

# Silver Lake

FALL 2013

## IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*Caring for the future of the lake*

## Boat Launch Dredging Update

The SLIA, with the support of many of our members, has requested that the DNR boat launch be dredged. Over time the launching of boats has created a sandbar that makes it difficult to get boats in and out at times.

**The DNR has the permit in hand (good for five years) to do the dredging,** and the permit allows them to dredge to a depth of four feet. They are closely monitoring the lake level as it is currently more than one foot higher than it was last year at this time. The shallower the lake, the more effect the dredging will have. The DNR had planned on using mechanical means (front end loader) to do the dredging but now they also have a smaller hydraulic dredge which would do a better job, and that may be the route they go.

At this point I can't say they will definitely dredge this fall but they are monitoring the lake level. **Once the decision is made to dredge, the launch will be closed for the work to be performed. When that happens an email will be sent to all that we have email addresses for to announce the launch closing.**

\*\*\*If you haven't sent in your 2013-14 dues yet with your e-mail address, we request that you do so and take advantage of receiving these beneficial e-mails as current events and issues present themselves.

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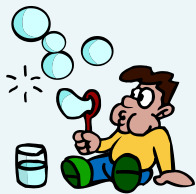


**Fall Alert!** We have been advised that lawn services have been observed blowing leaves and lawn refuse into the lake. If you have a lawn service, or as a non-resident or rental unit owner, you need to employ one - PLEASE instruct them not to do this! If you see a neighbor or a lawn service raking leaves into the lake, take a minute - educate them!

*Leaves in the lake = phosphorus = muck!  
Love your lake - Don't muck it up!  
... purchase non-phosphorus fertilizer for your fall feeding (McGough's stocks it)*

## Bubbles on the Lake

FYI - We have been asked about the "foam/bubbles" that appear on the lake, especially on windy days. Concern has been expressed that it might be from contamination, septic, etc. - the GOOD news is - it is actually a sign of a healthy lake - it indicates we have lots of oxygen - glad you asked!



## Adopt a Road



Our Adopt-a-Road volunteers met this spring and summer for our road cleanup - we had a good time working together and contributed to our community - a very worthwhile project!

**Next Cleanup Saturday, September 28, 2013**

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, September 28, 2013 for the SLIA's next pick up litter day on East Silver Lake Road to meet our Adopt-A-Road commitment.

We clean up the road from US 31 to Silver Lake Rd. (approximately four miles). This usually takes 1 1/2 to 2 hours. All volunteers must view a video on the Grand Traverse County Road Commission web site. After you reach the GTRC site, click on general>adopt-a-road>part 1 safety guidelines and part 2 danger on the roadside.

We will meet at East Silver Lake Park at 10:00 AM. Vests and trash bags are supplied.

*Any questions call Ron Grin at 231-943-0293. - see you there!*

## Environmental Update

During the 2013 summer season, our lake was once again treated to control the Eurasian milfoil. There were approximately 15 acres that needed to be treated again this year. We will be going out again this fall to see how effective the treatment was for the 2013 season. There was some purple loosestrife and fragmites spotted in the late part of the summer, these will also be treated this fall.

We continue to make inroads on these invasive species through the treatment of the lake, which has been accomplished thru a joint effort of Garfield Twp., Blair Twp., and a small special assessment added to the taxes of the lake residents. The special assessment that has been in place will be running out this year and will need to be renewed in order to continue with the treatment for the next 5 years. I am asking that you support the township's in the passing of this assessment again so that we can continue to keep these invasive plants from gaining any more of a foothold in our lake. I have seen lakes that have been taken over by Eurasian Milfoil. We would lose our entire shoreline to a depth of 20+ ft. depth of water if we fail to continue this important battle!

## Muck Update

Phase 1 is nearing completion. Thanks to all of you who have helped in the process of measuring and recording muck levels. We can only assume, after the push this year, that those who have not responded do not have a problem with muck. If that is not true and you want your mucky lakeshore property to be included in our "Muck Map", you have until the end of this month (September) to get that info to us before we leave for the season. To receive a "Muck Kit", send a short email to me at dseeloff@gmail.com requesting one along with your name and lakeshore property address. I will get one out to you immediately! I do have 25 muck kits still out there that haven't made their way back to me. Did you just forget to send them in?

