



Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc.

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August 2007 Newsletter

Get Ready to Test Your Wits

It's time again for our annual Island Picnic. The committee is busy planning this event. The association will provide fried Chicken, all the tableware, and cold drinks. We ask that you bring a covered dish to share and folding chairs to sit on. This event is held on the Island closest to Poteete Creek Park. We will be playing the LNIA version of "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader." If it rains, we will be at the pavilion at Poteete Creek Park. We will gather on the Island at 3:00 p.m. If you need transportation to the Island let us know and we will pick you up at the park by the pavilion. We need to know how many to plan for so please call Jan at **706-745-2798** and let us know you are coming. This is always a special get-together for our Association and a time to have some good family fun.

New Officers

At the Association Board meeting on July 12 the board elected Janice Boland to serve as President. Denver Gammons was elected Second Vice president and Glen Boland was moved from Second Vice President to Membership Secretary. This fills all of our board positions for the current year. Also at this meeting the board discussed the rapidly falling water levels and set up a meeting with W. C. Nelson who is on the Citizen's Advisory Board to TVA. There is an article about what happened at that meeting in this news letter. We want you to know that your board stays on top of what TVA is doing and takes the action we think is appropriate. We have a large membership and must keep a strong force to be able to take action when needed. The time may come again when we may need to have another letter writing campaign. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us so that we may continue to be a strong voice for Lake Nottely. The full slate of officers is listed below.

- Jan Boland – President
- Harvey Cohen – Past President
- A.G.Sherman - Vice President
- Denver Gammons – Second Vice President
- Barry Varian – Treasurer
- Dwayne Miller – Secretary
- Glen Boland – Membership Secretary
- Sue Boris – Newsletter Editor
- Don Breslin – At Large Board Member
- Charles Krick – At Large Board Member
- Mike Mekas – At Large Board Member
- Monroe Tuttle – At Large Board Member

Special Board of Directors Meeting

The LNIA Board of Directors met Tuesday July 17th at the United Community Bank. The membership was invited to attend and a large number came. The purpose of the meeting was to talk with W.C. Nelson who serves on the Citizens Board of advisors to TVA. Tom Gilliland (a Georgian and a Vice President of the United Community Banks) has been appointed to the TVA Board of Directors by the President. It is the first time in TVA history that someone from Georgia has been appointed to the Board. W. C. invited Tom to the meeting but he was unable to attend. Charles Jenkins our State Representative did attend the meeting.

We are very concerned about the lake level and from the Lake Operating Guides we observed that Nottely seems to be supplying more water than most of the other Lakes. We were told that all 10 of the tributary lakes would be drawn from equally under the new operating guide. W. C. explained the way TVA figures the drawdown and most of the lakes are approximately 50% below full summer pool. Norris Lake was approximately 24% below full summer pool. Nottely was approximately 60% below full summer pool. This doesn't appear to be equal treatment of all tributary lakes. W. C. said that TVA admits they goofed on Norris Lake. We did get a concession from TVA. They will not draw from Nottely for three days while they draw from Norris. We wish we could report better news but this is the worst drought this area has experienced in the last 118 years. All 10 tributary lakes will experience greater draw downs during August and September. When the weather cools off the draw downs will decrease but will more than likely continue at a lesser rate. Unlike the other reservoirs, Nottely is already below the new winter pool according to the Operating Guide and despite the recent rains. Don't be surprised if Nottely drops to the old winter pool of 1746 or lower. Our only hope is for a lot of rain over the Tennessee Valley for the next six months.

Our thanks to W.C. Nelson and Charles Jenkins for giving of their time to meet with us and to W. C. for letting us know the method TVA uses to figure the Operating Schedules and for all the other information and guidance he gave us.

We must keep LNIA strong so we can continue to monitor TVA and quickly take action. If they have their way Lake Nottely could become Lake Not-a-Lake. Our large membership gives us some clout. Please help us increase our membership by inviting you neighbors and friends to join. Go to our Web site www.lakenottely.org and click on Membership to print a membership form. Keeping TVA straight is only a small part of what we do in the community. Look over the Web site and see for yourself.

Corporate Sponsors

Please support them whenever possible!

