

The Lake View

Lake Pinehurst Association Newsletter

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Bye Bye Winter



Come on Spring

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

To all LPA members and lake residents,

Spring is here and the lake looks beautiful. I see many people already enjoying the recreational opportunities the lake provides. I believe we will have a lovely summer and lots to do on the lake.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank all of the members who came to the business meeting on March 10. We were able to sign a **petition against rezoning** lake community properties for multiple condominiums per property rather than a single family home. On Monday, March 11, we delivered a petition to the Village Council with 156 names against rezoning. On March 12 the Council voted against rezoning. Our feedback is that without this petition the Council would have approved the rezoning change by a 3 to 2 vote. We need to be proactive with the Village Staff and the Village Council to communicate our vision of our community and to be constantly on alert for decisions and/or actions that could be harmful to our community. Please alert a member of the board if you hear of anything that could be detrimental to us.

Pat Henry also provided everyone with an update on our work to reverse **FEMA's** reclassification of most or all lakefront properties as being in the floodplain of a "100 year storm" thereby requiring expensive flood insurance. We hope to secure enough local support and funding to add a second spillway to the lake that will ensure that the lake level will remain normal even during intense storms. We will keep you updated with our progress.

The weed management program is also a "life and death" issue for our lake. If we fail to aggressively control the Hydrilla in our lake, the lake will become choked with these weeds and all recreational aspects of the lake will cease. Our property values will decline significantly. We need full participation of all 146 lakefront properties, five condo complexes and the Pinehurst Resort. Our cost-effective program is working and we have the Hydrilla under control. We have asked that everyone participate since all of us benefit from this program. We must spray the entire perimeter of the lake throughout the year and add Hydrilla-eating carp to manage the deeper areas of the lake. Last year 22 individual properties chose not to participate. The previous three years it was about 8 properties. When someone chooses not to participate, it places increased financial burden on the rest of us to ensure that we protect and preserve the health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst and maintain our property values. It is my belief that the owners of these properties 1) disrespect the lake, 2) disrespect their neighbors who must bear the additional cost, and 3) have little concern for the value of their property. If there were a way to make this program mandatory, I would. It is a critical issue for everyone. Please click this web address to see more information on Hydrilla in North Carolina published by NC State University. <http://www.weedscience.ncsu.edu/aquaticweeds/hydrilla.PDF>

There are two other concerns I want to raise. First, Canada geese present a health hazard to the lake and surrounding properties. Three years ago we had more than 150 geese on the lake. These geese blessed our lake and surrounding properties with about 750 pounds of geese poop each and every day. If we let nature take its course, geese will overrun our lake and make recreational opportunities difficult if not possible. We have asked all lakefront properties to actively discourage the geese so they will go elsewhere. Last year we had very

few geese on the lake. However, this year we seem to have a much larger population of geese. We ask all residents on the lake to continue to discourage the geese. **Please do not feed them.**

Second, over the last few years our lake has continued to fill up with sand, silt, and dirt. Some of this has been caused by the water flowing into the lake from streams, lakefront runoff, and the storm sewers that drain directly into the lake. However, some of this fill has come directly from us. A few properties around the lake have built sandy beaches. Others have expanded their size by pushing their bulkheads farther into the lake and backfilling with dirt. Others have just dumped dirt into the lake without a retaining bulkhead. These actions cause erosion and could be detrimental to the lake. In North Carolina the water in the lake, and all living creatures in the lake, belong to the state. Dumping any fill matter in a lake may violate the regulations of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR). I encourage everyone to get permission from the state before placing any fill material in the lake.

Thank you to all our members and other lake residents who support the activities that focus on protecting and preserving the health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst. As always, I welcome your suggestions. You can email me directly at wreedy1@nc.rr.com.

Let's enjoy the lake to its fullest this year.

