



# LBCA

May 2004

## Newsletter

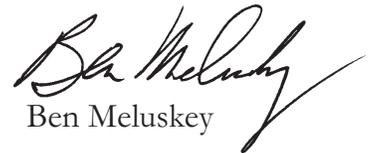
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### President's Comments

Let's all pray for an accident free summer on the lake.

Last summer I received a number of calls and emails asking what we could do about enforcing the boating safety rules contained in the brochure you recently received. Often, an LBCA member was complaining because a boat had sped by their dock – sometimes with swimmers in the water – well inside the **100 foot limit allowed by the State of Georgia**. Surprisingly, the offender, more often than not, turned out to be a family member or

guest of a resident. Let's all do our best to extend the maximum courtesy we can to everyone on the lake by slowing down when we are near a dock or another boat. Remember: we are driving on Lake Burton . . . not on Interstate 285!



Ben Meluskey

P.S. Please make a note of my new email address: [meluskey@alltel.net](mailto:meluskey@alltel.net).



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### June Member Meeting & Bluegrass Party

Enclosed you will find the reservation form for the LBCA Spring Meeting and Bluegrass Party. The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM. Joni is serving a chicken dinner at 6:30 PM and the music by Curtis Blackwell and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys starts at 7:00

PM. Bring your favorite “after 5:00” libation, tablecloths, some utensils (if you want to avoid plastic) and an ear for some great music. At a price of \$15.00 per person (\$10.00 for children under 12), this event is a real bargain.



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### Where Did The Cell Phone Tower Go?

On or about April 10, the cell phone tower located just north of Moccasin Cove disappeared. It seems that Cingular failed to inform its subscribers that it was going to take the tower down and replace it with a larger tower that both Cingular and Verizon will occupy. This sequence of events – rationalized by the telephone companies – left a number of people

without service until a portable tower – that is helping some people – was installed on April 20. Who said complaining doesn't do any good? Despite the temporary absence of service, the new tower, scheduled for completion on or before June 15, will provide service to a far greater number of lake residents than the tower that just “simply disappeared”.



## McKenzie Family Loses Lake Home To Fire

The McKenzie family lost their lake home on Vickers Road to fire the evening of May 3rd. The good news – if you can call it such – is that most of the family's furniture and heirlooms were in storage in anticipation of remodeling, which was due to start later in May. The McKenzies asked that we thank Gail and T. Irvin (for reporting the fire), the volunteer firefighters from our three lake fire departments who responded to the alarm and Mountain Patrol (for maintaining an overnight vigil at the fire scene).

## Bynum Family Property

The sales contract between the Bynum family and Majestic Residential Corporation for its development of the 85-acre parcel of land adjoining Highway 197 and the south end of Blalock Goldmine Road is void. A spokesman for Majestic indicated that his company was unable to complete its due diligence for the development within the time parameters stipulated in the contract. The Bynum family, owners of the property, have presented a preliminary overview of their plan for the property's development to Georgia Power Company. That overview provides for only 30 to 35 single family homes sitting on lots with an average size of 3 acres. This is less than one half the number of home sites Majestic had previously proposed to put on the property.



## Standpipe & Dry Hydrant Locations

The map on the back of this newsletter depicts the approximate locations of the standpipes and dry hydrants on Lake Burton that your dues and donations made possible. These tools provide a significant increase in the capability of our firefighters to combat fires. Today every home on and around the lake can be supplied with abundant water in a small fraction of the time it took to bring in a limited amount of water prior to the installations of the standpipes and dry hydrants . . . and the arrival of the fireboat.



## LBCA Golf Tournament – August 6, 2004

The 13th annual Lake Burton Civic Association Golf Tournament will be held at Kingwood Resort in Clayton on Friday, August 6, 2004. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** This event – which produces revenues from sponsorships and greens fees – has been a very successful fund-raiser for the Tallulah-Persimmon, Wildcat and Lakes Volunteer Fire & Rescue Departments. **Sponsors for this worthy cause are needed and welcome.** For more information contact Ray Kunzer at 706-947-1703. Golfing applications will be mailed in July. If you want to play in the tournament and do not receive an application, please contact Crawford Grice at 706-782-7387.



## Briefly . . .

- ✓ The Tiger Drive-In Theater, which was closed in 1980, was reopened on April 10, representing a new entertainment venue for our area.
- ✓ Home Depot has announced a new store for Clayton, to be located on US Highway 441, next door to Wal-Mart. A lot of dirt is being moved right now. Look for an October – November opening.
- ✓ Power companies have won the battle to build transmission lines across Forest Service land. Senior U.S. District Judge William C. O’Kelly granted motions for a summary judgment to GTC, HEMC and etc. . . . ruling that the Forest Service had complied with proper procedures in its determination that a permit should be granted.
- ✓ 100% of the responses to the question in the March newsletter regarding removal of the “garage” in Murray Cove, favor supporting the lawsuit for its removal.
- ✓ The LBCA Nominating Committee has selected its nominees for the association’s new president, vice president and 5 new directorships. The nominees will be presented to the Board of Directors on May 16 for their consideration.
- ✓ We have been told that the Lake Burton Fun Run is scheduled for June 26. Application information is not yet available. Although this is not an LBCA sponsored event, we will be posting the application information on our web site as soon as it is available.



