

President's Message

opake Lake summer days are happily around the corner once again. We all look forward to those renowned "endless" summer days filled with cherished memories. Each of us is blessed to be able to live the dream of lake life, embracing all that Mother Nature has given to us, and is yet to give. Our lake's beauty abounds! This, however, is not solely the work of Mother Nature. It is the collaboration of each of us doing our part, supporting Copake Lake Conservation Society to help sustain our lake's beauty. We all need to partner to promote safety on land and water, support the longevity of our shoreline and fishery by planting greens along the shore, and caring for our watershed as everything flows down and into our precious waters. These are just a few cooperative ways that we all can assist in the ongoing support of each of our lake lives.

CLCS committees continue to strive towards elevating our vision as a lake community. The commitment of our board members and their love for the lake shines throughout the year.

Our Communication Committee works hard every year to bring you our spring and fall newsletters, posting signs throughout the season, launching email blasts, and currently updating our 1989 website into the 21st century. We hope you will find it simplifies your interaction and increases your experience with CLCS subject matter. Please continue to send in those amazing photographs!

The Lake Management Committee maintains their steadfast focus on the condition of the lake and the watershed. They work directly with our limnologist, Dr. George Knoecklein, and his team who are our herbicide contractors, Solitude, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the associations around our lake community collaborating to maintain our pristine waters that we have come to expect at Copake Lake.

Fundraising Committee members are busy throughout the year designing new merchandise to sell at our events, planning the annual summer bash, and rounding up donations for the Annual Labor Day Weekend Raffle. CLCS relies solely on fundraising and membership dues to operate. Everyone's support is needed and appreciated.

The Education Committee works closely with our Lake Management Committee to bring awareness of both positive and negative characteristics of a healthy lake to each of us. The committee works with such agencies as the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation), partners with PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management), NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations), and the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. Interaction with other agencies provides CLCS with knowledge from which we all benefit. Promoting the best demonstrated practices enhances the preservation of our lake waters. Safety is a significant topic that we all need to encourage on and around our lake. Finance and Nominating Committees support the entire board ensuring we run efficiently and effectively. The CLCS Membership Committee is really our entire Board of Trustees who inspire our neighbors and friends to join the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Promoting our mission statement and bringing camaraderie to the lake community builds positive outcomes and sustains the true value of our lake – Majestic!

The Copake Lake Conservation Society looks forward to your continued membership support and the onboarding of new members for 2019. We need each of you to consider joining if you already have not done so. In my lifelong experience at Copake Lake, it would not be the sparkling waters that you experience today if it weren't for your individual support of CLCS. Thank you for all your dedication throughout the years as CLCS members. Devotedly looking forward to what is yet to come.

May your spring and summer be filled with boundless lake fun and wellbeing.

Debra Ruggieri



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CLCS 2019 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

Joyce Craw Jed Luchow *(editor)* Sharon Luchow** Barbara Rindler Debra Ruggieri Marcia Untracht** Anne Weisholtz**

ELECTRONIC

Lindsay LeBrecht Jim Murphy* Liz Nealon Barbara Rindler Deborah Sprague

Edward Werfelman

PUBLICITY

Cherie Berk Jim Murphy*

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 Liz Nealon Maria Powers* Debra Ruggieri

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.

Jim Murphy Jennifer Oliveira Barbara Rindler Debra Ruggieri Edward Werfelman*

Fundraising

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

Jackie Bernstein Colleen Closson* Maria DiSalvo** Lynn Gelman Debra Gold** Lindsay LeBrecht Muriel Muldorf Jim Murphy Jennifer Oliveira Debra Ruggieri Deborah Sprague Edward Werfelman* Ilise Zimmerman-Posen

*Chairperson **Volunteer

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. Grants Committee (GC) is a sub-committee of Lake Management Committee.

