

Rules of the Waves

We all can enjoy our lakes if we all work together

A reminder from the Town of Caroga Navigation Committee

IT IS COURTEOUS TO:

- Operate your craft in a manner which does not endanger others
- Operate your craft in a manner which avoids excess noise

IT IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

- To keep your trash and litter out of the lake and it is the law
- To operate your craft away from weed beds
- To keep soap out of the lake



BOATING REGULATIONS:

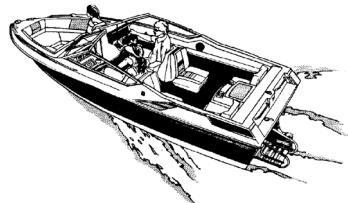
- Always ski with a spotter in the boat who is at least 10 years old
- Ski during daylight hours
- Maintain speed at or below 5 mph within 100' of shore, docks, skiers and swimmers, unless you are dropping off or picking up a skier
- Utilize navigation lights after sunset
- Provide an approved life jacket for everyone aboard the craft
- Vests must be worn by all children under 12
- A throwable life preserving device must be present in the boat
- Do not operate a craft while impaired by any drug or alcoholic beverage
- Engines on all crafts must be reasonably muffled
- Operators are responsible for any damage caused by their wakes
- You must complete a safe boating course to operate a personal watercraft (PWC)
- The minimum age for operating a PWC is 14



**For Emergencies Only
Dial 911**

**For Information Call
Sheriffs Department
736-2100**

**IT IS EVERYONE'S
RESPONSIBILITY TO
USE COMMON SENSE
AND ACT SAFELY**



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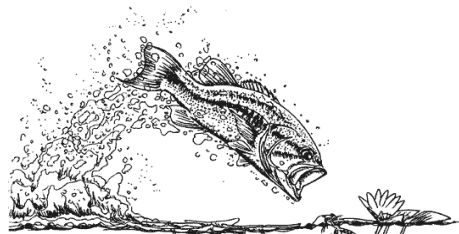
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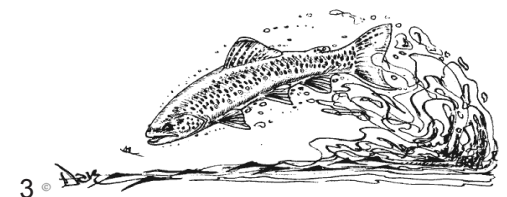
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Luncheon

Josie Roosevelt - Chair

Picnic

Linda Fake - Chair

Mike Cannon

Mary Cannon

Schedule of Events: Summer 2009

June:

28 (Sunday)

CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Roosevelt Residence, 190 Fulton Rd.

July:

4 (Saturday)

Kid's Beach Party/Activities Planning, 10:00 a.m.
(Children 6 and under accompanied by an adult.)

Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

4 (Saturday)

Flare Lighting, 9:30 p.m.

11 (Saturday)

CLPA Annual Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall

15 (Wednesday)

Ladies on the Lake Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Pine Lake Lodge

18 (Saturday)

Water Ski and Wakeboard Clinic, 10 a.m.

Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

25 (Saturday)

19th Annual CLPA Picnic, 1 p.m.

Location: Cannon Residence, 230 Fulton Rd.

August:

1 (Saturday)

Pirate Party, 10 a.m.

Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

9 (Sunday)

11th Annual Ice Cream Social, 2:00 p.m.

Location: Byrnes Residence, 101 Old State Rd.

16 (Sunday)

CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

September:

5 (Saturday)

Flare Lighting, 9:00 p.m.

Note: Check the bulletin board on the porch of the Canada Lake Store for the youth calendar and updates and times of additional activities.

Safe Boating Course: June 27th and July 11th, Call Town Hall at 835-4211 to register.

ECHO SUBMISSIONS

**Remember, we don't
have an Echo without
input from
lake residents.**

Start thinking now about how you can contribute to the 2010 Echo. Stories and family news should be sent to Chris & Judy Moritz by March 15, 2010 (preferably by e-mail: echo@carogalake.com).

President's Message

As you know or don't know, we purchased a condo last year in Punta Gorda, FL and we have thoroughly enjoyed this past winter in the FL sunshine. Also, just a comment, it is true that we have our Canada Lake home on the market with Caldwell Banker, but, should the sale transpire, we expect to purchase a seasonal home at Canada Lake. We would like never to leave the lovely lake in the Adirondack's and the many friends that we have met and enjoyed activities with. Now, with that being mentioned, the CLPA future still looks promising even with the recession. It appears that the recession may be bottoming, and we may see more activity at the lake due to less long distance traveling.

It has been a relatively calm and quiet year for the CLPA. One of our most important endeavors is studying and planning programs to prevent certain invasive species from entering our lakes. Jim Hays has spent considerable time in researching problem species and is working with Dick Maider and others on this project. As you have probably heard, we are exploring a stewardship program to inspect the transit boats coming into our lakes that may contain contaminants. As this letter is being written, the project is still unfolding. I apologize that my commitment to form a coalition with the other lakes has not been completed during my first term; I vow to complete this in my current second term.

I would like to thank all of the directors and other individuals making the CLPA beneficial to all property owners. I would like to urge all property owners that are not members of the CLPA to please look into becoming a member as we do need your support. I would also like to thank all my committee chairpersons and committee members for their help and support during the past

year and, in advance, thank them for their support in the coming year.

In closing, my wife Josie and I must comment we probably did miss the snow and cold that we have enjoyed for the last ten years at Canada Lake, but the sun and weather in FL at this time of year is certainly great. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the annual CLPA meeting this summer.

Warren P. Roosevelt, Sr.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR 911 NUMBER?

IS IT POSTED IN VIEW FOR
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL?
Contact the town clerk to find out
what your number is.

FIRE TIPS

- Have at least one fire extinguisher per building.
- Have a hose, with nozzle, hooked up to an outside faucet.
- Know where the nearest fire pump (red box) is located.
 - *Sonnenberg's at 624 West Lake Rd*
 - *Warren Dennie's at 342 South Shore Trail*
 - *Lichtneger's dock at 206 Dolgeville Point*
 - *In Bill Fielding's work boat*
- Know how to operate these pumps or ask any director for instructions.
- Call 911 for the Fire Department.
- Know your 911 number when you call.

Stewarts Landing Association Presidents Message

As I write this in the midst of winter, the weather man informs me snow fall has been two feet above normal and the temperature five degrees below normal. On the bright side it has been a winter wonderland for snowmobilers, skiers, etc...

Spring is four weeks away; I hope the little rodent is wrong. Where are we going to be put the rest of the snow? Soon the color will return to the forest. We shall again be allowed to revere in the majesty of the creator and contemplate his wondrous works.

Our regards to all,

Henry Eifert

Overlapping Jurisdiction in the Adirondack Park

The need for a permit depends on the land use area in which the property is located – proximity to water bodies, streams and wetlands.

The following activities in the Adirondack Park may require an APA Permit, and ALSO require contact with the Town of Caroga Code Enforcement Officer:

- Selling or gifting a portion of your land.
- Filling, excavating or otherwise impacting a wetland.
- Altering the natural flow, level or condition of a stream, lake or pond.
- Constructing a retaining wall, deck, or other structure within 100 feet of a shoreline.
- Cutting vegetation within 35 feet of a shoreline.
- Clear-cutting more than 3 acres of your land.

CLPA PICNIC

All members are invited to attend the 19th annual CLPA picnic. Please provide a covered dish to share and you may want to bring your own folding chairs. The CLPA provides soda, beer, hamburgers and hotdogs. Volleyball and games for younger children are provided. This has proven to be an entertaining event for all generations attending. We urge all members and their families to join us at the 2009 picnic scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, July 25 at Cannon's residence, 230 Fulton Road. Check the bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store for updated information.

GARBAGE PICK-UP

All garbage must be placed in clear plastic bags which may also be placed in a 20 gallon can with handle locks to keep animals out.

Garbage may not include recyclables or trash such as diapers, kitty litter, yard debris. These items can be taken to the Transfer Station. Special hazardous waste collections are scheduled by the town or county.

See Town of Caroga Directory for transfer station hours.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The most efficient method for providing CLPA members with important, up-to-date information is through e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, and it is not correct or does not appear in the CLPA directory, please e-mail that information to: echo@carogalake.com

Lake Activities Report

What a summer it was! (Honestly, it seems like a blur to me.) 2008 will go down as one to remember. It was a season with a mix of familiar faces & activities and the additions of new events and volunteers. None of this would have been possible without the support of our loyal CLPA members. Once again, we were overwhelmed with the generosity of donations that enabled us to provide expanded & improved summer activities for everyone. With more families & friends taking part each year, this extra funding has become indispensable. The words "thank you" seem inadequate.

One of our main goals this past season for the Youth Activities Committee was to incorporate more events geared towards the "older" pre-teens and teenagers on our lake. Technology combined with the kindness of happy campers made it all happen. If you haven't played any video games lately, they have come a long way since the Atari tennis game I played as a child. Video game nights were held at Renny & Maureen Offutt's and at Lois Miller's where the kids enjoyed playing on the Wii game system. A canoe/kayak trip was also planned in July so the kids could get to know one another early on in the season and meet up with old friends on the waters of the Canada Lakes.

Speaking of water, a beginners sailing regatta was held on Dolgeville Point. Once again this year, in an effort to introduce the sport of sailing to the younger ones, Courtney Young offered sailing lessons and helped put together the regatta with Lois Miller.

How fortunate are we to have a world-class sailor to teach our young ones?

We offered a number of movie nights for campers of all ages. While the weather didn't seem to want to cooperate with our outdoor theater events, our spirits were not dampened so we just moved inside and kept the popcorn coming. We grown-ups got a chance to view the PBS special on the Adirondacks at the Nick Stoner Inn and learn some things about the park and its history.

Another new event in 2008 included a family music night at the Ackerbauer's on Green Lake. At the Kids Krafttime earlier in the day, the children made their own musical instruments and they were invited to bring them to the Ackerbauer's that evening for a lakeside jam session.

As for the perennial favorites, Storytime on the Island retained its magic and was a huge attraction as always. The pontoon boat shuttle supplied by the Fielding family was well used and has become a necessity due to the popularity of this weekly event. A summer would not be complete without a Kane Mountain climb and the Irving Pond hike is fast becoming just as popular. The Clark/Olm family played host to our field days once again and a good time was had by all. Last, but not least, our annual Pirate Party was a huge success despite the inclement weather. Thanks to your donations, we were able to rent a bounce house for the kids and help expend some of that energy provided by the "grog" and sweet treats. Based on the children's vote, it was decided

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to continue the tradition in 2009.

Another tradition that will return in 2009 is the water-ski & wakeboard clinic. Thanks to a lot of pre-planning and additional volunteers, it was the most efficient water sport event yet. There was very little wait time as we had at least four boats on the water and a personal watercraft pulling our youngest athletes on a training board. The best part of each clinic is seeing the look of pure joy & pride on someone's face when they accomplish something they previously had thought impossible. The best reward comes in the form of a child's smile.

Annual activities such as the Lake Luncheon, CLPA picnic and ice cream social are such an integral part of our summers here at the lake. Thanks go out to the Pine Lake Lodge, the Cannon family, and the Byrnes family for hosting these events.

I had no idea 13 years ago when we purchased our camp what an impact it would have on our lives. But then again, I didn't know about the CLPA either. Ann Boyd was my first contact with the organization and she made me feel so welcome and a part of the lake community. Her dedication to accuracy, awesome work ethic and generous spirit will always be remembered. I am forever indebted to her and it is in her memory that I wish to dedicate my involvement in this coming year's Lake Activities. You are missed Ann!

See you on the lake!

