

EAGLE ROCK ESTATES - HISTORY

For almost 50 years there were a number of beautiful summer camps for children on Echo Lake, Beebe Pond, and Lake Hortonia. Also there was housing for parents, as the clientele was mostly Jewish, and discrimination was rampant in many local hotels. For many years, there were two camps for boys on Echo Lake, a camp for girls on Beebe Pond, and two camps off Camp Road on Lake Hortonia: one for girls and one for boys.

CAMPS ON ECHO LAKE AND BEEBE POND

Louis Abelson and partners (Harold Leslie and Herman "Goldberg" Irwin) started a number of camps on the southern end of Echo Lake and on the west side of Beebe Pond. They purchased property in 1919 from Allen and Nellie Mott, but did not open Twin Lake Camp until 1922. The property included four large parcels:

- i) Twin Lake Camp: 80 acres on the east side of Echo Lake, with 2630 feet of lake. The camp commenced operation in 1922. The property is now owned by Arnold Abelson.
- ii) Twin Awanee Lodge and Camp Ech-O: 30 acres on the west side of Echo Lake, with 1750 feet of lake frontage.

Twin Awanee Lodge: was constructed on the 30 acre parcel on the west side of Echo Lake for parents to stay in. It consisted of cabins and a social and dining hall. The Lodge burned around 1950. This lodge was available for all seasons. A sundial (now owned by William Steele Jr. of Sudbury) outside the lodge had the following inscriptions:

HOURS PASS	AS THE WATERS OF ECHO
AS THE SUN CIRCLES	MIRROR THE LIGHT OF THE SUN
ABOVE ME	SO THE GUEST'S PLEASURE
BUT THEIR HAPPY MEMORIES	MIRROR THE HOSPITALITY
WILL REMAIN.	OF THE LODGE.

LATITUDE 43 44' 44" LONGITUDE 77 11' 10'

TWIN AWANEE LODGE

Camp Ech-O: a separate small boys camp on the west side of Echo Lake on the same 30 acre parcel replaced Twin Awanee Lodge, after the main building burned. It began operation in 1957 when this 30 acre parcel was sold by June Sherline to William Eck. He operated it as Camp Ech-O until it was closed around 1970.

About 1987 the Howard (or Mott) House on this property was purchased by Tommy Brough, who moved it 3 miles south down Route 30, and across the float bridge on Lake Bomoseen to property on Spooner Road. It was remodeled and sold to Bob Parento. Quite an endeavor.

The Echo Lake property was sold to Bob Brothers in 1985 and has been subdivided into building lots.

- iii) 150 acres of non lakefront property west of Echo Lake on the west side of Rt. 30. The stables and horses for the camps were located on what was subsequently carved out as the Diamond Brook Kennel property, with the balance now owned by Arnold Abelson.

Louis Abelson sold the camps to June Sherline in 1944. She managed Twin Lake Camp and Camp Awanee, but hired Sam Landry to manage Twin Awanee Lodge. Her two camps averaged 156 boys and 152 girls per year, who each paid \$1000 for the eight week season. In 1952 June Sherline sold Twin Lake Camp to Bernard Blum and his nephew "Bing" Rosen plus a second parcel: the 150 acres of land on the west side of Route 30 and north of Camp Awanee. Blum and Rosen operated Twin Lake Camp until it was closed after a tragic boating accident in the summer of 1969 or 1970. Some boys from Camp Echo were swimming across the lake and a boy from Twin Lake Camp was water skiing. One of the swimmers was hit and killed. In 1983 the two parcels were sold to Eugene Milgram, who subsequently sold them to Louis Abelson's son Arnold in January 2002. (Arnold owns a house on Echo Lake at the Sudbury end of Delancey Road. His sister Jeanne, now deceased, married Sol Holt, a wonderful gentleman, born in 1910, whose house on Echo Lake is next door to Arnold's.)

The 150 acre property on the west side of Route 30 had a barn for horses and a riding ring. The use of the horses was shared by Twin Lake Camp and Camp Awanee when both camps were in operation, and later when under different ownership. Bill Steele did the haying across Route 30 by the Mott house and on Delancey Road on what is now the Eagle Rock Racquet Club property. In 1973, June Sherline carved out a 3.5 acre triangular parcel with 800 feet on Rt. 30, and sold it to Ernest and Jean Palumbo. In 1982, they sold it to Rod and Barbara Mack, who currently operate it as Diamond Brook Kennel.

Herman Guldhorn and his wife lived in the Gate House just north of the entrance to Camp Awanee on the west side of Rt. 30, on part of the 150 acre parcel. Herman did all the baking for these camps for 19 years. The Gate House was burned to the ground, by an arsonist, in May 1980.

