



First try and she's up! Chloe Salvatore, granddaughter of residents Art and Patti Salvatore, had her first and successful try at skiing with proud father, Joe, watching.

Shore Lines Extra

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Hey folks – its summer! Lots going on – family get-togethers, picnics, boating, sea-doing, swimming – take a shot – we'd like to hear from you and publish your pictures, too! Send your photos or news items to sinnidi@aol.com.

Summer Around the Neighborhood



Resident Al Aurelio holds a 47 inch Northern Pike caught in three feet of water along the south shore. He returned the big fellow to the lake – but not before picture proof!



Longtime friends of John and Donna Bove, Kathy (Marzinski) Simon and husband Fred, came for their annual visit. The couples had a great time enjoying the lake, visiting the track and dining out every night.



A very familiar sight at weekend picnics is the husking of corn. This job is usually accomplished by the young members of the family. Art and Patti Salvatore's grandchildren got the "job" at a recent family picnic.



Tom and Eileen Seery visited Old Friends at Cabin Creek with grandchildren, Jameson and Cameryn Wilders. They recommend this wonderful home for retired race horses as a great family outing.



Another lovely sunset at the lake. Photograph by Ed Dweck.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Join the Saratoga Lake Association on Saturday, September 10, 1 p.m. for our **Annual Bon Voyage Summer Party** starting at The Tropic Hut. A brief public address will be followed by a Horsin' Around Trolley Tour beginning at 1:30 hosted by Saratoga's own local historians Charlie Kuenzel and Dave Patterson. Enjoy a complimentary ride around the lake and hop off at any of the participating restaurants to enjoy finger foods and drink specials. Everyone who takes the Trolley tour will receive a free entry for a wonderful \$250 gift certificate to The Saratoga National Golf Club and Prime. Stewart's Shops is offering 50 free ice cream cone certificates available for families with kids, as well!

The trolley will run continuously between The Tropic Hut, Mangino's Ristorante, DiDonna's and Cliff's until 4:30 p.m. Feel free to go directly to any of the participating restaurants if you choose. A Trolley schedule will be posted soon on The Saratoga Lake Association's website along with the details of the event. *(submitted by Lisa Morahan, Events Committee Chair)*

Stony Point Association starts new tradition

The Stony Point Road Association members have started a summer bi-weekly Thursday night casual gathering. They have had two get-togethers so far at two different houses. Neighbors bring a snack to share and their own beverages and then meet in rotating lakeside yards. It's a great way to connect with friends and neighbors in a very simple and relaxing way. *(submitted by Kathy Mason)*

Issues of Concern

There has been some inquiry about the clearing of the land at Snake Hill. Speculation runs from development of 14 homes to town homes, to a whole range of ideas.

The response from Ed Kinowski, Stillwater Supervisor: "There are no official requests (drawings, plans, etc.) to develop the Snake Hill area. The owner of the property is doing some excavation work to help determine a future use, if any." Mr. Kinowski has promised to keep us updated on any plans.

"Not sure if I can add more; no less the same for the Brown's Beach land or White Sulphur Springs PDD."

"Would you or anyone else know of what lurks in the weeds., I was in the lake waist deep for about one hour removing some of the weeds that washing in and the next day my legs were covered in red bites – hundreds of them. It looks like I have chicken pox. Just my legs and thighs and legs and nothing on my arms."

Response from the DEC was that it most likely was swimmer's itch (also known as duck itch). This is caused by a parasite that resides in the weeds. The Department of Health said there is a treatment but one must visit their doctor to ascertain if it is indeed Swimmer's Itch. The DOH also recommended visiting <http://www.swimmersitch.org> for more information.

Straight Talk

"Has anyone mentioned all the geese that are "living" around the lake lately and apparently have become residents? We have a number of them at the cabins next door. In an urge to feed them and think they're helping them, residents are really causing them not to know how to seek food on their own and will, therefore, become permanent residents due to that fact. And with four there will be eight and with eight there will be sixteen and on and on and on -- until there is no way to get rid of them. Leave them in the water -- they are beautiful birds -- but do not encourage them to become part of your landscape. Once that happens, they will not leave. "

"Saratoga Lake has not maintained its level this year; as soon as it rains, bringing the level up, it is being drained back down to a too low level. Lake level management this year has been the worst we have seen in the 15 years we've owned on the lake. Worse yet, it is being maintained lower than ever before... This is the first year we have had to physically push our boat off its lift.

