

Cossayuna Lake

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Letter from The President

Albina Grignon

As the winter season approaches we await the Cossayuna ice fishermen and the ice shanties. The cold and snow have arrived and we can appreciate the beauty of

the frozen lake. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for our annual calendar. The calendar is beautiful. I exported several calendars to France so

that the Europeans could enjoy our beautiful lake. I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful New Year.



Harvesting Marie Rokjer

It may be difficult to think of the harvesting program when the snow is on the ground and the lake is frozen over; however, the planning for the 2011 season has already begun. The town of Argyle continues their support of Cossayuna Lake and we are included in their 2011 budget for \$7350.00. The town of Greenwich has included us in their budget in the amount of \$2675.00. This contractual money is used to harvest the open waters in each township so that the lake waters are opened up for recreational use. We continue to get very generous donations from our membership. We received \$1735.00 in donation monies in 2010. The CLIA is dedicated to

the continuance of this program because the harvesting and removal of weeds from the lake serves to reduce the nutrient load in the lake. The decay of weeds on the bottom causes oxygen depletion. A full truckload of harvested weeds, about 2 ½ tons, when left to decompose, produces a small pile of rich black soil, 2 or 3 wheelbarrow loads in size, very rich in nutrient value and ideal as a soil builder. This is what happens to all of the weed growth that is not harvested. It is left on the lake bottom to fertilize the future year's growth. Harvesting, of course, also improves the overall appearance of the lake. The use of the lake for swimming and boating;

particularly in shoreline areas, is greatly enhanced. To accommodate the request of many of our members, we are including both membership and harvesting forms in this newsletter. Some of our members have stated that it would be easier for them to pay both amounts at once so that they don't forget about it. For those who don't wish to send all monies in at once, the deadline for the harvesting money is May 27, 2011. As in the past, you have to be a member in order to participate in the harvesting program. Donations to the harvesting program are always welcome and are tax deductible.

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association
P.O. Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823

January 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

The CLIA board has chosen to hold the line on the cost of member participation in the harvesting program at \$125. For this you are entitled to have your shoreline harvested each time the crew circles the lake. The crew usually provides 3 cycles per season. In 2010 we were able to complete 4 cycles, but that's not the norm. The 3 cycles, plus meeting our contracts with the 2 towns, takes the full season.

If you would like to participate in the program, complete this form and return it to the letterhead address with a check for \$125.00 by May 27, 2011. You must be a member of the CLIA to participate in the program, and you may include your dues if you have not yet joined. If you do not have a weed problem where you are located, or you choose not to be a member of the Association but would like to make an "unrestricted" donation to the program, it would be most welcome and your gift will be used in overall lake improvement.

Name _____

Home
Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone # _____

Address of lake property _____

.....I would like to be harvested each time the crew tours the lake

.....I would like to make an "unrestricted" donation to the project

Enclosed is my harvesting fee of \$ _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Total enclosed Ck. # _____ \$ _____



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Ice Fishing Tournament & 50/50 Raffle Drawing

The 3rd Annual CLIA Ice Fishing Tournament

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Saturday, Feb 5th, 2011 from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Cash prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries.

Strong Tournament Participation – Over 80 Participants Each Year

Entrance fee is \$10.00 per person

100% Return of entry fees as follows:

