

# The Laurel Lake Ledger

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## Twelve year old skipper runs away with Second Annual Regatta

The Second Annual Laurel Lake Regatta was held on a sunny, September 4, 1989 before throngs of enthused spectators. The eager participants were John White, Tom White, Dave Dewhurst, Michael Friedman, Bill and Aaron Samuels, Beverly Snow and Gretchen Prunier, Sunshine Mowry, Nancy Garland, Craig Heatley and Jack Dumont.



Sunfish Approach Second Marker At The Labor Day Regatta. One Sailboat Has Passed The Marker And Is On Its Way To The Finish Line

## Volunteers needed for 1990 membership drive

Just a few random thoughts from the Membership Committee.

The Laurel Lake Association was formed in the Spring of 1950. It's first major task was to find a boat launching site, to prevent a taking by the state. As you all know, the public now has a way to get on and off from the lake. This move kept the control in the hands of the town.

By 1987, our membership was at a low of fifty members. With the need for a way to get information to the users of the lake, both residents and visitors, an effort to increase our membership was undertaken. We ended the year with one hundred and sixty-nine members. Due to the unusual weather this year, not as many people were contacted and we are at one hundred fifty-eight as of this publication.

The Board of Directors decided to keep the dues at the 1950 level to encourage all members in a family to join and hold their own membership. Even occasional visitors should have memberships. It is important that anyone who wants to preserve Laurel Lake should be members. Everyone should know what is going on with the Lake and how they can help us keep it alive. The most memberships held in one household is nine; some households had seven, and many households, five.



At present the membership committee

It was a very exciting race from start to finish. Of course, the wind, (or lack of), made it interesting for all. The starting gun was delayed about one half hour until the winds picked up. It was a close race until the boats approached the second marker. The race was shortened just before the boats passed the second marker due to the absence of any breeze at all. It was soon after the decision to shorten the race that Michael Friedman caught a gust of wind that put him far ahead of the others. Michael Friedman, the youngest racer at age 12, came in first, followed by Dave Dewhurst in second. Bill and Aaron Samuels came in third.

The Sunfish Regatta was started in 1988 with a suggestion by Don Garland. The race is for Sunfish mainly because of the number of them on the lake. Next years race will be a little different. Hopefully there will be a strong and steady wind. Also, there will be a nominal fee charged to the entrants to cover the cost of the trophies. The scheduled day for next year's race will be the day before Labor Day, thereby giving us Labor Day as a backup day in the event the race has to be postponed for any reason. Of course, there will be another finish line party where the trophies will be presented to the first three boats who cross the finish line.

Respectfully submitted by Commodore Robert Prunier.

Rob Prunier, a masonry contractor from Worcester, Massachusetts spends summers on Laurel Lake with his family and mother-in-law, Barbara Leith. Rob is 36 years old, the father of 3 children, and husband of Gretchen Leith Prunier. Grethen's uncle Maynard Kendall was instrumental in organizing sailboat races on Laurel Lake over 40 years ago. At the finish line party, Rob remarked that he would continue to organize future races as long as they were done in the spirit of "fun". Rob is an excellent example of the type of volunteer we need to keep the Laurel Lake Association strong.



Rob Prunier (Right) Introduces Milton Posovsky (Left) Who Speaks To The Crowd At The Finish Line Party About The Membership Drive

However, Bill and Brenda Hoag have agreed to canvas the grove next year. We need volunteers for West Lake Road, East Lake Road, Howeville Turnpike, Sandy Hollow Road, etc. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Milton Posovsky, 60 E. Lake Road, 585-6891 after June 1st, 1990.

Respectfully submitted by Milton Posovsky

## Analysis of membership

Presently there are 157 Memberships in the Laurel Lake Association. 49% of the membership comes from Massachusetts. 27% comes from New Hampshire. The other 24% come from Connecticut, Florida, Arizona, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, Michigan, California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. 17 members appear to live in Fitzwilliam year round.



Dear Larry:

Thank you for your letter about the Ledger. As a consequence of it, I have had an interesting time thinking back about Fitzwilliam and how it has changed - and stayed the same - during my lifetime. Not sure any of this will be helpful, nor even interesting to you, but I'll run on for a bit.

