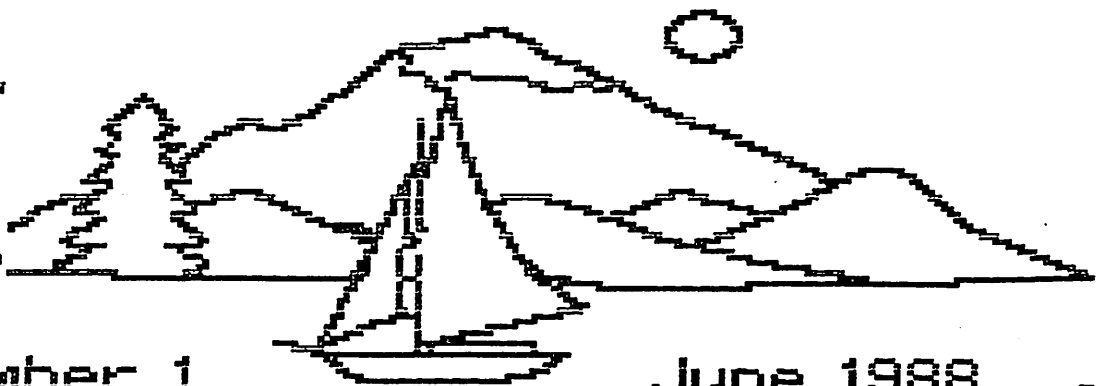


# LAUREL LAKE LEDGER



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## ELECTION REPORT

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## JET SKIS BANNED AT LAUREL LAKE

The New Hampshire House and Senate recently passed legislation to prohibit the use of jet skis and similar watercraft on New Hampshire's 15 smallest lakes and ponds. The area lakes and ponds included in the bill are Thorndike Pond, Jaffrey; Nubabusit Lake, Nelson and Hancock; Skatutakee Pond, Harrisville; Spoonwood Pond, Nelson and Hancock; Silver Lake, Harrisville; Granite Lake, Stoddard and Nelson; Laurel Lake, Fitzwilliam; Swanzey Lake, Dublin Lake and Harrisville Pond. The bill sent to Gov. John H. Sununu is a compromise on a Senate-passed proposal that would have banned thrill craft from all but four large lakes.

The compromise establishes a committee to study the problem and, in the interim, gives the state authority to prohibit the craft in designated areas.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### ANNUAL MEETING AND FAMILY PICNIC

The annual meeting and family picnic will take place on Saturday, July 23rd at 4:00 P.M. at White's Field in the Laurel Lake Campground. The business meeting to elect officers for the 1988 season will be followed by a free family picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs and various beverages will be available for all association members and their families who are in attendance.

### ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE

The annual chicken barbeque is scheduled for Saturday, August 20. Besides the usual fare of 1/2 a chicken, a baked potatoe and beverages, games and events will be scheduled for the children. Tickets will be available from members of the Board Directors, the Association Secretary and at the Annual Association Picnic.

### LAUREL LAKE MAP AVAILABLE

The Association has acquired a beautifully drawn map of Laurel Lake originally printed in 1944. This 17" X 14" map is printed on white stock and is suitable for framing. Cottage locations, water depth, roadways and landmarks are all clearly marked. Copies can be obtained from the Association Secretary or members of the Board of Directors for \$ 4.00 .



## WEED CONTROL

Maintaining a weed free lake can be accomplished by one basic consideration, keeping nutrients out of the water. Nutrients stimulate weed and algae growth. As they die and decay they deplete the oxygen supply of the lake and in time affect the water quality.

One of the most harmful nutrients which finds its way into our lakes and streams is phosphorus. The use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphates promotes the growth of weeds. Another source of phosphorus entering the water supply is the use of laundry detergents and soaps containing phosphate.

There is a simple solution to this problem, the intelligent use of non-phosphate detergents. Any liquid detergent sold in supermarkets is phosphate free. Powders are another matter. Dash, Fab, Bold, Cheer, Tide and Oxydoll all have a high percentage of phosphorus. However, All, Cold Power, Ajax, and Brite Water powders had only trace percentages of phosphate. Also interesting was that Bold and Cheer have two formulas, one with and one without phosphate, the difference being only a code letter on the package.

All of the automatic dishwasher powders and liquids, like Cascade and Electrosol had a high phosphorus content. I could not find a single phosphate free automatic dishwasher phosphate free automatic dishwasher product, although they must exist.

The manufacturer is required to state the phosphorus content on the package, although they are often in obscure places or difficult to read. If in doubt, read the package.

Other heavy duty cleaners often contain large amounts of phosphate and should not be used. Garage floor cleaners, paint brush cleaners, and Tri-sodium phosphate (TSP) are all dangerous to the lake.

As lakeside residents we have an obligation to keep soap powders out of our septic systems and sink wells. These soaps cannot be broken down by ordinary biological action and often result in foaming and sudsing in lakes and streams.

Select your soaps and detergents wisely; we owe it to ourselves and our children.

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## 1988 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

The Laurel Lake Association is presently conducting its membership drive for 1988. As in the past dues for one year are only \$5.00. Monies collected are used to periodically test the water for acidity and bacteria and promote activities for members. Persons living-on and using Laurel Lake for recreational purposes are encouraged to join. All members of the Board of Directors have application forms and are eager to assist you. Or you may complete the membership application form attached to this newsletter and mail it with your check to:

John Dumont  
20 Surrey Lane  
Chicopee, MA 01013

Your membership card will be mailed to you.

LAUREL LAKE SUNFISH REGATTA

Captain Don Garland is organizing a Sunfish Regatta for Labor Day here at Laurel Lake. Anyone interested in assisting or participating should contact him at 364A West Lake Rd. Further details will be forthcoming.

Laurel Lake Association  
1988 Membership Application Form

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Last First

Permanent Mailing Address/Phone No.

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Name

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