

The Lake View

Lake Pinehurst Association Newsletter

January 2012



“Winter Sunset”

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

On behalf of the Lake Pinehurst Association (LPA) Board I would like to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. We want to thank you for your excellent support of all the LPA programs in 2011. This includes the work to protect and preserve the health and beauty of the lake and also the social events conducted throughout the year. You have made it a fun year for the Board. We hope we helped to make it a fun year for you.

I would like to outline our plans for 2012. The Board believes the overarching goal of the LPA is to “**enhance life on the lake.**” In support of this goal, our 2012 plans fall into four main categories:

1. Protect and preserve the health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst,
2. Provide social activities that the entire membership will enjoy,
3. Provide information that is useful to the membership,
4. Increase membership and participation.

1. Protect and preserve the health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst

This responsibility includes our ***aquatic weed management program***, which we have discussed in past memos to all members and have posted additional information on our website. We have a severe problem with hydrilla and other noxious weeds in the lake. In a 50%/50% partnership with the Pinehurst Resort, we increased our effort in 2009, 2010 and 2011 to control these weeds by adding non-reproducing, grass-eating carp to the lake and by expanding our weed management herbicide program to the entire perimeter of the lake. ***This program includes all lakefront property and not just LPA members.***

We have received excellent support for this important program from all of the condo complexes around the lake and from 95% of the individual property owners. The results are positive and visible to all, with a healthy and mostly weed-free lake all year. Our program is working thanks to the support of everyone living on the lake. In 2012 we will continue our aggressive approach to aquatic weed management and will work very hard to get 100% participation from the individual property owners.

We will continue to use the most cost effective contractors in an effort to keep the cost of this program at a reasonable level. We will be adding far fewer fish again this year (as we did in 2011) and this will keep the cost to \$50 per addressable property to all participants. ***Let me stress once again, we need participation from every property (home or lot, for sale or not for sale) that has frontage on the lake. The health and beauty of Lake Pinehurst have a major impact on our property values. This program benefits every one of us living on the lake.***

Additional protect and preserve lake activities we are involved in include:

1. **Placing Christmas trees in the lake to increase fish habitat.** The LPA in partnership with Pinehurst Resort has initiated a program to begin the restoration of habitat for forage fish. This program entails anchoring discarded Christmas trees on the bottom of the Lake near forage fish spawning areas. By creating places for forage fish to hide, feed and grow we hope to begin rebuilding populations of forage fish, thereby reestablishing a viable food chain in the Lake.

With the help of the Village of Pinehurst, we have collected about 400 discarded Christmas trees. All of this material is located in a staging area at the Lake Pinehurst marina. On scheduled work days during the months of January and February volunteers will be transporting and anchoring trees throughout the Lake near critical forage fish spawning areas. The locations selected for anchoring trees are in areas and at depths that will not interfere with boating or swimming in the Lake. We have recently sent an email to all our members with more information about this important program.

We could use your help to position and anchor the Christmas trees. We particularly need owners of pontoon boats to volunteer themselves and their boats to help transport volunteers and trees to drop areas. If you would be willing to volunteer some of your time to this important program, please contact Jack Wood, leader of the Fish Habitat Committee, at 255-6481 or Jwood008@nc.rr.com.

2. **Assessing (with input from the State) what can be done to minimize or eliminate the health hazard imposed by the non-migrating Canada geese that inhabit the lake;** we did have experts from the State come and assess the lake in 2010, but the cost to remove the geese was too expensive at that time. However, the non-migrating geese continued to shrink in number throughout 2011 to the point where they were a nuisance but not a health hazard. We will continue to monitor this situation and hope the geese will go elsewhere.

We expect to have more of these activities as 2012 progresses. We welcome member input on any protect/preserve lake activities.

2. Provide social activities that the entire membership will enjoy.

In 2011 we conducted three traditional social activities – the general business meeting in March, the picnic in June, and the dinner dance in December. The attendance at all three events was excellent and we hope to have even more members participate this year. The dates will be posted on the Lake Pinehurst Association website shortly and communicated by email to all members. In 2012 the picnic will be in May to avoid the excessive heat that we had in June.



We welcome member input on how to make these events even better. If there are additional social activities that you would like to see, please let us know in the next few weeks so we can discuss them as a Board and determine if we can provide new social events in 2012. We will present our complete slate of social activities to the members at our general business meeting in March.

We also held three organized on-the-lake activities in 2011.

We held **sailing races every Sunday from May through October**, which have been in place for more than 30 years. All sailors amongst our members should come out and enjoy the fun on Sundays.

The second event was the **4th of July boat parade**. We had more than 25 boats (pontoons, party boats, sailboats, kayaks, canoes, inner tubes, etc.) in the parade and many residents watched the parade from their yards around the lake. The boat parade has become a family affair for many LPA members with multiple generations decorating the boat and participating in the parade. It was a lot of fun and we plan to do it again this year.

We also held our **first “official” raft-up** and several boats participated. The boaters met in the middle of the lake, watched the sailboat race, had a few snacks and drinks, and got to meet other people with boats on the lake.



We hope to add some more lake-oriented social activities in 2012. As always, if you have some thoughts about increasing the fun we have on the lake, please share your thoughts with us. We will discuss this and get your views at our annual business meeting.

3. Provide information that is useful to the membership

The primary communication to our members in 2012 will be the Lake Pinehurst Association website (lakepinehurstassn.com) and the newsletter, which will be sent quarterly. Our website improved throughout 2011 and will continue to improve in 2012. We hope to have information useful to all members and easy navigation to this information. The information will include all on-lake and off-lake social events, current activities and news, updates on Village or County projects that impact the lake, for sale/wanted/boats, photos of life on the lake, updates on the weed management program, recent emails, and other reference information. We hope that all members will make the website a “favorite” and bookmark it and will use it frequently for their benefit. As with all that we do, we welcome member thoughts as to how we can improve our website and provide more value.

