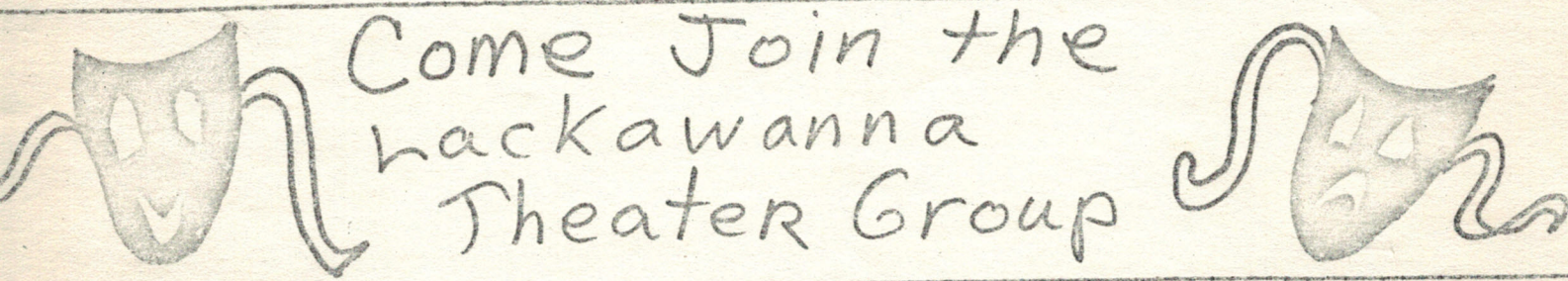


# The Lackawanna Newsletter



## The Play's the Thing

A Lake Lackawanna Theater Group has recently been started. Their first production will be A Visit to a Small Planet by Gore Vidal. Rehearsals are going on now, and the play will be put on this fall. A dinner theater is being planned for one of the show nights.

The cast includes Rick Drobney, Sandy and Chester Lee, Carol Ostrowski, Louie Sheehan, Bill Pickel, Carol and Margie Mannings, Nazim Sevilen, Terry Reed, and Maggie Pruce as the director.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 8:00 p.m., at the Club house.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The person originally casted for the part of General Powers will not be able to be in the play. Therefore, a man will be needed to replace him. If you would like to be in the play as General Powers (or if you'd like to help out with lighting, sound effects, etc.) please call Maggie Pruce at 347-2814, or come to the rehearsal this Wednesday evening.



Forestry Committee Report  
by Bill Pickel

With summer coming to an end, many of us are thinking of the upcoming heating season. Those of you who heat with wood will be pleased to hear that the Forestry Committee is going to make wood available. Beginning in late September, we will be removing dead wood and, perhaps, be doing some cull cutting. This wood will be sold, to lake members only, for the price of \$80. per cord. The wood will be split, delivered, and stacked.

Many of you may want to cut your own wood. Because of complications, only L.L.I.C. employees can be allowed to cut and remove wood from L.L.I.C. property. Lake members that want to cut wood will be hired to do so. You will be expected to provide your own saw, protective equipment, and vehicle to haul the wood. Only persons over the age of 19 and that are experienced in the use of a chain saw; will be hired. You will receive a standard pay check that has had taxes, etc. deducted. Pay checks will be prepared biweekly. Employees will be given the first opportunity to purchase wood.

The above may seem to be a bit extreme but it is in this way that we can best protect the forest and the other lake assets for all lake members. For more details, contact either Paul Pedersen-347-5450, or Bill Pickel-347-8227.

LAKE MAY BE LOWERED

According to the Lake Committee Chairman, the lake may possibly be lowered this fall so that people can fix their shorelines.

Mr. Mateus by L. Sheehan

When I moved here two years ago, I was thrilled at the idea of having wild ducks, geese, muskrats, turtles, and other water loving creatures living out in my backyard. They were all such fun to watch as they constantly played "Ruler of the waterways", in the keeping of the pecking order. The ducks are the lowest ranked, then the geese, and that's as far as I thought the pecking order went.

One morning, as I casually gazed out onto the lake, I saw a huge white mass on the end of the property by the lake. It wasn't moving so I decided to see what had been washed up from the lake. When I was about thirty feet from this mass, a long skinny neck with a small head and a big orange beak lifted itself up and looked at me. As I stood in awe, this incredible creature raised itself up on two huge black webbed feet and began to come towards me. I had no idea whether this advance was friendly or if I was to be pecked to death, so I made a hasty retreat into the house. So, this was Mr. Mateus, the Mute Swan who was the actual king of the lake! I suddenly became annoyed that I had been chased off of my own yard by this big flat-footed bird, but decided to make peace with him. I went back out with some bread (Mr. Mateus loves bread!) which he gobbled up quickly. When he was sure that there was no more, Mr. Mateus waddled into the water and swam away slowly. What a beautiful, graceful bird, and the true king of the L.L. mini wildlife refuge!





