ladies, comely girls in the first blush of life, energetic, eager, enthusiastic, unspoiled. They are, as we see them from time to time, the very flower of our youth.

Camp Fleur de Lis used to be - may still be - administered by the Episcopal Church whose regional office is One Joy Street in Boston. I make this notation because it is important in support of the story being developed here.

I say we see the Fleur de Lis girls from time to time. While we move at our trolling along Laurel Lake's placid summer surface the girls show up around midmorning. When they put in an appearance you can't very well ignore them.

From their end of the lake they come careening madly past us, counselors at the

helm of their towboat, full throttle, foam flying, with some pig-tailed youngster up behind on her skis.

Were it a bunch of boys rocking our boat we'd all be bent out of shape, tempted to shake a fist at them. In this case it's girls flying past us, barely covered up, past us much too fast for us to get more than a happy glimpse of them. They always wave gaily as they go by, clearly innocent of any concern that their waves have interrupted the tempered rhythm of our fishing.

By the time summer's camping season is over we have come to recognize most of these charming water sprites individually, the tall and the short of them, the blond and the dark, the skilled and the not so skilled. September arrives and they are gone. Now our fishing is uninterrupted, and we find ourselves wishing we could see those uninhibited youngsters just one more time.

I first knew that there was a Camp Fleur de Lis in the early 1930's. I went to a boy's camp in Foxboro, "Lincoln Hill." It was a choir boys camp at the time, run by the same church administrator who ran the Fleur de Lis camp in Fitzwilliam.

Lincoln Hill had a riflery program. Almost all of us young boys, smelling the smoke of gunpowder for the first time, were immediately and wholly taken up in what was clearly going to be a lifelong passion.

We were at the range early and late, always eager to carry a gun or clean a rifle. To achieve to "Sharpshooter" before camp ended became the single most important goal of our summer.

We were only 10 or 11 years old. We didn't know at that time that our rifles were run-of-the-mill single shots, plinkers barely adequate for tomato-can shooting at 25 feet. We shot them, got the feel for them, loved it, and were supremely happy when all of our shots stayed "in the black."

After some of us had made it to Sharpshooter, we were informed that Lincoln Hill was going to have a riflery match with a group of girls from a far-away camp named Fleur de Lis.

Piece of cake! We took to washing our faces, and all the rest of us, with special care, combed our hair, primped and smirked, making our masculine selves ready to play host to the ladies coming our way to slaughter.

In truth, as I recall it, we didn't think about beating the girls. I believe that our young male minds didn't have it in them to consider the issue of win or lose in any competition so clearly the domain of the man.

Today's lady-libbers may gloat - I encourage it - and old men may chuckle. We boys got the surprise of our lives.

Those Fleur de Lis girls came with shooting jackets and target rifles. We were no match for them. Where we had been glad just to hit the bullseye, the girls plugged dead center. They cleaned up on us. It was a rude awakening for us young rascals to see for the first time that girls were a social entity that would have to be seriously reckoned with.

When fishing companions Carpenter and Bordner troll Laurel Lake, hanging on when the Fleur de Lis skiers fly by, they have no idea how their shipmate's firsthand acquaintance with those girls goes back some 60 years.

SPECTACULAR FALL FOLIAGE

By Larry Friedman

I thought it was a particularly cruel joke to give us poor New Englanders such a lousy summer weatherwise, on top of our already lousy economy. Perhaps the Almighty felt sorry for us when he decided to give us the most spectacular fall foliage I have ever seen. Bright reds, yellows and flaming oranges, the trees looked like they were ablaze.

My three-day Columbus Day Weekend was delayed two days. On Sunday, we took the kids to see the 49ers play the Patriots in Foxboro. From there I took 495 to Route 62 to Clinton, Massachusetts. This is a road I had never been on before. What a surprise to see the Wachusett Reservoir and the magnificent Massachusetts District Commission Dam built between 1900 and 1906. This is a site worth seeing. My son Mark asked me why the leaves are more vibrant in some years rather than others. I couldn't tell him until I saw this article in The Providence Journal Bulletin on October 17, 1992:

"CARPE DIEM"

An Editorial from Providence Journal

Why has the foliage this year been so vividly polychromatic? Well, we pray such phenomena always remain partly mysterious, but the experts note that the cool, damp summer prevented leaves from prematurely browning and falling off the trees. And a chilly (but not frigid) September and October, with little wind and virtually no heavy rain, has kept the impressionist (or abstract expressionist in some places) show going for a blessedly long time.