Moving on to Phase II - This phase will consist of taking all the data received and displaying it on a blueprint size "Muck Map". It will then be sent to the Federal "Clean Lake Program" along with a 1950's version of a muck map for comparison. Also in this package will be our "Muck Video" which we believe will show our need for financial help to clean up our beautiful Silver Lake. Watch for updates!

Diane Seeloff (Beginning October)  
916 Northpointe, SW  
Byron Center, Michigan 49315

## CHAIRMAN'S COVE

We have reached the end of another glorious summer. Some of you have already left the lake for the season, some are in the process of closing up their places and heading out until next spring, and some are preparing their homes for a wonderful fall, winter, and spring here on Silver Lake.

I would like to take this time to thank our board and the committees for the work that they have done again this year. They have volunteered many hours of their time to keep our lake beautiful and enjoyable for all residents and guests on Silver Lake. I would also like to thank the residents of Silver Lake for being concerned stewards of the lake.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the lake residents who have become members of the Silver Lake Improvement Association. Even though all of the time spent by the board and the committees is volunteer, there are costs that are paid for out of the money received from your membership dues. Your continued support for our organization is greatly appreciated. If you are not a member, please consider becoming one. The cost is only \$25.00 per year.

Thank you for your support,

**B. Scot Ogden, SLIA President**

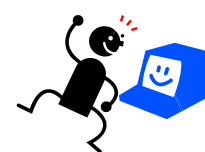
## EMAIL WORKS!!

We are very excited about the success of our new email capability. This summer we have emailed information about when the lake is being treated for Milfoil, swimmers itch -problems & cures, lost property (a raft) as well as found property. We have reminded members of the 4th of July Regatta (as well as when and where to gather), Adopt A Road dates and times, Beach Bums game, and SLIA Annual Meeting. Please consider becoming a member and be sure to include your email address on your membership form so that you too can stay informed.

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## WEBSITE UPDATE COMING SOON...



This winter's project is to update our website with a new format. With a more user friendly input program, we look forward to being more informative and current. We welcome suggestions from members, email **waynelknight@aol.com** with your comments and ideas.



## Oh where, Oh where did the Beach Ball go?



No, really, where did it go???? No one seems to know. . .

What we do know is that Beach Ball II was put out on the lake June 23rd. It was hoped that it would cruise the lake for 11 days gathering lake dweller's signatures from far and near. All was going well until Thursday, June 27th. That was the last sighting of Beach Ball II. We looked and looked to no avail! Even posting on "Craig's List" produced zero results. Fortunately our discouragement was short lived for it has been decided to order Beach Ball III next Spring! It will be out on the lake again for about a week prior to the 4th of July Regatta, 2014. Thank you to all that signed and had fun with the Big, Red, White and Blue Beach Ball.

**On a more happy note, this year's Independence Day Boat Regatta went off without a hitch.**

Registration was smooth. The weather was terrific and we made it around the entire lake. We had a great turn out with 21 boats, but there is always room for more. Some decorated to the hilt, while others just joined for the fun. I want to thank all the participants whether in a boat or on shore for making this year's regatta so much fun! Looking forward to the summer of 2014!

*Chuck Hathaway, Parade Marshall*

... and the winners are...

- 1st** Machuta Family  
"Red Neck Yacht Club"
- 2nd** Bogard/Schell Families  
"Swan Patrol"
- 3rd** Meyer Family  
"Defeat Cancer"



Holiday Park Campground **4th**  
"Miss Cherry Pie"

Rose/Wood Family **Hon. Mention**  
"Saluting Freedom"

Weaver Family **Hon. Mention**  
"MSU - Go Green"



Reagan



Mason



Julie



Ron, Gordy and crew ...  
having the most fun of all...



Alex



Isaac



Sander



Christopher



David

## The Fishing Was Great on Silver Lake!

Annual Kids Fishing Tournament June 8 & 9, 2013

After a slow start on Saturday, the kids fishing tournament picked up on Sunday. We had a total of 20 children participating, most of them on Sunday. There were no big prizes, just a great chance for Lake Residents to get their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and guests out enjoying themselves on Michigan's Free Fishing weekend.

In 2014, the tournament will be held on the weekend of June 7 & 8. Be sure to put it on your calendar and join the gang for another free fishing weekend!!