The cement blocks relatively near the water under our dock are normally in the water.....they have been in the same position for years. We judge the water level this year to generally have been 10-12" lower than normal. If that does not provide an indicator to you....just look at how high people's docks are out of the water. The docks are placed to allow for changing water levels, as water usually is much higher than now and goes up to the docks when high.

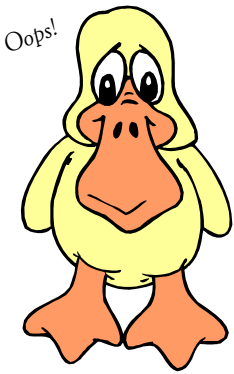
Please, why can't the lake be maintained at a higher (normal!) level?"

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SLPID

The SLPID harvesting crew have only 3 places about the lake to use our conveyor to off load the weeds that we cut. We will probably circle the lake about 3 or 4 times this season. If we had more places for off loading we could do more cutting, as we would not have to contend with the long travel times that our harvesters, at 3 mph, take to travel to the off load points. If you have a lake front property that SLPID could use for off loading, please call Bob at 281-1241, or Ed at 584-5448. Thank you for your help. Ed Dweck, Commissioner, SLPID

Duck Poop Challenge

Recently, the Saratoga Rowing Association asked for help with controlling their duck and goose population and received many good ideas from their readers. We hope they will share with us a successful approach. We thought our readers would enjoy the SRA written request and would like to share it with you:

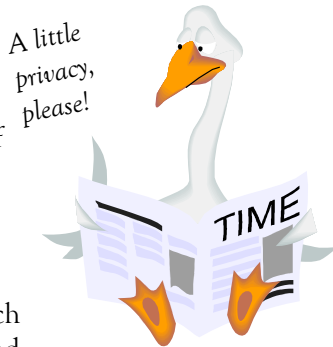


“We have a dilemma that possibly you can help us with. On a daily basis, it takes three people approximately 25 minutes to shovel, sweep, and rinse each rowing dock and remove the previous night’s accumulation of goose and duck poop. Collectively we have a lot of smart people associated with the SRA. So – this is the challenge:

Come up with an easily maintained, foolproof method of ridding the docks of the nightly onslaught of waterfowl and their unwanted excrement.

We have tried a few things in the past with not much luck – the wolf, the lines around the dock, etc. We need something that will work long term. Please note that there are a few guidelines:

- The system must be easily made operative and inoperative within five minutes;
- no firearms to be used;
- no explosives to be used;
- no noise to be permitted;
- cost is a factor and will be taken into consideration;
- waterfowl are to be treated humanely (see #2 and #3 above).”



Volunteers Needed

We have several members who read the lake level gauges every day to keep us abreast of the rise and fall of the water. If you have a little time and would like to help out with this important statistic’s gathering process for the period from August 25 to September 17, please email Kay Sanford at dsanford001@stny.rr.com.

Stillwater Events

Farmer’s Market is held every Thursday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with fresh vegetables, wood crafts, garlic, beef and pork. Anyone interested in a space to sell their goods or crafts should call the Town Clerk at 664-6148 or email scunningham@stillwatery.org for more information or an application.

August 31—concert in the park to be held at the Blockhouse Park in the Village, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

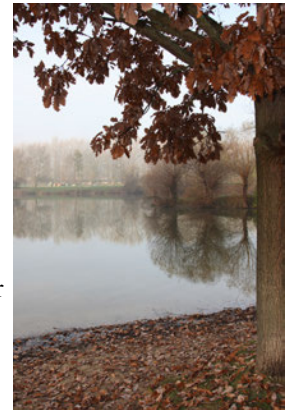
Sometimes we take this area for granted – somewhat like living in New York City and never visiting the Empire State Building. It’s always interesting to see how we stand with the outside world. Click on the following site and read about Saratoga Springs!

[Saratoga Springs ranks No. 75 on Money Magazine's 2011 top 100 "Best Places to Live" - saratogian.com](http://saratogian.com)

Fall is Around the Corner!!!

Pretty soon it’ll be time to rake the leaves and, for many, close up for the winter. Please remember **NOT** to dispose of debris and leaves in the culverts. We have actually seen residents do this! Last year, the DOT spent the entire summer cleaning them out because of flooding and water backing up. That project will not be happening again too soon, so it’s up to all of us to see that the culverts remain clear.

It’s never too early to remind everyone who closes summer homes for the season to stow all of your outdoor items – docks, sea-doo’s, small boats, etc. – in such a way that early spring high waters will not take them away.



Saratoga Tackle will be transitioning into fall hours starting Aug. 25. Stop by the shop for a handout of hours and having Archery work done.

