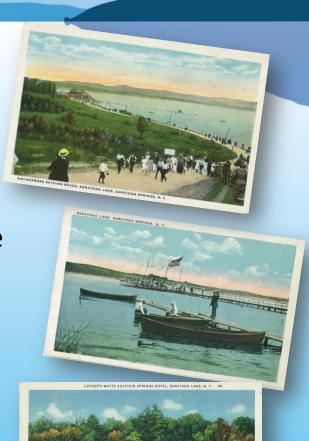
Saratoga Lake Through the Years







Join us for walk down memory lane visiting the old hotels, houses, camps, cottages and recreation spots on the beautiful Saratoga lake.



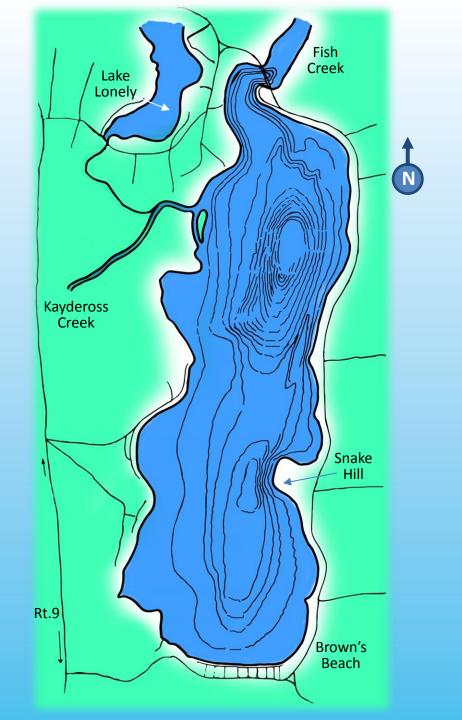
Saratoga Lake

- Rowing
- Sailing
- Potato Chip
- Lakeside Casinos Gambling and Entertainment
- Amusement Parks
- Boxing
- Ice Fishing
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Dog Sledding on the ice
- Motorcycle Races on Ice
- Trolleys, Planes, Trains and Steamers



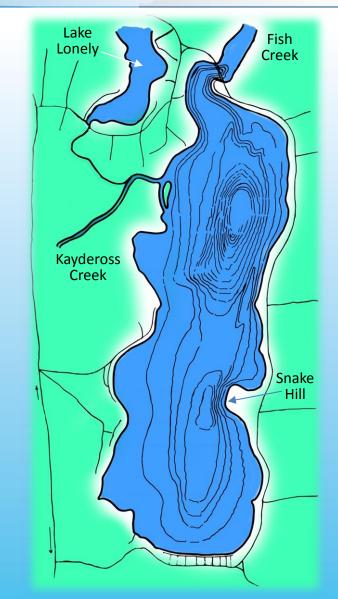


Saratoga Lake History



Saratoga Lake – Early History

- 4,339 acres 2 by 6 miles
- Kaydeross Creek into Saratoga Lake to Fish Creek over 2 dams into Hudson River





Saratoga Lake – Early History

- Hunting Territory for Mohawk Indians in 17 & 18th centuries
- 1684: Mohawks transferred land to speculators
- 1764: Initial European settlement with 3-4 families
- 1770's Highlands east of Snake Hill and south side settled
- 1780s: North shore settled
- 1790's: Fish Creek and Stafford Bridge area settled and first school established
- Grist and saw mills near feeder streams
- Farming and lumbering were important
- Grain, Hay, potatoes, apples, butter and cheese produced
- Shad, herring, trout, eel, pike, pickering, perch, black bass plentiful in 1800s

Indian Superstition

 Mohawk Indians believed that the Lake's stillness was sacred to the Great Spirit and that, if a human voice uttered a sound upon its waters, the canoe of the offender would instantly sink.

Indian Encampment

- Iroquois Indians called Saratoga Lake "Caniaderiossers" –
 the lake of the crooked stream
- The Mohawks encamped there from the earliest days of the Kayderosseras Flats
 - Was a great hunting and fishing ground
 - Many Indian artifacts were discovered including fish spears and stone hatchets
- In the address by Mohawk Chieftain to William Penn in 1863, it was mentioned as "the place where the game abounds."