For a short time there were buildings for a boys camp at the south end of Beebe Pond called Camp Columbia (and later Camp Eagle Rock) owned by Marks Waldbaum, a partner in Camp Birchwood for Girls. Waldbaum sold the property to June Sherline around 1947. The private road at the south end of the lake is appropriately named Columbia Drive. Camp Columbia was run as a camp in the early 1930s.

Bob Creamer, born in 1922, spent three weeks at Camp Columbia in 1933. He says: "I had only three weeks there but they were three of the best weeks I've ever experienced. Time has surely bent and altered my memories of the place but as I write this I seem to be standing in front of the main building looking north across the pasture and Black Rock up there toward the right.

Ralph Carbo a retired ophthalmologist from DC and MD was born in 1921 and spent the summers of 1937 and 1938 at Eagle Rock Camp, the name shown on the US topographical map of 1944. He was a counselor at Keewaydin on Lake Dunmore the following four years and retired there at the end of 1980 and served as Camp Physician at Keewaydin for 20 years. He became interested in photography at a young age.

A triangular plot of land (1.5 acres) on the NE corner of Route 30 and the Delancey Road was sold by Louis Abelson to his brother Joe and wife August (Gussie) Abelson in 1948. They sold it to Addie Marcel in 1955. In September 1976 it was sold to Eagle Rock Racquet Club, and two hard surface tennis courts were constructed. That private club is currently owned by 12 families.

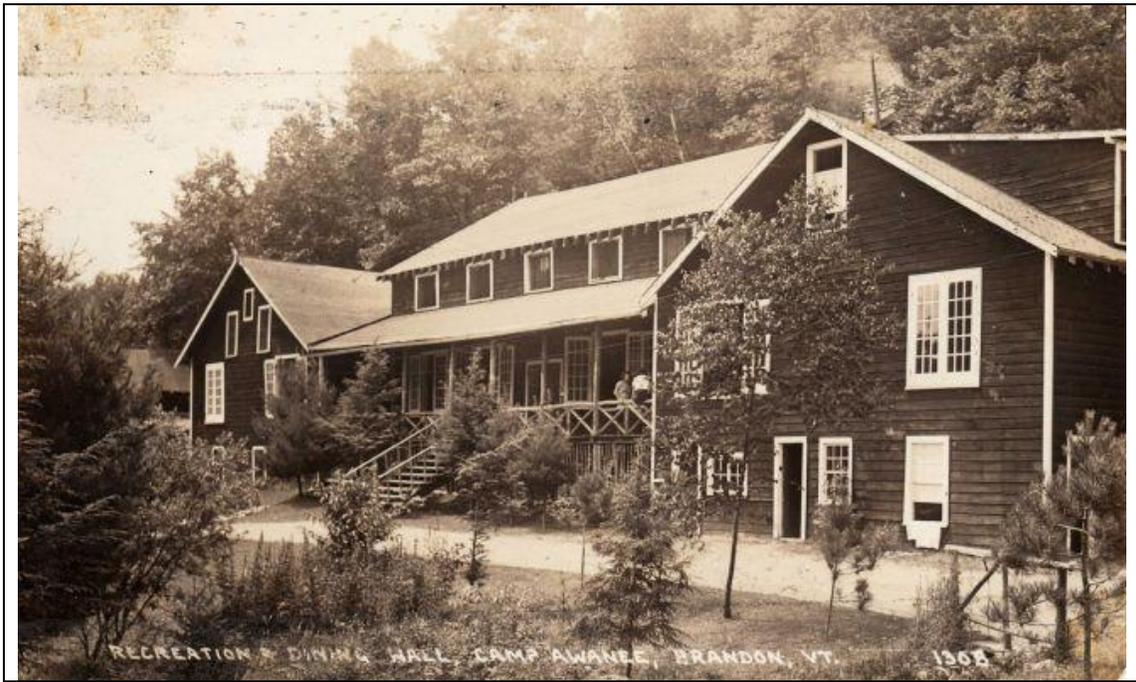
At Camp Awanee, "Turtle" pins were given out for best campers: three gold for seniors, and three silver for juniors. Turtle pins were given as Beebe Pond is shaped a bit like a turtle. Property owners on Beebe Pond have a Turtle Club which meets at 7:30 am to swim across the lake and back. Once someone has made three morning crossings...they become a member of the club and are awarded a gold turtle pin. Charter members of this club were Mary Sondergeld, Florence Mason, Joanne Zeoli, Bev Grald, and Barbara Cooley. The "charter" was subsequently amended to include Barbara Dellamonte, Anne Holland, and Barbara Elden.

