process. Three men on the DEC staff have recently been assigned to the task of writing the plans. These men are stationed in Warrensburg, Ray Brook, and Northville.

Each Unit Management Plan will consist of an Inventory of the Resource and its Public Use, a statement of Management and Policy, and a Proposal for Projected Use and Management. The inventory will include a description of the area's natural resources, physical, visual and biological, its vegetation, wildlife, and fisheries. The inventory will detail man made facilities, the economics of the region, the impact of state ownership on adjacent private lands and the impact of adjacent private lands on state holdings. Public Use of the area will be described and an analysis of the capacity of the resource to withstand use will be made,

The section of management and policy will set goals for land, wildlife, fisheries, public use, and water quality management. Objectives, both long and short term, for these goals will be set.

The actual use and management proposals will detail the need for facilities, maintenance levels, rehabilitation programs, controls, fish and wildlife, fire management, staffing, land acquisitions, and the relation of a specific area to the entire Forest Preserve and to adjacent State land.

Before preparing each Unit Management Plan for the Wilderness or Wild Forest areas, the DEC is asking for input from interested citizens. There is a real attempt to involve the public in the planning process, both before the preliminary plans are written and after they are prepared. Hearings will be held on the draft plans as they are completed. The DEC is at present soliciting information on several Wilderness areas. In a sense, the residents of the State are being asked to participate in the planning process in the same fashion that residents of the towns participated in the planning process

that resulted in the adoption of the towns' Lake Use Plans and zoning codes.

In addition to soliciting information from a broad range of residents, the DEC has appointed a Forest Preserve Advisory Committee to assist, advise, and guide the DEC in the management of the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserves. This group of twelve people selected from throughout the state will review all the unit management plans, review legislation, rules, and regulations and policies affecting the Forest Preserve prior to their enactment, collect and analyze data relating to public use and management concepts, and conduct specific research projects as assigned by the Division of Lands and Forests.

The DEC has recognized the value of public input in the planning process and in policy making. Already, the committee has been assigned the task of reviewing several draft Unit Management Plans.

I am very pleased that I have been designated as a member of this committee. Members have terms ranging from 2 to 5 years and mine is for 4 years, Ed Ketchledge, Professor of Botany at SUNY Syracuse School of Forestry is another member. He spent every summer of his younger days at Canada Lake, Three members were chosen from the Catskill area,

At present, the DEC is preparing plans for the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area in the Adirondacks and the Katterskill Area of the Catskills.

If you would like to know more about the planning process and how it will ultimately effect the State lands near Canada Lake, I can lend you some of the preliminary plans or the Policies and Procedures Manual for Unit Management Planning. The region near Canada Lake is not scheduled for study within the next two years, but when it begins, you certainly will want to have something to say about the way the DEC manages these lands and their trails, wildlife, and water.

BOAT SAFETY REMINDER

Be sure you have a boat cushion for each person on board at all times.

Running lights after sunset.

Be on the lookout for floating logs, boards, etc.

Please have a safe summer!

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

of Your

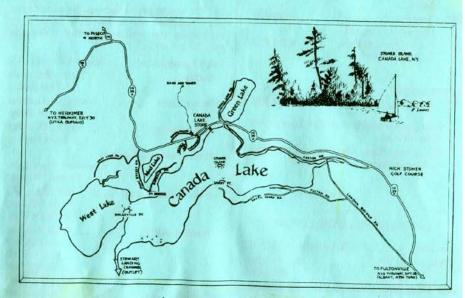
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SUMMER - 1981



x's on map indicate approximate location of rock hazards in lake.

Caution is advised when boating in the vicinity of any indicated hazard.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SUMMER – 1981

JUL	Y	
4**	Flare Lighting	9:30 P.M.
4	General Open Sailing Club Meeting	10:00 A.M.
11	C.L.P.A. Directors Mtg. Demings Camp	9:30 A.M.
14	Luncheon & Card Party Pinnacle Restaurant	12 Noon
18	Annual C.L.P.A. Meeting Caroga Lake Firehouse	8:00 P.M.
19	"Greenup Day"	
AUC	BUST	
1	Sailing Awards for July Series, & Pot Luck Dinner	5:00 P.M.

	Series, & Pot Luck Dinner Yuenger/Michaels camp	5:00 P.M
2	Canoe Derby for all lake residents	2:00 P.N

- Heagle Sammons camp

 C.L.P.A. Directors Meeting
 Place and time posted at
 Store
- 23* Boat Parade 2:30 P.M. (Rain date Aug. 31)
- 29 Sailing Awards Party 5:00 P.M. Young's Camp

SEPTEMBER

- 6** Flare Lighting 9:00 P.M.
- * Boat parade begins at Arden Zipp's camp, Fulton Road
- ** Please light flares when flares are lighted on Stoner Island

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1981 COMMITTEES

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We would encourage you to contact the vice president or committee person coordinating the business about which you may be concerned.

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Echo Bill Bates
Sailing Courtney Young
Dick Loomis
Card Party Helen Deming
Evelyn Hansen
Winter Emergency Bill Fielding
Jack Fielding, Harry McIntosh
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year will be my last as President of the C.L.P.A. It has been a pleasure as well as an honor to serve you. I would extend my good wishes to my successor, who I am sure will further develop and appreciate the strength of this organization as I have. United we are a powerful group able to do so much to preserve and protect our vacation area.

I have been disturbed by the poor attendance at our annual meetings. In 1979 only thirty-five families were in attendance. In 1980 only twenty-six families responded. I sincerely hope that this year we have better representation. The annual meeting this year will be held July 18 at the Caroga Lake Fire House. This latter was selected to make it possible for more of the membership of two hundred cottage owners to attend.

For the future many problems confront us. The most pressing perhaps is the devastating effect of acid rain on Canada Lake as well as many other lakes in the Adirondack area. Steps have been taken to temporarily combat this problem for the coming year. For the long run however, we are enlisting the help of our representatives in the local, State, and Federal Governments. We appreciate the efforts of our members who took the time to write their congressmen on this

cause. We are also concerned about environmental protection and are most appreciative of the efforts of those working on this project.

