



# Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc.

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## May 2007 Newsletter

### \* Spring Educational Meeting \*

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

United Community Bank – Brackett Community Room  
59 Highway 515, Blairsville, Georgia

Presentations by:

**LNIA** - Young Cane Creek Resort information updates

**TVA River Operations** – Summer Lake Level forecast

**Dr. Paul Arnold** - YHC Beetle Lab - Updates and Releases

**DNR Law Enforcement** – Boating Safety & New Patrol Boat

**DNR Fisheries** – 2007 Fish Attractor & Stocking Projects

**Union County Mapping Dept** – Union Co. Address Changes

*Check the LNIA website for update*

### Fridge April Shoreline Clean-up!

April 7, 2007 by Glen Boland

Thanks to the 35 brave and conscientious members who came out in the blizzard of April 7, 2007 to pick up trash on the shores of Lake Nottely and surrounding National Forest lands. It was bitterly cold on the lake with temperatures in the low 20's and wind chill well below zero. However, no one froze and we picked up a lot of trash consisting of the usual beer cans and bottles, tires, bait boxes, snuff cans, clothing articles, diapers, furniture, auto parts, Styrofoam floats, oil bottles, yard signs and numerous other articles. A big "Thank You" goes to **Bob Garrison** and **Glen Boland** for volunteering as captains and the use of their pontoon boats. We discovered another unauthorized garbage dump south of the Deaver Road boat ramp. Seems like every year we find one or two. Also, many thanks to **Lakeside Village** for furnishing our breakfast and providing our meeting place. They have done this for so many years that the board voted them honorary corporate sponsors to show our appreciation. Finally, we would like to thank **Lisa Skomp** and **Scott Howden of Cozy Cove Marina and Realty** for their donation of \$100 for the clean up expenses and lunch. We love our Corporate Sponsors!

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> LNIA Educational Meeting. We will try to post any updates on [lakenottely.org](http://lakenottely.org) as well as a copy of this Ordinance will be posted soon.

### Fish Attractor & Stocking Update

April 11, 2007 by A.G. Sherman

The LNIA in cooperation with the GA Department of Natural Resources – Fisheries Section and the US Forest Service – Brasstown Ranger District had a workday on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the USFS Work Station east of Blairsville with lunch provided by the LNIA. 18 large fish attractors were assembled with 22 left to be done. Thanks to **Doug Triestram**, **Darrell Scott** and **A.G. Sherman** for their time and effort. The materials, in excess of \$3,000, were provided by the TVA for use in Lake Nottely. This will also include 120 Hedgehog units supplied by the DNR/TVA. The LNIA will be purchasing an addition 20 fish attractors (2 by Doug Triestram) to be placed at the north end of Lake Nottely. These hedgehog units can be viewed at [www.jandjhabitat.com/hedge\\_hod.php](http://www.jandjhabitat.com/hedge_hod.php) The current plan is to install all of these around June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interest in helping out, please email us at [volunteer@lakenottely.org](mailto:volunteer@lakenottely.org) or call AG Sherman @ 706-745-1087. "The Stocking Program for 2007 includes 50,000 Stripper, 50,000 Hybrid and over 200,000 Largemouth Bass fingerlings to be released sometime this summer" says **Reggie Weaver**, **Biologist with the GA DNR Fisheries Section**. "This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year the DNR has done this stocking in an effort to offset the effects of the Blueback Herring on the Largemouth Bass population."

### 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](mailto:ptarnold@yhc.edu)

**For more information on the Woolly Adelgid:**  
[www.fs.fed.us/conf/press/20060327-bt-hwa-trtmnt.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/conf/press/20060327-bt-hwa-trtmnt.htm)

## The Hemlocks Need Your Help!

To make a tax deductible donation to the beetle lab, please make your check out to “**Young Harris College**” and reference “**Hemlock Project**” on the memo line and mail it to the **LNIA; P.O. Box 2033; Blairsville, GA 30514** or bring them to the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Barry Varian (LNIA Treasurer) will then present the donations to the Young Harris College Beetle Lab on behalf of the LNIA. The LNIA will also be making a contribution. Thank you for your contributions to this worthwhile project. Sincerely, Paul Arnold, Professor of Biology, Young Harris College

## Membership Dues Current?

If you have not paid your dues as of **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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** or call **Harvey Cohen, LNIA President (706) 745-7109**.

## Membership Status!

Thanks to all the members who have paid their dues for 2007 and beyond. As of this newsletter, over 82% of our members have renewed and we now have 20 corporate sponsors. Please take an opportunity this spring and summer to invite your neighbors and friends to join.