When I went to that annual meeting, I was not interested specifically in being an officer in the "Lake" Association. I am, however, interested in what happens to the lake and not at all unhappy that things worked out as they did. I have lived at Laurel Lake every summer since birth - Aug 1935 - excepting to wherein I was serving on active duty in the Air Force. My family goes back in Fitzwilliam to just before the original charter was granted by King George III in 1772 - the year of the "Tea Party". It was my father's home town and my family has come to love it as he did in his 85+ years there. I read a description of the lake in the 1888 History of Fitzwilliam - "a picturesque sheet of water embowed among the hills, with the grand old Monadnock towering in the distance". Things in that sense have not changed much and I would like to see things "not change" too much more! The lake is a unique asset that we all appreciate in our own ways. We must start to learn how and what to do to protect it however, or my grand-daughter, who is the 6th generation in my family to have lived in Fitzwilliam, will not have the lake to enjoy. Its pretty common knowledge what happens to lakes and what we can do to prevent their destruction. I hope that the Lake Association can be a mechanism of information and assistance in helping us all to keep Fitzwilliam and the Lake the way we all want it to be. I know it can be, and I think that message, along with a plea for 100% membership, should be our initial emphasis.

There was a series of water samples taken this summer and I have not really heard what the



14 Adults Enter 3-Legged Race Just For The Fun Of It

## Recycling comes to the Fitzwilliam dump

If you or your trash person brings your refuse to the Fitzwilliam Dump, you should know that you must now separate your different types of trash so that everything can be recycled. There are 9 categories of trash:

1. Newspapers: minus the shiny ads.
2. Mixed Paper: Junk mail, cake mix boxes, etc.
3. Cardboard: Corrugated Boxes and brown bags.
4. Glass bottles: clear, green or brown, no lids.
5. Plastic (HDPE): Milk Jugs & non-translucent

results were. It would be interesting information for a piece in The Ledger to report. The work that the town funded in having Cynthia Sterling do her interviews throughout the whole town would also make good material. I suspect that she had to submit a formal report of some sort. Just some thoughts!

Thanks for the note and the memories - maybe some of it will help.

Calvin G. Perry, O.D.

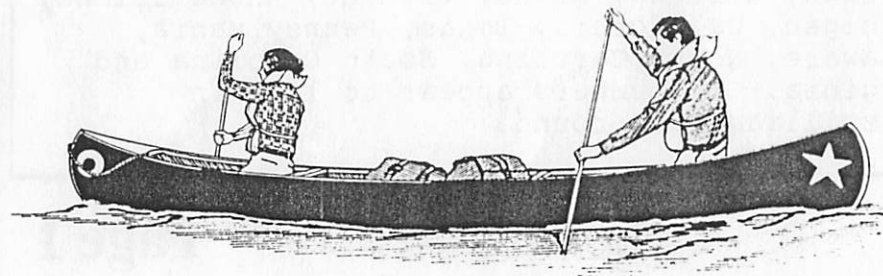
Send in your thoughts, opinions or anything noteworthy to:

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Please type all faxes.



- bottles.
6. Plastic (Pet) Clear or Green plastic bottles.
  7. Aluminum cans.
  8. Tin Cans.
  9. Scrap Metal.

Fitzwilliam transfers its trash to the Jaffrey Landfill which is changing over to mandatory recycling to comply with State requirements for Solid Waste Management.

Dump hours: Tues and Thurs - 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Kids Enjoy A 3-Legged Race At Chicken Barbeque



