



Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc.

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January 2010 Newsletter

A message from the President ...

Welcome to the beginning of another year. 2009 was a very productive year for LNIA, thanks to so many of our members – you are truly appreciated. We were more connected with the community with the Highland Games, support for the Bluegrass Festival, the Boy Scouts, and the High School football team. We also accomplished our first ever Lake Tour of Homes, sharing \$3500 among 8 local charities.

Our focus on lake issues included more involvement with the TVA authorities, the DNR, and Union County Sheriff's Department. TVA provided a small grant to help with our clean-up efforts in and around the lake. They also met with some of our members to try to resolve problems related to the "cliffs" area near the dam. These efforts are continuing and we are delighted to see these teams working together to make our lake a safer place. We are pleased to learn that the Sheriff's Department has now acquired a boat to give support to DNR in patrolling Lake Nottely.

We are in the process of planning another major event during the weekend of May 22-23 to raise money to help with some of the costs of policing the lake. Since Lake Blue Ridge will be drawn down for repairs starting in July, DNR predicts there will be much more activity on Nottely as a result, requiring additional patrolling.

Once again, you are encouraged to get involved in LNIA and have some fun. Make 2010 a true "10" year.

.....Sue Boris

SPRING EDUCATIONAL MEETING

*The Spring Educational Meeting is scheduled for **7:00 PM, Thursday, May 13** at the UCB Brackett Room. We would like to hear from our membership if there is a specific issue you would like addressed. We are always looking for new ideas, so put your thinking caps on and give us your thoughts. We will keep you informed about the agenda as the meeting date approaches.*

Please plan to attend and bring along your friends and neighbors!!

Another bench at Poteete Creek Park ~

Lake Nottely Improvement Association purchased and installed a beautiful bench in the picnic area of Poteete Creek Park a few years ago. We would like to place an additional bench in the area this year as so many people take the opportunity to rest and enjoy the peacefulness and beauty of our lake. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of this bench, please contact Glenn Boland at 706-745-2798 or boland4768@windstream.net.

New Lake Nottely Patrol Boat ~~~~

DNR and Union County Sheriff's Office are now able to assist each other with issues pertaining to illicit activities, not only around the lake, but on the lake. The Sheriff's Department has succeeded in purchasing a boat by using drug seizure funds and will be co-operating with the DNR in patrolling the lake. Their goal for the boat is two-fold. One is to assist DNR regarding boater DUI, drugs, illegal "farming", and other related issues. There has been a growing demand each year for a local dive team which addresses the second goal. We now have four fully certified open water divers which are currently equipped for all conditions except extreme cold which they are currently working on. The dive team's primary purpose is to assist in lake accidents, evidence recovery, body recovery in the case of a drowning, as well as other safety issues.

LNIA is pleased to have these two branches of law enforcement working together on Nottely to keep us safer.

Check out the new website at www.lakenottely.org. We will continue to build it as time goes on.

Roy Cardell ~

For many years local civic leaders and elected officials tried to convince the TVA to maintain higher water levels during the summer and fall recreation seasons with no success.

In 1991, an impressive group of citizens met to form the Lake Nottely Improvement Association. Roy Cardell (1935-2009) was instrumental in spearheading the movement. In appreciation of his dedication and service over the years to this association, LNIA would like to express sympathy to his family in the loss of a true friend of the lake.

TVA SCHEDULES BLUE RIDGE DAM REPAIR PROJECT –

TVA will lower lake levels on Blue Ridge Reservoir beginning in July for dam repairs. The water levels will be lowered 48 ft. below winter pool and 67 ft. below summer pool. Please be aware that traffic on Lake Nottely might be impacted during this mid-summer period. Assessment of the project is available at www.tva.gov/environment/reports/blue_ridge_dam.

Cliffs area on Lake Nottely ~

The Board of Directors is consulting with the TVA, the TVA liaison to the State of Georgia and the Union County Sheriff's Department concerning the Cliffs area of Lake Nottely. The cliffs is an area adjacent to the dam where an inordinate amount of illegal activity has taken place and criminal activity been observed.

Union County Deputy Sheriff, Scott Deyton, DNR officer Kevin Dyer, TVA's Kemmy Garrett, TVA Ga. state liaison, Penny Gunn, and LNIA President Sue Boris are heavily into discussions about solutions to the problems at the cliffs. Garrett has requested funding from TVA to make physical improvements. Denying vehicle access (other than specified parking areas) is a top priority while keeping the region open to the public for whom it was intended.

To add input to this discussion, please e-mail Sue, sueboris@windstream.com.

Shoreline Warriors ~

LNIA depends on support from its membership to finance the efforts it makes to keep LAKE NOTTELY a reservoir you can be proud of. The minimal dues fee of \$15.00 per member family helps provide plastic bags, gloves, boat gas for shoreline clean-up and roadside pick-up near the dam. We also clean the cliffs area which is usually a litter disaster. The 20-25 members who give their time year after year to do this nasty job have unbelievable stories to tell both gross and funny. Thanks for your support for these 'shoreline warriors' who work so hard, with good humor, to keep the shorelines clean. Please send your dues ASAP to LNIA, P.O. 2033, Blairsville, Ga. 30514

"Tour de Garage"

The state of the economy has led to an overwhelming 2-0 vote from Lynn Varian and Sue Boris, co-chairs of the 2009 LNIA Tour of Homes to move the 2nd annual tour to 2011, and in 2010, replace it with the 1st annual LNIA GARAGE SALE ("Tour de Garage").

