



**Star Lake  
Protective Association**  
★ Star Lake, New York 13690

June 1, 2010

Hello lake neighbors,

It's once again time for our annual letter to Star Lake lakefront owners, asking for your membership in and support of the Star Lake Protective Association. We encourage you to join the SLPA, to attend our meetings, and to participate in our activities. Meetings, held twice a year, provide lake owners the opportunity to socialize and voice your opinions about various lake matters. The annual dues are still just \$20, which provides members a voice and a vote on issues brought before the Association. Membership also provides a password to the Members' Area of our web site, and a \$5 discount on registration for the poker run! Membership in the SLPA affords an excellent opportunity for newcomers to the Lake to meet other members of this unique lake community. The SLPA benefits *all* who enjoy the lake, member or not. We hope that lake owners will continue to support the Association with their membership and their contributions of time, effort and dues. Please take a moment now to send your 2010 dues (\$20) to:

Theresa Golden, Treasurer  
PO Box 63  
Star Lake, NY 13690

Dues have helped to finance many lake projects which include placing buoys on shallow rock bars around the lake; publishing and maintaining a web site devoted to the lake for all to enjoy (<http://www.slpa.info>); and printing the *Star Lake Handbook*, now in its second edition. Our dues financed a professional egg population study two years ago to determine the need for and feasibility of spraying tent caterpillars, which many of you will remember devastated our area. Members have organized two lake clean-ups each year for six years now, helping to keep the area around the lake looking clean and beautiful for all to enjoy. We are also planning the 6th annual poker run, a well-attended social event with cash prizes and a party on the sandbar following the run. You need not be a member to participate in or benefit from any of these lake activities. Just come out, meet your neighbors and have a good time! See the schedule of events below and on the web site for dates and times.

2010 SLPA Meetings and Events			
Date	Event	Place	Time
Sat, June 26	Regular July Meeting-breakfast refreshments served	Clifton-Fine Community Center, Star Lake	9:30 am
Sat, July 10	First Lake Clean-up	Meet at CFCS (school) parking lot	9:00 am
Sat, Aug 14	Poker-Run	Meet at the sandbar to register	12:00 noon
Sat, Aug 28	Second Lake Clean-up	Meet at CFCS (school) parking lot	9:00 am
Sat, Sept 4	Dinner 5:30; Annual Meeting to follow	Location to be determined	5:30 pm

If you rent out your property or otherwise provide lake access to family or friends, we would appreciate your assistance in keeping the lake safe and clean for all to enjoy. Please question

the qualifications of drivers of boats and PWC's. Are drivers appropriately licensed? Do they know the NYS rules and regulations? And, do they have proper life jackets and other safety equipment? Do they know the informal customs of the Lake, such as counterclockwise traffic flow? Do they know the location of shallows on the lake and 5 mph zones? The *Star Lake Handbook* contains much of that information and might be made available to renters. Also, our web site has a map with customary rules of the lake ([http://www.slpa.info/rules\\_of\\_lake.htm](http://www.slpa.info/rules_of_lake.htm)). If tenants are planning to launch their own watercraft, *please* remind them to carefully clean their boats, motors, trailers and gear *before launching* to insure that milfoil and other invasive aquatic species *do not* get introduced into the lake. The SLPA's careful inspection of the shoreline, in partnership with the NYS Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, indicated no milfoil so far! Please help us to keep it that way.

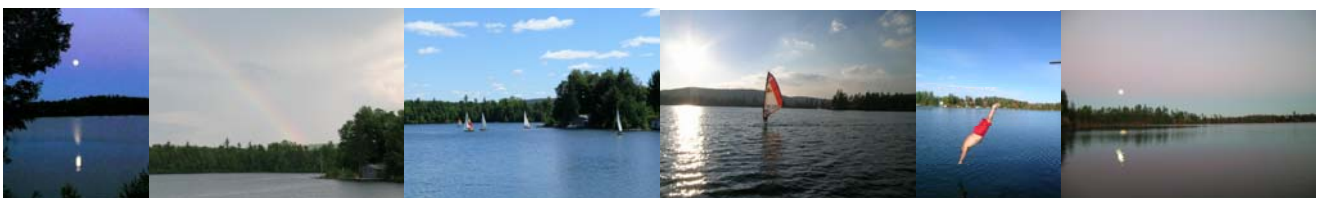
Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting are available on the website or, if you do not have Internet access, you can contact the secretary at [boritchings@slpa.info](mailto:boritchings@slpa.info) or (315) 848-2169 to obtain a printed copy. Also, since you are receiving this letter, we must not have an e-mail address on file. If you would like to receive communications via e-mail or if your e-mail address has changed, please use our feedback form (<http://www.slpa.info/feedback.htm>) to send an e-mail and your address will be added to our database. E-mail correspondence helps us to defray our mailing costs.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, in order to better-accommodate busy Fourth of July weekend schedules. It will be held at the Community Center at 9:30 am, refreshments will be provided. If you have anything you'd like to add to the agenda, please contact John Van Gelder, president, by e-mail ([opajvg3@gmail.com](mailto:opajvg3@gmail.com)) or phone at (315) 848-2674. We have also scheduled our Annual Meeting for Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm starting with dinner; the meeting to follow. More details regarding the dinner are forthcoming. We hope to see you there!

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support of the SLPA, the only organization that represents the interests of Star Lake waterfront owners. Out of 170 lake property owners, only 60-75 have been represented as members over the past several years. Meeting attendance averages 30 and only a very few actually help with the planning, organizing, and execution of lake activities and events. We need your dues to finance SLPA activities; but *more important*, we need greater participation by more members who are willing to contribute their time and efforts to help us to achieve our goals. It is with your help that we will continue to enhance, protect, preserve and serve the lake community environment that so many of us enjoy.

See you on the lake!

Bo Ritchings, Secretary  
Star Lake Protective Association



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