Lake Management: Debbie Smith 295-5313 classicgift@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 actual treatments, will use the same schedule going forward for 2013. Of course in the winter months we do not see any weed growth and the cold weather actually helps keep the growth at bay. The water has to be over 65 degrees for treatment and we expect to have a treatment soon. We will have the lake treated at least twice a month starting in April through October for algae, aquatic weeds and shoreline grasses. We will have a submerged weed treatment, which requires water restriction for 10 days, 2-4 times a year depending on need. This treatment is essential to prevent the hydrilla from growing and spreading. We will be sending out email alerts in plenty of time so you can turn off your sprinkler systems. The 2000 carp that were added over the last 2 years has also helped with the hydrilla problem that we encountered 3 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, it's important not to blow towards the lake since there will be a lot of grass seed put down on our lawns as well.

There have been numerous beavers living here this winter and they have caused major landscaping damage. We will always have beavers coming to our lake. To protect your landscaping put wire around the base of your shrubs, trees, rose bushes, etc at least 3 feet high.

You can buy the green plastic coated wire fencing in 50 foot rolls at Lowe's Home Improvement Store.

Please report any beaver activity to either Thom Mann or to me. If you see the beavers, call Thom, if you see damage email both us.

We have seen vast improvement in the quality of the lake over the last 4 years thanks to your individual participation. Please continue to support the weed control program which is a great value for only \$50 per year! We need 100% 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: Jay Vogel 420-2950 jayvogel1@gmail.com

Boat owners - start thinking about how you want to decorate your boat for the 4th Annual Fourth of July Boat Parade on the Lake. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you on the boat. The more the merrier (up to the limit of the boat).

Details and sign-up sheets will be available at the LPA Beach Party on May 22nd.

Social: Barbara Huitzingh 420-1777 bbranzell@aol.com and
Mona Hill (910-295- 2002) monahill@nc.rr.com

Spring has sprung (albeit a very cool one). The LPA beginning of spring was heralded by the **Annual Meeting on March 10th, 2013**. This event is a perfect opportunity to meet with your neighbors and discuss Lake related issues. The meeting was informative and quite social! We all appeared to have enjoyed the amazing food and beverages. Rick's Catering from Laurinburg deserves many a thanks for the hor d 'oeuvres. Charlie Eichhorn, thank you for finding a source for the shrimp, everyone loved them.

Our next event is our **Beach Party** on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. Please join your friends and neighbors for what is expected to be an enjoyable evening. Once again Rick's Catering will be serving their various dishes including pulled pork, barbecued chicken and those wonderful accompaniments. They did a great job for us last year. An email announcement will be coming soon - watch for the notice and join us for a fun evening.

On **December 11, 2013, we will have our annual Christmas Dinner Dance** at the Pinehurst Members Club. We are looking forward to trying out the newly renovated facility. Please join us for a special dining and dancing experience, to the music of the Sand Band. This evening is one of the best values in Pinehurst and a great opportunity to "dress-up" and take out your date(s) on the town!

On a separate note, anyone who would like to volunteer and assist with social activities please contact me by phone: 420-1777 or by email @ bbranzell@aol.com

Communications: Frank Glauner 235-5283 fglauner@gmail.com
Charlie Eichhorn 215-0333 cpeichhorn@mindspring.com

Our website (www.lakepinehurstassn.com) was recently updated with photos from the Annual Meeting. We'll be sure to add some new ones from the upcoming picnic - hope to see you there!

Don't forget to check the "Wanted/For Sale" page from time to time for some good deals!

Government: Christy Eibel 420-2503 ceibel1@me.com

Speed Limits

I will be meeting in April with Chief Earl Phipps, John Strickland, and John Cashion to go over the latest feedback from residents around Lake Pinehurst. I have received emails and phone calls from over 50 residents. I would like to highlight a few facts from all the data I have received.

29% would like to see the speed limits lowered to 25mph.

42% would like to see the speed limits lowered to 30mph.

29% would like to see the speed limits remain the same.

There have been numerous GREAT ideas from our members. Thank you!

Village Green Project

At our last meeting, Jeff Batton presented the update on the Village Green Project. Here are the highlights:

- The current number of parking spots will increase by 20%.
- There will be a new small median between the Theatre Building and the Red Door/Village Deli building. This is to help move traffic smoothly and safely through the very large intersection that currently exists.
- The sand lot and green space are switching places.
- There will be island enhancements and curbs repaired in August.
- The sand parking lot will be BST asphalt (solid surface) and will be sand in color.
- Proposed finish date is the end of May 2013

Watch for the Village Council to plan an event - "Christen the Green" on June 15th

- There will also be an interactive touch screen kiosk in the village with events, maps, and business information--this is to be put in around June 1, 2013
- Public restrooms in the Village will be discussed at the March 26th council meeting

Dog Waste

I have received several reports regarding dog owners NOT cleaning up after their pets on Lake Forest SE and Lake Forest SW. I spoke with the Village regarding pet ordinances. This was the response.