## Lake Nottely's New DNR Patrol Boat

April 30, 2007 by Lyndon Sidelinger

The DNR Law Enforcement Region II has purchased a new 2007 Cobolt 220 (22 foot) patrol boat assigned to Lake Nottely. The patrol boat was ordered back in November of 2006 and is the only patrol boat being purchased this year by the DNR for use north of Atlanta. “In past years, the DNR has transferred older boats from Lake Lanier for use in Lake Nottely and surrounding reservoirs” said Sgt. Johnny Johnson, Administrative Sergeant - DNR Law Enforcement Region II. The new patrol boat will be available for viewing for the first time during the Spring Educational Meeting on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This boat is white with the familiar green DNR stripe. The LNIA will be purchasing addition safety and navigation equipment to support Kevin Dyer – DNR Law Enforcement Ranger during his patrols of Lake Nottely. We are very thankful for his dedication and see this as just one way to show him our support. “It does make a significant difference to our law enforcement efforts when we have the support of the community like the LNIA has shown” said Sgt. Johnny Johnson in a recent phone conversation.

## 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.*

### May

17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. - Educational meeting - UCB Community Room. Proposed Topics: Young Harris Beetle Lab update, Cane Creek Development update, Boating Safety & new DNR Patrol Boat, Fisheries & Fish Attractor update, TVA River Operations forecast for 2007 – *check website for updates.*

TBD – Fish Attractors to be assembled by the DNR, USFS and LNIA

### June

16<sup>th</sup> 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. - Annual meeting and election of officers - Poteete Creek Park Pavilion. Please bring one of your specialty dishes. Meat, condiments, tableware and drinks will be provided by LNIA.

TBD – Fish Attractors to be installed by the DNR, USFS and LNIA

### July

21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - SR 325 Clean up - Lake Nottely Dam west side picnic table.

### August

18<sup>th</sup> 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

15<sup>th</sup> 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



















18<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## 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

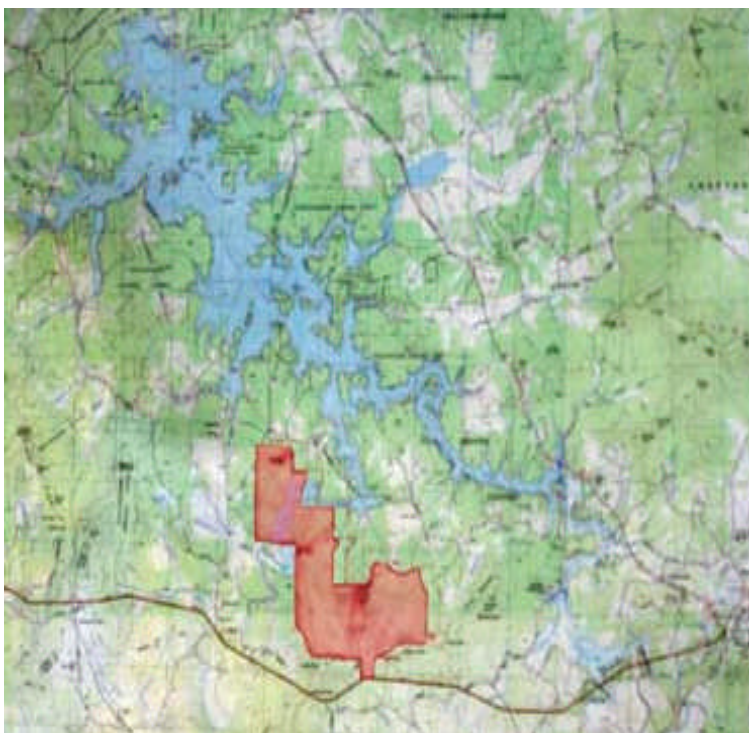
**Article: North Georgia News – April 4, 2007 (reprint)**