While the success of the Tour was exceptional and several homeowners had already offered their homes for 2010, the twosome considered the current economic climate and decided to follow fellow board member, A.G. Sherman's suggestion, that LNIA's membership might be inclined to share their treasures to raise money for the less fortunate in the community.

On Saturday, May 22, LNIA will sponsor the 'Tour de Garage', featuring LNIA members who want to hold individual garage sales. LNIA will advertise the event, provide maps, and provide a tented area for those who would rather contribute items to a central location. Plans are still being formulated, so watch for more details to follow. Check the website www.lakenottely.org

News from HRWC ~~~~

The HOLMAN AWARD BANQUET, March 12th at Brasstown Valley Resort, honors the person or group who has best facilitated the mission of the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition. An elaborate silent auction and dinner will precede the awards presentation. Union County Commissioner Lamar Paris, is this year's recipient. For tickets contact Barry Varian at 706-897-2018 or on-line sales at www.HRWC.org.

Lake Shore & Road Clean-ups!

We always need Volunteers, especially for Lake Shore and Road Clean-ups. It's great fun and good company!!! Contact Debbie Folmer for clean-up volunteering. (706-835-5926)

Support LNIA! Buy your T-shirt (\$10) and/or Sweatshirt (\$15) with the official LNIA logo. Available at the Spring Education Meeting.

Interested in getting involved with Lake Nottely Improvement Association? Please contact Sue Boris by phone (706-835-3005) or e-mail sueboris@windstream.net.

*****Membership Dues*****

LNIA membership dues for 2010 are due now. A form is included at the end of this newsletter for you to update your member information and remit with your dues. Your membership and dues are critical to the LNIA. We rely 100% on membership dues to fund the many activities LNIA conducts every year to improve the lake environment and the surrounding community. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join. We also encourage members to pay ahead to 2011. The dues are only \$15.00/year ~ what a bargain and great way to support your lake community!!

Corporate Members

**Please support them whenever possible!
Check Website for more information**

-  Mike's Seafood Market & Grill
-  United Community Bank
-  Appalachian Community Bank
-  Subway (Singleton Food Service)
-  Blairsville Marine, Inc
-  Karen Sweeney, Realtor
-  North Georgia Boat Lift
-  Notla Water Authority
-  Garrison International Fishing Guide Service
-  High Country Canvas & Marine
-  Enotah Land Company - Jim McAfee
-  Blue Ridge Mobile Marine Service
-  Cary D Cox, Attorney at Law
-  Chuck Gaetano, the BRAFF Group
-  Brett Owenby Grading
-  Backyard Delights
-  Cozy Cove Marina
-  Mountain Valley Motors

Mark your LNIA Calendar for 2010

March	11	Board Meeting - UCB Brackett Room – 7 PM
	13	Nottely Dam Road Clean-up – Picnic Area – 10 AM
	20	Rain Make-up Date for Road Clean-up
May	1	Nottely Lake Clean-up – Lakeside Village Breakfast – 8:30/Lunch – 1:00/Boats Leave 9:00
	13	Spring Education Meeting – UCB Brackett Room – 7 PM
	22/23	“Tour de Garage” (more information to follow)
June	5	Nottely Dam Road Clean-up – Picnic Area – 10 AM
	12	Rain Make-up Date for Road Clean-up
	12/13	Highland Games – LNIA Members Volunteers
	19	Annual Meeting & Picnic – Poteete Park – 3 PM
August	14	Island Picnic – Meet at Poteete Park – 3 PM
September	11	Nottely Dam Road Clean-up – Picnic Area – 10 AM
	18	Rain Make-up Date for Road Clean-up
October	9	Nottely Lake Clean-up – Poteete Park Breakfast – 9:30/Lunch – 1:00/Boats Leave – 10:00AM
	14	Fall Educational Meeting – UCB Brackett Room – 7 PM
November	7	Nottely Dam Road Clean-up – Picnic Area - 9 AM
	14	Rain Make-up Date for Road Clean-up

Board meetings

*Board meetings are held at 7 PM in the UCB Community Room unless stated otherwise. Dates are as follows: Feb 4, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 13 (6 PM - UCB Brackett Room), Jun 19 (2 PM at Poteete Pavilion), Jul 15, Aug 12, Sep 16, Oct 14(6 PM – UCB Brackett Room), Dec 11 (9AM – TBA)

Newsletter ~ Debbie Folmer, Editor
If you have any suggestions, requests, or comments for the LNIA Newsletter, please submit them via email to folmerd@aol.com or phone 706-835-5926.

Lake Nottely Improvement Association (LNIA) Annual Dues Form ~ 2010

Please check all items that apply

Corporate Sponsor Membership ~ \$50.00

Family Annual Membership ~ \$15.00

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