Transitional Phase

- Per a May 1768 settlement, the Mohawks gave up their claim to the land around the lake to Rip Van Dam
- Glanmore 1852 Romance of the Revolution, a novel by Park Clinton referred to it as a crystal lake.
- Jim Riley, a famous oarsman opened up the first resort in the early 1800s
- Next came Loomis and Simon's Lakehouse which in 1844 was a 20 minute ride from downtown

Transitional Phase

- The first white man to view Saratoga Lake was the Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, who also discovered Lake George. The Church is names after him.
- Saratoga Lake supplied both the British and Colonials with their fish and game shortly before the Battle of Saratoga.



Transformed to Tourist Destination

- As Saratoga grew as a tourist destination because of its mineral springs, many visitors also visited the lake
- Row boating, sail boating, steam boating, fishing, hunting, swimming and picnicking
- College regattas
- Farmers provided lodging to tourists

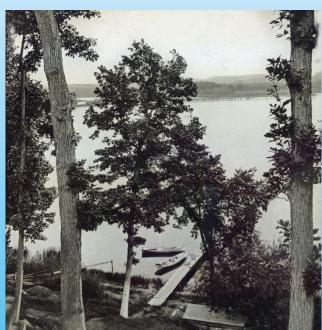




Transformed to Tourist Destination

- Introduction of the lake houses in 1830s
- Lake houses flourished in 1850's
- 1870's the lake houses became more elaborate
- Moon's served dinner to 200-300 people per night
- Docks and Boats



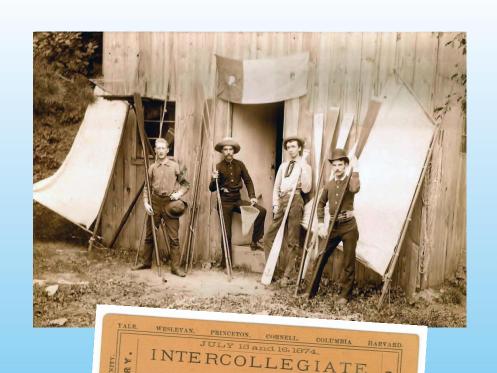


Recreational Landmark

- Oldest historical recreation lake in NYS
- As in early days when Mohawks fished it, remains one of the State's best fishing lakes.
- Site of first international regatta in the US sponsored by John Morrisey
- First college regatta took place in 1874
- Since the turn of 1900, a number of regattas for inboard motors have been held on the lake

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Early Settlers

- Myers Lakehouse was on Cedar Bluff, Pete Francis lived in the south end
- Jim Riley and Nelson Ramsdill had early farms
- Other early settlers were the Abels, Oscar Avery, Steven Thorns, Pecks, Caldwells, Conklings, Arnolds, Rogers, and Ingraham
- In 1870's wealthy NYC publisher Frank Leslie built a home on 92 acres-Interlaken

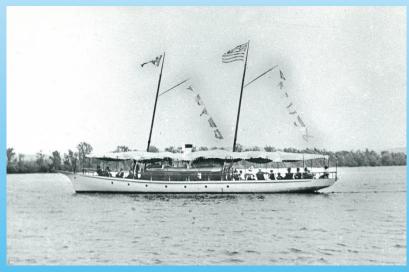




The Steamboats

- Lady of the Lake could accommodate 1,500 passengers and had 3 decks; built in 1881
- The Alice exhibited in 1893 at the Chicago World's Fair and named after Mrs. Thomas Luther. Beginning in 1903 Shuttled between Kaydeross Park and White Sulphur Springs Hotel

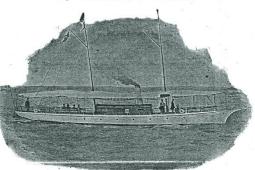




The Steam Yacht "Alice"

