Spring 2010 Newsletter

Cossayuna Lake

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Meeting Schedule

General Mtg Sat July 24th 10:00 AM

Election Mtg Sat Aug 28th 10:00 AM

Pavilion Rental

information can be obtained from Eileen LeBlanc 692-3360

Our Beautiful Lake

Once again we will be holding the annual "Our Beautiful Lake Picture Contest". As spring approaches and we see signs of life all around us, we'll also begin to see

more signs of life on the Lake. But you don't have to wait until summer to get your camera out to take that winning picture. No matter what time of year it is, it's always a good season to get a memorable picture of our Lake. Hopefully, you took some great fall and winter pictures.

There are just a few picture contest rules.

- 1. Cossayuna Lake "must" be in the picture somewhere.
- 2. It must be a "digital" picture.
- Send a copy of the picture(s) via email to Steve Frenchak at: SFrenchak@aol.com
- 4. We will allow "each person" to enter a maximum of 7 (seven) pictures.
- 5. All entries must be submitted to Steve Frenchak by June 30, 2010.

Also, please try to get pictures with as high of a resolution as possible. As you know, the winning picture is featured on the following year's Cossayuna Lake promotional items (tee shirts, mugs, etc.). So, the companies who

create these items for us ask that the picture resolution be a minimum of 600 KB so it can be added to the promotional items. Voting for the winning picture will take place during the month of July and the winner announced in August.

We have had some really spectacular pictures submitted in our first two annual contests. We can't wait to see what will be submitted this year. Good Luck!

2010 ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT TOM SCHULTZ

The CLIA held its second annual ice fishing contest on February 6th. The board would like to extend thanks to Tom Schultz and Gerry LeBlanc for coordinating another successful tournament. The event had 82 registrants and

prizes were awarded to the following:

Largest Pike at 33 ½ in. was awarded to Richard McKittrick.

Largest Crappie at 12 ½ inches was entered by Brandon Peters.

Largest Perch at 12 3/4 " went to Hugh Phillips.

Congratulations to each of the fisherman and to Lori at the Post Office for winning the 50/50 raffle. And a special thanks to everyone that supported the event and helped to make it so successful.

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Seventh Annual Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament

June 19, 2010 ~ 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Regis	stration Form
Name	e
Addr	ess
Phon	e#
Pleas	se send the \$25.00 registration fee with check made out to:
	CLIA P. O. Box 81 Cossayuna, NY 12823
held o	e accept my entry in the 7th Annual Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament to be on June 19, 2010. I agree to abide by all rules and decisions made by the tournament officials are agree to release the CLIA of any damages and/or personal injury in connection with this CLIA.
Signa	ture
	Artificial and live bait may be used.
	All fish must be NYS legal.
	This is a "catch-and-release" fishing tournament; no dead fish can be entered. All fish determined by weight, not by length.
	An entrance fee of \$25.00 per person is required and can be sent in with the enclosed registration form. Prize money will be 50% of the proceeds from the tournament; with 1 st , 2 nd 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th place prizes being awarded.

You can contact Jerry Simon at (518) 692-8274 or (518) 677-2652 with any questions you may

have regarding the tournament.

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Zebra Mussel Alert

At the end of the 2009 summer season the CLIA received a report of zebra mussels. The Zebra mussels were sited during the removal of a dock on the East & Northeast side of the lake. An extensive article on Zebra Mussels

has been posted on the website. Be proactive and learn as much as you can about Zebra Mussels. Learn how it spreads, how to identify it and the threat it poses, and share this information with friends and neighbors.



2010 Summer Calendar

Friday Nights

Doo - Wop Dinner • July 9th thru Sept 3rd

Saturday Events

June 19 J. Simon Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament

June 19 Lulu & The Shoemakers

June 26-27 Boaters Safety Course

July 3 Boat Parade (rain date July 4th)

July 24 LaBoom

Annual Meetings

July 24 General Meeting

Aug 28 Election Meeting & Bake Sale

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

Spring Clean Up Alert

Saturday May 15th the CLIA is requesting community support for the annual spring clean up. Please donate your time and come to the lake association building at 9 AM. We are seeking assistance to clean up both the grounds and the interior of the building. Any supplies you can bring will be greatly appreciated and

put to good use. Items such as rakes, gloves, paint, paint brushes, cleaning chemicals. sponges, rubber gloves will all be put to good use. There is guaranteed to a job for each person, young and old. Remember many hands make light work. Thanks in advance for vour support: it is the community that keeps our association strong.

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Are you new to the Lake? Do you know of someone who is a new home owner on our lake? If you do, please notify our welcoming committee, Albina Grignon @ 692-8376 or Ora Frenchak 371 8509 or 692 9044.

