

APRIL 1994 - NEWSLETTER

#### ASSOCIATION CO-FOUNDER PASSES AWAY

Rev. Floyd J. Taylor, a co-founder of the Lake Parker Association, died in Norwalk, CT on December 27, 1993, at the age of 91. One of the two signers of the original Articles of Incorporation, Rev. Taylor met in a lawyer's office in St. Johnsbury, VT on August 26, 1971, and along with Evelyn Buchler, conducted the first meeting of the Association. A native of Glover, and a long-time summer resident at Lake Parker, Rev. Taylor's former camp dates back to 1927.

#### WATERSHED SURVEY

"The Lake Parker Association in Glover became the first lake association in Vermont to begin work on a Watershed Survey to identify possible pollution sources and inventory land uses....."

That is the opening sentence of an article in the Fall/Winter 1993-94 edition of "Out of the Blue", a publication of the Lakes and Ponds Unit of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation!! The article goes on to explain how the survey is being conducted. Many thanks to those of you who helped us get started last summer, and we need all of you back this summer to continue on the next phase of the project. There is still a lot to be done - so please help us again! It is nice to get the recognition - but we can't stop now!!

#### BOATING REGULATIONS

The Vermont Water Resources Board expects to adopt this spring, new rules concerning the use of boats on public waters. The rules vary somewhat from lake to lake, and are based primarily on the size and shape of each lake. As far as Lake Parker is concerned, there are a couple of things that we need to remember:

-maximum daytime speed 45 mph; maximum nighttime speed 5 mph.

-personal watercraft (jet skis i.e.) are prohibited effective two years from the effective date of the new rules.

The entire proposal is some 58 pages in length, including considerable detailed explanation. If you have questions or would like to review the entire proposal please let me know.

#### SUMMER MEETING DATES

Mark these dates on your 1994 summer calendar:

Saturday, July 9th: 6:00 PM, Pot-luck supper & Business meeting, West Glover Church

Saturday, August 13th: 6:00 PM, Pot-luck supper & Program, West Glover Church

In the December newsletter, I pointed out a conflict we have with our August meeting date, and asked you to be thinking about it. Please note your thoughts on the dues form enclosed. Thanks.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations! We had 93 members in '93!! Can we make 94 in '94?? Your response has been great, and helps keep the the Association alive and well!!

#### GLOVER AMBULANCE UNIT

Our own Betsy Day-Williams is Secretary of the Glover Ambulance Unit. You are urged to subscribe for 1994, at the nominal cost of \$10 per family for the summer, or \$20 per family for the year. They are there when you need them - believe me, I know - and the Unit needs your support. Send your check to "Glover Ambulance Unit", Glover, VT 05839.

SCHOOL FINANCING

As of this writing the Vermont legislature is continuing to work on a new method of financing public schools. It appears likely that while school taxes on primary homes may be reduced or eliminated, school taxes will continue on vacation and second homes. Whether the school tax on vacation homes will increase or decrease will depend on the state-wide rate set by the legislature, and whether the local school tax rate, Glover in our case, is above or below that figure. On behalf of the Lake Parker Association, I wrote to our area legislators last fall, requesting that vacation home owners not be singled out to carry a disproportionate share of the school tax burden. Time will tell what the end result will be.

NALMS

The Federation of Lake Associations of Northern Vermont, of which the Lake Parker Association is a member, is now part of a New England Chapter of NALMS. (North American Lake Management Society). Jackie Sprague, from the Lake Harvey Association, and also Vice-President of the Northern Lakes Federation, is our NALMS representative, and along with members from the other New England states, and with help and guidance from the Vermont State Agency of Natural Resources, worked hard to bring this new chapter into being. It will be a good springboard for discussion and action on regional issues, while still benefiting from membership in the national NALMS organization.

BOAT ACCESS MAINTENANCE

Please think about the idea of forming a group to keep the boat access area mowed and free from trash during the summer. If one person would be willing to step forward to assume that responsibility, and solicit others to divide up the work, it would be a worthwhile project for the Association.

