

## In the Lake...Treasure or Trash?

It's always fun to find an old artifact. Certainly, in Restoule, folks have all kinds that remind us of earlier times.

This summer our son in law Christophe found the bottom of an old broken bottle. This is not unusual, nor does it necessitate the need to call in the local archeological Society.

What was different about this bottle, was that this one had been stamped by the manufacturer and the bottom had survived the customary heave into the lake that was the reward for most bottles that contained booze in the 1900 era.

Christophe was able to track the glass stamping and it turned out to be older than we suspected.

It turns out to have been a beer bottle manufactured by "Hermann Heye Glasfabrik, Bremen, Germany."

This particular bottle was manufactured between 1880 and 1894 and was specifically manufactured for the export market

Our island was purchased by Dr Brownell in 1898. It's impossible to know who might have brought the bottle to Restoule. It could have been hunters, fishermen from an earlier time or maybe the Brownell's had used it to store cooking oils in their first years here.

We've included a picture. But mostly it's just another reminder that much was happening long before any of us were here.

