The Lake View

Lake Pinehurst Association Newsletter

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Newsletter: Fred Nuenighoff (910-295-4548 fgn7@msn.com)

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the LPA membership informed on a regular basis of the activities of the board and committees. To this end, a newsletter will be published quarterly in mid January, April, July and October and posted on the web site where it will remain for one year until replaced by the current quarterly newsletter.

In between the newsletters, there will be timely email notification of events and issues as they occur.

Your ideas for the newsletter content are welcome.

President's Message: Tom Reedy (910-295-2674 wreedy1@nc.rr.com)

To all our LPA members,

Spring is here and the lake is inviting. Some have already been out in their boats. It won't be long before the rest of us are on the water.

I would like to cover three topics that are relevant to all who live on the lake. First, you will see a reduction in the cost of the annual weed maintenance program. For individual property owners, the 2011 cost will be about \$50 compared to \$70 in 2009 and 2010. This is about a 30% reduction and it will be consistent to all the individuals and the five homeowner associations that participate in the program. The reason for this reduction is that we now have enough grass-eating carp in the lake to control the hydrilla in the deep parts of the lake. We added 1,000 fish in both 2009 and 2010. This year we will be adding 100 fish to maintain the population at its current level. I would like to stress that we have made good progress toward controlling the hydrilla, but we need 100% participation around the entire lake for this success to continue. We will be distributing more information about this year's program in May.

Second, a fishery assessment of the lake, sponsored by the Pinehurst Resort, will be conducted in April. This assessment will research how many fish are in the lake and what type. It will also examine the fish habitat and other aspects of the lake that help determine the current status of the lake and what may need to be done to maintain the lake as an excellent fishery. You may see a boat on the lake with a power motor and some research equipment. This will be the company that is conducting the research. Jack Wood, a LPA member, is working with the Resort to ensure that we gather all the important information required to continue to have an excellent fishery right in our own backyard.

The third item is a Moore County project. The County has plans to slipline the existing sewer pipes around the lake. Sliplining is a proven method for trenchless rehabilitation of existing pipelines. The last information I received from the County is that the lake work will be integrated into the work that needs to be done in the Village of Pinehurst. This work may be initiated this year or it may be next year. We will post any information we receive on our website and will continue to provide information in our newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the lake this year.

Tom

Aquatic Weed Management: Debbie Smith (910-295-5313) (classic qift @ earthlink.net)

We will be working with the same contractor, North Carolina Lake Management, again this year to treat the lake. The reports from the last quarter are very good and Tom Riel,

our aquatic biologist that performs the treatments, will use the same schedule going forward for 2011. Of course in the winter months we do not see any weed growth and the cold weather actually helps keep the growth at bay. Tom treated the lake once in February for algae when the water was warm enough. The water has to be over 65 degrees for this treatment. The lake will be treated at least twice a month starting in April through October for algae, aquatic weeds and shoreline grasses.

A powerful submerged weed treatment will be conducted 2 to 4 times a year depending on need. This will require a restriction of irrigation from the lake for 10 days. The treatment is essential to prevent the hydrilla from growing and spreading. You will receive an email alert (or telephone call) in plenty of time so you can turn off your sprinkler system. The 2000 carp that were added over the last 2 years has also helped with the hydrilla problem that we encountered 2 years ago.

As we go into the growing season, I would like to encourage everyone to alert their lawn care companies to please blow the cut lawn grass back towards the house instead of into the lake. This will help keep the shoreline grasses down and especially now, during the spring, since there will be a lot of grass seed put down on our lawns.

We have seen vast improvement in the quality of the lake over the last 2 years thanks to your individual participation. It is so important to maintain a healthy lake with controlled weeds through our spraying program and the carp, not only for our enjoyment of various lake activities but also for our property values.

Hope you have a great spring on our beautiful, healthy lake!!!