**Title: Eagle Group to build 5-star resort in Union County**

**Byline: Norman Cooper, NGN Editor**

Imagine driving along a highway. You turn north and drive toward a tunnel. As you approach the end of the tunnel, a beautiful mountain ridge appears. A ridge with trees, not scrapped bare with houses on it. You soak in the beauty of the mountain. As you exit the tunnel, you look down onto a village, a community where affordable houses and luxury homes coexist in the same area with shops, a five-star resort, a golf course and a beautiful lake. Now, imagine that in Union County. Hard to imagine? Not anymore. Union County will elevate its rank among the most desirable destinations and desired locations to live in North Georgia and the tri-state area of Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia when The Eagle Group establishes a five-star resort and sustainable community on approximately 1,400 acres in the western part of the county over the next decade. The project will feature affordable housing and high end housing living and coexisting together. The homes will be architecturally controlled and architecturally sensitive. The homes will surround the resort and a Jack Nicklaus signature golf course. The 250-room hotel will be owned by the Eagle Group but will be managed by the West Paces Hotel Group. It will be similar to a European Villa Resort Hotel and will feature a full service spa among other amenities. The Eagle Group, headed by Chairman Ron Reeser and CEO/President Hal Hayes, will be investing millions of dollars into the project. While specific figures are hard to project at this stage, it could amount to as much as \$300 million over the next decade to dozen years. The group has a local associate, Blairsville resident Ron Scogin. The Eagle Group's leadership is involved in the planning, project financing and building of the projects it creates. Local partners are involved. The project's construction phase could have anywhere from 100 jobs to as many as 2,000 jobs, depending on the phase. When it is finished, there should be around 1,000 permanent jobs - including high paying mid-level management jobs, retail oriented jobs, golf course employment and service type jobs. During a seven-day span during the end of

March and beginning of April, a charrette involving about 30 participants was held at North Georgia Technical College. The majority of those participating were from DPZ (Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company). Since its founding in 1980, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company has completed designs for over 250 new and existing communities. "The idea of a charrette is a seven-day intense work session, with Sunday morning off for church," Hayes said. "It was designed to get the whole team together, everybody that can tell us everything we need to know about designing a project. We have about 70 percent of the land plan, architectural character, roadway system, resort system and lake system in place." Having that many people in a charrette definitely has its advantages. "The land planning team gets to spend a concentrated time on the property and getting into the community," Reeser said. "They come into the work session to draw and create the land plan for the community. We have architects, land planners and illustrators. We are taking the vision Hal and I have for this property and communicating it to talented people who are putting it on paper. We have all this talent sequestered together day after day." Once on paper, they all went out on 4-wheelers and mules and they walked the land. They determine how to maintain the green spaces and put the roads in the right places. It is all done to keep from having a blight on the land. Phase One will be entrance to the property, which will be from Hwy. 515 west of Blairsville and east of Hwy. 325. That phase includes a village center at the base of Peter Young Mountain. Plans include the entrance to be through a tunnel. "The tunnel will frame up Peter Young Mountain," Reeser said. "When you leave the tunnel you will see the mountain and you will look down on the village." The view while exiting the tunnel will focus on the roof tops and the park setting in the center of the village and Peter Young Mountain projected up behind it. The Eagle Group is taking great endeavor to maintain and even enhance the aesthetics of the area. Typical developments in Union County and the surrounding areas in recent years tend to be to tear everything off the top of a ridge and put houses on the top of the ridges. The Eagle Group has a different concept. "One of the things we do not want to do is clear cutting and tree removal," Reeser said. "We are planning to leave the ridges intact. Our plan is to leave the ridge lines and tree lines intact. We will nestle houses and do it in a manner where we don't disturb the land. We will color code the houses with the landscape so you can barely see the houses." The Eagle Group, formed in 1987, has imaged itself as a "new town, new resort" developer. The vision statement of the Eagle Group is refreshingly unique. The Eagle Group goes out into the market place daily, using God's wisdom to buy, sell and create communities, then they take that profit and sow it into 100-fold ground to get the 100-fold return. "We sow it back into places that our Creator tells us to sow it," Reeser said. Where does Reeser and Hayes get their creativity? "We get it from our Creator," said Reeser. "One of the things we ask those in the Eagle's group to do each day is to read the chapter in Proverbs that corresponds with the day. [Thus, on April 6th everyone would read Proverbs chapter 6]. That gives you wisdom." Key components that played a major role in the Eagle Group choosing Union County for a resort included the close proximity to Atlanta, the access on Hwy. 515, the 10,000 feet of lake frontage on Lake Nottely, Peter Young Mountain's height and the fact it is a ridge. What surrounds the area the Eagle Group is developing also played a role. Several characteristics stood out for Reeser and Hayes when looking for an area to build a resort. "The vastness of the mountain ranges, the views and the natural beauty of Union County were part of it," replied Hayes, "and the accessibility transportation wise from several surrounding areas. The Eagle Group is about creating new towns and resorts, or extensions of towns everybody always dreams about. The