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## Upcoming Events

- May 16 Spring Board of Directors Meeting*
- June 12 Spring Members Meeting & Bluegrass Party*
- June 26 Boating Safety Course at Wildcat VFD*
- July 3 Fourth of July Fireworks*
- July 10 Wildcat VFD Fried Chicken*
- July 10 Boating Safety Course at Tallulah Gorge State Park*



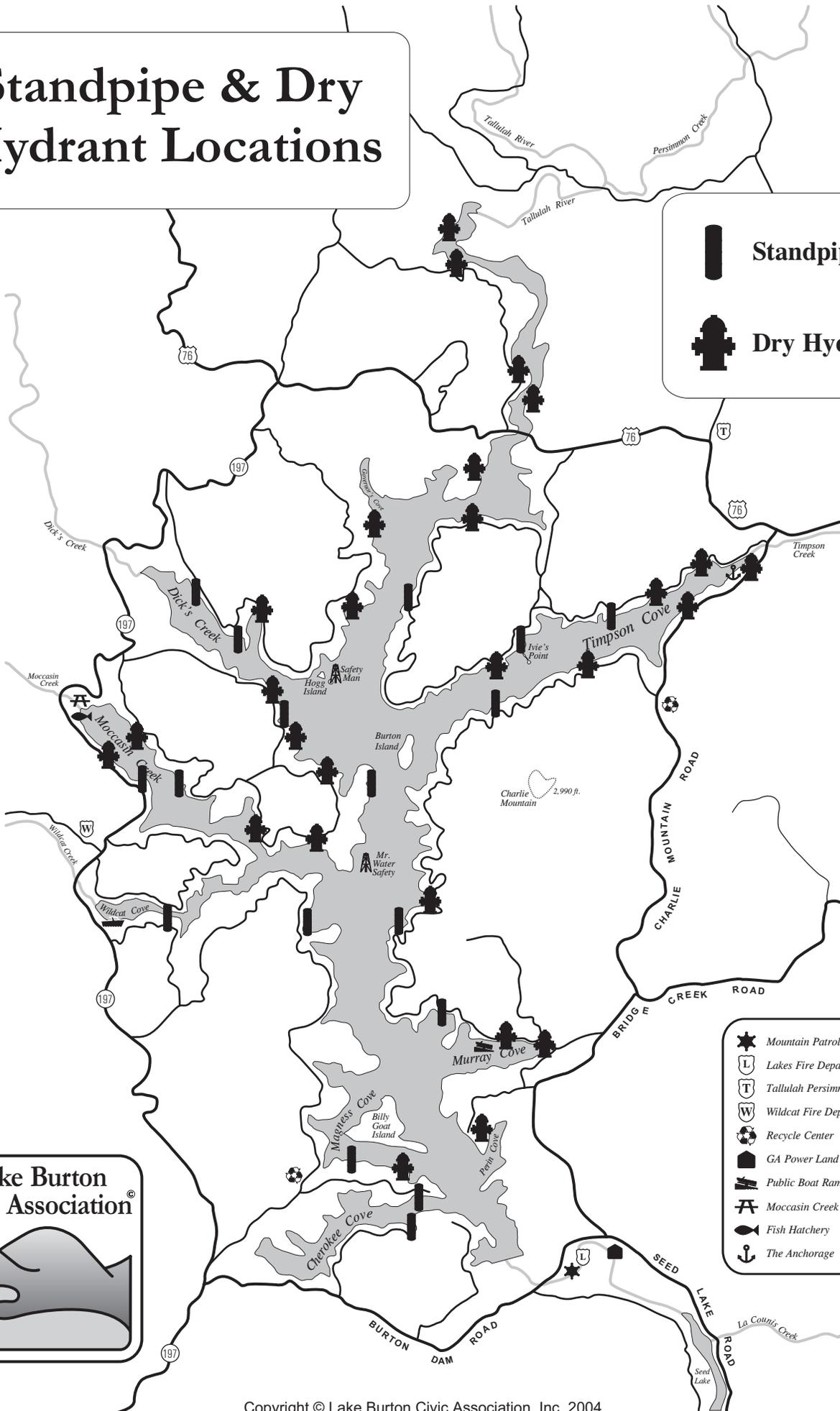
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## LBCA Loses Golf Challenge

The LBCA golf team lost the Lakes Golf Challenge to the combined team of the Lake Seed and Lake Rabun Associations by a score of 8 to 5. The Challenge, which had a number of very close matches, was held at Waterfall Country Club on Friday, April 23. Roger Hansen, who organized the LBCA team, assures us that “we’ll win big next year”.

# Standpipe & Dry Hydrant Locations

-  Standpipes
-  Dry Hydrants



-  Mountain Patrol Headquarters
-  Lakes Fire Department
-  Tallulah Persimmon Fire Department
-  Wildcat Fire Department
-  Recycle Center
-  GA Power Land Dept.
-  Public Boat Ramp
-  Moccasin Creek State Park
-  Fish Hatchery
-  The Anchorage

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