



Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc.

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January 2008 Newsletter

A Message From Our President

As we close out 2007 and begin 2008, we are still in a severe drought. However Lake Nottely has risen about 3 feet in the last 2 months. We were at a low of 1752 and now we are at 1755+. TVA has not pulled water from our Lake since we started complaining to them and everybody else about the way they treat Lake Nottely. The lesson we learned this year is that we must always be vigilant and not let our guard down. The October Educational meeting was very well attended and I want to thank everyone who came. There is strength in numbers.

This year we had two lake shore clean-ups and 4 road clean-ups. We also assisted in obtaining and placing fish attractors at various points in the lake. We enjoyed our annual meeting and had a great time at the Island Picnic. Hope all our membership can participate in our activities next year.

I trust everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and will have a Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to a busy successful year ahead. Please mark your calendar for all the activities noted in this Newsletter.
-Jan Boland

Accomplishments for the past year

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. We encourage you to be active and invite others to join with us.

Accomplishments:

Corporate Sponsorships-The success continues "27 strong and growing"

Website Development-The website for LNIA continues to improve and has become a great resource for Lake Nottely and Union County. The site is loaded with a 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 shore clean-up. Both events had large membership turn out. Over 30 members showed up in the frigid conditions (April snow) and braved the elements in the Spring, then worked in the rain for the Fall event.

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

Educational Meetings- Due to the large attendance and great programming we have moved the meeting to the Bracket room at the United Community Bank. Last October we had almost 100 people attend to listen to and question the TVA about the Lake Nottely's water levels. The Lake levels have risen over 3 feet since the meeting. We actually got their attention.

Volunteer Hours-Over 279 hours supporting local projects. At the 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 fish attractors.

Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition, Inc.

The Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition works out of Murphy, NC. The watershed begins in the mountains of North Georgia and flows into North Carolina and Tennessee to join the Tennessee River. It consists of the Hiwassee and Nottely River Watersheds involving Chatuge and Nottely in Georgia as well as Hiwassee and Appalachia Lakes in North Carolina. The mission of the Coalition is to facilitate water quality improvements throughout the upper Hiwassee River watershed. There are major threats to the quality in the Hiwassee River Basin, including pollution from factories, sewage treatment plants, run-off from farmland, roads, parking lots, and construction sites. Excess erosion and sedimentation is another threat which comes from rain run-off from construction sites, plowed fields, and stream banks. Habitat alteration is another threat and last (and probably most serious) is unhealthy pathogens which come from animal waste, failing septic systems and improperly treated waste water.

These threats are all discovered by water samples taken and tested by volunteers who pass them on to a lab at UNC in Asheville where they are further tested.

Several LNIA members volunteer and the Watershed Coalition can always use more volunteers to help with water sampling and other projects, so if you wish to get involved, call 877-863-7388 for information or go to www.hrwc.net.

Happy New Year from
your LNIA
Board!!!!

Corporate Sponsors

Please support them whenever possible!

Check Website for more information

- 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
- Cary D Cox, Attorney at Law
- Jeffrey P. Stevenson, CFP
- Chuck Gaetano, the BRAFF Group
- Brett Owenby Grading

2008 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.**

April

- 5th – 9:00 Lake Shore clean-up
- 12th – 10:00 State Road 325 Clean-up

May

- 13th – 7:00 Spring Educational Meeting – Brackett Room

June

- 21st – 3:00 Annual Meeting and Picnic – Poteete Creek

July

- 12th – tentative plans for a Raccoon Mountain field trip
- 19th – 10:00 State Road 325 clean-up

August

- 16th – 3:00 Island Picnic

September

- 6th – 10:00 State Road 325 clean-up
- 13th – 9:00 Lake Shore clean-up

October

- 15th – 7:00 Fall Educational Meeting – Brackett Room

November

- 8th – 10:00 State Road 325 clean-up

2008 Membership Dues

If you have not paid your dues for the year 2008, 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. Many of our members have paid 2-3 years ahead, so let's keep up the pace and get your checks for \$15/year mailed right away. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please email us at membership@lakenottely.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We continue to need volunteers to help out in the clean-ups and to help at picnic time. If you are available and willing to help in any way, please call Monroe Tuttle at 770-634-4336 for clean-up or Jan Boland at 706-745-2798 or email boland4768@alltel.net for other volunteer work. We have a strong membership and we encourage you to get involved. We especially need callers who are willing to call members for reminders when events are coming up.

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!

Guest Speaker Ideas, Anyone??

We are in the process of planning the Spring and Fall Educational meetings. We have had some wonderful speakers in the past and would like to know if anyone has ideas for guest speakers that might be of interest to our group.

All Union Co. Addresses to Change!

By ordinance, all Union County residences will be assigned a new number based on DOT standards to support current and future 911 emergency needs.

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.