Saratoga Tackle Thursday Night Bass Challenge will be continuing until 9/15, but there will be no tournament on 9/1.

2011/2012 Season Fishing and Hunting Licenses are now on sale, Doe Management Permits (DMP's) are only on sale until Oct. 1. Come prepared. Non-Drivers ID, for proof of residency. Minors without a license may use a student ID, if they have one, and a parents id. Their parent must be present when they purchase a license. Owning a home, land or working in NY does not prove you are a resident. Also, at Saratoga Tackle licenses must be paid for in CASH. Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods, and local Town Offices may accept check or credit card - check with them before assuming.

Fall is one of the best times to get out there and fish. All the larger species, such as Bass, Pike and Walleye are eating at a greater pace in preparation for the colder months. Anywhere bait fish or crawfish can be found, such as in weeds, around structure, and on rocky and sandy bottoms, the bigger fish will be going to look for food. Game fish tend to be more active due to the cooler conditions so artificial baits like spinner baits, Zara Spooks, Jitterbugs and lipless crank baits all work well in the fall. Artificial frogs in weeds and pads work well as do buzz baits along the edges. It is really a fun time to get out and try some fishing.

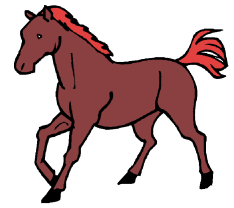
Before going out hunting this season be sure to do a safety check of all your equipment. Firearms should have been cleaned before putting away last season but you'll still want to check no rust has accumulated. With bows make sure the string has no nicks or damage, as well as the limbs. Take a little time to try the equipment out and make sure it is still working as you expect it to - no surprises out in the field! Good luck, and be safe.

(submitted by Tim and Rose Blodgett)



Retired racehorses may have new home in New York; Kentucky-based Old Friends Inc. to purchase Sez Who Thoroughbred Farm in Stillwater

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Industry leaders are taking a creative approach to ensure the safe retirement of thoroughbreds when their racing careers are over. In the process, the area could become home to a new, nationally known tourist attraction.

Kentucky-based Old Friends Inc. is purchasing the 265-acre Sez Who Thoroughbred Farm in Stillwater for \$1.4 million with plans for eventually stabling more than 100 retired horses there, including a number of high-profile champions.

The site is expected to have a bed-and-breakfast, and possibly become home to a New York Racing Hall of Fame.

"We had 22,000 visitors last year at our Kentucky Farm," Old Friends President and founder Michael Blowen said.

Under a unique financing arrangement, two Spa City-based stables have agreed to give Old Friends \$10,000 for each horse they bought at Fasig-Tipton Co.'s New York-Bred Preferred Yearling Sale, which took place Sunday and Monday in Saratoga Springs. The down payment guarantees that the horse will have a place at Sez Who and be properly cared for when its racing days come to an end.

"It's the first time this has been tried," Sackatoga Stable managing general partner Jack Knowlton said.

"We've got to find some alternative models for horse retirement," Masie Stable co-owner Elliott Masie said.

Old Friends is expected to close on the former Sez Who breeding farm, at 58 Dunn Road, in September. The site is just off of County Route 76 and only a few miles from the south end of Saratoga Lake and Luther Forest Technology Campus in Malta. The farm has been closed for nearly two years, but needs minimal work, Blowen said. The property, appraised at \$2.6 million, has a residence, 120 stalls and about 200 acres of fenced paddock.

Old Friends has 92 horses in Kentucky and another 10 at Cabin Creek Farm in Greenfield. The Sez Who farm more than doubles the space that Old Friends currently has in Kentucky.

"There's a lot more room at this New York farm," Blowen said. "We want to have a veterinarians' clinic and set up a space for ferrriers. We're going to make it the Sturbridge Village of horse racing."

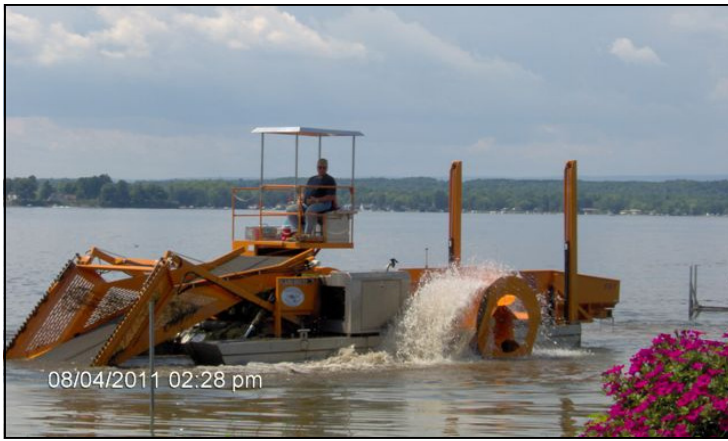
Blowen said it's important to give racing fans a chance to see and get up close to their former heroes.

