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# ◆ REFLECTIONS FROM THE LAKES ◆

Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake Association

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P O Box 14, Salisbury, VT 05769

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## The President's Message

By Virginia Burgoyne Wolf

### BEEN THERE - DONE THAT!

Before the 8 committees were formed and the trustees became active in the operation of the Association, the president and executive secretary did all the work.

The executive secretary handled the mailing of dues bills, all correspondence, all financial business, the newsletter (a one page info from the president), all records, the up-dating, obtaining advertisers, delivering, picking-up from the Burlington printer, of the map. In those days the map was updated every year. Somehow along the years, it was stretched to every two years. Presently, one excuse after another, it is almost 4 years since a map has been printed.

Along with the above duties, in the early days before the BLS Insect Control, the association had its own mosquito control equipment. The vehicle was driven by Hayden Hooker, a very fine gentleman, who rode around the lakes almost every evening spraying. It was the executive secretary that ordered the material and took all the phone calls and abuse. During my time, I enjoyed saying "no dues payment - no spraying". Wish we could do that with the milfoil program. That was over 25 years ago, I still feel the same way about FREE-LOADERS.

I am sure I've overlooked some of the executive secretary job description of those days but thanks for bearing with me while I traveled down memory lane. Some of you remember those times. The new people have had a brief history lesson.

The Keewaydin Get-together was GREAT! More and more members attended. Word of mouth is the very best advertising. Thank you Jim Wacker and the Keewaydin Foundation.

I chair the Restoration Committee for the Brandon Free Library. Recently, Walter Cerf, a long time member of the association, donated \$15,000 to help with the \$75,000+ expenses. We are a long way from our goal.....HINT..

Be good to one another. Enjoy the holidays and thank you all for the kindness extended to me. Your letters and phone calls brighten my days.

## Milfoil

By Jeff Wallin

The Association milfoil program appears to be moving from a defensive posture to an offensive position. New outbreaks are being prevented through constant surveying and single plant removal while long established patches are diminishing in size and density.

Though eight new infestations were found and picked clean, nineteen single plant locations in 1997 had no milfoil growth this year. In 1995, 18,000 milfoil plants were removed from a single patch 30' x 150' (in size) in front of Branbury Beach. This past summer only 100 plants were found in the entire reach from Sucker Brook to Route 53. Nearly 300 boats and trailers were examined and only 3 contained milfoil. This compares to 12 trailers transporting milfoil in 1997. The discouraging aspect, however, is that 2 of the 3 trailers with milfoil also had zebra mussels attached to the milfoil.

Fern Lake was once again milfoil free.

The vigilant and aggressive approach the Association has taken was recognized this past summer by the VT Agency of Natural Resources with the presentation of an EXCELLENCE IN LAKE PROTECTION award from, Secretary Barbara Ripley. This is something all of our members should be proud of as it is a product of the strong support and involvement you have shown. Many thanks go out to the hard working milfoil crew and the volunteers who assisted in making 1998 another successful year in the battle against Eurasian milfoil.

## ALERT!

**Read important information in Carolyn Trudeau's article on next page. It has to do with you and the new map.**

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## MAPS

By Carolyn Trudeau

We are excited about putting together our new map and directory! The Map Committee consisting of Debbie Voigt, Nancy Damm, Ralph Carbo, George Fisher, Arlene Lewis and Warren Kimble along with volunteers, Bill Shouldice and Jeff Wallin and myself as Map Chairman are and will be working hard to have a new map out in the Spring. Many hours will be spent getting advertisers, bringing addresses up to date; property owners up to date; identifying property transfers in both Salisbury and Leicester and coordinating 911 numbers to owners.

We are fortunate to have Jeff Wallin, Milfoil Chairperson, working with Warren Kimble, who has offered to draw and produce a new and up to date colored map covering Lake Dunmore and Fern Lake with all 911 numbers and adding features such as boating trouble spots. Our map and directory will be a much needed improvement for all to enjoy.

The directory of 911 numbers with names, will also have all supporting advertisers, information as to police, rescue, town clerks, trash and recycling, church services, association officers and trustees and any other important or useful information that would be helpful for all on both lakes to be determined by your Map Committee. Suggestions will be welcomed and considered.

**IF ANYONE DOES NOT WISH TO BE ON THE MAP AND IN THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE ADVISE ME IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NEWSLETTER. SEND YOUR REQUEST TO: Carolyn Trudeau, LD/FL Map Chairman, 1 Chipman Heights, Middlebury, VT 05753.**

If anyone has an address change, please advise Bob Juneo, Executive Secretary, P O Box 14, Salisbury, VT 05769 as soon as possible.

We hope that you consider membership if you are not one currently. We need **YOUR** participation in the attempt to protect both lakes and to grow.

## Water Quality

By Kathy Dick

The water quality sampling was done the week after the 4th of July following the period of heavy rains with the ground well saturated.

We were pleased that the 100 Lake Dunmore and 30 Fern Lake samples were well within the acceptable limits for swimming in all areas.

Many thanks to the Sheldon Museum for their outstanding program on the Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake region. The display was visited by many of our members over the summer.

## Insect Control

By Dr. Ralph Carbo

Needless to say, this summer was the worst Mosquito Season since 1989. We all had to learn to live with it or go back home. Therefore I felt you should know exactly what the TRI-TOWN MOSQUITO CONTROL GROUP actually did for the lake area although many folks believe "Nothing".

In the spring, Tri-town larvasided 360 acres, result - no Memorial Day bugs. Then in June came the torrential rains with flooding, lasting through early August. Tri-town then larvasided 2,000 acres, but could not reach the thousands of small areas of standing water and the bugs went out of control. The Governor responded to our calls to his office with \$30,000 for 1 spray truck, 2 new spray machines, plus adultacid material. Unfortunately, Tri-town had only four licensed sprayers where ten are needed. Virginia B. Wolf and John Crue made the rounds two evenings and learned first hand to appreciate what it was like and what the problems the drivers deal with doing the spraying. Having been a sprayer myself 15 years ago, it is tough to please everyone.

We here at the Lake have been lucky for the past 8 years, thanks to Tri-town's Mosquito Control. How can we help? Tri-town needs licensed sprayers. This is a paying position, but you must be qualified by taking a course and passing an exam. This is all given in the winter and spring, which is great for full time lake folks. Tri-town has the best equipment, but needs the manpower to use it. Call me at **352-4259** and I will have either Paul Doty or Jon Turmel contact you on the details.

## Finance and Executive Secretary

By Bob Juneo

The amendment to the By-laws approving term-limits for Trustees was approved at the Annual Meeting. Starting in 1999 Trustees will be able to serve for two three-year terms at most. This will insure new opportunities for persons wishing to serve the Association. It will also invite fresh ideas along with expanding the corporate knowledge among our members and allow the Association to remain stimulating and vibrant.

Keeping up with address changes and property transfers have been the biggest problem for me in this job. I am enthusiastically looking forward to the new map and the effort we will make to validate the address list.

Financially, we are sound. The State will send about \$20,000 to fund the milfoil program this year from monies they receive from boat registrations. We currently have about \$45,000 in the bank, monies we are anticipating will be needed if and when the State no longer supports the milfoil program. We anticipate the arrival of zebra mussels one of these days and need the war chest to eradicate these pests.

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