Rick Aluisio** Barbara Bunger** Fred Bunger* David Craw GC Brad Dubler** Ron Flaum** GC Russ Funk** Lindsay LeBrecht Jed Luchow

Gary Mastropolo** Debra Ruggieri Keith Schaefer** Buddy Sinisi** Russ Stein* GC Stu Troyetsky Jon Urban** Ed Werfelman Mike Whitcomb** Ilise Zimmerman-Posen

Membership

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

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 Barbara Rindler

CLCS Contributors (2018)

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Lake Angel - \$1000 Plus

Michael & Sophie Bienstock Stacey & Miles Braffett Barbara Braunstein Pam & Rick Brown Paul Casey & Marika Pritchett-Casey Steven & Denise Chickery Joyce & David Craw Chase Booth / Gray Davis Michael & Janet Fried **Island Homeowners** Doug & Anne Kleeschulte Kim Barton/Mitchell Konsker Jed & Sharon Luchow Javier Vargas/Monica Machado Barbara & Ross Mauri Brian & Carol Powers Jim, Christine & Emma Shoaf

Lake Fanatic - \$500-999

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Lake Lover - \$200-499

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Lake Member - \$100-199

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Central Hudson Gas & Electric Fidelity Charitable Foundation Franklin Templeton Investments General Electric Corporation Huber Enterprises, Inc. Pfizer Corporation United Bank of Scotland (UBS)

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CONTRIBUTORS	IN HONOR
Robert & Laura Friedman	In Honor of Muriel & Ray Muldorf
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Lindsay Lebrecht	In Honor of Denise Chickery's birthday
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Lindsay Lebrecht	In Memory of Sheldon Gross
Shelly Huttner/Mark Leshner	In Memory of Morris & Sarah Leshner
Jed & Sharon Luchow	In Memory of Pearl Nipon
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Carmela Tartaglia	In Memory of Patrick Tartaglia
Marcia & Bob Untracht	In Memory of Margaux Untracht
James Wagner	In Memory of Anne Wagner
Dennis Posen/Ilise Zimmerman	In Memory of Gloria Zimmerman/In Memory of Sheldon Gross

2019 Schedule of Meetings and Events

Note: This calendar reflects the traditional meetings and events at or around the Copake Lake community area. Please consult the CLCS website for up-to-date information (www.copakelakecs.org)

May 2019	Treatment for invasive weeds will be scheduled as needed but likely to be in mid-May. There will be a 7 day advance notice of any treatment restrictions on lake use.
Saturday, May II, 2019	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
9 a.m.	The Greens Restaurant
Saturday, May 18, 2019 9 a.m 12 noon	Town of Copake Clean-up Day Town Garage, 47 School Road. No construction or demolition waste. Call Town Hall 518 329-1234 Ext 2 for more info
Saturday, May 25, 2019 9 a.m 12 noon	Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-Up Day Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road. No construction debris. 4 tire limit. Rain date Sunday, May 26, 2019
Saturday, June 8, 2019	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
9 a.m.	The Greens Restaurant
July 2019	Algae treatments will be scheduled only as needed. There will be a 7 day advance notice of treatment restrictions or lake use.
Thursday, July 4, 2019	Annual 4th of July Boat Parade
I p.m.	Begins at Southwest Colony
Saturday, July 6, 2019	CLCS Annual Meeting and Open House
10 a.m.	Copake Town Hall
Saturday, July 13, 2019	13th Annual Summer Bash The Greens Restaurant.; Cocktails 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m. Theme Beach Party
Saturday, August 3, 2019	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
9 a.m.	The Greens Restaurant
Saturday, August 17, 2019	Copake Falls Day Check website for details. <u>www.copakefallsday.org</u> or call 518-329-3251
August 24, 2019	Annual Fireworks at Copake Country Club
9 p.m.	Organized by Denise Chickery and supported by community donations.
Sunday, September 1 ,2019	CLCS Labor Day Weekend Raffle
II a.m.	The Lighthouse Marina
Saturday, September 7, 2019	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
9 a.m.	The Greens Restaurant
Saturday, September 22, 2019	6th Annual Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Tour I0am Copake Memorial Park This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram. For more information go to: roejanramble.org or call Tom Goldsworthy 347-952-5764.
Tuesday, December 3, 2019	Giving Tuesday: Support the CLCS

*Lake treatments will be scheduled as needed. Treatment dates will be made firm based on lake testing results. Notices will be posted around lake 7 days prior to treatments. Check our website for dates and more information. www.copakelakecs.org

** Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection. Check website for date: www.colombiacountyny.com

RHF MARINE ENTERPRISES, INC.

NEW MOSQUITO THIS SEASON

Breakfast sandwiches, sandwiches, burgers, fries and, of course, ice cream!

Schedule your dock installation and boat service soon.

Need a new dock? Call or email us.

