

# Waves



## President's Message: Something for Everyone!



**H**appy summer! After the brutally cold winter – at least by southern standards – I am very excited to kick off our summer season here on Lake Rabun. Over the winter your officers and trustees, as well as many others, have been busy planning a full slate of association activities and events. Herein you will find articles on our traditional fun activities including BBQs, dance parties, our traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> events, Bingo and a few new opportunities. Lakemont University will continue under the guidance of Dean John King. This year brings the *Tour of Homes* to Lake Rabun which promises to be an exciting and fun-filled weekend. Our goal is to offer something for everyone this summer and I think we have succeeded.

Following the near disastrous boating accident last year after the fireworks display, the Officers and Trustees established a new Boating Safety Committee. The Committee has been very busy over the winter developing boating safety programs and plans for a safer summer. By now you should have received a laminated set of Boating Safety rules for posting in your boathouse. Please take the time to review these rules with your family and guests. Plans are underway to have a greater DNR presence following the fireworks display. More communication on those plans will be forth coming. At the end of the day, it's up to all of us collectively to foster and in fact, insist, on safe boating practices.

The members of our association have always cared deeply about our community on the lake and the Rabun County community at large. This past year was no different as our membership dug deep to help our Lake Rabun Foundation recover from the economic recession. Later, you again stepped up and responded to an urgent need for family assistance in Rabun County. For all of this – thank you.

Nearly twenty years ago now Lisa invited me for my first visit to Lake Rabun. After the weekend, she made one simple statement, "I hope you like this." Soon after, I proposed to Lisa on the lake and, thank goodness, she accepted! The lake has been a constant source of fun-filled times since and I am very proud to have the opportunity to serve as your LRA president.

Ron Hinson

# Chairman's Notes: Burgees and Boats and Books (oh my!)



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I don't know about the rest of you, but it has been the coldest winter that I can remember in Atlanta. Spring could have not come quickly enough, and now that it is in full glory, then summer days on Lake Rabun cannot be far behind! In addition to the harsh winter, we have also lost a number of long time lake residents these last several months. It seems that nearly every week, some older member of our community has passed away. With each person's passing, an encyclopedia of experiences and memories of the lake pass with them.

In thinking towards the centennial year of our lake (2015), the officers of the Lake Rabun Association are forming a "Centennial Celebration Committee," to begin planning for what will be a special year for all of us on the lake. There will be several projects undertaken in connection with this, including a possible special Centennial Boat Parade and Concours d'Elegance for our wonderful community of wooden boats, as well as the creation of a coffee table quality book on the lake that will touch on all the various aspects of what makes Lake Rabun so special (history, stories, photography, homes, boats, etc.). This will be a significant undertaking, and we will

be forming a committee to steer this process through to completion. Work will begin with a compilation of stories from many of the older members of the lake, so that they can be included in this centennial piece.

If you are interested in either of these ideas (and I know many of you are or will be!), please contact me directly at [bvoyles@sevenoakscompany.com](mailto:bvoyles@sevenoakscompany.com).

On the merchandising front, we have had enormous success with some of the new Lake Rabun Burgee offerings. We have a number of Burgee boat flags remaining, and want to make sure that those who indicated an interest in purchasing those flags have first opportunity to purchase those in inventory. We also will be offering at the Memorial Day weekend service some new items that will include hats, license plates, coffee mugs and shirts. These will complement the other wonderful LRA items that most of us are familiar with.

As your Chairman for 2009-2010, I always look forward to comments and suggestions on how we can improve this wonderful community we call Lakemont. Belle and I look forward to seeing you on the lake!

