



Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter

Fall 2008

Shooting the Breeze by Sandy Kraker Sylvia Lake Association President

I know I speak for all of the SLA Board Members as well as the Sylvia Lake Community when I express our sincere gratitude to Lea Dickson for her incredible contribution as Lake President. As President Elect 2004 –2005 and the succeeding 3 years thereafter, Lea has truly taken it to the next level. Tough act to follow? I'll say... but it surely makes my job much easier as I know I'll always have meticulous documentation, knowledge and insight from which to draw. Thank you Lea for a job well done!

After two years of having Gale Ferguson lightly tap me on the back at SLA Board Meetings when the subject of Lea's successor came up, I guess I knew it was my time to give back. The Lake... The Camp... The Gladys Cottage... Indian Head... morning coffee on the deck... special friends, all of whom have the same love for a special place. Giving back also means becoming more involved and hopefully influencing others to do the same with regard to the technical and social issues surrounding our Lake.

At the 40th Anniversary Spring Party and at the last SL Fall meeting, it was very apparent that my dad's generation was in the majority. It is my hope we can better represent Sylvia's legacy through the involvement of the next generation(s) and in essence, continue to give back to our own kids.

Coincidence as I take on this new Board position? The fact that I was lucky enough to win the 40th Anniversary quilt made by Maria McGrath only reinforces my belief in giving back to the Lake as Maria has done for five years in a row. For those of you who didn't get a chance to see the quilt up close at the Spring Party, it is spectacular, with Lake photos and hand crafted Adirondack figures sewn in throughout. A special thank you goes out to her for the painstaking hours put in to this special edition quilt.

There are a few changes to report in the Sylvia Lake Association Board of Directors. We would like to welcome Diane Link and Barb Maloy Kane as Directors and Faye Lockwood as Vice President. Barb commented that as a relatively new member of the Lake community she hopes to gain more knowledge about the Lake, its history and how she can ultimately contribute to its sustained health via her Board involvement. Thank you to all of the new Board members!

And thank you to Board members who are stepping down from formal duties. Jeanette Perry has served as the Association's Vice President for nine years. The entire community appreciates the work she has done and her willingness to participate. And Gale Ferguson, as a past president, may no longer be on the Board, but his experience and dedication to Sylvia Lake makes him a tremendously valuable resource to our community and future presidents... especially to its current one.

Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter

Fall 2008

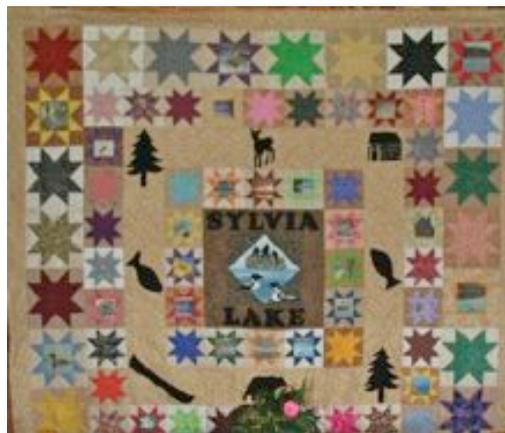
Sandy's Notes from the Fall Meeting

At the August 22, 2008 Sylvia Lake Association meeting, those present chose a new logo for the Association. There were three choices. You can see the winning logo on the first page of this newsletter. Special thanks to Shari Barnhart for the three designs she put together, as well as the incredible job that she continually does in maintaining the professionalism of the Sylvia Lake website.

Also – More thanks to Shari for putting together videos of the Spring 40th Anniversary Party, the concert, the Boat Parade and the Community Picnic. She also presented these videos at the Fall Meeting and they can be viewed on the Sylvia Lake website.

On behalf of the SLA, Lea was presented with a custom made Adirondack mirror at the Fall Meeting. (editor's note: the mirror was made by Sandy Kraker.) Thanks to Harland Brown for donating an engraved “thank you” mounted on the mirror back.

