

The President's Letter

by Pat Smith

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Greetings to all. As we put winter behind us once and for all, we look forward with great anticipation to a new season at beautiful Cossayuna Lake. On our cossayunalake.com website you will find in depth information on the Association's mission and activities. Included is a complete list of events highlighting everything from the Annual Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament, Friday Night Dinners, Boater Safety Training, to Family Day and Boat Parade. On Sunday, May 26th during the Memorial Day Weekend, we will kick off the summer season at the C.L.I.A. Building with our Annual Ice Cream Social.

The Annual Ice Fishing Tournament held on February 2nd was a great success with 219 entrants. We send congratulations to Steve Leblanc for Largest Northern Pike – 37", Peter Holcomb for Largest Perch – 13 ¾", and Jacob Foster for Largest Crappie – 14 ¾".

We were very happy to see that the proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle doubled from last year. From a total of \$1,500 collected, the Association and winner of the raffle were each awarded \$750.

The Association is continuing to move forward in addressing complex lake management issues. Chaired by Board Member Lynn Wilbur, the Lake Management Task Force has held meetings since organizing last September. The members of the Task Force have worked diligently in researching lake management issues and determining their relevance to the management of our lake. If you have not already done so, please review the Herbicide Treatment Request Form - 2013 available in our newsletter and website. Response to date to the herbicide program continues to be positive. Our lake is continually besieged by milfoil and the subsequent effect of

other invasive aquatic plants. We are encouraging neighbors to contribute to this effort by working in collaboration with one another to address areas of the lake that would otherwise go untreated. By covering substantial continuous areas, it is hoped that we will begin to experience a positive impact on the weed conditions of the lake. It is important that as a community we maintain an open dialogue as we explore all possible options to enhance our lake environment.

We hope that you will continue to support Association programs and activities, and consider volunteering at an event with neighbors and friends.

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Herbicide Application/Donation

Herbicide Update:

The final deadline is April 17th. Please postmark your application/donation on or before the 13th.

Right now, we have a great opportunity to capitalize on the super effort made by the Neighbor to Neighbor team.

Right now, that team has raised enough money to more than double the treatment area of any prior herbicide treatment (from 35 acres to 80 acres).

Milfoil is the thick, clogging weed that filled the lake last year. Three years of not treating gave the Milfoil the opportunity to come roaring back. If we join together and work to have the largest treatment possible, it will have an exponential impact in driving back this nuisance weed.

Our goal is 100 acres; we could reach it with your help!

Thank you to those of you who have joined in. People are stepping up and some large contiguous treatment areas are forming. **We still need more people** to join in by treating their lake frontage and /or by donating to neighborhood weed beds or open areas.

We really want to treat the full one hundred acres that our permit allows, which will be close to 1/6th of the lake. The Herbicide team has talked weekly with the applicator and John Bennett of the DEC Region 5 Herbicide Permit Department to work out any concerns, so our permit is on track. We will even be asking if we could treat more acreage, just in case a lot of you decide to jump on this band wagon. It has been rewarding to see lake residents (Association members and non-members) coming together to reach this goal.

Please join in with a small or large donation.

Have your Herbicide application or donation post marked by April 13.

We have to have the total financial figure to the applicator so that he has time to order the correct poundage of the herbicide for the mid May treatment. The exact treatment window will be set soon.

It will be a wonderful thing to have much less weeds at the end of our docks and wider more open areas for swimming and boating out in the middle of the lake. After the smothering thickness of Milfoil last year, it will be a welcome relief.

If you would like more information about effective lake management plans please go to the cossayunalake.com website and read the research. There is a wealth of knowledge to support our chosen approach. Even the Adirondack Park has approved using herbicides to knock down milfoil.

Nancy Hieber has volunteered to answer question 692-9206.



