



CLCS News

FALL 2014

The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

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President's Message

The Copake Lake Conservation Society's (CLCS) 2014 tee shirt logo certainly puts it all in perspective for me as I am sure it does for the majority of you in our lake community **"life is better at Copake Lake"**! The serenity of nature, the joy of family and friends, and the memories that "my lake, our lake, your lake" holds for me is astounding. I am proud to be the second generation of my family at Copake Lake. I have witnessed this lake transform from good condition, to really poor condition, and back to its current pristine condition. This is all due to each person's effort to learn about and care for the Copake Lake water shed. Thank you to all of you for your support in sustaining our lake by simply using non-phosphorus lawn care products, monitoring your septic systems, pulling invasive weeds, shoreline clean up and removal of debris, and proper disposal of articles left on the ice during the winter. I know that CLCS works hard all year long to maintain our mission, but keep in mind that the preservation of Copake Lake is the responsibility of each of us.

I would like to say a special thank you to Denise Chickery for her four years of service as president of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Without people like Denise, who devote their time to being on the Board of Trustees (BOT), the accomplishments and vision of our mission could not be achieved. Thank you, Denise, for all your dedication to CLCS and I look forward to continuing to work together on our BOT.

I am very proud and excited to be the new president of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. I look forward to continuing my work with all the officers and BOT members as I have done in the past. I am happy to announce that this year four new trustees have joined CLCS. Matt Cohen will serve on the Fund Raising and Lake Management committees. Jim Murphy will serve on the Finance and Fund Raising committees. Maria Powers will be the new chairperson for the Education Committee. Russ Stein will be the new chairperson for the Grants Committee and he will serve on the Lake Management Committee. Congratulations and welcome aboard! CLCS is always looking for volunteers for

all of our committees. If you are interested in joining the Copake Lake Conservation Society Board of Trustees and/or committees, please contact anyone on the BOT or see further details on our website (www.copakelakecs.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

I wish each of you a safe, healthy, and wonderful fall and winter season, whether you are near or far from Copake Lake. May you and yours be blessed.

Debra Ruggieri, President



Cherie Berk presenting CLCS president, Denise Chickery, with Annual Recognition Award, photo by Colleen Closson

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CLCS 2014-2015 Committees

Communications

The Communications Committee serves to design, publish, and monitor various media communications, such as the newsletter, website, email correspondence, and road signs.

NEWSLETTER

Denise Chickery	Sharon Luchow**
Lindsay LeBrecht	Barbara Rindler
Jed Luchow*	

WEBSITE/EMAIL

Lindsay LeBrecht	Karen Schutzer*
Liz Nealon	Theresa Westlake**
Barbara Rindler	

PUBLICITY

Cherie Berk
Edward Werfelman*

Education

The Education Committee is responsible for the design, writing, and dissemination of educational materials, and the presentation of educational programs for the membership.

Cherie Berk	Maria Powers*
Joyce Craw	Edward Werfelman
Marilyn Goldman**	

Finance

The Finance Committee supports the functions of the treasurer, including the creation of an annual budget, the purchase and review of insurance policies, year end audit, bookkeeping, and filing of tax returns.

Eric Feitelson**	Debra Ruggieri
Jim Murphy	Edward Werfelman*
Barbara Rindler	

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee serves to design, propose and organize activities for the purpose of raising funds for the organization.

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Join any of the committees listed above or consider applying to join the Board of Trustees. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. Go to info@copakelakecs.org to let us know of your interest.

Lake Management

The Lake Management Committee is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding the vitality and maintenance of the waters, shoreline, and watershed of Copake Lake. Grant Committee (GC) is a sub-committee of Lake Management Committee.

Rick Aluisio**	Russ Funk**
Barbara Burger** GC	Lindsay LeBrecht
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Membership

The Membership Committee maintains a list of membership, addresses, and contribution history; and generates materials that assist in maintaining membership roles.

Dan Cohen**	Barbara Rindler
Debra Ruggieri*	All Board Members

Nominating

The Nominating Committee is responsible for producing a slate of candidates for the election of trustees, and a slate of candidates for the Officers of the Corporation.

Joyce Craw*	Jed Luchow
Eileen Faranda	

CLCS Contributors (As of October 1, 2014)

Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apologize for any errors. If you have contributed and your name does not appear on the list please contact us through the website, www.copakelakecs.org.

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Membership 2014

The summer months at Copake Lake seem to fly by far too quickly. We no sooner begin the spring awakening of our lake homes, then we find ourselves raking up the colorful leaves of fall. However, even though fall is upon us and snow is just around the corner, it is never too late in the season to join the Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS).

Please take a moment if you have not already done so and become a member of CLCS. Your membership contributions assist in helping us sustain the astounding beauty of the lake that we have all come to know and love. A minimum of a \$100 dollar tax deductible contribution (for an individual or family) will qualify you to become a member of CLCS. Membership entitles you to vote for the slate of Trustees at our annual meeting in July. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a giving envelope for your convenience. You can also join CLCS through our website, www.copakelakecs.org. We send out over 600 newsletters to residents in our watershed and local businesses in the Copake Lake area. We have about 250 members and contributors each year.

Thank you for your continued support with each of your donations and your participation in our annual fundraising activities. You help make Copake Lake healthy and beautiful.

Debra Ruggieri

Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Income:

Ads	2,695.00
Fund Raising Activities	6,477.91
Contributions	48,088.86
Interest	645.43

Total Income 57,907.20

Expenses:

Administration	3,943.08
Communications	5,474.04
Lake Management	46,274.50

Total Expense 55,691.62

Annual CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day

Copake Lake Conservation Society's (CLCS) annual shoreline clean up day was held on Saturday, May 31, 2014, from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. This annual event helps us clean up the lake shoreline of unwanted debris including docks, tires, bottles, and cans. This year we even found some large rubber cones that were apparently left by winter users of the lake to mark fishing areas after the cones became frozen in the ice. Please be respectful of Copake Lake all year round. If you bring it in, please take it away!

