



# WAVES

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## Outgoing President: *Count Our Communal Blessings!*

It has been a wonderful experience to serve as the LRA President this past year. And what a great opportunity to meet so many delightful people devoted to our lake community! I thought I had met most of you during the past thirty years, but I was certainly wrong. Thanks so much for your encouragement, participation and dedication to the lake. It has been a true privilege to work with such talented Trustees and volunteers.

Many thanks to all of you involved with helping make such a happy and safe summer! Special thanks to VP Joe Mims and his newly formed social committee, headed

by Craig Kettles, for organizing all the summer activities, both old and new! Kudos to Warner Veal, Felicia Lease, Clay Battle, Kathy Hamdy-Swink and Kelly at Clayton Printing for the fabulous Directory! High Fives to Laura Rhodes and Kelly Cowan for the most successful Flea Market, Sandy O'Brien for the terrific Rabun Ramble, David Stromquist for the well-attended Golf Tournament, James Jernigan for the patriotic music at the Fireworks, and to Professor John King for Lakemont U!

As we enter into this holiday season, we are reminded of the blessings bestowed upon all of us. Continue to take care of

our community and the environment. Remember that Bob Pledger and his group of facilitators are ready, willing and able to assess your Hemlock trees and make recommendations for treatment if necessary. Please remember that the Lake Rabun Fund needs your donations, now more than ever, to serve those less fortunate in the county.

Enjoy the Fall and have a wonderful holiday season,

Lisa Longino  
Outgoing LRA President



## Lake Rabun Gives Back

### *Flea Market and Auction a HUGE SUCCESS!*



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Laura Rhodes (L) and Kelly Cowan (R) present Buz Stone with a check for the Lake Rabun Foundation and the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department.

The 2011 LRA Flea Market and Auction events resulted in a \$70,000 profit – a 40% increase over 2009! This proved that our lake community believed in the cause and supported our theme by giving back in a big way. These proceeds benefit the Lake Rabun Foundation and the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department. Many committee chairs and volunteers gave of their time, energy and talent to make this happen. Many of our members donated wonderful items which resulted in money spent at the flea market, jewelry area, raffle, silent and live auctions, and wine grab. We had 35 paddles decorated and donated by our own talented lake members which were a huge success. The Saturday evening cocktail party and auction was attended by over 200 people who enjoyed fabulous food, cocktails and a new Heads or Tails game. What better way to have fun with our lake community and raise money for a great cause at the same time!

Many thanks go out to each and every one who helped with this huge undertaking. We look forward to co-chairing this event again in 2013!

Kelly Cowan and Laura Rhodes

# President's Message: 2011 was a Milestone Year!



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Lake Rabun Foundation - Buz Stone  
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 Kirk Knous

Now that all of the lines are coiled and boats covered we close the door on the summer of 2011. The LRA calendar was packed full of great events that I hope allowed each and every one of you to participate. We have already begun work on the 2012 schedule and plan to introduce some new items into our successful lineup.

Every organization is heavily dependent on volunteer support for successful completion of each event. Volunteering not only creates a sense of accomplishment as we work toward a common goal, but it also facilitates making new friends and fosters a broader community. If you are interested in helping with a function next year, contact our VP/Social Chairman Ridley Williams for the best place to serve.

As you will read in this edition of the Waves, 2011 was a milestone year for the LRA Foundation. We surpassed 1 million dollars in total giving since inception of the fund. Buz Stone has done a wonderful job administering the fund over the past 24 years and we now welcome Steve Raeber to assist Buz as Associate Executive Director. While the Foundation remains strong, these economic times have been challenging to the growth of the fund. There exists an opportunity to grow the resource through an Annual Fund and you will be hearing more about this in the near future.

I encourage everyone to consider giving to the Annual Fund and to also remember the LRA Foundation in your estate planning.

I wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends and I look forward to seeing everyone on the lake again in the Spring!

Joe Mims  
 LRA President



## Day after Thanksgiving "Pot Luck" Dinner

Join us as we wind up the 2011 slate of LRA activities with our annual Thanksgiving "Pot Luck" dinner. What could be better than joining lake family and friends for a day after Thanksgiving celebration at the Glen Ella Springs Inn. Bring your family, friends and leftovers and your choice of beverage. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 25th.

## Whippoorwill Award

This year's Whippoorwill Award recipient, Kirk Knous, was the perfect choice to receive this award. The primary criteria for earning this award is to honor a person who has given continuously of his/her time and resources for the betterment of the lake community. Kirk has worked in such a personal, modest way for so many years that many of the things he has done were unknown to those who were at the Labor Day Meeting to see him presented with the traditional whippoorwill trophy. In keeping with that humble spirit, Kirk was completely surprised by the award. Kirk has made tremendous contributions to the building of our pavilion, single-handedly made floats for the LRA to enter in the Clayton Christmas



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Parade, mentored a scholarship student, done the dirty work of helping with lake cleanups, serves as an officer of Boggs Mountain Humane Shelter, as well as serving up the chain of command as a Trustee and Officer of the LRA. These are only the highlights of Kirk's faithful love and commitment to the lake community. To know Kirk is to love him and we do. Congratulations, Kirk!

