



KAYUTA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Summer 2003

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 to all.

The Winter of 2002-2003 is finally behind us and it is time to shake off the cabin fever syndrome and begin to enjoy the Summer activities ahead of us. Once again your Officers and Board of Directors have been busy this winter planning Summer activities; a bigger & better boat parade, island picnic, land picnic, boater safety course, music on the Islands, etc. Please contact any officer to volunteer. We still need people to act as area representatives to keep membership rolling and volunteers should contact our Vice President Frank Marfone.

We anticipate that our Forestport Volunteer Fire Department will have a boat response presence on the lake again this summer and we encourage your individual support to the Department. We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and encourage everyone to obey all NYS laws regarding the safe operation of boats and personal watercraft. We are fortunate to have continued Oneida County funding for a Sheriff's Department boat as well as coverage from members of NYS Police to assist us in making sure that our Summer is fulfilled and that we all stay safe. I would like to note that area members and associates have been involved in the war in the Mideast. We thank them for their sacrifice and service to our Country noting that Greg Huxley lost his life. Our former President Fr Sean Patrick O'Brien served and will return to the area in May. There will be a tribute to Fr Sean June 1, 2003 2-4 pm at Keifer Hall, St Patricks Parish in Forestport. Please bring finger foods to pass. There will be an additional fun filled tribute to Fr Sean at Penn Mountain Restaurant on June 7, 8:30 pm with Karaoke. Hope to see you all there.

Wishing you all a Great Summer on Kayuta Lake.

Bill Yetman, president KLIA

MEMBERSHIP

We will have Neighborhood Representatives visiting every area of the lake this year. If you would like to meet new people and let them know the benefits of the KLIA what's happening on the lake 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. Go Frank!

ISLAND PICNIC & ACTIVITIES

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, tug of war, 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 Peter Bolos, 831-2187 with questions, to volunteer or to let us know how many in your family are coming.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2003

Be Prepared for Summer Fun on Kayuta Lake.

May 31, 9:30am - Spring Annual Meeting, Lawless Real Estate, Dustin Road, Rain location - Forestport Town Hall.

June 14 - Fish Stocking

June 28 - Fishing Derby - No NYS Fishing license required

July 4 weekend - Let's all make this weekend extra fun on the lake. Decorate your shore line, camp, and/or watercraft with festive lighting. Consider having a camp fire along the shore and invite friends, neighbors and newcomers to stop. This will be a great kickoff to the Summer season.

July 12 & 19 - Boater Safety Course

Aug. 2, 2pm - Boat Parade (Rain date Aug. 16) Trophies for the Winners

Aug. 3, 1pm - Island Family Fun Day (Rain Date Aug. 17) Including Island BBQ, Music, Games for young & Young at Heart, Fun For All

TBA 9:30am - End of Year Meeting and Election of Officers, Lawless Real Estate, Dustin Road, Rain location - Forestport Town Hall.

TBA - Land Picnic

TBA - Music on the Islands

BOAT PARADE

Boats wanting to be in the Parade meet at 2 sharp between Eberts Bridge and The Tressle to get your **boat number & line up**. We'll start our voyage down the lake by 2:30 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.**

LAND PICNIC

We are planning a KLIA picnic on land. Current plans are for it to be a catered affair so that all members can relax, enjoy their friends, music, games, entertainment and food. Any persons interested in assisting or for further information contact Larry Oczkowski, 831-2302 or any association member.

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After a hiatus of a couple of years, your Association will once again start stocking largemouth bass in Kayuta Lake. One thousand largemouth bass fingerlings have been ordered from Hicklings Fish Farm in Edmeston, New York for stocking around June 14 this year. The hiatus was due to the fact that we wanted to get the State Department of Environmental Conservation to do a fish survey in the Lake. That was carried out and the report confirmed the presence of largemouth bass young in the Lake indicating that there were successfully surviving. The young fish in the 6 to 8 inch range will add to the population of this very desirable fish species. The exact date of delivery is still up in the air but it will probably be towards the end of June. It depends a bit on the weather now and then which affect how the fingerlings are growing at the fish farm. We will require the services of a few volunteers with boats to meet Mr. Hickling and his truck and carry the fish around the lake for stocking in different areas. Families may enjoy bringing the kids over to Lawless Real Estate Office on the day of the stocking to see it happening. A fish stocking permit from the NYS DEC is in process. Inquiries with their Fisheries staff in Watertown indicate that there are no plans for stocking by the State in Kayuta Lake this year. Those fishing early in the season may, however, catch one of the Tiger Muskellunge that the State has stocked in recent years, some of which will have attained impressive size. The Association encourages "catch and release" fishing, particularly of these Largemouth Bass and Tiger Muskies. *Tom Catterson*