I should like to thank the officers and members of the Board of Directors for their support and their untiring efforts and dedication to their jobs. It has been a great pleasure to work with them. I look forward to seeing them at our Board of Directors meeting to be held July 11, at the Deming cottage at 9:30 A.M.

I hope all of you have a most pleasant

and enjoyable summer.

Frank S. Deming, Pres. of C.L.P.A.



ECHOES

Note from W. Arnold Petrie:

Nancy Petrie Cohen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Arnold Petrie of Dolgeville Point, became the proud mother of a baby girl born Sept. 29, 1980 at her home in Columbia, Md. The baby was named Sarah Lauren Cohen. Nancy's husband is Larry Cohen, and is V.P. of Head Outdoor Wear Co.

Robert J. Petrie, also of Dolgeville Pt., is recuperating at this writing at his home in Eustis, Fla., following a quadruple by-pass operation, performed at Florida South Hospital in Orlando.

Note from Frank & Linda LoSurdo:

Helene has been accepted to Loyola University in New Orleans and April to the Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa, Florida.

We will be up to spend July/August with our friends at Canada Lake that we have missed for the past 3½ years.

If ever there was a call to be anywhere on this earth, it's the call to be at Canada Lake.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence D. Sasscer (Madge and Sass) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last Nov. 15 in Arlington, Va., where they live all year except for the Summer months spent at Canada Lake.

The celebration started with a church service and then continued with a reception and a seated meal. After the regular orchestra finished, a Square Dance caller came on and the Sasscers participated in a Square Dance in order to show off their skill to relatives and friends who don't usually get to

see them at this activity which is such an important part of their life.

Among the pictures displayed at this time, wedding pictures, etc., were snapshots of the Honeymoon at Canada Lake. Fortunately November was very mild that year, but on the day they left it snowed and the Lake became a veritable fairyland.

In August 1980, Judith Watson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Watson, was married to Guy Norwood Mills. The young couple reside in Delanson, N.Y. and work with retarded adults.

Mrs. May Watson, mother of Russell Watson, passed away on August 14, 1980.

Note from Phoebe Ballard:

Tod died in December, 1980 after several surgeries for cancer, and a stroke. As a writer, he produced and had published over a hundred and twenty books, all fiction, some with historical background. Doubleday was his major publisher, though all the other major houses did books for him over the years.

He came to the lake first immediately after V day in Europe, and we spent every summer there after that. Finally built our own camp, that is, one that Dwig had not built before us, and used it five years, until Tod's legs gave out and he could no longer get into and out of boats. He loved the lake about as much as I do, and could work there as well as anywhere else, entertain agent and editors... good for business as well as a personal joy.

I am going to California in May to visit my brother and sister and old friends, but will be back here in June. A ghost of a plan is forming in my head that I might make a visit to the lake in October for the color. Might see you all then.

Note from the Dick Parhurst's:

Our news is that Michael and family (the owners of record of the camp, have moved to Denver, and what this will do to their use of the camp we don't know. However, they have resisted the temptation to sell it (which would have helped them get a better house in Denver), and this grandma and pa appreciate, as we still enjoy.

Daughter, Priscilla Clark, has been promoted to full professor in the French Dept. at Circle (Chicago) Campus of U. of Illinois. She spent a good deal of last year in France and has about completed her latest book to be entitled "Division of Literary

Labors", a book of more interest to French scholars than the general public.

News from the Bill Place families:

Just a few words from the Places of Albuquerque. A fairly standard year until March. Then all sorts of excitement. Our son, David, currently attending the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., required a major heart operation, (a replacement of a three inch segment of his aorta). The operation took place at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, He is home and is recovering in good fashion. Bill and Gerri and Huffy made the trip to be with the family during the hospital period. As we passed through Bakersfield, CA, enroute to Albuquerque on 7 April, our daughter, Pam, gave birth to her first child and our third grandchild, Samantha. Both mother and baby are with us as I write these notes. The sad part of our tale is that we experienced a break-in and theft in our home while we were in California. In many respects we were fortunate, but a sad situation, nevertheless. We have several projects to complete before heading east so that our arrival date at Canada Lake is rather uncertain at this time.

My mother, Helen Powell, is holding her own in Gloversville and is looking forward to her 48th summer on Canada Lake. Our Nick Stoner Island bride of last summer, Penny, and her husband are working hard in Colorado Springs and manage to hold down three jobs.

Note from the George H. Rohrs:

Rohrs-Healey family back for 62nd year at the Lake.

Chris Rohrs has taken new assignment as National Sales Manager of Station WDIV-TV (NBC) at Detroit, Mich.

Irene (Rohrs) Healey & Lou now have 22 grandchildren.

George & Jeanne Rohrs visited Alice & Hal Schumaker at Vero Beach in February.

Note from Barb & Doug Leaf:

Lots of news from the Leafs this year! We happily look forward to the start of our 12th summer at the lake, this time at a new address! We've bought Helen and Bernie Caringe's camp and should be "settled in" by the time you read this. We are all so excited about it!

Dee-Dee spent the fall semester studying in London, with side trips to six other countries, as part of the St. Lawrence University Study Abroad program. She was one of 35 S.L.U. students accepted for the program. She will graduate from St. Lawrence May 24 and has been offered a fine job with Marine Midland Bank in New York City in its management training program, work to begin July 6. She'll be with us at the lake through June and commute weekends after that.

Cindy is about to end her fourth year of teaching 3rd grade in Bethel, Conn., and is working towards her master's degree. She and husband Mark plan to join us at the lake often during the summer.

Doug and I visited Dee-Dee in London in October, then toured the lovely countryside and went on up into Scotland. It was certainly a trip to remember!

Can't wait to see you all soon!

Note from the Bob Wilburs:

The entire Wilbur family expects to be back at the lake during July: Larry and Pam with their 2 sons and 1 daughter; Bill and Ann with their twins; Bob and Barbara with their two sons and one daughter.

This winter Debbie and David Hoffman became the proud parents of a baby boyname, David Hoffman III. Congratulations.