Bob Voyles  
LRA Chairman



**Burgee flags and other LRA memorabilia will be available for purchase at the Memorial Day festivities. See you there!**

# Fun for All!

## Memorial Day Weekend

Let's kick off the summer with a fun and safe Memorial Day weekend! Saturday, May 29, Tiger Mountain Winery is hosting a wine tasting to benefit the Lake Rabun Association Foundation. Bring your friends to the tasting room at the vineyard and enjoy some local Rabun County wines, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. After the Sunday Memorial Day LRA meeting, join the Association for a Memorial Day Brunch on the grounds of the Pavilion! Tallulah Gorge Grill will be catering a light brunch, complete with Mimosas and Bloody Marys for the adults and soft drinks for the kids! Kick off the summer with this new social event!

## Lake Rabun Cleanup Day

The annual Lake Rabun Cleanup Day is planned for Friday, June 18. Meet around 8:00 a.m. at Hall's ready to help beautify the lake! Contact Bob Clinkscales at 770-789-7299 for additional information.

## Lakemont University & Bingo

Come learn something new! Lakemont University Dean John King has organized a series of talks aimed to raise our awareness of the great outdoors. The first talk, *Fly Fishing 101*, will precede Bingo on Saturday, June 26, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bingo will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Subsequent talks and Bingo are scheduled for Saturday July 17 and Saturday, August 7.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities

Join in for a host of fun and festive activities over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend! Start off participating in our LRA charity golf tournament on Friday, July 2 and continue bright and early Saturday morning, July 3, with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Ramble road race! Saturday night, come join the fun with a BBQ catered by The Dillard House and music by Rabun County's own *Foxfire Boys*. July 4<sup>th</sup> is about lots of things, including parades and fireworks! You don't want to miss the great Wooden Boat Parade as the great regatta of boats cruise the shoreline. We will wrap up the weekend with a

great fireworks display! Come by boat or borrow a seat on a friend's dock or boathouse but whatever you do, don't miss a great fireworks show at the Earthen Dam beginning at dusk.

## Beach Music Dance Party

Gather at the Pavilion at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 24th for a repeat of one of last years best parties. *Sandy B. and the Allstars* will perform for both the young and young at heart! This is beach music at its finest. Come with your dancing shoes and best moves! Tickets are not required, so come early with a picnic and libation of your choice.

## Labor Day

Labor Day provides us one last chance to gather with our families and lake friends. Join us on Saturday, September 4 for a BBQ dinner followed by dancing to the music of *The Mystery Band*. Returning to us for the third year, this group plays music for all ages!



# Lake Rabun Tour of Homes

## A Riverboat Cruise and Gambling Adventure

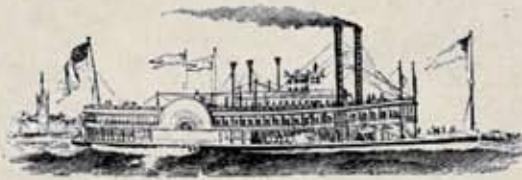
### TOUR PARTICULARS

Your riverboat will depart from the Rabun Beach between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon for the morning cruise and between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. for the afternoon cruise.

\$50 for the tour and cocktail party

\$40 for the home tour only

\$15 for Friday cocktail party (free for all volunteers)



JUNE 19, 2010

To purchase tickets, visit [www.lakerabun.com/tour](http://www.lakerabun.com/tour)

Proceeds from the tour will benefit the LRA Foundation which supports scholarships for local students and the Lakemont/Wiley Fire Department

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 19th for the 10th Tour of Homes by Boat on Lake Rabun. This year you will be exploring homes in the Lake Rabun narrows and you will depart from the Rabun beach. In addition to the main event on Saturday, we are also holding an online silent auction prior to the tour as well as a coctail party to thank the homeowners on Friday, June 18th, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. During the cocktail party, we will close out the silent auction items that include such opportunities as first class transportation on Halls #2, 4 tickets to the US Open in the Chairman's box, a painting by Libby Mathews and several private dinner parties at homes around the lake

Tickets are limited and the tour will be a sellout, so don't gamble by waiting until the last minute. Buy your tickets and start your bidding at [www.lakerabun.com/tour](http://www.lakerabun.com/tour) or call Michael at 706-982-9030 if you do not have internet access.