Once again CLCS set up an information table at the triangle intersecting Lakeview Road and County Route 7. The 2014 CLCS tee shirts and hats were available. Special thanks to the CLCS volunteers who helped at the table and monitored the dumpster so that only lake debris could be deposited there: Michael Bienstock, Cherie Berk, Denise Chickery, Colleen Closson, David Craw, Joyce Craw, Eileen Faranda, Jed Luchow, Jim Murphy, Karen Schutzer, and Ed Werfelman.

CLCS would also like to extend a very special thanks: to Carmen Barbato, Inc., who donated the dumpster that allows us to remove nearly two tons of debris each year; to the Town of Copake for paying the tipping fee; and, to Jon Urban from the Copake Country Club/The Greens for providing us with a pickup truck along with Martinez Isaías and Lorenzo Luna, who removed the roadside debris and brought it to the dumpster.

CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 9:00am-12:00noon (rain date will be Sunday, June 28).

Jed Luchow,

Event Coordinator

Lake Management Committee



Giant Carp

Copake Lake Fecal Coliform Test Results August 25, 2014

No.	Location	Results (fecal coliform colonies per 100 ml water)*
1	Mosquito Island swimming area	<20
2	Cove Colony drainage area	<20
3	Arrowhead Acres dock area	<20
4	Southwest Colony dock area	<20
5	Presidents Estates collection tank	<20
6	Presidents Estates swim area	<20
7	County Route 7 culvert	<20
8	Elm Street	20
9	Lighthouse Marina culvert	<20
10	Robin Road	20
11	Culvert north of Copake Lake Boat & Ski	<20
12	Lakeshore Acres Road	<20
13	Golf Course Road treatment facility	<20

- Safe swimming standards should not exceed 200 fecal coliform colonies per 100 ml of sample water (NYSDOH)
- St. Peter's Hospital Laboratory, Albany, NY
- Samples taken by Ron Flaum, Lake Management Committee



Three Ducklings on the Dock, photo by Liz Nealon

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Annual 2014 Labor Day Raffle

Our 2014 Labor Day Raffle was held at The Lighthouse Dancer's Marine on Sunday August 31. It was a warm day with overcast skies. There were quite a few people in attendance awaiting the announcement of the Grand Prize winnings of \$1000 dollars. Denise Chickery pulled the winning ticket stub that was tucked away until the vast variety of gifts were distributed. This year the grand prize winner was Lynne Hone. When told she won the Grand prize she thought that everyone was joking with her as they called out her name to come back because she was on the roadway walking her dog home. What a wonderful surprise for her! Congratulations Lynne on your winnings!

The Copake Lake Conservation Society would like to thank the many contributors of the Labor Day Raffle for all their support of our annual fundraiser. Without the continued donations of their gifts, our fundraiser would not be successful. I also would like to thank the entire Board of Trustees for their diligence in selling raffle tickets over the summer. My thanks to Denise Chickery, Dave Craw, Lindsay LeBrecht, Rich Pawlikowski and Buddy Sinisi for collecting the gift contributions that were donated this year. A special thank you goes to Colleen Closson for her collection of gifts and her support of the raffle year after year. A huge thank you goes out to Rick Aluisio for being the top seller of our raffle tickets once again this year. Rick sold 155 tickets! Rick, your achievement is amazing and is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Please remember to show your support to our many contributors by continuing to patronize all their great establishments. They appreciate our lake community and we love the variety of businesses to frequent!

Debra Ruggieri

Fundraising



**2014 Labor Day
Raffle Winners**

SPECIAL THANKS

to **Russ Funk** of RHF Enterprises (DBA Copake Lake Boat & Ski Marina) for donating the use of a boat during the spring, summer, and fall to Dr. George Knoecklein, a limnologist who is our lake management consultant. Dr. Knoecklein uses the boat for the better part of a full day sampling, measuring, and observing the ecology of Copake Lake.

If you wish to advertise in our next issue, please contact Sharon Luchow at 518-325-3067 or sharonkaplanluchow@gmail.com

2014 Labor Day Raffle

CONTRIBUTOR	GIFT	WINNER
CLCS	Grand Prize \$1000 Cash	Lynne Hone
Copake Lake Boat & Ski	Jr. Water skis	Carlyanne Cicero
Catamount Ski	Two Ski Lift Tickets	Hayden Stein
Old Mill by Mitchell & Kim Konsker	\$125 Gift Card	Mel & Pete Snow
The Light House/Dancer's Marine	\$100 Cash Gift	Jeff DelMauro
Herringtons	\$100 Gift Card	Vera Sinisi
John Varvatos	John Varvatos Artisan Aqua Cologne	Darren Cook
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Matt Cohen
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Beth Feeney
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Maureen Kane
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Dave Craw
Denise & Steven Chickery	Gourmet Basket	Lynn Gelman
Sauces 'n Love, Inc.	Variety Basket of Scarpetta Sauces	Joan & Paul Layer
Taconic Valley	Espoma Lawn Food 40lb	Hayden Stein
CLCS	Copake Lake Hat & Book	Dan Cohen
Stewarts Shoppe	\$30 Gift Card	Barbara Strauss
CLCS	CLCS 2014 T shirt & 2 Koosies	Barbara Rindler
IGA	\$25 Gift Card	Chipper & Kendall Pulver
Passiflora	\$25 Gift Certificate	Wendy & George Green
The Greens	\$25 Gift Certificate Brunch or Lunch	Lindsay LeBrecht
The Greens	\$25 Gift Certificate Brunch or Lunch	Loren Whitely
Mexican Radio	\$25 Gift Certificate	Pat Kirwan
AmeriStop Pizza	\$25 Gift Certificate	Deb Silver/Joe Towbin
Thrifty Beverage	Shock Top Cooler	The Power's
Thrifty Beverage	Miller Lite Beverage Trough & Camping Chair	Kathy Miraceola
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Magical Fireworks On Copake Lake

Saturday, August 23rd, was a lovely evening made even better by the beautiful fireworks event that lit up Copake Country Club/The Greens, the nighttime sky and our lake. The display seemed to go on and on, and when the finale came with those large booms, everyone's mouths dropped open in amazement! Once again, Legion Fireworks did not disappoint us with a show that lasted over 30 minutes. The lake was full of boats of all sizes and shapes. With the combination of perfect weather, a moonless sky and spectacular pyrotechnics, many people said it was the best fireworks display they had ever seen.