*Ron Grin, Gordy Sigren, Dan Erickson*

## Independence Day on Silver Lake

*We were patriotic - We were Proud!  
We celebrated and played and shared -  
We were a "Community"  
... Thank you all ...*



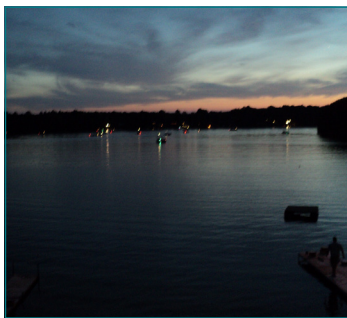
Daniel



Taylor, Jordan and Alexa



It's a Neighborhood Occasion!



60+ boats & counting - Gr Traverse Bay has nothing on Silver Lake!



... Tis a Grand Old Flag!



# REGATTA ENTHUSIASTS ON PARADE



SLIA - Leading the Parade



Let's get signed up!



Pinkalicious - Perry Family



4th of Brake! Point - Grin/Sigren Family Grand Kids



Dolphins Aboard - Too Much Fun



Ready the Kayaks - Here Comes the Parade!



Happy 4th of July - Thirlby Family



Spirit of America - Uncle Sam Haase Family



USA - Red, White & Blue - Finch Family



Four Wins - Joining the Parade



Surf'n Style - Here I Come!



Master Craft - Can't Resist a Parade!



Babe in Arms - Never too Young to Parade



USA Pride - Kleinrichert Family



Blackhawks Stanley Cup



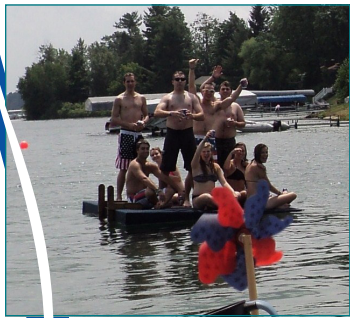
Red Wings - Hockey Town



Celebrate the Fourth - Frazier Family



# SHORELINE PARTICIPANTS IN ACTION



....Ready, set



Slingshot Ready - Lying in Wait!



The Holiday Park Gang - Ready for the Show!



Ready for Action



The North End Gang's all here & ready for a skirmish!



Let the Show Begin



When is the Parade coming Mom?



..What a life!



It's a Family occasion



The Judges are ready with their scorecards. Thank you Crewes, Laubach, Testor Families & Holiday Park Gang!





# PRINGLE ISLAND - ONE OF MANY “JEWELS” ON SILVER LAKE



by Mike and Beth Kaufman

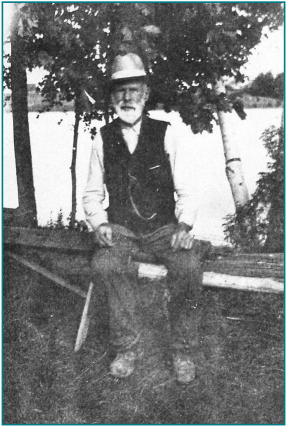
We purchased a small blue cabin at 164 Roman Drive in 1989, but it wasn’t until 2008 that the history of our summer residence surfaced. Our daughter was researching the Silver Lake area for a college course. As fate would have it, Ted Vaccarella, the great-nephew of the original owner, showed up at our door asking about a “little cottage.” As a result of this chance visit, our daughter received many documents, pictures and historical information about the first resident of the island, Mr. George Pringle.

The following excerpts are taken from our daughter’s research project, as well as additional information and photos from Mr. Vaccarella and Nancy Knight. We hope our Silver Lake neighbors enjoy reading about this special place!

In 1893, George W. Pringle came to this island in the middle of Silver Lake (that now includes our property). George was a Civil War veteran of the Union Army, born in 1843 in Fairport, Town of Perinton, New York. According to his discharge papers, he enlisted for one year as a Private in Company H, 25th Regiment of the New York Cavalry on September 9, 1864. George was described as “...Five feet eight inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a farmer.”



Previous owners (if there even were any of ficial owners) of the land are not known, but the land was used only for farming before Pringle came to the island, when it came into his possession as a grant from the government (*This was a common practice at the time to award land for service*). He built the first buildings on the Island, consisting of a single room home with an attached shed, an outhouse, and barn.