Lake Activities: Bob Rhodes (910-235-5297 madman1@nc.rr.com)

At our recent LPA yearly meeting we distributed a survey to the attendees. The survey covered a list of fixed and potential lake activities that would be of interest to our members. A brief review of the survey results follows: (note: the survey results have been extrapolated based upon the responses we received)



Fourth of July Boat Parade - Again the boat parade will be the "gold standard" of LPA member participation on the lake. With all the conflicts world-wide what better way to

show our national spirit and to celebrate the freedom we enjoy. We have already signed up 15 members for the event. You can sign up now by sending me an email.

Kayak Club - The survey results showed enough interest for us to pursue a program for the kayak population on the lake (over 90 kayaks and canoes).

Lake Pinehurst Yacht and Sailing Club - Based upon a positive vote we will pursue a program to make this club a reality.

Lake Pinehurst Triathlon -We have a significant number of members interested in supporting this national event (that has over 800 participants). The volunteer effort will include both land and water based needs. Contact me if you would like to volunteer.

YachtOctoberFest Raft-Up - This proposed event sparked a lot of interest from our members. More to come on this event.

Christmas Decoration Contest - A significant number of LPA members are planning to decorate their property (half on lakeside and half on street side). Some are doing both. Also there was a great response to having a luminary one-day event in December.

LPA Logoed Merchandise - The survey responses show that most members would purchase a variety of LPA logoed items (more to come on this).

I would like to hear from our members who did not attend the annual meeting about any of the programs reviewed here. As I said at the meeting it is up to our members to make these programs successful.

Social: Martha Currie (910-215-9231 mlci@earthlink.net)

The LPA maintains a tradition of three socials a year that are considered off-lake events, meaning they do not involve being on the water. Everybody is encouraged to attend these events to meet neighbors old and new, and participate in the warm friendships that mean so much to our lakeside community. At times, there may be additional off-lake activities that round out the interests of members. Ideas for socials for the LPA are both encouraged and welcome! Contact any LPA Board member with your suggestions.



Our most recent event was the cocktail hour that followed the **Annual Meeting** on

March 27. This social hour is sponsored by the Lake Association and offers the opportunity to delve deeper into topics discussed at the meeting as well as visit with all attendees.



The next event will be the **Annual Beach Party at the Marina** on June 8, 2011. Open to all members and their guests, this is a catered buffet featuring an appropriate summer/beach menu. An invitation will be emailed that provides details of time, place and cost. We aim to make this a fun event at an extremely attractive price. Watch for the 2011 invitation shortly.



Perhaps our finest social tradition is the **Christmas Dinner Dance** held at the Members Club in December. In 2011, the date is December 14. Guests are also welcome to this festive occasion that begins with an LPA sponsored cocktail hour in the rotunda of the club and then moves to the main dining room for a haute cuisine dinner and dancing. A formal invitation with details is mailed to all member households a few weeks ahead. Look for a variety of special additions that enliven and peak our interest, such as shown in the Dinner Dance photos on the LPA web site! The Dinner Dance is considered by most attendees as the most fun and the best value of any holiday event in town!

Communications / Web Site: Charlie Eichhorn

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At the LPA 2011 annual meeting a survey was completed by a number of those who attended. As a result of answers pertaining to the web site in this survey, we will be adding the following items:

A member bio, probably on a quarterly basis.

- LPA history along with lake history items.
- Links to village/county websites.

We will be adding the quarterly newsletter to the website and you will be alerted by email when it appears.

Please send me an email when you have items that you think would be interesting to our members. Your ideas can only be added if YOU send it to me.

Let me know if you have any additional ideas to improve our communications.

Government: Fred Nuenighoff (910-295-4548 fgn7@msn.com)

A LPA representative sits on the monthly Village Council's Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting (VCNAC) to learn of the plans of the Village and to present concerns of the neighborhood. In the past, presentations were made by the Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments. Also there were presentations on village beautification, recycling and real estate.

Your attention is called to the "Current News" tab on the web site where there are articles on the "Red Alert – Reverse 911 System" for emergency notification by telephone and how to get a list of acceptable and unacceptable recycle items.