Map of The Eagle Group Property highlighted in red

hometown we all wanted, we just want to extend it or create it." The Eagle Group took a long look at Union County, taking into consideration the political makeup, the citizens living here, the access and location of the land. "We were almost in disbelief as to how perfect a place it was to unveil a unique project like this," Reeser said, "as compared to the other counties around." The plans for this community and resort are created by DPZ. "They are known for their urbanism concept which creates villages and neighborhoods throughout a project," said Hayes. The exact number of units has yet to be determined, but the several unique villages and neighborhoods will surround the resort and a golf course on Lake Nottely. The total project, predicted to take between 10 to 12 years to complete, will be built in six or seven phases. "The land plan we are working on now during this charrette will dictate how we phase it out," said Reeser. Following the land plan will be a market study. The mountain resort and community project is one of two major projects the Eagle Group is currently developing. The other is known as Jubilee, just north of Pensacola, Florida. It is a planned community with parks, walking trails, village centers and golf courses. Reeser refers to the two projects as being on "trophy property" and he, along with Hayes, refer to the two developments as the mountain trophy property and the beach trophy property. "To have a trophy property, you have to have a certain critical mass to put all of the elements of a trophy property development together," Reeser said. "It is not a static number of acres, but it needs to be a large tract to put the pieces together." The Eagle Group is unique in its approach to developing a project. They conform the plan to fit the land. "The land will dictate this project," Hayes said. "We have project ideas from designers and planners, but the land dictates the size and the way it is planned. We leave the land better than we found it in terms of planning, transportation, accessibility and other things." Both the Jubilee project near Pensacola and the yet-to-be-named resort in Union County will have one golf course - each designed by well known golfers. The course near the beach is designed by Jerry Pate. The course in Union County will be designed by Jack Nicklaus. "For the past 10 years, Jack Nicholas has been the number one designer in the business," Hayes stated. "The course is designed to be challenging and fun, so the best golfer can play it and the worst golfer can play it and everybody can have just as much fun playing the course. It will be a natural course and we will try to not disturb too much of the land." The construction of the golf course should begin early on in the project. Once the resort is open, North Georgia Technical College would be the ideal school to educate those wanting that field of work. The resort could also provide internships for students. Reeser and Hayes had been in the "idea" end of the business for years (Reeser beginning in 1972), handing over the plans to others to develop. They decided a few years ago to become not only the "idea" people, but also the developers as well. Reeser and Hayes will concentrate their focus at the present time to the two developments, the beach project and the mountain project. Both describe themselves as having "the passionate energy" to see the two projects through to completion. Reeser, Hayes and Scogin meet with Union County community leaders during an opening session and an ending session at North Georgia Technical College, the first to explain the vision and concept of the project and the latter to unveil some of the ideas that came from the intense seven-day endeavor. The Eagle Group project for Union County should have us singing in jubilation. The vision of a new resort, residential area, convention center, hotel, golf course, tourist's attraction - all with a township concept - will be tremendous for Union County. Ron Reeser and Hal Hayes know how to build something right. They go first class. They combine their expertise and knowledge with planners, architectural experts, golf course designers

and others they bring in for the planning and execution of a project. The Eagle Group is vision minded, environmentally sensitive and quality construction oriented. The county's aesthetic beauty will be increased as a result of this magnificent project. For several days our community hosted a group of experts in various fields who spent hours upon hours creating, talking, designing and discussing what would be best for this concept the Eagle Group envisioned. To see the collaborative creativity was inspiring and fascinating. The wins of such a project include an economic boost, jobs creation, increased tax base and tax revenue from those who live elsewhere when they visit our community. A great feature will be the added prestige to our already remarkable area. This will have a positive impact for our property owners, our school system and our county government. Many who have heretofore passed through our area on their way to somewhere else will now be making Union County their ultimate destination. The developers did it right. They came to town, met with community leaders, shared their vision, went to work with experts in various fields, then unveiled the ideas that came forth from that work with community leaders in a final session. They were forthcoming and open with their plans and ideas, an example others should follow. (end)

### Did You Know?

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

### Community Calendar

**Blairsville Scottish Festival** - June 8, 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Bark in the Park** – June 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Lake Nottely Annual Boat Parade** – July 4<sup>th</sup>  
**GA Mountain Fair** – July 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Sorghum Festival** – last 3 weekends in October

### Surveys are being Reviewed

We had over 100 members take the sent with the January newsletter. These will be summarized and shared with the LNIA Board, USFS, DNR and TVA for future planning and at the annual meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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### Newsletter - Lyndon Sidelinger, Editor

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