

The CLIC Newsletter

Chiputneticook Lakes International Conservancy

Autumn 2008

The Summer of 2008

The summer which just ended seemed to run backwards, with July coming in late August and early September. While it is often the case that the week school begins in Houlton has gorgeous weather and warm temperatures, the weeks surrounding Labor Day this year were among the best of the summer. And probably not many of us look back fondly on late June or early the first two weeks of August. The lake rose more than a 13" from late July to mid-August because of all the rain and the gates at the dam were barely opened because there was nowhere for the water to go.

Despite the unexciting weather, CLIC had a good summer season. One of the big events that CLIC has sponsored over the years has been the regatta, a series of three sailboat races. Because of the cost of liability insurance, CLIC had to cease sponsoring the event but Don ("Bones") Ellis and crew continued the tradition of running a hot dog roast before the first race on July 12th. Over 100 people attended.

CLIC's annual meeting was held the following weekend at the Weston Grange Hall. More than forty people arrived for lunch, after which Co-President Bob Ellis talked about some of the things that CLIC had accomplished in the past year and since its founding in 1993. To keep the meeting more focused and a little shorter, committee heads had prepared written reports rather than each chair standing to present an oral report.

Ellis told the group that CLIC had gotten 14 milfoil signs that will be located around the lake and that the loon nesting platforms had been erected. CLIC also sponsors and maintains the binoculars at the Million Dollar View on Route 1 in Weston, one facing east toward the lakes and the other facing Mt. Katahdin to the west. In addition, it sponsors picnic tables at various locations on Grand Lake, Spednic Lake and Mud Lake and has established ed channel markers in the Thoroughfare.

CLIC is also invested in education projects, including placing seven fish egg hatching tanks in five local schools. Last spring, The Pioneer Times covered the release of the fish at the Thoroughfare in Orient. After the release, the students attended a hot dog roast at Don Ellis' camp. CLIC also sponsors scholarships so young people can attend the Greenland Point conservation camp. Two students are scheduled to attend this summer.

After the report, new directors of the board were nominated and elected: Ed Vose of Waterville and Orient, and Ann Barnes and Torrey Sylvester, each of Houlton and Orient, were elected for terms to end in 2011. John Furrow of Fosterville N.B. and Mike Saunders of Fosterville and Victoria B.C. were elected to terms ending in 2010.

When the business meeting ended, Forest Boney, a biologist with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, who grew up in Orient, spoke on Maine wild trout. You didn't need to be a fisherman or a fish eater to appreciate the special qualities of this native fish.

The gathering concluded with a brief presentation given by Ryan Neale and Brian Madigan, summer interns with the Woodie

Wheaton Land Trust. The Land Trust works quietly in a non-advocacy way to foster and encourage conservation and to preserve natural areas and habitat for the benefit of the general public.

On Saturday August 16th, CLIC held its first lake-wide yard sale on the Boundary Road in Orient. No-longer-wanted treasures from people's camps and houses on either side of East Grand Lake stretched for almost 100 yards. A dozen or more volunteers offered advice and made change while Don Ellis cooked hot dogs and his famous French fries. There were even a dozen loaves of homemade bread for sale. A few residents paid CLIC a modest fee and set up tables of their own.



People began to pull up at the site about a quarter mile from the bridge at the Orient-Fosterville crossing as early as 7:30 a.m. The sale began at 9:00 but items continued to be donated to the sale during the morning. CLIC ended up making about \$600.00, people who didn't know one another became acquainted and friends saw one another.

The following Saturday, August 23rd, there was an information meeting at the Hide-Away Lodge in North Lake N.B. coordinated by our two newly-elected Canadian Board members, Mike Saunders and John Furrow. They were joined by several other board members to explain CLIC's purpose and its hopes for the future. About ten people joined CLIC that day, bringing dues-paying memberships to about 265, totaling 420 individuals.