4. Increase membership and participation

We want to increase membership in 2012 as we did in 2011. We try and meet with new property owners when they move in and invite them to join. In addition, we send out new-member enrollment kits throughout the year to potential new members. If you have neighbors who are not members, you might encourage them to become members. You can also contact us and we will follow up with them. As we add members and more members participate in the social functions, it seems that these functions become more fun.

We would like to become more member-driven. This means that we welcome input on new activities that you think would be fun, your thoughts on how we can improve our existing activities, your concerns about activities and properties around the lake, and any other information you believe is important.

The Lake Pinehurst Association does not run by itself. It needs a strong Board and active, involved members. We are always looking for new Board members who share a passion for the lake and the Lake Pinehurst community. If you have interest in the Board, please let me know. I would like to discuss your interest and determine what Board responsibilities you would enjoy most.

Again, thank you for a wonderful 2011 and we hope that 2012 will be a happy, healthy year for you and your family.

Lake Management: Debbie Smith 295-5313 classicgift@earthlink.net

The weather has been so mild this winter that many of us are still enjoying the lake from our boats. There have been times where there have been several boats out at once looking at the Christmas tree lights, watching the sunset, or cruising around during the day enjoying the clear, high water in the lake right now and the unusually warm temperatures.

The weeds and algae are at their lowest point right now because of the colder water temperatures and our successful weed management program. 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.



Aquatic Weed Spraying

Hope you have a wonderful 2012 and we look forward to seeing you on Lake Pinehurst, too!!

Lake Activities: Christy Eibel 420-2503 ceibel1@me.com

2011 Lake Pinehurst House Lighting Contest

Congratulations to all the winners and THANK YOU to all the members who participated. The homes were very well decorated and judging on the water was wonderful as we had a clear, calm night. The lights reflecting on the water were beautiful! Happy New Year!



Santa Arrives at the Reedy's

I am looking forward to the warmer months and planning more lake activities for 2012.

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

The 2011 LPA Christmas Dinner Dance was a wonderful event! The photos on the website are great exhibits of members having fun on the dance floor, at the cocktail hour and in conversations around the tables. If you missed the fun in 2011, mark December 12, 2012 on your calendar now and plan to attend the absolutely best holiday party in town!



Dinner Dance Cocktail Party



Golf Capital Barbershop Quartette

Our next social will be the cocktail hour following the LPA Annual Meeting at the Village Hall on March 18. Notices will be sent out in a few weeks and will include a 'RSVP' so that we can plan for the event. We hope to see you there!

The Annual Beach Party will be held at the Marina on May 23. Note that this is a couple of weeks earlier than usual in the hopes that we will avoid the extraordinarily hot days we had in early June the past two years. Details will follow in the Spring.

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

.Again, we are keeping our membership updated on current happenings around the lake with emails. If your email address changes please let us know right away. Send any timely pictures that would be of interest to our members and they will be posted on the website. Send them to me in jpeg format.

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

The **Neighborhood Council meetings** will begin again on Monday, January 23rd. The meeting in November included a presentation on hydraulic fracturing and a water update. We will begin 2012 with new Mayor Nancy Fiorillo leading the meetings. I will send out emails with information as it pertains to our neighborhood and LPA members.

I also contacted Kenton Brown regarding an update on the **Sewer Rehabilitation Project**. He replied with the following update:

“The Lining contractor completed the lining procedure on all the lines that were scheduled to be rehabilitated around Lake Pinehurst before they left for their Christmas Break. There could be one or two lines added to be lined at the lake before the project is completely finished but that has not been confirmed yet.

The reason you are seeing people coming back to the manholes again is because there were items that the manhole rehab contractor had to complete inside the manholes before the lining contractor could do their work and then there were items that the manhole rehab contractor could not complete until the lining contractor was finished lining.

After they finish that, I will walk through with the contractor and inspect their work to make sure they have got all the ground water leaks fixed. When I do that and the manholes have passed my inspection, residents shouldn't see the people working in their yards anymore. But, if some of the manholes don't pass inspection then the contractor will have to come back and repair the manholes so it will pass inspection.”

I will continue to stay in contact with Kenton and keep our members informed regarding the Rehabilitation of the sewers.



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

Household Memberships as of October 30:	184
Renewal	1
<u>New Memberships</u>	<u>2</u>

Total Household memberships as of December 31 187

Please copy this page and insert in your LPA Directory. The information below in **bold** are changes from the original directory published in March 2011. Other changes were published in the July & October newsletters.

Changes:

Hughes, Kathleen – New Mailing Address
**5 Lake Pinehurst Villas
Pinehurst, NC 28374**

Rannow, Robert L.– New Address
**301 Fayetteville Street Unit 3107 Raleigh, NC 27601
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Shaughnessy, Bob & Bobbie – New Email Address
shonsc@gmail.com

Additions to Directory:

Renewal - **Loew, Dick & Nancy 400 Waters Drive Apt D 209
Southern Pines, NC 28387
(910) 725-1210 reloew@nc.rr.com**

New Member: **Portfilio, Paul & Renee 218 Juniper Creek Blvd
Pinehurst. NC 28374
(910) 235-0798 (910)638-5253
pportfilio@msn.com rportfilio@earthlink.com**

New Member: **Sandell, Patrick & Mary 805 Diamondhead Drive
Pinehurst, NC 28374
marysandell@gmail.com**

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

Annual Membership Dues (\$25 per household) are due February 15. Please mail your check and renewal application to PO Box 3432 Pinehurst, NC 28374-3432 so we may update our records and include your name in the new 2012 Lake Pinehurst Association Directory which will be published in March.