At the March VCNAC meeting I again brought up the request that the Village Council look into reducing the size of the deer herd in Pinehurst. This presents a Pinehurst wide automobile safety hazard as well as destruction of landscaping. They are still looking into how to do it.

Also at the March meeting there was a presentation of the Village's plan to repave 4 to 5 miles of roadway. The work will be done during the period April to June. Affected homeowners will be notified by the Village about one week prior to the start of work on their street. Camelia Place off of Lake Forest Drive SW is the only street within the LPA boundary that is scheduled for work. It will receive a "Full Depth Road Reclamation". See the Village web site for a description of the project. Crystal Lane off of Burning Tree Road (just outside of the LPA boundary) is also scheduled for work. Other repaving jobs are in areas that are not likely to interfere with LPA members travel to the village or Hwy 5.

For additional information on the Village of Pinehurst's activities click on their web site: www.villageofpinehurst.org.

Starting in April, Christy Eibel, our new LPA Board member, will take over the responsibilities of the Government Committee. If you have concerns that should be brought up at the monthly VCNAC meetings please contact her at 910-420-2503 or ceibel1@me.com.

Membership: Barb & Fred Nuenighoff (910-295-4548 fgn7@msn.com)

Membership in the Lake Pinehurst Association (LPA) is a **Household Membership** which means all residents of the household are LPA Members. At LPA functions where there is a charge, a one person household may bring one guest at the member price.

The 2011 Membership Directory was distributed to those present at the annual meeting on March 27th. Others should have received their directory by hand delivery or if out of town by US Mail. Please keep us informed of changes to your data base listing, particularly your email address which sometimes change frequently. Many renewed their membership by sending a check without the renewal application. In those cases we had to use the information on the previous year's application.

The current membership is 177 households compared to 183 at annual meeting time last year and 190 at the end of 2010. As in past years, some late renewals are expected plus some new members. Your help is needed to advise us of new people moving into your neighborhood so we can invite them to join. Please call us. Additions and corrections to the directory will be published by email monthly.

We welcome the following new members to the association:

John Condit Kruno & Barbara Huitzingh Sharon Morse
Don & Bobbie Torppa Jay & Laurie Vogel Ellen Wilken

Recycling

At the March 27th Annual Meeting, Debbie Fry of the Village Recycling Committee urged the audience to recycle. For every ton of recycle material collected, the Village saves \$40 verses hauling a ton of trash to the landfill. At current recycling levels this amounts to about \$60,000 annual savings to the Village. Since real estate taxes pay for trash removal, it is in both our and the Village's interest to increase recycling.

Starting in June or July, those households that currently recycle will be given a 96 gal. bin (similar to the current trash bin but a different color) for recycling material. Upon receipt of a recycle bin, you may request to change to a smaller 64 gal. bin by calling the Village.

All types of acceptable recyclable material may be comingled in this bin. See the Village web site (www.villageofpinehurst.org) for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable recyclable material.

New Board Members



Christy Eibel - Government (910-420-2503 ceibel1@me.com)

Christy Eibel grew up in Vermilion, Ohio. She was an avid boater and sailor while living on Lake Erie. She attended Bowling Green State University and taught in Ohio for eleven years. Christy lived in Pinehurst from 1997-2003 before moving to Novi, Michigan for six years. She moved back to the area in 2009 with her husband, Tom and two daughters, Lauren and Carley. Christy is currently working as a substitute teacher for the Moore County Schools.



Sue Maguire – Secretary (910-295-4548) (sedmaguire@gmail.com)

I grew up in Moorestown, NJ and enjoyed summers at the "Jersey" shore. Graduated from Sweet Briar College, VA. Married John Maguire, a career Army officer. Taught school for a few years. Moved with husband, John, and three young children, Kimberly, Brian and Trevor, to Pinehurst in 1977. Worked in Pinehurst for Camina Design and Construction Company. We built our home on the lake in 1987. We loved the lake and saw many changes in Pinehurst over the years. I am a widow now and retired. My children and their spouses, and my two grand children, Kyle and Melissa, live in North Carolina. I am looking forward to serving on the LPA Board as Secretary.