Linda Fake

Fishing Report

Canada Lake, West Lake, Green Lake - fishing is steadily improving. Small mouth bass has improved the most. Many good small mouth bass fishing stories surfaced last summer. According to the state netting report, all species of fish are reproducing with the exception of any trout species. It is difficult to pinpoint exactly what conditions are lacking in our lakes for their reproduction. Trout grow and survive nicely, but do not show evidence of reproduction.

I have talked with several encon officers about introducing walleye into our lakes. Answer - If the state were to do it, then it would take several years of testing before it could be done. If CLPA were to do it, it would be a matter of completing a stocking license, buying however many we wish from the two hatcheries that have them and stocking them in the fall. Something to think about.

John Plantz

HEALTH WARNING ADIRONDACK FISH CONSUMPTION

In 2005, the NY State Department of Health issued a warning urging that women of child-bearing age and children under 15 avoid eating largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, pickerel, walleye, and larger yellow perch from all water in the Adirondack mountain region because of mercury contamination. Trout, catfish, smelt and other popular food fish have not been found to have elevated mercury levels. According to the state Health Department, Mercury can affect a developing nervous system in a fetus, infants and young children.

Water Quality Report

Invasive Species Update

At the 2008 annual CLPA meeting, Jim Hays, a resident and CLPA member, volunteered to head an Ad Hoc committee to research the vulnerability of Canada Lake to Invasive Species, and to pursue sources of funding and other ideas to help prevent the introduction of invasive species into our lakes.

Invasive species are foreign organisms that, once introduced, spread rapidly in a new habitat where natural predators are absent, and disrupt the lake's ecosystem. They can grow to the surface, making it very unpleasant for swimmers, and difficult for boaters, as weeds can get tangled in the boat propellers, and thus diminish the lakes' recreational assessment and aesthetic beauty.

The committee has determined that Canada Lake and its adjacent lakes are not safe from these plants. The lake's water chemistry is similar to other Adirondack lakes that are infested with them. A great deal of money is being spent in failing attempts to eradicate them, one of which is our neighbor, Caroga Lake. As residents, we have been very lucky so far, but it may be only a matter of time before they are introduced in Canada Lake as well.

The committee has determined that the two best ways to prevent the introduction of these species into our lakes is through education of our residents, and through monitoring the launching of boats at the West Lake public boat launch. At the August 2008 Director's meeting, the CLPA Board authorized an expenditure of \$2000 to \$3000 toward expanded prevention measures. These measures include the possible hiring of a "Lake Steward" to check boats being launched into our lakes during the busy weekends and to educate the trailored-boat owners of the danger and how to check their boat. The Ad Hoc committee also asked the Town of Caroga for funding, since the Town helps finance the eradication efforts in East and West Caroga Lake. However, the Town turned down their request at this time.

This spring, the Board sent an application to amend our agreement (Adopt-A-Natural Resource Stewardship) with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to approve the possible use of a Lake Steward to monitor the West Lake public boat launch site, and hope it will be accepted before the summer 2009 season.

Here is what **YOU** can do to personally help prevent invasive species entering our lakes:

- Donate to the CLPA Invasive Species Prevention Fund to help with education efforts or to help finance a Lake Steward at the West Lake Boat Launch site. To contribute financially, contact Merryn Byrnes at 835-8026 or Dorothea Loomis at 835-3886.
- Volunteer your time to monitor the West Lake Boat Launch or join the Ad Hoc Committee. Contact Jim Hays if interested at jimhays@ldeo.columbia.edu or 835-8302.
- Educate yourself and your neighbors, friends and family as to the dangers of invasive species. Teach them how to check their own boats, and be responsible for inspecting your boat and any other boats owned by visiting family or friends. Go to www.adkinvasives.com or <http://www.hamiltoncountyswcd.com/AqPlantBroc.pdf> to learn more.

On behalf of the CLPA, and the water purity committee, I want to personally thank Jim Hays for his efforts in this very important matter. His time and energy, as well as the efforts of all of our members and residents will help ensure for many years to come that our lakes are kept in that "Could Not Be Nicer" category that so many NY State Lakes are not as fortunate to be included in.

Bacteria Monitoring Program – 2008 Season

This is the second year of the implementation of the new bacteria monitoring program (published in the 2007 Echo). Our committee collected approximately 50 samples at various shoreline locations throughout the summer. Eleven of these

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sites were sampled two or three times to verify elevated levels of total coliform levels. Total coliforms are a group of closely related bacteria that are usually free-living in the environment (soil and water), but are also normally present in water contaminated with human and animal feces. The presence of total coliforms in a sample may be an indication of fecal contamination from a malfunctioning septic system.

None of the locations sampled showed repeated elevated total coliform levels, which would warrant further laboratory tests to show any indication of septic pollution in the area. Keep in mind, however, the time of sampling, recent rain events, and the specific spot along shore the sample was collected are all factors that could alter results for a given area.

YOUR contribution to help prevent harmful bacteria from entering our lake includes:

- Making sure your septic system is functioning properly. If you don't know if your septic is in good working order, schedule an engineer to inspect your system.
- Following a regular pumping schedule. A pumping service is now available for all septic tanks that can only be accessed by boat. Contact Bret Fielding at 835-2143 for more information.
- Maintaining your septic system. Review the tips published on Page 47 of your 2005 CLPA Directory, and on the last page of your 2006 Echo.

CSLAP Program – 2007 and 2008 Season

With the exception of 2006 (the year Canada Lake experienced a significant flood), none of the parameters tested have varied much since sampling for the program began in 2001, indicating very stable water quality conditions. Since water quality improved in 2007 and 2008, there appears to be no long-term impacts in water quality due to the 2006 flood.

Canada Lake continues to exhibit signs of an oligotrophic (unproductive) lake, where

nutrient and algae levels are very low, and water clarity relatively high. Overall, recreational assessments of our lakes for the 2007 and 2008 were mostly pleasant, matching previous years, placing our lakes again in the 'Could Not Be Nicer' category.

In the 2008 report, the DEC advises the CLPA to focus their efforts on preventing the introduction of exotic plants and animals to the lakes via education and surveillance of boat launch sites (mentioned above in the invasive species update) and minimizing phosphorus and other nutrient inputs into the lake. This can be done by:

- Limit or eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides on your lawns and gardens. Consider using organic fertilizers, especially those with less phosphorus. The phosphorus levels of the soils in this area are typically not lacking to begin with.
- Plant shrubs, bushes and other vegetation along your shoreline to prevent erosion and minimize surface runoff from your lawn
- Maintain your septic system. See tips on Page 47 of the 2005 Directory and last page of 2006 Echo.
- Do not feed the waterfowl. Waterfowl introduce nutrients, plant fragments and bacteria to the lake through their feces. Feeding the waterfowl encourages congregation which in turn concentrates and increases this nutrient source and will increase the likelihood that plant fragments, particularly from Eurasian watermilfoil (an invasive species found in Caroga Lake) and other plants that easily fragment and reproduce through small fragments can be introduced into the lake.

If you would like to read any of the DEC CSLAP reports for Canada Lake or other lakes, visit www.nysfolia.org and click on NY State Lake Association "Lakelist".

Merryn Byrnes

Canada Lake Sailing Club 2008 Season

A bucketful of die-hard sailors set forth during the summer of '08 to vie for the cherished CLSC trophies. A total of twelve different competitors skimmed across Canada Lake during the two month racing season with the largest turnout of eight sailors during the July 12th races. Newcomer Nina McCormack displayed focus and determination closing the gap a little more in each race she sailed. Elayne Umstead (Ireland) rediscovered the passion she had for sailing during her youth and with more time on the water to brush up on her skills, will be sailing in the midst of the fleet.

Our annual Fourth of July Race featured old-timer co-commoedores Court Young and Dick Loomis finishing first and second, young Dan Lawrence third, forever-young Nancy Long fourth and young-in-experience Nina McCormack fifth.

In the July Series, nine races were sailed with five sailors qualifying for trophies. Order of finish and points scored: 1–Court Young (.75), 2–Dick Loomis (1.46), 3–Nancy Long (2.6), 4–Dan Lawrence (3.14), and 5–Nina McCormack (5.6).

Eleven races were sailed in our August Series with four trophy recipients: 1–Court Young (.75), 2–Dick Loomis (1.83), 3–Nancy Long (1.97), and 4–Dan Lawrence (2.89).

Weather conditions were favorable during most 2008 race days but a torrential downpour dampened the festivities during our mid-season sailing club party at Nancy and Court Young's. Sunshine brightened the initial Sailors Meeting on Allen Farber's deck and the final Blueberry Bash/Awards Party at the Long/Loomis camp. Our sincere thanks to all CLSC party hosts, our patient starting committee crew of Mary Kate Farber and Lisa Lawrence, and our "buoy boy" Dan Lawrence.

permitting, sails three races each Saturday starting at 2 p.m. from the Franzport starting line. Should inclement weather prevent or cut short the races, we sail the next day, Sunday, or add races on subsequent Saturdays. Trophies are awarded to qualifying sailors for both the July and August Race Series. If all 12 races are held during a race series, sailors finishing six races will qualify. This allows sailors to miss six races and still be eligible for trophies. The CLSC makes appropriate qualifying requirement modifications for a shortened race series.

Results are determined based on a low-point scoring system. Winning a race is worth .75 points (there is a bonus of a quarter point for placing first). Second place is worth 2 points; third place 3 points, and so on. Therefore a perfect score would be .75. Upon close scrutiny please note that Court Young had a perfect race season—he finished first in every race he sailed. So you can imagine how excited any of us feel to beat Court if only in one race! And since he is the most-senior citizen in our fleet, it would seem the older you become, the better your chances of winning! Experience does count in sailing, or maybe the sailing club just respects its elders!

We would like to see more CLSC sailors competing this summer. If you are interested in joining our friendly fleet, please attend the kick-off Sailors Meeting, Saturday, July 4, 10 a.m. at Nancy and Court Young's camp on Dolgeville Point where we will welcome new members, enjoy refreshments, discuss season activities—including sailing lessons and clinics, and collect dues—\$10 per sailboat.

Participation in CLSC races is a risk-free and inexpensive way to ride out the recession. The only "bailout" you'll need is a small bucket or scoop to bail out your boat should you capsized!

Dick Loomis & Court Young

CANADA LAKE SAILING CLUB

— Summer 2009 —

Saturday, July 4 **Sailors Meeting**
10 am — the Young camp

Sunday, July 5 **Fourth of July Races***

July Series Saturday Races*

July 11 Races 1, 2, 3

July 18 Races 4, 5, 6

July 25 Races 7, 8, 9

August 1 Races 10, 11, 12

August Series Saturday Races*

August 8 Races 1, 2, 3

August 15 Races 4, 5, 6

August 22 Races 7, 8, 9

August 29 Races 10, 11, 12

Sunday, August 30..... **Blueberry Brunch & Awards**
10 am — Long/Loomis camp

***All Races start at 2 pm from Franzport.**

Cancelled races will be sailed the following day, Sunday, if possible.

Sailors Must Wear Life Jackets!

The Canada Lake Sailing Club, weather

Canada Lake Store & Marine News

The Nick Stoner golf course pond froze as smooth as glass before Thanksgiving for our ice skating pleasure. In mid-March the conditions on Canada Lake were excellent again for that sport, so we witnessed several families flying kites on the lake & skating to the island for a rare winter picnic. Some of you may have captured it on the web-cam. As of early March the Leader Herald newspaper reported that Fulton County had received over 90 inches of snow to date. So it has been a real necessity to shovel certain roofs & decks. All snow sport enthusiasts had a super winter with thick ice and abundant snow.

Howard & Chris, our marine mechanics, have been involved with replacing boat floors & carpet, fiberglass repairs, & attending Mercury School in New Hampshire. As well as her secretarial duties, Hope has devoted many week-day hours in the store. Merryn has been engaged in projects to improve the operation of our business and still helps with ordering from our vendors.