Copake Lake Boat & Ski, 281 Lakeview Road, Craryville, NY 12521

518-325-5464 copakelakeboating@msn.com



Treasurer's Report	
PROFIT & LOSS	
JANUARY TO DECEMBER 20)18
Income:	
Ads	1,820.00
Contributions Income	65,109.00
Fundraising	12,651.84
Interest Income	1,289.00
Total Income	80,869.84
Gross Profit	80,869.84
Expenses:	
Administration	2,943.99
Communications	6,768.24
Education	344.47
Lake Management	95,609.00
Total Expenses	105,665.70
Net Operating Income	-24,795.86
Net Income /Loss	-24,795.86

2019 Annual 4th of July Boat Parade on Copake Lake

e will set sail upon our waters for our traditional boat parade on Thursday July 4th at Ip.m. sharp from Southwest Colony. Rain or shine (no thunder or lightening) the boats all line up and precede around the parameter of the lake. Starting at Southwest Colony and ending at Southwest Colony. The judges this year are the winners from last years parade. The Barn in the USA vessel with Captain Peter Marano and his crew Monique, Ryan, and Morgan Marano and Lila, Melissa, Ricky, and Thomas Carroll are excited to be the judges for the 2019 parade. They will be at their dock along Lake view Rd. right after The Lighthouse Marina. Watch for the Judging Station sign. Be sure to wave your flags high, toot your horns, and smile as you pass by!

Steven Chickery and Debra Ruggieri



Barn in the USA, photo by Denise Chickery



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2019 Copake Lake Boating Rules And Regulations

Source, New York State Office of Parks Recreation & Historical Preservation (www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating)

- **AGE:** Motorized boat operators must be 18 or over. Or, between the ages of 10 and 18 must have completed certified boating safety (NYS Law).
- **AGE:** As of May 1, 2014, operators born after May 1, 1996 must have a NYS approved Safe Boating Course and be at least 10 years of age in order to operate a motorboat in New York State.
- **BOATING HOURS:** Watercraft must not exceed 6 mph between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. (Town Ordinance).
- NOISE: All watercraft must have effective mufflers (Town Ordinance). Watercraft noise must not exceed 75 decibels (NYS Law).
- **SPEED:** All watercraft must slow down to 5 mph when less than 100 ft from shore, dock, or other vessel, or in "no wake" zones (NYS Law).
- RIGHT OF WAY: Motorized watercraft must yield to swimmers and non-motorized watercraft (NYS Law).

SAFETY:

- a. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD): Children under the age of 12 must wear approved PFD while in a watercraft. Approved flotation devices are required for each person on board (NYS Law).
- b. Water Skiing: Water skiers must have a "look-out" over the age of 10 (NYS Law).
- c. BWI: Boating while impaired or intoxicated subject to fines or imprisonment (NYS Law).
- d. Fire extinguisher, distress signal and anchor are required on ALL motorized watercraft.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (NYS Law):

- a. Operators must wear an approved PFD.
- b. Operator must be attached with a cut-off device.
- c. Can only be operated between sunrise and sundown and the town ordinance speed limit on the lake is less than 6 mph between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. for any motorized vessel.
- d. May not be operated within 500 ft of a designated swimming area.
- e. Reckless operation prohibited (wake jumping, weaving through traffic, or other maneuvers that jeopardize safety).

REGISTRATION: All motorized watercraft must be registered and display the registration numbers (NYS Law).

ENVIRONMENT:

- a. Help keep unwanted aquatic plants and zebra mussels out of the lake. Thoroughly wash your vessel and flush the cooling system at a location away from the shoreline.
- b. Avoid spilling gasoline or oil. Repair leaks immediately.
- c. Dispose of litter properly in bins on shore.
- d. Do not use soaps or cleansers in or near the lake.

Common sense and respect for others are the way to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone using the lake. CLCS is not



photo by Debra Ruggieri

a law-enforcement agency and leaves such duties to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, The CLCS has posted rules and regulations and distributes these excerpts to encourage lake users to know the rules and observe them.

Concerns about speed, noise, or safe handling of any motorized watercraft on the lake should be directed to: COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 518-828-3344.

NYS Rules and Regulations for Non-Motorized Watercraft (Kayaks, Paddleboards, etc.)

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) must also be worn year-round by all children under 12 years of age on any boat less than 65 feet in length, unless within a fully enclosed cabin; by anyone engaging in towed activities, such as water-skiers or wake-boarders; and while on board a personal watercraft. Otherwise, a wearable life jacket must be available for every passenger on board every vessel, including non-motorized watercraft such as canoes and kayaks." New York State Boating Laws and Regulations, 2010, see <u>www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating</u>.

