



LBCA

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Newsletter

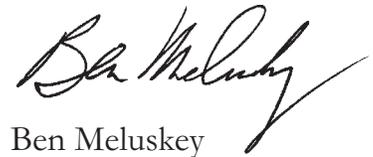
President's Comments

At our Annual Meeting on August 16, LBCA members in attendance elected the officers and directors as nominated by the Board (see July Newsletter) keeping a hard working group together for the second year of my term.

A special thanks to Commissioners Eston Melton and John Davis for attending our Annual Meeting. We hope it becomes a traditional venue for the exchange of information and ideas.

Your Board of Directors accomplished a great deal in the past year. They started two anti-pollution campaigns, published directories and

newsletters, closely monitored real estate developments on the lake, actively lobbied the county government on your behalf, completed a comprehensive water quality study, kicked off the standpipe project, conducted a number of fund raising events and maintained an awareness of what the LBCA membership was saying. I look forward to what this team can do to maintain the excellence of Lake Burton over the ensuing year.



Ben Meluskey

Golf Tournament A Hit

The 12th annual LBCA Golf Tournament raised approximately \$14,500 for our firefighters. The event, held at Kingwood Resort, was won by the team of Lawrence Stockton, Gary Green, Larry Gillespie and Jack Green, which shot an amazing score of 48. Thank you Crawford Grice and Ray Kunzer for a job well done.



Road Litter Cleanup

Thirty-eight families have volunteered to pick up litter on our lake roads! Our County Marshall, Roy Lovell, hopes to publicize our adoption of 30 plus miles of roads as an example for the entire county. Committee members will be contacting volunteers soon . . . if they haven't already. We will publish the names of all volunteers and the roads they have adopted in our next newsletter and you will probably start seeing LBCA signs on the roads this fall.





Tour of Homes

The *Tour of Homes* raised over \$9,000 for our firefighters. This writer's home was on the tour and I am pleased to report that just one of our grandchildren can make more of a mess in one day than 400 of our peers traipsing through the house.

A number of justifiable complaints were made about long delays in the transport of people from one home to another during the afternoon. Part of the cause seems to be logistical, but the major problem was the very few boats in service to move people. We apologize that the

delays occurred . . . we did the best we could with the resources on hand.

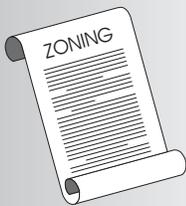
The *Tour of Homes* is an excellent event, but this year it was extremely difficult to find people who wanted to share their homes or to drive their boats. A number of people have suggested that the event should be held on a semi-annual instead of an annual basis. Please vote "Yes" or "No" to this suggestion at the special web page set up for this purpose: www.lbca.net/tourofhomesvote.htm. Your input is important.



New Zoning Laws

Early drafts of Rabun County's zoning laws indicate that the county is tightening up a number of vagaries in the existing law as well as creating new ordinances that will alleviate a number of problems associated with rapid growth. Accepting only "paved" roads from developers and "mandatory" property cleanup are hoped to be in the

enacted version of the ordinances. Two sections of the new ordinances important to the LBCA are the creation of a "set back" on private land and a new definition of the word "garage" - eliminating the ability to create a residence in or on a building designated as a garage.



Lake Burton Antique Boat Show

The Lake Burton Antique and Classic boat show will be held on Saturday, October 11, from 10 AM to 4 PM at YMCA Camp High Harbour (nine miles west of Clayton on US 76 and a long 1/2 mile north of the Lake

Burton Bridge). One can see scores of restored wooden boats and launches dating back to the early 1900's - it's free! For further information call Larry Barnes at 706-947-3507.



Boat Size Limits

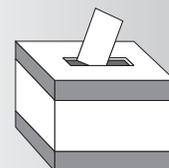
The Rabun County Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance proposed by the LBCA to limit the size of boats on the lake to 30' 6" (which seems to be a statewide standard). Jim

Holmes, who presented the proposal to the county, is now carrying the proposal to the state for the enactment of legislation.



Briefly . . .

- ☑ Rabun County's Board of Commissioners will expand from 3 to 5 members in 2004. One or more of our current commissioners may not seek re-election. This is an early reminder that your vote next year is very important. If one member of your family is not registered to vote in Rabun County . . . now is the time to do it.
- ☑ Graphics (bottled up in a Georgia Power computer) are delaying the publication of Tom Fischer's *Water Quality Study*. Bear with us - knowing that, per the July newsletter, the news is good.
- ☑ We have now received over \$21,000 in contributions to the standpipe project. Additionally, Sid Kollme sent in a reminder that there was a "set aside" in the amount of \$10,000 remaining in the LBCA budget from the fire boat project. This means the standpipe project is fully funded and can be approved by the board at our September meeting.
- ☑ The North Georgia Community Players will produce *Charlotte's Web* in October and *The Odd Couple* in December. For more information one can write to them at: P.O. Box 643, Clayton, GA 30525.
- ☑ Speaking of elections . . . the LBCA will be electing as many as five new directors next year. We anticipate sending out applications with the November newsletter. Start considering whether or not you want to help improve the quality of life on the lake.
- ☑ Thank you, Bill Bomar, whose firm Windham Brannon, P.C., maintained the LBCA financials on a pro-bono basis the past two years. Steve Downs, our new Treasurer will be selecting an accounting firm in Clayton in the near future.
- ☑ *Rhapsody In Rabun* is headed for a banner year with enlisted attendees and donations at an all time high. This year's recipient is the *Rabun County Hospital Foundation* which intends to build out a critical care unit at the hospital with the proceeds . . . preliminarily, it looks like its in the bag.



Vandalism . . . Or Perhaps Larceny

In late August, vandals stole some 25 road signs from Moccasin Creek and Dick's Creek Roads - including stop signs, street name signs and other cautionary signs. Because of the value of the signs and the cost of labor to replace them, the theft may be considered larceny - which would actually make the vandals felons. More importantly, the act has a major impact on road safety and on the ability of responding quickly to a 911 alert. Please be aware of anything on our roads out of the ordinary and contact the Marshall's office at 706-782-2657 with any information you become aware of.

