

The Lake View

Lake Pinehurst Association Newsletter

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“Late Afternoon Paddle”

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

To all Lake Pinehurst Association members,

It has been a wonderful summer on the lake and we can clearly see fall approaching. The lake has never looked better. However, I need to share with you two concerns I have about the health and beauty of the lake. I know that many of you share these concerns. My purpose is to encourage ideas as to how to address these concerns. As always, I welcome your input. If you have something to share, please send it to me at wreedy1@nc.rr.com.

My first concern is for the people living in the shallow cove areas of the lake. The water is never deep in these coves and the current low water level exacerbates this situation. Large

portions of these coves are exposed now. For those who have boats, many find their boats sitting on sand. The residents of one cove have paid a private firm to come and dredge their cove. Although successful at first, this cove is again filling up from sand and silt flowing into the lake.

Some individuals around the lake have also paid private companies to dredge their dock areas so they can access the lake in their boats. They are also seeing sand and silt covering the channels that they carved. We see some properties creating sand beaches on the lake. Although the beaches are pretty to look at, eventually some of this sand finds its way into the lake.

All the storm sewers around the lake drain into the lake and are responsible for bringing far too much sand and silt into our lake. Sand and silt also flows from our yards when it rains. We need to find a solution to this problem and I welcome your ideas. I do want to add that the Village of Pinehurst has building regulations that govern docks, bulkheads, retaining walls and mounds of sand but no regulations that govern sand beaches or storm sewer outlets. The Village works hard to correct any problems once they are notified of a situation.

My second concern is for our aquatic weed management program. This is the third full year that we have strongly urged 100% participation in this program. We used to have a voluntary program with about 40% participation. It was ineffective. Then we discovered that we have Hydrilla, an extremely noxious aquatic weed. Hydrilla, left untreated, will destroy a lake and surrounding property values. We now must treat the entire perimeter of the lake with the appropriate herbicides throughout the year to effectively control Hydrilla. We have also stocked the lake with non-reproducing, grass-eating carp to control Hydrilla in the deeper areas of the lake.

We asked every lakefront property (including the Resort and the five other Homeowner Associations) to participate. We provided a detailed explanation of why we needed 100% participation and what we were going to do to control Hydrilla. All but about 6 to 8 individual properties have participated in the program each year. Our program has worked well and we have Hydrilla under control. It will never be eradicated; the best we can do is to control it so it will not impact our recreational activities. We are succeeding. The lake has never looked better. However, as I write this, there are more than 20 properties that have not contributed to this year's program. I do not know why and I would like to know.

We do treat the entire 28,600 feet of lakefront. No lakefront property is excluded. To exclude a property would quickly cause Hydrilla problems for its neighbors and Hydrilla would continue to spread around the lake. All individual, addressable lakefront properties were billed \$50 this year. (This program is completely independent of the Lake Pinehurst Association and its dues. The LPA dues do not go to the aquatic weed management program, and the aquatic weed management assessments do not go to any LPA function or event. The Resort absorbs 50% of the cost and the lakefront properties are responsible for the remaining 50%. All five homeowner associations participate.)

For those who do not contribute, the rest of us are paying their fair share. If we love this lake that we live on, we should be able to spend \$50 a year to protect it from Hydrilla and other noxious aquatic weeds. It is my belief that if you live on the lake you have a responsibility to fully support the programs that are in place to **Preserve and Protect the Health and Beauty of Lake Pinehurst**. If you disagree, please tell me why. If you agree, please participate in this program. Thank you to all of you who do participate.

My two questions to all of you are:

- 1) What can we do to reduce the sand and silt that continues to flow into Lake Pinehurst?
- 2) How do we ensure 100% participation in our Lake Pinehurst aquatic weed management program?

Thank you all for your help in addressing these two concerns.

Tom Reedy,
President, Lake Pinehurst Association

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

We have treated the lake for algae growth throughout the summer. This treatment has not required any irrigation restriction. The results were very good this spring and summer. Unfortunately, with the drought we've experienced the last few months there has been a lot of growth with the shore grasses. Our contractor does spray these but they are harder to control. Hopefully, we will get some rainfall that will cover the low areas and kill the grasses once submerged. If you haven't changed your watering schedule due to the drought, this would be a good time to cut back on using the lake water for irrigation.