“Even though it is very discourteous and rude, it is not a violation of a local law if one’s dog uses the bathroom on the private property of another, and the owner does not clean up after the dog. It is only a violation if it occurs on a sidewalk, on a greenway walkway or in a park.”

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS IN OUR BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD. I WAS WALKING MY DOG ON EASTER SUNDAY AND PASSED TWO SEPARATE PILES OF DOG WASTE ON LAKE FOREST SE.

It is the responsibility of pet owners to clean up after their **pet!**

Membership: Barb & Fred Nuenighoff 910-295-4548 fqn7@msn.com

Household memberships in the 2013 Directory

Renewals	173
New Memberships -	<u>3</u>
Total	179

New Members in Directory

**Allen, J. Russell & Deborah
Greene, Michael, & Judy
Lerman, Barry & Maura**

Additions after directory was printed

Renewal	1
New Memberships	<u>2</u>
Total Memberships	182

Add Members to Directory

Renewal **Goodrich, Toni**
31 Lake Pinehurst Villas
P O Box 1633
Pinehurst, NC 28374
(910) 295-0480 / ((910) 690-1690 tgoodrich1@nc.rr.com)

New Members **Beerstecher, Marion & Guil Waddell**
2 Westlake Point Drive
12710 Summerwind Trail
Rougemont. NC 27572
(919) 451-3854
mbeerstecher@yahoo.com guilwaddell@yahoo.com

Gramacy, Bill & Carole
16 Westlake Pointe Drive
Pinehurst, NC 28374
(910) 215-8846
bgramacy@embarqmail.com

Changes and Corrections to Directory are shown in Bold Type

Jay Vogel email: jayvogel1@gmail.com
Buck, Richard & Lynda email: rbuck@pinehurst.net
Greene, Michael & Judy email: mrgreen2010@gmail.com
Kinelski, Charlene (Shag) email: kinelski@aol.com

Please advise Barb or Fred of your new neighbors so we may be formally invite them to join the Lake Pinehurst Association.

LAKE PINEHURST TRIATHLETE CLAIRE NAISBY

SPECIAL FEATURE

Our very own Lake Pinehurst resident Claire Naisby participated in the 2012 Pinehurst Triathlon. Check out her story in our special feature.

PINEHURST INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON

1500 Meter Swim
30 Mile Bike
10K Run

CLAIRE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Final time was 2:38:40.
- Finished 1st in her age group.
- Finished 4th overall against women of all ages.
- Finished 50th overall out of 442 participants.
- Only 3 females participated in the race from Pinehurst.
- Claire was the only Lake Pinehurst resident.

Claire on Lake Pinehurst in the early years. She was just 6 when her family bought the house on Diamondhead Drive in 1997.



Claire was always in the water - some of the neighbors even christened her "The Little Mermaid"

LAKE PINEHURST TRIATHLETE

Claire has qualified for the Olympic-Distance race at the 2013 USA Triathlon Age Group National Championships on August 10 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after finishing in the top 10 percent in your age group at the Pinehurst Triathlon.

The USA Triathlon Olympic Distance National Championship is the nation's premier amateur Olympic-distance event with the top age-group athletes from all 50 states forming one of the most prestigious age-group fields in the sport. A select few athletes from each age group will also qualify to represent Team USA at the 2014 International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Championships.



CLAIRE NAISBY

*in the 2012
Pinehurst
Triathlon*



Claire's STATS

Swim	Transition	Bike	Transition	Run	Penalty	Final Time
23:58	2:44	1:28:12	:47	43:01	00:00	2:38:40



CONGRATULATIONS CLAIRE!
GOOD LUCK IN WISCONSIN FROM THE
LAKE PINEHURST ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS.