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Summer 2002

MISSION STATEMENT: To foster and perpetuate a true spirit of friendship, to promote and administer a responsible approach to water and land management, and, to preserve and conserve our ecology and wildlife. Membership is extended to, but not limited to, those property owners from Crandall Falls on the Black River, to the River Road bridge over the Black River in Forestport and all tributaries.

Presidents Message

Greetings.

With the wet month of May behind us we can now turn our attention to enjoying the hot summer months ahead. Your Officers and Board of Directors had a busy winter handling various matters and beginning to organize some Lake activities for the summer months. These matters are addressed separately in this newsletter. I do personally look forward to working with the Board and Lake Association members throughout the summer to help resolve "Lake issues" and help us all to progress toward our "Mission Statement" of fostering and perpetuating a true spirit of friendship and promoting and administering a responsible approach to water and land management and to preserve and conserve our ecology and wildlife. I encourage each and all to step forward with your ideas and contributions so that our quality of life on the Lake can continue to improve and be a source of pride to us all. Your Officers and Board of Directors are here to serve you and our phone numbers, mailing addresses and email addresses are published so that we can receive your input and work with you all for a better Association. Bill Yetman, president KLIA

Calendar of Events 2002

Be Prepared for Summer Fun on Kayuta Lake with The Boat Parade and Island Picnic. Sat. July 20 11:00am; rain dates are July 21, July 27, or July 28. Boats wanting to be in the Parade meet at 11am sharp between Eberts Bridge and The Tressle to get your **boat number & line up.** We'll start our voyage down the lake by 11:30 led by a jet ski carrying the American Flag. The 4 judging categories will be. A. Party Barge B. Motorboats 15' or over C. Motorboats less than 15' (including jet skis) D. nonmotorized watercraft. *We ask all Association Members to be the judges of this years event. Use the ballot provided. If you watch the event from your camp, a jet ski will be passing by after the parade to collect completed ballots, or bring ballots to Lawless immediately following the event if you watch from Lawless Realty or by The Dustin Road Bridge .*

Island Activities - 2pm. Prepare for an afternoon of fun & get to know more of your fellow Association members. KLIA will provide grills, hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, kool aid, lemonade and snacks. Feel free to bring food your family favors or a simple dish to pass. We will have Contests & Games all day for the Young & Young At Heart including, but not limited to kids water tube relay races, infant kiddie car float races, adult whale relay races (blindfolded?), tug of war (traditional and in inflatable boats), sand castle contest, beach ball games, dress up relay for all ages. Due to limited parking space on the islands we will leave a spot open to pull in & drop off passengers. You can anchor just off shore or we can anchor for you. Be sure to bring an anchor. We ask for volunteers to help with set-up & clean up. Call Shawn Corrigan , 831-2302 or Rich Kaufman, 831-4255 with questions, to volunteer or let us know how many in your family are coming!

Calendar of Events 2002 cont'd.

Music on The Islands July 27, 1pm , and another one in Aug. TBA. Volunteers needed to help with transporting sound equipment to the islands, setting up the tarp and monitor the gas needs of the generator please contact Bill Yetman

The Safe Boating Course will be held on two consecutive Saturday mornings—**July 6th. and July 13th.**—from 8:30 am to 1:00pm. Kids must be at least 10 years old. The course will be free, under the sponsorship of the Kayuta Lake Improvement Association & is open to the public. Residents are reminded as of the year 2002, anyone 27 years or younger will be required by the State to have passed a safe boating course if they wish to operate a personal watercraft (jet ski). Next year, 2003, the age limit will be 31 years and by 2004, all PWC operators must have taken the required course. Participation is limited to 30 people so be sure to call Tom Catterson (853-1537) . Joe Favaloro, our Coast Guard Auxilliary Instructor for the course provides an excellent presentation and typically all participants pass the short quiz at the end of the course and qualify for the certificate. NYS Law requires that anyone born after Jan. 1, 1975 requires such a certificate to operate a personal watercraft (jet ski) & children between the ages of 10 and 18 need the certificate to operate any kind of powerboat. Please talk it up with your acquaintances around the Lake and ensure a good turnout. Call Tom 's, wife, Susan, 853-1537 ASAP to register.

The Annual Pickeral Derby will be August 10th. Registration begins at 7:30am at Lawless, 4:30-contest over, 5pm-prizes awarded. Thanks to Pete Bolos of Big Apple Music for the signs advertising the Fishing Derby. Prizes will be awarded for various age groups and individuals and businesses are encouraged to contribute toward prizes. Please contact Tom, 853-1537, to donate your time and or prizes. Good luck to all the "fisherpersion" old and young alike.

The Year End Meeting will be Sat. Aug. 24, 9AM at Lawless'. Rain location: Forestport Town Hall.