FRIDAY EVENING EXCURSIONS

AUGUST 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th By Steamer Alice



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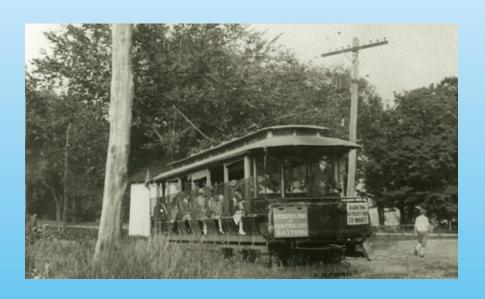
The Steamboats

- Steam driven for 50 or more passengers: James Breslin,
 Katie, Nellie Price and Ermine
- Ice boats were common as ice harvesting was a big business around 1900
- 1937 Outboard motor regatta



Land Transport

- Trolley from current Visitor's
 Center to Kaydeross Park/Interlaken
- Railroad bridge was built in 1881 across Fish Creek







Land Transport

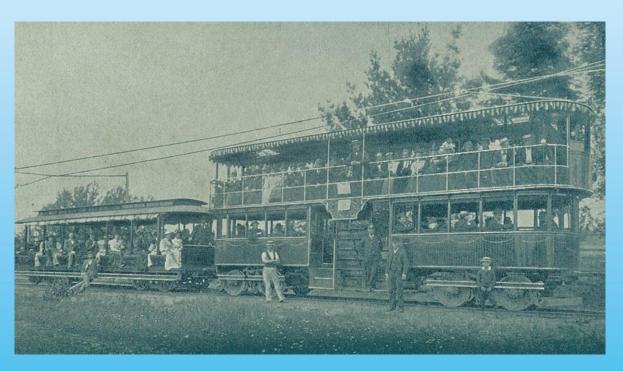
Hudson Valley Bridge crossing Fish Creek, Schuylerville, N.Y.

- Omnibusses carried passengers to the lake
- Electric Railroad 1890-1910
- 25 cents for 24 miles



Land Transport

- 5 cents to reach Trumbulus Hotel,
 Moon's Lake House and Kaydeross Park
- 1931 Road from Saratoga Springs to Lake completed
- Pullman Palace Electric Car with Trailer at White Sulfur Springs



Recreation

- Toboggan slides and skating were popular
- Boat Parades
- Summer fishing, swimming, picnicking, ball games and fireworks
- Cottages and camps started to flourish







Recreation

- First Hydroplane on the lake in 1919
- Horse Trotting Races on the Lake in 1903
- Ice fishing





Recreation

Horse Trotting Races on the Lake in 1903



Ice Trotting Results from 1902

Annual Meeting Saratoga Ice Racing Association

TROTTING ON ICE AT NEWMAN'S HOTEL, SARATOGA LAKE

FEBRUARY 10, 11 and 12, 1903

\$1200 IN PURSES

FIRST DAY—February 10. 2:27 class; purse \$200. 2:17 class; purse \$200. Second Day—2:40 class; purse \$175. Second Race—2:22 class; purse \$200. There Day—First Race, free for all; purse \$225. Second Race, 2:25 class; purse \$200. Money divided: 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.

Entrance fee 5 per cent. and 5 per cent. from all winners. Entries to close Monday, February 9, at 9 p. m. All purses to fill must be five to enter and four to start. All races are open to trotters and pacers.

Races called promptly at 1:30 p. m. Good stabling will be provided for all horses on application to secretary. National Rules to govern so far as practicable.

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The All entries and letters should be addressed to C. H. Nims, Secretary, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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Lake Houses and Inns

Lake Houses and Inns

- In 1875, White Sulfur Spring, a hotel and park took its name from the nearby Springs.
 - It accommodated 100 guests and could also be reached by a steamboat, the Lady of the Lake.
- Other hotels included Cedar Bluff and the New Crystal Inn, at Fish Creek.
- Moon's Lake House opened in 1853
- Frank Leslie's Interlaken Estate was on what is now Crescent Avenue.

