
◆ REFLECTIONS FROM THE LAKES ◆

Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake Association

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Spring 1999

The President's Message

By Virginia Burgoyne Wolf

Welcome to all

Spring is reluctant to be here in full force. Cool nights but the sun brings warmth during the day.

Your Trustees are busy at work, planning the milfoil and mosquito programs. A new map is promised for this year.

Many events will be available for your information and enjoyment. The Directors of Shard Villa, in Salisbury, are honoring your Association by holding an open house for all members Sunday, August 1st. Tours are at 2 PM and 3 PM. Please join me. Also Sheldon Museum Concert is Wednesday, June 30th. See the list on the back of this newsletter for more information and the time.

The ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Monday, July 5th at 7 PM at the Salisbury Congregational Church. Please be sure to attend.

KEEWAYDIN GET TOGETHER is on Sunday, August 29th from 4 PM to 7 PM. I hope you will all be there.

The time has come to turn over the presidency to someone else. The Association is now sound, both financially and structurally. On the whole, my reign has been successful due to the cooperation and hard work from the Trustees.

I shall continue my efforts to obtain funding for the restoration of the Brandon Library building. Also, I feel it is time to find a comfortable rocking chair, pick up a good book supplied by Stephanie, Teri and Lynn, the Brandon librarians, and semi-retire. Will miss you all. This is not good-bye for as a member I will continue to attend the Get-together and annual meetings.

PLEASE BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER.....

Members have brought to your Trustees' attention the disturbance caused by early hour water skiing. It has been suggested that water skiing be banned from Lake Dunmore waters.

PLEASE RESPECT OTHERS BY NOT WATER SKIING

ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 5, 1999
SALISBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
7 PM

Finance and Executive Secretary

By Bob Juneo

I bid a fond farewell to the Board and the duties of Treasurer and Executive Secretary. After serving on the Board since 1991, the last six as Treasurer and four as Executive Secretary, it is time to step down and let new energy and effort take over. Looking back, I am proud of the accomplishments and improvements that have been made during my tenure.

First and foremost, financial stability has been established. We now have over \$50,000 "in reserve" to protect the Association from the invasion of milfoil and other problems, i.e. zebra mussels, into our Lakes. Jeff Wallin has developed the finest milfoil program in the State of Vermont, and from my readings, it appears to me to be the finest in the nation. Jeff has been instrumental in obtaining funds from the State to support this program. (I will comment about financial details later.) The effort to obtain and maintain these funds has allowed the Board to keep annual dues at \$35. But more significant, the outstanding program has kept the milfoil invasion in check thus allowing for less overall cost than many of our sister Lakes currently experience. In addition, Virginia Wolf has governed with an eye toward fiscal responsibility thus protecting the increasing reserves each year.

I am proud of some of my ideas that have been implemented. In 1993 I designed, purchased and erected the illuminated road signs we had prior to the new 911 signs. In 1994 I introduced the Dock Tag and Membership Card system. And I enhanced the newsletter layout and publication process.

Membership is over 75% now. I regret we haven't been able to crack that last 25% nut.

I am most pleased and will long remember my productive association with the Board over the years. This Board has made tremendous strides toward stability. We are seeing signs of new ideas in the colorful and professional map being produced. It is a big project, not without its growing pains, but it provides a beautiful and professional quality to our Association.

Be aware however, our annual budget is about \$30,000. We take in about \$13,000 in membership dues. The rest comes from the State contribution toward our milfoil program. Each year the State slightly reduces their contribution. Get the picture?

Its been a pleasure to serve you.

MAPS

By Carolyn Trudeau

After many, many winter hours of compiling data, important information, correcting, rechecking roads, numbers on residences, names working with Town Clerks of Salisbury and Leicester, etc, etc, our new map and Directory is in its final stages of printing. All was approved by the Board of Trustees on May 25, 1999.

My thanks and gratitude goes to Jeff Wallin, Bill Shouldice and the printer of the directory, Minuteman Printing, Warren and Lorraine Kimble and Cliff Alexander, our map printer. A special thank you goes to Nancy Damm who did a fantastic job with coupling the 911 addresses to roads, residences, you name it. Also our thanks to our contributing advertisers.

We all hope that you will enjoy and appreciate that which has gone into this project. As everything is set up now, minor corrections and inserts can be done quickly on the computer throughout the year as changes come up. We welcome any corrections that may have gotten by us. Please call me at 388-7484 or drop me a note at 1 Chipman Heights, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Water Quality

By Kathy Dick

Again this summer, we plan to do a mass sampling of water in both lakes for e-coli count in early July. The past several years have been excellent.

The free dye tablets to check your septic system are available from the milfoil staff and at Watershouses, Virginia Wolf's house and Kathy Dick's house. Simply flush 2 tablets down the toilet and check your waterfront each morning and evening over the next 2 days for yellow/green non toxic dye. There should not be any. If there is you have a septic problem.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Salisbury's Planning Commission has completed its draft of the new Town Plan. The Plan proposes a Lakeshore District to replace the current Medium Density Residential District. Lakeshore properties have unique characteristics with special needs, and the Lakeshore District is being proposed to better serve those needs, which are not always served adequately by the current Medium Density Residential District regulations. Public hearings will be scheduled soon. After the hearings, the plan will go to the Select Board for approval. Your input is important to the Planning Committee. Please check with the Town Office (352-4228) for dates and times of upcoming meetings and hearings. Copies of the final draft will be available soon for your review at the Town Office.

Insect Control

By Dr. Ralph Carbo

The mosquito situation is under control at the present time. It appears we won't have the problem we had last year. Still it behooves you to continue to look around your property and eliminate any areas of standing water or things that allow standing water to collect, items such as cans and tires.

Paul Doty, manager of the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury (BLS) Mosquito District announces a special mosquito spraying service to individual camps for special events. Call 247-6779 one week in advance of your event and the BLS will schedule a special spraying at no cost. The BLS would accept a financial contribution however.

The insert to this newsletter provides additional information with regard to the mosquito situation.

Milfoil

By Jeff Wallin

We have a full crew ready to continue the fight against milfoil on the two lakes again this season. We sincerely hope our approach continues in the offensive position and look forward to working with the many volunteers who have helped turn the tide on the nuisance weed. Camp Keewaydin has once again donated office space and our phone will soon be in service. Please call the crew at 352-1013 for information on the program, to volunteer for hand pulling sessions or to assist with our shoreline watch network. Our Lake Monitors, Liam Powers, Max Anderson, Kristen Carr and Patrick Hayden, are excited to begin work and look forward to meeting with our members when on the lakes.

Check out the web page Liam has created regarding our milfoil program at www.angelfire.com/vt/milfoil. You can also email to ld_fl_milfoil@hotline.com.

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