Over the summer, a concerted effort was made to get CLIC into the local papers. *The Houlton Pioneer Times* printed articles about the board meeting and the North Lake informational meeting, announced the yard sale in its calendar and in the September 3rd issue, printed an article about the success of the yard sale. These articles were also sent to *The Woodstock Bugle* but we don't know if they were printed. Please let us know if you saw one of them there.

From the Past

We hope to focus on one piece of history around the Chiputneti-cook Lakes in each issue of this newly designed newsletter. If you have something to offer, send it to fxbolton@verizon.net or call him at 718 788 2282 during the year. He will edit what you write or interview you, if you wish. Thanks to Bob Foster for this first contribution which, FYI, is 312 words long.

What an interesting collection of folks we are – fishers and stargazers, gardeners and homemakers – we even have shopkeepers, poets and rocket scientists among us CLIC’rs.

And how did we all come to arrive on these shores? For some it goes way, way back.

About when Elvis was growing sideburns, we played on the beach on warm “after-the-picnic, before kick-the-can” Saturday evenings, and envied those lovely, sleek mahogany power boats that cruised into our cove, flags flying, and could only imagine the movie star connections those mysterious boaters must have had.

Surrounded by family members come-home-from-away, those were happy and care-free summers. Now, looking at pictures, we recall the sights, sounds, tastes and the sweet memories that come back so vividly.



Close your eyes and recall taking a nap on the simple cot by the radio in the sunroom. Remember the voices of grandparents in the kitchen, the smell of pickrel frying and home-made bread in the oven, while Eric Burden’s Animals and the Beach Boys tugged your thoughts back to friends left behind in the city.

This past summer, the kids came home, friends visited and the magic appeared all over again. Consider the joy of young Cailin, back after a two year absence due to teenage distractions like a summer job and sports, re-acquainting with things fondly remembered – a basketball net, a sailboat – and then his delight to find those pesky little girls had transformed into bikini-wrapped wonders. Remember being seventeen.

Although CLIC became an entity in 1991, the sweetness of being by the water has history here. And history teaches us that the future looks good. Very good.

If you have a photo to share or a story to tell, please drop us a note!

The first email to mention the name of the ‘Animals’ big hit of ‘64 will win a bag of “Laughing Whale” fresh ground coffee, compliments of Bob Foster.

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Brand New to the Board

Mike Saunders

Mike and his wife Judy have been married for 41 years and have two children, Michelle and Andrew, and seven grandchildren aged 13 years to 2 months. They’ve had their cottage on Grand Lake (109 Hoyt Lane) since 1974. They’d lived in Woodstock where he was a commercial photographer and owned his own studio (Saunders Studio Ltd.) which he opened in 1960. Judy was an operating room nurse and a photographer as well but her main interest is art and has been a working artist since 1970. Her work is exhibited in galleries on the East and West Coasts of Canada and in many private collections around the world. Her acrylic landscape paintings are realistic and she spends a lot of time painting scenes from the Grand Lake area.

Mike and now spend six months a year in Victoria, BC (winter) and the rest of the year at Grand Lake. They have been in Victoria for 20 years, where Mike is a realtor and has been involved in some property development.

John Furrow

John is 45 years old and lives on East Grand in a cottage that once belonged to his grandparents. His grandfather John Hale bought the place in June of 1950 and John’s mother practically raised him and his brother there during the summer months. He also has a place on the thoroughfare between the bridge and North Lake.

He is a single parent whose 17 year old son Jonathan is in 11th grade at Canterbury High. This is their third winter at the lake. Three years ago, in a lull between jobs, John discovered carpentry and was offered a job in the local area with Andrew Fish. He is in the process of getting his license and at the time of this writing, was doing an eight week course in Woodstock. Three more years and a few more trips to Woodstock for school should provide him with his license.