We are participating in the Great Upstate Boat Show at the end of March in the Dome in Queensbury with our Moomba tournament boats. If March "goes out like a lamb", we might see an early ice out, thus a longer boating season.

The summer goods are arriving featuring new Canada Lake t-shirts & the PBS home video "The Adirondacks".

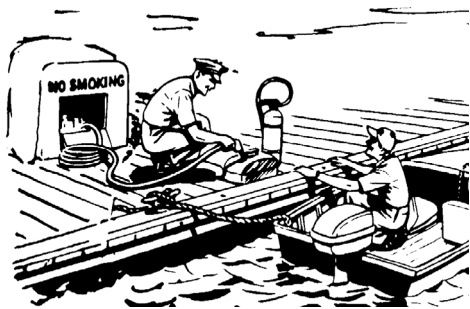
Our store staff for the summer of 2009 is as follows:

Kari Clavette – Dolgeville
Ashley Foster – Salisbury
Colleen Herms – Canada Lake
Nicole Jarvis – Bleecker

Kelsey Palcovic – Caroga Lake
Christian Rohrs – Gloversville
Carly Richards – Canada Lake
Brittany Sprung – Caroga Lake
Kurtis Sprung – Caroga Lake
Rachel Simonds – Caroga Lake
Katie Sullivan – West Lake

As for family news....

Dorothy, Merryn, John, Anika, & Kaelyn visited our Utah family for another Christmas celebration & to ski in early January. Bill still enjoys his winter job teaching people how to ski & will be back April 14th. On a windy October 4th, family & friends navigated in pontoon



boats to Nick Stoner Island to witness a joyous occasion as Heather & her fiance, Steve Owen, exchanged wedding vows there. She continues to ski instruct at The Canyons ski resort in Utah and he manages a Surefoot store in Park City. They will return to Canada Lake in late May. (see Heather's news) Eric continues to work at Air Tran airlines based in Atlanta. He commutes to the lake helping us whenever he can and snowshoes up Kane Mtn. almost every day. At the end of March Bret, who ski patrols at The Canyons, will come back here to participate in the boat show previously mentioned. In May & June he will be occupied in preparing the stored boats for delivery. (see his news)

We are enthusiastic about this summer and look forward to greeting you as you return to savor the Adirondacks at your special place on the Canada Lakes. It's been our pleasure to serve you for 36 years and we deeply thank you for your steadfast support.

Lake Effect Café News



When I last saw many of you, I was busy planning my Nick Stoner Island wedding. I'm happy to report everything went better than I could have hoped for, thanks to many friends and family! Thanks everyone for praying for clear skies too!

Steve and I now have reached the half way mark of the 2008/2009 ski season here in Park City, UT. I continue to absolutely love teaching skiing to all ages. Life on the Wasatch Mountains never gets old... spreading smiles while sliding down the mountain.

As for The Lake Effect Café news, I'm looking forward to providing fresh coffee and espresso drinks, baked goods, and new this season, breakfast burritos! These burritos will be made with fresh ingredients similar to the lunch wraps that also will be ready for your hikes and bike trips. Also, look for Lake Effect Café shirts for sale this year, as well as mugs.

I will also continue to have pie by the slice on Fri, Sat, and Sun. If you need a whole pie, please stop by and make a request. I'll usually have it ready for the next day or within 24 hrs (fresh fruits within season). I enjoy the creativity of baking for the community so please come by with any other requests you have. I enjoyed making cupcakes and birthday cakes for some of you last year!!

Business hours will be from 8am to 5pm every day but Wednesday, when I will be closed. Since I began The Lake Effect Café

in 2004, we added seating for you to enjoy your treats, our wireless connection, and have a great meeting place for you and your friends. My goal for the spring is to improve on what we have done and have even more space for you to enjoy the waterfront that we all enjoy at Canada Lake.

Thanks for all the wonderful support, and here's to a great 2009!

Heather Fielding-Owen

Canada Lake Barge Service Newsletter

To my fellow Canada Lake residents,

As the Barge enters its 3rd season of service, I would like to thank all of you who have had their septic systems serviced, systems updated, and have had me come by and check the status of your current system.

The Barge was enhanced this past fall with an additional pontoon. The addition of this 5th pontoon has further increased the ability to transport materials and equipment for our residents who lack road access.

In the 2nd season of operation, several residents of the lake took advantage of the pumping service and ensured better operation as well as longevity of their current system.

Canada Lake Barge Service Newsletter

As stated in last years echo: To all the residents who took advantage of the pumping service, I thank you for your business, and I thank you for thinking about the quality of our lake. We are all so fortunate to have Canada Lake in our lives, let's make sure we give back to the lake that has given us so much.

I would be happy to take a look and anyone's septic system and give my opinion on its condition and any recommendations I have for service. I have learned much in my first two pumping seasons and have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly.

If you need anything transported to your cabin or need some things hauled away, let me know.

Sincerely,

Bret Fielding

FISH CATCHES

PLEASE REPORT YOUR FISH CATCHES AT THE STORE YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL WHERE YOU CAUGHT THEM,JUST THE SIZE.

Flare Safety

Just as you would attend a campfire, please be watchful when you light your flares for the 4th of July & Labor Day. There have been incidences on the lake where docks have caught fire and sustained significant damage.

PLEASE DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY & SLOWLY WHEN TRAVELING ON THE ROADS AROUND CANADA LAKE THIS SUMMER

PERMITS

Permits are required by the Town of Caroga for the following, but are not limited to:

- Demolition
- Swimming Pools
- Heating Devices
- Tanks
- Certificate of Compliance
- New Construction
- Signs, Awnings, Canopies
- Garages, Carports
- Plumbing
- Mobile Homes
- Building
- Additions
- Subdivisions
- Sheds
- Chimney Repairs
- Certificate of Occupancy
- Excavation
- Alterations
- Roofs
- State Environmental Quality Reviews
- Fences
- Decks
- Windows
- Renovations

SANITATION AND HOLDING TANK REGULATIONS

Drawings from an architect or other licensed professional are needed for new installations, repairs, alterations to septic systems and holding tanks. Sanitation permit cost is \$25.

Local Law requires owners of a holding tank to have it emptied by June 1st of each year and/or when it becomes 75% full or except on appeal to the Sanitation Officer. Proof of pumping must be provided to the town clerk by August 1st of each year.

For a list of registered sanitation pumping businesses, contact the Caroga Town Clerk or the Town Sanitation Officer at 835-4211.

Kid's Korner

Winter Blankets

By Aubrey Kamppila

Winter blankets
soft and white
thick and thin
falling from the sky
forming beautiful waves and ripples

animals sleep
children play
under
and over
these glistening blankets

winter blankets
crafted by mother nature
not made from yarn
or fabric
but from the finest snow

winter blankets
melt away
when they aren't needed
but will return
again someday

The Pines

By Alaina Kamppila

The pines are
so beautiful
covered in pure
white snow

the snow
falls swiftly
and
some flakes
make homes of the branches

some find spots
on the ground
making a perfect blanket
one that shimmers and shines

animals play
chasing each other
in the snow
around the pines
where the snow falls swiftly
and makes homes
in the branches

The poems were written by two of our daughters (Aubrey - 13, and Alaina - 11), for school projects and that were inspired by our winter times at the lake. Steve Kamppila

Caroga Lake Pony Club

This club meets at the beautiful Royal View Farm located on Beech Ridge Road in the town of Caroga just a quick ten minute ride from Canada Lake. Two sessions are being planned for summer 2009. The "Short Stirrup" club for children ages four to seven will meet on Monday mornings beginning July 6th. At each meeting of the club, children will rotate through three stations: Horse Anatomy/Grooming, Stable Management, and Riding Instruction. After the third station, the whole group comes together for a snack, a story (horse related of course) and a totally cool craft project (I spend all winter thinking these up!) Last year, twenty three students participated, most of them from around the lake area.

This year a second session will be offered for children ages eight and up. These "Trailblazers" will meet on Friday mornings and, in addition to receiving daily riding instruction, students will study: equine anatomy & grooming, horse health & basic veterinary care,

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feeding & nutrition, cleaning & maintenance of a barn/stable and tacking up procedures. Guest presenters will provide demonstration lessons as well. I hope to have the Saratoga Polo Club come and play a mock match. I also have experts in the areas of western riding/calf roping/barrel racing, dressage, and cross country eventing coming to lecture & demonstrate. I think it's important for the kids to learn that there are many fun ways to spend your time with horses!

Special events such as a Mini Pony Olympics and family picnic take place at the final session. It's a fun way for the kids to show off what they've learned. The staff is excellent and they are totally dedicated to providing kids with a fun, safe, learning experience. Private riding lessons are also available on "off" days. Contact me at: (518) 604-4098 if you would like more information

Susan Akerbauer

These Kids are 70!

These are photos from the August 29th, 2008 celebration of the 70th birthday of many of the "gang who grew up on Canada Lake." The group photo includes the following disguised birthday folk, wearing Victorian masks. From left to right are Charlie Michaels, Marty Gohn, Linda Smith, Tony Davis, and Barbara Michaels. John Castillieux was able to attend the party, but unfortunately missed the group photo shoot.



One of the entertainment features of the evening was a poetry reading by Linda Smith. She had carefully read through I'm too Young to be Seventy, sharing Judith Viorst's humorous way of examining relationships of 70 year olds. Laughter could be heard from afar! The evening was filled with statements such as "do you remember when we...?" does anyone know what ever became of ..." and many happy memories. A kid's birthday party was a perfect way to accept the fact that at least some of those who really love the lake might be moving towards becoming "mature" and grown up -- perhaps not....

Carole Fisher

REMEMBER!!

**A non-motorized craft
always has the right-of-way**

A BIG ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY THANK YOU!



John, Chris, and Roy would like to thank the many volunteers who helped on our pickups in 2008. Many hardy souls gleaned trash from the roadside on 5 mornings during the summer. We could always use more help. If you would like to join this dandy intrepid crew, please call John Broderick (835-6150) or Chris Moritz (835-3003).

Caroga Historical Association & Museum 2009 Schedule of Events

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 28 1-4 pm

Museum Opens – Ice cream social music, children's games, popcorn, demonstrations, live oxen. Visit our exhibit **Adirondack Trappers**, a cooperative effort with the Adirondack Museum of Blue Mt. Lake, featuring the legendary Nick Stoner and French Louie.

CONCERTS*

August 1 7-9 pm

The Swing Docs
Professionals from the Albany Medical Center who play Swing, Big Band and Rock selections. Performance at Adirondack Paradise, St. Hwy 29A & 10, Pine Lake. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10.

August 14 7-9 pm

Christopher Shaw
Adirondack folk singer and story teller. Performance at Caroga Historical Museum. Admission: Adults \$5.00, under 16 free.

August 22 7-9 pm

Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers
Lively group featuring Cajun music. Performance at Adirondack Paradise St. Hwy 29A & 10, Pine Lake. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10.

CRAFT FAIR

July 18 10-4 pm

Crafters, Bake Sale, Food, Demonstrations & **Durey Creek Blue Grass Band.**

SPEAKER

July 9 7 pm

Remembering Nick Stoner – with Don Williams.

WORKSHOPS

July 16 10-3 pm

Beading – with Joanne Clark. Bring Lunch and \$20 for materials. Class limited to 15.

July 23 10-3 pm

Basket Weaving – with Eileen Wrightsman. Bring shears, measuring tape, clothespins, awl, small tub and pencil. Bring lunch and \$15 for materials. Class limited to 12.

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- July 30 10–3 pm Watercolor Painting** – with Ellen Panero.
Bring lunch and own supplies.
Class limited to 12.
- August 6 10–3 pm Painting Berries on Porcelain** –
with Catherine Graves.
Bring lunch and \$12 for materials.
Class limited to 6.
- August 13 9–12 pm Beginner’s Genealogy** – with Cathy Ossenfort,
cost of workshop \$10.
- August 20 10–3 pm Painting Brown-eyed Susans on Porcelain** –
with Dottie Peck.
Bring lunch and \$12 for materials.
Class limited to 6.