Lake residents, friends and family all donated funds so we could have fireworks right here in our own backyard. It was really a very special night made possible by the generosity of the entire lake community.

I would like to thank Colleen Closson, Diane LaConte, Lindsay LeBrecht and Debra Ruggieri for helping me collect donations to make this event possible. Also, thank you to Frank Collucio, the owner of Legion Fireworks, and his staff for their professionalism and care, Jon and Kim Urban, own-

ers of Copake Country Club/The Greens, who always allow the fireworks to be launched from the golf course and the Craryville Fire Department, led by Chief William Baker, for being on site to insure our safety. A very special 'Thank You' goes to everyone who donated money to make this evening possible. Please continue to support next year's event so we can keep the tradition going.

THE 2015 FIREWORKS EVENT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!!

Denise Chickery,
Fireworks Coordinator

Editor's Note: The summer fireworks display is NOT a Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) event and is not financially supported by CLCS. However, CLCS supports the fireworks by advertising the event in its newsletter, its Facebook page, and its website. We are grateful for CLCS's publicity. CLCS encourages the support of the summer fireworks display as well as other activities that seek to enhance the quality of life around our lake community.



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2014 July 4th and 5th Boat Parade on Copake Lake

Along with the Fourth of July falling on Friday this year, so did a few inches of rain fall. Three boats went out on the high seas to meet up for the boat parade: Chickery's Eagles, Rosmilso's Patriots and the Statue of Liberty. Hats off to the Captains and their crews for their 'true blue' bravery! Traditionally the parade has gone on rain or shine, however, this Fourth of July boat parade casted off with 18 vessels and one PWC on July 5th at 1p.m, with the sun blazing. There was an abundance of shoreline crowds that cheered, waved and whistled as the boats passed by them. The 2014 overall winner of the Trophy went to The Eagle's Nest speedboat. The nest was filled with with head eagle Doug Lyon along with Ellen Reid, Rich Reid, Charlotte Reid, Abigail Reid and Emily Weiss. The Gippest 2 and crew Dana Gips, Scott Robichaud, Dylan Robichaud, Philip Gips and Robin Resnek won for their patriotic music playing aboard their pontoon boat along with all the red, white and blue adorning them. Jodi Disch along with Sean and Sofia Powers won for their patriotic garb as they cruised along on their PWC. Congratulations to all of you!

Thank you to the Peluso Family for judging the boat parade this year and your photos. A special thank you to Steve Chickery and Rusty Funk for their donation of the prizes for the winners. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We salute all of you for your participation, whether by land or sea, and for your patriotism in celebrating our country's birthday! Happy Birthday America!

Debra Ruggieri



The "Captain America" Fleet - The Peluso Family 2013 Winners Captain Jack Peluso and First Mate Ann Peluso, their daughter Amy Burns, and their grandchildren Aislinn Burns, Kieran Burns and Maeve Burns. Three generations all on board! Photo by Scott Robichaud.



The Eagles Nest, 2014 Winners, photo by Alicia Gursky

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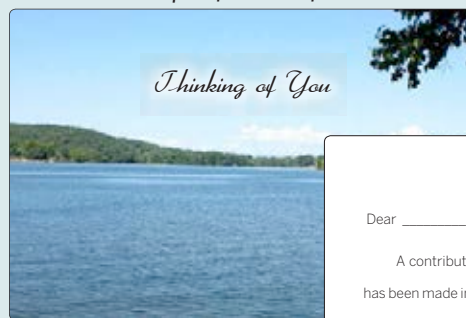
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2014 Boat Census on Copake Lake

An informal boat census is taken occasionally in August. It is **NOT** a scientific survey. We only count the boats that can be seen from the lake so is not very accurate or repeatable. The trends, however, are interesting.

Type of Watercraft	2001	2006	2007	2009	2010	2013	2014
Inboard	71	119	111	119	125	116	129
Large Outboard	73	64	64	55	58	36	33
Small Outboard (< 15 hp)	34	20	20	20	18	15	14
Pontoon Boats	35	70	78	71	73	89	102
Personal Watercraft	40	71	55	54	59	47	43
Row Boats	48	51	65	58	56	40	37
Sailboats	30	36	32	18	19	15	20
Canoes	51	48	49	43	49	40	44
Kayaks	19	98	109	112	122	159	186
Paddleboats	20	16	18	19	18	11	10
Paddleboards					0	20	23
Total Watercraft	421	593	601	569	597	571	640

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Wild Chicory Raindrops, photo by Liz Nealon

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CLCS Grants

The Copake Lake Conservation Society began a grant program in 2012. The objective of this program is to assist local projects that improve or protect the Copake Lake Water Shed. CLCS implemented this program as a way to become proactive in 'preventing' damage to the water shed, rather than spending money to 'correct' damage to the water shed. I think we can all agree that is money better spent.

Work proposals must demonstrate how it would support the mission of CLCS. Grants are limited to 50% of the costs of the proposal, not to exceed \$5,000. The Grant Committee may use subject matter experts to help determine the value and validity of the proposal. You do not have to be a member of CLCS to apply for a grant.

While we expect most work proposals to be directed at 'run off' projects (catch basins, minor road work, etc.), we are open to any proposal that will improve the water shed. We've made the form as simple and straightforward as we can. A copy of the application can be found in this newsletter. The guidelines for submitting a proposal can be found on the CLCS website (www.copakelakecs.org). Completed forms can be mailed to us at:

CLCS, PO Box 37, Craryville, NY 12521.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Russ Stein

Chairperson, Grants Committee

Proposal Information

Describe your request, incorporating the following points:

- A. What is the project? Attach any supporting documentation
- B. Please specify who owns the property. If not owned by the grant submitter, please explain the relationship the grant submitter has with the owner, and provide documentation that the owner approves this proposal.
- C. How the project supports the mission of CLCS
- D. Who will do the work (name of contractor, estimate, etc.)
- E. When the project will start & end

CLCS Grant Application 2015

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Telephone # _____ Email _____

If Organization, Contact Name _____

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Do you have any relationship to the Copake Lake Conservation Society? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what manner? _____

Amount Requested _____ Total Project Cost _____

Project Start Date _____ Project End Date _____

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If awarded this grant, you and the property owner, agree to indemnify and hold harmless Copake Lake Conservation Society of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, losses, damages, lawsuits, including attorneys' fees and court costs. And, that you acknowledge that CLCS may publicize awarding this grant.