For the Young Nature Lover

by Elaine Mazzawy

Birds can offer us much pleasure if we just take time to notice. Many are beautiful and all are interesting. Even those we may be prejudiced against, such as crows and starlings, may do more good than harm. The starlings that flock across your front lawn are looking for grubs of the Japanese beetle. Robins and catbirds that fly into your cherry trees or berry bushes compensate for what they steal by killing worms and aphids.

To watch them in our back yards or at our windows, especially in winter when plant life is dormant, is a real treat. A cardinal that comes around for sunflower seeds, suet, or other food can brighten a dreary day.

You can attract the bird of your favor by knowing his food habits. Seed eaters include sparrows and finches; robins, catbirds and waxwings are fruit and berry eaters. Many insect-eating birds are attracted by suet or meat scraps such as chickadees and woodpeckers. Some birds will eat most anything from insects and seeds to suet and peanut butter. Stale bread is attractive to cardinals, redwing blackbirds and juncos.

Birds have their own different feeding habits. Sparrows prefer to feed on the ground. Chickadees, downy woodpeckers, and nuthatches like to cling to a suet holder or swinging box; some birds are afraid to come to a house or window while others have no fear of people.

You can plant your home grounds to attract and protect birds. This is a point often overlooked by home owners. Birds like shrubbery especially thick, thorny bushes that natural enemies can't penetrate, or evergreens such as hemlock and Japanese barberry.

PONY RIDES

by Anita Pedersen

Mrs. Charles brought her 2 ponies again to our beach on August 2. About 20 children were there to enjoy the pony rides. The charge was 50¢ a ride. Because it was Gala Day the Investment Company bought the 2nd ride.

I want to thank Barbara Charles and we all hope she will come back next year. Many thanks, also, to her helpers Scott Lee, and Tracy and Ray Perry, as well as to the Investment Company for the extra rides.

And a special thanks from our gardeners to the ponies Cream Cup and Sugar for the fertilizer they left in our parking lot. Have a good summer, everyone!

P.S. Scott Lee gives pony rides at Mrs. Charles's place. For an appointment call 347-7240.



## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Her love is for children, her spirit thrives on selfless giving to others, her specialty is crafts --- Who is the "good-gal" of the month? Anita Pedersen, of course!

Our community has been enriched with many fun gatherings for both ourselves and our children through the efforts of this months' "good-gal". The Christmas Store, Spring Festival, Halloween and Easter parties, and Recreation Programs are just a few events in which Anita has played an instrumental part over the past six years.

Anita, as the wife of our Beach Chairman, has had the arduous task of listening to and then referring to the Beach Chairman all the complaints and suggestions made daily by beach members during the summer months, somehow remaining smiling and helpful throughout.

How can we thank our "good-gal" enough for her service to our community? We can't, but then she doesn't expect it anyway--- That's Anita Pedersen!

Editor's note: many thanks to Donna Weinberg for writing this lovely and accurate statement about Anita. Who do you want to nominate for next month's award? Drop your entry in my mail box.

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played on Friday nights as usual, but the time has changed. It has been moved to 6:30.

A designated area has been set up at the beach for volleyball playing, and permission to play in that area, day or evening, has been approved by the LLIC Board of Directors and will be written into the rules.

Do come next Friday and join the fun and exercise.

### MISSING A PART?

If anyone ordered a lawn mower blade and did not receive it, call 347-2814. It was delivered there by mistake.

### Volunteers

As you are all aware the Lake Lackawanna Investment Co. is a Non-Profit Organization although the name might mislead you. In order to operate within our budget and still render the most beneficial service to the residents we depend on volunteers.

Your board of directors all work gratis with the exception of the sec. and therein lies the reason that there are services rendered with no appreciable costs which would have to be off set by increased dues.

Although volunteering seem to be a thing of the past in that the younger generation tend have their hands out rather than just a plain thank you. The problem is not with your organization alone but is prevalent throughout the world be it Fire Depts. Schools, Churches etc. The end result is what really counts and did you get a kick out of doing for others and did you feel that the day was not a complete loss. The self satisfaction you recieved should be your reward, as the famous president said not what your country (organization) can do for you but what you can do for your country (organization)

V. Vogel Pres.



LACKAWANNA WILDLIFE

BY JANET MESSENGER

BIRDS OF PREY

The most fascinating part of living in this lake community to me is observing the abundance of Raptores who reside here. We can thank them for improving our environment or "damm" them for disposing of our new-born wildlife! Either way, they serve their purpose and are truly supreme hunters.