Mabel Kane has rented the Bougart camp on Green Lake.

Nick Stoner Inn has been sold, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Ackerman and Peter Gutliph are the new owners.

Lisa Stackler and Bud Bates were married on April 25th at St. John's Church in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., with a reception immediately following the ceremony at the Nassau Country Club at Glen Cove, N.Y. Lisa is a Skidmore graduate. Bud graduated from Univ. of No. Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is presently Vice President of Suburban Consultants, a General Insurance Agency in Albany, N.Y.

Don't forget Canada Lake "Greenup Day" July 19. Contact Courtney Young for details — phone 835-3701



CANADA LAKE SAILING CLUB

Come Sail With Us

There are over one hundred Sunfish on our lake and only twenty-four were involved in the racing series in 1980. We realize that not everyone is interested in racing or feels that he/she has the necessary skills. But, what better way to spend an hour or two on Saturday afternoons than sailing. If you sail leisurely, you have the necessary skills for our series races.

We will continue to have two Sunfish classes: "A" for those who have sailed and "B" for those learning to sail. We also have specialty races; one for people over 40 (Olde Tymers), two Fun Races and our annual Fourth of July Race (for everyone). Besides sailing, our club also sponsors a Pot Luck Dinner on August 1st and a party on August 29th.

Please join us at our General Membership Meeting July 4th at 10 A.M. at Dick Loomis' camp. A movie will be shown illustrating the basic sailing techniques. Come register your boat and bring a friend! Dues are still \$3.00.

New Super Sunfish Fleet is a Success!

The new Super Sunfish fleet was a success on Canada Lake during 1980. Ten sailors, Court Young, Jr., Nancy Young, Dick Loomis, Nancy Long, Paul Franz, Gerry Theisen, Dorothea Loomis, John Widdemer, James Long and Brian Franz participated in the July and August Series Races, This is the largest "second" fleet we have had on the Lake.

The Super Sunfish uses the Sunfish hull but has different controls, sail and spars. The sophisticated controls resemble those on other high performance sailboats such as the Force Five and allow for greater boat handling skills. As the hull is the same as the Sunfish, it is like having two different sailboats. The sails and rigging are easily changed. A conversion kit can be purchased from either AMF Alcort or from Bill Fielding.



Photo by Nancy Young

First Annual Super Sunfish Regatta Held

The First Annual Super Sunfish Regatta at Canada Lake was held last July. Nine boats participated including two former North American Champions. The regatta consisted of six races and the winner was Rich Rudert from Fishkill, N.Y. and the Chelsea Yacht Club. The winds were variable, typical of a days sailing on Canada Lake. The regatta was sponsored by the Canada Lake Sailing Club and the Canada Lake Store. Both the cookout following the races and the trophies were provided by Bill Fielding. Dorothea Looms won the trophy for the Most Improved.

The Second Annual Sunfish/Super Sunfish Regatta will be held on Sunday, August 9th. Following the days sailing will be a picnic sponsored by the Canada Lake Store and CLSC. This year, both Sunfish and Super Sunfish will be participating in the day's races. So, come and join us. Help us make this regatta a success also.

The North American Super Sunfish Championship will be held at Lake Mohawk, N.J. on September 12th and 13th. Canada Lake will be represented by several boats this year.

Brown/Dean Trophy Awarded in Memory of Jack Ryan

At the 1980 annual meeting of the Canada Lake Protective Association in July, the Bob Brown/Brad Dean Travelling Trophy was awarded for the first time. The trophy, given to the CLPA to be awarded

annually by the Canada Lake Sailing Club, was a gift of Beverly and David Hoffman in memory of their friends, Bob Brown and Brad Dean. The trophy is to be awarded annually to an adult who "has contributed to the smooth running of the Canada Lake Sailing Club" as represented by Brad Dean and/or "has given of himself unselfishly and enriched the lives of those in the sailing club by his own sportsmanship and good will" as typified by Bob Brown.

This year at the CLPA annual meeting, the Brown/Dean Trophy will be presented in memory of Jack Ryan.

Before coming to Canada Lake, Jack owned and sailed several large sailboats from City Island on Long Island Sound. During the 1940's he was the owner and skipper of the Baccarat, a 48 ft. ocean racer which won the 1938 Bermuda Race and several Chicago to Mackinac Is. races in the late 1930's. After the war years Jack and the Baccarat participated frequently in the long distance races on Long Island Sound such as the Cornfield Light (2 days) and the Storm-Trisail around Block Island (3 days). It was during these years that he was commodore of the prestigious "City Island Yacht Club".

The mountains drew him to the shores of Canada Lake in the early 1950's and after selling the Baccarat, Jack was initiated into Lake sailing in a smaller boat! His first experience was in a Dyer Dingy. Not being accustomed to small boats, Jack stepped on the gunwhale to get in for his first sail and promptly capsized! The Dyer Dingy was soon replaced with a more stable Lightning which Jack sailed in the informal races with Bill Dunstan and Tracy Bogart, the only other sailors on Canada Lake. His last boat was a Sunfish which is still sailed by his family.

Jack was instrumental in reforming the Sailing Club in the early 1960's and served on the Board of Directors for many years. He enjoyed sailing and was responsible for encouraging many young people to participate in the sport and become part of the Sailing Club. Many of us will long remember the enjoyable sailing parties at the Ryans. His home was always open to us.

Bogart Trophy Awarded to Amanda Young

At the August Awards Party, Amanda Young received the Bogart Trophy. Determined by the CLSC Directors, the trophy is awarded to a member under sixteen who demonstrates good sportsmanship and the most progress in sailing for the year. Thirteen year old Amanda sailed in ten races and accumulated 41.75 points making her the fourth best Sunfish sailor for the Summer Series. She also was a valuable member of the winning team in the Team Races. Besides winning the July Series for Sunfish B Division with three firsts, a second, and a third, she was second in the A Division for the August Series. Amanda will have to work hard in 1981 to maintain her record.

