



Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter

Spring 2008

Shooting the Breeze

Lea E. Dickson, Sylvia Lake Association President

On behalf of the Association's Board, I would like to invite everyone to the Summer Season kick-off and **BIRTHDAY PARTY** at the Gouverneur Country Club on Friday, June 13th. Details are included in the RSVP insert, but, I would like to highlight this event. It will be a special evening including a dinner buffet, community service and recognition awards and dancing with DJ, Jeff Burt.

The cost per person is a bargain at \$15. per person for an evening of renewing friendships, great food, meeting neighbors and honoring our own. Faye Lockwood has volunteered to handle the mail-in reservations. We are accepting pre-payment only so please get your check ASAP to Faye.

Maria McGrath has been working all winter on a very special **SYLVIA LAKE QUILT** and we will be selling tickets that evening and throughout the summer. Quilt tickets are \$5. each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be at the Fall meeting, Aug. 22.

The Board met on May 2, and set the calendar for the season. All confirmed dates and contacts are listed on the back page of the newsletter for convenient posting. A card stock version of the calendar will be available at the party.

The **PICNIC** is returning on August 2. Many thanks to Barb Maloy Kane

and Marilyn and Roger LaPierre who've volunteered to organize this year's event.

The **BOAT PARADE** is returning on the same day as the picnic. Judging will be done by picnic-goers. There is plenty of time for creative ideas. If you need suggestions for a theme, give me a call. Last year's judges provided us with lots of great ideas.

We hope to have many participants for the 27th Annual Charlie Ferguson **FISHING DERBY**, July 4th and 5th. Gale has increased the bounty for rock bass to 20 cents.

The board will no longer sponsor the sale of flares because of pollution concerns. If you plan to light up the night, please try to use safer alternatives. Watch the trees for **CONCERT** dates. We are planning 2 concerts for the summer.

We received our Adirondack Lake Assessment Program test results on our **WATER QUALITY**. Dave McGrath has provided us with an explanation of the analysis. We will be taking a closer look at possible remediations if the numbers for chloride and conductivity continue to show negative results.

MILFOIL eradication volunteers are busy exploring other methods to suppress the growth by using mats on the lake floor. Thanks to Sandy Kraker for taking the lead on this project.

The **NAVIGATION** committee will be placing new yellow buoys around the lake to warn of shoals. The Board would like to remind the community to be aware of speed limits near the shore and swimming areas. Also, try to be sure that your motors are within 75 decibels at the shoreline. New York state has one of the strictest noise standards. Let us know if you are interested in taking a boat safety course and we will try to locate a course nearby.

We will be ordering an additional printing of the community book, **SYLVIA LAKE LEGACY**. We have had over 30 pre-orders. We plan to have 50 copies printed. If you are interested, let our secretary, Jodi Hatch know.

And finally, this is my last *Shooting the Breeze*. In August, I will pass the presidency on to the next volunteer. It has been my honor to continue my family's tradition of service to the Sylvia Lake Association.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions or concerns. Have a fun and safe summer.

**Tommy Tyler Memorial
Make A Wish Foundation
July 26th - 4:00 PM
Mullins Restaurant**

Contact Patty Maloy for
additional details.

Water Testing & Analysis by David McGrath

Last summer the Sylvia Lake Association participated once again in the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program. This was our second year in this program, which is designed to test the health of the lake in comparison with other lakes in the Adirondacks.

Going forward, as data is collected, it can be used to detect adverse trends and possible trouble spots. Once again our results were generally positive and indicative of lakes with clean clear water. In addition, acidity levels are satisfactory and we do not have any apparent sensitivity to acidification. Three new tests were added this past summer and their results were all favorable. One of those tests was to measure dissolved oxygen at different depths. Based on the dissolved oxygen levels the lake is excellent for cold water fish survival.

The only two negative areas in the report were, once again, the chloride level and the conductivity of the water. Our results in this area were very high which is usually indicative of pollution by road salt runoff or faulty septic systems.

We have requested additional information on this from our contact at the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College. As soon as we receive it, we will post something on the Sylvia Lake web site.

Dues and Contributions

Thank you to all who have generously given to the Sylvia Lake Association year after year. Your gifts of time and money are what makes our community strong and the success of the Association's programs are dependent upon your support. Your dues now cover a calendar year - January to January.

Your dues and contributions are essential to provide funding for for the work of our Standing and Special committees, newsletter mailing, water testing, picnic, 911 road signs, concerts, milfoil weeding, Sylvia Lake's website other projects and activities. Please mail your \$10.00 (calendar year 2008) dues and contributions to:

Mona Allen, Treasurer
130 Jones Road,
Gouverneur, NY 13642

Environmental Update Regarding Light Up the Lake

This past year, it was brought to the attention of the Association Board of Directors that road flares are a potential source of Perchlorate contamination of groundwater and public water supplies.

Since many of our residents have wells or draw water from the lake, the SLA will no longer sell road flares as a fundraising activity. The Association was formed to preserve, protect and promote the welfare of the lake. We encourage residents to use environmentally friendly sources to light the night.

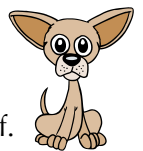
Sylvia Lake Petiquitte



Be sure your dog is a good neighbor. Prevent your pet from being a nuisance by following these guidelines.