PICKEREL FISHING DERBY

Last year's Fishing Derby was well attended by many fishing parties but unfortunately because of the hot day in August, the fish did not cooperate sufficiently. On those hot summer days, particularly on the weekends with lots of boat traffic, the fish make themselves scarce. Discussions among the KLIA Board members suggested that we move the Fishing Derby up to late June this year in order to improve the fishing. The new date for the Fishing Derby will be the last Saturday in June, i.e., June 28th. By that time the kids will be out of school and not have exams hanging over their heads to trouble them on this important date! It will be an all day event, starting at 6:30 am and running until 4:30 pm. There will be prizes and certificates for the three largest Pickerel (only) caught in both the

Adults (16 years and over) and Kids categories. As has been the custom in the past, all those fishing on the day of the Derby are required to register with your Association personnel at the Lawless Real Estate dock near the Dustin Road Bridge on the day of the event. Adults pay a \$3 registration fee but kids fish for free. Those wishing to practice "catch and release" will be able to bring their live fish in for measurement (length) all during the day. Prizes and certificates will be awarded at the end of the day (between 4:30 and 5:00 pm). The NYS DEC does not require a fishing license on the last weekend of June so let's get out there... no excuses - let's have fun. Children under 16 normally do not require a fishing license in New York State. *Tom Catterson*

SAFE BOATING COURSE

The Association is pleased to announce that this year again it will sponsor a Safe Boating Course, provided by an instructor from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The dates will be two Saturdays, July 12 and 19 at the Forestport Town Hall. On each day, the course will start at 8:00 am and run until 1:00 pm, with a test given to qualify for the certificate on the final day. Those participating must be at least 10 years old no later than July 19th. Those participating must attend both days. Remember, this year anyone born on or after 1972 will need a New York State Safe Boating Certificate to operate a personal water craft in NY, and children between the ages of 10 & 18 require the certificate to operate any type of power boat alone. And by the way, next year the law will require anyone wishing to operate a personal water craft, regardless of age, to take the course and pass the test and obtain their certificate. For information or questions on any of these events, contact Tom Catterson at: (315) 853-1537.

TREASURERS REPORT

As of May 15, 2003 the KLIA has 160 paid members & 20 paid businesses. We have approximately 350 members on our mailing list, so if you are getting this newsletter and haven't paid your dues for 2003 yet, please do so now.

As of May 15, 2003 the KLIA Adirondack Bank Checking Account has \$4,240.35, Savings \$6,154.63, Bank of Utica CD \$5,000, gaining us the best interest Utica has to offer. *Elaine Kovach*

MUSIC ON THE ISLANDS

We are planning a musical event each month, June, July and August. Dates will be posted on the Island Bulletin Board and on Bridges. If you would like to volunteer to provide music call Bill at 732-3654 or 831-5134.

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MEMORY CORNER

My Reflections Of Kayuta Lake 1935-1976

In 1928, shortly before the depression, my grandfather, John Zobel, completed construction of the family camp that had started in 1926.

Located in the meadows between Bardwell Mills and Baker Brook, this memorable structure still stands today and is owned by his granddaughter Alma Zobel Noga. For many years this was the gathering spot for his wife, 2 sons and 4 daughters and their families. Located next to the Zobel camp was a small cottage owned by Anthony Rothdiener.

Anthony's son Frank married Clara Zobel and that marriage resulted in my birth in 1935 and the beginning of my reflections of Kayuta Lake and the writing of this article.

From 1935 until 1950 I spent almost the entire summer at camp with my mother, brother Don and many members of the extended Zobel family. In those days the men stayed in Utica all week, arriving Friday evening for the weekend. Route 12 was a 2 lane road and made the trip from Utica to camp longer than it is today. A great number of men who settled in this area worked at the West End Brewery - to mention a few, Frank Roth, Henry Lockwood, Dick Isele, Bill Bellosa, Pat Paterson, Joe Lochner, Baum Gartner, Anthony Springer, my father Frank and grandfather Anthony Rothdiener. A yearly clambake of brewery employers drew many to this festive event.