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Properties Participating in Herbicide Treatment

As of March 26th the properties shown below have committed to the herbicide treatment. In addition to the list below additional donations have been received by area residents and businesses. A very special thanks to all in the community that are showing their support to this program with their participation. Please direct any questions about the program to Nancy at 518.692-9206

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| | Radecky, Gail & Michael Jarus | |

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association

P.O. Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823

Dear Owner,

January 10, 2013

Over the last 3 years no aquatic herbicides have been applied to control weeds in the lake. This lapse in treatment has only reinforced the need to go back to herbicide applications to keep the milfoil in check. We think it will be necessary to provide strong support for a chemical program to control the overabundance of invasive aquatic plants. The goal is to get substantial contiguous areas treated, which would enhance the overall effectiveness of the treatment. You do not have to be a member of the Association in order to participate in the program for treatment of shoreline areas, though non-members will be assessed a surcharge. Also, we are asking for people to make contributions, not only for their shoreline areas, but toward "neighborhood weed beds". We are encouraging neighbors to work together to provide for treatment of more areas that would otherwise go untreated. \$400 would provide for treatment of approximately an additional acre. We also continue to feel that it is important to keep a channel open through the south end of the lake to permit the lake to flush to the outlet sediment and nutrients brought into the lake. Even if you do not have a weed problem by your shoreline, we would greatly appreciate any contributions that you may wish to make to enhance the overall treatment of the Lake.

The costs for treatment will be \$120 minimum for up to 50 feet of shoreline, with \$2.40/ft for more than 50 ft. There will be a \$30 surcharge for non members. There is no set amount for neighborhood weed beds, but \$100 provides for treatment of about a quarter of an acre (roughly 100 ft x 100 ft). The form must be postmarked by March 13, 2013

Herbicide Treatment Request Form – 2013

Name..... Telephone ().....

Address.....

Cottage Number.....and Location.....

Neighbors Left (from lake).....Right.....

Cottage or property description.....

Describe Landmarks on Shore (treatment from & to).....

Lakefront Footage To Be Treated - Members please fill in membership form and send in

\$.....Treatment @ **\$2.40/ft** (\$120 minimum)

\$.....Non member surcharge

\$.....Neighborhood weed beds

\$.....Total

Signed.....

Date.....



Membership Report by Nancy Hieber

Spring is here. We would like to thank all of you who have already sent in your membership application for this year. We hope to see all of last year's members join again this year and to bring in new members as well. Current membership is a requirement for these benefits: Access to Harvesting services which begins in May – Voting privileges at the June General and August Election meetings – Opportunity to serve on the CLIA Board of Directors and committees – Eligibility to rent the pavilion – Access to the CLIA dock and beach area – Satisfaction of being a

Cossayuna Lake caretaker. 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 who haven't joined yet this year and to see you at the General and Election meetings. If you have any questions about the status of your membership, harvesting, or herbicide applications, you can email me at whiebersr@aol.com or call me at 518-692-9206. A copy of these applications are here in this newsletter and available online at our website.

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Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association Harvesting Program

P.O. Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823

2013 Season

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. If time allows the harvester will do an additional cycle. Typically three 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 25, 2013. 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 # _____

Cottage Location (911 address) _____

.....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 \$ _____

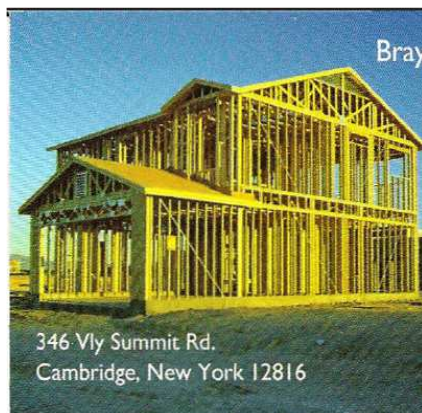
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SURVEY ON IRRIGATION AND POTABLE WATER USE OF LAKE WATER

We are conducting a brief survey in order to provide DEC with information on who may be impacted by restrictions on water usage after treatment of the Lake with herbicides. Water usage that would be impacted are irrigation (for example, if you use water from the Lake for watering your garden) and potable water use (essentially for drinking, but for these purposes if you bring Lake water into your residence for domestic purposes). If you use lake water for these purposes, please contact Sheila Rappazzo, either by phone (519-429-8312) or email (sarappazzo@yahoo.com).