-  Mike's Seafood Market & Grill
-  United Community Bank
-  Appalachian Community Bank
-  Information on Demand
-  Bank of Blairsville
-  Cozy Cove Marina
-  Sarah Davis & Karyn Smith – Cozy Cove Realty
-  Ray's Custom Docks & Marine Service
-  Toby Swartz – Remax Enotah Realty
-  Home Depot of Blairsville, GA
-  North Georgia Boat Lift
-  Notla Water Authority
-  Garrison International Fishing Guide Service
-  Nottely Marina
-  High Country Canvas & Marine
-  Enotah Land Company - Jim McAfee
-  Sarah Chumbley – Realtor
-  Hawk's Ridge Development
-  Lakeside Village Community
-  Union County Auto Service & Tire Company
-  Mountain Valley Motors
-  Lynn's Yard and Home Accents.
-  Blue Ridge Mobile Marine Service

2007 LNIA Calendar

Listed below are the planned events for this calendar year for all LNIA members. Perspective members are also encouraged to take advantage of any of these events to join the LNIA. *Please check the website for updates.*

August

18th 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. – Island picnic - Island just off the Poteete Creek Park Pavilion. Please bring one of your specialty dishes. Meat, condiments, tableware and drinks will be provided by LNIA.

September

15th 9:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M. - Lake Nottely shoreline clean up - Poteete Creek Park Pavilion. Breakfast (coffee and doughnuts) and lunch will be provided by LNIA.

October

18th 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. - Educational meeting - UCB Brackett Community Room. Proposed Topics: Forest Stewardship, Fisheries Status, Law Enforcement, TVA updates – *check website for updates.*

November

17th 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - SR 325 Clean up - Lake Nottely Dam west side picnic table.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2006/2007

The past year has been a very busy and productive year for LNIA. We are working not only for Lake Nottely but the Community at large.

Accomplishments:

Corporate Sponsorships-The board implemented this new type of membership and it has been received with great success. “23 strong and growing”

Website Development-Thanks to the support and time given by Lyndon Sidelinger we have developed a website for LNIA. The site is loaded with wealth of information about Lake Nottely, TVA and local events. Visit us at www.lakenottely.org

Lake Clean up-LNIA continued with it's tradition of the annual Fall and Spring Lake sure clean up. Both events had large membership turn outs but the clean up in the snow was quite amazing! Over 30 members showed up in the frigid conditions and braved the elements to clean our lake.

Road side clean up-LNIA continues to sponsor 1 mile of Nottely Dam Rd and cleaned the roadside 4 times during the year.

Educational Meetings- Due to the large attendance and great program (again thanks to Lyndon for his great planning and time) we have move the meeting to the Brackett room at the United Community Bank. Last October we had over 60 attend and Mays meeting topped 75. Don't miss our next meeting!

Volunteer Hours-Over 168 hours supporting local projects.

Scottish Games-14 members manned the souvenir tent for the 2 day event.

Financial Support-LNIA contributed to following causes:

DNR-\$573.08 for Navigation equipment for the patrol boat.

DNR-\$377 for the purchase of 18 Fish Attractors placed in Lake Nottely. Our members also helped install a total of 120 Attractors in total.

Young Harris College- \$500 Donation for the support of the fight against “Woody Adelgid Threat”

Union County-\$643.07 for the purchase of a park bench engraved with Lake Nottely Improvement Association. 4 members donated their time to install the Bench at Poteet Park's public beach area.

It was a very active year!

Membership Dues Current?

If you have not paid your dues as of **March 15th**, please remit them to the **Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc. (LNIA); P.O. Box 2033; Blairsville, Georgia 30514.** Your membership and dues are critical to the LNIA since we rely 100% on them to help care for Lake Nottely and its surroundings. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please email us at membership@lakenottely.org

Membership Status!

Thanks to all the members who have paid their dues for 2007 and beyond. As of this newsletter, over 90% of our members have renewed and we now have 23 corporate sponsors. Please take an opportunity this summer and fall to invite your neighbors and friends to join.

HELP WANTED

Interested in getting involved? Call Jan Boland (706) 745-2798 or contact via e-mail boland4768@alltel.net. *We always need Volunteers*

Did You Know?

- Striped Bass reproduce naturally only in the southern most rivers of Georgia.
- Hybrid Bass are a cross between Striped Bass and White Bass and cannot reproduce.
- The Southern Pine beetle is a native insect.

Community Calendar

Sorghum Festival – last 3 weekends in October

Why is Nottely's Water Level so Low?

LNIA Board has been pro-active in contacting TVA about the very low water level this summer. Nottely is the only Reservoir currently below the original stated Winter Pool Level. Contact the TVA and be heard.

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We were promised equal treatment!

Visit us on the Web

www.lakenottely.org

Stay informed! For current information on Lake Nottely, lake levels, LNIA Events, Membership Information, Events Calendar, email links and much more, visit our website!

Newsletter – Sue Boris, Editor

If you have any suggestions, requests or comments for the LNIA Newsletter, please submit them via email to me at newsletter@lakenottely.org.