Ryan/Curran Trophy Awarded to Charlie Michaels

The Olde Tymers Race is held annually for those over 40 years old and starts and finishes at the Island. The Ryan/Curran Trophy was donated by Sandy and Steve Sheedy in memory of their friends Jack Ryan and Jean Curran who gave so much of themselves to the Canada Lake Sailing Club.

The Olde Tymers Race in 1980 was won by Charlie Michaels, Geoff Clifford was second and Doug Leaf was third, Congratulations!



Photo by Nancy Young

Special Races Sailed in 1980

The Sunfish Team Races were held last August. Two teams of five members each participated in three races. The Young Timers (Nancy Long, Dorothea Loomis, Francine Michaels, John Widdemer and Amanda Young) outsailed the Olde Tymers (Geoff Clifford, Dick Loomis, Nancy Young, Court Young, Jr., and Court Young, Sr.) winning two of the three races.

The Fourth of July Race was sailed on July 5th. Don White won the Sunfish "A" Division, Geoff Clifford won the Sunfish "B" Division, and Court Young, Jr. won the Super Sunfish Division. Trophies donated by Bill Fielding are presented at the CLPA annual meeting.

1980 Series Results

SUNFISH "A"

SUNFISH "B"

JULY **AUGUST** SERIES SERIES John Widdemer Francine Dave Fisher Michaels Charlie Michaels Amanda Young Amanda Young Geoff Clifford Geoff Clifford Court Young, Jr Kip Osborn Lane Boswell Court Young, Jr

Dick Loomis

Jerry Theisen

SUPER Court Young, Jr.
Dick Loomis
Nancy Young

Chevron Awarded to Dave Fisher

The 1980 Chevron for Fleet 315 was awarded to Dave Fisher for his continued good sailing in the July and August Series. This prize is awarded by AMF Alcort, the manufacturer of the Sunfish, to the best sailor in each fleet throughout the world. Out of ten races, Dave had two firsts, two seconds and three thirds. The second best Sunfish sailor was Court Young, Sr., followed closely by Geoff Clifford. Amanda Young was fourth.

Social Activities for 1981

The July Awards and Pot Luck Dinner will be held at Dorothea Loomis' camp on Saturday, August 1st at 5 P.M. All members and their families are invited to attend. Admission is by contribution of a food dish (main, dessert or vegetable/salad). Details will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the Store.

The August Awards Party will be held at John Widdemer's camp on Saturday, August 29th at 5 P.M. Refreshments will be served. Also, a slide presentation will be made of the 1981 events of the Canada Lake Sailing Club.

Special Thanks To All Who Help Make CLSC A Success

A special "Thanks" goes to the people who drive our safety boats, those who start our races, and those who host our events.

We hope to see you at our General Membership Meeting on July 4th at 10 A.M. at Dick Loomis' camp. Watch the Sailing Bulletin Board at the Canada Lake Store for details of our events.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SAILING!

Your CLSC Directors:

Nancy Young, Dorothea Loomis, Dave Fisher, Dick Loomis, Francine Michaels, John Widdemer, Courtney Young, Jr.

CANADA LAKE SAILING CLUB 1981 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4 - General Membership Meeting (Dick Loomis' camp) 10:00 A.M. Movie "This is Sailing - First Essential Skills"

July 4 - Fourth of July Trophy Race - Island start. (Rain date, July 5)

July 11 - Series Races 1 & 2

July 12 - First Chance Fun Race

July 18 - Series Races 3 & 4

July 19 - Informal Team Races (Young's camp)

July 25 - Series Races 5 & 6

July 26 - Formal Sunfish Team Races. (Rain date, Aug. 2)

Skipper's meeting 10:30 A.M. at Court Young's camp

Aug. 1 - Series Races 7 & 8
Pot Luck Dinner and July Awards
(Dorothea Loomis' camp) 5 P.M.

Aug. 8 - Series Races 1 & 2

Aug. 9 - 2nd Annual Sunfish/Super Sunfish Regatta - 10 A.M. (meet at Canada Lake Store) Picnic fol-

lows regatta at Store

Aug. 15 - Series Races 3 & 4

Aug. 16 - 6th Olde Tymers Sunfish Race - Island Start. (Rain date, Aug. 23)

Aug. 22 - Series Races 5 & 6

Aug. 29 - Series Races 7 & 8

August Awards Party (John Widdemer's camp) 5 P.M.

"Slides of 1981 Season"

Aug. 30 - Last Chance Fun Race

All races start at 1:30 unless otherwise noted.

Series races that are cancelled will be held the following day - Sunday.

Sailors must sail 5 of 8 races to qualify for trophies in a series.

Special races do not count toward trophies



NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

Should any CLPA member need any extra reward signs, call Doris McIntosh, phone 835-4103.

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTES Courtney Young

Acid Rain

Acid rain will continue to fall in ever increasing quantities. Regulations are being relaxed as industries use greater amounts of dirtier coal. The EPA needs support from us and is not getting it. New York State threatens to sue but lacks the grass roots support to do so. Flacke of the DEC feels that it is unfair to ask NYS industries to install scrubbers. However, our state must set a good example! Even to the extent of financially supporting the installation of scrubbers with state aid.

The Adirondacks are about to join the Scandinavian countries on the list of territories devoid of fish life and dependent bird species, There are several things you can do: 1. Support your CLPA committee on Acid Rain; 2, Join organizations which are combatting the problem such as the Adirondack Council, the Adirondack Mountain Club, and Coalition of Adirondackers to Neutralize Acid Rain Inflow (C.A.N.A.R.I.) 3. Write your four legislators. Their replies will reflect a range from relative ignorance to accounts of concerned attempts to enact appropriate legislation, In either case, your letter will move the issue of Acid Rain one step higher on their list of priorities.