50% largest pike or tiger muskie

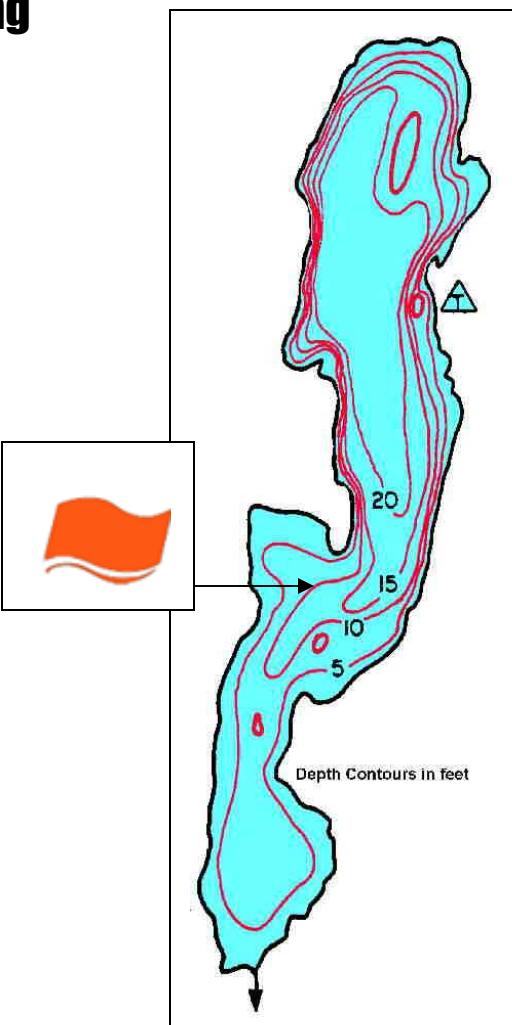
25% largest perch

25% largest crappie

- ♦ All fish must be alive
- ♦ All fish must be legal size to qualify for prizes
- ♦ Winners will be determined by length only
- ♦ No entrants after 8:00 AM : No fish will be measured after 3:30 PM
- ♦ All fish will be measured outside the Turtle Cove area - Orange flag
- ♦ All questions call Tom Schultz 531-4146 or Nancy Hieber 692-9206

50 / 50 Raffle Ticket Drawing

- ♦ Open to the public, you do not need to enter the fishing tournament
- ♦ You do not need to be present to win
- ♦ Drawing at 3:35 PM on Feb 5th
- ♦ Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$5.00



Obtain 50/50 Tickets and Submit Tournament Registration

Tom Schultz 531-4146 or Nancy Hieber 692-9206

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Register at the Lakeside General Store or by mail to the CLIA- PO Box 81, Cossayuna NY 12823

Registration \$_____ 50/50 Tickets \$_____

*Ice Fishing Registration is \$10.00 per person
50/50 Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$5.00*

- Register early and buy your bait at the Lakeside General Store -

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS IN THE WATER? By Priscilla Pitt, CSLAP volunteer



Photograph provided by Priscilla Pitt

How will it impact the lake?

Research indicates that this freshwater Bryozoan is only seen in Eutrophic lakes with good water quality and high populations of microscopic algae which it needs to feed and reproduce.

What is it called?

Bryozoan or "moss animals" are a relatively ancient animal some 500 million years old. The vast majority (3500 est.) are saltwater species with fewer known freshwater species (50 est.). Freshwater species of this area are harmless to humans – however some of their salt water relatives are known for causing a stinging effect if handled. There are relatively few known species within New York's freshwaters. They colonize both lakes and streams which can provide suitable conditions that include high algal populations within non-contaminated waters.

Where was it found?

They are found on the lake floor in warm waters often attached to the substrate such as branches, rocks or nearby docks. This is due to the warmer temperatures along shorelines or shallow areas which they prefer. Since they are filter feeders somewhat calmer waters make better habitats. They were found on the East shore and on the South end of the lake.

Define Eutrophic:

Cossayuna Lake is classified as a Eutrophic Lake which is a highly productive lake rich in plant nutrients such as Phytoplankton, which are microscopic plants or algae that make the water appear cloudy. In fact, this is often a good sign for the zooplankton (microscopic animals) that feed on them and, therefore, fundamental to the overall health of a lake ecosystem for which the larger aquatic animal species can thrive.

Will it affect boating or swimming?

There are no negative impacts on recreation and in fact is a useful bio indicator of good water quality. If a swimmer came in contact with this gelatinous-like mass it may fear its jelly fish-like appearance could sting them. However, there is no scientific evidence to support such claims of this freshwater species.

Is there anything a property owner can do to improve the situation?

Property owners who want to reclaim a swimming area that may be populated by these ancient creatures can take simple measures to maintain their shorelines without harming the animal itself. Residents could use a large container to scoop them up with some water to keep them moist or handling them gently and relocating them nearby or to a similar habitat on the lake less frequented by residents.