Applicant Signature

Date

Owner Signature (if different from Applicant)

Date

Birds of Copake Lake

Turkey Vulture

Photo by Jeffrey Paige



Tree Swallow, female and male, 16th fairway, CCC

Photo by Jack Walsh



Robin

Photo by Lindsay LeBrecht



Goldfinch Mob

Photo by Christine Marsh



Eagle Landing on Copake Lake

Photo by Tim McDowell



Pileated Woodpecker

Photo by Barbara Levine



Cardinal Female & Gold Finches

Photo by Christine Marsh



Birds of Copake Lake

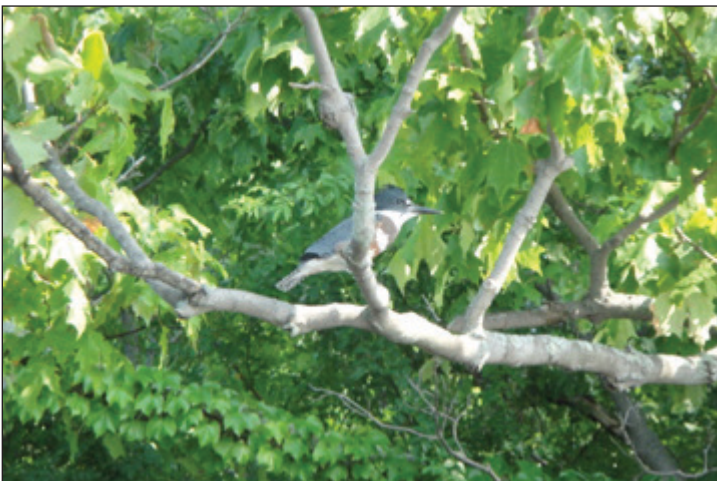
Rose Breasted Grosbeak
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Blue Jay
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Unusual sighting of Kingfisher
Photo taken by Denise Chickery



Red Tailed Hawk
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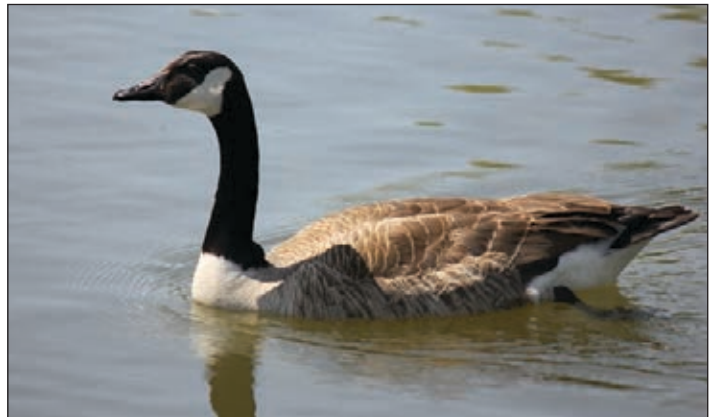
Baltimore Oriole
Photo by Christine Marsh



Eastern Bluebird, male, near
11th front tee, CCC
Photo by Jack Walsh



Canada Goose
Photo by Christine Marsh



Cardinal, male and female
Photo by Theresa Westlake



CLCS Summer Bash 2014

Another huge success!!!! Thanks to everyone for making the 11th Annual Summer Bash a night to remember. This year we had an Hawaiian theme complete with dancers and an Hawaiian-style dinner prepared by The Greens chef, Glenn Strickling, and his staff. We had Hawaiian music during dinner by DJ Daddy and then the dancing began.

Summer Bash is always our biggest fundraiser and this year we added a 50/50 raffle followed by a silent auction. We

would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to our silent auction:

Door prizes were gift cards donated by Lia's Mountainview Restaurant and The Greens.

Louis Snow won the "How Low Can You Go!" Limbo contest. Copake Lake Realty Corp. donated a VISA gift card (value \$100).

CONTRIBUTORS	ITEM(S)
Catamount Adventure Park, Old Mill Restaurant, Swiss Hutte Inn	Berkshire package
Copake Lake Boat & Ski	Speed Zone tube
Denise and Steven Chickery	Basket of Cheer
Fran Ligouri	Copake Lake watercolor painting
Hammertown Barn	Movie Icon table book
Harney & Sons Fine Teas	Basket of Teas
John Varvatos	Rock Fashion book
John Varvatos	John Varvatos cologne
Kim and Jon Urban	Lottery ticket basket
Maria DiSalvo	Health Basket
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Theme will be announced in the Spring 2015 newsletter.

KUDOS

- A very special thank you to Jon and Kim Urban, as well as Kyleigh and the entire staff at The Greens. You always make this a great night for CLCS.
- Thanks to the Fund Raising Committee members. Your hard work is sincerely appreciated in making the 2014 Summer Bash a big hit. We appreciate all you do and look forward to Summer Bash 2015.

Colleen Closson

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Free Safe Boating Course Offered in Copake

The CLCS has again arranged for a New York State Safe Boating Course to be offered on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Copake Town Hall. This 8 hour course will allow participants to obtain a safety certificate if they successfully complete the course. According to New York State Law you must hold a safety certificate if:

- You operate a personal watercraft and are at least 14 years of age.
- You wish to operate a motorboat (other than a personal watercraft) and you are at least 10 years old and less than 18 years old.
- If you are less than 10 years old you may operate a motorboat (non-PWC) only if someone over 18 is on board with you. Anyone may operate a personal watercraft if someone at least 18 years old is riding on the craft and they hold a safety certificate

The course is designed as a comprehensive boating course, teaching the fundamentals of safe boating operation. The

instructor plans to continue instruction through lunch so please plan on bringing a bag lunch. There is no fee for the class. To register please contact Joyce Crow at craw311@aol.com. Provide the names of the registrants and a contact phone number. Register early as there is a limit to the number of participants.