Spraying Update

The following quote is from a letter to the Adirondack Council by Robert Flacke, the Commissioner of DEC, March 1981: "... permits for spraying will not be issued for application to state land until an adequate monitoring program to determine the effects and effectiveness of the chemicals used is in place." This means there will be a temporary halt to larviciding with Methoxychlor on state land. It does not mean that our tax monies will be used for some meaningful or beneficial purpose. The town will simply divert the funds wasted on Methoxychlor to additional applications of Dibrom 14. If you are interested in protecting your drinking water and helping small mammals and birds, read on. Note that with the salmonides and several species of fish gone from the food chain, many varieties of birds will no longer be seen at Canada Lake. There are several things you can take responsibility for doing: (1) Review the blue insert in last summer's ECHO to refresh your memory of the facts: Especially note the Town's acknowledgement that those of us who wish not to be sprayed do in fact have a right not to be sprayed, (2) If you would like to have your name added to the list of property owners who have denied the Town permission to spray their land, (on file with the Bureau of Pesticides, the Division of Forestry Management, as well as the Town of Caroga), write me a note to that effect or call me at 835-3701. (3) Talk to your neighbors and invite them to take positive action in reclaiming our natural environment,

Water Leve

Last summer the water level was exactly correct for most of the time. Although, during a rainy spell it rose 4 to 8 inches above normal. That lasted about 10 days. What happens during a prolonged period of high water? Natural and manmade wave action cause erosion of our shoreline; the island is especially vulnerable. Septic fields which are normally safe may leach into the take. There is a fairly accurate water level gauge under the Green Lake bridge. Use it before installing your

dock. If we allow for the proper level, 1542.8 ft., then docks can be set at a height which should remain convenient and easy to use all summer long.

If you find the water level to be too high for an unreasonable amount of time, call Donald Decker of the Northville DEC at 863-4545. The bureau is very cooperative and will take immediate action.

Canada Lake Greenup Day

Visible pollution is growing. The "local" dump behind the Dolgeville Point boathouse contains several old washing machines, tires, paint cans, etc. However, an entire truck-load of junk (including my old tin boat) was carted off to the official Town Dump last summer. More remains to be done,

Old boats and sofas litter our shorelines while upwards of twenty 55 gal, drums slowly rust in the shallows. Snomobilers have left piles of old magazines in the woods along Pt, Breeze Rd,: some still carry the mailing labels, Winter is a convenient time to cleanup. Beer bottles litter all the roads, Bless those who, while walking along our quiet woods' roads, matter-of-factly pick up the cans and trash, We could all do that, An old culvert from the rebuilt bridge on the West Lake Rd, litters that quiet scene. Unregistered cars litter other lake roads, Perhaps the most offensive scene of all is the could-be spectacular rock cut on Route 29A between Green Lake and the Pinnacle Rd.

Perhaps you could add to this list, Please do! More importantly, volunteer to participate in a cooperative Greenup Day! It works in Vermont! Work parties will be organized for two hours of intense effort on Sunday morning, July 19th. Call 835-3701 to report areas of concern, and, if you are willing to help, let us know. If you are unable to help physically, then support in the form of organizing and phone calling is of equal value.

Acid rain spraying, water level, and visible polution are the four issues briefly reported on here. But there is one other issue. It is more basic and fundamental than any of those discussed. It is about you and your level of participation in this lake community. There are several ways for you to avoid this serious responsibility:

 Maintain the pretense that you came up here to relax; and that relaxation and positive action are incompatible.

2) Protect your privacy with a low profile.

 Pretend that you don't see the polution, don't fish anyway, and couldn't stand the inconvenience of using Cutter's Lotion.

 Justify your selfishness with the adage "won't makes any difference (to me) in a hundred years".

 Invite company on the same night as the annual CLPA meeting; and

 Maintain the attitude that you can't make a diference anyway.

And you won't....

BOAT PARADE

Three prizes will be awarded for the best decorated boats for the Annual Boat Parade in August.



Ice sculpture at Canada Lakes Store, winter 1981.

CANADA LAKE STORE NEWS

The last traces of the winter of 1981 vanished as a strong wind literally blew the thin, porous pieces of ice off the lake on April 9th during a storm. This year we did have enough snow to mold a large green frog in the parking lot for a snow sculpturing contest. We faithfully maintained the community ice skating rink in Caroga Lake again as well.

After a successful week in February displaying and selling boats and motors in the Clifton Country Mall Boat Show, we feel the marine business is very active this year. In April Bill received his certification from Mercury Marine for his work at Mercuriser School where he gained more experience to better serve customers. His full time employee, Kevin Bell, attended Mercury Outboard School and received certification in that area for his work too. We will be glad to show you our boat lines of Blue Fine Glastex, Peterborough, Alcort, and Kayot Pontoon boats as well as the 1981 Mercury motors.

To make our storage of refrigerated items more efficient, we constructed a new walk-in cooler for the store so we can chill anything from bags of fresh corn to kegs of beer. We are still striving to maintain more variety in grocery items for your selection. If there is something special you would like, please ask us to try to order it for you.

A fine group of hard working young people is returning to help us in the store this summer. They are Isabel Ireland, Jackie Kelly, Jana Smith, Sue Widdemer and John Widdemer.

The post office will be operating again for another season from June 13th - Sept. 11th. Your continued support has kept this postal unit in operation.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you again soon and wish you a very enjoyable summer vacation at Canada Lake.

Bill & Dorothy Fielding



Start of cross-country ski trail, Nick Stoner Golf Course, Winter 1981.

WINTER ACTIVITIES in the CANADA LAKE AREA

A Fulton County Trail System is growing with this past winter being the second year of its operation. To date there are approximately 125 miles of groomed snowmobile trails stretching from the Northville-Mayfield area to Bleecker, through Caroga Lake, and ultimately into Herkimer County at Stratford.

For cross country skiing, they have developed four ski areas. Due to the good winter conditions this year, these trails, at Broadalbin, Rockwood, Royal Mountain, and in the town of Caroga, were used extensively by cross country skiers. Additional information on the entire system can be obtained at the Canada Lake Store.