## A report from the President

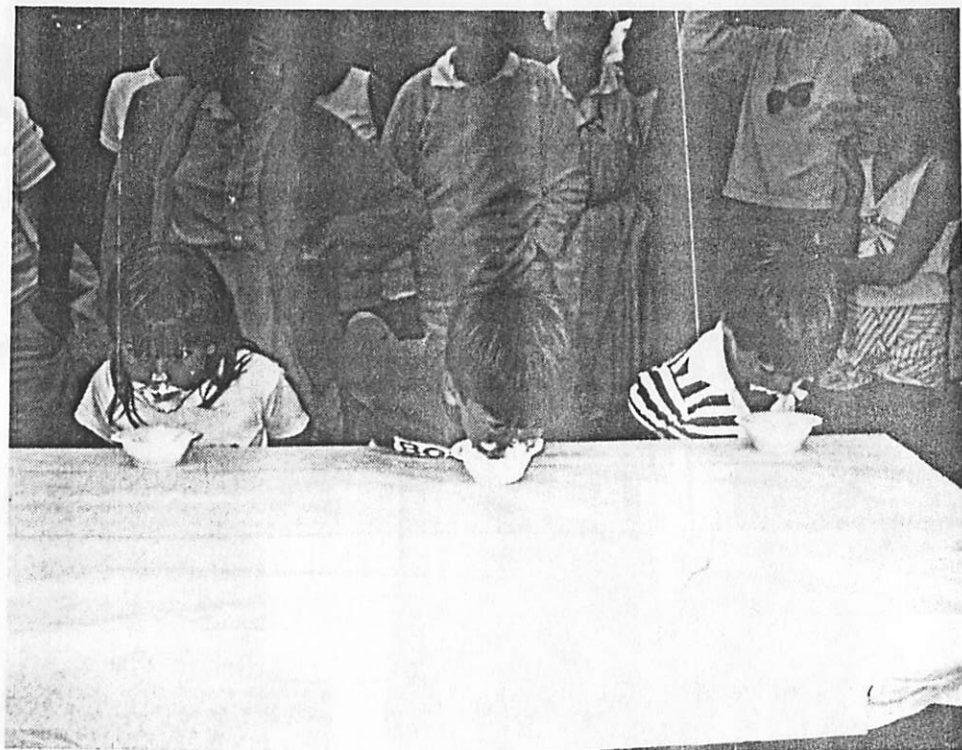
I am delighted to have been selected President of the Laurel Lake Association and I would like to take a moment to share some thoughts I have about the next two years.

First of all, I welcome any suggestions or ideas that you might have on the course that the Laurel Lake Association should take. I am interested in hearing from you about new ways we can use the resources of this association.

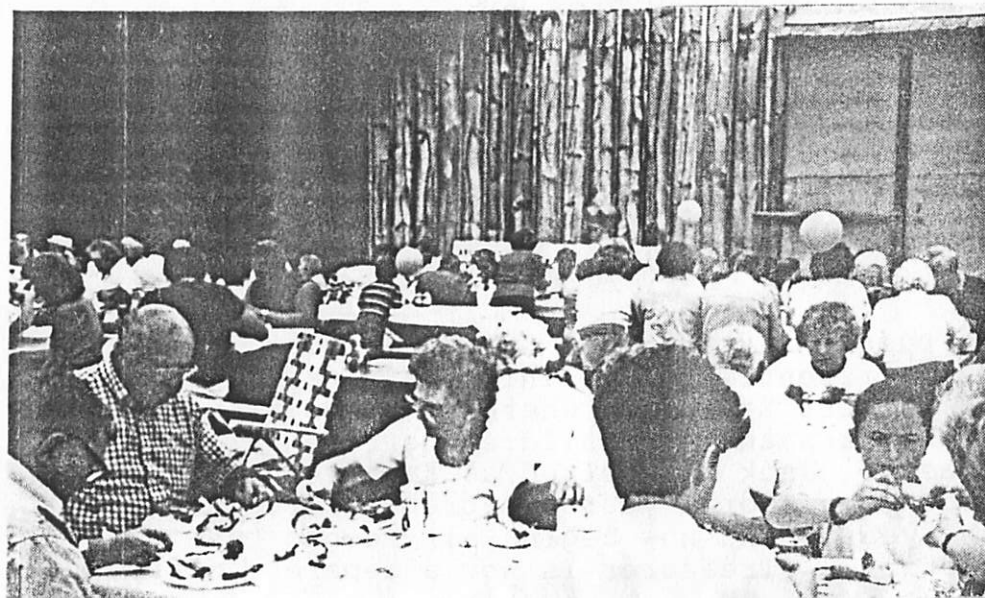
My first priority is to continue the monitoring of lake water as we have done for several years. If problems are found, we can then take quick action to insure that the quality of the lake is maintained. even if no unsuitable conditions are found, it is important that all users of the lake are aware of ways to prevent future contamination. To this end, we will be issuing suggestions in the Ledger and also posting them around the lake area. The Fitzwilliam D.P.W. has shown a willingness to cooperate in this effort.