Joyce Crow

Editor's Note: To make New York's waterways safer, state law now requires that anyone born on or after May 1, 1996, who wants to operate a motorboat, obtain a Boating Safety Certificate by completing an approved eight-hour course. The new law will ensure that, over time, all recreational boaters navigating New York's waters will have the necessary knowledge required to operate a motorboat safely.

The new law took effect May 1, 2014, so I encourage you to make sure the young boaters you know have signed up for an approved course. Courses may be completed and certificates obtained through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, U.S. Power Squadrons or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. A list of approved courses is available on the State Parks website at www.nysparks.com. In short, a boating safety course is a good idea for everyone, but is mandatory only for those born after May 1, 1996.



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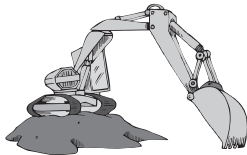
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Algae in Copake Lake: The good, the bad, and the very ugly

Bloomin' algae, not your favorite flower! Gloeotrichia, what is that?

Late in the season this year something new showed up. Greenish specks or granules in the otherwise clear water became noticeable. As the weeks went on, there were more specks, but the clarity of the water was still excellent.

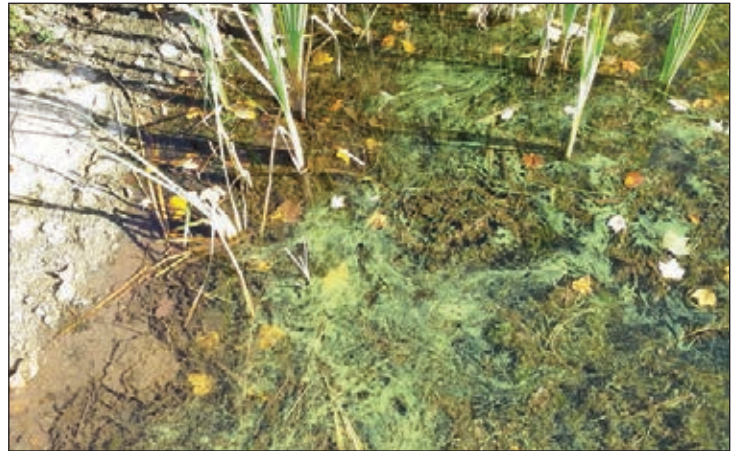
In July our lake consultant, Dr. George Knoecklein, of Northeast Aquatic Research, identified the algae causing the granular look as *Gloeotrichia*, a cyanobacteria or blue-green algae. *Gloeotrichia* forms large colonies, which create the specks.

By late August/early September, the abundance of the green specks began to concentrate forming scums along the shore, which were then caught in weed beds. Many algae scums, while not visually attractive, are often harmless. Algae scums become a concern if they are made up of blue-green algae, that can produce toxic compounds, especially when they decompose.

In early September, Dr. Knoecklein sampled the scum and ran laboratory tests to determine the type of algae and the level of toxicity. The report confirmed the algae was *Gloeotrichia*. The toxic compound microcystin was detected and, in the thickest scums, the concentrations exceeded safe levels, according to World Health Organization (WHO) criteria. Outside of the thick scum, the levels of toxicity were within safe levels. Furthermore, in the open water of Copake Lake the toxins were not detectable. However, both New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSCE) and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) believe all blue-green algae blooms represent some risk to people in contact with the bloom.

Lake residents were warned to keep pets away from the scummy areas as dogs could lick off the scum and get sick from the toxic microcystin. Residents were further advised to shower after being in the lake and generally use good sense in staying away from contact with the scum.

According to the literature and discussions with Dr. Knoecklein, *Gloeotrichia* is unusual in that it sometimes occurs in very clear, low nutrient lakes that would otherwise not have sufficient nutrients to encourage an algae bloom. Apparently, the *Gloeotrichia* spores settle in the nutrient-rich sludge on the lake bottom and are activated by the sun shining through the clear water (Note: We pride ourselves in



Algae by dock, photo by Lindsay LeBrecht

having such clear water in Copake Lake). As the algae grows, it generates oxygen and rises toward the surface, creating the scum.

CLCS contacted Scott Kishbaugh, chief of the Lake Monitoring and Assessment Section, Bureau of Water Assessment and Management, NYSDEC Division of Water. Scott told us that at least 80 lakes in New York have experienced blooms so far this year and at least 15 have shown toxic levels above WHO criteria.

In reply to our question on cause Scott elaborated:

“The cause is not clear, at least for any specific waterbody. We know that high nutrients (particularly phosphorus) = high likelihood of blooms in most lakes, and nutrient reduction seems to be the key to reduce that likelihood. But each lake’s situation is more complicated. For example, although I haven’t seen recent data, I think Copake has lower nutrient (phosphorus) levels in recent years, but these blooms are at least as common and perhaps more common. This might reflect the difference between blue greens and non-blue greens; that dynamic (which one dominates) is very fluid in each lake, and is controlled by many biological, chemical and physical factors.”

He named 4 criteria that can affect blue-green algae blooms:

1. Nitrogen and time of year: more blooms later in the season when nitrogen depletion favors blue-green algae
2. Temperature: higher water temperature promotes more algae growth
3. Type of algae: *Gloeotrichia* moves from the lake bottom

up through the water column, carrying nutrients.

4. Other biological factors: zooplankton and fish might be selectively avoiding the blue-green algae allowing them to thrive.

Scott had no specific answers as to how to deal with the *Gloeotrichia*.

Generally, reducing nutrient sources (runoff, waterfowl, septic systems, etc.) is a solution for controlling algae blooms, but it is not known if controlling nutrients would be sufficient for preventing future blooms of this algae. There is a lot of active research in New York directed to documenting and understanding the cause and methods for reducing these blooms.

So, CLCS is aware of the situation, it is monitoring the levels of algae bloom and toxicity and is seeking ways to reduce or eliminate the algae blooms. However, there is no clear path at this time.

Please bear with us as we continue to build our understanding of the problem and look for solutions.