TOWN OF CAROGA CHURCHES

Caroga Chapel Starting July 5 thru Labor Day —	
Sing-along at	10:45 A.M.
Services	11:00 A.M.
St. Barbara's Chapel June: Saturdays only	5:30 P.M.
July - Labor Day: Saturday Mass	5:30 P.M.
Sunday Mass	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

After Labor Day in Sept. - same as June thru Sept, 19

CAROGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Caroga Lake, New York

NICK STONED

INVEST IN CAROGA'S FUTURE

BY TAKING A STEP INTO THE PAST

THE HOMESTEAD PROJECT

The Carego Historical Association was founded in 1976. Since the following year, the Association has been responsible for a musuum, boused temperarily of Morel Lodge. At this time the Carego Historical Association would like to buy, the "Chile" Army property, known as The Homesteck (scotted on London Bridge Road. This will provide a sociation yeard personant home for the Association and its man will provide as sociative readed personant home for the Association and its man will provide as sociative readed personant home for the Association.

The Homestead complex, klack fillustrated, will consider the clover of Carog form and home life with the historical aspects of the lower Adirondock industry in the 19th century. It will consist of the restored main house with office space, the chall if hom to house large exhibits, a gardeo area with adiacent parking, o stream and a lovely wooded back ground. Later expension plans will include rebuilding other smaller structures to house a cobbler's shop, a tennery exhibit, and a one room school. To odd to the beauty of the grounds and scenery, plans also include a covered bridge, a well house, a lumber mill, bee hives and stone

Our purpose is to preserve the history of Carego Township by documentation, photographs, recorded conversations, and collected memorphic to at the great.

Our goal for this project is to roise \$100,000 over a three year period. WILL YOU HELP US?

Fund Raising Committee Irene Kanned

Irene Kennedy, Co-Chairman John Durey, Co-Chairman Mary Toshaff Darothy Stoppe Robert Dolan Lena Durey Wallace Crispin

Should you require any further information, please phone Lena Durey at 835-6653.



Sketch of proposed plan for Caroga Lake Museum, drawn by Wallace Crispin.

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IN MEMORIAM

During the past year we learned with deep sorrow the deaths of:

Tod Ballard John Gore George Hansen

IS IT TOO LATE FOR CANADA LAKE?

Barbara McMartin

Recent studies show that the fish in Canada Lake are almost certainly doomed, The DEC just published a study called the Acidity Status of Lakes in the Adirondack Region of New York in Relation to Fish Resources, Martin H. Pfeiffer and Patrick J. Festa compiled the report from field tests completed in 1979, The results are quite alarming.

For some time the effects of acid rain on lakes in the western Adirondacks and on ponds and streams at high elevation have been known, A significant proportion of those lakes are now devoid of fish. Within the last few years, lakes and ponds in the vicinity of Canada Lake have become so acidified that some can no longer support viable fisheries, In our area, three major watersheds are heavily affected: the tributaries of Canada Lake, the headwaters of the West Branch of the Sacandaga River, and the ponds and streams that feed the East Canada Creek.

Different fish have varying tolerances to acidic waters, but experts all agree reproduction will be severely impaired when the pH falls below 5.5. Even when the pH is 6.5, there is a reduction in egg-hatching ability of brook trout, Below ph 6.0, certain adult species of trout are affected. Between ph 5.5 and 6.0, there will be small populations of relatively few fish. At this level, minnow spawning is reduced and there are no rainbow trout.

Below Ph 5.5 there is a decline in salmonid fisheries. Between 5.0 and 5.5 there are restricted fish populations. The acid at that level is lethal to eggs, larvae, and some may flies. Ph5 is the tolerable limit for most fish.

Between 4.5 and 5.0, there is no viable fishery for the acid is lethal to eggs and fry of all salmonids. Between ph 4.0 and 4.5 fish populations are severely limited with only a few species, notably pike, able to survive. And, between Ph 4.0 and 4.5, even plants are restricted.

With those statistics in mind, let's look at the results of testing to determine the Ph of Canada Lake and its tributaries, In 1979, the most recent year for which the DEC has published results, the Ph of Canada Lake was 5.2. Holmes Lake had a Ph of 4.25, Indian Lake -4.72, Irving Pond -4.22, Negro Lake -5.36, Nine Corner Lake -4.32, Pine Lake -5.06, and Stewart Lake -4.25. The Stoner Lakes which were tested in 1975 had a normal Ph then. They have not been tested recently. Notice that all of these lakes and ponds are too acid for fish to reproduce. Worst of all, the Ph of Nine Corner Lake was very low, in spite of the fact that the DEC limed the pond and were temporarily able to increase the adult fish population by stocking.

In the West Branch Sacandaga watershed, Canary Pond had a Ph of 5.04 and Silver Lake had a Ph of 4.92 as long ago as 1975, the last year for which information is available, In 1979, Chub Lake had a Ph of 5.2, Good Luck - 5.49, Clockmill Pond - 4.02, Iron Lake - 4.03, and Jockeybush - 4.2.

Like the last two listed ponds, some of the waters flowing into the East Canada Creek had some of the lowest Ph values registered in the State, Reelouse Lake had a Ph of 4.21 and Big Alderbed had a Ph of 4.13. Black Cat Lake registered 5.52 and Ferris Lake 4.94.

Caroga Lakes' inlet streams are better buffered than the northern stream which flow through shallow soil covering granitic rock. As a result, Caroga Lake still has a Ph of 6.53 and the fishing to prove its less acidic waters,

This winter independent tests showed that the outlet of Stewart Lake had a Ph of 4.65, the outlet of Fish Hatchery Pond above Green Lake had a Ph of 4.78, and Green Lake outlet beneath the bridge had a Ph of 5.65.

The DEC report documents the history of fishing in Canada Lake since 1932 and concludes that the lake is a largely infertile body of water. This contradicts the historical record, for Canada Lake was legendary in the mid 19th century for huge lake trout. It was even called Fish Lake on early maps. The DEC is collecting all information on the history of fishing and records of catches, This data will document the decline of fishing and the impact of acid rain. If you have records of large catches or large fish, send the information to the authors of the report.

In spite of stocking programs, DEC netting over a period of years has determined there were rainbow trout, brook trout, red salmon or smelt in the lake. Lake whitefish were last reported in 1968 and smallmouth bass were last reported in 1969. In 1976, only a low density of panfish populations, pumpkinseed sunfish, black crappie, and rock bass, was reported. We are faced with restricted fish populations, and the inability of most species to reproduce. How long will it be before we have seen the last fish in Canada Lake?