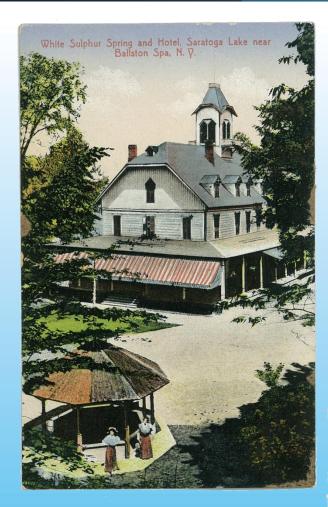




- TC Luther
- 1919 Sea Gull First hydroplane on Saratoga Lake
- Razed in 1958 when NYS straightened Rte 9P

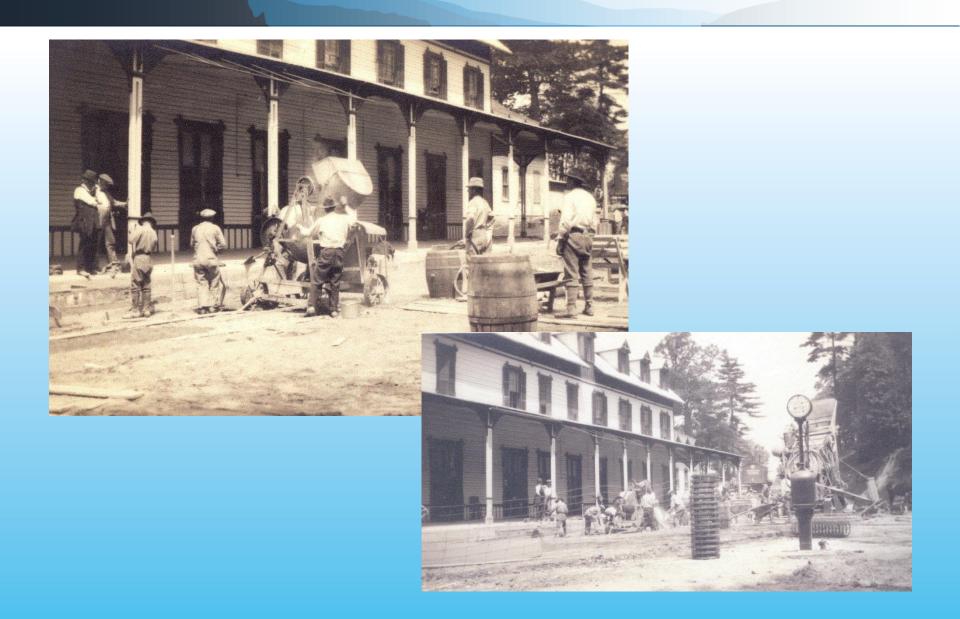






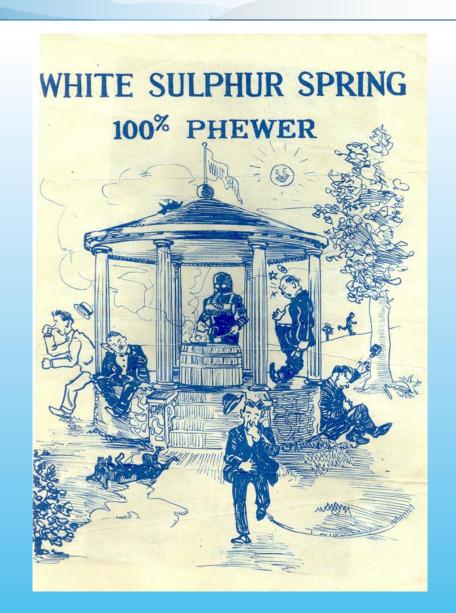








HOTEL AND ITS NAMESAKE — The White Sulphur Spring Hotel, as seen above in this 1903 photo, no longer stands at the south end of Saratoga Lake. The hotel was razed in 1958 when the state straightened a dangerous curve on Route 9P. A Schenectady developer is awaiting approval to develop a 37-acre resort on the hotel site that will include town houses and a replica of the White Sulphur Hotel. The White Sulphur Spring, seen at left in its current state, is at Luther Road and Route 9P. It has been visited by boxer Jack Dempsey and other famous past lakeside residents.