Along with rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and sailboats, paddle boards are considered boats and must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly sized, serviceable, and readily accessible life jacket on board for each person, just like any other boat, mechanized or not. From May 2 through October 31 such persons are not required to wear a life jacket, though it is highly suggested (but they must have one on board and readily accessible).

From November I to May I, everyone on all pleasure vessels which include paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, and motorboats must be wearing a life jacket while underway, which means as long as the boat is not anchored or tied to a dock. Drifting counts as underway.

Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment on a boat and can save your life; we recommend that they be worn at all times.

Thank you to Ro Woodard, Education Specialist, NYS Parks, Marine Service Bureau for helping to gather this information.

Education Committee



Hannah Westlake wearing proper safety equipment, photo by Denise Chickery.

Approved NYS Boat Safety Certification Requirements

ccording to New York State Boating Laws and Regulations, you must hold an approved NYS boat safety certificate if:

• You were born on or after 5/1/96. You must successfully complete an approved NYS boating course in order to operate any type of motorized vessel.

• 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 over 18 is on board with you and they hold a NYS approved boat safety certificate.

Courses offered online or live in classrooms:

There are many opportunities to take the NY State Boat Safety Course. Courses may be taken in classrooms or online. Classes are posted regularly on the following website: https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/boating-safetyclass.aspx

Maria Powers Education Committee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUMMER BASH 2019

at The Greens

Saturday, JULY 13, 2019

Theme: Beach Party

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Band at 9:00 p.m. "Juke Box Junkies"



PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING/OPEN HOUSE TO LEARN WHAT IS GOING ON WITH COPAKE LAKE!

Come meet your neighbors and hear about the CLCS!

Saturday, July 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

COPAKE TOWN HALL 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-325-1234

9:30 a.m. Light Refreshments Served

2019 CLCS merchandise for sale

SPONSORED BY THE COPAKE LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY



Winter Sunset, photo by Deborah Sprague



Early Winter Sunset, photo by Buddy Sinisi

Membership 2019 - Updated Guidelines/Categories

ur CLCS 2018 fall newsletter presented an article reflecting changes regarding membership categories and guidelines for 2019 and beyond. Since 1974, we have been asking our Copake Lake community for a voluntary membership of \$100 per year to become a voting member and supporter of the CLCS. After 45 years, your CLCS Board of Trustees (BOT) has seen the need to increase our membership as of the January I, 2019. This is driven by the overall increased costs necessary for the care and maintenance of our lake. A membership, which supports our work and includes one individual's right to vote at our annual meeting, will increase from \$100 to \$150.

There will be four Household categories of Membership Donations:

- Lake Angels \$1000 +
- Lake Fanatics \$500-999
- Lake Lovers \$300-499
- Lake Friends \$150-\$299 (includes I individual household membership)

• Non-membership donations to CLCS will be listed in the newsletter and on our website as: "General", "In Honor of", and "In Memory of" Donations. Memory/Honor donations are donations above the membership dues of \$150 and may not be used as part of your membership donation.

Homeowners' Associations do not have voting

memberships. All donations from Homeowners' Associations will be listed under General Donations.

• Our Business Supporters, with a donation of \$100 or more for the fiscal year January I- December 3I, will have a separate listing in our spring/summer and fall/winter newsletter and on our website for that year.

CLCS is calling upon each of you to continue to support us, to encourage your neighbors to support us, to volunteer for a CLCS committee or activity, and to increase your generous giving so that we can all enjoy the beauty of Copake Lake not only today, but for generations to come.

Debra Ruggieri

Membership Chairperson

Copake Lake Conservation Society, Inc.

Become a CLCS Business Partner

Send your \$100 donation check for 2019 to CLCS, P.O.Box 37, Craryville, NY 12521 or use PayPal at our website, www.copakelakecs.org



Town of Copake Clean-Up Day (May 18) Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day (May 25)

Although these two events are similar in nature, there are important differences to note.

own of Copake Clean-Up Day is being held on May 18, 2019 (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Copake Town Garage, 44 School Road (off Route 22 by the old Roe Jan School). You can bring your broken lawn chairs, old lamps, TVs, batteries, tires (maximum of 4, none larger than 19" rims), and pretty much everything other than household garbage and hazardous waste such as paint. Go to www.copake.org for exact information. Proof of residency required. For additional information contact Copake Town Hall at 518-329-1234.