The Raptors are of three orders - The first being the Vultures or Carrion feeders. They are separated from the other orders because not having feet suitable for the slaughter of living prey, they feed upon dead or dying animals. The head and part of the neck of the Vulture or Turkey Buzzard is completely bald, thus giving quite an ugly appearance.

The second order is called the Diurnal Birds of Prey. This order includes three families: The Eagles, Hawks and Kites, the Falcons, Caracavas, and Ospreys. The eyes of these birds are placed at the sides of the head so that the two eyes never look in the same direction. Our lovely lake is a natural environment for marsh Hawks, Red Tails, and the Osprey of course, all of which I have sighted at one time or another. The Osprey is an expert at fishing. His feet with their rough spiny projections and long well curved claws are perfect fish traps! They cannot dive as do the Ducks, so the fish they catch are the varieties found in shallow waters near the surface. His diet consists solely of fish taken alive and he is never found far from water in which his supply may be had. He has powerful wings and tail, and with this combination hardly ever misses letting a big one get away! Unlike the Kingfisher who seizes its prey with its bill, the Osprey uses its feet only. Several weeks ago I sighted one on the "prowl" near the island in back of my home. The Osprey prefers his bit of isolation, but an abundant food supply, together with freedom from interference will result in a number of them forming "colonies", nesting near one another, and returning year after year to the same site to rehabilitate old nests by the addition of more material. So it looks like the Osprey has found his secluded little island and I am looking forward to next year with eager anticipation!

The third order is the Owls, which have eyes directed forward so that both look in the same direction. From the tiny Screech Owl to the majestic "Great Horned", they are certainly a sight to behold! The Owl is a nocturnal bird of prey and in the field of usefulness, complements the Hawk - The Hawk working by day (Diurnal) and the Owl at night. The Owl is always hungry and will eat his own weight in food every night, and more, if he can get it. They are not particular what they devour either-mice, rats, gophers, snakes, etc. He puts his talons on the game to hold it, then tears it to bits with his hooked beak, swallowing the entire animal, meat, bones, fur, and all! In the stomach, the nutritious portions are absorbed and the indigestible matter disgorged in the form of pellets. If you ever hike in the woods, you may come upon a "roost" where the ground may be covered with pellets. During the fall of last year, while working the New Jersey Raptor Census, I had the thrill of seeing my first Barred Owl. It was during the daylight hours, so he was "roosted" high in a tree after a hard nights work. I crept slowly through the woods with the distinct feeling that he was watching me all the time! As I got closer, he took flight and left me in complete awe! If only I had my camera! But then I'm never prepared when the opportunity presents itself!

Is anyone interested in participating in the New Jersey Raptor Census for 1981? I can promise a day filled with excitement for the bird lover! Please call me at 347-6953 if this appeals to you.



New Arrivals:

Margaret Nickel and Raymond Tallau have joined the list of LLIC members.

Welcome and thanks.

DOT SCHABLE REPORTS:

## HOLIDAY FLORIAL CLASS

Last fall Jan Taylor, a very gifted florist designer, gave six workshops at our club house. This year she is giving 43 lectures to various woman's clubs, but no workshops. But after a little friendly persuasion, Jan agreed to come back to the Lake Lackawanna Club House for three Monday night sessions - the 6, 13 & 20 of Oct. The registration fee is \$15. and the cost of supplies will be \$6.50 per evening. The first session we will be making a fresh flower Thanksgiving table arrangement. We also will be making a dried flower arrangement, a straw wreath and -or a boxwood Christmas tree. For more information and to register for this fun class call Pat Rafferty 347-5788 or Dot Schable 347-5190.

FOR SALE - TWO 24' bicycles - One almost new - Please call 347-4618.

"Dear Aunt Blabbie" Reports

Aunt Blabbie is happy to report that all of her readers in Lake Lackawanna are happy and contented. No letters to Aunt Blabbie this month.

VERNON VALLEY TRIP

Although the original date was changed due to a threatening weather forecast, 40 participants traveled to Vernon Valley Action Park on Tuesday, August 12th. A great time was had by all, including the adults, although they are complaining about aching muscles !!! A big thanks to Donna Weinberg for arranging the trip and making sure the Rapid's Ride was open.



The Reel Story

by Rick Drobney

## Fishing Lake Lackawanna

Our lake, although a real challenge to fish because of the weeds, offers some of the best fishing in New Jersey. It abounds with a variety of fish including bass, pickerel, catfish, crappie, perch, and a variety of sun fish, almost all of which will strike at anything that moves.

Now that you know about all those fish in our lake, the first question that comes to mind is, How do you catch them? The answer to that question is more varied than the number of fish to be had, but let me share my favorite and perhaps in future editions some of you can share some of yours.