June Sherline liked to go fishing with "Uncle Charlie" Silo, who owned the Pizza House (remodeled, destroyed by fire, and rebuilt. It is now The Lake House on Lake Bomoseen, so named as the original "Lake House" was renamed the Trakenseen Hotel and is also owned by the Poremskis.

June Sherline



In 1966 or 1967, June Sherline wanted Camp Awanee's large Dining Hall/Theater removed from property being developed as vacation lots. She gave the building to the Preseau family in Sudbury. They dismantled the building, board by board, and used the main timbers to construct "The Horseshoe" dancehall north of Lake Hortonia. No longer a dancehall, it is still used in the summer for auctions.



Camp Awanee (Recreation and Dining Hall)

There are literally thousands of pictures on www.twinlakecamp.com. Many of the pictures in this document came from that source. Be sure to surf that site. Although there are a number of historical inaccuracies on that site, the pictures are fantastic.



Horses for Lunch



Main Campus



Bridges over The Rubicon



Softball and Tennis



Water Front

Pictures taken near Columbia Drive in 1937



Camp Columbia on West side of Rt. 30



**Former Manchester House on west side of Rt. 30
South of Columbia Drive
The driveway is "Deer Run" to Peter Root's house**



Twin Awanee Lodge on Echo Lake across from Diamond Brook Kennel



Stables on Rt 30 (Current site of Diamond Brook Kennel)

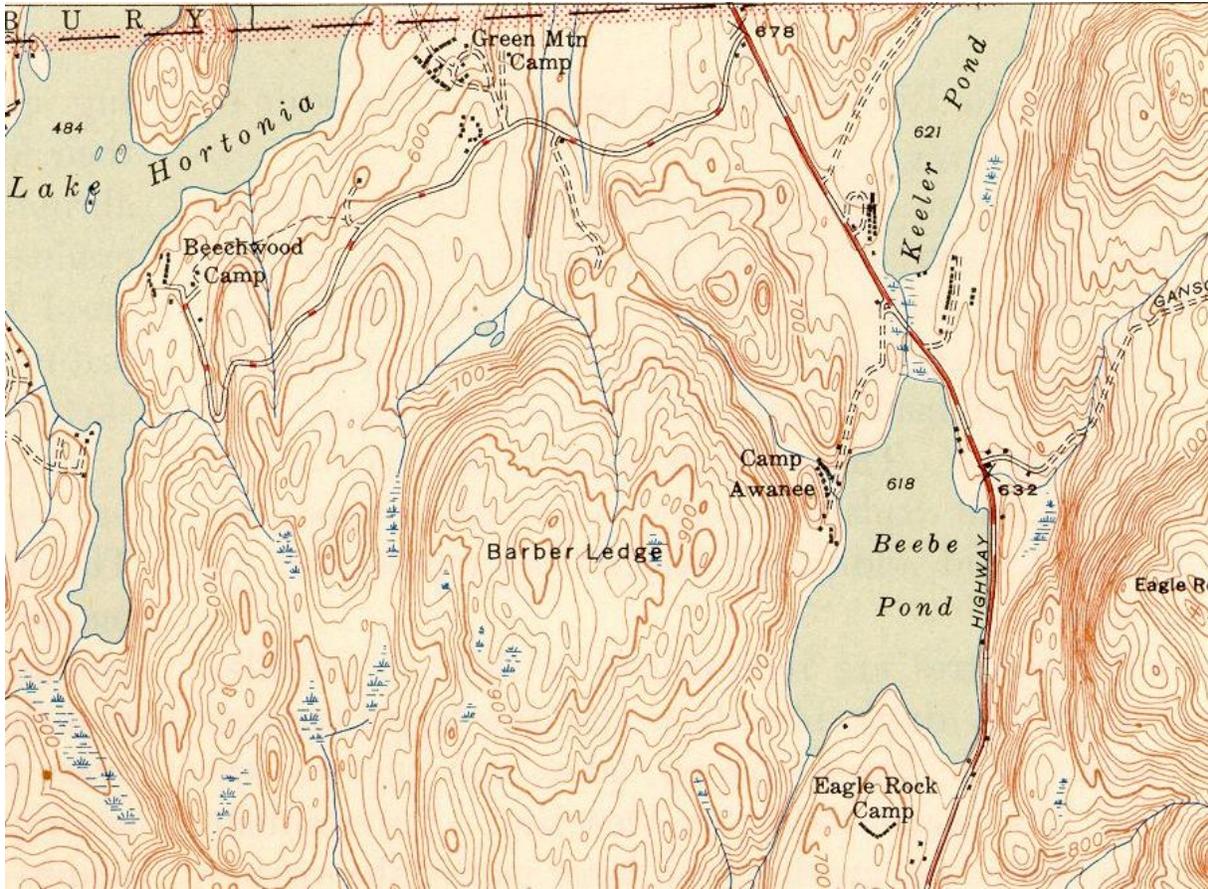


2007 Training Ponds at Diamond Brook Kennel

The White House (Built around 1920)