The cost of each workshop is \$20.00 for Museum members and \$25 for non-members, except genealogy which is \$10.

Send your check only for registration payable to Caroga Historical Museum with name, address and phone number to:

Sue Tantalo, P.O. Box 1038, Caroga Lake, NY 12032.
(For more information call Sue at (518) 835-2733)

* *This concert is made possible in part by public funds from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Tri County Arts Council.*

Caroga Historical Museum, 145 London Bridge Rd. Caroga Lake, NY.

www.carogamuseum.org

Become a Supporting Member of the Caroga Historical Museum

A Year’s Museum Membership
is \$20 single, \$25 family,
\$50-99 Sponsor, \$100 + Patron.

Please send a check with name,
address and phone number to

Shirley Holliday

P.O. Box 135,
Caroga Lake, NY 12032.

Make check payable to
Caroga Historical Museum.

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Adirondack Loons: Spirit of the Northern Waters on Canada and West Lakes

Loons, our beloved visitors to the lakes, are referred to as the “spirit of the northern waters”. The Common Loon is recognized because of the distinctive black head, sharp bill, red eyes, black and white collar and a white necklace. Juveniles are similar to adults in size, but in non-breeding plumage, the body is grayish and white. Loons are long-lived and ancient birds. They weigh 9-13 pounds and have heavier bone structure than more common birds, making it difficult to launch into flight. Loons require quite a distance to be able to bring their significant body weight into flight, but once in the air, their grace is remarkable.

Adult loons spend the warm months of each year on northern lakes and rivers. When autumn arrives, the chicks are fully grown, and before the lakes freeze the male, female and young loons all migrate south to the ocean coasts. Loons are seen during the winter months off the Pacific coast of California, Oregon, Washington, and even Alaska. The Atlantic coast including Maine south to Florida and the Gulf of Mexico may be host to our Adirondack loons – just like some of the lake residents!

Each year, loons return to the same breeding ground and while believed to mate for life, in fact they switch mates if a loon dies or is outcompeted. Therefore our loon pairs on Canada and West Lake have returned over many years to their breeding locations. Upon their return, the pair renews their bond with displays, swimming, diving and posturing. The nest is then built within a few feet of the water’s edge by both male and female. A clutch of eggs is laid sometime between mid-May and June. After an incubation period of 26-31 days, the young hatch and begin to swim almost at once. Within 24 hours, they are moved by the

parents to a nursery area away from the nest. A common threat to loon eggs and chicks is predation by other animals, and water rising, which floods the nests. The juveniles are able to make short dives within 2-3 weeks and catch small fish. Many of us have witnessed the constant care provided by the loon pair to their chicks and younger fledglings, feeding them fish, warding off interlopers and boats by placing themselves between the chicks and threatening dangers, and calling loudly when disturbed.

Loons are listed as a “species of special concern” in New York, due to threats such as lead fishing tackle and sinkers, and disturbance of nest sites and nursery areas during the breeding season. Disturbances caused by camping, paddling, fishing and boating on lakes can lower the loon’s reproductive success. In winter months, oil spills and environmental catastrophes can impact loon populations during migration or overwintering. Our loons are an indicator species or sentinel of environmental health and face many threats including human activities and mercury and acid deposition.

The residents of Canada Lake and West Lake have long admired our loon pairs, eagerly awaiting the arrival and first appearance of the tiny chicks, then observing all during the summer months into the fall season, watching them grow and ultimately leave the lakes for a long migration journey. Our neighbors and friends stand watch over the loons while boating to protect them from potential threats, and admire the fantastic dives, which enable them to go deep into the lakes, at depths of over 40 feet. In spite of the busy activity on both Canada and West Lakes, our loon families have survived.

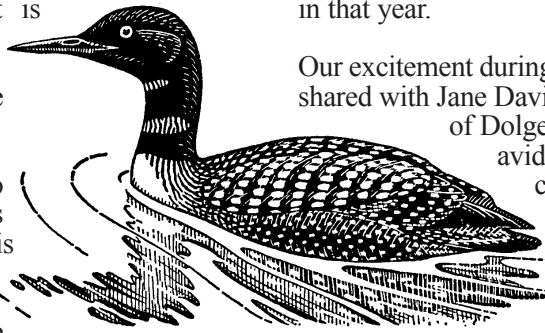
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This is the beginning of the story. One day, Rosemary Lee and John Leonforte of Dolgeville Point met Cookie and Don Fleischut, residents of Peck's Lake. They corresponded through the WCS Loon Conservation Program, being interested in loons and wanting to help with the research on loon populations in the Adirondacks. Cookie and Don have been surveying loon populations on Pecks, Canada and West Lake since 2004, and providing this information to the Annual Loon Census within the Adirondack Park.

Cookie Fleischut is employed as field staff with the Wildlife Conservation Society. She has assigned lakes to observe the loons and Canada Lake is one of her lakes. In the spring, Cookie will paddle the lake looking for the loons to return. She identifies the bands on their legs and documents their return. Then she follows the loons as they mate and make their nests. The adult female will lay 1-3 eggs and both loons take turns sitting on the eggs. Cookie will monitor the loons during the nesting time and wait for the eggs to hatch. After the chicks have hatched, she follows the adults and chicks to monitor their progress and developments. She will also collect the eggshell fragments and any unhatched eggs for analysis. Cookie will continue to follow the loons until the fall when the chicks are about 12 weeks old and capable of being on their own.

We decided to join the census takers and in 2007, made our observations on Canada Lake, where two adults and



two immature juveniles were observed. This information was forwarded to the Loon Program c/o Dr. Nina Schoch, Coordinator of the Wildlife Conservation Society's Adirondack Loon Conservation Program in Saranac Lake. The following year, the summary data was released representing 550 observers, 227 census lakes, 681 loons including 571 adults, 82 chicks, and 28 immatures. Only 171 of the lakes had loons present. This is only the seventh annual census and covers a random selection of lakes throughout the Adirondacks, and Canada and West Lake were privileged to have loon occupants in that year.

Our excitement during the next year was shared with Jane Davis, another resident of Dolgeville Point, and an avid loon watcher and conservationist. Jane conducted the 2008 loon survey and provided her results to the census takers. Jane also involved several interested residents, forming a "Loon Watchers" group, to maintain a vigilant presence over our loon residents. Last year, our volunteers were able to cover the entire shoreline of Canada Lake, Lily Lake and the channel to Cold Spring by motor boat, kayak, canoe and on docks. The census takers were Jane and Tony Davis, Nancy and Courtney Young, Cathy McLelland, Barbara Russell, Linda Smith, Marty McLaren, Phyllis Sandford and April Fenoy.

Two adults and one immature were observed in West Lake near Sawdust Creek, and two adults and two immatures were observed near the boathouse of Point Breeze. Three adults were observed flying in from the Lily Lake area and landed in front of Tom

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Willard's camp along Kasson Drive. Throughout the summer, as many as 5 to 11 adult loons were observed flying in and socializing for the day. Both Dan Yuenger and Lois Miller observed 11 at one time. Very often the two adult pairs from West Lake and Dolgeville Point area joined the other adults. One day, Jane observed one adult swimming in from the direction of Lily Lake toward two adults with their two immatures in front of her camp. The immatures stayed low in the water, close to shore and each other as the parents lured the intruder away slowly. She watched for over an hour until they were near Integration Bay and a fisherman in a boat scared off the lone adult.

We hope to continue this effort each year, and provide the following guidance to our neighbors and visitors:

- Preserve Shoreline Habitat – Maintain this area for nesting wildlife and promote the quality of our lakes.
- Keep Your Distance – When out on the lakes, be respectful of loons and other wildlife by observing from a distance. Closing in for that great photo will only stress the loon and chicks who are in protective mode.
- Use Non-Lead Fishing Tackle – Lead is a significant cause of mortality to loons and other wildlife due to accidental ingestion. Use readily available non toxic alternatives to lead sinker and jigs, and exchange your equipment for non lead materials.
- Retrieve Fishing Line – Line that has snagged or has been cut can entangle loons, wildlife and yes, even people! This can have fatal results. Please retrieve fishing line while out on lakes and ponds. Last summer, while

swimming off Dolgeville Point, two of us became entangled in fishing line, needless to say, it was scary and impossible to break free. Purchase biodegradable fishing line, see the source below.

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Conserve energy, decrease your disposables, and eliminate any use of pesticides and fertilizers on or near the lakes to preserve water quality.

We hope to install signs to remind those enjoying the lovely waters of Canada and West Lakes that loons are nesting and rearing young, and to post the "Help Protect Loons" information throughout the area during the 2009 season.

If you wish to join our loon observation team, contact Rosemary Lee at 835-3432 or at enviro3232@aol.com, or speak to Rosemary Lee, Jane Davis or Cookie Fleischut.

For those of you who are interested, more information about the WCS Adirondack Program's Loon Conservation Program can be found at: www.wcs.org/adirondackloons

To follow the migration of Adirondack loons, visit: www.adkscience.org/loons

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has information at: www.dec.ny.gov

Biodegradable fishing line decomposes within five years when lost or broken, has superior casting distance and tournament level knot strength, 8 lbs test, 210 yards: www.realgoods.com or 800-919-2400

By: Rosemary Lee, Jane Davis and Cookie Fleischut with Dr. Nina Schoch

Confessions of a Former "Lightaholic"...

Astronomers call the Adirondack region's night sky a "dark puddle," - highly desirable for stargazing, with the Milky Way easily visible. But our puddle is becoming lighter, affected by light pollution from places as far away as Montreal and as close as our neighbor's dock. The effects of light pollution go beyond astronomical inconvenience.

A couple of summers ago, my good friend - Canada Lake neighbor, Alan Fiedler - tactfully suggested that the flood lights illuminating my dock and the path to my camp were excessive...

"But Alan, I need to find my dock coming across the lake at night. I like the light," I responded.

Persistent in his cause, Alan encouraged me to change to a lower-wattage bulb. He had also run a blurb in The Echo about light pollution, offering to provide and install special shields for flood lights to direct the light where it's needed most - at the ground.

Curious, I did some research on light pollution. "Our Vanishing Night," a November 2008 National Geographic article, is worth reading, and the International Dark-Sky Association (www.darksky.org) provides plenty of information and resources.

Research suggests that light at night interferes with nocturnal cycles of all creatures, affecting migrating birds, fish, frogs, salamanders, lightning bugs and even humans (Canada-Lakers included). Excessive light is confusing the sea turtles... They hatch and instead of heading toward the moonlit sea, some are trying to reach the Walmart parking lot. You get the idea.

We need our darkness. Light at night

changes our normal circadian rhythms and may affect hormone production, cell function, brain activity and immune system function. At least one study suggests a direct correlation between higher rates of breast cancer in women and the nighttime brightness of their neighborhoods.

And then there's the sheer waste. In the United States, an estimated \$1.7 billion goes directly into the nighttime sky via unshielded outdoor lighting, resulting in 1.2 million tons of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere.

On a local level, the Adirondack Park Agency considers exterior lighting plans before approving building permits. Requirements include motion detectors and full cut-off outdoor fixtures that direct light downward.

Last summer, I decided to replace my flood lights with yellow 40-watt "bug" light bulbs. "Just an experiment, Alan," I said. "Don't get too excited." But the results WERE exciting - surprisingly subtle, yet provocative...

The amber glow from my low-wattage bulbs provided better visibility than the flood lights and were a lot easier on the eye. Helping to decrease light pollution is as easy as changing a light bulb, installing a shield or bringing a flashlight when one goes out for the evening. It's a good thing to do.