PLANNING and the FOREST PRESERVE

by Barbara McMartin

All of the Forest Preserve lands of the Adirondacks will shortly be subject to a Unit Management Planning Process similar to the planning process for towns and private lands within the Adirondack Park. It has been nearly a century since the first lands were set aside for the Forest Preserve, Since 1885, over one third of the land within the boundary of the Adirondack Park has been protected by the Forever Wild clauses of the state constitution. In 1894 a constitutional amendment stated that the Forest Preserve lands "shall not be leased, sold, or exchanged or be taken by any corporation, public or private, nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed, or destroyed." No one then foresaw the interest in recreation on State lands that has mushroomed within the past three decades nor the problems confronting those lands.

Many studies were undertaken during the 1950s and 1960s to plan for the future of the Adirondack Park. In 1968, the Temporary Study Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks recommended the creation of the Adirondack Park Agency, the preparation of a master plan for State lands, the classification of these lands according to their characteristics and capacity to withstand use, and the creation of a set of guidelines for the care, custody, and control of State lands.

The classification divides the Forest Preserve into Wilderness, Wild Forest, Promitive, and Intensive Use areas, According to the 1971 Adirondack Park Agency Act, the DEC was charged with preparing Unit Management Plans for each unit of Forest Preserve land, it has taken the DEC nearly a decade to get started on the mandated planning process, but it has now begun, Norman J. Van-Valkenburgh, Director, Division of Lands and Forests, is directly responsible for the planning

This information submitted by Emily-Ann Langworthy

STATEMENT by WILLIAM M. RODEN For the SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE — ENVIRONMENT and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ILS SENATE

My name is William Roden. I am a resort owner in New York's Adirondack Mountains. I have been asked by the Adirondack Association to speak to you today. My wife and I operate Trout Lake Club, a family housekeeping cottage resort on a small lake in the southeastern part of the Adirondack Park. My family has been at this location since 1924 and my children are the fourth generation of Rodens to work at our resort. I'm also a newspaper columnist — I write a weekly outdoor column known as the "Adirondack Sportsman" which is carried regularly in three northern New York papers and, on occasion, in as many as eight more. I'm an ardent and frequent fisherman and hunter in our region; and active in fish and wildlife and conservation organizations on the local, regional and state levels. On behalf of myself, my friends and neighbors and fellow fishermen, I extend thanks for the invitation to be here today. I should also tell you that when they heard I was coming they rallied around and supplied me with much information on the problems they are experiencing.

Our lake, Trout Lake, still has a pH of over 7 and is, therefore, not yet affected by acid precipitation or what we laymen call acid rain. However, just 30 miles to my north a friend of mine owns a camp on a small body of water called Lincoln Pond. Out of curiosity he took readings of his pond. In '77 it was 7.2; in '78 it was 7.0; in '79 the pH was 6.8 and, fortunately, it has held this level in 1980.

To the west of me is Canada Lake, a body of water with a surface area of some 525 acres, formerly known for its bass fishing. It is a very popular recreation lake with a number of resorts and many summer cottages on its shore. Today the bass are gone. The reading is down to 5.2 and the fishermen from that area are understandably angry. The winds from the west that cross Canada Lake cross Trout Lake and I must, therefore, ask myself how long before our lake turns. This past summer guests at my resort had fantastic fishing — bass, and lake trout for those who knew how to catch them in the cold deep water. Dozens of bass were weighed at our Snack Bar in excess of 2 pounds and three were over 5½. As I'm sure you have been told, bass are one of the first species to disappear as the pH of a body of water drops. How long will it be before those who vacation with us for the family activities and the fishing will begin to think of going elsewhere? The warning is already there in my backyard — a brass bell that glistened in the sun for 25 years shines no more — it has turned green during the last 3 years.

You have asked me to present the viewpoint of the small businessman and give you some idea of the economic impact of acid rain on our area. It is difficult to cover all aspects and you must tolerate rough figures. We do have some studies which indicate the value of fishing to the New York State economy. In 1979 it was estimated that there were 1,375,000 \mp anglers who fished in New York State. The value of this activity to our economy is estimated by our Department of Environmental Conservation researchers at somewhere between 518 million and 601 million dollars in 1979.

It is impossible for me to give you a specific figure for the part of that fresh water fishery that is Adirondack-oriented — it would be substantial, for in the Adirondack area there are a total of 2877 individual lakes and ponds encompassing 282,154 surface acres. New York State's portion of Lake Champlain is not included in this figure but world-famous 28,000-acre Lake George is. So you will appreciate the significance of our problem, the latest count we have is that 264 lakes and ponds with 11,518 surface acres no longer support aquatic life of any sort including fish, crayfish, mussels, salamanders, etc.

Please understand also the rate at which this problem is assaulting us -52 ponds with a total of 1,158 acres were among those measured that turned acid in the last year.

Because the acid situation was first discovered in the Adirondacks in remote, high-elevation ponds, there is a tendency to think that they are the only ones affected. This is not so. We now have a number of lakes in the 1,000-acre category at lower elevations which are sterile. There are a number of resort lakes which are presently on a rapid down-trend and are expected to lose their ability to support fish life in the near future. Canada Lake, mentioned before, Big Tupper Lake and Cranberry Lake (fifth largest in the Adirondack Park) are three well-known Adirondack resort lakes that are currently seriously threatened.

One of the largest bodies of water with a serious acid problem is Big Moose Lake in Herkimer County in the western part of the Adirondacks. The surface of Big Moose is in excess of 1300 acres. It once had an outstanding fishery including brook trout, lake trout, and bass. President Grover Cleveland was very familiar with Big Moose Lake and fished it. He visited Dart Lake Lodge which was a small lakeside resort on the outlet stream of Big Moose Lake. The pH reading for Big Moose Lake today is 4.17. I'm sure you've been told by professionals who have testified before you previously such waters will support no fish life. Said one of our fishery biologists recently, "With that kind of a pH, I would expect no sport fishery to be possible for all practical purposes. Much too large for a liming program. As far as the Department of Environmental Conservation is concerned, nothing can be done."