Copake Lake Conservation Society Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 25, 2019 (Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend), with rain date of Sunday, May 26, 2019) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This event is sponsored by the Copake Lake Conservation Society for the express purpose of removing debris that has accumulated over the winter from Copake Lake and from its shoreline. Copake Lake neighbors are asked to remove debris from the lake and shoreline and place it along Golf Course Road, Lakeview Road and County Rte. 7 up to Juliana/Jefferson Drives. Jon Urban of The Greens/Copake Country Club will donate the services of a pick-up truck and maintenance workers, who will drive along the shoreline beginning at 10:00 am, pick up the debris, and dispose of it in the dumpster at the triangle at County Route 7 and Lakeview Road (where we also have the CLCS Community bulletin board). This truck will make ONE (1) trip, starting at 10:00 a.m., from Golf Course Road to Lakeview Road to County Route 7 ending at Juliana/ lefferson Drives. We encourage residents to bring your own

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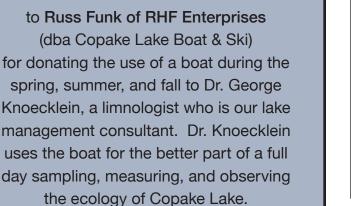
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Jed Luchow

Lake Management Committee



Look what came out of Copake Lake on Shoreline Clean Up Day with Gabe, Jack, and Peyton Chaimowitz. Adult is Amy Chaimowitz. photo by Frances Pross





Shoreline Clean-Up Day, Joyce Craw, Ilise Zimmerman-Posen, Debra Ruggieri, and Jim Murphy. photo by Cherie Berk







DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, May 27th 4th Annual Lawn Game Olympics
- Early June Summer Kickoff Lobster & Clambake
- EVERY Thursday, June 13th to August 29th Live Outdoor Music Series
- Saturday, July 13th CLCS Annual Summer Bash
- Saturday, August 24th Annual Fireworks Night & Family BBQ
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Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

Native (desirable) Plants



Slender naiad Najas flexilis



Waterweed Elodea nuttallii



Water stargrass Zosterella dubia



Large leaf pondweed (Potamogeton amplifolius)



Large leaf pondweed - underwater (Potamogeton amplifolius)



Long-leaf Pondweed Potamogeton nodosus



Common elodea Elodea canadensis



Tape Grass Vallisneria americana

Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

Non-Native (invasive) Plants Threats – not found in Copake Lake YET! And hopefully never will be!



Curly-leaf pondweed Potamageton crispus



Eurasian water milfoil Myriophyllum spicatum

Be on the lookout for these invasive plants!



Starry stonewort - underwater Nitellopsis obtusa



Fanwort Cabomba caroliniana



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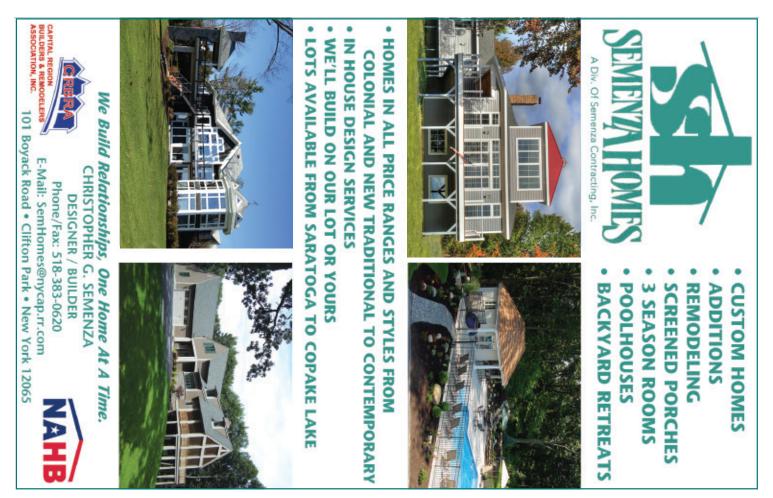
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mprove or protect the Copake Lake watershed. CLCS is offering grants to support proactive projects. The grant will support up to 50% of the cost of the project, not to exceed \$5,000. Please go to the CLCS website, www. copakelakecs.org, for guidelines and the application form for submitting a proposal.