Your dealers,  
Michael McGaughey & Craig Kettles  
Jeff & Sherry Cohen

### The Generous Homeowners

Jim & Ann Breedlove

Matt Bronfman & Ronit Walker

Nick & Lisa McKay

Beth & Bobby Reagan

Warner & Anne Veal



### Volunteers Needed (No Jokers)

LRA FLOTILLA NEEDS YOU FOR 4 HOURS!

#### AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

Boat Owners/Captains - skipper your pontoon boat  
1st Mates - loading/unloading passengers  
Dock Masters - supervise loading/unloading at homes



#### ASSIGNMENTS

Morning Shift: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or  
Afternoon Shift: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### COMPENSATION

GAS and other boat operating expenses  
JOY in helping others and the LRA  
FUN in riding the lake and making friends  
FREE admission to Friday nights cocktail party

Join the Flotilla today, by contacting Commodore Mike Jones at 404-233-4914 or [mdjones4@bellsouth.net](mailto:mdjones4@bellsouth.net)

#### OTHER POSITIONS

There are many other ways to help out on this years tour. Please contact Michael McGaughey at 706-982-9030 or [mmcgaughey@me.com](mailto:mmcgaughey@me.com) if you can give four hours of your time on June 19th or at the cocktail party on June 18th.

# **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RABUN RAMBLE ROAD RACE**

## **SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2010 • 7:30 A.M.**



**Visit our web site [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org)**

### **Have you visited the LRA website lately?**

- Events List and Calendar
- Members' Only Section
- Lake Rabun Weather, and more

### **Have you logged into the Members' Only Section?**

- On-Line Membership Directory
- Update your own family's information at any time
- Bulletin Board – a forum to share thoughts and interest with other Members
- On-Line Dues Payment and Event Registration & Fee Payment
- Update your user name and password to something you can easily remember

### **Do we have your e-mail address(es)?**

- If you are not receiving e-mail from the LRA then we do not have a valid address for you
- Please send your preferred e-mail address(es) to [admin@lakerabun.org](mailto:admin@lakerabun.org). We can treat your e-mail address as private if you prefer – just let us know. Also, let us know if you need your password to the member section

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Ramble Road Race is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. The combination 5K (3.1 miles) and 10K (6.2 miles) race starts at the Lake Rabun Pavilion.

The race began four years ago with an idea of a few runners winding their way on the shores of Lake Rabun on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. The first year yielded over 275 runners and this coming year we expect over 1000! The race is now officially part of the Lake Rabun Association's Fourth of July activities.

Proceeds go to the Lake Rabun Foundation, which helps fund college scholarships for Rabun County students as well supporting the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department and other local charities.

Last year, race director Sandy O'Brien handed over a \$13,000 check to the Lake Rabun Foundation. Those funds helped six students foot the bills at the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Emory, Young Harris and Hampden-Sydney College.

"Each year the added money from the race should make it possible to help out some other deserving Rabun County students," says O'Brien, "and the runners have a blast. Talk about a win-win situation."

**Applications are available online at  
[www.rabunramble.com](http://www.rabunramble.com)**

## **911 Boat House Signs**

Boat house signs with the 911 address are now available through Michael Crowe (706-782-4438 or [beargap@windstream.net](mailto:beargap@windstream.net)). Having your 911 address displayed on your boat house is critical to timely response by the Fire Department and DNR. The wood signs are \$50 installed and are color matched to the boat house. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department.

## **Annual LRA Golf Benefit**

Make an early break from the city and get your July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend started off right by participating in the Annual LRA Golf Benefit. This year's event will be held on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Orchard with a 1:30 PM shotgun start. Please stay tuned for more Tournament details. Hold the date and plan on a fun event to kickoff your 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.