WEED CUTTING

The principal project and expense for our association, is the maintenance and use of the weed cutting machine. For the last several summers the work has been done by just a couple of people. Keeping the weeds under control does improve the lake for boating and other recreational uses, so please consider helping this summer.

REMEMBER!!

-pay your 1994 dues!

-follow boating safety regulations!

-attend Association meetings!

-have a great summer!

See you all in a couple of months!

President

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TO: Joyce Croteau, Treasurer      14 Prospect St, Orleans, VT 05860

Enclosed is my 1994 dues of \$10.00 per family, payable to the Lake Parker Association, Inc.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP/LOT NO \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WINTER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN VOLUNTEER FOR:

WATERSHED SURVEY \_\_\_\_\_ WEED CUTTING \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT ACCESS \_\_\_\_\_ KITCHEN (meetings) \_\_\_\_\_



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION

## DECEMBER 1994



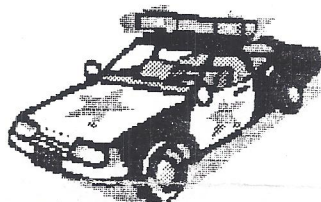
### NEW BOATING REGULATIONS ADOPTED



In October, the State Water Resources Boards adopted new regulations entitled "Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules". Covering all lakes, ponds and reservoirs located entirely within the State of Vermont, they become effective January 1, 1995, with the exception of the rule governing Personal Watercraft, i.e. jet skis, which does not become effective until May 1, 1997. This rule states that Personal Watercraft are prohibited on all public waters with a surface area less than 300 acres. The surface area of Lake Parker is 250 acres; hence Personal Watercraft cannot be used on Lake Parker after May 1, 1997. The new rules maintain the right for citizens to petition for a change in the rules, as has been the case in the past. There is no maximum speed limit on public waters over 75 acres in size. A speed limit was proposed in an earlier draft but was dropped in the adopted rules.

### BREAK-IN UPDATE

A recent check with the State's Attorneys office in Newport reveals that they really have no idea when those of us whose property was destroyed and/or stolen in Dec 92/Jan 93 might begin to receive any financial restitution, although they say that it remains as one of the conditions of the sentencing.

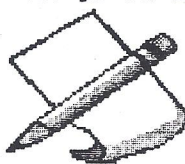


### MEMBERSHIP

Our 1994 membership is about a dozen less than in 1993. Where our records indicate you have not joined, we are enclosing a membership form with this newsletter, and we hope that you will sit right down and send off your membership fee to Joyce Croteau, Treasurer. Even though we did receive a small grant from the State this year, to help cover our weed harvesting expenses, it does not cover it all, and your membership - and participation - is important!

### NEW OFFICERS FOR 1995

The next business meeting in July 1995 will mark the completion of six years for me and Lynn as President/Vice-President, and we will not be standing for re-election to another two-year term. Please consider your willingness to assume one of these offices, so that the work of the Association can go on as it has for many years. If you have questions as to the work involved, we would be pleased to give you any and all information. Please let us hear from you so that by early next summer we will have nominations to offer to the membership.



### NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

Please add to your list of resolutions for the coming year, that of finding a small amount of time to volunteer a few hours next summer toward the work of the association! We always need more than we have!

### GLOVER NAMES ALL STREETS

The town has completed naming all roads and a map showing the names is available from the Town Clerk's office, for a small fee. The road on the east side of Lake Parker is called Parker Road. The main road on the west side is King Road, with branches at the south end named Monette Place, Tetrault Lane, and Griffin Place. Numbers will be assigned to each building on these roads, to be used by the Post Office and emergency vehicles. As far as we know now, the camp designations as shown on the Association map will remain.

### FISH-KILL REPORT

The State Fisheries Biologists reported that the large fish-kill last June was due to rapid temperature fluctuations, making the fish susceptible to disease and bacterial infection. You might recall that the air temperature went from 36° on June 10th, to 93° on June 18th! Tough on folks and fish!!

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**SEE YOU ALL NEXT SUMMER!**