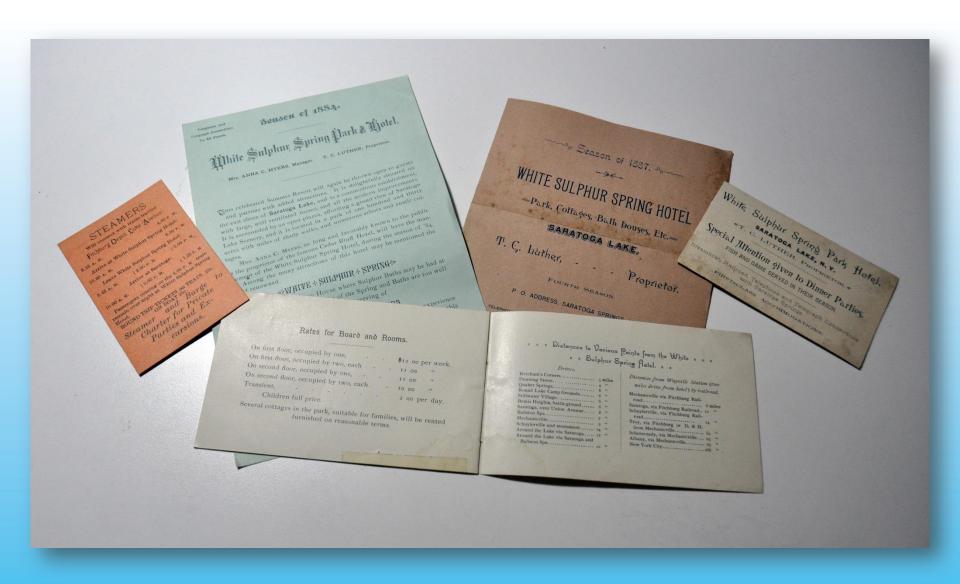


White Sulfur Spring Hotel





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Boxing

 White Sulfur Spring: Training camp of Jack Dempsey (had his on cottage) and Gene Tunney, Pancho Villa, Johnny Buff, Frank Moran, Knock Out Brown, Luis Firpo



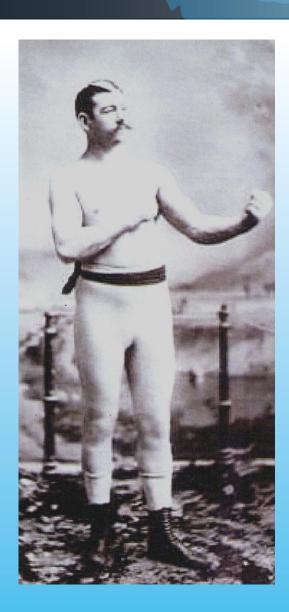


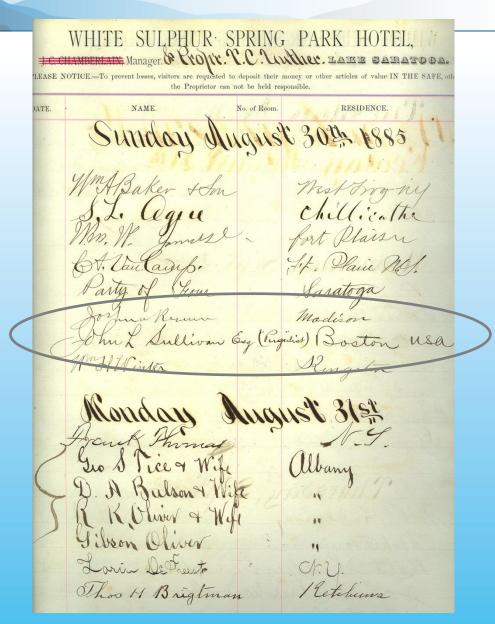
Boxing

- Outdoor ring
- Jim Dougrey's Lake House, opp. Snake Hill, was the training quarters of Kid McCoy, James Corbett & Bob Fitzsimmons, greats of their era



Boxing





Moon's Lake House



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Moon's Lake House







"If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mousetrap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door."

attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803–1882

The Invention: The Potato Chip The Inventors: "Aunt Katie" Weeks and George "Crum" Speck (Saratoga Springs, New York) The Year: 1853

"The more you have of them, the more you will want them," pronounced the renowned Scottish professor and writer, Nathan Sheppard, in a book he titled, Santoga Chips. Sheppard's humorous homage to the potato chip came 30 years after its invention at Moon's Lake House,

the polsto chip came to years after its invention at noon's Clade rious page and the control of the socially ellipse. The social page and the Saratopa Springs spa, a mecca for the socially ellipse. Legend has it that the Lake House's famous cook George Speck— Crumi—was needled by a customer who returned Ferenth fries because they were too thick. Sarcastically, Crum shawed the potatoes paper thin, fired them, and sent them back out.

