



LWPOA

LAKE WEDOWEE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 55 * Wedowee, Alabama 36278

Working to ensure Lake Wedowee is a safe, clean and pleasant place to be
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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2009

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Seasons Greetings:

It's hard to believe but Christmas is upon us! I sincerely hope each and every one of you has a blessed holiday. Believe it or not, there are some lake related activities going on this time of the year.

We at LWPOA are getting ready for the New Year with plans for the annual winter meeting which will be held at the Randolph County High School. We tried meeting there last year and met with much success. I certainly hope every member can attend this year's function. It is a lot of fun as it gives us all a chance to inject socialization into the winter as well as finding about what is going on with our lake. This year promises to be even better as we have 2008 Miss Alabama, Jamie Langley, and her fiancé Tyson Hall providing entertainment. Hors d'ouervres will be served an hour before the meeting formally starts with a great menu, so come early and enjoy! The cost is only \$15 per person and everyone is encouraged to bring prospective members.

Plans are in the works for an attractive new membership directory, free to all our members. We hope to also develop a calendar of all lake activities and provide that to you soon. Meanwhile, note that the Annual Fishing Day is May 15.

Patt High relates she will be giving a seminar in January on cardboard boat racing. That was a lot of fun last year, and for its inaugural event it went very well. Technically, the Association does not sponsor the event but, like other worthwhile events on the lake, it merits being mentioned. Patt may be contacted at 256 794-0407 for more information.

The summer picnic is being planned and promises to be bigger and better than ever before. This will be a family event and things for all ages will be provided.

Also, I know many of you will be doing building, terracing, repairs etc. during the upcoming months. Please keep in mind the absolute need for erosion controls. Technically, if you are going to disturb over 1 acre you need a permit from ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management). Also, silt fencing is vital to the protection of your lake. Even if you don't care for yourself, please consider the effect you will have on your neighbors. We work very hard to keep the lake clean and it will be most counter productive for our members to cause silt and debris to erode into the lake.

In fact, we ask that you do more than just monitor yourselves. If you see any construction going on without silt fencing or appropriate controls please speak up. Politely tell the people or let us know. We do not want anyone to get into trouble, but we do not want our lake to be trashed. Only by setting examples and by being pro-active can we keep our lake the shining resort we all love.

Meanwhile, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see you at the winter meeting in Wedowee!

Oliver Kitchens
Chairman, LWPOA Board of Directors

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FALL LAKE CLEAN UP

The recent rains have been great and I believe that we can officially say that the recent drought is now over.

Unfortunately again, these rains have washed tons of trash from the roadways right into our lake. The Big Tallapoosa is looking especially bad from the flooding that has occurred. We were nearly spotless on that end of the lake, until several heavy rains occurred. They even had the flood gates open on Lake Wedowee for several days due to the heavy rains. The dam looked beautiful with the flood gates open, as bunches of water was directed downstream.

We are going to need a tremendous turnout next fall to get things cleaned up again. Several of us may get together this winter and do a small cleanup. We plan on getting some of the worst spots on a nice warm winter day.

This fall, we couldn't have done it without all of the volunteers that showed up. We had the largest turnout yet. Many of these loyal volunteers have been working for years on the cleanup, and we couldn't have been successful without them. Many participate directly by driving boats and collecting garbage along the shoreline. Others participate behind the scenes and help out with T-shirts or meals or with advertising. Others donate boats for the effort, while others donate drinks, ice, boat gas and food.

Alabama Power's Renew our Rivers program is a tremendous help on all of the lake cleanups around the state and the southern region. They provide manpower, T-shirts, and barges to haul the garbage to the shore. From there the Randolph County Commissioners do their part by hauling the stuff to the disposal facility. The community service workers, as directed by Judge Whaley, are a tremendous help to our efforts, as they supply lots of manpower for our cause. Lake Wedowee Property Owners Association contributes financially by providing boat gas and all of the other necessities for the cleanup, as well as much needed manpower.

We couldn't do it without this coordinated community effort.

Thanks to everyone for making it a huge success and we'll roll up our sleeves again next fall and do it all over again.

Lake Wedowee thanks you

Bob May
and
Sheila Smith



Treasurer's Report



FINANCIAL HEALTH OF YOUR LWPOA

YTD INCOME FROM MEMBERSHIP DUES-----\$16,980
YTD EXPENSES-----\$15,274
ANNUAL BUDGETED EXPENSES-----\$18,780

Many of you have not sent in your renewal dues of \$30. Your membership runs from July to July each calendar year. Your continued financial support is needed to continue the many lake and community programs sponsored by the LWPOA. Mail your renewals to the following address: LWPOA PO Box 55 Wedowee, AL 36278. Please continue to provide financial support to the many programs of the LWPOA that benefit our Lake and community.