Even Vermont, where browns and grays start to take over by the second week of October, still possesses considerable calendar-quality color. So cooperative have been conditions that shore residents hereabouts, who usually see the more muted hues of a European-style autumn, have been enjoying the natural theatrics that are the usual province of uplanders.

But of course it won't last long. Soon, a cold front or a line storm will howl through, and we will lose these precious special effects for another year.

SAFE BOATING

Included with this issue of the Ledger is a 16-page pamphlet entitled "Safe Boating in New Hampshire" written by the staff of the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety. The Association endorses the rules and regulations in this pamphlet and also those of the Lake Association. All power boats traveling over 10 mph must proceed in a counter clockwise pattern, make all turns over 90° to the left. No high speed operations between 8:30 pm and 8:00 am. For information specific to Laurel Lake, write to Jim Townsend, Chairman of the Lake, Boating and Navigation Committee, East Lake Road, RFD 1, Box 310, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447.

CANOE RACE EXPANDS TWO-FOLD

By Charley Brackett

On Saturday, July 18, 1992, under sunny skies, the 2nd Annual Laurel Lake Canoe and Kayak Race was held. The turnout was impressive, with 60 entries, double that of last year. Although the race course was lengthened a bit, six new records were set this year.

Returning champs, John and Bryan Bradley, took second place, losing by just 24 seconds. Paddling in at first place were Charley Brackett and Jeff Dynia. Marc Poulin and Cheryl Bradley took 3rd place as they paddled past Bob Burke and Jeff Pitcairn just 200 feet from the finish line.

Top kayakers were John Ragusa, 1st place and Kenny Goodwin, 2nd place. Goodwin, along with a canoe team, Damon Mahoney and Bill Vorce, raced in both the adult and children's races.

The kid's race (ages 16 and under) was a success with six canoes and a kayak. All 13 participants received medals for their super efforts.

New for 1992 was a 2 person paddle boat race with a disappointing 2 boat outcome. We're hoping for a few more next year.

The raffle brought in \$94 to help with costs for refreshments and race supplies. Raffle donations were accepted and will be again next year. This year's donators included Fitzwilliam Apizza, The Depot store, Old Town Canoe, The Fitzwilliam Inn, Joe Romano, Wayne Rigg and David Brackett. Anyone interested in making a donation can bring the item to the race or contact someone in connection with the race.

Although things ran smoothly for the most part, we did have a couple of problems. It took too long for help to get to capsized canoes and one canoe team pulled out of the race without notifying anyone. We must keep track of everyone participating in these events. If you do not finish, simply notify a race official of your difficulty.

In 1993, we will be giving out trophies in the kid's race for the top 3 finishers in each class. Participation medals will be given to all other kids. For the adult race (2.5 mile), we are adding a Junior class and the father/son class will be combined into a family class being a Jr./Sr. class.

A sweepboat with an EMT and someone trained in advanced lifesaving will be a new addition for safety precautions. We will also make available persons to aid those who have capsized.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ann Pelkey and Bob White who let us use Sandy Beach to hold the race and award trophies; race committee MVP Judy Moreira, Finish line Judge Randy Courtemanche, Timekeeper Dan Mahoney, Record keeper Chris Brackett, Race officials: David "Fido" Brackett, James Hersom, Paul Hoag, Bruce Knight, the Hersom camp, and Karl Anderson. Also thanks to our volunteers Cheryl Mahoney, Cindy Kenny, Marguerite Albertini, Wendy Moreira, Scott Derose, Mike Derose; and the Laurel Lake Association for sponsoring the race.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!