IMPORTANT: All grant proposals must be submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees before any work on a project can begin. Before any grant funds can be disbursed, all work must be inspected by members of the Grant Committee to insure that the project aligns with the description in the initial proposal submission and to all CLCS Grant Guidelines.

Russ Stein Chairperson

Grants Sub-Committee Lake Management Committe



2018 BIRDS AND BIRDHOUSES NESTING REPORT

From the golf course at the Copake Country Club A CLCS Mission: Preserving the ecological balance at Copake Lake

s part of the CLCS Mission Statement, "...to preserve the ecological balance...," 2018 was our eighth year for the Birdhouse Project at the Copake Country Club (CCC). Thanks very much again for all the interest, encouragement and backing from so many people around the club — especially the ever-supportive Urban family (Jon, Kim, Austin, Tanner); Mark Anderson; John Stickles and the proshop crew; Kyleigh Zengen and everybody at The Greens; Steve and Denise Chickery; and all the birders, golfers and regulars at CCC who have helped make this such a worthy, valuable pastime and contribution to the natural world.

We now have 40 birdhouses on the golf course. Thirty of the houses are designed and placed to attract our most common birdhouse users (Tree Swallows and Eastern Bluebirds); 28 of the 30 were in use by them at one time or another from April into August.

2018 TOTALS from the golf course birdhouses*:

We observed:

26 Tree Swallow nests (approximately 85 Tree Swallow eggs); 20 Eastern Bluebird nests (approximately 75 Bluebird eggs); 4 House Wren nests (approximately 15 eggs).

Special Report on Bald Eagles: Bald Eagles are often times

referred to as the "rock stars" of the Northeast region. 2018 was the fourth consecutive year we've observed definite breeding activity in the huge nest just beyond the 14th green. Bald Eagles and their actions are tough to monitor; I watched adult Balds fly to and from the nest starting in mid-February, when they often start breeding (earlier than most).

*I register all of our nesting information on "NestWatch" run by the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, considered the most respected birding education facility in the U.S.

Thomas Walsh



Tree Swallow, female and male, 16th fairway, CCC. photo by Jack Walsh

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Birds of Copake Lake

Rose Breasted Grosbeak Photo by Christine Marsh



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Unusual sighting of Kingfisher Photo taken by Denise Chickery



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Pileated Woodpecker Photo by Barbara Levine

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





Cardinal, male and female Photo by Theresa Westlake

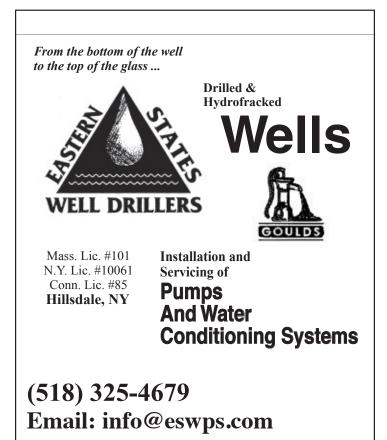


Copake Lake Conservation Society Annual Recognition Award

Year Recipient 2018 Jackie Bernstein **Barbara** Rindler 2017 2016 **Buddy Sinisi** 2015 **Rick Aluisio** 2014 **Denise Chickery** 2013 Karen Schutzer 2012 Jed Luchow 2011 Fred Bunger 2011 Keith Schaefer 2009 Sarah Leshner 2009 **Barbara Rindler** 2008 Lindsay LeBrecht 2008 Marissa Shedd 2006 **Dave Craw** Barbara Bunger 2005 2005 Elayne Dix 2004 Jim Carmody

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TERM IN OFFICE	NAME
2014-present	Debra Ruggieri
2010-2014	Denise Chickery
2006-2010	Dominick "Buddy" Sinisi
2003-2006	Dave Craw
1999-2003	Barbara Bunger
1995-1999	Lindsay LeBrecht
1994-1995	Barbara Bunger/Lindsay LeBrecht
1990-1994	Barbara Bunger
1989-1990	Joseph Gladstone
1987-1989	Tom Williams
1985-1987	Joseph Gladstone
1980-1985	Lucille Landers
1979-1980	Dr. Henry "Hy" Lowenheim (founding president of CLCS, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization)

2018 Lake Management Committee (LMC) Meeting Summary of 2018 & Action Plans for 2019

Attendees: Barb and Fred Bunger, Dave Craw, Russ Funk, George Knoecklein (NEAR), Jed Luchow, Debra Ruggieri, Keith Schaefer, Buddy Sinisi, Russ Stein, Ed Werfelman. Mark Bellaud and Kara Sliwoski of Solitude Lake Management, Inc. called in. Regrets: Brad Dubler, Ron Flaum, Lindsay LeBrecht, Stu Troyetsky, and Mike Whitcomb.