This is a book from my Adirondack Library. It was published in 1941. The author, Leighton Brewer, is unknown to me but the title, VIRGIN WATER, caught my eye as a fisherman. Mr. Brewer was in the High Peaks of the Adirondacks. He writes:

"The story of the Flowedlands is also instructive. As I have already mentioned, it was formerly a swamp, but converted by a five-foot dam into a lake some three quarters of a mile in length. Through this lake flows the Opalescent River, which is, in fact, the main branch of the Hudson, only a few miles below where, as Feldspar Brook, it bubbles out of the ground at Lake Tear-of-the-Clouds.

"For some time no signs of fish appeared, although Lake Colden, just above, was overstocked with trout. Then one July morning about five years after the dam had been built, someone passing across noticed large trout rising, whereupon he put his rod together and proceeded to take five fish totaling 15½ pounds. These fish multiplied very fast, for in a few years the lake was just boiling with trout from 1 to 2½ pounds and a certain number of bigger ones.

"They grew rapidly, for all those caught were very fat and had small heads, indicating that they were young fish. This lake was soon fished without respite from the first of June until the last day of August, with an average of three rods a day; I have estimated the annual toll was more than five thousand trout. Yet it continued to yield more and better fish than any other lake in the whole region."

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is repairing that dam at the Flowedlands that Brewer mentions and in order to do so, has drained the water from the pond. There was no delay or hesitation for today there are no fish. You should know, too, that Lake Colden, Lake Tear-of-the-Clouds, the upper Opalescent River and, in fact, all of the High Peaks ponds are sterile and have no fish. When you climb New York State's highest mountain, Mount Marcy, you cannot catch your dinner of brook trout in a pond along the way as I did as a young man.

The ramifications of acid rain are only just beginning to surface in some respects. I told of the fishery of Big Moose Lake. Last week I spoke with a resort owner on Big Moose Lake and heard one of the most troublesome reports that has yet come to my attention. There was a report one morning of an odd taste in the tap water. He tasted it and had to agree. Since his was a spring water supply, he checked it out immediately and found nothing. He took a faucet sample and sent it to the laboratory. The analysis showed there were high concentrations of copper and lead in the drinking water. He called in a biologist and a chemist and they tested the spring water and found a low pH reading. Further testing has shown that many neighbors and neighboring resorts using both spring water from the lake basin and Big Moose lake water have the same low pH. What this acidified water is doing is leaching copper from the copper water pipes and lead from the soldered joints into their drinking water. A few days after this incident my friend had trouble with the septic system of his resort. Investigation disclosed that the anerobic bacteria which are the main factor in the proper working of the system were not functioning and the septic system was sterile. My friend tells me the bacteria are especially susceptible to copper and this metal was coming into the system in sufficient volume to kill them and make it non-operative. This problem is also surfacing at other locations. There is no way I can put a dollar value on this. My friend has corrected bit I ask myself is it happening elsewhere and is there any danger to people? And how do you interpret these problems in terms of economy? Now and in the future?

The other day at the annual meeting of the New York State Conservation Council a friend from Rome, New York, stopped to tell me a story he found quite upsetting. He is an experienced trapper. Incidentally, in New York State trappers have an annual income of more than 12 million dollars and there were some 22,000 trapping licenses sold last year. During the last trapping season, my friend had gone back into an area he had trapped frequently in the past with success. His sets were for weasel, mink, otter, fisher and raccoon. He success was zero. And then the reason dawned on him. This was in an "acid rain disaster area" as the local people call it. There were no fish; therefore, the animals that feed on fish had to leave. How can you put a dollars and cents value on that? The environment will support only so much wildlife. You can't move a population from one area to another populated area and have them all survive so there must be a tragic loss of wildlife numbers and an unmeasurable decline in the quality of life.

At the Syracuse College of Environmental Science and Forestry we have a group of scientists and biologists who are conducting an ongoing research program on the effect of acid rain on plant life and trees. Their findings are not yet conclusive. But their implications are frightening. The acid in rain and snow scour tree leaves, causing what the scientists call "cuticular" damage which, in turn, greatly increases the tree or plant's susceptibility to disease. Laboratory studies have demonstrated that plants in grounds saturated with acid rain suffer from a lack of nutrition. Research indicates that the acid content of rain and snow leaches nutrients out of the soil, and, therefore, they are not available to the growing plants. Certain species of trees may be particularly susceptible to this action. For the Adirondack area, this is a direct attack on our principal year-round industry — the wood products industry. Most of our forest land that is privately-owned is managed in some fashion. Several paper companies have large holdings in the area and have their lands on a sustained yield basis. Most other private landowners periodically cut for lumber, pulp, and firewood on their lands. If the trees are destroyed, the loss would be obvious and would need no explanation from me and this is a real possibility at some time in the future if nothing is done. But perhaps more insidious would be a substantial reduction in the growth rate which might be caused by this nutrient loss. Foresters tell us this is a very real possibility in the near future if the acid rain situation is not corrected.

As a resort owner and as one who lives in the Adirondacks which depends on the resort and recreation industry as its economic base, I am apprehensive. I am sad that governmental regulations permit industries in other parts of our wonderful country to kill fish in my area. I also feel that perhaps the fish are just the indicators of worse things to come. Do we have to wait until the sulfuric and nitric acid in the rain and snow is proven to affect people?

I can't correct this measure — you must. When our forefathers established our Constitution they devised an incomparable formula for living together and they gave the Congress the authority to enforce it and keep it effective. In the suburbs, if my neighbor has a dog that barks all night or a stereo that disturbs the peace, I go to my Town Government and the problem is corrected. To live together we have to consider each other. Where there is a national problem, such as this one, you — the members of Congress — are the ones we turn to and the ones we expect to correct a bad situation. We know and you know what is causing the acid precipitation and where it originates. It can be corrected — I only hope that you will accept and understand the importance of what is presently happening and what is about to happen and take the necessary steps to stop this environmental degradation before it becomes a national disaster.