Formerly, John was a baker working for Sobeys grocery chain and has done a part-time stint at the Hideaway Lodge cooking/serving/bartending on weekends, which gave him a great opportunity to meet so many people from both sides of the lake. He came to realize that despite spending much of his life by the lake, he knew only a few people. “CLIC provides the means so that we can get to know one another and put a name to that face when the boat goes by. This in turn makes us all truly neighbors and to me that is important.”

He enjoys exploring the lakes (Spednic is on his radar), fishing, motorbiking and time with his son.

The list of CLIC Officers and Directors appears on the fourth page of this newsletter. In addition, there are numerous subcommittees, each of which has a chairperson or needs one.

Any healthy volunteer organization needs not only a strong membership but also people willing to step forward to do the work.

Please help preserve the quality of our lakes and volunteer some time. If you find you don’t have the time to volunteer, at least take the time to tell your neighbors about CLIC, asking them to become members and volunteer if they have the time to do so.

Everyone will benefit.

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Procedures

*Note: CBP is the name for the combined services of Customs and Border Patrol
(This article is adapted from the October 17, 2008 ChipLakeNEWS email —
for more details, contact via ChipLakeINFO@aol.com)*

Summary of the June 2008 brochure on CBP procedures which go into effect on June 1, 2009

Documentation for minors:

“US and Canadian Citizens under the age of 16 (or anyone under 19, if travelling with a school, religious, or other youth group) need only present a birth certificate, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, Canadian Citizenship Card or a naturalization certificate.” Costs for documents noted below for minors are given but the statement above says that the expensive documents below are not needed for minors below the age of 16.

If you go to the Department of Homeland Security website, you will find a different age listed (under 18). Using “search” within the website doesn’t make it much easier to find what you want. To be safe, go with the younger age (in this case, 16) that is exempt from anything more than a birth certificate.

Documentation for those over 16 years of age:

It also states, “US Customs and Border Protection highly recommends [but implies ‘requires’] these [the following] documents for US [‘age 16 and above’ is implied] citizens.” You might want to anticipate even though it is not stated in the flier that similar documents will be required for entry into the US by Canadian Citizens.

The list of recommended documents (in order as listed on the flyer):

1) **U. S. Passport Card** - Cost for US Citizens age 16 and older \$45.00 [if a passport has not been previously issued] or \$20.00 if requested with a new or renewed passport. Under age 16, the cost is \$35.00. The Passport Card is valid for 10 years for adults or 5 years for minors. The Passport Card is issued by the US Department of State to US Citizens and is NOT valid for international air travel, which requires other credentials. See www.travel.state.gov [This credential is the least expensive for entry into the US from other North American countries (namely, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean Islands) only. US Citizens ONLY.

2) **Enhanced Driver’s License** - Cost is probably going to be \$15 to \$30 above a “regular photo” license. The enhancement is that citizenship is certified on an Enhanced Driver’s License. At the time of publication, Maine does not currently issue and doesn’t plan to issue an Enhanced Driver’s License. Issuance is by individual states or provinces and this credential is NOT valid for air travel outside of the US.

3) **US Passport** - This is the standard, full, book-style, blue Passport. Cost is \$100 for age 16 and older and \$85.00 for minors under age 16. Photos are required and you must supply them. Validity is 10 years for adults and 5 years for minors. Passports are issued by the US Department of State [often via larger US Post Offices, Houlton being one] to US citizens (and through Passport Canada to Canadian Citizens).