Race Date: Saturday, July 17, 1993
Rain Date: Sunday, July 18, 1993

1992 LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION

2 1/2 MILE CANOE & KAYAK RACE RESULTS

JULY 18, 1992

OVERALL CANOE

1st Charley Brackett/Jeff Dynia
2nd John Bradley/Bryan Bradley
3rd Cheryl Bradley/Marc Paulin

K-1 MEN'S KAYAK

1st John Ragusa 24:32 *
2nd Kenny Goodwin 38:59

OC-2 RECREATION

1st Charley Brackett/Jeff Dynia 24:24
2nd John Bradley/Bryan Bradley 24:48
3rd Dusty Burke/Frank Dummar 33:08
4th Wayne Rigg/Jim Flaherty 38:47
DNF Chris Rogers/Jeff Rogers

OC-2 ALUMINUM

1st Bobby Burke/Jeff Pitcairn 28:59 *
2nd Gerald Tonk/John Flaherty 30:59
3rd Bill Chase/Jack Dumont 31:51
4th Eric Moreira/Bob Lupo 32:38
5th Vinny Kenney/
Jamie Marchetti 34:32
6th Damon Mahoney/Bill Vorce 59:31

OC-2 MIXED

1st Cheryl Bradley/Marc Poulin 28:38 *
2nd Molly Main/
Gary Courtemanche 33:19
3rd Gus Hoyland/Susan Hoyland 33:46
4th Wendy Moreira/Steve Firec 36:15

OC-2 FEMALE

1st Robyn Bates/Chris Keefe 32:05 *
2nd Kathy Driscoll/Donna Olds 34:43
3rd Phyllis Chase/
Barbara Dumont 36:01
4th Sue Hersom/Trisha Leclair 36:50
5th Beanie/Church 37:00
6th Jackie Wood/Anne Conture 42:26
7th Sharon Bezuka/Lorna Stetler 43:28

3/4 MILE KID'S RACE RESULTS

OC-2 BOY'S

1st Damon Mahoney/Bill Vorce 14:26

OC-2 GIRL'S

1st Erin Mahoney/
Kelly Desreuisseau 17:03
2nd Jessica Moreira/
Nicole Rogers 22:18

OC-MIXED JR.

1st Alana Leclair/Ryan Wood 14:22*
2nd Corinne Dumont/
Thomas Dumont 15:35
3rd Melissa Kenney/
Andrew Kenney 18:34

K-1 BOY'S KAYAK

1st Kenny Goodwin 13:58

1/2 MILE 2 PERSON PADDLEBOAT RACE

1st Ken Cavadini/Evelyn Cavadini 9:19*
2nd Eric Anderson/
Bernard Feldman 10:28

* (record time for that class)

CANOE RACE COMMITTEE M.V.P.:

Judy Moreira

YOUNGEST PARTICIPANT:

Thomas Dumont; age 7

OLD FART'S AWARD:

Gerald Tonk; age 59



The start of the 2nd Annual Laurel Lake Association canoe and kayak race.



Robin Bates and Chris Keefe, 1st place in the female class with a record time of 32 minutes and 5 seconds.



THE POTTER PLACE, FITZWILLIAM DEPOT, N. H.
H. C. WHITE & SON, PROPRIETORS.

ROADS AND RIVERS

By Silas White

The present East Lake Road didn't go along the east side of the lake at first. It went up Brigham Hill and came out at the south end of Laurel Lake. The road to our place (Laurel Lake Campground), or the Potter place, went up over Webb Hill and stopped at the farm. About Civil War time, my great-grandfather, Silas White, purchased the Potter Place and worked on the present road that followed along the east side of the lake. He had to build so many rods of road each year. As soon as the lake froze thick enough to support a team, the winter road was used from Howeville to the Depot. The road came onto the lake at the south end where Fleur De Lis dock is and left at the west side of Sandy Beach, going across our land on the northwest corner of lot #6, through Smith's swamp and came out on the West Lake Road at the bottom of Smith's hill. There was only about a four foot rise in all the road and it saved going up the big hills on either the east or west lake roads.