Also at the meeting, those present voted to make five revisions to the SLA Constitution. Thank you to Olive Horning and Linda Syrek for coordinating this effort. The changes and the entire constitution can be found on the Sylvia Lake website. www.sylvialake.org/2008/constitutionrev.html



Maria McGrath's Quilt, Stars Over Sylvia

June 13, 2008, Sylvia Lake Association's 40th Birthday Party

Special thanks to Linda Syrek, Olive Horning, Faye Lockwood, Allen Lehigh, Sandy Kraker, Shari Barnhart and Lea Dickson for the great job in putting on the Association's 40th. This event was highly attended and was a great way to meet your neighbors and kick start the beginning of the Lake season.

Lea Dickson put in a tremendous amount of work to pull together the history of the Sylvia Lake Association while recognizing and honoring those who served and gave of their time to the Lake. Please take time to review the video, photos and commentary that Lea and Shari put together on the website for an insightful look at the people and events that shaped Sylvia Lake.



Sylvia Lake Association's 2008 Award Recipients & Recognitions



Community Recognition Certificate Award

With appreciation for their outstanding contributions to furthering the mission of the Sylvia Lake Association.

Dr. Alexander & Dorothy Dodds
Dr. Bart & Ann Van Slyke
Joanne & Stanley Orford
C. MacDonald Grout



Community Service Award Mug

In recognition of their significant and continuing service to the Sylvia Lake Association and our community.

Mona Allen Jeanette Perry
Harland Brown Katie Pistolessi
Lea Dickson Gary Scott
Gale Ferguson Ralph Undercoffler

Community Project Service Pin

In recognition of their contribution to the Sylvia Lake Association's mission through special community projects.

Shari Barnhart Barbara Maloy Kane Don Putman
Bill deLorraine Joe Lacks Linda Scott
Carlton Force Marilyn LaPierre Roy Smith
Rosalie Force Crystal Leonard Linda Syrek
Diane Force David Lockwood Mary Jo Whalen
Olive Horning Maria McGrath

Sylvia Lake Association Service Pin Recipients

With appreciation and recognition of service as a Association Officer (O) or as a Director (D)

Mona Allen - O	Jodi Hatch - O	Stan Orford - O, D
Donna Besaw - O, D	Faye Hopper - O, D	Shirley Pendell - D
Wayne Bigarel - O	Betsy Kalina - O	Jeanette Perry - O
Harlan Brown - O	Jim Kraker - D	Katie Pistolessi - O
Clyde Butz - O	Sandy Kraker - D	Maybelle Pistolessi - O
Joanne deLorraine - O	Kelley Lacks - O	Barbara Scott - O
Lea Dickson - O, D	Roger LaPierre - O	Gary Scott - O
Dr. Alexander Dodds - D	Allen Lehigh - D	Marie Sullivan - O
Dorothy Dodds - O	Faye Lockwood - D	Mark Truax - O, D
Gale Ferguson - O, D	Elaine MacKelvey - D	Roxanne Tyler - O
Dick French - O	Angus MacQueen - D	Ralph Undercoffler - O
Paul Gates - D	David McGrath - D	Bart Van Slyke - O, D
Ernest Griebisch - O, D	Joyce Moses - O	Ann Van Slyke - O, D
Marissa Griebisch - O	Mary Neuroth - O	Cora Von Colln - O
Don Grout - O, D	Joanne Orford - O, D	Robert Whalen - D

Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter

Fall 2008

Boat Parade 2008 Olympics: A Parade of Nations

The day was cloudy, rain and thunderstorms were predicted all day. But the planning had been done and Sylvia Lakers are a hardy bunch. The parade went off as planned. Voting for the best of categories was done at the community picnic. The Grand Marshal was Maybelle Pistolessi as it is only appropriate that her legacy to the SLA picnic be recognized. She and her husband, Mario, originated the Sylvia Lake Picnic in the 1980's.