I would also like to encourage the continued growth of membership. Presently we have just over 150 members and this is due to the efforts of a lot of people, most notably Milt Posovsky, Membership Chairman. Many thanks to those of you who made the effort to recruit new members. We recently had discussions about raising the membership dues, but the consensus was that we should concentrate on increasing our membership and hopefully get all lake users and residents involved.

Since the Association is part of the Fitzwilliam community, I hope to direct some of our efforts toward working together with other community organizations. One idea would be to work with



Manners Don't Count At The Children's Pie Eating Contest



explore ways to reinstate the Fourth of July fireworks. There are two issues to overcome in this project - expense and manpower. In past years it has taken more than 40 volunteers to conduct the fireworks display with games, food and beverages. If this project interests you, please let me know.

I think the Laurel Lake Association is headed for some exciting times. What are your thoughts? Please feel free to contact me directly. Call (603) 585-9549 or write:

Mr. Bruce Knight, President  
Laurel Lake Association  
256 West Lake Road  
P.O. Box 256  
Fitzwilliam, N.H. 03447

P.S. I would like to thank Don Garland and Jack Dumont for their support during my first season.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Knight, President

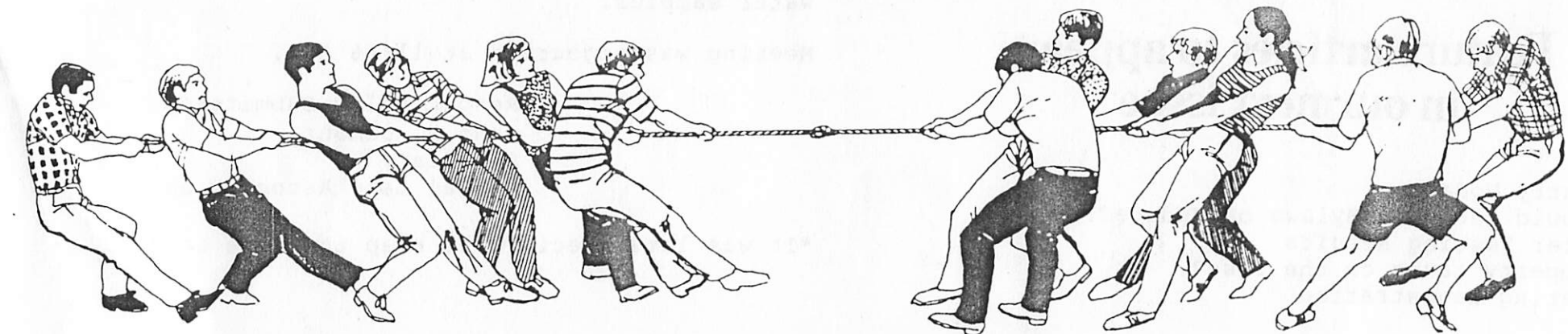
Bruce Knight is a sales representative for Dorman Roth Foods, a cheese producer and importer. Bruce lives in Fitzwilliam on West Lake road with his wife Joan and daughter Kim. Due to the nature of Bruce's work, he has the luxury of living anywhere he chooses and since 1982 he has chosen Laurel Lake as his year-round home.



