

The Lake View

Lake Pinehurst Association Newsletter

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“Rainbow” – Where is the pot of gold?

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

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.

Annual Meeting

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank all of the members who came to the business meeting on March 18. Nancy Fiorillo did an excellent job of describing the challenges faced by the Village of Pinehurst and discussing what the Village Council will be doing to address these challenges. Our board members provided insight into our activities for this new year. Jack Wood then gave us a quick update on the work to improve the lake as a fishery. I want to discuss this last activity in today's newsletter.

Fishing

Years ago Lake Pinehurst was the best fishing lake in the Sandhills. This is no longer true. The lake as a fishery has steadily declined. Today, the lake has too many predator fish (pickerel, bass) and not enough forage fish (bluegills). The predator fish need to be removed from the lake and additional bluegills need to be added if the lake is to survive as a fishery.

After the business meeting was concluded, many of you spoke with me and supported the need to take action to save the fishing in our lake. Some suggested that we should just increase the annual amount for the weed management fund and use this fund for all lake management activities. Others said they would be happy to donate money to a fund to be used to restore the fishery. The Board has discussed these options in the past. I would like to share our current view with you.

The **weed management program** is a "life and death" issue for our lake. If we fail to aggressively control the Hydrilla (and other aquatic weeds) 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. To restore the lake would require lowering it by at least 10 feet for a year and maintaining a required level of an expensive herbicide in the water to eradicate the Hydrilla. In 2009 we received a quote to do this for about \$300,000. Clearly, this is not a situation we want to be in. We worked very hard in 2009 to update everyone who lives on the lake or owns property on the lake as to the serious nature of Hydrilla. This includes 146 individual properties, five condo complexes and the Pinehurst Resort. We all agreed that we must take action and the cost should be shared by all of us, with the Resort assuming 50% of the cost. We all own some piece of the lake. The Resort does not own the entire lake as some people thought. Our cost-effective program has worked and we have the Hydrilla under control. We have asked that everyone participate since all of us benefit from this program. We must treat the entire perimeter of the lake throughout the year and add grass-eating carp to manage the deeper areas of the lake.

About 8 or 9 individual properties do not participate each year. 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 very serious issue for everyone.

There are no other issues with the lake that are "life and death." If we were to add additional cost to the weed management program, it is our belief that many of our members would object and they would drop out of the weed management program. This would be detrimental to the lake and all who live on the lake. If we are going to take action on the lake as a fishery, then it

needs to be a voluntary program. At the moment we have no way to administer a voluntary program. I will discuss this with Jack Wood and send out an email within the next 30 days to let you all know where we are.

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 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 2012. Tom has treated the lake once in March for algae when the water was warm enough. The water has to be over 65 degrees for this treatment. 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 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, 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.

We have seen vast improvement in the quality of the lake over the last 3 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: Christy Eibel 420-2503 ceibel1@me.com

I have been working on adding more lake activities to the schedule this summer. At the annual meeting, I mentioned several events and am open to additional ideas from members. I will be sending emails with event information and am hoping for more boater/kayak turnout this year. Some of the ideas included:

- Blessing of the Fleet
- Boater's Breakfast

Lake Pinehurst Fishing Tournament
Boater's Visual Scavenger Hunt
Themed Raft Ups
Saturday Morning Kayak Exercise Tour
Kayak Meet and Greet

4th of July Boat Parade

Please plan on attending and/or participating in the 4th of July Boat Parade. This is our BIG annual event on the water and I am encouraging everyone now to start getting your ideas together. July will be here before we know it!

There will be a sign up table at the Marina Party in May as well as an email blast with details!

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

The social hour following the **Annual Meeting** on March 18th was an enjoyable time! It provided Lake-side dwellers and Street-side dwellers from all parts of the lake to meet new neighbors and catch up on news with existing ones. Kudos to Betse Hamilton and her staff at The Red Door Café for the abundant and delicious hor d'oeuvres we enjoyed with our wine.

Our next all-member social event is the **Summer Beach Party** coming up on May 23rd. Look for the detailed invitation, including pricing, in your email very soon. Rick's Catering will be our caterer this year, offering a delicious new menu of barbecue and grilled chicken, with lots of fixin's. Family and friends are welcome, so mark your calendar for the finest beach party around!

Mona Hill joins me as co-chair of Social Events this year and I am very happy to welcome her officially. She and husband Don have been helping Orlando and me all along and now we have made it official. She and I would like to invite anyone interested in organizing events such as the three major socials sponsored by this team to get in touch with us. We welcome your participation. Mona can be reached at monahill@nc.rr.com or (910) 295-2002 and my reach information is listed above.

Communications: Charlie Eichhorn 215-0333 cpeichhorn@mindspring.com

Please visit the web site and enjoy the new updates. We now have a Government page. Christy Eibel attends the meetings on a monthly basis and will be keeping us informed on what's happening in our village.

There are new pictures of our annual meeting. We had a very informative meeting with about 85 members attending. During the social hour they enjoyed the shrimp, wine and a wonderful variety of goodies prepared by The Red Door of Pinehurst. We have a new Member Bio on the web site. Enjoy getting to know our featured

member and his life.

Please keep me notified of any changes in your email address. Send me any pictures you think the members would enjoy. I will try and post them on the web site.

