



## *Shooting the Breeze*

**Sandy Kraker, SLA President**

As I mentioned at the Fall (August 27) SLA meeting, it seems like yesterday that we were opening the summer with the Spring SLA gathering at the Country Club. The good thing is that there is a consensus for continuing this annual Country Club event and it is only nine months away! **(Save June 17, 2011)** Unlike last year's "lack of summer," we can also take heart in the wonderful weather we were blessed with this year.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Mona Allen for 15 years on the SLA board with 13 Years as treasurer. Mona's tireless efforts have been truly appreciated as she thoroughly administered the budget and P&L while also taking it upon herself to get the dues in the door as well. Those on the board with Mona also know that she always raised her hand to help with the little things that are so necessary, without fanfare. Mona is the one we'll still be asking questions of for years to come and please be sure to thank her personally if you see her around the lake.

A special thank you also goes out to those SLA Board members who have stepped down. Faye Lockwood- Director (2005-2008) and Vice President (2008-2010), Dave McGrath- Director (2004-2010), and Diane Link- Director (2008-2010). Their participation and contributions will surely be missed and we certainly will be looking to them for assistance.

Please welcome new board members and officers:

- Barb Maloy Kane - (East Shore) - Vice President
- Michele Lallier - (Indian Head) - Treasurer
- Jim Jackson - (West Shore) - Director
- Dave Syrek - (Mansion Grounds) - Director
- Wayne Jones - (North Shore) - Director

Thank you, also to our Nominating Committee: Linda Syrek, Olive Horning and Linda Scott for their work to find such capable volunteers for the positions.



Many thanks to Maria McGrath, who made the beautiful "Sylvia's Night Sky" quilt for the annual fundraising raffle this year. It was won by Mary Neuroth Richardson at the drawing at the Fall Association meeting.

## *Milfoil Weed Control Efforts*

At the beginning of this summer it was difficult to find aggressive growth areas around the lake requiring the placement of the 12' x 20' mats. The hope is that the barrier mats are working and maybe even the chemistry of the lake contributed to the decline. By the end of the summer however, we have concentrated on the shallow area at the south end of the lake that borders the Federal wetlands, to the left of Stacy's.

Buoys were also placed to mark this area where all four of the mats were placed to treat an aggressive milfoil growth. Avoid entering the area because props will cut and spread the weeds. Special thanks to Gale Ferguson for allowing workers to dirty his boat. And to Mark and Chris Scott, Alex Carpenter, Evan Kraker, Roger Miller, Sandy Kraker, and the numbers of volunteers who helped on the surface.

## *Pumphouse Boat Launch Cleanup*



Thanks to action taken by the board and Dave McGrath, in particular, there is trash pickup at the boat launch area. We can't control our visitor's actions, but we can give them the opportunity to dispose of their trash in a can instead of the ground.

## *Outlet Cleanup - Flow is Good*

Dan Esty, Ryan Esty and Gale Ferguson were on the work detail on July 28. (2 kayakers came thru later and offered to help.) The creek was in pretty good shape - they cleared some weeds and moved one large tree that was impeding the flow. This effort is much appreciated because it allows Sylvia to refresh herself after a good workout of summer sun and fun. The flow is essential. Thanks guys, from everyone.

## *Summer Social Activities*

Although the SLA is not a social organization, (It's all about the water!) the SLA sponsored a number of traditional events this summer that were well received by those who could attend: the kick-off party at the Gouverneur Country Club, a picnic, and two "Concerts on the Pond." Very special thanks go out to Betsy Kalina for the use of her deck as the stage for the two consecutive musical events and to Dick and MaryJane Jones for the picnic venue. And to everyone who volunteered and helped with the events.

## Water Quality Report 2010 – Lea Dickson, Water Quality Chair

The Sylvia Lake Association participated in the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP) for the past five years. At the Fall meeting, the membership voted to continue for another five years. Data shows that Sylvia Lake is clear, clean and healthy for recreational activities. Full reports are available online. Community volunteers collect samples at two locations, the center and inlet. The volunteers try to collect the samples at the same time each month for three months of the summer. In September, all frozen samples are sent to Paul Smith's College for analysis.

Data collected over the past five years has provided the Association with a clearer picture of the health and potential problems of our lake. The summary report indicates that the inlet may be a source of added nutrients, possibly contributing to the growth of weeds in the south end of the lake. If you'd like a copy of this report, contact Jodi Hatch, SLA Secretary or you can download it from the website: <http://www.sylvialake.org/2010/ALAP.html>

Bacteria testing was also done this past September in six locations around the lake. These results also showed no problems with swimming conditions in any area. Regardless of our good results, if you are going to drink lake water, use disinfectant as a precaution. If you would like more information on the bacterial testing results, contact board member Dave Syrek. If you suspect a problem, call Myrna Barney at the County Health Department (315-386-1040) Your call will be kept confidential.

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## Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby Results



Most Rock Bass--- D& D French Camp- 112  
--- Bresett Camp- 100  
--- Truax Camp- 68  
--- Hopper Camp- 57  
--- Others for a total of 538.

Largest Largemouth Bass --- Cody Burns  
21" entry - over 5 lbs.

Largest (15") Smallmouth Bass--- Matthew Bresett

Largest Rock Bass--- Caleb Bresett

Largest Panfish --- Caleb Bresett  
10.5" Rock Bass

Youngest Participant--- Nara Roberts

Thank you to the Ferguson family for continuing this wonderful tradition on the lake. And a special Thank You to the Force family for providing trophies and prizes. This year, the certificates included a beautiful watercolor of the Ferguson camp done by artist Karen Kobler.

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