Fred Bunger

Chairperson, CLCS Lake Management Committee

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Winter Safety on Copake Lake

Now that boats are stored, docks have been removed, and days are growing shorter, the winter season is upon Copake Lake. It is time to consider enjoying the activities on Copake Lake such as ice fishing, ice skating, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Snowmobiling is a fun sport. However, as with boating and the use of personal watercraft, safety is of utmost importance. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has enacted rules and regulations for snowmobiles which are enforceable by the OPRHP Forest Rangers, the county Sheriff's office, and State Troopers.

For additional information about snowmobiling laws and regulations, including operator requirements, vehicle registration, insurance, safety helmets, etc., consult the following website for the New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2010), a sample of which is included below.

www.nysparks.com/recreation/snowmobiles/documents/SnowmobilersGuide.pdf

From, New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2010)

Operator Requirements

Anyone who is at least 18 years old may operate a snowmobile in New York State without any other qualification except as defined by state and local laws regulating that operation. However, it is recommended that all operators complete a recognized snowmobile safety course. See the section on Rider Training for more information on the New York State Snowmobile Safety Education Program.

Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York.

Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York and are accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.

The Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will issue a snowmobile safety certificate to those who successfully complete this course.

Youths who do not hold this certificate are subject to the same restrictions as children under the age of 14 years. See



the section on Rider Training for more information on the New York State Snowmobile Safety Education Program.

Children under 10 years old or under age 14 without a safety certificate may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian.

A non-resident operator who is a resident of another state or country and is the holder of a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by that state or country shall be considered the same as the holder of a New York State Safety Certificate."



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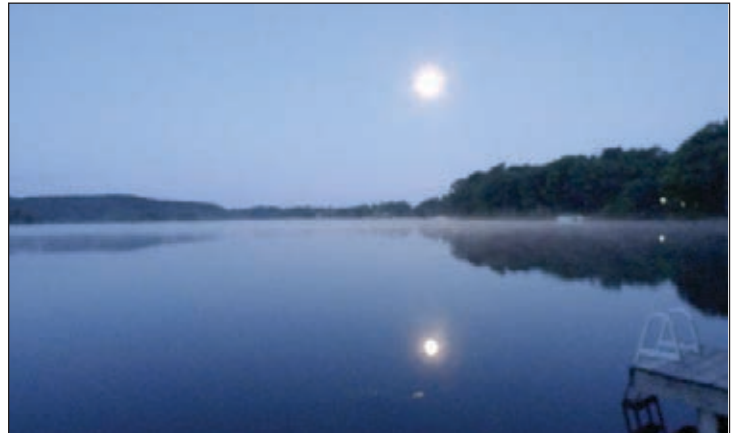
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Copake Lake Conservation Society Annual Recognition Award

Year	Recipient	Award
2014	Denise Chickery	Engraved plaque
2013	Karen Schutzer	Engraved plaque
2012	Jed Luchow	Engraved plaque
2011	Fred Bunger	A tree
2011	Keith Schaefer	Engraved plaque
2009	Sarah Leshner	Engraved plaque
2009	Barbara Rindler	Engraved plaque
2008	Lindsay LeBrecht	Engraved planter
2008	Marissa Shedd	Engraved planter
2006	Dave Craw	Certificate of Appreciation
2005	Barbara Bunger	Framed kayaking picture with friends
2005	Elayne Dix	Framed kayaking picture with friends
2004	Jim Carmody	Certificate of Appreciation



Morning Lake Panorama Contrail Reflection, photo by Liz Nealon



Super Moon Lake Reflection 5:30am, photo by Liz Nealon



Sunset Water Wake, photo by Liz Nealon



Ready for Summer, photo by Liz Nealon

An Unusual Tale of “Lost And Found” From Copake Lake

I am sure that most everyone at Copake Lake has a story about something they have lost in the lake at one time or another. Very rarely is anything recovered. This story starts sometime around the summer of 1986. Floyd “ Bud “ Hawley had a summer home for decades at Southwest Colony, where his family had spent many happy summers. He had a few boats, one being a sailboat that had a small 1.8 horse power Evenrude motor. On a windy day that summer, one of his sons, Mark, was sailing and was hit with a gust of wind which flipped the boat over. While trying to right the sailboat, the motor came loose and was lost in the lake, somewhere near camp Ruff-It which was owned by Brad Peck (now owned by Gary Peck). The motor went down in about 20 feet of water and was lost.

Sometime around the summer of 2009, Pally Albright mentioned to Bud’s son, Dave Hawley, who many of us know as “DJ Daddy,” the disc jockey at many CLCS Summer Bash events, that Pally had heard about someone who was fishing in the lake and had snagged a small outboard motor. No more was said until this past summer (2014). Pally had come to Dave to tell him that he had a lead on #2 antique outboard motors, which he collects along with many snowmobiles. Pally also said that one of the motors was raised from the lake near where Dave’s father’s motor went down many years ago. He said the guy who had it couldn’t get it going. Pally and Dave talked about the motor, which was a 1939 Evenrude ELTO, 1.8 horse power, with an open flywheel on top. Other friends, like Tom Cook, remembered and described the motor as well. Dave’s son, Ryan, said he remembered when it was lost and how upset his grandfather was.



Later that day, to Dave’s surprise, Pally showed up with the motor which fit the description of the Bud Hawley’s lost motor. Everyone was surprised at how well the condition of the motor appeared, but it still did not fire after many tries. Anyone who knows Dave Hawley knows that he loves to tinker with anything and that he does not give up. After a number of hours cleaning and working on the motor, Dave got it to pop, and the rest is history. It now starts with one pull. This past Labor Day weekend Dave was seen putting around the lake with his dad’s old motor and a very big grin. You can occasionally see him on the lake, that we love, with his motor purring and still grinning. Thanks to Harold “Pally” Albright for making this story have such a happy ending.

**Story by Courtland Wright, a close fishing buddy
Forwarded to CLCS by Colleen Closson**

Editor’s note: And a very special thanks to all from CLCS for helping to clean up Copake Lake!

