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## The President's Letter

by Albina Grignon

Welcome summer!  
The weather on the lake this week has been unbelievable. The crocuses are in bloom and the trees are budding. The fishermen are out on their boats enjoying this incredible season. Hopefully the summer will be as beautiful.

Our winter fishing tournament was very successful. Almost 180 fishermen took part in the contest. Our thanks go out to Tom Schultz and Nancy Hieber for coordinating this event. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate for the ice fishermen this winter and several other tournaments were cancelled, so the CLIA

tournament was one of the few. It was quite unusual not to have snow on the lake this winter.

As many of you know Peyton Colby, granddaughter of Leslie and Alan Lant, was diagnosed with leukemia this winter. The Cossayuna Fire Department sponsored a fundraiser to generate money for her treatments at Albany Medical Center. The CLIA Board made a contribution to her treatment on behalf of the Association. We also contributed a basket of CLIA promotional articles to the raffle.

The Lake Association will participate in the CSLAP water sampling

program this year. As always, we will perform an annual review of our lake management plan to determine the most effective and efficient ways of preserving our lake.

We are planning some new family events this summer and hope you will participate. Please refer to the preliminary calendar included in this newsletter and look for the notices around the lake. If you would like to receive periodic emails over the summer that provide details on upcoming events, please send an email to [sydsfun@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sydsfun@nycap.rr.com).

Contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.  
[albina.grignon@gmail.com](mailto:albina.grignon@gmail.com)

## Harvesting News

by Marie Rokjer

You are all aware of the unusual weather pattern that the northeast has experienced this year. We have had warmer than usual temperatures causing the ice to go out much earlier than it normally does. This, in addition to the lack of snow cover on the ice, will probably lead to the weeds getting a "head start" on the normal growing season. (The snow cover on the ice prevents the sun from filtering through to the dormant weeds.) We

had a good lake level drawdown before winter set in which helps to kill weed growth along the shorelines.

Weed harvesting will begin in open waters by the end of May. We're enclosing a harvesting request form with this newsletter. Please feel free to contact Dan Rokjer with any questions you may have regarding the harvesting program. Dan can be reached at 518-692-9270 or email at [drokjer152@roadrunner.com](mailto:drokjer152@roadrunner.com)



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

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Please circle your membership choice.

\$75 SINGLE - 1 vote -1 membership -1 name

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Please call Nancy Hieber, Membership Coordinator, (518) 692-9206 if you have any membership questions.



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## 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 last year's entire 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 begin 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 or harvesting applications, you can email me at [whiebersr@aol.com](mailto:whiebersr@aol.com) or call me at 518-692-9206. A copy of both applications are here in this newsletter and available online at our website.



### Ice Fishing

The fishing tournament was a big success this year with the highest number of participants to date. The CLIA would like to thank all of the individuals that supported the tournament by participating or by volunteering to make it such a great event. There were 173 entrants and we had winners in each fish category. There was a 39.5 inch Pike, 12.5 inch Crappie, and a 13.25 inch Perch.

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## Social News by Kelly Pauley

As always, spring turns our thoughts to the lake and all of the fun that will be had this season.

We will start off the season by opening the lake association building on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare the building and grounds for the upcoming season. The building and grounds will be cleaned and the docks will be put into the water. So we are looking for volunteers of all types to provide assistance. Bring your waders, gloves, rakes and cleaning supplies to join your neighbors and get ready for the season to begin.

May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we invite those from the lake community to gather for the

very popular ice cream social, a free event for all to enjoy.

The General Membership Meeting will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed that evening by the first annual Spaghetti Dinner. Dinner will be served from 5:00 – 7:00.

To register for the Boaters Safety Course in June contact [albina.grignon@gmail.com](mailto:albina.grignon@gmail.com).

To register for the Jerry Simon Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jerry Simon @ 518-677-2652 days or 518-692-8274 evenings.

There will be many more events throughout the season including the return of the Friday Night dinners. This year dinners will have a hometown feel offering burgers and hotdogs. This year will also see the return of

the Mega 50/50. Back by popular demand, tickets will be sold at all of the Friday Night Dinners, with one 'big winner drawing' at the end of the season.

It's going to be a great season. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters and in the CLIA email blasts.



