

# Sylvia Lake Association 2003 NEWSLETTER

Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful

June, 2003

## Events & Information 2003

Notice About Association Dues - Your Sylvia Lake Association dues are very important. It pays for water testing that is a guide line to help us keep the lake clean to keep us healthy. It helps pay for the association picnic. It pays for mailings to keep you informed about association meetings and lake activities.

**Please give your money to any officer or mail to Mona Allen, Treasurer, 130 Jones Road, Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642**

**Thursday, June 19th - Spring Meeting at Fowler Town Hall 7:00 P.M. Silent Auction for 2 fufts**

**Kite Flying Day - Will be scheduled for July 4th.** Rain date, July 5th. Any questions please call Missy Besaw at 287-0546. Thanks to Missy for organizing the Kite day.

**Sunday, July 13th - Sylvia Lake Association Picnic - 1 P.M.** - The Picnic will be held at the Public Beach area. It will be free to all association members and a charge of \$2 will be asked of all guests and non-members, (over the age of 10 yrs.). Please bring your own place setting and a "Covered Dish" to pass. Hot dogs, sausage, soda and beer will be provided. If questions call Gale Ferguson at 287-2116. Thanks to Linda and Gary Scott, Joe Riley, Randy Gadbaw and all involved for making last years picnic a success.

Friday & Saturday, July 4th & 5th - The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Enter your catch from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Ferguson camp. Once again Gale will pay 10 cents for every rock bass turned in. Thanks to Gale Ferguson for his time and donations. Also thanks to Rosalie & Carlton Force for donating the fishing trophies.

July 7th, 8th & 9th Boating Course - Will be given from 10:00 A.M. at Fowler Town Hall. Must pre-register by June 15th. Call Jeanette Perry at 287-7442. Must be at least 16 years of age.

**WARNING ROCKS - Hazardous submerged rocks and debris. Please beware of their locations.**

Saturday, July 12th at 1 P.M. Boat Parade - Call Jeanette Perry at 287-7442 for more information. Last year's boat parade winners were: 1st Place: Scott/French, 2nd Place: Lockwood/Syrek

Sunday, July 27th - Sylvia Lake Poker Run, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. Jeanette and John Perry will host the annual Poker Run. Starting point and rules given out at Perry's Camp dock at 9:30 A.M. Must come by boat. 4 cards collected at different points around the lake. Ante fee for each hand of cards - \$2.00. Limit of first 52 hands of cards. 5th card obtained and results of poker run at picnic grounds of Fowler Town Beach at 12:30 P.M. For more information call 287-7442. Last year's winners were - First Place: Tom Besaw, Second Place: Delbert & Grace Mclear, Third Place: Linda Scott.

**Bulletin Boards** have been erected at the entrance to each road of the lake. Any important notices will be posted at each. Thanks to Mona Allen for the signs.

Clean Up Around The Lake - Don't let our roads become a gathering spot for all sorts of discarded junk. Be a good neighbor and camper by keeping the woods as beautiful as the view of the lake.

Water Testing - The water will be tested the first week in July, and the last week in August. The testing will be completed in six different areas around the lake. Thanks to Gale Ferguson and Dr. VanSlyke for taking care of the test.

Please be courteous of all and remember that the NYS speed limit requires that any motorized vehicle's speed limit is 10 mph within 100' of shoreline, and 500' from a swimming area.

**FALL MEETING** - Friday, August 15th at 7:00 p.m. Fay and Dave Lockwoods.

The Town of Fowler has given the Lake Association two swim rafts from the old beach. We will have a silent auction at the Spring Meeting to raise a few dollars.

## Have a Fun & Safe Summer

**President Gale Ferguson**  
Camp: 287-2116

**Vice President Jeanette Perry**  
Home: 287-3302 Camp: 287-7442

**Treasurer: Mona Allen**  
Home: 287-2206 Camp: 287-2829

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**  
Home: 287-4652

# *Welcome to Sylvania Lake*

## *Please Help Us Keep It Healthy and Safe*

*Smokers: Use Ashtrays, not the Lake !!!*

*Campers: Use your shower for shampooing: Fish don't have hair/  
Swim, Don't Bathe.*

*Use trash cans for all foods, bottles and beverage cans. Don't be a Lake Litterer.*

*Use a low phosphate, bio-degradable detergent for laundry, dishes, etc.*

*Please keep any "trash fish" you catch, Fertilize your flowers, not The Lake.*

*It is illegal to dump or burn garbage or trash in the woods. Use your local garbage man.*

*Be Courteous Afloat:*

*Keep clear of fishermen.*

*Stay 100' from docks and swimming areas. Water skiers take note.*

*Sailboats and canoes have the right-of-way at all times. Watch your wake.*

*Remember, the bigger your boat - the bigger your wake. Be Responsible!*

*Be Safe Afloat:*

*One life saving device for each person aboard.*

*Use your boat lights after dusk, for your safety and others.*

*It's wise to have extra line, paddle and anchor aboard.*

*Water Skiers must have an observer and driver.*

*Swim Safely:*

*Know the water depth.*

*Swim with a buddy.*

*"Look before you leap!"*

*Have a boat with you when swimming any long distance.*

*Road Safety:*

*Use low speed, good judgement and courtesy on all camp roads. ATV's on camp roads are becoming a problem. Violators are to be identified, parents notified and repeat offenders can be arrested (Campers call Sheriff).*

*Remember that some travels far over water. Be considerate of your neighbors  
10 a.m. and 11 p.m.*

*Check your motor. Remember leaking gas and oil pollute the Lake.*

*Have a Healthy, Happy and Safe Summer*

*Thank you!*

*Your Sylvania Lake Association*

**NYS BOATING LAW:** Did you know that the NYS speed limit of ANY motorized vehicle on ANY NYS waterway is **10 mph** within **100 feet** of the shoreline? The distance from the Old Beach Public swimming area is 500 feet. There can be tickets given if an officer of the DEC is around. Be forewarned!! If you have questions about specific NYS Boating Laws and Safety, please contact our Navigation Committee- Ralph Undercoffler and Jeanette Perry.

**As of 1/01/02 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/01/75**

**As of 1/01/03 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/01/72**

**As of 1/01/04 anyone operating a PWC will need to complete the course**

### **Sylvania Lake Association Mission Statement**

As members of the Sylvania Lake Association, we welcome all guests and visitors to share and enjoy the crystal clear water and beautiful shores that make Sylvania Lake so special. Please know that, as residents, we are deeply concerned for the preservation of this fragile ecological neighborhood and thereby commit our time, efforts, and resources to keep Sylvania Lake safe for all to use and free from water, air, noise and visual pollution. For that to occur, we ask all people who enjoy the lake to share the responsibility of maintaining this rare environment so that generations in the future can appreciate the lake as much as we do now. Therefore, it is our goal and our mission as a homeowner's association to protect the unique qualities of Sylvania Lake at all times and in every way. Please help us with our goal!

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**Gouverneur Fire Department - (287-2350)**

**Gouverneur State Police - (287-2311)**

**Gouverneur Police Department - (287-2121)**

**Gouverneur Rescue Squad - (287-1311)**

**St. Law. Co. Sheriffs Dept. - (379-2222)**

**Remember, 911**