Best Pontoon - Grandest of All - The LaPierre boat and the Grand Marshal, Maybelle Pistolessi.



Best of Show - Original Design, Most Spirit
1st Place Celebration of Nation Theme - Mexico
Kamp Krowded's Mexican Fiesta - Hurst, Hays



Best Pontoon boat Last Minute Entry with
Celebration of Nation Spirit - The Perry family and
friends recognized China, the 2008 host country.



2nd Place - Celebration of Nation Theme
The deLorraine family honors Ireland.

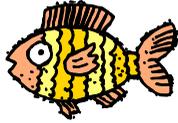


Best Small Boat Last Minute Entry - boat and the crew in tow... The Force Camp



Floating raft, towed by
the Mexican Fiesta - Olé

Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby



The Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby was started by Marilyn and Roger LaPierre in 1982, to honor Charlie Ferguson. The Ferguson family (East Shore) continues the tradition today. Our continued appreciation to the Force family for providing the trophies for the Derby and Harland Brown for the engraving.

This year, special plaques, with a fish design, were created and donated by Kim (MacKelvey) Walker from her studio, Heirloom Tile Works, in Maine - www.heirloomtileworks.com. Thank you to everyone who makes this event so special.

Total Rock Bass entered 637

French Camp - 144	Ferguson Camp - 59
Truax Camp - 110	VanSlyke Camp - 58
Petrovic Camp - 94	Reilly Camp - 34
Orford Camp - 78	

Largest Bass

Matt Bresett (Petrovic Camp)
16 3/4 Inch Smallmouth

Largest Lake Trout - 1st place tie

Cody Syrek (Syrek Camp)
Connor Girard (Jones Camp)

Largest Pan Fish

Cody Syrek - 10 1/2 inch Rock Bass
(Cody also entered a 14" Largemouth)

Youngest Entrant

Alexa Hercamp - 5 years old
(Neuroth Camp)

Sylvia Lake Community Picnic

Many thanks to Dick and Mary Jane Jones for hosting the the Sylvia lake Picnic this year and Kudos to Barb Maloy Kane, Marilyn and Roger LaPierre for doing such a tremendous job in organizing the event... especially since the weather was not the most cooperative.

For a small charge of \$2, guests were supplied with a completely catered top quality picnic menu. Mullins Restaurant supplied a huge tent (which was definitely needed through a couple of downpours) and all the tables and chairs. A Port-O-Potty was even provided for the comfort of all the picnic guests.



With the Sylvia Lake Association picking up part of the tab for the picnic, a thank you must also go out to Roger for his generosity with supplies and food. Barb Malloy Kane was an excellent grilling chef. It must also be noted that the LaPierres, Barb, Dick and Mary Jane have consented to doing it again next year!

Summer Concert on the Lake

A flotilla gathered on July 5th in front of Kalina's to enjoy the sounds of "Northbound." It was a clear Canadian high Sylvia Lake evening for all to enjoy the party on the water. Couldn't make it to the concert? Check out videos of the party on the website.

www.sylvialake.org/2008/July5_Concert/concert.html



Water Testing Programs '08

by David McGrath

We have continued with our two separate methods of testing the water in Sylvia Lake. The first is the traditional method of testing for bacteria. This summer we tested three areas for bacteria; the old beach, boat launch, and an area along the NW shore. These tests were made shortly after the 4th of July weekend and all three areas tested acceptable for swimming with no significant change from previous years.

Our second testing method is done as part of the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program. This tracks trends and tests the health of the lake in comparison with other lakes in the Adirondacks. This is the third summer that we have participated. In June, July, and August samples were taken in two areas: the inlet and the center of the lake. These samples were frozen and taken to the Adirondack Watershed Institute for testing. We will receive the results of these tests in the spring.

Last summer's results showed very good conditions in relationship to other lakes with the exception of two areas; chloride level and conductivity. The report indicated that negative scores in both of these areas are usually indicative of pollution by road salt runoff or faulty septic systems.