I enjoy surface fishing because it keeps you active, and even more important it offers the thrill of watching a fish blast through the surface to take the bait. Although I've tried a number of different types of surface lures, I find poppers work best for me. They are relatively weedless and will produce results from almost any kind of fish found in our lake.

Poppers range in size from a very tiny one about the size of the head of a map tack to one measuring 3 to 4 inches long. The smaller variety is fished with a fly rod and simulates the action of an insect. The larger varieties are designed to look like a frog. The thing they all have in common is the flat surface at the front that produces a popping sound when jerked through the water.

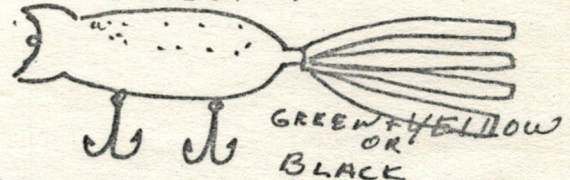
Some of my favorites are pictured below.



ULTRA LIGHT SPINNING



MID WEIGHT SPINNING



To fish with poppers find a clear spot in the weeds, preferably close to the shore. Cast the popper as close to the weeds as possible (It may take some practice to hit your target) let it settle for ten or fifteen seconds then give your rod one quick little jerk then let it settle again for a few seconds, then give it a couple of more twitches (remember the lure should make a popping sound and move only an inch or two) repeat this technique one or two more times reducing the resting time between each jerking motion. If this fails to produce a reaction retrieve the lure quickly jerking the rod tip occasionally and repeat the process. You are most likely to get a strike as the lure first hits the water or after the first twitch of the rod tip. To help you understand the action try to visualize a frog or insect hitting the water



## Fishing Lake Lackawanna (continued from page 7)

and being stunned by the impact. It lies motionless for a few seconds and then starts to move slowly ~~and~~ it begins to recover its motion becomes more rapid. The Quick retrieval represents The frog or insect being chased by some fish

After a few trials you'll get the hang of it and after that first bass, pickerel, or sunny blasts through the weeds to take the bait you will be hooked on surface fishing.

### VOLLEYBALL

Due to the shorter fall days, volleyball will be played Friday at 6:30 p.m. If you haven't played yet, come this Friday. The season is about over. Note: The LLIC has designated an area at the beach for volleyball playing-- ie. the right hand side (as you enter the gate).

*Stock in LLIC  
is still available.  
Contact Bill Burton.*

### EDITOR'S CORNER

by Maggie Puce

I would like to thank all the people who have contributed to this paper with their columns, along with the people who have helped me staple and deliver the newsletter, especially Maureen Pilot and her mother, Vic Vogel, Anita Pedersen, Sandy Lee, and Janet Messenger.

From Walden, by Henry David Thoreau

"It is well to have some water in your neighborhood, to give buoyancy to and float the earth."



GOLF LEAGUE REPORT

by Sandy Lee

HOLE IN ONE

The first "Hole in One" for the year was hit with a 9 iron - 150 yards on the 3rd tee by 16 yr. old Dean Ferrigno. A trophy was given to Dean by the L.L.I.C.G.C. Congratulations!

TOURNAMENT

The Bill Hussey Tournament is underway. Over 60 people have signed up to participate in this annual affair. Competition is keen in all the flites. Semi-finals will be held about Sept. 1st, while the Finals will tee off Sept. 7th. Trophies will be awarded at 5 p.m. Sept. 7th. Come and join us for the Annual Ceremony.

CULVER LAKE INVITATIONAL

On August 5th, 12 women golfers from the L.L.I.C.G.C. travelled to Culver Lake hopefully to retain the Invitational Plaque. Alas, it was not to be and the Culver Lake Golf Course will now hold it for the 1980 year. However, we were successful in several categories: Longest drive was won by Pat Swistak; Fewest putts was won by Joan Simmons. Judy Ginsberg also won the Kicker's pool netting her \$25.00. A barbecue was held for all the ladies - a most enjoyable day!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The 6 week women's league has also been concluded with a Luncheon at Clyde's Other Place. In First place are Joan Mullins and Bev Eayres. Second place was won by Jane Lasko and Dot Schable, with a close Third being capped by Dottie Haas and Mary Ann Barsh. A special award was given to Pat Swistak for Low Handicap average of 31.

GOLF GOSSIP (JR.'S)

After 5 weeks of league play, the older Jr.'s session came to a conclusion with an Award Ceremony and pizza party. In first place with 9 1/2 points are Greg Matthews and Albert Greshko. The close Second was Billy Egan and Chris Uglay with 8 points. All the Jr.s received medals and certificates.



The Loch Hackawanna  
Monster



M. Bruce