- Be aware that some people are afraid of, or do not like dogs.
- Control your dog at all times.
- Keep your dog confined to your property.
- Supervise your dog when it is outside.
- Keep your dog on a leash when off your property.
- Be aware of and curb your dog's barking.
- Pick up and dispose of your pet's waste.
- Register your dog and be sure its dog tag is in place at all times.

The Town of Fowler has a Leash and Nuisance Law. Dogs may not run at large, bark habitually, or chase or intimidate any person. Complaints may be filed with a peace officer, Town Justice or Dog Warden.



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Check for updates
and activities online at:
www.sylvialake.org

**THANK YOU
to the following property
owners who were paid
members of the Sylvia Lake
Association in 2007.**

Wintergreen Bay.

- 8- Hatch
- 12- St.Lawrence Zinc
- 14- Tremlett
- 16- Kelley
- 18- O'Shaughnessy
- 20- Brown
- 24- Truax
- 19- Hayden
- 19B- Whalen
- 21- Moses
- 22- Martin
- 23- Whalen
- 25- LaPierre
- 27- LaPierre
- 27A- LaPierre
- 29- VanOrnum

Old Beach

- 1B/C- Bonner/Evans
- 2A- Whalen
- 2B- Town of Fowler
- 7- Buzzell/Cloonan
- 9-15- Jones/Butz
- 17- Hopper
- 19- Ferguson
- 21- Newvine/Ames
- 25- Town of Fowler
- 27- Ricks
- 29- Brown
- 31- Fuller
- 33- Winters
- 35- Bell
- 37- Dodds
- 39- Stevens
- 41 & 43- Kalina
- 47- Blowers
- 49- Colton
- 51- Jones, R.
- 55- Allen
- 1/2- Pistolesi, M.

North Shore

- 1- Hurst
- 3- Peterman/Melvin
- 5- Orford
- 7- Force
- 9- Undercoffler, et.al.
- 11- Phillips, et.al.
- 15- Estey
- 17- Hutt/Wells

Mansion Grounds

- CR24- VonColln
- 12- Garrett
- 14- Gotham
- 16- Webb
- 18- Syrek
- 20- Allen
- 22- Link
- 28- Gates
- 30- Hurst
- 30 1/2- Smith
- 32- Amann
- 34- Lallier, D.
- 36- McGrath
- 40- French
- 46 A/B- Pistolesi
- 56- Meyer
- 58- Kraker, S
- 60- Kraker, J
- 64- Undercoffler
- 70- Putman
- 72- McDougall/
Scozzafava
- 74- Whitaker
- 76- Houston

Hotel Bay.

- 3- Petrovic
- 4- Conklin
- 5- Dickson/Barnhart
- 6- Sleeman
- 8- Goodison, S.
- 10- Goodison/Hockey
- 16- Dickson/Barnhart
- 18 & 20- Cook
- 22- Saidel

West Shore

- 1- Lacks
- 3- Besaw
- 4- Colton
- 5-8 Horning
- 6- Besaw
- 9- Hewitt
- 11- Klock
- 13- Jackson
- 15- Jackson
- 17- Krupsky/Warner/
Jackson/Pursley

Langevin Lane

- 1- Langevin
- 3- Welch
- 5- Raymond
- 6- Forsythe

South Shore

- 5- Sprague
- 9- Stacey
- 11- Griebusch

The Indian Heads

- 1A- Lehigh
- 1- deLorraine
- 3- Lallier
- 5- Patneau
- 11- Lockwood
- 13- Kraker Trust
- 2- Tyler/Jackson
- 12, 14- Tyler
- 18- Tyler
- 20- Scott
- 22- Scott
- 24- Scott

26- Maloy
East Shore

- 15- George
- 17- Pendell
- 19- Dievendorf
- 21- Kirby
- 25- Lacy
- 27- Ferguson
- 29- Leonard
- 31- Robinson
- 37- Howard
- 41- Bigarel
- 43- Besaw



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Sylvia Lake Board of Directors meet, May 1, 2008
(seated) Mona Allen, Lea Dickson, Faye Lockwood, David McGrath,
Allen Lehigh (standing) Jodi Hatch, Sandy Kraker, Gale Ferguson



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Sylvia Lake Summer '08 SAVE THESE DATES



Friday, June 13 – SLA 40th Birthday Party, \$15 per person, Cash Bar 5:00 PM, Community Awards, Buffet Dinner 6-8 PM. DJ/ Dancing 8-12 PM Contact : Faye Lockwood, 315-287-1193

Friday, July 4 - Saturday July 5 – 27th Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Weigh-in 12-3:00. 20 cents per rock bass. Trophies for categories. Contact: Gale Ferguson, 315-287-2116

Saturday, August 2 – 40th Annual Boat Parade. Theme: TBA, Start time 1:00 PM at Pumphouse. Judging by picnic attendees. Contact: Lea Dickson, 315-287-4043

Saturday, August 2 – Sylvia Lake Picnic, 3:00 PM, Rain Date: TBA Contact: Barb Maloy, 315-491-5222

Friday, August 22 – Fall Sylvia Lake Association Meeting, Fowler Town Hall, 7:00 PM Election of Officers.

July 12 or July 19 - Milfoil Cleanup, event is tentative... dependent upon diver availability.

Concerts- waiting for confirmation. Watch the tree bulletin boards for details.