Fun at the 2001 Boat Parade





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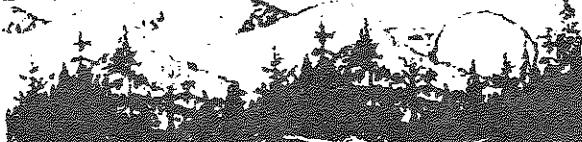
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LAKE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the request of the Lake Resources Management Committee on behalf of the Association, Dr. Bill Harman and colleagues from the SUNY/Oneonta Biological Field Station carried out limnological investigations of our Lake to determine its current status and predict what the future might hold from an environmental standpoint. Members of the Committee assisted on the day of the survey last August. Various samples of water, aquatic plants and muck were collected and analyzed and a report is available. Several important points about the Lake were made. The issue of weed growth and silt deposition in the headwaters of the Lake (for example, along Baker Brook) were noted, however, in river based impoundments this is inevitable. Silt laden water entering a lake from tributary streams slows in velocity and the silt drops out. This provides a good growing medium for the plant life. The only solution would be dredging and this is not economically feasible, would have to be repeated on a regular basis, and is not at all environmentally friendly. Removing weed growth to allow boating access would likely release the trapped sediments and the nutrients they absorb into the water provoking problems elsewhere in the lake. Residents may wish, however, to hand harvest the weed growth around their dock areas to allow access for their boats. The use of aquatic herbicides (for example, Sonar) cannot be recommended because of the fast rate of water exchange in the river-based lake which would wash them out and diminish their impact. Residents around the Lake are advised to check their septic systems to ensure that they are not contaminating the Lake and adding nutrients which also stimulate weed growth. The Lake Resources Management Committee plans to look into the possibility of storage based septic tanks as an economical solution for residents who might live close to the Lake and need to have their septic systems updated. Storage systems require regular collection of waste matters by a septic contractor but could possibly be more economical than the full replacement of the system, especially if the area available for a septic field is limited or too close to the Lake. : "Residents should note that the survey detected the presence of the invasive aquatic weed—Eurasian Milfoil—in our Lake. They are reminded to ensure that they clean their boats and jet skis before putting them in the Lake if they have been using them in other bodies of water where this noxious weed might be present." A follow-up report on that will appear in an upcoming newsletter. Residents are also reminded that feeding the ducks contributes to the nutrient cycles which enhance unwanted weed growth. The full report of the SUNY/Oneonta study is available with KLIA Board members.

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ISSUE OF THE LEAK IN THE DAM

The Association has raised the issue of the leak in the dam with the Canal Corporation and they have acted on it. As it turns out, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires a periodic (five year) inspection of all structures associated with the hydro-power facilities which it promoted and licensed. Both FERC and a private consultant have inspected the dam in 2000 and again in April 2002 and concluded that the current leak is not a threat to the integrity of the dam and catastrophic failure of the dam is unlikely. This leak is not considered significant with respect to Dam Safety. No monitoring is required. The water exiting through the leak is clean, meaning it is not carrying "fines" or soil matter and is therefore not undermining the dam and there are no structural deficiencies. Additional recommendations regarding the maintenance of the structure are made in the report which is being copied to the Association and the Canal Corporation is in contact with Algonquin Power which operates the hydropower facility to ensure that they are following up on these recommendations. The next mandated inspection is scheduled for 2005. The Lake Resources Management Committee is also planning to set up a monitoring program to verify that the hydropower facility is operating within the rules—that is shutting off when the water level drops below the crest of the spillway. Residents should be aware, however, that water continues to flow through the dam outlet constantly in order to maintain the water flow and the habitat in the Black River. This is a requirement of the FERC license and is common with all water bodies feeding a downstream river system. *Tom Catterson*



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As you may have already heard the Canal Corporation is in the process of issuing permits for the residences along Kayuta Lake. Let me first explain that there are two types of permits that you should acquaint yourselves with.

CANAL WORK PERMIT – A revocable permit issued by the NYS Canal Corporation to individuals, organizations, corporations, other state agencies, and local governments to enter upon canal lands and/or canal waters to perform work for specific purposes, not detrimental to canal navigation, operations, or maintenance.

CANAL USE & OCCUPANCY PERMIT – A revocable permit issued by the NYS Canal Corporation to individuals, organizations, corporations, other state agencies, and local governments for specific use of the Canal Corporation Lands.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the term "Blue Line or "Appropriation Line" this is a line that was surveyed and monumented to determine Canal Lands. The area between the "Blue Line" or "Appropriation Line" to the waters is canal property.