Prominent thoroughbreds possibly coming to New York are 2005 Whitney Handicap winner Commentator; Eclipse Award winner Hidden Lake, a champion mare that captured the 1997 Go For Wand Handicap at Saratoga; and Affirmed Success, a son of Triple Crown winner Affirmed, with nearly \$2.3 million in career earnings to his credit.

Collectively, the horses under Old Friends' care won more than \$85 million on the track and have contributed \$1 billion to the industry when factoring in their sales and breeding interests, Blowen said.

The farm will create seven or eight full-time jobs, while relying heavily on volunteer help.

The facility is expected to open next spring and will be managed by Dennis Brida, former New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. executive director. York are 2005 Whitney Handicap winner Commentator; Eclipse Award winner Hidden Lake, a champion mare that captured the 1997 Go For Wand Handicap at Saratoga; and Affirmed Success, a son of Triple Crown winner Affirmed, with nearly \$2.3 million in career earnings to his credit.



The new weed cutter has the added advantage of being able to come right into the shoreline. Photo by Julie Annotto.

Stillwater Glen Hollow Park

There is an exciting fall library program coming to the park this fall. For the month of September, the Stillwater Library will be at the Stillwater Glen Hollow Park on Fridays at 11 a.m. for a story and craft. Each week is a new theme.

The Friends of the Stillwater Glen Hollow Park will also be hosting a Halloween Scavenger Hunt in the park in October, and a fall fundraiser at the Saratoga Strike Zone. More details will be available in the coming weeks. (submitted by Jacqueline Miller)

Stillwater Free Library presents:

Fall Into Reading

at Saratoga Glen Hollow Park

A family literacy program set in the beautiful new park near Saratoga Lake!

We will read a few fun stories, do a small project, and celebrate Autumn!

Open to any age child with a parent or caregiver...

Fridays at 11:00am:

9/9: Apples, apples, apples

Make a small apple inspired treat box and fill it with something good!

9/16: Down on the Farm

This week we celebrate the farming community in Stillwater and create a photo frame to share that pumpkin photo!

9/23: Birds of a Feather

Birds are going to be searching for food this winter and we'll make a little place to make it easier on them!

9/30: Pumpkin Patch

Paint a funny reader on your pie pumpkin!

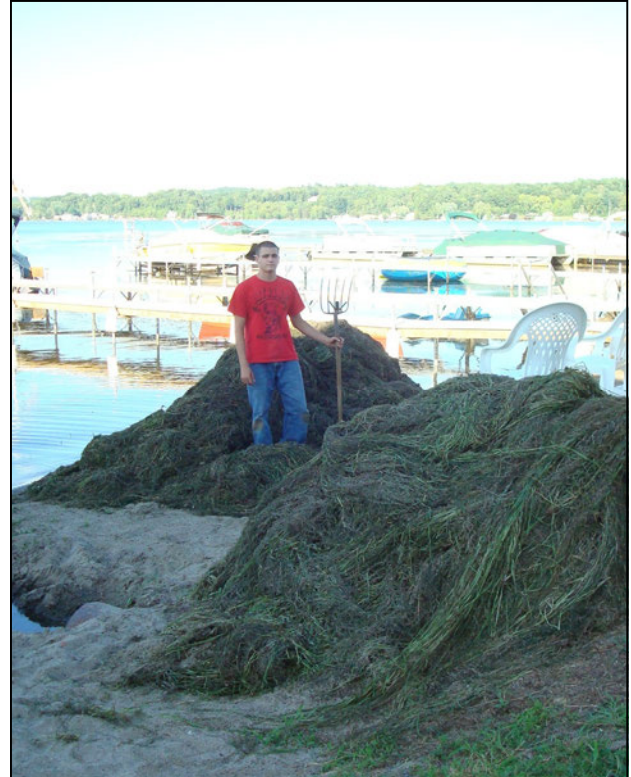


BOG MEADOW TRAIL REOPENS

A portion of the popular Bog Meadow Trail off Route 29 in Saratoga Springs previously flooded by beavers has now reopened. Last fall a large beaver dam caused a thousand foot portion of the trail to be underwater. The water has since receded and the entire length of the two-mile long trail is open to the public.