George died on December 2nd, 1920 and left Pringle Island to his nephew Don Pringle, who continued work on the house and buildings. He officially came into possession of the island on March 29, 1922. Don’s grandson, Ted Vaccarella, spent many summers at Pringle Island with his grandparents, and shares his personal account of Pringle Island and the progress of the house and property throughout the 1940’s and 1950’s.

**TED WRITES:** “On August 14, 1950, Stanley and Olga Mizner granted a 40 foot right of way to my grandparents via a Warranty Deed on August 16, 1950 – this is now Roman Drive. Before that time, access was by permission of the farmer who owned the land. During my visits there were only farm fields bordering the access road.

In 1948, my folks, my brother, and I vacationed on the island. On arriving at the edge of the lake from E. Silver Lake Road, *we found about six inches of water across the sand bar roadway. We got out and my parents decided that the gravel was firm enough to permit our 1938 Chevy to cross!*

Then, as now, it was a fairly steep climb from the shore up to the island plateau. The main road turned left at the island shoreline, past Campbell Island on the left, then around to the cottage. After the right-of-way was obtained in 1950, my grandfather did some work on the access road, paying about \$1000 (quite a bargain by today’s standards!) to have electrical poles and electricity brought in to the cottage and barn.”

**MIKE CONTINUES:** The house and property on Pringle Island has been passed through a number of owners, including the Roman, Fisher, Greenlee and Bol families. The Greenlee family was noted for painting just about every part of the house green! We purchased the house in 1989 from the Fisher family. The cottage, except for the addition

PRINGLE ISLAND, continued



of another bedroom and slight updating of the electrical and plumbing system, was essentially unchanged from what George Pringle had built. However, in 2005 we made the decision to demolish the 112 year old house. Upon demolition, we recovered several stacks of newspaper that were used by George to insulate the house (also a common practice of the times). The papers used for insulation were titled “The Chicago Record” and most were dated circa June, 1896.

Today, we’ve built our retirement home on the exact location of the original one room cottage, and are privileged to have many artifacts from the Pringle cottage saved as momentos!

*There are so many great stories of the properties, people and families who have called Silver Lake home over the years, we would be very interested in your sharing yours with us for the newsletter. You can write your own or we would be happy to visit you and write it for you. We have received very positive feedback from the history articles we have done in past newsletters that people really enjoy and relate to them. Do contact Janet Wheeler @ 943-4443 or e-mail her @ janetwbee41@aol.com*



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## “KEY-HOLING” WHAT IS IT?

Key-holing is allowing people, who don’t own property on Silver Lake, to moor several boats on one dock with minimal lake access. (Note, this does not mean one family with more than one watercraft, but the misuse, even to the extent of renting slips as has happened on other lakes) This could potentially create a safety issue with more boats than Silver Lake can safely handle.

Scot Ogden and I met recently with Pat Pahl, supervisor of Blair Township, to discuss key-holing on Silver Lake. Pat was very receptive, and has agreed to see that we are on the agenda with the Blair Township planning commission to present our concern. We believe that Garfield Township will follow suit with any regulation that Blair implements. We will continue to update you via email and the spring newsletter regarding our progress.

Dick Bogard, Township Liaison

## Welcoming Committee

I had the great pleasure of welcoming 9 new residents to Silver Lake this year! If you have a neighbor who is new to Silver Lake, I would greatly appreciate you alerting me by e-mail at: kaufmanmk@gmail.com or call 517-775-2456. Next door neighbor’s word of mouth has been the best and fastest way of identifying new residents. I’ll be sure to greet them, give them a few small welcoming gifts from our association and inform them about our association and the benefits of membership. Thank you!

Mike Kaufman

## Our Newest Members

Tom and Michelle Cronin  
Perry Hayes  
Michelle Wisniewski  
Robert and Janet Neville  
Doug and Paula Parshall  
Richard and Odile Perry  
Gerald and Tammy Stoerkel

## WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations.....911

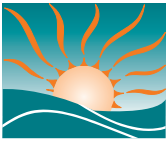
Boating violations (MC number required) or launch site violations  
Central Dispatch.....922-4550

General Marine questions (leave msg)  
Sheriff’s Marine Division  
231-922-2112

DNR Traverse City Office  
231-922-5280

Lost and found (Barry Andrews)  
231-943-7005 or  
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