# Lake Rabun Foundation News

## "Rebuild The Foundation" Fund Drive

In May 2009 a goal was set to restore the capital lost by the declining financial market – around \$75,000. We came very close, raising a total of \$68,675. In the process, we created two named scholarships – the **Rich and Angela Clay Scholar** and the **Jean Wells Scholar**. They will be selected this spring along with the other LRA scholarship recipients.

## "Feed The Needy" Special Appeal

President Ron Hinson sent an e-blast to the membership in early February alerting everyone to the urgent need

for food and heat for many in Rabun County who have been impacted by unemployment and the unusually cold winter. Again you responded with \$21,500 being raised. These funds were immediately disbursed through various churches and Community Partnership. It bought food and heaters and paid gas and electric heating bills for dozens of families from one end of the county to the other. There is not enough space here to let you know how much you are appreciated by the local community for this help.

## Herta Schartle Scholarship

As you may know, we lost Herta Schartle in March at age 99. She was truly the Lady of the Lake and her

family an integral part of the history of Lakemont. Those who had the good fortune of knowing this kind, gentle lady will always cherish their memories of her. Her daughter, Christina Freeman, has agreed to let us honor and memorialize Herta by creating a scholarship in her name. Because she was a teacher, it will go to the high school graduate who intends to pursue a career in education. To fund the scholarship, we need to raise \$10,000. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to: NGCF - Lake Rabun Fund and send to Buz Stone, 2986 Nancy Creek Rd., Atlanta, GA 30327.

Thanks for your continued support,  
Buz Stone, Director

## *Take Me There*

*There's a place in your heart  
Nobody's been  
Take me there  
A place nobody knows  
Not even your friends  
Show me where*

This song by Rascal Flatts makes me think every time I hear it: *If someone were to ask me to do this, where would I take them?* A distinct place always comes to mind. This place is very special to me. When God created it, He must have had me in mind. This place has clear water to swim in, trees to climb, dirt roads to run, and memories to make. This place is Lake Rabun, Georgia.

There is something in the air about North Georgia. It grants you an adventurous heart, and a surprising spirit. Just the cool mountain air fills your eyes with wonder, like an evening summer drive when there is not a neon light in sight. Sometimes late at night when you hear something outside your screen porch, you get this quick rush of adrenaline mixed with fear then suddenly, you are reminded of the fact that there is a reason they call it "the wild."

What I love about the lake is that there is always some kind of hidden wonder in every nook and cranny. My best

friend, Nina, and I always go on long walks down to the lake from her house, searching for creatures all along the way. We search high and low. We find beetles and snakes and little frogs that we give names to. When we finally get down to the lake itself we go fishing with our Lion King and Barbie fishing poles. We hook the ugly creatures and toss them in the water, but we never have the courage to hook a butterfly nor one of those screeching beetles.

But you don't need sunny days in order to have a good time at Lake Rabun. There was a brutal storm one day when we were at Nina's house. Sitting inside is not an option for us, so we grabbed four towels and took the long hike down to the main dock. We read Archie comic books under our chair-and-towel fort and listened to Disney Channel radio all afternoon.

The lake may be an on-the-go place for some, however each day you must take the time to say a little prayer before you take the treacherous leap off the rope swing into the snake home, or watch the watermelon juice drip onto your toes. You must remind yourself to watch the fog drift into the clouds in the early morning just before you speed off to church, or to take in the pungent smell of damp evergreens before you go pick the blackberries. Lake Rabun has so much to offer other than the obvious, waiting for you to just take the time to look under a rock or two.

If only I could take you there.

*This English assignment piece by Alex Anne Matthews, daughter of Chip and Anne Matthews, captures the essence of the spirit of Lake Rabun.*

# Directory Inserts will be available for pickup at the Memorial Day Meeting, Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* Please make plans to pick up your inserts at the meeting, which will save the LRA unnecessary postage.**



## LRA Neighborhood Watch

The West Rabun Property Association—with support from the LRA and other interested groups – is in the process of strategically placing “NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS” throughout West Rabun County (i.e., Bear Gap Rd., Lake Rabun Rd., Tame Turkey, Kings Row, Presshaven Hill Rd., Shady Lane, Brandon Mill, thus far, with more to come). Local law enforcement will be scheduling information and training sessions. These dates/times will be available at the LRA Memorial Day meeting. All interested folks are encouraged to attend!