Shoreline Protection Idea to Ponder

As Union County grows and housing expands around Lake Nottely, soil erosion and pollution will increase and will eventually find its way into the lake. There are things that we as an Association can do on our own to help this situation. We can landscape our own properties to reduce our own erosion and pollution. The way to do this is to build a vegetative buffer between our homes and the lake. The vegetative buffer can be done with native plants that will add beauty as well as increase property values. You start from the winter's water level low point and climb up to the point where the lawn begins. Closest to the low water level, you select plants that are grouped as hydrics. These tolerate wet conditions or often inundated by water. Some choices might include Red Maple, River Birch, and Sweet Azalea. The next group up is mesics, which means they like moist, adequate soil moisture retention year-round. Plants that fall in this category are Flowering Dogwood, Persimmon, Sugar Maple, Low bush Blueberry, Flame Azalea, Carolina Rhododendron, Rosebay Rhododendron, and Sunflower. The next area to fill is the areas that are not moist all year round. These are call sub-xeric plants and tolerate soil that is seasonally moist and periodically dry. Some of the plants included in this group are Sourwood, American Plum, Post Oak, Mountain Laurel, High bush Blueberry, and Black-eyed Susan.

All the plants mentioned will give you outstanding beauty in the four seasons of the year. This will both enhance your landscape and act as a vegetative buffer. A vegetative buffer helps absorb and transform pollutants, anchor the banks to prevent erosion and shade the water to enhance oxygen retention. Have fun working in your yard while protecting the shoreline.

Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Nathan Deal

There were 24 members of the Association that attended the Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Nathan Deal on August 8. Before the meeting we met for a few minutes with Congressman Deal and thanked him for his help several years ago when we were attempting to force a new study and operating guide for the Tennessee River water shed. With his help and that of Congressman Charlie Norwood and Senators Miller and Chambliss and Senator elect Isakson we did get a new study and new operating guides. These have worked until this drought year came along. The Operating guide says that all tributary reservoirs will be treated equally. This has not happened. We arranged to meet with him and his staff after the meeting. We explained to them that we are not being treated the same at the Tennessee reservoirs and presented him with the facts. Harvey Cohen made a folder full of information he gathered on how TVA has rearranged the facts to show that all the tributary reservoirs are equal but we can show facts that they are not. Glen Boland compiled a chart showing a comparison of the 10 tributary reservoirs based on the bottom of the grey area which is supposed to be the lowest winter level unless there is a drought. Using the current level and that lowest level for all 10 reservoirs there was a difference of .07' above the lowest level for Watauga to 24.2' above the lowest for Douglas. Nottely was 3.6' above the lowest.

We think the Congressman will take this information and apply some pressure on TVA. Don't expect a miracle. We can't really apply enough pressure on TVA to get them to change this year. Our hope is that we can make changes that will keep this from happening again.

Reminder:

All Union Co. Address to Change!

By ordinance, all Union County address will be assign a new number based on DOT standards to support current and future 911 emergency needs. Notices will be sent out by the Blairsville Post Office some time in June and residents have 6 months after that to make the change. PO Box address will not be affected. A more detailed explanation will be given by **Lt. Hromalik** during the May 17th LNIA Educational Meeting. We will try to post any updates on lakenottely.org as well as a copy of this Ordinance will be posted soon.

Reprint froms Mays Newsletter

The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Threat

April 10, 2007 by Lyndon Sidelinger

"If left unchecked, it has the **potential to kill off most of the native hemlocks** in the Southern Appalachians," said **Alan Polk, District Ranger for the Brasstown Ranger District**. To fight this threat to the Hemlocks, the Young Harris College Beetle Laboratory was established in July 2005 under the direction of **Dr. Paul Arnold, Biology Professor**. "Beetles from the Young Harris lab were released on National Forest lands at Soapstone Creek in Towns County on March 15, 2006. These were the first beetles raised by a facility in Georgia. Since then, we have released around 40,000 adult beetles and 30,000 eggs into the field. Released primarily on USFS land in both Towns & Union counties, for the first time last week, we released beetles in Fannin county." says Paul Arnold. "We are working on a new beetle lab and plan to move in by mid summer of 2007. I am thankful for the many individuals and organizations that have donated funds and their time to this project." To get involved and volunteer, please contact Paul Arnold via email at ptarnold@yhc.edu

For more information on the Woolly Adelgid:
www.fs.fed.us/conf/press/20060327-bt-hwa-trtmnt.htm

Welcome to our New Members:

Tom and Mary Cernilli, Ellen Cole and James Tatum have all joined Recently We would like to have phone numbers and e-mail addresses for all of our members so we can keep you up to date with the latest news.

Send them to [Boland4768@alltel.net](mailto:boland4768@alltel.net).

New Corporate Sponsors

Our latest Corporate Sponsors are Hawk Ridge Development, Union County Auto Service & Tire Co., Mountain Valley Motors, Lynn's Yard and Home Accents and Blue Ridge Mobile Marine Service. Please visit our Webb site to view all our corporate sponsors and give them you business. They are a real asset to your Association.

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