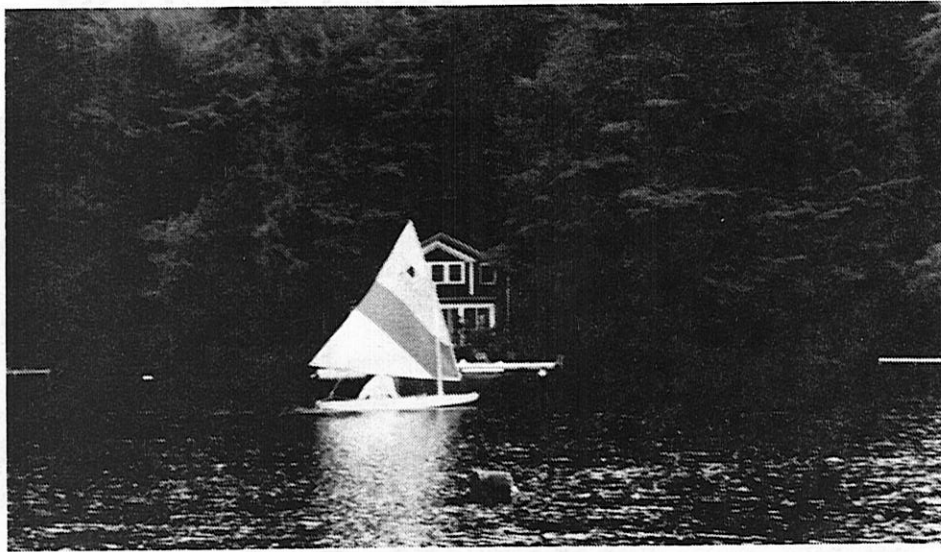
In the old days, when the tub and bucket mills were operating in Howeville, loads of the wooden buckets as high as a

man could pile them were taken on this winter road and stored in the building that burned at the corner of East Lake Road and Creamery Road. When they had enough for a box car load, it was shipped out on the Cheshire Railroad.

A dam was constructed at Laurel Lake to raise the water, so it could be sold to the mills down river. It was undecided, at first, whether the canal would be built at the south or north end of the lake. After a survey, the south end was chosen because the terrain was a few feet lower and a few rods shorter. If the north end had been chosen, it would have followed about the same path as the winter road. More dams were built down stream to conserve the water; two between the lake and the Sportsman's pond and one below the Sportsman's pond.

The flowage rights or, as the old timers called them (floid?) rights, of Laurel Lake are owned by Fleur De Lis. At a meeting of the Laurel Lake Association, and the New Hampshire Water Resource Board, a high water point was established in the canal and Fleur De Lis was to maintain high water at this level.

MCNAMARA TAKES REGATTA



Jim McNamara crosses finish line 35 min. 55 seconds to take first place.

By Michael Friedman

The Sunday before Labor Day was a fresh fall day. The wind whipped up the lake from the South. Clouds scattered across the sky made it a classic fall day, a perfect day for the annual Laurel Lake Regatta.

The start was scheduled for ten o'clock, and the sails of the lake's sunfishes were scattered across the lake. A few tardy contestants postponed the start for a moment but the horn sounded at 10:06. The start was perfect by all seven contestants. This year was the first with an exhibition boat.

The race to the first marker was a quick one. The leg to Sunken Island from the south end of the lake only took 10 minutes and 55 seconds. It was only 22 and 1/2 minutes until the lead pack circled the northeast marker and 4 minutes later crossed the lake to pass the southwest buoy.

Jim McNamara stretched out his lead to win in 35 minutes and 55 seconds. Five minutes and 50 seconds later, Nancy Garland crossed the line with a slim 45 second lead over third place finisher, Bill Chase. Patty Chase finished fourth ahead

of fifth place team Kenloch's boat. The last two boats were manned by Larry Friedman's family.

This year was a success for the Laurel Lake Association and myself. Next year we are looking to expand. We want to double the number of boats and participants. There has also been talk of a barbecue for the competitors and their families. We will also welcome all the members of the lake to come watch and participate in the fun. We want the lake to come together and unite in competition and comradery. I would like to thank everyone who helped me this year, especially Don Garland, Jack Dumont, and most of all Rob Prunier.

I hope to see everyone sailing next Labor Day Weekend.

Michael Friedman is a sophomore at The Wheeler School. He is 15 years old. He took on the Chairmanship of the Labor Day Regatta when Rob Prunier stepped down. Michael won the Regatta in 1989 when he was 12 years old.