## BOATER SAFETY and CERTIFICATION CLASS

**Date: Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 9:30am-3:30pm**

**Location: Lake Rabun Pavilion**

**Food? Yes.....catered by Louie's**

**Who is teaching? DNR**

**Who is invited? All Lake Rabun Boat Drivers and Future Boat Drivers**

The Boater Safety and Certification Class is a DNR-taught program covering a wide range of Boater Safety Topics. Children ages 12-15 are required by law to take (and pass) this class, but the topics covered are so important and far-reaching to overall Boating Safety that all ages are encouraged to attend. Those who attend will be fed and prizes will be given away to everyone. A “bonus” prize will be awarded to anyone who stays for the duration of the class and passes the test at the end of the course! Stay as long as you can, but we hope you will stay for the whole class and become a CERTIFIED LAKE RABUN SAFE BOATING CAPTAIN !

Some, but not all, of the topics covered:

- Boater Safety Checklists
- Rules and Regulations of Boating
- General Rules of the Water
- DNR's involvement at Lake Rabun
- Deputy Program
- How you can become a better driver
- How we can make the lake safer

This class runs in conjunction with the LRA's hopes of educating our community on Safe Boating Practices and further ties us in with our friends at the DNR. They are very supportive of this initiative, and we, in turn, hope to show our support of the DNR with a large turnout to this event.

Think of it this way . . . if you attend this program you will get to know the folks at DNR. If you are pulled over on the lake during the summer for some reason, you'll at least know the DNR-ticketing officer by name!



## Ladies of the Lake Bible Study

begins Monday, June 21 and continues on Monday mornings through July 26 at Wiley Presbyterian Church. The class will be led by Alice Wood, pastor of WPC. Fellowship is at 10:00 a.m., Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. Please join us! Everyone is welcome.

Contact the office of Wiley Presbyterian Church (706-782-3775) for more details.

# Mark Your Calendars!

## 2010 Events

*We have plans for an exciting 2010 Summer and Fall on Lake Rabun! Here are some of the events that we are working on. Plan on a fun-filled year on the lake!*

### MAY

**Saturday, May 29**

Tiger Mountain Wine Tasting \*

**Sunday, May 30**

General Membership Meeting with "Brunch" to Follow

### JUNE

**Friday, June 18**

Annual Lake Clean-Up Day

**Friday, June 18**

Tour of Homes Cocktail Party\*

**Saturday, June 19**

Tour of Homes\*

**Saturday, June 26**

Lakemont University @ 5:00 p.m.  
Bingo @ 7:00 p.m.

### JULY

**Friday, July 2**

Golf Tournament @ 1:30 p.m. –  
The Orchard\*

**Saturday, July 3**

Annual "Rabun Ramble"\*

**Saturday, July 3**

BBQ Dinner & Music / Dancing

**Sunday, July 4**

Annual Wooden Boat Parade

**Sunday, July 4**

Fireworks!

**Saturday, July 10**

Art at the Lake Show & Sale -  
North Georgia Arts Guild

**Saturday, July 17**

Lakemont University @ 5:00 p.m.  
Bingo @ 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 24**

LRA Beach Music Party

### AUGUST

**Saturday, August 7**

Lakemont University @ 5:00 p.m.  
Bingo @ 7:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

**Saturday, September 4**

Labor Day BBQ Dinner & Dance

**Sunday, September 5**

General Membership Meeting

**Sunday, September 5**

Sunset Serenade

### NOVEMBER

**Friday, November 26**

Day after Thanksgiving "Pot Luck"  
Dinner

\* Benefits Lake Rabun Foundation



Thanks to Beka Clay for the photos  
in this issue.