In 1947, after the war, electric service was finally available to the district at a cost of \$25.00 per camp. Until this occurred, kerosene lamps were the source of light and there was no gas service, running water or indoor plumbing. Cooking was done on a wood stove and drinking water came from a nearby spring and was carried by buckets on a daily basis. With no refrigeration we relied on block ice for the ice box. The only phone we could use was located a mile away at the farm of Dittimer Thomas in Bardwell Mills. With no indoor plumbing, the daily trek to the outhouse could be very cold at times but it served the purpose. Behind every camp located in the woods was a large dug hole which was called the garbage pit and everything went in there. Can you imagine using that system in this day and age.

I can remember well, when the Buffalo Head restaurant was named Lockwood's and Friday and Saturday nights the bar was packed with lumberjacks. Marshall's store was located a short distance from Ebert's bridge and we would row the distance from Baker Brook to purchase ice, soda, milk, etc. and our reward was a nickel candy bar. I remember running a motor boat all the way up Baker Brook to the wooden dam at Bardwell Mills; deep water and great fishing.

The swimming was wonderful on two small beaches in Baker Brook that were spring fed and had hard packed sand. One was located across the Kamp Ketchum and the other about half a mile upstream. Quite often, in the fall, the lake was drained for repairs on the dam or a feeder for the canal system. When drained, the hundreds of stumps in the lake were quite evident, whereby the nickname Stump Lake came to be.

The drive to North Lake was a dirt road the entire distance and I recall when the tall radar tower was built and guarded by military police.

In my early years, without televisions, stereos or computers we spent our days swimming, walking and enjoying the outdoors with family. At night we enjoyed campfires, singing, playing blind pitch, winding up the victrola and playing 1/8" thick records. But most of all it was the quality time we spent with the Zobel family members.

The fall partridge hunting was excellent along with duck, woodcock and deer. Until the advent of the large outboard and the wakes they produced in washing out the frog beds, it was a Saturday hunt that put one hundred pairs of frog legs on our menu for dinner in the evening. They were delicious.

Fishing for bass and trout was as good as it could get. A week after the ice was out in the spring, we would drift Baker Brook, casting gold and silver phoebes and catch up to 20 trout on any given morning. Brown, brook and rainbow trout were in abundance, with brook trout weighing in an 3 1/2 pounds. Another hot spot was where Pine Creek flows into the lake and the fishing from shore was also productive. We trout fished in hip boots at Crandals Falls, Enos and below the old wooden dam at Bardwell Mills. The areas always produced nice catches of good sized trout. Frank and Fran reason to return frequently to the Kayuta area and recall "the good old days".



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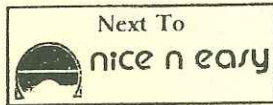
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The small mouthed bass fishing was equally successful. Beginning in mid June until September we would still fish with live bait and catch bass after bass up to 18 inches in length, again in Baker Brook. We had 3 favorite spots that we could row to and sit calmly awaiting the next strike. On Sundays we would row out to what we revered to as the Big Lake and still fish with large minnows. We caught fewer fish but the were always large.

For many years we fished and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings. With very few motor boats and the calmness of the mist rising off the water we would observe the awakening game of otter, deer, beavers, ducks, geese and fish jumping for insects.. It was truly a wonderful time and this beautiful small lake provides happy memories forever.

As things started to change with boat traffic, the introduction of pickerel and the increase of building, the fishing sanctuary declined. Up until 1976 I would still be able to fish from shore at ice out time and catch many good sized trout, but sadly that was when it ended.

About this time my dad passed away and my mother chose to sell our small camp. My family had discovered the awesome St. Lawrence River and have maintained a camp their since 1983. I still fish very successfully for bass and pike and love the river. But the memories of beautiful Kayuta Lake and the area will be with me forever. Besides the outdoor living we loved, there was the forever friendships we shared with family members and friends visiting camp to camp. A coincidence is that my daughter and her husband and family, Christine and Frank Campese and her 2 sons, Craig and Nicke reside at Snowbird Lake. This gives me reason to return frequently and recall the "good old days".

To all the fortunate people, young and old, who have homes and camps on this special lake, guard well and protect this gem of the Adirondacks and God speed in the continuous effort of the Kayuta Lake Association.