To learn more, visit my information table at the next CLPA annual meeting. While you're there, pick up a free handmade potholder and have some fresh-baked cookies.

Here's to summer! See you under the stars...

Dorothy (Osborn) Taylor

Dolgeville Point

Julius Breckwoldt, my great grandfather, came to the Untied States as a teenager and was tapped by Alfred Dolge to come up to Dolgeville and run the company store. He arrived in Dolgeville sometime in the 1870's. In the 1890s he and his brother purchased land on the Dolgeville Point, which had been heavily timbered. He and his brother would drive wagons from Dolgeville to Stewart's Landing, which was reached at that time through Emmonsburg. The road between Stratford and Pine Lake and thence to Canada Lake was not completed until the 1930's. They would unload, put building supplies and barrels of foodstuff onto rowboats and then row all the way up the channel to the Point. While carrying bricks for the fireplace, a rowboat overturned. Julius and his men dived for hours collecting the bricks from the shallow bottom of the outlet before making their way up to the Point. John, Julius' brother, built the camp at the end of Dolgeville Point and Julius near the other end of the point, on a hill. The two camps have very similar wood interiors: wainscoting, wooden floors and walls and similar lay-outs.

The far end of Canada Lake was closer by road to Johnstown and Gloversville and the Dolgeville Point area nearer to Dolgeville. As years passed, a steamer traveled the lake. Although it brought tourists from the hotel around the lake, the areas remained quite separate until the 1950s. My mother always referred to the "Johnstown side" of the Lake.

It was a real journey to come to the camp in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Barrels were packed of salt pork, flour, kerosene and basic supplies. They were hauled to Stewart's Landing in wagons, with the family arriving by buggy. Then everyone rowed the miles up the Channel to the camp, where they unloaded. In the winters, Julius brought a crew up

from his Dolgeville factory to cut ice. It was stored in two back rooms at the camp, packed in straw. When the family arrived for a long stay, the ice was still cold enough to keep milk and eggs. Fish was the main protein source and Julius fished every day for perch for dinner off the dock. He bought a steamer to shorten the trip up from the Dam. On washday, the family children would get in the lake with the blankets and sheets and scrub them. Then they were attached to the steamer and dragged around the lake to rinse out. They picked berries, ate milkweed (which tasted, my mother said, like asparagus) and fried fish.

Another duty that fell to the children was cleaning the kerosene lamps. Every morning the children scoured the glass, coated with soot, and replaced the kerosene. It was a dirty job and none of them liked to do it. But you did not argue with grandfather.

Julius brought his mother over from Denmark. The old lady was a widow whose sea captain husband died during the American Civil War, after running the blockade of New Orleans. She loved to go berry picking. The tiny blueberries were tasty, but it took hours to pick enough to make a pie. She was gone too long one evening and night fell. A large search party set out to find her. She was located the next morning, far behind West Lake, severely bitten by mosquitoes but with many blueberries.

It is an interesting contrast to picture our whole family, Halversons and Montagues, all arriving at the camp from Seattle and Dolgeville. Our plane ride doesn't take any longer than the trip by wagon and rowboat - but we all arrive at Dolgeville Point!

Diane Vosburgh Halverson

Family Reunion

After their Mom & Pop passed away at ages approaching 90, Pat and her six siblings decided to get together on an annual basis with their respective families to catch up with one another, socialize and play games. The reunion is always held during the summer, when most of the family with children and grandchildren can be available.

The siblings took turns hosting the reunion, and this year it was Pat and John's turn to be the hosts at their place on Green Lake. Pat wanted to do something real special for the occasion, and she considered having mushroom-smothered steak. But mushrooms are expensive, and Pat and John had just retired, so the family income was a bit tight. She told her husband at breakfast, "No, John, we can't buy the mushrooms. They are just too expensive right now."

John said, "Why don't we go up the side of Kane Mt. to that spot where it levels off and the sun shines in the glade there? We can pick some of those mushrooms; there are plenty in that mountain glade."

"No, I'd be too afraid to use any of them because some wild mushrooms are poisonous," said Pat.

"Well, I see varmints eating them all the time, and they're OK," he retorted.

So Pat thought she'd give it a try. She and John went up Kane Mt. and picked a couple of quarts of mushrooms. When they brought them home, they washed, sliced, and diced them for the mushroom smothered steak. Then Pat went out on the side porch and gave Ginger, the yard dog, a double handful. Ginger ate them all, relishing every bite.

All morning long Pat watched Ginger a bit anxiously to be sure Ginger was not sickened by the mushrooms; the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so by dinner time she decided to use them. Pat even hired Sue, a teenage girl from Canada

Lake, to help her serve the meal. Sue was dressed in a white apron and a fancy little cap on her head. The meal was a great success; the entire family raved about the mushroom smothered steak.

After everyone had finished, they relaxed, socialized, and played Bocce in the yard, board games and cards and dominoes at the picnic table.

Right about then, Sue went over to Pat and whispered in her ear. "Pat, poor Ginger just died."

Pat nearly went into hysterics, thinking of the calamity she had caused. After she finally calmed down, she went inside and called the doctor; she told him everything about the wild mushrooms. The doctor said, "That sounds pretty bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I'll be there as quickly as possible. We'll give everyone enemas and we will pump out everyone's stomach. Everything will be fine. Just keep everybody calm."

Soon they all could hear the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road to Green Lake. The EMTs and the doctor had their suitcases, syringes, and a stomach pump.

One by one, they took each person into the bathroom, gave them an enema, and pumped out their stomach. After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, "I think everything will be fine now." Then he left.

Everyone was looking pretty weak sitting around the living room and about this time Sue, the teenage helper came in and said, "You know, Pat, that fellow that ran over Ginger never even stopped."

John Snyder

John adapted this story from an e-mail received a year or so ago.

Getting There Can Be Half The Fun

"Getting there is half the fun" was the Cunard steamship lines' slogan. That can also describe getting to Canada Lake, if a leg of your journey is via the Erie Barge Canal.

It's an adventure that takes you past sites spanning five centuries of history, gorgeous scenery, amazing technical feats, fascinating flora and fauna and first-rate restaurants.

Ideally, you begin by renting a barge from the Erie Champlain Boat Co. at Waterford, near Troy, where the Mohawk River flows into the Hudson. After about three hours of coaching by Capt. Richard Powell, you take over the helm and head west up the Mohawk (To learn more about the ECC and its boats, call up website www.eccboating.com).

Even the most unabashed lubber can maneuver like a veteran canaller. One reason is that the boats only go 6.9 mph. Another is that they're outfitted with little propellers, or bow thrusters, on each side of the bow. With them, maneuvering alongside a dock is easier than parking a VW.

Shortly after you cast off one of the most spectacular parts of the adventure begins. Gingerly, you nose your barge into the famous "Flight of Five," a series of locks that lifts you up, about 30 feet at a time, 168 feet altogether. It's known as "the highest lift in the world." To accomplish this, three million gallons of water pour into the locks.

After you emerge, you can continue with five more locks, for 49 miles on to Fonda or Amsterdam, where you can debark and drive by auto up to the lake. Or if you prefer, you can take only a segment of that boat ride from Waterford, even as little as a 1½-hour sightseeing tour.

If you opt for a longer, more leisurely trip, your barge can sleep 6 overnight, or accommodate 10 people during the day. It's outfitted for cooking and has two flush toilets. Spring and summer, the Canal is open daily 8 a.m. to dusk.

Your course somewhat parallels the path of the famous Erie Canal, built from 1817 to 1832 and officially dedicated in 1825 by Governor DeWitt Clinton. You'll see the remnants of stone locks and aqueducts that were marvels of engineering and precise masonry.

The present canal, the result of modernization and enlargement completed in 1918, pretty much follows the Mohawk River. When it opened the whole system was renamed the New York State Barge Canal.

Just a few of the historic sites you might wish to pause and visit as you continue upriver are Schenectady's Old Stockade, the ancient part of the city that was granted a patent in 1672; Union College, established in 1795; a restaurant, the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, which dates back to 1658; the shrine at Auriesville, memorializing Saint Isaac Jogues's torture and death by the Mohawk Indians; and the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, where the aqueduct carried water of the Erie Canal over the sometimes turbulent Schoharie Creek.

Visit some handsome stone houses such as Fort Johnson, and a few miles further, Guy Park Manor in Amsterdam, built in the mid-18th Century by Sir William Johnson. On the final leg of your trip, you can complete visiting the trio of Johnson houses, by stopping at Johnson Hall in Johnstown.

For an Internet sample of a canal trip (on a different sort of a boat) try www.tug44.org.

You can reach ECC operations administration via Elsie Lansing, 142 Van Wies Point Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077. Phone 518-432-6094

And if you'd prefer another type of canal sightseeing, from the west, Erie Canal Cruises Aboard Lil' Diamond II, is based at Herkimer. It offers two 1 1/2-hour trips a day and will begin in May 22. For details, take a look at www.eriecanalcruises.com. Its address is 800 Mohawk St., Herkimer, NY 13350. Phone: 315-866-5989.

Bill Ringle

Maybe I'm Not Really 20 Years Old...

Our camp is on Stewarts Landing. We're never there enough. We live in Rochester, and even though the door-to-door travel time is only 3 hours, it's not a trip you usually make for one day. Juggling multiple schedules, work, and the needs of the extended family make every day at the camp very special. The weekend after New Year was one of those times.

The plan was to get everything in the Ford the night before and be on the road as close to 8 am as possible. Even for a single night's stay, we had plenty of stuff jammed in, creating only slightly inadequate space for our two college-age kids and the dog. The cartop carrier handled much of the overflow, but the cross country skis were too long, so we had to stuff them alongside the driver's side. It was only a little after 9 when we finally started rolling.

I'm pleased to say that the cartop carrier is well designed and does not distribute its contents all over the road when the insufficiently secured front latch pops open at 70 mph. We made another short stop in Herkimer at Hannaford to grab a few more items so that the last 45 minutes of the journey would be a little less comfortable.

There is no way I was going to chop through the ice bank the plows put across our driveway. I spent a long evening doing that in April of '02 and never will again. Our year-round neighbors were nice enough to let us park in their driveway. They are one of the best features of our camp.

We put on the snowshoes and began unloading. The shoes make the short trudge over to our place a little easier, and provide some interesting patterns in the wood deck where the roof overhang prevents the snow from piling up. After opening the door, my first jobs are turning on the power and getting the woodstove going while the rest of the crew lugs equipment and supplies. I'm reasonably good at timing these tasks so that everyone else takes care of all the

unloading. Once the woodstove is roaring and I can coax my wife and daughter out from the relative comfort of the blankets they wrap themselves in, it's time to get moving.

We have just enough used and borrowed equipment so that everyone can ski. It wasn't long before we were off toward Canada lake. There were a few feet of snow, so most everything was covered, but it wasn't so cold and deep that the stream was safe to ski on. That is probably always a bad idea, since there is a constant flow under the snow and ice, and in some places where you would not expect it, the ice gets thinned to the point where it won't support you. I made that discovery in '06. But since the level is down about 4 feet, there is usually plenty of shoreline where you can ski unimpeded by tree limbs and deadfalls.

As we skirted Lily Lake, the sun was getting low in the sky behind us. As the sun gave us a pretty good show, it became apparent that it would be a good idea to turn around. So my wife and daughter, showing superior intelligence, did just that. I knew we'd be able to catch them coming back since the trail was packed in now, and we'd be able to glide much better. My son and I continued on along a little farther so that he could stand on the big rock at the east end of Lily Lake and push the fire tower button on Kane Mountain. I took the picture and slid the camera back into my coat's zipper pocket.



Maybe I'm Not Really 20 Years Old...