Janet DeOrdio, NYS Canal Corporation

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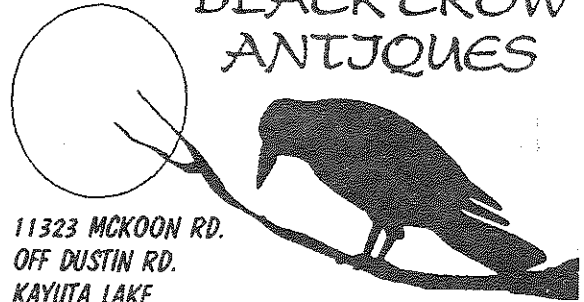
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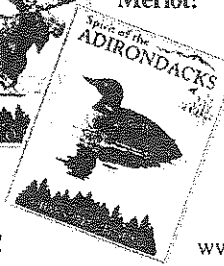
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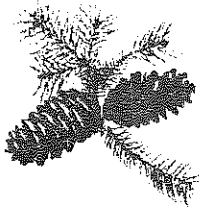
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FISHERIES REPORT

At the request of the KLIA The NYS fishing biologist did some netting and shocking of fish on the Lake last year. Although no formal report has been prepared the news was mixed. We have about nine different species on the Lake and Mr Pickeral is the largest in number. Young fry and older fish were caught indicating that life in the fish chain goes on. Less bass were caught than were expected based on our previous "stockings" which could be attributed to a number of issues including where the nets were placed, acid rain, pickeral predation etc. A vote was taken at the May 25th meeting and no stocking will take place this year due to the report, insufficient funds in the "fish stocking" account and lateness in the season. We ask that our "fisherpersons" email us or drop us a line so that we can get a truer summer-long accounting of what species, number and size of fish are being caught. Info regarding weather, date, time and lure used are not required unless you are a confident fisherperson and wish to "foster and perpetuate a true sprit of friendship" as mentioned in our "mission statement".....grin. *Bill Yetman*

TREASURERS REPORT

As of June 15, 2002 the KLIA has 175 paid members & 21 paid businesses. (170 members, 5 associate members)

As of June 15, 2002 Checking \$2,832.72, Savings \$11,192.21. Expenses in 2002 total \$1530.00 (Meetings - \$123., Printing - \$78., Postage - \$204., NYS FOLA - \$155., Post Office Box Rental -\$20., Oneonta College Donation for Lake Survey \$800.) Donations for Fish Stocking as of June 15, 2002 \$465.00, total for 2001 was \$792., and for 2000 \$609. *Elaine Kovach*

More Fun at the 2001 Boat Parade



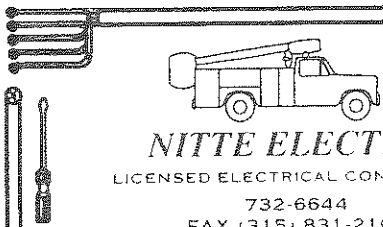
SWIMMING AREA AND CHANNEL BUOYS

A number of Lake members expressed concern about boater and swimmer safety on the swimming side of the islands. It has generally been the accepted safe practice that family swimming would be on the "dam side" of the islands and that boaters would nose up on the sand on the side facing Dustin Road. Last year there were several occasions where boaters and skiers were observed within the swimming area posing a danger. A suggestion was made that the Association look into putting out swimming markers. My contact with the State of NY indicates that they only mark swimming areas in State Parks. Any Lake Association Markers would have to be approved through the State of NY and the Army Corps of Engineers through the submission of a "floating object permit". This permit application involves a process of several months and does not alleviate the Lake Association of liability if a boat for example was damaged after hitting a marker. I made a presentation at the May 25th membership meeting and a vote was taken which resolved that the Lake Association would not at this time make application for a Floating Object Permit. We would rather, make the Lake Association Members and Lake Users aware of our informal agreement regarding boating and swimming use of the Islands and solicit everyone's cooperation so that we can all enjoy the Lake and specifically the Islands in a safe and fulfilled manner. Spread the Word and spread the joy. We have also secured a tentative promise that some time during the summer NYS officials will meet with us and put some additional channel and danger buoys between the Lake the the channel to the Campground. *Bill Yetman*

MEMBERSHIP


We have Neighborhood Representatives for several areas of the lake. They may be visiting you, or call them for an application. Baker Brook - Art & Maxine Gurdo, 822-6696, or Mary Beth King, 831-4288; Deer Spring Park - Rich Kaufman, 831-4255; Ferncliff - Sean Corrigan- 831-2302; Joslyn Road, Bay Road - Peter Bolos, 831-2187.

We still need reps for Woods Rd, Ebert Bridge area, Buck Horn, State Dam Road, Beaver Trail, Shore Drive area, Tracy, Bower, Hemlock Hills & Kayuta Terrace areas. Please call Frank Marfone at 392-4713 and volunteer to help since he has offered to handle all these areas alone if no one is available to help him. *Frank Marfone*

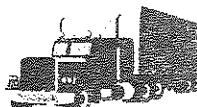


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