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NY Invasive Species Awareness Week (July 2014)

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Agriculture and Markets held their first Invasive Species Awareness Week in July. Invasive Species Awareness Week was part of an invasive species education campaign coordinated by The New York State Invasive Species Council, Invasive Species Advisory Committee and Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management. Some of the activities included a boat inspection demonstration, a water chestnut pull, an Emerald Ash Borer educational program, garlic mustard pull and pesto party, and Knotweed pull.

So why is this so important for us? Here's why.

We live in a watershed. Everything we do affects our environment. Take a look at the activities listed above:

- Boat inspection demonstration – plants and zebra mussels can spread by not cleaning your boat, if you go from one body of water to another. One of our primary weeds at Copake Lake is Eurasian Milfoil, which is not a native plant. Zebra mussels can survive out of water for 7 days. They have also been linked to the decrease of dissolved oxygen in the Seneca River. Locally Zebra mussels can be found in the Hudson River and Laurel Lake in the Berkshires. The spread of Zebra mussels is preventable if boaters thoroughly clean and dry their boats and associated equipment before transporting to another body of water.
- Water chestnut **was** here at Copake Lake. It, too, is invasive and can totally clog large areas. They can become so plentiful that their leaves limit sunlight from reaching underwater plants that need it for photosynthesis. Thick floating mats also make it difficult for boaters and swimmers to enjoy the water. The plant has bright-green clusters of leaves and their fruit/seeds are hard nuts with four ½-inch bared spines. Due to diligent observation and pulling of this weed by members of the Lake Management Committee, it has been eliminated from Copake Lake.
- A couple of years ago, we reported on the Emerald Ash Borer. We all started to see those purple triangle boxes appearing all around. The Emerald Ash Borer is



Zebra Mussels

an invasive beetle that has destroyed tens of millions of ash trees. The closest colony **was** on the west side of the Hudson River. They are now on the east side of the Hudson. New York State has a regulation in place that firewood cannot be moved 50 miles beyond its origin, as a means to thwart ash borers and other invasive pests.

- The garlic mustard plant was originally brought to North America from Europe in the 1860's for use in cooking and for medicine. These plants come out early in the spring, getting the jump on native plants, and shades them, growing 2 to 3½ feet tall. Then the native plants have trouble getting enough sunlight to grow. The garlic mustard plant produces many seeds, so new plants can spread far in just a few years. To limit its spread, cut the garlic mustard plant or pull it up before the seeds form each year.



Garlic Mustard

- If it would stay in the garden, like those who brought it here in the 1880s intended, we might love Japanese knotweed for its green foliage and



Japanese Knotweed

August-blooming flowers. Instead, it spreads like crazy, growing quickly along forest edges, stream banks and disturbed areas. Growing to 10 feet tall, it spreads over large areas with dense growth and crowds out native plants. To control its spread, remove Japanese knotweed when you find it in the wild and don't use it in gardens. You can see this plant on the lake side of Lakeview Road, by where Blue Bird Road is. I've watched this plant for years expand its coverage area. It has even crossed the road.

- You've seen it along the Taconic State Parkway and even here at Copake Lake. Purple loosestrife is yet another non-native plant.



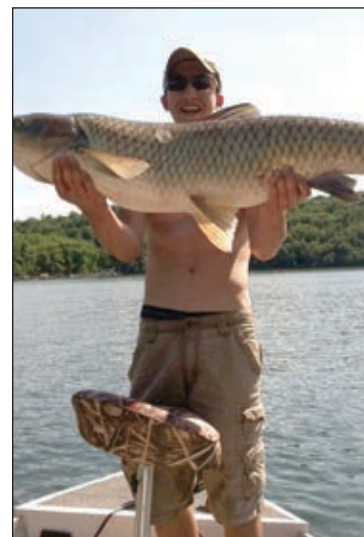
Purple Loosestrife

It disrupts wetland ecosystems by displacing native plants and animals. Waterfowl, fur-bearing animals and

birds vacate wetland habitat when they lose their food source, nesting material, and ground cover due to native vegetation loss.

“Holy Carp”, to quote Keith Schaefer. Yes, we have carp and koi, too. Some carp are native fish and others are not. The bottom line is that they are invasive, eat other fish, and can grow into very large fish. Carp was brought over from Asia in 1831. They are classified by NYS DEC as an invasive species. The largest carp recorded by NYS was 50 lbs. 4 oz. Here’s the 411:

- Common carp, grass carp and goldfish are not ‘protected’ species. That being said, they can be caught anytime of the year by someone with a valid fishing license (if required). There is no size limit. We can basically do anything to reduce their population, obviously using common sense.
- From May 15 until September 30th, bow hunting of carp is permitted.
- During the 2005 DEC fish survey, there was 1 carp noted in Copake Lake.
- In the 2008 fish survey, there were 5 common carp noted in Copake Lake.
- This past summer, Carp Ageddon and others caught approximately 16 grass carp, common carp, or koi with a total weight of about 330 pounds. That averages out to over 20 pounds per fish.
- The carp population continues to grow in Copake Lake.
- This is not a native species and they will most likely go after native plants before eating the milfoil.
- They put out nitrates.
- The DEC would NEVER GIVE A PERMIT to put carp in Copake Lake. Whoever put these carp in the lake, or let them escape from their private pond, has violated the law.



The CLCS has allocated funds to help offset the gas expenses for Carp Ageddon.



This carp was found by my boat, missing its back fin.

Disposing of aquarium contents is thought to be the source of many other invasive species -- both plant and animal. The reason goldfish are small is that they are in a small bowl. They will grow to huge proportions when released into a large body of water. Also, in Long Island, released aquarium plants have caused major problems in some of their waterways.

So do you still have any questions about why invasive species control is important to our beautiful Copake Lake?

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Captain Bob, his crew, and his boat, Carp Ageddon, go out at night using a light to attract the fish.

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Hidden Heroes

Many years ago, the Hidden Heroes column began to share the passions/interests of our lake community residents away from the lake. This year we deviate just a little from that concept to highlight our active service people and veterans. This article is dedicated to those who serve, or have served, our country.

Within our lake community there are many active enlisted service-people and veterans, to whom we should all be grateful for their service to this wonderful country of ours. We thank all of you, even if not mentioned in this article. The intention is to include everyone, if not in name, but in spirit.