Bill Steele of Sudbury, Vermont purchased the White House on the southwest corner of Camp Road and Route 30 in 1954 from Stephen and Edit White. It was called a "Pop Stand". He sold ice cream, ice, gas and oil, cigs, and cigars. (a White Owl cigar cost 10 cents). The "Pop Stand" was about 60 feet by 40 feet, with a door you could go through to a second building 4 feet west, that was about 45 feet by 60 feet. He could seat 75 people in a back room where hamburgers, fries, etc were served. At one time there was a poster of Nixon drinking pop and standing outside the White House. Bill Steele sold the property to Dan Dell in 1964. Dan Dell ran it in conjunction with Camp Birchwood, and sold it to Perry McEdward in 1981. McEdward sold the property to John Trombley a year later. The "Pop Stand" was torn down in 1983. John Trombley then sold the property to Patricia & Herbert Perkins in 1984.





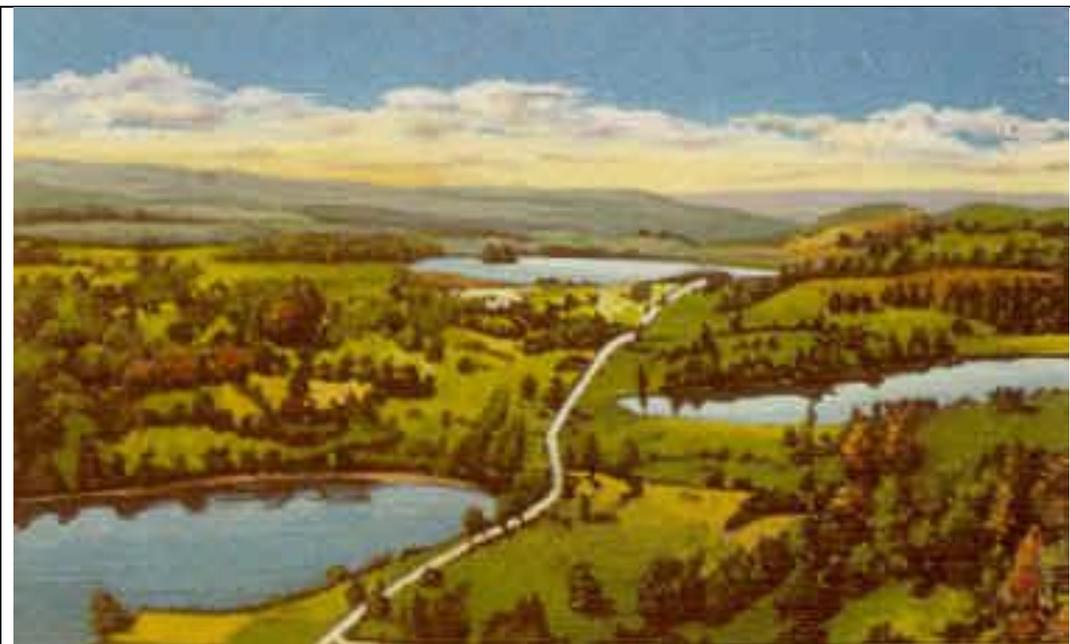
The 1944 US Survey shows some of the camp locations in Hubbardton:
 Beechwood Camp, Green Mountain Camp, Camp Awanee, and Eagle Rock Camp (Camp Columbia)



Warrier Lakes: Beebe Pond	Lake Hortonia	Echo Lake
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Echo Lake (Twin Lake) and Twin Lake Camp for Boys



An unusual old postcard showing the view northward



**Warrior Lakes (Prior to 1910):
Lake Beebe**

Lake Hortonia

Echo Lake

CAMP AWANEE 1965



Campfire Circle at Camp Awanee (Now owned by R J & Linda Contant)



Senior Hill in 1965 Sondergeld Property



Sondergeld Camp in June 1966



**Don and Mary Sondergeld's home on Beebe Pond
Located on Camp Awanee's Senior Hill
View from Eagle Rock**



Kit Corner at Camp Awanee (Phil Rollman's waterfront)