We contacted Adirondack Watershed Institute for additional information on possible causes for these negative results. They do not believe that we have a huge problem with failing septic systems since our levels of phosphorus; nitrate and chlorophyll are not elevated. The lake also does not appear to have a lot of exposure to road salt runoff. They indicated that a third possible contributor could be the geology of the lake.

Continued monitoring over the long term will allow us to establish a baseline so that we can better determine if the lake will stay clean or if man has impacted the lake and its watershed.

More Water News...

Milfoil eradication did not happen this year since the divers from the Buffalo area (friends of Dave and Faye Lockwood's son Jon) could not make it. We hope to get this project back on track next summer through a diving harvest as well as potentially laying down Benthic barriers (mats) in certain large invested areas.

If anyone knows of divers who might like to participate, please contact Sandy Kraker or Dave Lockwood. Please also make use of Weed Winders (available through a SLA Board member or Gale Ferguson) to clear your waterfront.

Big, red buoys were put out by Sandy Kraker this spring, to mark some of the submerged rocks around the Lake. They were recovered this fall by Lea Dickson and Mike Hatch. The Navigation Committee is looking into whether these types of markers will be used in the future and ultimately, who will maintain them.

Outlet update. This summer, Gale Ferguson routinely checked the area one mile down the outlet. There was no beaver activity. Great year for weeds which impede the flow... lots of rain! Not many campers are familiar with the outlet stream a mile beyond the cement dam and culvert. It's a real workout to get there through some pretty narrow spots and heavy weeds but as it widens out, you're reminded how close we are to the Adirondack Park.

Special thanks to Dan Estey and Rob Meyer for their work on water level control.

See Gale's photos on the website.
www.sylvialake.org/2008/beavers/outlet.html

Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter

Fall 2008

Volunteer Opportunities

The Boat Parade - Please note that we are looking for people to be on the Boat Parade Committee. If there are no volunteers for the Committee, there is a possibility that it may not happen next year!

Save The Date - June 19, 2009

Spring SLA Party. This will be the 3rd annual start to the summer at the Gouverneur Country Club and will be preceded by the Spring Sylvia Lake Association meeting. It's a great time to meet your neighbors in a social setting...Specific times and details will follow in the Spring Newsletter.

Sylvia Lake Legacy Book

There are still some books left from the second printing. If you want one, please send \$60.00 plus \$5.00 shipping, to Jodi Hatch, SLA Secretary, PO Box 131, Hailesboro, NY 13645 You can purchase a book on the website with a credit card here:

www.sylvialake.org/TheBook/ordering/orderform.html

Important 911 Information

Joe Lacks, Deputy Fire Coordinator, has asked that we remind property owners to put 911 numbers on your camp where emergency teams can see them.

The SLA Board has been informed that when Emergency Services at St. Lawrence County upgraded their computers, all the information Sylvia Lake residents provided was lost. Kaput!

So all property owners must again call "911" from the camp phone. Be sure you tell the operator it is not an emergency and be sure you have this information:

1. Your 911 address.
2. The main highway that meets your turn off.
3. The exact number of turns prior to entering your driveway, etc.

Dues & Contributions

Thank you once again to all who have generously given to the Sylvia Lake Association! We appreciate your understanding that it is a small price to pay as your dues provide the funding for: The Standing and Special association committees, newsletter mailings, water testing, picnic, 911 road signs, concerts, milfoil harvesting, navigation aids, Sylvia Lake website, pump house signage, and other miscellaneous projects and activities.

Please remember that your dues now cover a calendar year, so in order to be current for 2008, dues must be received by Dec. 31, 2008. Many property owners have commented that they like the fact that the Spring Newsletter serves as a reminder by listing those who are paid members for the year.