My son has picked up the knack of cross country skiing even though he has not done a lot of it. Or maybe I'm not really 20 years old like he is, regardless of what I want to believe. Whatever the reason, I found myself working hard to stay with him. When we got to the little trickle that caused a depression in the trail, I decided that the best way to keep up my momentum would be to step a bit out of the track and change direction right there so that I wouldn't ice my skis where the water had started to come through the snow. Wouldn't you know there was a rock hidden right under where I decided to plant my ski.

As my ski scraped across the rock, I lost my balance, and my pride, just long enough to lose my shoulder and half of my face in the snow. The fiasco must not have made much noise, because my son just kept going, missing a golden opportunity for sarcasm. But my other foot guided its ski through the slush, so I couldn't just get up and catch him. After a few futile steps, I took off the ski and started scraping the ice off the bottom with my pole. Unfortunately, I was still breathing hard, and as soon as I stopped, my glasses fogged up. I worked blindly as the darkness gathered and finally got enough of the freeloading ice off so that skiing would be possible. I couldn't see far enough to tell if I was putting the boot in the right spot to snap into the binding, but eventually my toe blundered into the right position and I was finally off.

I picked up my pace, knowing that the rest of the family would be wondering what happened to me. Before long, I could see lights coming at me through my foggy glasses. I nodded to each of the 4 snowmobilers as they passed in the other direction. As the last one passed, I could just make out my son in the distance. I thought that the waning light might look good in a picture, particularly if I could get his silhouette unobscured by...

A quick touch to my zipper pocket told me

that my balance was not all that I lost when I went down. I paused and started to figure the odds of finding the camera in failing light out here in the snow, but then I thought of the far lower odds of finding it if it snowed tonight. Without any great hopes, I turned around.

It didn't take long to get back to the little depression. And I realized as I followed my tracks that not only us skiers thought that was a good place to cross the trickle. The snowmobile tracks went right through the same spot. My hopes for finding a functional camera headed downward. As I skied up to the uncovered rock, I spied a bit of the lanyard right in the center of the snowmobile track. I reached down, gave it a yank, and out popped the ice covered camera. I zippered the pocket this time.

I turned around and there was my son striding toward me. "Where have you been?" "Took a ride on a snowmobile. You should have stuck around. You would have loved it." "Mom sent me back. Did you fall or something?"

I filled him in on the details, and also my wife and daughter when we caught them. "Why didn't you yell to us?" "That's a good idea. Never thought of it."

When we got back to the somewhat warm camp, I hung the camera up to dry and stoked the woodstove to its "maximum camera drying" setting. A few hours later, it seemed dry enough to give it a try, so I pressed the ON button. It powered right up and worked like a champ.

"Tough little camera," I thought. And maybe also lightweight snow machines.

Just in case I'm not so lucky next time, my wife bought me a "waterproof, shockproof, works to -14 degrees" model for Valentines Day. She is as practical as she is romantic.

Randy Fredlund

What A "Ring" Around (No Matter Where You Go...There You Are!)

The saying "what goes around comes around" took on a new meaning with a Canada Lake man. Here's a story of stories that amplifies the saying "no matter where you go... there you are".

It starts with the Company Bill has worked with for 13 years. The automotive consulting firm HAC Group, (Half-A-Car) named for their introduction of two-year vehicle leasing in the 1980's. Bill was the fifteenth consultant to join the company, which rewards each of them with a beautiful (college style) engraved blue sapphire ring at the consultant's five-year anniversary. At the completion of ten-years the company asks them to send back the ring so they can mount a diamond into the sapphire. This gold ring has the company's logo, one half of a car, the other half a flame of fire, (referencing the company's burning desire to achieve results for their dealers).

Each year the company rewards its consultants and their spouses with their "family" business meeting, held usually in warm tropical climates. Bill received his five-year ring in Palm Springs CA in 1993 and lost it five months later. Embarrassed to tell anyone in the firm, Richards went without the ring for four and a half years. Approaching his ten-year anniversary, the family meeting was being held in Hawaii. Richards had to call the secretary to the firm's founder and president (automotive pioneer Eustace Wolfington) to explain his misfortune of losing the ring and to explain he was unable to send it back for the company to mount the diamond. Lucky for Bill, the company said they would reward him during ceremonies with a new diamond mounted "ten-year" ring.

The company, now about 300 strong representing nineteen countries, rewarded Bill with his diamond ring on Waikiki Beach. Following the weeklong "family business" meeting, Bill, like many of his associates planned a one-week extension and flew his family to the island of Kauai. On the second day of fun and sun, Bill and son drove to the opposite side of the

Island to play in the surf on boogie boards. The father and son duo realized they had to paddle their boards in a foot and a half of rock laden water to reach the surf, 50 yards away. Paddling half way to the surf Bill realized the terrain was too rocky and not wanting to take any chances with his 11 year old, they turned back to shore and drove back across the Island to the Marriott Resort and reconnected with his wife and daughter. While playing in the surf on the Resort's beach, Bill came out of the water and noticed his ten-year diamond ring (now two days old) was missing from his finger. Bill was mortified (freaked) and furious...with himself. Now this new ring was gone...company ring gone...again. His search was in vain; the ring was lost.

Two days went by when he hires a guy named Mike, who hobbies side jobs using a metal detector. Bill leaves his name, number and address in up-state NY. Bill and family fly home to reality. Two months go by, expecting never to hear about the ring again, a man named Paul (who also hobbies retrieving metals) from the Island of Kauai calls him and explains he ran into a guy named Mike (the guy bill hired) on a different Island. A conversation came up about a ring with a funny name on it; "Half-A-Car". Mike proceeds to explain to Paul about a guy from the Marriott Resort who lives in New York. Paul was puzzled because he found this ring in about a foot and a half of water 20 yards from shore on the opposite side of the Island of Kauai. Because Bill's name was engraved on the inside of the ring the two men knew they were talking about the same guy. Mike gave Paul, Bill's phone number in New York. When Bill picked up his voice mail and heard the story he almost fell over. He realized where, when and how it fell off. Just a fantastic ending! Or is it? About 3 months after receiving the "ten Year" ring in the mail Bill finds the original "five-year" ring in his suitcase that he hadn't used since a snowmobile trip in Canada 7 years earlier. Wow, now he's got two rings! Bill places his "five year" ring away in his drawer and cherishes wearing his "ten-year" ring. Forever after...? ...

What A "Ring" Around (No Matter Where You Go...There You Are!)

NOT! ..."Half-A-Car"...Half the story...

This past August Bill and family were on the East side of Lake George cliff diving from about 30 feet, in what was believed to be 160 feet of water. Yes, that cherished "10 year" ring slips off Bill's finger. As he comes up from the dive he realizes his fateful friend is gone, gone, gone... forever gone.

It's now mid October and Bill is attending a Company workshop in Ft. Lauderdale. Bill wakes up at 6:00 AM. While reading a book he glances at his "five year" ring that came back out of his drawer. A thought crosses his mind about the busting he might take wearing a "five year" ring from a "10 year" guy. Ten minutes later Bill decides to tap into his voice mail. He hears a message from the company receptionist explaining she received a call from a man named Bob Christian, who was scuba diving in Lake George NY and found a Half-A-Car ring with Bill's name engraved on it. (Listening, Bill thought it was a joke) He calls Christian and listens to him explain he had to ask around town if anyone knew of a company by that name. Christian said he had no luck, so he went to a search engine on the Internet, typed in the name Half-A-Car and found the H.A.C. company web site and called.

Bill about passes out, Christian explains he found the ring in about 40 feet of water, on a ledge five feet from the edge which falls off 160 feet deep. When asked of what he makes of this whole ordeal, Bill, pauses and says, "Now each time I hear the phone" I hear a nice "ring" to it.

FAST FORWARD:
Summer of 2004, Canada Lake NY. It's very cold, Bill and his wife are boating and while coming out of West Lake onto Canada Lake, Bill stands up and try's to get Pete and Luran Lozier's attention. He flings his arms back and forth...ring slips off...

For what ever it's worth... Bill hired a scuba diver @ \$150 per hour who couldn't

find the ring. The diver said the bottom of the lake (about 25' deep, is very soft murky mud. Said, there is no way you'll ever find this ring. He said each year the ring will slip further into the mud.

As a New York Met fan Bill has three words.."You Gotta Believe"..Do you believe...????

Bill Richards

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lake Activities Vice Presidents Linda Fake and Kristen Franz are always looking for additional volunteers. If you would like to help out, please call Linda [Home: (315) 429-3911, Lake: (518) 835-2447] or Kristen [Lake: 835 - 2522].

Yarn Twisters

Attention: All Knitters, Crocheters and other Yarny types, Tuesday Yarn Twisters meets again! Last summer 2008, a small group of yarnies met weekly to enjoy conversation, seek/exchange advice and admire each other's WIPs.

This summer 2009, we plan to schedule some road trips to local yarn stores & yarn farms.

If stabbing yarn with various tools sounds like your idea of fun, please join us for a weekly afternoon of yarn twisting. The tentative plan is to congregate at the fireplace or porch at the Nick Stoner Inn, Tues 1 pm till? Of course, we will adjust the location if the meeting at the Inn does not work out.

For more info, or to add your name to the mailing list, please contact any one of the following:

Judy Aldinger 835-6695

Lisa Bates 835-4170,

Sue Tantalio 835-2733

Dorothy Taylor 835-6058

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From **Joe Andrews**: Doug Andrews (12 YO) was awarded his second degree black belt from Lavallee's USA Black Belt Champions Mixed Martial Arts System. Doug plans to continue training in martial arts and help his Father achieve his black belt. We are all very proud of Doug.



From **Jan and John Broderick**: The most important event was the birth of our first great grandchild, Kylie Marie born on Mothers' Day, May 11th. She is, without a doubt, the cutest and smartest baby!! Could our pride be showing?? In March and April, we took a trip to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. It was very educational and the architecture is breathtaking! However, Jan took a fall in Morocco and damaged her artificial knee. She was somewhat limited in her mobility for the rest of the journey. Our oldest grandson, Stephen, graduated from SUNY Albany in May and our granddaughter graduated from high school in Albany in June. After moving to the lake in June, the whole family reunited to celebrate John's 75th birthday. It was a wonderful weekend. At Christmas, we had another short, but sweet family reunion when all our sons and some of

their family were able to make it up to the lake. It's times like these that we are especially proud to have this wonderful family and a place we all love to visit. We hope the winter was kind to all of you. We are looking forward to moving back to Green Lake for the summer. See you then!

From **Dick Loomis** - The Long/Loomis Gang Update: I celebrated my 50th high school reunion in Dolgeville last summer. Hadn't seen most of them in decades. Nancy and I thoroughly enjoyed another reunion in Newport, RI, with Geoff Clifford who sailed for many years with our CLSC fleet and penned the popular Telltale newsletter for the club. We also traveled to Ohio to visit Nancy's dad, Ned Long, a couple of times.

Our oldest daughter, Alicia, was chosen to replace her former choral music teacher at New Hartford Central School when he moved on to get his Doctorate. She bought a cottage only a few blocks from us. Ali will complete her Masters this summer at Ithaca College. She also performed the title role in an area production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience. Her sister, Casey, graduated magna cum laude from Skidmore and is now living in NYC, attending the Martha Graham School of Dance on a scholarship, working part-time at a Pilates studio, and totally immersing herself in the Big Apple. In February she performed professionally at the Joyce Theater with Jacquelyn Buglisi's company.

From **Tim & Cindy Mahoney**: We are proud to announce we are finally Grandparents.

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Daughter Melissa and her husband Albert became proud parents of a son Alexander Joseph Robert LeMay on Oct. 25th. A.J., as he is known, will be spending his first summer on our beautiful Canada Lake. Son Lance is starting a new project for the government in MD and will be at the camp for his usual week in August. Tim is now Ad Director for the Leader Herald and I started as Resource Room Coordinator for FMS Workforce Solutions, so it's been a year of firsts. We are looking forward to summer and camp with great anticipation and taking A.J. for his first boat ride, first swim, and all the wonderful experiences of the lake. Our son Lance and his fiancée Debbie will be married on June 13th in Virginia, they plan on having the wedding at the plantation at Stratford Hall which is the birthplace of Robert E. Lee. We are thrilled that we will all be together for this very special occasion.