2013 Events – Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association

- 4/27/13 Spring Clean – Up – 10:00 AM
- 5/26/13 Ice Cream Social
- 6/8/13 General Meeting – 10:00 AM
- 6/15/13 Boater Safety Course
- 6/29/13 Jerry Simon Fishing Tournament
- July Friday Night Dinners – July 5, 12, 19, 26
- 7/6/13 Family Day
Boat Parade – (Voting & Awards)
- 7/13/13 LaBoom
- August Friday Night Dinners – August 2, 9, 23, 30
- 8/17/13 Open Mic Night
- 8/24/13 Election Meeting – 10:00 AM
- 8/31/13 Chicken BBQ
- 9/28/13 Building Clean-Up & Closing – 10:00 AM

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Minutes of the Election Meeting

August 25, 2012

Present: A. Grignon, R. Hutchinson, M. Rokjer, R. Remillard, F. Gabianelli, P. Smith, L. Varney, E. Mussi, N. Jepson, N. Hieber and L. Lant

Call to order: President Grignon called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and established a quorum. She thanked everyone for their support of the CLIA throughout the year.

Minutes: The minutes of the General Meeting held on June 9, 2012 were handed out. Motion to accept made by B. Montanye; second by L. Wilbur. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: R. Hutchinson presented the Treasurer's Report dated 7/12/12 through 8/21/12 and stated that there is a Harvesting account balance of \$56,538.09 and a General Account balance of \$52,150.40 for total accumulated funds of \$108,688.49. He stated that we have one liability of \$40,830.64 in the mortgage on the harvesting equipment, which will be paid off in 2020. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as written made by B. Montanye; second by E. Tokarz. The motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds: In the absence of Butch Grignon, chair, Albina stated that the building will be ready for closure on Sept. 29th starting at 10 AM and asked for volunteers to help with the closing. She stated that Butch purchased a new flag and that he will put it in place. Richard Garms donated a solar powered flag illuminator to the CLIA that he designed. A. Grignon announced that the CLIA is seeking a new chair for buildings & grounds as Butch is retiring from the BOD. The chair does not have to be a board member and doesn't necessarily have to do all the actual manual labor themselves; but oversee the work.

By-Laws - In the absence of K. Pauley, chair, Albina reported that there are no changes to the by-laws.

Insurance: R. Hutchinson reported that, in addition to the payroll insurances of worker's comp and disability, we carry liability insurance, directors & officers insurance and a bond on the Treasury. The cost of the insurance has been reduced even though our coverage has been expanded.


Photo Contest: A. Grignon reported that today is the last day for voting on the photos. Ora & Steve Frenchak have absorbed the cost of producing the calendars every year and the CLIA has profited \$1000 each year from their generosity. Calendars for 2013 will be on sale for a cost of \$10.00 and info will follow in the Fall 2012 newsletter and through email blasts from Kelly.

Membership: N. Hieber reported that we had 237 members for 2012 which represents 205 households.

Promotionals: L. Lant reported that the orders for merchandise were in and could be picked up and that the merchandise would be available for sale after today's meeting.

Newsletter: there will be a Fall 2012 newsletter.

Social: N. Jepson reported that B. Montanye will take over as Chair of the Friday Night Doo-Wop Dinners. Nora will continue on as Chair of the social events which will, hopefully, include a June 1st season opener, a July 4th old fashioned BBQ, boat parade, sac races, etc.; and an Aug. 31st Labor Day closing event. Nora reported that there will be a "grand finale" next weekend on Aug. 31st at the Friday night Doo-Wop featuring outdoor music with "J.J." and other musicians pro bono.



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Harvesting: R. Remillard reported that, although it was a tough getting started with the overgrowth of weeds early in the season, to date 242 loads of weeds were removed totaling approximately 1.8 million pounds. The harvesting will continue in the southern part of the lake until Sept. 5th; after which time it will move up to the north end to finish up customers and do open waters until it is taken out of the water on Sept. 15th. F. Gabianelli reported that the volunteer work after hours will continue next season also.

Lynn Clauer asked about the feasibility of introducing Triploid Grass Carp into the lake to eradicate the Eurasian Water Milfoil. M. Rokjer explained that this would not be an option due to the stocking of predatory Tiger Muskies by NYSDEC which would devour any stocked grass carp. It would also be cost prohibitive.

A. Grignon reported positive feedback from the customers of the Hydro-Raking service that was provided by Lycott Environmental.

