



LBCA

September 2004

Newsletter

President's Comments

First, I want the members to know that I am excited about leading the LBCA for the next two years. Second, I feel it very appropriate to thank the officers, directors and past presidents for the hours they have put in over the past two years to make the association as strong and respected as it has become. Third, I want to welcome our new officers and directors to the leadership roles they volunteered to assume. While there will be challenges and opportunities coming our way in the next two years, the membership can be sure that there is a dedicated group running the association with the best interests

of the lake community in mind.

A special thank you goes to Cynthia Whitney, Dick Diedrick and Bill Markert for the outstanding Art Show and Annual Business Meeting held on August 14th at Fred's Shed. They and their helpers worked long and hard to make it happen and look so smooth. Over 250 members enjoyed the event.

I welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please forward them to my email at srs-inc@juno.com.

Steve Barrett



New Officers & Directors

The LBCA membership elected the following new officers and directors at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, August 14, 2004:

Officers (for a 2 year term)

Steve Barrett,
President
Becky Hunter,
Vice President
Becky Callahan,
Secretary

Directors (for a 3 year term)

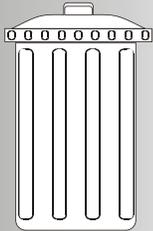
Larry Barnes
Jim Higdon
Wilds Pierce
Janis Stapleton
Bruce Woodward



Garage Will Be Removed

HATS OFF to the William Hall and Russ Daniel families who purchased the property on which the controversial garage had been built between the lake and the road on

Murray Cove. The new owners, who had the full support of the Rabun County Board of Commissioners, have agreed to remove the garage in the spring of 2005.



Annual Clean Up Day Rescheduled

Georgia Power planned to sponsor a picnic/outing on the morning of September 24th to clean up the shores of Lake Burton. Unfortunately, this event had to be rescheduled due to complications caused by wind and flooding from Hurricane Ivan the preceding week. We will post information regarding the rescheduled event to the LBCA web site as soon as it is available. The power company will provide a few

pontoons, garbage bags, beverages and lunch. If you have an older pontoon you would like to make available for the clean up effort, please bring it. For updated scheduling information and to reserve your lunch please call 706-947-3521. The short term goal of the event is, of course, a cleaner environment. The long range goal is to create a fun community happening for all.



Boating Laws & Statistics Of Interest

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources reports that heading into the last week of August, Lake Burton did not experience a single boating accident and that only one major citation was issued (for Boating Under the Influence). The DNR also reports that 90% of

boating accidents can be traced to BUIs, while the rate of drowning without a life vest is 900% greater than with one. Finally, do remember that boaters are liable for damage caused to property by their boats and their wakes.



100 Foot Warning Signs

The LBCA has made up 16x24" weatherproof signs warning boaters to keep their vessels at idle speed within 100 feet of docks. These signs, available at a price of \$12.00, can be attached to your dock or boathouse and will hopefully serve as

a reminder to boaters to obey the law. If you haven't already done so, you can order a sign by contacting Bill Bomar before October 15th. He may be contacted at this email address: bbomar@windhambrannon.com



Briefly . . .

- ☑ A second LBCA member, Pat Marcellino, Sr., has won his party's primary contest for a seat on the Rabun County Board of Commissioners. If elected, he will join Eston Melton, the first LBCA member on the Board. The LBCA has other friends running for office. Please review the candidates and vote.
- ☑ The LBCA Golf Tournament raised approximately \$14,500 for the benefit of our volunteer fire departments. Well done directors Crawford Grice, Ray Kunzer and their helpers!
- ☑ The recent Georgia Power newsletter advises property owners to remove swim buoys or relocate them adjacent to the shoreline when swimmers leave the water. Unattended buoys will be removed by Georgia Power. Rumor has it that they mean it!
- ☑ Mountain Patrol's private security costs less than a *Coca-Cola* a day and yet only about 2 out of 3 Lake Burtonites subscribe to the service. Property crimes on the lake are among the lowest in the state of Georgia – due in most part to Mountain Patrol. To subscribe to the service or obtain more information call 706-782-5807.
- ☑ Old technology two-cycle jet skis may dump up to 1/3 of their fuel if tipped the wrong way. If you own an older jet ski, please consider trading up to a newer model, which will not pollute in such a manner.
- ☑ Rabun County and the GBI found a large still only 200 yards from Billy Watts Cove Road. No LBCA members were reported to be involved with the operation.
- ☑ Rabun County Hospital has zeroed out its line of credit. Meeting payroll in September and October looms as a problem. Without additional funding, the hospital appears to be at the end of its financial rope.
- ☑ The Wildcat Volunteer Fire Department's "*Fabulous Fried Chicken Fundraiser*" is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th. Make plans now to help out our firemen and enjoy some of Pat Marcellino's famous fried chicken in the process!
- ☑ The production staff apologizes for the tardiness of the September newsletter. Many factors conspired against us in getting this issue out in a timely manner. Please trust that we are adjusting priorities to prevent this from happening in the future.