From **Chris & Judy Moritz**: We had another busy "remodeling" year. After 23 years our Canada Lake house is done! (Well almost) Mark and Christine Newton were married at Shermans in August. Father Ted Monica from St. John's in Johnstown presided. All three of Greg's children, Anna (4), Kevin (7), and Ian (9),



were in the wedding party. Judy's English cousins crossed the pond to be there, and of course the wedding was "smashing".

We again had Kevin and Ian with us at the Lake for a week in July before the rest of the family joined us. The kids love the lake, and we expect to have all three grandchildren with us next summer. Judy had a knee replacement in November and is looking forward to being able to get in and out of a canoe. On a sad note, Chris' mother passed away in February at 93 years of age. The BIG event this winter was Chris' 70th (OH NO!) birthday in March. Three sets of English cousins and their children, Mark and Christine, Greg, Nicolle and kids, and other Florida relatives were on hand for a celebration in Orlando.

Petrie-Davis news: We're looking forward to the summer of 2009 and hope to spend as much time as possible at the lake. Millie had another heart attack just before Thanksgiving and was hospitalized again in February. She is now on oxygen which may limit our time at the lake. She'll be 91 in May. After her 4th summer of the Middlebury Breadloaf master's program in English literature, Tori will be going to Campinas, Brazil. She'll be teaching high school English for two years.

From **Barbara Russell**: The children and two of the grandchildren of Mabel M. Kane enjoyed time at Canada Lake again in 2008. Mike Kane was up first to set up the docks, and returned for two more weekends. He played golf at Nick Stoner, and made a trip to Stewart's Landing

with Bill Kane in Bill's new boat. He especially liked Columbus Day weekend and its spectacular fall foliage. Bill enjoyed time fishing, and visiting sister Barbara and the Pecks. Margot Kane visited while Bill was up, and Barbara, Bill and Alex Russell had many good times over July and early August. Alex especially enjoyed the new motorboat. In March, the Russells travelled to Colombia. We all look forward to the lake again this summer.

From **Mary Anne Silvernail**: Robert Glen Silvernail (Spike to some, Bob to most) turned 80 years old on April 4th. He celebrated in Denver, Colorado, where he lives with his wife Joan in the off-season. He was joined by son Bob, from Newport Beach, California and his daughter, Mary Anne from Manlius, New York, who made the trip to celebrate the big event. Bob is a nearly life-long resident of Canada Lake. His parents Glen and Molly bought the property on Hutchinson Road in 1936, and Bob has been spending his summers here ever since. He has instilled the love of Canada Lake into his two children, their spouses, Lauren and Edwin and his four grandchildren, Molly, Nick, Lillian and Alice, who spend as much time as they can with him each summer. So if you are paddling, boating or swimming by this summer, or if you spot him on the golf course, please wish Bob a happy 80th....and many more.

The **Hubbard Smiths** had a pleasantly eventful 2008. From South Shore Road in late June, they said good-bye to son Steve plus Lynn, Meghan and Sarah as they left for Belgium where

Steve's employer has sent them for a 3-year stint. And in September, daughter Alison was married in Orono, Maine to Sid Mitchell, a psychology professor at the University of Maine. Children Matthew and Claire were in the ceremony; Sid visited the Lake twice, pronounced it superb and easily passed our Canada Lake test. Linda and Hub had a grand summer at the Lake and a fine Christmas and New Year's visiting the family in Brussels, with side trips into Germany and to Paris, where they showed Steve his first apartment as a baby.

News from the **Tevebaugh, Ehmsen & Yarnell** Camp: Erika Ehmsen and Steve Randle of the family's West Coast branch are expecting their second child this summer. Their baby boy is due July 20th. Daughter Lena (who'll be 3 in early July, and who celebrated her 2nd birthday at Canada Lake with yummy cupcakes from Heather's Lake Effect Cafe) is looking forward to being a big sister. The family lives in San Francisco with their dog and cat. Steve is a small-animal veterinarian, and Erika is an editor at Sunset magazine, a Time Inc. lifestyle title that covers food, wine, gardening, home design, and travel in the West. Erika learned how to make wine (Chardonnay and Syrah) for the magazine's One-Block guide to raising a feast in your own backyard; the blog chronicling the project is a finalist for a James Beard writing award. Erika's parents, "Nana" Jean Tevebaugh Ehmsen and "Bumpa" Ron Ehmsen, will be helping out their San Francisco family a lot this summer, but they'll still be spotted on the South Shore in late August, to close camp.

Many of our families have spent summers on the lake for generations. Below are unedited news excerpts, selected at random, published 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago in The Echo.

1969

The **Osborns** are grateful to their many good friends who helped extinguish the fire which would surely have burned our camp to the ground last Fall except for their prompt response when the call for help went out. June is teaching second grade in Delray Beach this year. Mr. Osborn is purchasing agent at Florida Atlantic University. Their three children are attending the new Alexander D. Henderson University School at Boca Raton.

From **Douglas and Helen Hays**: Our news this spring is that we have become increasingly aware of Federal and State efforts to prevent air and water pollution. At Canada Lake we pay to have poison showered on us from the air, poison that washes into the wells and damages us and the wild creatures. The spraying, as we understand it, is done to extend the season. To us, this seems like killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

A bit of news from **Vincent and Mabel Kane**. — Michael has spent the year in Nassau in the Bahamas as a director of the Worldwide Financial Corporation. He returns to his Washington law firm in June and hopes to get to Canada Lake for a visit this summer. Bill was married in October to Barbara Hartzell of Bethlehem, Pa., and is located in Boston, working for Vermont Mutual Life Insurance Company. Barbara finishes her freshman year at Wellesley College and expects to spend the summer at the University of Barcelona in Spain.

Neale and Dick Parkhurst write: Grandson Alexander arrived September morn (Sept. 1) to Mike and Sue.

Grandson David arrived Christmas day to Pete and Barbara.

Daughter Priscilla and hubby, Terry Clark, published a book together about a French Sociologist. Mike and Sue took a new job with U. of Rochester. Neale and I enjoyed Captiva Island during late winter and early spring, where we keep a sign saying "Canada Lake South" to the amusement of all.

1979

Jeff Bates graduated from the lower school to the upper school at the Albany Academy in June, and hopes to find a job at Canada Lake this summer.

Margaret Memmott writes us she has a new grandson, Justin James Memmott, born April 2 to Karen and Jim Memmott, who now live at 14 Dorchester Rd., Old Wethersfield, Conn.

Jack and Gretchen Fielding will both retire this year, and will make Canada Lake their permanent residence.

From **Barb and Doug Leaf**: We happily announce the marriage of our daughter, Cindy, to Mark Riess on Saturday, June 30. (Her sister, Dee-Dee, was maid of honor.) Following a honeymoon in Bermuda, Mark will begin work at Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City as a corporate analyst. Cindy plans to continue teaching third grade in Bethel, Conn. - her third year. Dee-Dee has just completed her sophomore year at St. Lawrence University and is working towards a double major in economics and sociology. She will be employed this summer by the City National Bank and Trust Co. in Gloversville. How wonderful that, for the tenth consecutive year, our family can spend the summer together at the lake! See you all soon!!

Note from **Nancy & Al White**: News during the past year is that Don graduated from St. Lawrence Univ. in May 1978 with a major in Economics and

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Government. He started working in July 1978 for Doug Leaf at Brandis & Sons, Inc. in Pleasantville, N.Y. He is very busy and happy with a lot to learn about the surveying business. Sue has recently moved into an apartment in Gloversville, which she shares with another girl. We are all happily looking forward to our summer at Canada Lake.

[Ed. Note: Thanks to Al & Nancy White for planting the crop of new trees on Nick Stoner Island.]

1989

Parks Landis announces that on May 12, 1988, he and Lucy Kells were married in Tavares, Florida. He is also very happy to announce that his daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Gary Hochberger, had a son William, on March 7. This is Parks' first grandson, having a granddaughter, Brett Landis, by oldest son Frank, and his wife Penny. His son Bill is planning to get married soon to Kathy Reed. They are still in Schenectady.

The **Rohrs- Healey Family** are celebrating their 70th year at the lake. Chris and Kathy Rohrs have a new daughter, Mary Grace. They make their home in Grasse Point Farms, Michigan. Irene and Jon Healey 's great grandchildren now number 22, and Joanne and George Rohrs' 14 - and they all spend a part of the summer at the lake.

The **Langworthys** of North Shore Green Lake are celebrating the 80th birthday of Camp Ruffit this year, founded by Elmer and Anna Hoffman, the maternal grandparents of Emily-Ann and Harry Wells Langworthy. The camp was run as a tent colony resort from 1909 to 1918. One of the present buildings incorporates the original cooking shed.

1999

From **Hubbard and Linda SMITH**: The next generation has begun at the PARKHURST and SMITH camps on the South Shore. On September 14, 1998,

Samuel Michael Parkhurst was born in Minneapolis to Cameron and Shaun. And on March 20, 1999, Emma Irene Parkhurst was born in Denver to Alex and Lisanna.

Next door, Linda (Fisher) and Hub Smith (Sue Parkhurst's brother) became grandparents on December 5, 1998, when Matthew David Williamson was born in Seattle to daughter Alison and her husband, Bruce Williamson.

It has been more than one year since Dave, Carole and Kate FISHER migrated from Dave's family camp down the road to 172 South Shore Road. At this writing it is really beginning to feel like home.

Betty YOUNGLOVE writes that her Dad, Merton Lesser, who passed away Nov. 20, 1998, spent over fifty years at Canada Lake. He, along with Paul Benjamin, Alfred Dennison and others helped get the Canada Lake Protective Association restarted after World War Two.

From the **KENNEDYS**: The big news for the Kennedys this year has been the arrival of grandchild no. 1 - Nicole Li Kennedy. Steve and Ruby, Nicole's parents live in Bedford, MA. The five hour commute to Canada Lake doesn't discourage them from spending several weekends and a vacation on Decker Road. Paul, no. 2 son works in Albany and thus spends more time at the lake. He is looking forward to law school in the fall. Betsy's obligation to a string of horses prevents her from joining us as often as she might like. The Decker Rd. camp has a new profile, thanks to a Carolyn-designed expansion of the galley kitchen during the winter - better to accommodate the culinary talents of Carolyn and her sons. Winterizing the camp is almost complete, permitting us to spend some lovely weekends during the winter just past. A real treat!

Remembrances

Charlie Armitstead

Charlie Armitstead of 360 Kasson Drive passed away peacefully at home March 23, 2009. He had courageously fought cancer for two years. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Cynthia Armitstead

Ann Boyd

March 16, 2009 marked the passing of a long time friend, our mom, Margaret "Ann" Boyd. Mom and Dad introduced us to Green Lake in the early 1970s. Growing up, our camp on Green Lake became our home during the summers and a meeting place to introduce our friends and family to our Lake family. Early on, without TV, computers, internet, email (and sharing a party-line for the phone), there was a lot of focus on quality family time. There was no place better to learn to swim and water-ski, play watermelon tag, swim out to the float with a deck of cards held high for a vicious game of Spit, tip the canoe over (on purpose) to make sure it would still float, get up early to fish off the end of the dock for your breakfast or use as a base camp for hikes to Kane Mt. fire tower or the fish hatchery. Somehow, everything always ended up with a trip to the Canada Lake Store for a Sugar Daddy or fire ball. Mom was always the "go to" person for those "gross" things that pop up. She was always there to save us from a huge spider or if the mouse traps needed emptying or if a fresh catch needed to be taken off the hook, gutted and cleaned. Mom and Dad retired to the lake in 1990. Retiring here didn't mean slowing down. Mom filled many roles with the Canada Lake Protective Association, was a Friend of the Johnstown Public Library, a Trustee of the Caroga Historic Museum, and maintained active membership in her study clubs. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where she served as Senior Warden.