I. Health Monitoring: In 2018, all water samples were well under the level of concern for swimming. A few cases of swimmer's itch were reported in May and June, but there were no reports after early July.

For 2019, Dave, Jed, and Stu will continue to sample the lake water for coliform bacteria in late June, mid-July, and mid-August. The sampling map will be updated to reflect both swimming areas and potential sources of coliform contamination.

Budget: \$1,500

2. Shoreline erosion: In 2018, Barb, Joyce, and Russ formed a team to study lake erosion. One hundred and twenty people responded to a shoreline erosion survey given to CLCS Annual Meeting attendees and taken on-line. 71% felt it was very important to protect the shoreline from erosion; 84% felt it very important to protect the habitat. 41 of 68 shoreline owners have taken action to protect their shoreline from erosion.

For 2019, information on protecting shoreline will be provided to shoreline owners. It was also suggested that assistance in securing permits to work on shoreline remediation be provided. Fred volunteered to assist people with permit applications.

Budget: \$2000 for continuing education and further studies.

3. Grant Program: In 2018, one grant request was approved by the Grants Committee, but turned-down by the CLCS Trustees when it was determined that the grant was requested after the work was completed.

For 2019, it was recommended that allocation for grants be reduced to 10,000.

Budget: \$10,000

4. Invasive Species control: For 2018, there was no report.

In 2019, we will use NYS Parks and NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) resources to improve communication to our membership on the need to control invasive species. Jed and Lindsay will continue to work with the Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation to set up a carp eradication tournament.

Budget: \$5000

5. Lake Level and Dam: In 2018, the lake level was satisfactory for all lake users. Keith circulated an 18-year chart of lake drawdowns and refill levels. A dam hazard re-classification project is being handled by Jon Urban with Crawford & Associates. We are expecting a report by end of year showing that the Hazard Class for our dam should be Class A, not the current higher Class B.

For 2019, it was decided that for the winter the lake water level target should be 15 inches below the spillway. Refill will start when the lake temperature indicates that the danger of ice damage to the shoreline has passed. After NYSDEC approves the lower hazard class for our dam, Keith will resume work on modification ideas. Repair work recommended in the recent NYSDEC inspection report will be included.

Budget: \$10,000 for dam modifications and overflow studies.

Just in at press time

On March 8, 2019, NYSDEC reclassified our dam to a low hazard (Class A) dam. The Copake Country Club and CLCS have been working to get this classification reduced for a number of years. To the average lake user, there will be no apparent change(s). The change will mostly be reflected in lower operating, maintenance, and modification costs for the dam. Last year, NYSDEC requested that we make some repairs and modifications to the dam. We will be reviewing our options and will hopefully get this work done sometime this year.

6. Invasive Weed Control: In 2018, on May 15, there was a whole lake treatment with Sonar® with a "bump" addition on May 31. There was excellent control of invasive weeds, with NO milfoil noted through October. There was native weed regrowth with 11 natives found in October.

2018 Lake Management Committee (LMC) Meeting Summary of 2018 & Action Plans for 2019

Extensive growth of water star grass (41 acres) continued late into the season. (See detailed reports from George Knoecklein of NEAR and Brad Bowers of Solitude on 2018 results).

In 2019, there will be the second year of three-year contract with Solitude. If needed, there will be a mid-May spot treatment for curly-leaf pondweed. This treatment would require posting 14-day water use and swimming/fishing restrictions. For water star grass, it was decided that selective harvesting in nuisance areas could be arranged if the growth reached nuisance proportions. Solitude discussed a more effective, faster-acting milfoil control herbicide ProcellaCOR® EC from SePro that is being used in Vermont for which registration for use in NY is in progress.

Budget: \$47,388 as contracted with Solitude plus \$10,000 budgeted if needed for harvesting star grass.

7. Algae and Clarity: In 2018, the clarity of the water in the lake ranged from 24 feet in June to 8 feet in October. Filamentous algae required treatment on June 13 with SeClearG (copper sulfate pentahydrate) which controlled the algae for the season. Lyngbya mollei algae was found in 15 acre area near the Island and near Lakeview and the Bird roads. Concern for saxotoxin led to sampling, but water samples were well below level for taking action. Blue-green algae was not seen in high concentration in 2018.