Bob Rothdiner

We welcome articles for the Memory Corner. Please send your memories to the KLIA, PO Box 112, Alder Creek, NY. Photos will be returned.



Bob's catch of the day.

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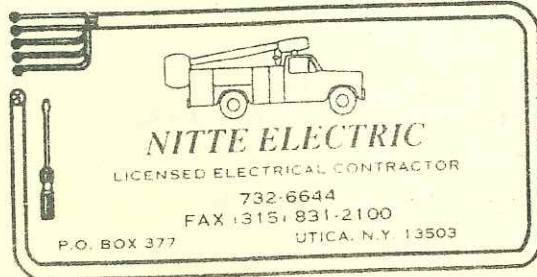
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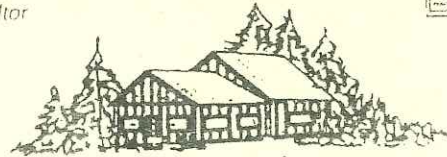
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NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS CONFERENCE MAY 2003

Much has been written about lake and watershed management. However, unless a part of your day is spent dealing with lake management or environmental concerns, precious little of that literature will reach the average person.

On May 3, I attended the 20th annual conference of the New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. (NYSFOLA) at Lake Moraine in Hamilton, New York. While the two workshops on legal issues pertaining to lakes were cancelled due to the speaker's absence, I was able to attend other informative sessions during the course of the day. The information learned there will further enhance the knowledge and direction of our Association.

A presentation regarding the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and its regulations was presented by John Banta, an attorney for the APA. Mr. Banta spoke at length about the new construction guidelines, and explained several other regulations effecting homeowners in the Adirondack Park. While many of the rules which impact the residents of the Park seem extreme, the preservation of this valuable land is extremely important.

Of great interest was the presentation given by Carol Ptacek, of the University of Waterloo. Ms. Ptacek provided details of the septic system, household wastewater, lakeshore runoff and their effects on a lake. While septic systems and their failures are huge contributors to lake pollution, there are steps residents and visitors can take to minimize the damage to our lake. Her presentation emphasized many points: Avoid putting phosphates into your system (use phosphate-free soaps and detergents); Inspect and pump septic systems frequently; avoid pesticides; keep organic matter and leaves out of the lake; conserve water; be conscious of what you contribute to the soil, which then finds its way into the lake via rain runoff or groundwater. New enhancements to septic systems are currently being tested in Canada, and further information is expected in the near future.

(NOTE: This presentation was extensive, and I will be happy to bite off small chunks as topics for future newsletters if you'd like. -Jen)

Another session which I attended was Michael Martin's discussion of geographic information systems (GIS), which is technology used to map and measure features of a geographical area. Mr. Martin, a Certified Lake Manager, presented this computer modeling and mapping technology. GIS can help in managing a watershed area, showing soil types, measuring stream flows, and providing diagnostic studies of land use. While GIS is newer technology, it is widely used and vital for those interested in having a greater impact in managing lakes

and watershed areas. Mr. Martin spoke at great length about the growth of GIS, lake associations and their important combined roles as caretakers of the lake environments.

A discussion on the impact of watercraft on a water quality was moderated by H. Chandler Rowell of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in Albany. Mr. Rowell discussed the measures which the EPA and the NYSDEC have been investigating relative to controlling and eliminating pollution of lakes and waterways. Mr. Rowell stressed that the older, 2-cycle engines were the heaviest polluters of our lakes, by expelling 20-40% of the motor's gasoline in its unburned state. There are ongoing studies using passive samplers, which are anchored in a lake or waterway to gather samples of water, which is later tested to determine the types of pollutants which exist. Data shows that some types of pollutant evaporate; some settle into the sediment; some remain in the water, and some are later absorbed or consumed by plants, fish, and even people. While final results will be forthcoming from the NYSDEC, Mr. Rowell stressed that watercraft is the major contributor of gasoline found in lakes, and gasoline is the major mass organic contaminant found in recreational waters. The short term and long term effects remain to be seen.

(The conference was extremely valuable, and I hope to share more on these topics in future newsletters. I will be glad to provide copies of the information I have to anyone who is interested in learning more.

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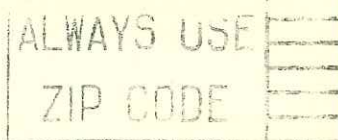
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