Crowd gathers after the regatta to await the award ceremony.



View looking south as all 8 boats bound Sunken Island, the first buoy on the course.



Don Garland (in motor boat) officiates the start of the 92 Regatta. 7 sunfishes and one exhibition boat raced.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Saturday, September 12, 1992

By John H. Dumont

The Laurel Lake Associates held their Board of Directors' Meeting on Saturday, September 12, 1992 at the home of Jack Dumont and Phyllis Chase on West Lake Road.

In attendance were Marguerite Albertini, Milt Posovsky, Jack Dumont, Phyllis Chase, Bruce Knight, Anne Korjeff, Jim Baldwin, Don Austin, Don Treat and Liz Young.

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Knight at 9:13 a.m. Secretary Jack Dumont read the minutes of the June 20, 1992 Board of Directors Meeting. On a motion by Don Austin and seconded by Don Treat that the minutes be accepted as read. The vote passed unanimously.

Association Treasurer, Don Austin read and presented a written report on the current status of the Association's finances. On a motion by Liz Young and seconded by Jim Baldwin that the report be received as read. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Don Treat and seconded by Phyllis Chase that the Treasurer be authorized to combine the two outstanding Certificates of Deposit into one Certificate of Deposit for a term of three years in a bank of his choosing. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight presented to the Board of Directors a report from Shirley Quinn, Chairperson of the Special Memberships Categories Committee. On a motion by Milt Posovsky and seconded by Phyllis Chase that the Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors establish a membership category Honorary Lifetime Membership as per guidelines established by the Membership Special Categories Committee. The motion failed unanimously.

On a motion by Jack Dumont and seconded by Jim Baldwin that the Laurel Lake Association establish a Distinguished Service Award as per the guidelines submitted by the Membership Special Categories Committee with the following exceptions: The award may be presented to more than one recipient per year, the recipient shall receive suitable recognition of his or her endeavors, and this award in no way excuses the recipient of his or her annual dues to the Association. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Jim Baldwin and seconded by Milt Posovsky that an article be placed in the Laurel Lake Ledger noting discussion of the Chicken Barbecue and asking any member of the Association interested in serving on a committee to plan a Catered Chicken Barbecue to contact any Board of Director prior to the June 19, 1993 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight presented to the Board of Directors a copy of a report submitted by Charles Brackett on the 1992 Canoe Race. On a motion by Marguerite Albertini and seconded by Anne Korjeff that the report be received. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Treat, Chairman of the Water Testing Committee, reported on the results of the 1992 Water Testing as compared to previous years' results. Motion by Jim Baldwin and seconded by Anne Korjeff to accept the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously. The Board of Directors wish to acknowledge and show appreciation to Don Treat and the Water Testing Committee for the excellent job they are doing.

President Bruce Knight reported to the Directors on the current status of the water problem on the Pratt property.

On a motion by Milt Posovsky and seconded that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Special Memberships Categories Committee denoting appreciation for a job well done. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight read a letter received from George Graf, Association Director, on concerns about financial matters of the Association. President Bruce Knight referred the questions to Don Austin, Association Treasurer, for information to be received by the Board of Directors at the June 1993 meeting.

Motion by Don Austin and seconded by Don Treat that the accounting year for the Laurel Lake Association be established as October 1st to September 30th of each year. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight read a letter from Larry Friedman, editor/publisher of the Laurel Lake Ledger. Items were discussed by the Board.

Milt Posovsky wished the Board of Directors to recognize and thank Marguerite Albertini, Art Rousseau and Edith Carey for their assistance with Association memberships.

The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed Association Committees, Chairpersons, and 1993 Activity Dates.

Marguerite Albertini noted the foul odor at the beach on the north end of the lake and the explosions on the evening of Labor Day.

Motion to adjourn by Marguerite Albertini and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack
Jack Dumont
Secretary



Winners of the 1992 Labor Day Regatta. From left to right, Nancy Garland (2nd place), Jim McNamara (1st place), Bill Chase (3rd place), Michael Friedman, Commodore of the race, Rob Prunier past Commodore. Front row, Jim McNamara Jr., age 7, who was the youngest solo sailor to ever race in the regatta.