Please mail contributions and \$10 dues to:

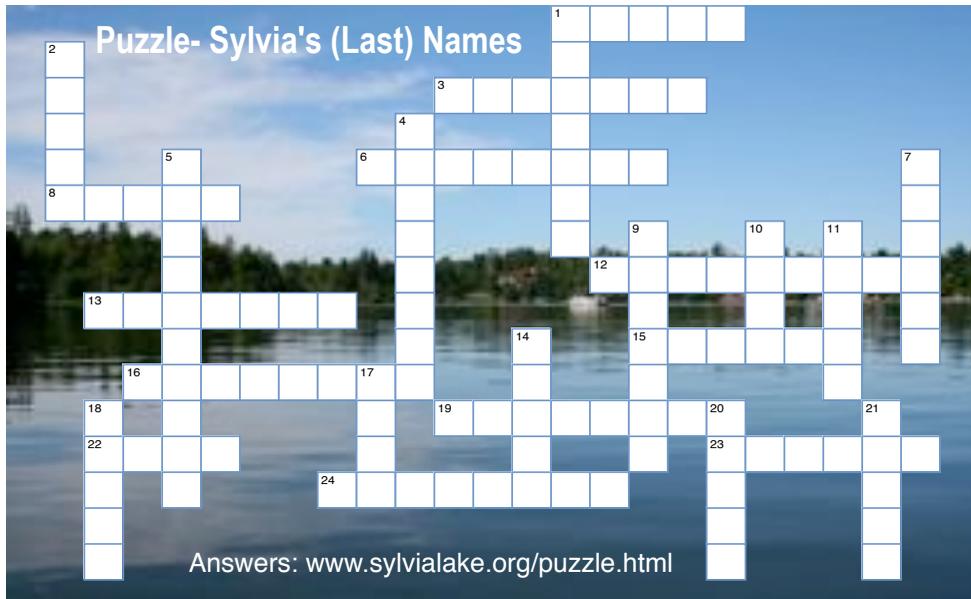
Mona Allen, Treasurer
130 Jones Rd
Gouverneur, NY 13642

2008 - 2009 Sylvia Lake Association Officers and Directors

President Sandy Kraker 315 391-5300	Vice Pres. Faye Lockwood 315-287-1193	Secretary Jodi Hatch 315-287-7776
Treasurer Mona Allen 315-287-2829	Director David McGrath 315-287-2005	Director Allan Lehigh 315-287-1223
Past Pres. Lea Dickson 315-771-1721	Director Diane Link 480-836-0232	Director Barb Maloy Kane 315-491-5222



Sylvia Lake Association
 c/o Jodi Hatch
 PO Box 131
 Halesboro, NY 13645



ACROSS

1. Current SLA secretary - also a trained member of the water testing team.
3. Director - special interest in water testing - wife makes beautiful quilts.
6. Sylvia Lake Online's webmaster.
8. Organizer of SLA Birthday Party - Parker Bay.
12. The Grand Marshal of the 2008 Boat Parade.
13. Organizer of SLA Birthday Party - West Shore.
15. Family who holds Indian Head in trust. Also current SLA President.
16. Recipients of 2008 Community Recognition Certificate. West Shore.
19. Camp closest to Indian Head - also on SLA Board of Director.
22. New Director - new camp on Parker Bay - parents on North Shore.
23. Recipients of 2008 Community Recognition Certificate. North Shore.
24. Fishing Derby family - also past SLA President.

DOWN

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youngest entrant in the 2008 Fishing Derby. 2. Hosted this year's SLA picnic. 4. Organized the SLA picnic and ferried the Boat Parade Grand Marshal. 5. Boat Parade entry that honored Ireland. 7. Director - yellow camp on Indian Head Tr. 9. Current past SLA president - Hotel Bay. 10. Camp with the flagpole on the highest point on the North Shore. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Former Vice President - West Shore. 14. St. Lawrence County Deputy Fire Coordinator - West Shore. 17. New Director from the East Shore, famous for picnic grilling expertise. 18. Longest serving officer in SLA history. 20. Recipients of 2008 Community Recognition Certificate. West Shore. 21. Recipient of 2008 Community Recognition Certificate. South Shore. |
|--|--|