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Another, more popular, version of the story is that Crum's sister,

"Aunt Katie" Weeks, accidentally produced the chip while she was peeling
potatoes. A slice flew into a nearby vat of hot fat ready for frying

crullers. After retrieving the potato slice, Katie placed it on a plate to
dry. Soon Crum entered, tasted the chip, and fell in love with its unique
flavor. Hearing her explanation, he remarked, "It's a good accident.

We'll have nebrut of these."

We'll have plenty of these."
Whichever story is true, it was certainly Crum's insight and ingenuity
that brought the "Saratoga Chip" to overnight success. It fast became

as famous as the celebrities who clamored to crunch on them— from governors to Presidents Arthur and Cleveland and financiers such as Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, and Pierre Lorillard. In fact, it took the combined efforts of Katie and Crum to fill the

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Aunt Katie and Crum continued to experiment, perfecting the shape, thickness, and seasoning of the Saratoga Chip, which remained a delicacy of the wealthy until 1925. At that time, A.A. Walter & Company in Albany, New York, began to mass-produce the chip, which was soon to become America's favorite snack.

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George "Crum" Speck

Lake House Casinos

Lake House Casinos

On the road to and on Saratoga Lake

- Stylish restaurants, excellent cuisine, glamourous night life, famous dance orchestras, top-flight entertainers, doubled as casinos
- Many gourmet foods that have disappeared, e.g. hashed in cream potatoes
- Gambling Flourished on Saratoga Lake during the 1920's to 50's until Sen. Estes Kefauver and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey shut it down

Lake House Casino Owners

- Bugsy Siegel
- Legs Diamond
- Joe Adonis
- Meyer Lansky

- Dutch Schultz
- Lucky Luciano
- Arnold Rothsetin





Lake House Casinos

- Piping Rock (fire in 1954)
- Riley's
- Smith's Interlaken
- Brook
- Lido
- Chicago Club
- Meadowbrook







Newman's Lakehouse

 Opened 1871 and closed in 1973 when roof collapsed

 Became The College Inn and McCarrigle's



Newman's Lakehouse

- 1871-1972
- Rambling white frame building with broad verandas and a large capacity dining room
- Dancing, entertainment and gambling



Newman's Lakehouse



NEWMAN'S LAKE HOUSE, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.

Riley's on Lake Lonely

- First Riley's burned in 1930 and a new one rose in 1934
- Art deco with yellow stucco and a red conical roof.
- Torn down in the 1990's
- Owned by Louis "Doc" Farone
- Top notch entertainment, dining and gambling
- Scenic murals, imposing chandelier and draped ceiling



The Arrowhead Inn

- Built in 1899, rebuilt after fire in 1916, and destroyed by fire in 1969
- Rambling white frame building with broad verandas and a large capacity dining room