Submitted by Jack Duncan, Treasurer

Calendar Of Events!

January 12, 2010 4:00 PM

LWPOA Board Meeting
Chimney Cove Clubhouse

February 6, 2010

LWPOA Annual Banquet
Randolph County High School

February 9, 2010 4:00 PM

LWPOA Board Meeting
Chimney Cove Clubhouse

March 9, 2010 4:00 PM

LWPOA Board Meeting
Chimney Cove Clubhouse

April 13, 2010 4:00 PM

LWPOA Board Meeting
Chimney Cove Clubhouse

May 11, 2010 4:00 PM

LWPOA Board Meeting
Chimney Cove Clubhouse

May 15, 2010

LWPOA Kid's Fishing Day
Details to be announced

May 22, 2010 1:00 PM

Paddlin' For Paws
Chimney Cove

June 3, 2010 4:00 PM

LWPOA Board Meeting
Chimney Cove

June 19, 2010

LWPOA Annual Family Picnic

SPRING 2010 MASTER GARDENER CLASS NOW FORMING

The Randolph County Extension Office is now taking applications for a Master Gardener class for Randolph and surrounding counties. The class will meet each Friday from 9:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. starting January 15, and ending April 9, 2010. The class will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Roanoke located at 806 Main Street, Roanoke, Alabama. The course cost is \$100 and includes all study materials and textbook.

Master Gardeners are given more than 50 hours of instruction and materials on topics such as soils, landscape design, turfgrass, plant pathology, vegetable gardening, entomology, fruit production, weed control, tree care and plant physiology. They are required to assist the Alabama Cooperative Extension System with 50 hours of volunteer time. Volunteer time might include answering horticultural questions, helping with 4-H youth programs or assisting with other Extension approved projects.

The class has a minimum enrollment of 15 members and a maximum of 30 members. If you are interested in attending the Master Gardener class contact the Randolph County Extension Office (256) 357-2841 You will be asked to fill out an application available on line at <http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1155/> or from the Randolph County Extension Office and pay a non refundable deposit of \$25 to hold your place in the class. Checks should be made out to Randolph County Extension and mailed with the completed application to Randolph County Extension Office, P.O. Box 227, Wedowee, AL 36278. For more information about the Master Gardener Program you may contact either the Extension Office or East Central Alabama Master Gardener Association President Stan Roark at (256) 357-4268.

LWPOA FAMILY FUN DAY

Mark your calendar for June 19, 2010. Plans are being made to expand the Annual LWPOA picnic to a Family Fun Day. Part of our purpose is to improve and protect the quality of Lake Wedowee and to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the residents of the Lake Wedowee area. In keeping with this statement, we feel an afternoon of fun and fellowship will help us fulfill our mission.

If you would like to help plan a fun afternoon, please call Janice Flournoy at 256-357-4865 or email janice2005@centurytel.net. We need your help and encourage you to participate.



**A Very Merry Christmas
to Everyone!**

RECENT NEW MEMBERS

Browning, Mike & Jennifer, 123 Brown St. Carrollton, GA
Broyles, Bart & Diane, 2908 Crescent Crest Dr., Wedowee, AL 36278
Coe, Tim & Suzy, P.O. Box 125, Wedowee, AL 36278
Freeman, Warren & Melinda, 3801 County Rd. 24, Delta, AL 35244
Gossett, David & Tracey, 1261 Lake Trace Cove, Hoover, AL 35244
Maddison, Kareem & Shonda, 115 West Preachtree PL. Unit 314, Atlanta, GA 30313
Rover, R.C. & Ellie, 139 Highgreen Ridge, Peachtree City, GA 30269
Turner, Bud & Susan, 170 Lake Coweta Trail, Newnan, GA 30263

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The LWPOA is currently 600 members.

Thank you for your membership and continued support!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
John Triplett
Membership Chairman

M A N D A T O R Y	STYROFOAM REMOVAL!	M A N D A T O R Y
	All beaded Styrofoam must be removed from the lakebed by January 1, 2010	
	A permit is required, but no permit fee will be charged for replacement of floatation only.	
	Alabama Power Company Shoreline Management	
	If you have any questions please contact Sheila Smith Corp. Real EstateOffice 256-396-5093	

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