It has been an honor to watch these boys grow into men and then servicemen. We'd like to highlight individuals:

LT Joe "Manbearpig" Gursky grew up in Arrowhead Acres and graduated from Taconic Hills in 2004. After graduation, he continued his education at the United States Naval Academy and in 2008 commissioned into the Navy. LT Gursky is currently deployed in the Middle East aboard the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush. He serves as an F-18F Super Hornet Weapons Systems Officer. He is the son of Colleen Closson of Arrowhead Acres and Joseph Gursky of Southwest Colony. His sister is Alicia. He is set to marry Jacky Inglesby in May of 2015.



Joe Gursky

Some of you may know Raj Patel from Southwest Colony or The Greens Restaurant, where he worked for many summers. Raj was inducted into the Naval Academy in June 2013 and is just starting his career. Currently, he is a drum major in the USNA Pipes and Drums and is pursuing his education in political science.



Raj Patel

As an Eagle Scout, Raj started an annual flag raising ceremony at Southwest Colony on Memorial Day weekend. Each year Raj, together with Loren Hawley, hold an informal fund-raising run, which starts in Southwest Colony. They have raised monies for the Wounded Warrior Project and Team Red, White and Blue, an organization which integrates veterans back into the community. He is the son of Ulka Patel and Anne Captain and brother to Jasmine, Shivani and Carly.

Captain Ryan D. Hawley of Southwest Colony served on active duty in the United States Air Force from 2005 to 2011. He received the Defensive Meritorious Service Medal for actions while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ryan is the son of Dave and Donna Hawley and is the brother of Loren Hawley. In February 2014, he married Kalie Albrecht. Presently he is working as a consultant for the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.



Ryan Hawley

JoAnn Aluisio of Cove Colony is the proud grandmother of two career servicemen. Sergeant First Class Kenneth Van Alphen serves in the Army and is stationed at Fort Drum, New York. Staff Sergeant Josh Pulver is a Marine stationed at Camp Lajeune, North Carolina. Josh Pulver's parents are Kendal and Chip Pulver from the Bird Roads. Kenneth and Josh have served over ten years each.

We applaud all our active service people and lake veterans and thank you for your service. We know that Freedom is not Free and gratefully appreciate you all, past and present.

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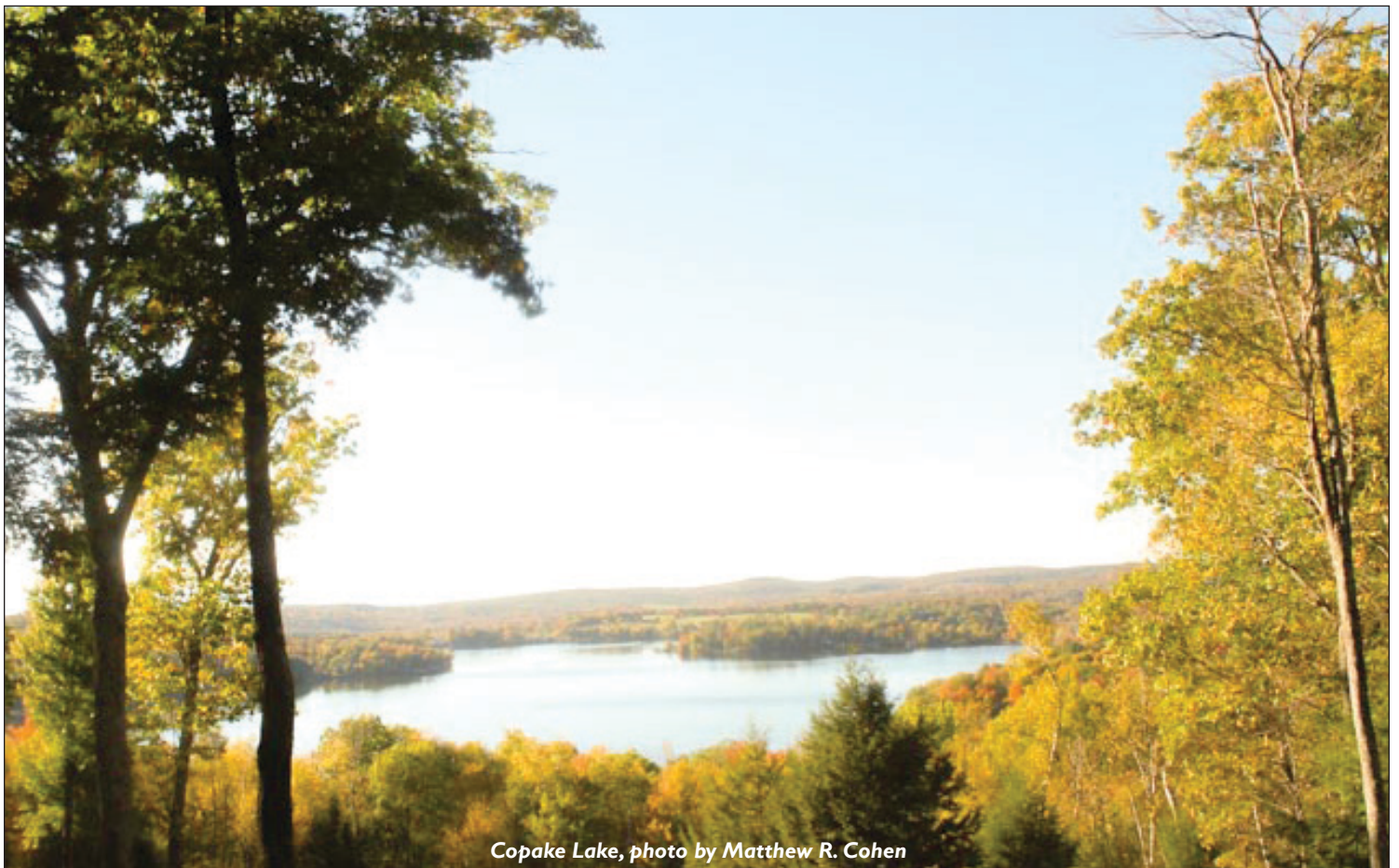
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