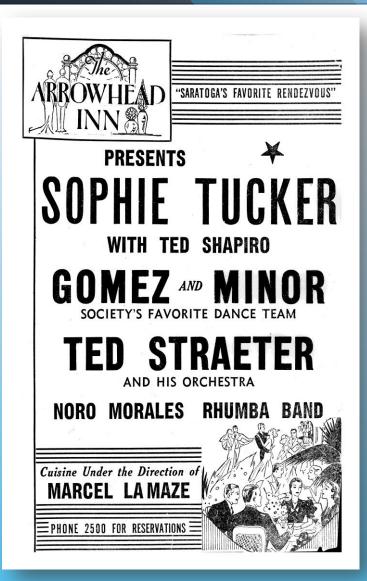
Lake House Entertainment

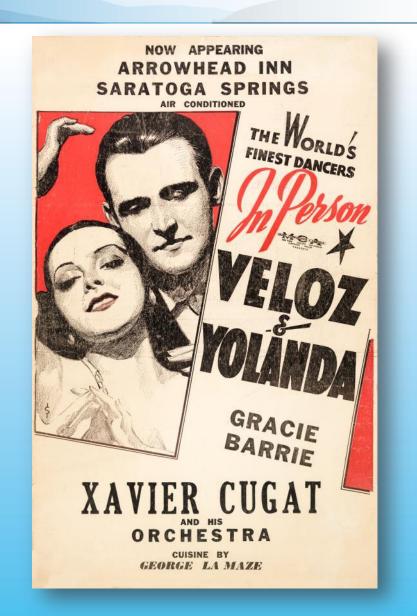
Entertainers and Guests

- Paul Whiteman
- Guy Lombardo
- Bing Crosby
- Cab Calloway
- Sophie Tucker
- Cary Grant
- Sammy Davis, Jr.
- Carmen Miranda
- Jimmy Durante
- Rita Hayworth
- Gypsy Rose Lee
- Edna Ferber

- Desi Arnaz
- Tom Mix
- Jimmy Dorsey
- Amelia Earhart
- Joe Williams
- Count Basie
- Woody Herman
- Edith Piaf
- Joe E. Lewis
- Marlene Dietrich
- Xavier Cugat
- Eleanor Roosevelt









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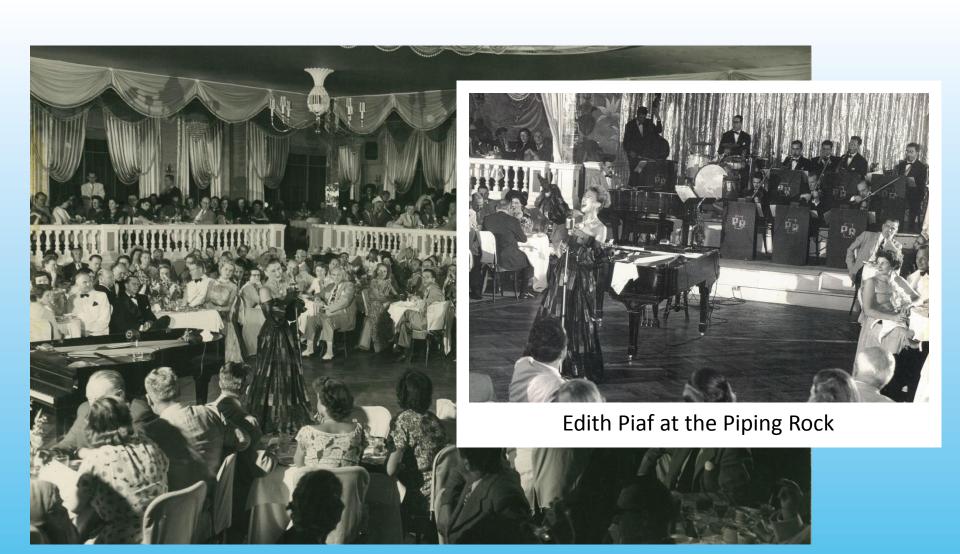
and her Orchestra

Direction of Seonard Keller

Ted Shapiro

also Peter Higgins
Musical Comedy Star

Taggert & Palmer
International pencefavorites





- Cottages and camps proliferated along the shore line
- Restaurants, small taverns, marinas and public beaches and bath houses opened
- Ryall's now the Waterfont Park
- Mangino's Panza's and DiDonna's, Bayshore
- Sailing clubs at both Kaydeross Park and Manning's Cove



- Outdoor theatre 1850- to 1910
- Early vaudeville
- Owners: Elmer Walker, D'Andrea & Wrobels
- Dancing Pavilion, Baseball diamond
- Big swimming and boating beach with a waterslide
- Picnic grounds, clambakes and
- Amusement park
 - Bumper cars, bumper boats, Ferris Wheel, Wild Mouse
 - Marcus Charles Ilion Carousel (1940) that is now in Congress Park
 - Owner sold band organ in 1958 for \$250, biggest mistake o his life.
 - Clambakes and reunions
- The Rafter's Night Club
- Now an HOA with both townhouses and single family homes