Please continue to remind your lawn care companies to blow the cut lawn grass back towards the house instead of into the lake. This will help keep the shoreline grasses down.

While out on your boats, please keep a lookout for any floating branches or tree trunks. Some are very large, and very heavy, but if you could drag them or pull them out they won't be hazardous to other boaters. There were many trees cut down to create Lake Pinehurst in 1973, and left on the lake bottom to decompose. We believe that they are finally surfacing.

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 are enjoying the beautiful fall weather on Lake Pinehurst!!

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

Pinehurst Triathlon



“Triathlon Start”

THANK YOU to the LPA Members who volunteered as rescue boats for the 2011 Pinehurst Triathlon. The event was held on October 1st and 2nd with the boats reporting at 7:45 am. There were 450 athletes on Saturday and 250 on Sunday. Only one swimmer was rescued due to cramping in the water! WAY TO GO RESCUE CREW!

THANK YOU to the following members for volunteering - Beran, Eibel, Fox, Greene, Steidinger.

2011 Boat Fest



“Good Times at the Boat Fest”

AHOY to all the boaters that came out for the Pinehurst Boat Fest on Sunday, October 9th. Seven boats and many crew members rafted up on a breezy, beautiful, sunny, Sunday afternoon. Everyone shared food and friendship while cheering on the sailboats in the race. It was a relaxing, laid back afternoon on Lake Pinehurst. Thank you for attending and sharing your suggestions for future events.



More Good Times at the Boat Fest



Sailors – Don Dowd, Tom Reedy & Fred Nuenighoff

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



“YMCA”

Plans and preparations are well underway for our next social event, the fabulous **Christmas Dinner Dance**, to be held at the Members Club, December 14, 2011. Members are invited to mark your calendars now. Guests are welcome to this festive occasion that begins with a LPA sponsored cocktail hour in the rotunda of the club and moves to the main dining room for a superb dinner and dancing. This year we are pleased to present a spirited appearance by the Golf Capital Chorus Barbershop Quartet. Overall, the evening promises to be a holiday highlight and continuation of good times with our lakeside friends and neighbors. See you there!

Look for your formal invitation in the mail soon with replies due by December 1st.

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.

The website is www.lakepinehurstassn.com.

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

Sewer Slip Lining Project

The sewer slip line project is well underway and I have been in contact with Kenton Brown checking in to make sure everything is going smoothly around the lake. The latest update from Kenton is the contractor is starting to TV some of the sewer lines around the lake so some people may see a Camera Van with a few guys entering manholes. There will be an assistant inspector on site with the TV guys at all times. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Kenton at kenton.brown@hydrostructures.com or call 919-444-1844.



Sewer Slip Lining Work In Process

Trash/ Recycle Containers

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER---Village regulations call for trash and recycle containers to be placed at the curb after 5 pm. on the day before collection and removed by 5 pm. on the day of collection. Also, containers should be stored in the garage or on the side of the house out of sight from the street. It has been reported that there are cans sitting out for over 2 days at some properties. The Village greatly appreciates our cooperation with this matter.

Village of Pinehurst Elections

Be sure to vote on November 8th at the Fair Barn for a Mayor and two Village Council positions.
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Membership: Barb & Fred Nuenighoff (910-295-4548 fgn7@msn.com)

Household Memberships as of March Directory:	183
<u>New Membership</u>	<u>1</u>

Total Household memberships as of October 30 184

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 newsletter.

Changes:

Naisby, Alan – anaisby@gmail.com
Sutton, Jane – janen@gmail.com

Additions to Directory:

New Member:

Alcorn, David & Janet
720 Diamondhead Drive
404-909-0055
david.alcorn@usarmy.mil
janet@casnc.com

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

Other Directory Additions & Changes

Inside Front Cover

Add - **Pinehurst Security – 235-8452**

Inside Back Cover

Change - **Marina Phone Number - 235-8759**