4) **NEXUS Card** - Trusted Traveler Program Credentials are issued to US and Canadian pre-approved low-risk travelers for crossing the US/Canada border. [NOTE: NEW Nexus Cards will be issued to all current NEXUS Card holders in the fall of 2008 (probably by mail).] In addition to fingerprinting and a personal interview by US/Canadian officials at the time of issuance, the cost is \$50 for a term of 5 years. Added benefits allow; a) access to dedicated commuter lanes on the US/Canadian border (at certain ports) and b) expedited marine reporting [at least when entering the USA and perhaps for entry into Canada in the future) and c) access to NEXUS kiosks at designated Canadian Airports [but only after the credential holder’s iris has been recorded at limited locations]. NEXUS credentials are issued by the US Customs & Border Protection Agency and Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), locally in Woodstock for US and Canadian citizens. US citizens are interviewed by CBSA agents and Canadians by CBP Agents. When notified that your credentials are ready, check into Canada at Woodstock and proceed to the building ahead on the right side of the travel lanes, park on the left, behind the main building and walk across. Visit www.cbp.gov or better, visit www.cbp.gov

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CLIC First Annual Lake-wide Yard Sale

Bones Ellis writes that he wants “to thank those who made our ‘huge’ yard sale a huge success, especially those who donated items and worked the sale. Many thanks to Ed, Liz, Bob E. Jerry. Bob L., Jeanette, Elen, Bill, Heather, Frank, Ann, Dianne, Dick, Cis, Charlie, Heather F. and John. It was nice to put money back in the coffers for a change. And a special thanks to all those who came and bought all the wonderful stuff. The gross receipts in U.S. dollars were 578.35 after we paid the deep 13% discount on the Canadian dollars to put them into the bank.



Did you know that . . .

As of March, 2008, there were 28 lakes in the state of Maine infested with milfoil?

Let's be careful if we bring boats into our lakes from other bodies of water and other states.

State regulations say that boat operators must be aware of the effect of wash or wave from the wake on piers, floats and other shorefront property?

Please proceed at headway speed when close to shore.

That the Orient-Fosterville bridge is included in the Guinness Book of World Records?

The bridge is the shortest bridge crossing a body of water that is an international boundary.

CLIC Board of Directors

(The year directors goes off the Board is in parentheses after their names)

Officers:

Bob Ellis (2009), President
Mike Saunders (2010), Vice-President
John Furrow (2011), Secretary
Bill Walton (2009), Treasurer

Directors:

Don "Bones" Ellis (2009) Torrey Sylvester (2010)
Mike MacBride (2009) Ann Barnes (2011)
Rollie Tilton (2010) Ed Vose (2011)

The four elected officers will serve as your Executive Committee for decisions between scheduled Board of Director meetings.



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CBP Procedures (continued from previous page)

nexus.gc.ca to download an application which can be mailed with payment and required documents. You will be notified to report for your interview / fingerprinting when your papers are ready.

4b) **FAST Cards** - may be applied for by Trusted Traveler pre-approved low-risk US/Can truck drivers for crossing either the Canadian or the Mexican border. Visit www.cbp.gov Cost is \$50 for 5 years. NEW FAST Cards will be issued to all current FAST Card truckers in the fall of 2008 (probably by mail).

5) **SENTRI Cards** - are valid only to pre-approved low-risk trusted travelers crossing the US/Mexican border. Visit www.cbp.gov. Cost is \$122.25 for 5 years. NEW SENTRI Cards will be issued to all current card holders in the fall of 2008 (probably by mail).

The bottom line: starting on June 1, 2009, a standard driver's license and birth certificate will no longer provide easy access for adults into the USA from Canada, although youngsters under age 16 will still be admitted to the USA by showing an original, photocopy or certified copy of their birth certificate. The new

Passport Card or an Enhanced Driver's License (if issued by your state/province) is the cheapest credential for entry at a highway port. NEXUS Cards provide some added access benefits at certain highway ports and by boat but only a full passport is useful for air travel and travel beyond North America. The application process for all of these credentials can take 2-4 months. If you plan cross-border trips next summer, NOW is the time to start application for your acceptable credentials.

CanPASS and Remote Port Entry Program cards are not mentioned on the flyer but may still be acceptable at small local, remote, part-time ports that are open for limited hours. Although US citizens without these new credentials may face a longer wait time, it's highly unlikely that entry to the USA will be refused to US Citizens. Non-US Citizens may be refused legal entry without acceptable credentials.

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