Saratoga P.L.A.N., the non-profit land trust that maintains the trail for the City of Saratoga Springs, has successfully installed "beaver fooling" culverts in the beaver dam. The culverts were installed by P.L.A.N. staff and volunteer Geoff Bornemann. These culverts have sufficiently lowered the level of the water behind the dam to prevent the trail from flooding. The specially designed culverts prevent the beavers from plugging the culvert entrances. The system of culverts does not threaten the beaver habitat.

The Bog Meadow Trail is one of 8 preserves maintained by Saratoga P.L.A.N. which are open to the public. The Preserve contains a "Letterbox" used in P.L.A.N.'s Preserve Passport Program, which has become a popular family activity for exploring natural areas in Saratoga County. More information on the Bog Meadow Trail and the Letterbox clues can be found at www.saratogaplan.org. (submitted by Kim Neher, Fundraising and Communications Officer)



All in a day's work for Michael Natalie!
Photo by Lynn Pennacchia, Meadow Shore.

Don't forget to visit our new and improved web site at:

www.saratogalake.org

**Be a Byway Champion
Invasive Species Alert
Byway Champions don't take chances!**

Before launching your boat:

- Remove any clinging plants, mud and organisms
- Drain, wash and disinfect water carried ashore. Wash gear and equipment with hot water.
- Dry gear completely when moving between bodies of water. It's the most effective way to kill invaders.

There are many helpful suggestions to help in preventing harmful hitchhikers from entering the waters we use to fish and recreate. Try visiting www.protectyourwaters.net for advice in waterway health.

Man Drives Car into Lake

A Saratoga Race Course employee, wanted by police for his role in two earlier domestic incidents, drove a Ford Taurus into Saratoga Lake after New York Racing Association security blocked his only exit from Saratoga Lake Marine Park.



Witnesses say Daniel Burgess, 49, of Lexington, Kentucky, was speeding south on Route 9P –

NYRA security in pursuit – when he turned into the park on the eastern shore of Saratoga Lake. He then did a lap around the parking lot, stopped his vehicle at the top of a boat launch and removed some luggage from the trunk.

NYRA security tried to calm Burgess down, Saratoga Lake Steward Corrie Mersereau said, but he didn't want to listen. Burgess then re-entered the Taurus and apparently attempted to ford the lake.

“He floored it and went right into the lake,” Bill Neilson of Granville said, adding Burgess was “belligerent” and engaged in an expletive-laden exchange with authorities after he was asked what his experimental voyage accomplished.

The vehicle got about 50 feet into the lake before coming to a stop. Burgess was handcuffed at the scene and taken away in an ambulance, though he didn't appear to have any major injuries. (source: *the Saratogian newspaper*)

We have been asked by the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID) to share this letter to Joe DiDonna of South Shore Marina with our readers.

August 1, 2011

Dear Joe:

On behalf of the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID) commissioners, I want to thank you for your all of your efforts in facilitating the annual 4th of July Fireworks Display. We are sincerely grateful for your volunteerism to haul the fireworks barge out to the center of the lake so that all of the lake residents could enjoy the fireworks display.

The annual fireworks display was enjoyed by many residents of the lake because of your efforts to haul the barge onto the lake. It enhanced the experience of dual display on the lake. We have received tremendous feedback on the location of the fireworks. Again, thank you for supporting our community in these efforts.

The SLPID district sincerely appreciates your most generous donation.

Ed Dweck

SLPID Commissioner, County At Large

Saratoga Medical Park – Malta

Saratoga Hospital officials hope to begin construction on Saratoga Medical Park at Malta off Northway Exit 12 by the end of the year, but first need the Malta Planning Board to sign off on the building's proposed design.

On Tuesday, hospital officials gave the Planning Board a sneak peek of the first of many future buildings that will be constructed at Saratoga Medical Park, a joint venture between Saratoga Hospital and Albany Medical Center, to make sure its design team was on the same page as the board members.

In addition to the outpatient facility, [the 140-acre site, formerly the home of the Bondlyn horse farm, could eventually house nursing homes, senior living facilities, medical office buildings and even a hospital.](#)

[Earlier this month, the state Health Department approved a certificate of need for the medical park that was considered to be a major hurdle in the process.](#)

Requests for proposals for the site's water, sewer, power and gas have gone out to bid --- another hurdle.

The next step is getting the Planning Board to OK its first blueprint – something it will have to do for each future building.

The hospital will need to present its final plans for the outpatient facility to the board in September or October, but initial indications are the design team is well on its way to approval.