

NEWSLETTER

of

The Alton-Barnstead Halfmoon Lake Association

September 7, 1980

Labor Day generally marks the end of the summer season for most of the summer residents who live on or near Halfmoon Lake. It means closing down the camps and cottages and a return home to go back to school or back to whatever awaits or needs attention.

The few permanent residents remain to enjoy the quiet and solitude of "Indian Summer" with the leaves turning to brilliant colors followed by cooler weather and probably snows which turn the area into a winter wonderland.

Whether summer resident or winter resident, the lake belongs to all of us to enjoy and we should be concerned with maintaining the pristine beauty of the land and purity of the lake. To this end this Association is dedicated.

In addition, this Association has performed numerous services and arranged and provided for a number of special events. The following is a modest recapitulation of our services:

1. The paving of the boat ramp next to Herndon's residence beside the dam at a cost of \$250.
2. Taken action to maintain the purity of the natural spring on the Proctor lot.
3. Arranged for periodic testing of the entire lake by New Hampshire State officials for purity of the water and possible points of contamination.
4. Arranged for restocking the lake with fish.
5. Arranged with the Town of Alton to post a "No Swimming or Picnicing" sign at the small beach on Route 28.
6. Compiled a list bearing names, winter addresses and phone numbers of all lake residents. The lists have been given to the Police and Fire Departments to use should it become necessary for either department to contact you in an emergency relative to your camp or cottage in the off-season.
7. Arranged the water-ski contest and canoe races held on August 17, 1980 for boys and girls of all ages with prizes awarded to the winners - at a cost of \$76.74.
8. Arranged for the boat parade held on August 31, 1980 and provided the flares for each boat which participated - at a cost of \$68.25.
9. Donated \$75 toward the cost of the fireworks display at Camp Mi Ti Na each year it was held through 1979.

Each of the foregoing projects and events took time and effort on the part of members of this Association. There was a financial cost involved, to some extent, in each instance.

The work involved was done by unpaid officers and Area Representatives, and whatever was achieved was solely due to their efforts.

The cost was born by this Association from dues (\$2 per year) collected from each cottage or camp, paid directly, or indirectly through the local associations such as the Barnstead-Halfmoon Lake Association and the Rustic Shores Association. Two dollars of the dues paid to each of the local associations are contributed by them to this Association which involves itself in matters and events pertaining to the entire lake.

The following is the Treasurer's report of finances for the period 9/1/79 to 9/1/80.

Cash on Hand 9/1/79 -----\$1215.69

Income		Disbursements	
Dues	1976 dues - - \$4	Boat ramp - - - -	\$250
	1977 dues - - \$1	1979 fireworks - -	75(pd.in'80)
	1978 dues - -\$40	Ski show - - - -	76.74
	1979 dues - -\$46	Flares for Boat	68.25
	1980 dues - \$161	Parade-	
	Total - - \$252		
	Interest 73.39		
Total Income	\$325.39	Total Disbursements -	\$469.99

Cash on Hand 9/1/80 - - - - - \$1071.09

Above is a brief resume of this Association's involvement during the past year. We hope to continue to provide the same services and arrange for the same special events and any others that may be feasible this coming year. Your cooperation and the cooperation of every resident on this lake is essential if this Association is to continue to serve the needs of all.

You can help by joining the local associations (if you are not already a member) and paying their dues promptly, or by sending \$2 directly to

Alton-Barnstead Halfmoon Lake Association
% Mr. Frank Brewster, Treasurer
4 Crescent Street, Pittsfield, N.H. 03263

Your yearly contribution of \$2 per residence is absolutely essential if this Association is to continue serving you.

Also important to the welfare of all is the volunteer work performed by your Area Representatives who make your needs known to this Association and who disseminate information and written matter to you from your Association.

The following is a list of the various Area Representatives:

- Alton Beach Area -- Joseph Duran
- Hollywood Beach -- Dick Headley
- Varney Shores -- Eric Morton
- Conway Beach -- John O'Toole
- Halfmoon Lake Assoc. -- Floyd Darby
- Rustic Shores -- Robert O'Meara

Barnstead Shores I -- Jim Parish Barnstead Shores IIA-- Jim Hackbush
Barnstead Shores IIB -- John Chilicki Barnstead Shores IIIA -- Art Gilbert
Barnstead Shores IIIB -- Ed Blair Barnstead Shores IV -- Walter Colcoid
Barnstead Shores V -- Tom Bennett

At the July 1980 meeting of this Association it was voted to lower Halfmoon Lake a maximum of 8 inches during the period of October 15 - 30, 1980 to enable those who desired to clean their lake front. It was stipulated that all the residents on the lake were to be contacted by their Area Representatives to determine those who favored the move and those who were against it.

Accordingly, a questionnaire was circulated and the signatures of those for or against the move were obtained.

The result was 57 families were for lowering the lake and 15 families were against lowering the lake. The other families apparently could not be reached, were disinterested, or would not respond.

Action, therefore, will be taken to obtain permission from the State of New Hampshire to do so, and will be coordinated with Locke Lake Association to ensure that there is no backflow of water from Locke Lake to Halfmoon Lake.

All residents who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to clean or repair their lake front during the period designated are invited to do so.

The Schedule of Events for the 1981 season are:

1. July 12, 1981 and August 23, 1981 - Alton-Barnstead Halfmoon Lake Association meeting will be held at 10 a.m. each day at Frank Brewster's lodge next to Camp Mi Ti Na. All residents of the lake are invited.

2. Water-Ski Contest and Canoe Races August 15 or 22, 1981.

3. Boat Parade September 5 or 6, 1981 - depending on the weather.

It is urged that the officers of the Barnstead-Halfmoon Lake Association and the Rustic Shores Association and, particularly, the Area Representatives attend the two Association meetings.

It is hoped this Newsletter has given you a better understanding of the aims of this Association and has instilled in you a desire to aid us in our endeavors and to further the common good by joining this Association, if not already a member, to pay the \$2 annual dues promptly each year, and to work, in some way, either as an Area Representative or member of some committee to carry on the work of this organization.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy life during the coming seasons,

From your Association

John J. Alliegro, President
Tom Bennett, Vice President
Elvia Hetu, Secretary
Frank Brewster, Treasurer