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Although most of our time was spent at the lake during the summer, we had some great times

during the winters, too, like skating across the Green Lake after the cold weather and no snow left it as smooth as a hockey rink, or enjoying a warm winter day by bringing chairs and a TV (with a LONG cord!) out on the ice to watch football in front of the Peck's house, doing flips off the end of the dock into 3-foot pile of snow, snow shoeing and ringing in the New Year with the Manning's and Smiths - all great friends she thought of as family. In more recent years - as Mom was determined to remain a full-time resident at camp - the winter weather brought some challenges, but she always had a solution. When the driveway became too slick to drive down, Mom would throw on her "cleats" and grab a ski pole to trek down to the house.

Mom would keep us informed about all of the happenings at the lake. As soon as April would arrive, we knew we'd be getting a call to let us know that the ice had finally gone out or that the first loon arrived or that there had been a sighting of a baby loon on one of the lakes. We also got the calls reminding us about the "realities" of life in the North woods in spring describing mud season and reports of how many black fly bites she sustained when planting her spring flowers.

To the very end, Mom spent a lot of time thinking about other people and how they were handling her prognosis. She wanted us to make sure that we let you - her Lake family - know how grateful she was for your friendship and support over the years. On her behalf, we thank you. We would also like to thank you for all of the kind, thoughtful notes and support you have sent our way since her passing. Learning how many different ways she has touched the lives of her friends and neighbors has been quite amazing. Some of these we knew about, but many of the notes had beautiful new stories that will add to our memories of Mom. Thank you so much.

On Saturday, July 11th, our families will be participating in The Prouty - a great event supporting the Norris Cotton Cancer Center where Mom received such wonderful care - in Hanover, NH. Some of us will be riding 25, 50 or 100 miles on bike and others walking the 5K, 10K or 20K routes - all in love and memory of Mom. We'd love to have you join us!

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 8th. While the details are still unclear,

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some portion of this celebration of her life will be at the lake. Memorial contributions may be made to Norris Cotton Cancer Center – Prouty Team MOMco at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756, or to the Parish Nurse program at the Lyme Congregational Church, PO Box 27, Lyme, NH 03768.

Martha Tecca, Doug Boyd and Liz Silva

James Caldwell

James Caldwell 64 of Linlithgo, NY died Thursday August 14th 2008 at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Born May 29, 1944 in Tuxedo, he was the son of the late James B. and Helen (Newlands) Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell graduated from the Suffern High School in 1962 where he excelled in track earning a scholarship to North Carolina University. He graduated in 1966 and later received his Masters Degree in Education from the State University of NY at New Paltz.

Jim was a Viet Nam era veteran who served as a Captain in the US Air Force from 1968 to 1973. He began his teaching career at Germantown Central School as an industrial arts and technology teacher. He continued in that position for 30 years until his retirement in 2003. During this time he also served as the coach for the track and basketball teams at the school, coaching the Lady Clippers who went on to win the New York State Championships in 1986-1987.

A loving husband and father, Jim was an avid fisherman and hunter who enjoyed being a jack of all trades. Mr. Caldwell was a wonderful cook and many enjoyed his culinary skills.

Surviving are his wife Barbara (Kincaid) Caldwell who he married in March of 1968; his daughter and son-in-law Danielle and Timothy Hennessy of Denver, Colorado; his sister Susan Caldwell of Westbrookville; loving mother-in-law Ruth Kujanki of Livingston; brother-in-law Edward Burke Kincaid of Long Island; several nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Jim's parents, James and Helen, came to Canada Lake in 1963, purchasing the large Log Cabin on

Kasson Drive from Mrs. Folmsbee, the original owner. Jim and his sister Sue have shared the camp since the passing of their parents in 1987.

Sue Caldwell

Undine Fiedler

South Shore campers feel the loss of yet another of our neighbors, Undine Fiedler, who died last October. Undine, who graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Home Economics and from Purdue Univ. with a Masters, continued her professional career as a specialist in nutrition for the Pillsbury Co., transferring to Boston while her husband, Howard attended MIT. She applied her expertise while raising their five children and then began teaching at Niskayuna High School, Schenectady County. Soon she was recruited to become Executive Director of Schenectady Planned Parenthood, a position she occupied very efficiently for 10 years, her leadership there being highly respected by the community.

The Fiedlers have been our next door Canada Lake neighbors for 35 years. We have all appreciated their friendship and gracious hospitality. Many of Undine's famous recipes have traveled far and wide, enjoyed by many. We are all fortunate to have known this special lady and miss her greatly.

Ruth Kerr

Dave & Beverly Hoffman

Dr. David Hoffman was born June 26, 1921 in Worchester, Mass. This was the same year his grandfather built a camp on Punky Bay along the South Shore of Canada Lake. In early summer his Mom, a schoolteacher, his sister Dean, and he used to take the train from Worchester to St. Johnsville where they would spend the night. The next day his grandfather would take them to the lake in his pickup truck. This trip took most of the day. Dave told stories of hiking, fishing, swimming, canoeing, boating, sailing, and tree forts. Of mock sea battles, overnights in the tree fort and sneaking over the mountain to Sherman's.

In 1944 he brought his new bride Beverly, to Canada Lake for their honeymoon. They had been married at Riverside Church in NYC,

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hitched a ride up the Hudson and Mohawk rivers on a tugboat, and made the rest of the trip in his uncle's borrowed car. This was Bev's first trip to the lake, and Dave had to promise that if she had to use the outhouse at night he would light the way. He kept his promise, and she loved the Lake.

In 1955 Dave and Bev moved to Rochester, Minnesota. They made the trip east with four sons sometimes two and three times a year. In 1972 they built a camp on South Shore Trail. In 1986 Dave retired and they became full time summer residents. They both had a passion for Canada Lake, the Adirondacks, family and friends. With his ever-active energy and her creativity they were involved in the community and the CLPA. Dave championed environmental issues, while Bev became involved with the Echo. In 2001, because of failing health, they spent their last summer on Canada Lake. Dave died September 5, 2008 and Bev died March 6, 2009.

Fourth of July weekend there will be a memorial service and picnic in celebration of their lives. If you have interest in attending please contact one of the children, Dave Jr, Peter, Michael, or Mark for the exact date and time.

David Hoffman Jr.

Editors Note: The following Appeared in the 2003 ECHO, my first year as editor.

“THANK YOU BEVERLY HOFFMAN: For the last 9 years (1994-2002) Beverly Hoffman has served CLPA members admirably as editor of The Echo. In that time she has doubled the size of our publication and infused its contents with valuable information about our Adirondack environment, interesting stories by and about Canada Lake residents (past and present), and in-depth information about lake activities and committees. Her work is very much appreciated by all who have enjoyed the outcome of her efforts.”

Susan Kirsch

Susan Kirsch, daughter of Hazel Batty Livingston and Alfred Batty, passed away on January 30, 2009. She was a loving mother and friend; she will be missed dearly. Susan is survived by life partner Dan Fleury; children

Kathi Jarabek, Krissy Gerlach, Karen Kirsch and Patrick Kirsch; and 6 grandchildren. The family would like to thank all the wonderful caring friends at Canada Lake who kept Mom and her family in their prayers.

Kathi Jarabek

Lydon F. Maider

Lydon F. Maider was born June 14, 1905 in Gloversville, New York, the only child of Wesley H. Maider and Louise (Fisher) Maider. He graduated Gloversville High School in 1923, Amherst College in 1927, and Harvard Law School in 1930.

On September 20, 1930 he married Mary Dorothy Sayre, who predeceased him on January 2, 1991. They had two sons, Robert and Richard, who survive.

In 1930 Lydon entered the practice of law with his father in Gloversville. He practiced his profession until 2004, when he retired.

In 1943 Lydon joined the US Navy and was commissioned a lieutenant. He was stationed in Boston MA. During the war he represented the US Navy in labor relations matters in and around Boston. In 1945 he was honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant commander and returned to private practice.

Lydon was a member of numerous organizations, including the Nathan Littauer Hospital Association, the Eccentric Club, and the Pine Brook Golf Club. In the late '30s he took up the sport of skiing, which he enjoyed until late in his life. It was a rare winter when he didn't take a trip to one of the popular western ski areas, or to a ski destination in Europe.

Bob Maider

DeAnn Whitney

DeAnn Whitney died suddenly at her Spring Hill, FL residence on August 4, 2008. DeAnn spent her summers at 1100 Stewarts Landing Road, Stratford with her husband Jim. She is also survived by their daughter Karen and two granddaughters. We will miss her smiling face.

Jim King

IN MEMORIAM

Fred Aldinger	Beverly Hoffman
Charlie Armitstead	David Hoffman
Ann Boyd	Susan Kirsch
James Caldwell	Lydon F. Maider
Theodore Cotter	Jack Sullivan
Undine Fiedler	DeAnn Whitney

Winners of the 44 reasons "Why We Love the Canada Lakes" contest

Matt, Ruth, Jessica, and Amanda Szymanoski

Nick Stoner Island	Friendly people
Playing at the beach	Candy from the Canada Lake Store
Swimming	Maple syrup
Palying with other kids	Canada Lake Store cheese
Storytime on the island	Hiking
Climbing trees	Annual Pirate Party
View from Kane Mountain	Picking raspberries
Fishing	Picking blueberries
Looking at stars	Making blueberry pancakes
Finding rocks	Visiting "Maggie's Knitting Cottage"
Skipping Stones	Fishing on the boat
Climbing on the rocks at Stoner Island	Seeing the beaver by the beaver dam
Picking strawberries	Beautiful rock streams
Boat rides	Watching deer
Catching minnows	Seeing different birds
Heather's hot chocolate	Listening to the crickets
Mini-golfing	The carousel at Sherman's
Getting ice cream	Watching the sunsets
Staying at the cabin	Fireflies
Campfires	Balloons from the Carnival Clown
Smores	Skiing
Calm lake in the morning	Knowing that we will be back next year!

Send Us Your Photos

Occasionally, we receive old photos for inclusion in the Echo. We are considering devoting space to old photos and would welcome your submissions.

Please give a brief overview of the person who took the photo or persons who appear in the photos. Please submit high resolution images as these will reproduce better for print.

Send images to: echo@carogalake.com



RECYCLE

First and third Friday of each month – put out by 6 am.

Pick up your Town of Caroga Directory at the Post Office or Town Clerk's Office.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- Each person on or being towed must wear a life jacket (PFD).
- The PWC must have a USCG approved backfire flame arrestor.
- If so equipped, the engine cutoff lanyard must be used.
- No operation between sunset and sunrise.
- No PWC may be operated within 500 ft. of a designated swimming area except when launching and then 10 MPH (straight out).
- Safety equipment such as a distress signal or horn must be on board.

New York State Law prohibits:

- weaving in and out of traffic
- intentional last minute swerving except to avoid collision
- wave jumping

Anyone operating a PWC in New York State must complete a safe boating course.

The minimum age for operating a PWC is 14.

Town of Caroga 2009 Directory

Please be informed of the Town of Caroga's codes, permit requirements, tax information, garbage and recycling pickups, transfer station information, and other valuable local services and events available to you!

This information and more can be found in the Town of Caroga 2009 Directory. Copies are available at the Town Hall or the Post Office.



Safe Boating Course:

June 27th and July 11th

Call Town Hall at:
835-4211 to register.



NICK STONER ISLAND

CLPA has the responsibility for maintaining the Island. Enjoy but please clean up after yourself.

- Take your garbage off the Island
- Clean up after your dog
- Make sure fires are out



Fire Pumps