JET SKI BAN

By Cy Dolbeare

February 10, 1992

Dear Larry:

The enclosed article on Page One of Friday's Keene Sentinel carried bad news about Jet Skis (on Laurel Lake), if the proposed ban is lifted, after all the hard work to get them banned a couple of years ago, you may remember.

I, and several lake neighbors, have already written our Fitzwilliam representative to the N.H. House (legislature) -- Mrs. Katherine Metzger, P.O. Box 133, Fitzwilliam, urging her to vote to ban such a proposal (kill it when it gets to the House, SHORTLY).

I hope it's not too late for you and the Laurel Lake Association to protest passage of this proposed Bill. At least I thought you should be alerted. Here's hoping!

It's been a long, cold, practically snowless winter hereabouts thus far -- several 1 and 2-inch snowfalls to date, but very cold weather and more ice than in recent winters (but main roads kept well opened and mostly bare, quickly, after each flurrie, so-called).

My wife and I hope that all is well by you and family, and that all will prove well for all of us come late Spring and another Summer there.

"Stay with it" and "Carry On" as ever!

Sincerely, Cy Dolbeare

SENATE NARROWS JET SKI BAN

By Sentinel Staff Writers and Associated Press

CONCORD - Motorized watercraft - commonly known as Jet Skis - that can carry more than one person should be allowed on New Hampshire's lakes and ponds, the state Senate says.

Now, the House will decide whether to follow the Senate's lead.

The Senate voted 11-9 Thursday to narrow a 1989 ban on motorized watercraft to cover only single-person vehicles.

Senators favoring the bill argued that two-person watercraft bear little resemblance to their noisy one-person cousins that prompted lawmakers to ban them from nearly 700 lakes smaller than 75 acres.

In addition, residents have persuaded state officials to ban or restrict the craft on more than 90 larger lakes.

The current law applies to craft less than 13 feet long that can carry one or two people.

In this area, the ski craft are banned on Nubanusit Lake in Nelson and Hancock, Silver Lake in Harrisville, and Granite Lake in Munsonville, among others.

THE LAUREL LAKE INN

By Silas White

The Laurel Lake Inn burned over 70 years ago and the fire was set by Mr. Sargent, the owner. He came up on a train and walked down to the Inn and set a delayed fire that didn't start until after he had taken another train and left town. It was late at night and lit up the whole area for miles. Some of the burning shingles traveled more than a mile and landed on our property at the north end of the lake. Sargent was arrested for arson and the insurance company didn't pay the claim.

A chief complaint is the irritating noise Jet Skis produce when riders jump waves and their engines spew exhaust into the air instead of the water.

Jet Ski, a Kawasaki trademark, is one of the original ski crafts that many N.H. lakeside residents found extraordinarily annoying.

The two-person craft is not nearly as noisy, since it's not designed to jump waves, industry officials say.

"Industry redesigned these boats," said Sen. Roger C. Heath, R-Center Sandwich. "They quieted them down. They responded."

But critics disagree.

Sen. Susan McLane, R-Concord, said 70 percent of the 2,000 motorized ski craft registered in New Hampshire are two-person vehicles, and would be allowed on now-banned lakes. But, she said, they aren't the new generation described by Heath and other supporters.

"You're going to have havoc on the lakes," she predicted.

Sen. Charles H. Bass, R-Peterborough, and Sen. Clesson J. Blaisdell, D-Keene, voted against narrowing the ban. Neither was available for comment this morning.

Frank H. Carter of the Nubanusit Lake Association in Harrisville said he was disappointed by the vote, and his association will fight the bill in the House, he said.

"They are thrill craft being passed off by the Legislature as another family boat," Carter said.

But Sen. David P. Currier, R-Heniker, the bill's sponsor, argued that the two-person craft provide families greater access to state-owned lakes.

"I think our lakes are for everyone to use, not just those affluent enough to own waterfront property or an expensive boat," he said.

Heath accused waterfront owners of being snobs who "don't want the riffraff on their lakes. Well, it isn't their lake."

Carter said he knows of no Nubanusit Lake Association members who own Jet Skis, but disagrees with the argument that opponents are trying to limit public access to lakes.