Lake Management: A. Grignon reported that Jerry Smith, President of Aquatic Control Technology toured the lake with G. Henry and several BOD members to assess the aquatic weeds. There will be a Special Meeting on Sept. 15, 2012 with a biologist from Aquatic Control Technology present along with a representative from Washington County Water & Soil to discuss implementing a chemical program in 2013. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting. There is a fee of \$500 being charged by Aquatic Control to attend this meeting to cover their expenses; however, the fee will be deducted from their bill if we choose to hire them to be the chemical applicator. A letter will be sent to everyone discussing the purpose and time of this Special Meeting.

Lake Management Plan – the 2013 Lake Management Plan was handed out and discussed noting the change in the Chemical Program. Motion to accept the 2013 Lake Management Plan was made by B. Montanye; second by S. Scianna. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Grignon presented appreciation plaques to D. Rokjer for his years of service to the harvesting program and to M. Rokjer for her years of service to the CLIA.

A. Grignon announced that the Boaters' Safety Course will be held on June 15, 2013 and reported that we received a certificate of participation in the 2012 class.

Election: A. Grignon appointed Charlie Rappazzo and Richard Kahn as election tellers. Ballots were cast and collected for count. There were no write in candidates. The following candidates were elected: Pat Smith - President; Kelly Pauley – Vice President; Richard Hutchinson – Treasurer and Elisa Mussi – Secretary. The directors will be Lynn Wilbur – 3 yr term; Gene Henry – 3 year term; Frank Smith – 2 year term; and Bob Montanye and Joe Romano both for a 1 year term.

A. Grignon announced that there will be an addition to the new sign that is roadside in front of the Association Building which will state that the sign was dedicated in the Memory of Jerry Simon, Jr.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by J. Bravata; second by B. Montanye. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Rokjer, Secretary



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Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament**June 29, 2013 ~ 6:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Registration Form

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Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Please send the \$25.00 registration fee (\$10.00 children 13 & under) with check made out to: CLIA c/o Jerry Simon and send to:

**Jerry Simon
45 S. Park St.
Cambridge, NY 12816**

Please accept my entry in the 10th Annual Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament to be held on June 29, 2013. I agree to abide by all rules and decisions made by the tournament officials. I further agree to release the CLIA of any damages and/or personal injury in connection with this CLIA event.

Signature

Tournament begins at 6:00 AM at the NYS Boat Launch

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 to be determined by weight; not by length.

An entrance fee of \$25 per person is required (\$10 children 13 & under) and can be sent in with the enclosed Registration form. Prize money will be 50% of the proceeds from the tournament; with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place prizes being awarded. Children's category 100% payout

Weigh in @ 11:00 AM at the CLIA docks – CLIA Building East Lake Rd.

You can contact Jerry Simon from 8am – 5pm @ (518) 677-2652 or 692-8274 evenings with any questions you may have regarding the tournament

Lowering Lake Levels

The Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association is providing advance notification to all residents that the level of the lake will be lowered on or about May 10 2013 in preparation for the application of the herbicide

COSSAYUNA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Name _____

Lake Address _____

Primary Mailing Address _____

Seasonal Address _____

Phone: Summer _____ Winter _____

E-mail address _____

(For messages relating to CLIA purposes only – will not be given out)

Please indicate your membership choice and send your payment to:

CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823*Please circle your membership choice.*

\$75 SINGLE - 1 vote -1 membership -1 name Check # _____

\$75 DUAL -1 vote -1 membership -2 names Check Amount \$ _____

\$95 JOINT -2 votes -2 memberships -2 names

Please indicate how membership should read. Examples:

Single : John Doe Dual : John Doe/ Jane Doe Joint: John Doe & Jane Doe

Please call Nancy Hieber, Membership Coordinator, at (518) 692-9206 for membership questions



Community Support

The Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association would like to extend our gratitude to the local organizations that support the Association and our endeavors within the community. Special thanks to all of the businesses that advertise in our quarterly newsletters and to Fronhofer Tool, SCA Tissue and the Cossayuna Volunteer Fire Department.

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2013 Herbicide (Chemical) Treatment Plan – Act by April 13th
NON-MEMBERS and MEMBERS are encouraged to participate
See details and official notification