## 2012 Calendar of Events



May 5, 2012	Spring Clean-Up – 10:00 am Rain date – May 6 <sup>th</sup>
May 27, 2012	Ice Cream Social – 7:00 pm
June 9, 2012	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> – 10:00 am Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 – 7:00 pm
June 16, 2012	Boaters' Safety Course
June 30, 2012	Boat Parade – 1:00 – 2:00 pm Voting & awarding of prizes + Strawberry Social – 2:00 – 3:00 pm Rain date – July 1 <sup>st</sup>
July 6, 2012	Friday Night Dinners begin
July 7, 2012	Family Day
July 14, 2012	LaBoom – 7:00 pm
July 28, 2012	Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament 6 – 11 AM Chicken BBQ – Noon – 3:00 PM
August 18, 2012	Open Mic Nite – 7:00 pm
August 25, 2012	<b>C.L.I.A. Election Meeting</b> – 10:00 am
August 31, 2012	Last Friday Night Dinner
September 29, 2012	Fall Clean-up and building close-down – 9:00 am



## Family Fun Day

For a few years the idea of a Family Fun Day has been tossed around. We are very fortunate that Stephanie Harwood has offered to organize the event for the CLIA this year. Stephanie is now seeking some support. Folks to help organize, coordinate and work on the day of the event are essential.

Volunteers will be needed to oversee the games, taking tickets and giving out goodies.

Plans include selling hotdogs and drinks, and hopefully popcorn. If anyone has a line on a popcorn maker or a bounce house that could be rented or borrowed, please get in touch. Anyone who is willing to bake treats or make

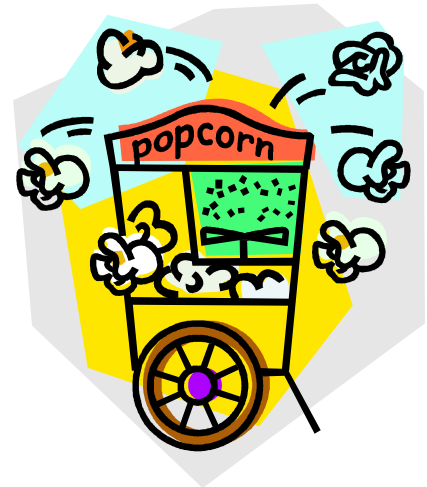
candy would be a big asset to the day.

Balloon animals and face painting will also be highlights of this event. If you or your teenager would like to try your hand at these, let Stephanie know.

Other ideas that are being considered are a water balloon toss, sack races, or an egg toss.

The more individuals involved the better this event will be. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help pull this event together and guarantee a great day for all. The family fun day is scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>. To join the team please contact Stephanie at [Sharwood416@gmail.com](mailto:Sharwood416@gmail.com).

Thanks in advance.



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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 2011 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, 2012. 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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## Be Aware of Hogweed

You may have heard of Hogweed or possibly Wild Parsnip or Queen Anne's Lace as it is sometimes referred to. No matter what the version of plant or the name being used, you need to be aware of the plant and know that it is growing locally. The CLIA has reported on this in the past, local newspapers covered it this fall and there is information all over the internet, including postings by NYS DOT and NYS DEC.

This is a dangerous plant that is known to surround Cossayuna

Lake. If the sap on the plant gets on skin and then is exposed to sunlight, it can lead to severe burns. Simply, the plant affects the skins ability to protect itself.

The sap can also cause severe damage if it comes in contact with the eye.

As spring approaches, please keep this information in mind and monitor the foliage around your property. The safety of those in our community is our concern and we want to ensure the information is circulated.

### CHARACTERISTIC OF HOGWEED

**White umbrella shaped flowers**

**Commonly mistaken for Queen Anne's Lace**

### HOGWEED SAFETY

- Do not touch the plant with bare skin
- Do not touch bare skin with sap-covered gloves
- Prevent the sap from reaching skin by; wearing long waterproof gloves, long sleeves, pants, boots and eye protection
- If controlling plants with multiple people, keep a good distance from one another as the sap can splash
- Apply sunblock before beginning to work
- Launder clothes that may have contacted plants
- Wash equipment with water immediately after use
- Limit exposure to sunlight after working with plants or work around plants after sunset
- Do not use a 'weed-whacker' or brush cutter, to avoid sap splatter
- Keep water, soap and eyewash near work area in case of exposure.

Information taken from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website

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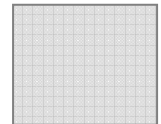
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