"We're trying to make the lakes more enjoyable for everyone, not just the landowners," Carter said. "The Jet Skis were noisy, disruptive and intrusive."

Even if the House passes the bill, it may face a murky future. Gov. Judd Gregg is not a big fan of the watercraft, and there aren't enough votes in the Senate to override a veto, Currier said.

There was a dance pavilion on the point in back of the Inn that projected out over the water. The boats were kept under it in the summer and inside during the winter. This was far enough away and didn't burn. The fire company had to keep water on the Treat's place to keep it from burning as it was quite close to the west end of the Inn.

What I remember most of the Inn when I was young was all the rocking chairs on the front porch. It seems there were dozens of them and everyone was rocking as if they were going somewhere.

LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Saturday, June 20, 1992



June Board of Directors meeting on the balcony of Phyllis Chase's home (left to right) Back row: George Graf, Gus Hoyland, Sue Hoyland, Don Austin, Larry Friedman, Karl Anderson, Don Garland, Bruce Knight and Don Treat. Front row: Jim Baldwin, Jack Dumont, Marguerite Albertini, Phyllis Chase, Midge Deyo, Virginia Nevins.

Note: Shirley Quinn left early and was not in photograph.

By John H. Dumont

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Knight at 9:10 A.M.

In attendance were Jim Baldwin, Jack Dumont, Shirley Quinn, Bruce Knight, Don Austin, Phyllis Chase, Karl Anderson, Don Garland, George Graf, Larry Friedman, Don Treat, Midge Deyo, Marguerite Albertini, Gus and Sue Hoyland and Virginia Nevins.

Secretary Jack Dumont read the minutes of September 7, 1991 Board of Directors Meeting. On a motion by Don Austin and seconded by Don Treat that the minutes be approved as amended to include the 1991 membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Austin, Association Treasurer, reported on the current operating funds of the Association. On a motion by Don Treat and seconded by Marguerite Albertini that the report be accepted as read. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight discussed the need for a new Membership Chairman. Midge Deyo and Shirley Quinn agreed to jointly act as Co-Chairpersons.

Shirley Quinn, Chairperson of the Special Membership Categories Committee, reported to the Directors on the outcome of her meetings with Committee Members. After discussion, the Board of Directors suggested that her Committee rework the proposal and bring it back to the Directors at the September Meeting. On a motion by George Graf and seconded by Marguerite Albertini that the matter be tabled. Motion passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight with the assistance of Don Treat, Water Testing Committee Chairman, reported on the Cynthia Sterling Study on Septic Systems and the Uncontrolled Outflow of Water on the Pratt Property. Discussion followed on the role of the Association as it relates to individual problems around the lake.

President Bruce Knight reactivated the Committee to reorganize the Association By-Laws. Members

include Don Garland, Jack Dumont, Bruce Knight and Larry Friedman.

Don Treat, Chairman of the Water Testing Committee, gave an oral report summarizing the current conditions of the Lake as compared to 1989/1990. All testing conditions appeared to improve with the exception of the phosphorous level.

Don Garland, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, acquired the assistance of Phyllis Chase and Jim Baldwin to serve on his Committee. The Committee will prepare a proposed list of Directors for election at the July 25, 1992 Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors discussed the Annual Meeting with Chairperson Jack Dumont. Issues such as location, time, cooking provisions, and guest speaker were covered.

Charles Brackett, Chairman of the Canoe Race Committee presented his plan for the 1992 race which is to be held on July 18 or 19, 1992. Motion by Jim Baldwin and seconded by Don Austin that Charles Brackett receive permission to hold a raffle along with the canoe race and obtain a permit if needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Marguerite Albertini and seconded by Phyllis Chase to reimburse Charles Brackett for expenses incurred in operating the Canoe Race. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Friedman, Editor/Publisher of the Laurel Lake Ledger, reported to the Board on Association participation.

Motion by Larry Friedman and seconded by Virginia Nevins to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack
John Dumont
Secretary

IMPORTANT

Please take a moment to fill out the survey on the back of the Membership Application. The information you provide will help us to know what issues are paramount to the majority of our members. Thank you for your input.



Laurel Lake Inn before the fire.