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Membership Report Nancy Hieber

Here we are, starting off a new year for membership. Please see the membership application within this newsletter. I would like to personally thank Kelly Pauley, Marie Rokjer, and Bob Baldwin for their help in creating our new Membership Database and for providing supporting information to go into it. Last year was a very busy year in putting it all in place. This will be our

first year in moving forward with it. They have all given a lot of their time to help this project get off the ground and I really appreciate it. I would again like to thank all of last year's members for taking responsibility for our lake by joining the CLIA. We hope to see all of last years members join again this year and to bring in new members as well. Please submit your

membership application to take advantage of some benefits of a CLIA membership. As listed before, some benefits are: Satisfaction of being a Cossayuna Lake caretaker – Voting privileges at the June general and August election meetings – Opportunity to serve on the CLIA Board of Directors and committees – Access to harvesting services – Access to chemical

application when available – Access to the CLIA dock and beach area – Reduced pavilion rental rate. We need your membership support to help maintain this beautiful lake. Your membership contribution and donations to the CLIA are tax deductible to the extent of the law. I look forward to hearing from each of you and to see you at the general and election meetings.

2011 - COSSAYUNA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Join now for 2011 and be eligible to apply for the harvesting program and a reduced rate for pavilion use.

Name _____

Address of Lake Property _____

Primary mailing address _____

Seasonal mailing address _____

Summer phone # _____ Winter # _____

E-mail address _____
(for messages relating to CLIA purposes only)

Please indicate your membership choice and send your payment to CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823

Please circle your choice.

\$75 Single	1 Vote	1 membership	1 name	Check Amount \$ _____
\$75 Dual	1 Vote	1 membership	2 names	Check Number # _____
\$95 Joint	2 Votes	2 memberships	2 names	

Please indicate how the membership card should read:

Examples: Single: John Doe

Dual: John/Jane Doe

Joint: John Doe & Jane Doe

2011 Calendar Sales

**Success !!
Calendars sales
showcasing the pictures
submitted for the 2010
photo contest have done
very well**

The CLIA would like to express our gratitude to Ora & Steve Frenchak for the generosity they continue to extend to the Association. In addition to

creating, printing, assembling and delivering the new calendars, Ora & Steve have personally absorbed the cost of generating our 2010 CLIA

Calendars. This allows the CLIA to retain 100% of the income generated from these sales. A limited number of calendars are still available for purchase.

2011 Cossayuna Lake Calendar

A special calendar has been compiled featuring some spectacular photos of Cossayuna Lake. The calendar includes a photo for each month of the year and features the winners of the 2010 Annual Photo Contest.

Order yours for the holiday gift giving season!

Name	
Address	
Phone	
email	

Calendars Orders Shipped via U.S.P.S.

Circle Order Quantity

Quantity	Cost	Shipping	Charge With Shipping
1	\$10.00	\$1.73	\$11.73
2	\$20.00	\$2.24	\$22.24
3	\$30.00	\$2.38	\$32.38
4	\$40.00	\$2.38	\$42.38
5	\$50.00	\$2.77	\$52.77

For shipping information on 6 or more calendars, please contact Leslie at 692-1203

Please complete the information above and submit with check made payable to CLIA to:

**2011 Cossayuna Lake Calendar
PO Box 26
Cossayuna, NY 12823**

You may also take advantage of the opportunity to pick up calendars directly from Leslie in Cossayuna, which will eliminate the postage fee. Please call ahead and make an appointment 692-1203

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- Feb 19 - Turkey Dinner
- Mar 12 – Ham, Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Apr 16 – Roast Beef Dinner

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About Our Organization..

The Board of the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association consists of 16 individuals who have property on the lake and are willing to donate their time to

ensure that our lake and surrounding areas are properly cared for. Please support the C.L.I.A. and plan to attend the 2011 Ice Fishing Tournament and fun filled summer

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events. If you are interested in volunteering your time to chair a committee, please contact Albina Grignon at 692-8376.

ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 5, 2011

Detailed information regarding the upcoming tournament included in this newsletter and on our website

<http://www.cossayuna.pages.qpg.com/>

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