Large Crowd Enjoys Delicious Chicken With All The Fixings



Mrs. Woodruff Wins Motorized Inflatable Boat At Barbeque Raffle



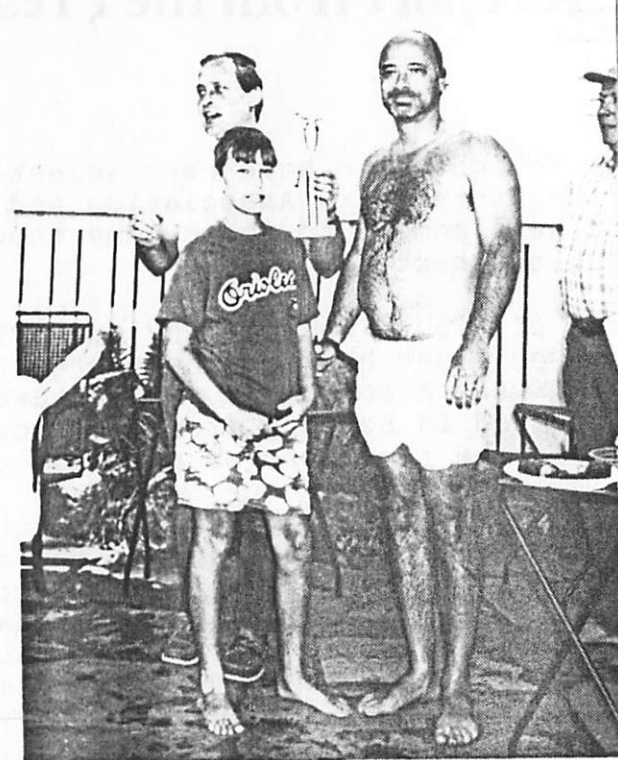




Michael Friedman Receives  
1st Place Trophy From Rob  
Prunier



Dave Dewhurst Places Second



Aaron Samuels (Left) And His  
Father Bill, Take Third Place

## Profile of a dedicated Laurel Lake Officer

Jack Dumont has summered on Laurel Lake since 1983. Presently he is finishing a new duplex home on West Lake Road where he lives with his wife Barbara and two children Corrine 8, and Thomas 4. Jack has served as a Laurel Lake Board Member for 2 years, Secretary/Treasurer for 2 years, and now begins his second term as Secretary. (Treasurer is now a separate office).

## Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting September 9, 1989

The Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting was held on Saturday, September 9, 1989 at the home of President Bruce Knight.

In attendance were Bruce Knight, John Dumont, Don Garland, Tom White and Pat Quinn.

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Knight at 9:29 A.M. In the absence of

Jack is 45 years of age and resides in Chicopee, MA where he is employed by the City of Chicopee Public Schools as the Director of Telecommunication Services. His responsibilities in this position are to oversee the Instructional Computer Program for the schools, Coordinate and conduct classes for high school students in Photography/Graphic Arts and Television Operations & Production, produce and direct local programming on the Chicopee Cable Television System (Sporting events, town meeting, festivals, etc.), and coordinated repairs of all audio-visual, computer and television equipment within the school department. He also serves as Chairman of the City of Chicopee Cable Television Advisory Committee and the Communications Officer for the City of Chicopee Civil Defense Agency. He presently holds an Advanced Class Amateur Radio License K1ZQB issued by the Federal Communications Commission. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Westfield State College in 1965 and his Masters Degree in Educational Technology from the University of Mass in 1969.

I met Jack at his new home toward the end of the summer. The purpose of our meeting was for him to turn over the job of Editor of the Ledger to me. One of the nice things about getting actively involved in the Laurel Lake Association is all of the nice people you meet. Jack is no exception.

Larry Friedman, Editor

## Feature articles to appear in our next issue

- \*Quarry Update
- \*Should the 1950 Bylaws be updated?
- \*Water Testing Results
- \*Property taxes on the rise?
- \*Boating Registration

treasurer Don Austin, Bruce Knight reported to the Directors that he was meeting with the Association treasurer next week.

Secretary John Dumont read the minutes from the June 17, 1989 Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Bruce Knight presented the list of Association Activities and dates for the 1990 Season.

Board of Directors Meeting Sat., June 16, 1990  
Annual Meeting and Family Picnic  
Sat., July 21, 1990  
Chicken Barbecue Sat., Aug 18, 1990  
Labor Day Sunfish Regatta  
Sun., Sept 2, 1990 Raindate Sept 3, 1990  
Board of Directors Meeting Sat., Sept 8, 1990

Pat Quinn moved that Chairman of Standing Committees be present at the Board of Directors Meeting to report on the status of their committees. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Don Garland moved that the dues for the Laurel Lake Association be raised to \$6.00\* per year to cover expenses for the state water testing program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President Bruce Knight and treasurer Don Austin will be discussing at their meeting appropriate compensation for members of the Water Testing Committee who must travel to Concord with the water samples.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John H. Dumont  
Secretary  
Laurel Lake Association

\*It was later decided to keep the rate at \$5.00.