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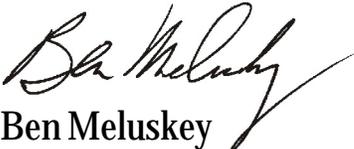
Newsletter

President's Message

This will be my last message to you as the president of the LBCA and I just want to say it has been a pleasure to serve the association. There have been a few worrisome moments . . . but for the most part happy times with few disputes.

As I have said before, I am most thankful for a hard working Board of Directors. Over the past two years they have published ecology and draw down reports, enrolled 60 families in Rabun County's anti-litter program, published directories, increased our community involvement, organized luncheons and meet-

ings, run four golf tournaments, published timely newsletters, conducted the tour of homes, increased the amount of our charitable donations . . . and more. I am also thankful for the support of the membership. It is important that the LBCA's new administration receives the same level of dedication I have enjoyed. Please attend the annual meeting on August 14th to show them your support.



Ben Meluskey



LBCA Officer & Director Nominees

The LBCA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following candidates for election at our Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, August 14th:

Officers
(for a 2 year term)

Steve Barrett,
President
Ray Kunzer,
Vice President

Directors
(for a 3 year term)

Larry Barnes • Jim Higdon
Wilds Pierce • Janis Stapleton
Bruce Woodward



August 14th Annual Meeting / Art Show



The LBCA will host an Art Show on August 14th in conjunction with the association's Annual Meeting at Fred's Shed. The show will start at 9:30 AM and end at 5:30 PM. Over 20 prominent local artists have already committed to the show, including: Cindy Angliss, John Boozer, Broadrick Crawford, Jim Dodd, Jean Ann Edwards, John Kollock, Tom

Landreth, David Lann, Susan Leggett, Dianne Mize, Jan Stansell, Steve Turpin, and Patrica Wilson/Janice Lymburner. Do come out and enjoy the show.

Persimmon Creek Vineyards will conduct a wine tasting for those members who have attended the meeting and luncheon. Send in the enclosed application to attend.

2004 Tour of Homes Cancelled

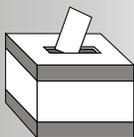


The LBCA Board of Directors has cancelled the 2004 Tour of Homes and passed a resolution to make the event a biennial occurrence. Some 30 boats and at least 3 homes are required to stage the tour and . . . as of mid-May . . . only 7 boats and 1 home were pledged. Because of this, cancellation was the only logical choice.

With the cancellation of the Tour of Homes in 2004, the LBCA's donation to the lake fire departments will fall some \$10,000 below historic levels and each of the departments

truly needs the money to maintain an effective response/fire fighting level. One way of making up the shortfall is by increased support of the LBCA Golf Tournament. We could have the companies we own or work for become Sponsors (\$200) or Patrons (\$100) of the Golf Tournament. If anyone can do so, please contact Ray Kunzer at 706-947-1703. As an alternative, the Board of Directors will consider raising the association's annual dues starting in 2005.

Rabun County Elections



The Rabun County Board of Commissioners will increase in size from three to five members in the next election. Three seats are being contested this year. Primary elections will take place on July 20th. The LBCA does not endorse candidates, but there are candidates running for seats on the board who have demon-

strated they care for the lakes. Please do a little research about the candidates, their records and their views, and then do your best to vote in the primary to help continue the bonding that is slowly evolving between our county government and the lakes.



Water Safety

The Georgia DNR has advised the LBCA that citations will be issued for 100 foot violations. If someone runs too close to your dock at high speed, get the number of the boat and call the DNR at 770-535-5499. If you have a repetitive situation, call and the DNR will post a spy to catch the offender. The key to slowing people down is enforcement

and we all need to report violators.

The DNR also asks that we do not boat with our docking lights on, as they prevent people from seeing the boat's green/red running lights. Also . . . please don't leave swim buoys out when no one is swimming or about to go swimming.



Briefly . . .

- ☑ LaPrades Investors (formerly TriCord) has issued a press release that its restaurant, marina and gas dock will not open for business in 2004. The press release describes a property dispute that LaPrades Investors is having with Georgia Power and cites this dispute as the reason the business is closed. A spokesperson for Georgia Power stated, "I have read LaPrades press release and I assure you that the redevelopment issues between Georgia Power and LaPrades have no bearing on their decision to close this summer. We would like to see the marina and gas dock open and operating for the people on the lake."
- ☑ With the closing of LaPrades for the summer, Anchorage Marina is the only place to buy gas on the lake. Try to gas up during the week, if you can, to avoid the long lines anticipated on the weekends.
- ☑ May's newsletter implied that the Standpipe Project was complete. Sorry! Although the map in the newsletter was accurate, the job will not be finished until the spring of 2005.
- ☑ The combined Spring Member Meeting/Bluegrass Party was a hit — with over 250 members in attendance. Everyone indicated they were in favor of continuing this format next year.
- ☑ The LBCA Board of directors recently approved a \$5,833 donation to the Rabun Medical Foundation representing one-third of the purchase price for a state of the art EKG/ECG machine for one of the county's EMS vehicles. The Board also approved \$1,000 donations to the Boggs Mountain Animal Shelter, the Camp High Harbor Scholarship Fund and Camp Sunshine (in memory of Helen Whitney).
- ☑ The shortfall in last year's acorn crop combined with a slow berry season may bring more black bears down from the mountains this summer. Fortunately, a Black Bear Preservation Center is now open in Clayton. The experts there recommend you make noise when in the woods. They also say that if you encounter a black bear, remember, they rarely attack. Just talk to the bear in a low voice as you would a child and make sure you give it room to escape. For more information please call 706-212-0144 . . . or access the center's web site at www.blackbearcenter.com.