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2010 - COSSAYUNA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

Join now for 2010 and be eligible to apply for the harvesting program and pavilion use.							
Name							
Cottage # Location							
Summer mailing address							
Winter mailing address							
Summer phone # Winter #							
E-mail address							
(for messages relating to CLIA purposes	s only)						
Circle your choice:							
\$75 SINGLE - 1 vote -1 membership	-1 NAME						
\$75 DUAL -1 vote -1 membership	-2 NAMES						
\$95 JOINT -2 votes -2 memberships	-2 NAMES						
Please indicate how the membership card should read: Example:	Single: John Doe Dual: John/Jane Doe Joint: John Doe & Jane Doe						
Amount Submitted: Ck. #							
Select address where membership card is to be mailed summer winter Mail membership form to: P.O. Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823							
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Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association

April 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

In June of 2010, the CLIA will begin its twenty-first year of aquatic weed harvesting on Cossayuna Lake. The Association 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.

The Towns of Argyle and Greenwich are continuing to help ease the burden by contracting for harvesting in the open waters of each township. The CLIA board has chosen to hold the line on the cost of member participation in this 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 2009 we were able to do 4 cycles but that's not the norm. The 3 cycles, plus meeting our contracts with the 2 towns, takes the full season. Although many people have requested special service for their frontage this is not possible. The Harvesting Program is administrated by the CLIA Committee with the help of some very experienced volunteers supervising the daily work. Weed harvesting is not an exact science and we do not know where or when the filamentous algae blooms will happen in any particular season, nor is there an exact way to predict how long each cycle will take. So please don't ask for special service. What you can do is join the CLIA and sign up for the Harvesting program. You could also make a donation, which may be tax deductible, to help pay for an extended season and harvesting of shared areas of the lake. Thanks for your cooperation and enjoy the summer with our lake water quality improving every year. (We will provide donation acknowledgement upon request).

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 26, 2010. 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.

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Home Phone	Lake Phone		
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Doo - Wop Dinner Basics: The FAQ's

What is the Doo-Wop **Diner?** The Doo-Wop Diner is a weekly Dinner served like a 50's Style Diner complete with Hot Dogs and/ or Hamburgers. French Fries. Root Beer Floats, side salads, and candy popular in the Doo-Wop Era. It is a fund raiser and a great time to meet with all your Lake Friends for good food and good company. The Mega 50-50 is a 50-50 and tickets are sold during the Doo-Wop Diner Hours. The pot is cumulative and the grand prize winner is chosen at the end of the season dinner on Friday, September 3rd. The proceeds from the DooWop Diner are used to benefit the improvement of our lake.

When is the Doo-Wop Diner Open? The Doo-Wop Diner is open 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM every Friday starting July 9th through September 3

Where is the Doo-Wop Diner located?

The Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association (CLIA) Building, this is located at the midpoint on the east side of the lake.

Who is invited to the Diner? Everyone. Our Diner is open to the public! Feel free to bring a friend.

Who operates the Diner? Our diner is staffed by volunteers, Cossayuna Lake People like you. The Doo -Wop Diner depends on volunteers, which consists of a team of 6 to 10 volunteers. Each week, the diner is staffed by a different team of volunteers. These teams run the Diner for their assigned evening. They are responsible for cooking, taking orders and

are responsible for cooking, taking orders and money, waiting tables as well as the clean up. There is a Doo-Wop Team contest each year. All the teams compete for the title of the season's CLIA Doo-Wop Champions. The team that sells the most Burger/Hot Dog meals

wins the Title as
Champions for the
Season. The Champions
are honored with Tee
Shirts and their name is
engraved on the DooWop trophy. Specialty
Doo-Wop teams like the
fish fry for example, are
exempt from the
competition.

Are you interested in being a Doo-Wop Volunteer? We would love to have you join us in the fun! You can form your own team or volunteer individually. Call Albina @ 692 8372 or Ora @ 371 8509 / 692 9044. For more information!

Lake Wear & Cool Gear

Promotional items have been ordered for the 2010 Season at Cossayuna Lake. Tee shirts, Sweat shirts, mugs, and Tote Bags featuring Bob Baldwin's winning picture from the 2009 photo contest will be available for sale. Also College style Cossayuna Lake Tee Shirts. Sweat Shirts and Hats are in the process of being ordered. Large youth sizes will be available for all styles of Sweat Shirts and Tee shirts

ordered this year. Last vears items: Totes. Tee Shirts. Muas. Sweatshirts, Cozies, walking sticks and hats will also be available on sale at discounted prices. All the above mentioned items should be available for sale at CLIA's first event of the 2010 season; the Lulu and the Shoemakers Dance Saturday, June 19th. Please call Ora Frenchak with any questions about promotional items 371 8509 or 692 9044.



Photo Contest Winner - 2009

Taken by: Bob Baldwin

A high quality handmade tote featuring Bob Baldwin's winning photo from the 2009 Photo contest will be displayed at all Cossayuna events.

Chances will be sold at these events and the tote will be raffled off at the Doo-Wop season finally on Fri. Sept. 3rd.

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association, Inc.

Minutes of the Election Meeting August 29, 2009

Present: D. Hopkins, P. Moore, M. Rokjer, N. Hieber, N. Jepson, E. LeBlanc, D. Rokjer, M. Smith, K. Pauley, J. Bravata, T. Hopkins & T. Schultz

Proxies: A. Grignon, S. Frenchak & O. Frenchak

Called to order: President Hopkins called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM and announced that we had a quorum. She thanked all the volunteers who helped to make 2009 a very successful year for the CLIA.