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

Pinehurst Revitalization Plan

The Pinehurst Civic Group will be sponsoring a forum on the Pinehurst Revitalization Plan. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please see the email below that was sent to our organization:

“Pinehurst Downtown Revitalization Plans, Update On First Health Programs Highlight April 17 Pinehurst Citizen’s Forum

Plans for the development and re-vitalization of downtown Pinehurst and a report on First Health’s new and planned programs will highlight the spring Pinehurst Citizen’s Forum Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pinehurst Village Hall.

Called the Village Center Enhancement Strategy, the action plan and its timeline will be presented by Natalie Dean, Assistant Village Manager and Downtown Development Director, and Village Manager Andy Wilkinson, with a report on key initiatives planned for the Village in 2012 and beyond from Pinehurst Mayor Nancy Fiorillo.

Rounding out the evening will be an update from Dan Barnes, President of First Health Physicians Group, on the hospital and its programs.

The Forum is sponsored by the Pinehurst Civic Group, a non-partisan volunteer citizen organization working since its formation in 1977 with all interested parties to help solve the problems and take advantage of the opportunities the Village faces.”

The Pinehurst Civic Group is also open to any citizen who would like to join the organization. They are a non-profit group that is interested in preserving the unique character of the Pinehurst community. For information you can go to their website- pinehurstcivicgroup.net or call Melissa Swarbrick at 910-603-1701.

Police Department News

I have met Earl Phipps, the new police chief, and have heard him speak regarding many new programs that he will be implementing in Pinehurst.

Chief Phipps is very excited about starting the Citizens Police Academy. The first class will be starting this spring. The program will last for 8 weeks and will supply our village with additional support. Please call the police station at 295-3141 for additional information.

The Police Department will also begin using a bike patrol in Pinehurst. The police department is in the process of acquiring the bikes needed for the officers.

For those traveling---The Police Department is willing to check your home on a regular basis if you will be gone for a long period of time or on vacation. The officers will patrol the area as well as check the exterior area of your home. Please call 295-3141 for information. The Pinehurst Police Department is working on developing their webpage. They want the citizens to be able to go on and see the officers' pictures as well as read information. Chief Phipps explained that Pinehurst is divided into districts and that we have 4 regular officers that patrol our area. He encouraged the citizens of Pinehurst to meet their neighborhood patrolling officers.

Trash, Recycling and Yard Debris Information

Trash cans must have the lid down and all trash in the can. If you own more than one can, please leave 1 foot in between the two cans. All yard waste shall be collected when placed at the curbside.

Tree limbs shall not be more than 4 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter and tree limbs shall be separated from yard raking. Tree limbs must be securely tied in bundles not more than 18 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length.

Light refuse must be securely contained in a plastic bag. Yard waste pickup is on WEDNESDAY.

Please do not put trash or recycle cans out more than one day before the scheduled pickup. Once the cans are empty, please take cans away from curbside and store them in your garage or on the side of your home. The Village has asked this of all residents and I am encouraging our neighborhood to comply with the request.

Garage, Yard, Estate Tag Sales

Tis the season for sales.....Please make sure if you are hosting a sale that you TAPE OR TIE UP the signs. Please do not use staples or nails especially on the street sign posts. PLEASE REMOVE ALL SIGNS AFTER THE EVENT.

Performing Arts Center

Thank you to those that provided feedback for me to turn in to the Performing Arts Study that is currently taking place. I will be receiving an update at the Village Council Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting sometime later this spring. The study takes approximately 12 weeks and then all the information will be presented in a report with recommendations for Pinehurst.

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

Renewed Household Memberships	171
New Memberships	5

Total Household memberships as of March 31st 176

Please copy this page and insert in your LPA Directory. The information below in **bold** are changes from the original directory published in March 2012.

Corrections to the March 2012 Directory

Currie, Martha	- Corrected email address mici@earthlink.net
Kennedy, Ed & Kathy	- Corrected email address beachbabykak20@nc.rr.com
Steidinger, Drew	- Corrected phone number (910) 528-6939

Add New Members to Directory

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barbarabnorton@comcast.net

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120 Nagle Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104
(910) 690-1047 / (717) 309-3346
aletap1976@gmail.com

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

New LPA Board Members



Mona Hill: Social Co-Chair 910-295-2002 monahill@nc.rr.com

Mona and Don Hill moved to the Sandhills in 1968 from Winston-Salem, NC. They have two children and are proud grandparents of four grandchildren.

- Owner/Broker of Hill Realty for 30 years before selling to Coldwell-Banker in 2002.
- Mona was the first women President of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce. nine years. In 1999 she was presented The Order Of Long Leaf Pine by Governor Hunt.
- Presently serves as Trustee – Southern Pines United Methodist Church in Southern Pines and works through her church with Family Promise of Moore County.
- Is a volunteer in the emergency room at First Health Moore Regional Hospital.



Barbara Huitzingh: Secretary 910-420-1777 bbranzell@aol.com

Barbara grew up in Northern Wisconsin enjoying the big lake – lake Superior. She attended College of St Scholastica in Duluth Minnesota, graduating with a degree in Nursing. Barbara worked in various position, finally teaching Surgical Nursing at Northwestern University in Chicago. Barb and her husband Kruno have lived in Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Colorado and the coast of North Carolina prior to moving to Pinehurst in 2010.



Thom Mann: Treasurer 910-295-9274 mannandmann@embarqmail.net