In 2019, we will secure permits for SeClear and/or copper sulfate as needed to control filamentous algae and/or bluegreen algae. Lake sediments were sampled. Test results for copper were sent to NYSDEC, but this information is for a longer-term study.

Budget: included in the Solitude contract.

8. Stormwater and Sediment Control: In 2018,\$2000 spent in relocating drainage near the Lighthouse Marina.

For 2019, work will continue by homeowner's associations and individuals who request grants. CLCS will set aside \$10,000 to provide material for the Town of Copake if needed to work on drainage.

Budget: \$10,000

9. Lake Monitoring/Testing and Reporting (NEAR)

Budget: \$28,000

LMC Budget total for 2019 = \$123,888

Budget 12/6/18		
Budget Summary:	2019	
Health Monitoring Shoreline Erosion reduction	\$ 1,500 \$ 2,000	
Stormwater & Sediment Control	\$10,000	
Dam studies and lake level monitoring	\$10,000	
Invasive Species management	\$ 5,000	
Stargrass harvesting (if needed)	\$10,000	
LMC Activity	\$38,500	
NorthEast Aquatic Research	\$28,000	
Solitude Invasive Weed and Algae Control (11/20/2017 3-year contract proposal 2nd year)	\$47,388	
CLCS Grant program discretionary budget	\$10,000	
Total budget 2018 Lake Management	\$123,888	

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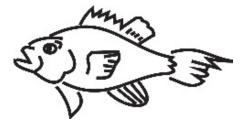


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"Post Spawning Mortality" On Copake Lake



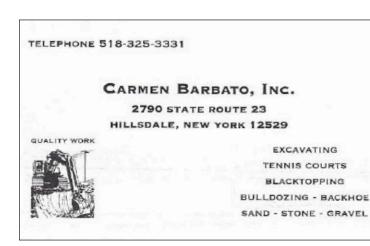
he term that describes dead fish along the shoreline of Copake Lake during the spring is "Post Spawning Mortality". It is common to lakes and is for the most part, unpreventable.

Fish die at this time of year because as they try to spawn in the shallow water that same water experiences extreme shifts in temperature, oxygen, pH, and ammonia between day and night. Because the spawning fish need to stay at their nest, they must endure these shifting conditions. Fish can go into the spawning period stressed from winter conditions so that they are unable to cope with the additional stress of spawning combined with the environmental fluctuations.

It is our understanding that fishery biologists at the state level don't get concerned by up to several hundred dead fish in lakes the size of Copake Lake, especially if the fish are mixed species such as perch, crappie, sunfish, bluegills, pumpkinseeds and even a few bass. These kills are an example of natural selection by which the weaker fish are removed from the population. The time to be concerned is when all the dead fish are the same species and when the numbers are in the thousands.

It is very likely that Copake Lake contains tens of thousands, if not several hundred thousand, fish. Questions can be directed to CLCS's Lake Management Committee.

Lake Management Committee

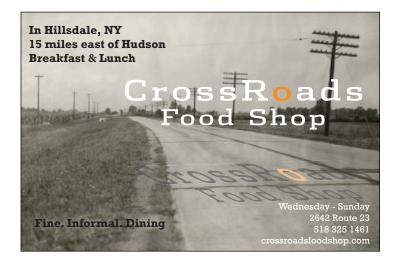


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Deborah Sprague Communications Committee



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It's Worth Doing Something New!

In one day of online fundraising, the Copake Lake community came together and **met its goal of raising \$3,000**. Thanks to the generosity of many in our community and to an anonymous donor who pledged \$1,000 if \$2,000 could be raised - we did it!

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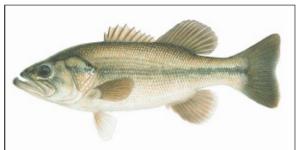


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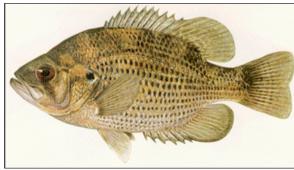
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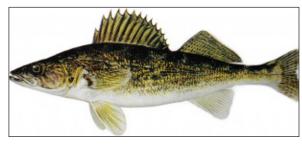
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