Minutes: The minutes of the General Meeting held on July 25, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: M. Rokjer presented the Treasurer's Report and a motion to accept was made by L. Gillespie and 2nd by B. Gifford. The motion carried.

Insurance: P. Moore reported that all insurance had been paid for the year with just a slight increase in premiums.

Education: P. Moore reported that the Boaters' Safety Course will be held on the last Sat. & Sun. in June 2010. Look for details in the January and May 2010 newsletter.

Rentals: E. LeBlanc reported that there were 2 more rentals for the month of Sept.

Newsletter: T. Schultz reported that the next newsletter will go out in November.

Social: D. Hopkins filled in for the Social Chairs and reported that the mega 50/50 drawing for \$539.00 will take place at the J. Simon Dance on Sept. 5th. Open Mic night is tonight, Aug. 29th, with the remaining items from today's bake sale being offered for sale. The J. Simon dance is Sept. 5th and the photo contest winners will also be announced at this time.

Fundraising: T. Hopkins thanked everyone who helped him with the Chicken BBQ and Clam Steam. It was a very successful year for the CLIA.

Spillway: D. Rokjer reported that the spillway was closed but that it would be closely monitored because of the predicted upcoming rains. Maintenance work will take place in the fall after the lake is drawn down.

Harvesting: D. Rokjer reported that the 4th round of harvesting was completed and that the harvester was being taken out of the water for the season on Monday, Aug. 31st. Routine maintenance and repairs will be done at this time. Approximately 1,700,000 pounds of weeds were removed from the lake in 2009.

Membership: M. Smith reported that we had 239 members for 2009; the highest participation to date.

Chemical: J. Bravata reported that 2200 pounds of the chemical 2,4-D was applied to 22 acres of the lake on May 27th using 2 boats and 3 men. Participation in the program was down this year with only 85 customers. Joe sent out 45 reminders to previous customers.

Building & Grounds: D. Hopkins reported that the new windows have been ordered. The board chose the awning type with grids and that all windows in the main part of the building (including the stationary ones) will be replaced.

By-Laws: K. Pauley reported that 6 changes in the by-laws were drafted and printed in the July newsletter. Kelly answered questions from the members regarding the changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Replacement of windows: look for information in the November and January newsletter regarding a fundraising event incorporating the old windows from the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election: D. Hopkins appointed Pat Goman and Bill Hieber to act as tellers and pass out the ballots. Voting for officers and directors took place at this time and the ballots were collected and counted by the tellers.

2010 Lake Management Plan: discussion took place on the proposed changes to the Lake Management Plan for 2010 regarding the suspension of the chemical program for a period of one year after which time an evaluation would be done to determine the results. B. Baldwin voiced his disapproval of the acceptance of the plan. R. Kahn called for the question. Voting took place with 32 yes and 8 opposed. The 2010 Lake Management Plan was approved.

By-Laws: motion to accept the proposed changes to the By-Laws was made by W. Kostuk and 2nd by H. Emmert. The motion was unanimously approved.

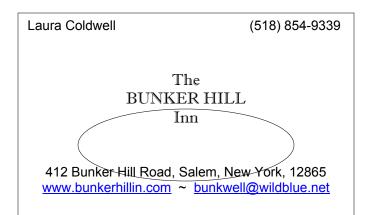
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Building Rental: R. Kahn asked if we could raise the fee for renting the building and discussion followed. R. Hutchinson made a motion to raise the fee to \$100 for members and to keep the fee at \$150 for non members. K. Clickner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election results: D. Hopkins read the results of the balloting:

Officers: Donna Hopkins - President; Peter Moore – Vice President; Albina Grignon – Secretary; Richard Hutchinson – Treasurer. Directors with 3 year terms: Steve Frenchak, Ora Frenchak, Tim Hopkins & Butch Grignon. Directors with 1 year terms: Leslie Lant & Stephanie Harwood. D Hopkins thanked Marie Smith, Marie Rokjer and Tom Schultz for their years of service on the board.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn was made by L. Gillespie and 2nd by B. Gifford. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM Minutes recorded by Marie Rokjer, Acting Secretary



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Boaters' Safety Course

2010 Boaters' Safety Course at Cossayuna will be held June 26th and 27th Saturday and Sunday morning from 9:00-1:00. Cost is \$40.00 each or \$30.00 each for 2 sharing materials. Sign up early. Contact Peter Moore more.moore2010@gmail.com

winter phone: 845-353-2326. If you are unable to make the Cossayuna course there are other courses in the area: Albany 518-857-5534 Saratoga 518-863-6151 L.George 518-668-9347 Latham 518-664-7843

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Rens. Cnty 518-471-5054 There are also courses put on by the State and the Coast Guard Auxiliary across the State. Contact DEC. Dept. of Environmental Control.

ALL PEOPLE WHO OPERATE A PWC (JET SKI) MUST HAVE PASSED A BOATERS SAFETY COURSE AND HAVE THEIR CERTIFICATE ON THEM WHEN THEY ARE OPERATING A PWC. NO MATTER YOUR AGE 14-104 ALL MUST PASS THE COURSE. IT IS NYS LAW.



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