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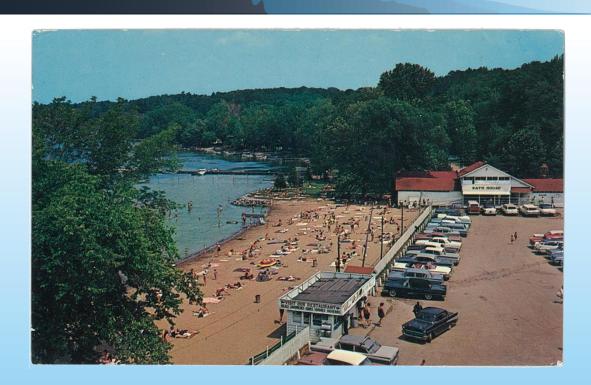
Brown's Beach

- 12 acre property
- Amos & Harold Brown bought in 1935 and sold to Robert Morris in 1956
- Had an arcade, amusement rides, snack bar, restaurant, public beach and campground
 - Kiddie Rides, Tilt a While, Ferris Wheel and Merry Go Round
- Water Ski School (1963)
- Only natural beach on the lake
- Was purchased for a controversial resort
- Town of Stillwater purchased it to restore public access
- Doc Brown, Menneto's Power Sports
- Winterfest

Brown's Beach



Brown's Beach











Other Attractions

- Kayderosseras Club purchased the old Schuyler Mansion near current Waterfront Park in 1889.
 - Social club whose members were politicians (Tammany Hall)
- Apollo Club in 1909
- Pop Nickerson and his pet pig and guitar and Walled-Off Astoria 1901-1916
- Father Daniel Hogan's Camp for Boys
- Rockets tested at Luther Forest

POP AND HIZ PETS



This is a picture of "Old Pop" and his Pets, taken October 12, 1909, while on their way 2 New York.

If U wish more ov 'em say so and address OLD POP, Rate 2 for 5c.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Other Attractions

Saratoga Lake Waltz.





Saratoga Lake Is Another Facet in the Jewel That is Saratoga

Promoting Health and Safety

- Road-side clean-ups
- Water chestnut pulls
- CSLP DEC Testing of water
- Boating speed
- Dock usage
- Ice shanty, boating safety and water related safety concerns







Pollution and Weeds

- Saratoga Lake Property Owners Association formed in 1936
- They successfully sued municipalities around the lake for allowing raw sewage to be dumped into the Kaydeross Creek which feeds the lake.
- Saratoga Lake Association Formed in 19XX
- These organizations were instrumental in getting a county wide sewer system installed
- RPI study in 1970's on the weed problem

Pollution and Weeds

- Saratoga Lake Improvement and Protection District formed by NYS in 1986
- Negotiated draw down with hydroelectric company that owns a dam
- Harvests milfoil and pond weeds



SLA 2014-15 Highlights

Events

- Boat Safety Course
- Adopt-A-Highway Road-side Clean-ups
- Well attended Holiday and Summer Cocktail Parties
- Chestnut Weed Pull
- Promoted:
 - Winterfest
 - First Annual Polar Plunge (Leukemia and Lymphonia Society)
 - Paddlefest
 - SheJumps Paddle boarding for women
 - Ring of Fire

Major Award for Shore Lines
Rapidly Expanded Facebook Page (598 Likes)

SLA 2014-15 Highlights

Liaisons and Outreach

- Improved relationship with Enel (Hydro dam Operator) re Lake Level
- Sponsor of SLPID Lake Steward Program
- County Water Quality Control Committee
- Collaboration with
 - Friends of the Kayderosseras
 - Saratoga Lake Sailing Club
 - Saratoga Rowing Association
 - Lake Lonely Association
- Dialogue re Accommodations During Regattas with SRA
- Public Access to the Lake (Waterfront Park and Brown's Beach)
 - Event Planning Committee
- Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce
- Chamber of Southern Saratoga County
- Contributed content to Various local newspapers and Magazines

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