Carol Raeber

*Kirk Knous accepts the Whippoorwill Award from Carol Raeber.*



## Lake Rabun Foundation Annual Fund

**T**HIS YEAR we celebrated a milestone event. The Lake Rabun Foundation has donated over \$1 million to fund college scholarships for Rabun County students and to assist other needs in Rabun County. Currently there are 25 Rabun County students enrolled in college thanks to your efforts and generous financial support. In addition, this year the fund contributed to organizations in Rabun County such as FAITH, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department, Save Georgia's Hemlocks – and many others.

Over the years the Lake Rabun Foundation has been funded by fundraising events such as Flea Markets, Tours of Homes, the Rabun Ramble and other events. Originally, the Foundation depended on an Annual Fund Appeal. Recently, in the difficult economic environment, the Foundation has made a special appeal for funds to maintain the Foundation assets at a healthy level. Over the years many of you have continued to make the Foundation part of your annual charitable contributions.

As we look to the future it seems prudent to utilize the Annual Fund as a consistent means for supporting the Foundation. Many LRA members already contribute annually and others look for an avenue to support the Foundation beyond the fundraising events. All LRA members will receive a letter announcing the 2011 Annual Fund.

To contribute to the Foundation anytime, you can send a check payable to:

NGCF – Lake Rabun Fund

and mail to:

The Lake Rabun Foundation  
P.O. Box 114  
Lakemont, GA 30552

You can also contribute online through the North Georgia Community Foundation website, [www.ngcf.org](http://www.ngcf.org) and click on the “Donors Link.”

Again, thanks to all who have given so generously, and assisted in the Foundation in achieving this memorable success over 24 years.

Buz Stone

### Lake Rabun Association Gives Away \$1 Million in Rabun County



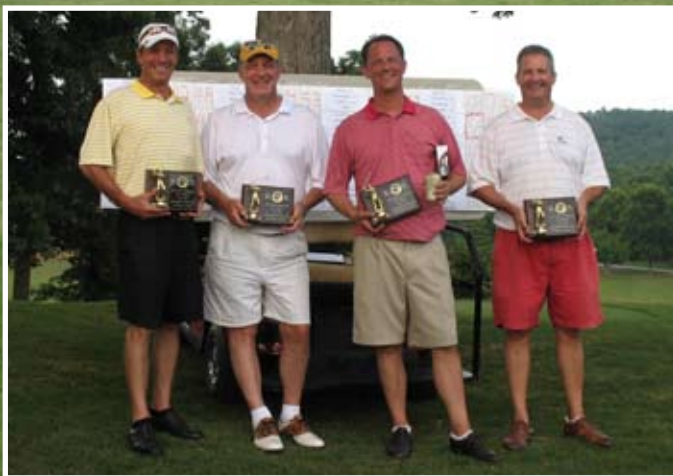


# Annual LRA Golf Tournament - 4th of July Weekend

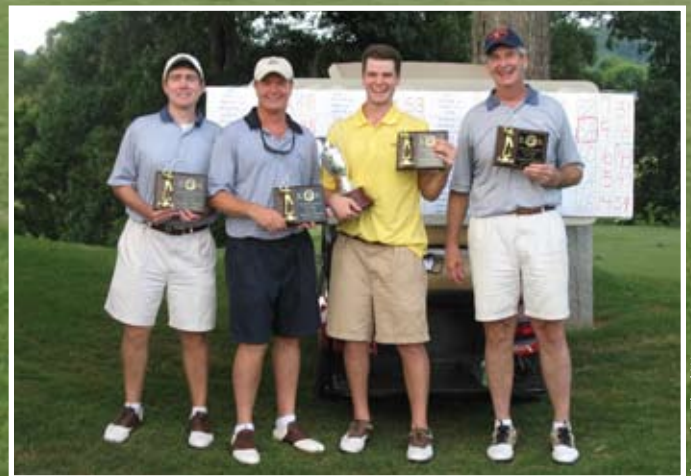


The Lake Rabun 4th of July festivities commenced in fine style on Friday, July 1st when 78 players came together at the Orchard Golf Club for the Annual LRA Golf Tournament. The team of Scott Saltmarsh, Shel Johnson, Chris Johnson, and Jay Johnson managed to win the Gross Division by the slimmest of margins. The team of Alan McClure, Andy McClure, Chip Matthews, and Paul Miller handily won the Net Division. These two teams then competed in an exciting one hole playoff to have their names etched on the trophy while spectators surrounded the ninth green enjoying the action with their refreshments!

When Scott Saltmarsh's magnificent bid at a 45-foot birdie putt stopped a half a turn short of the hole, the victory was sealed by the McClures, Matthews, and Miller by virtue of their net birdie. It was a wonderful event with many thanks due to all of our sponsors and all those who participated. A special thanks to Jeff Jackson and Georgia Power for sponsoring a team.



LRA Golf Tournament Gross Winners



LRA Golf Tournament Net Winners

Photos by Thad Warren

# Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department

Post Office Box 171 Lakemont, Georgia 30552

October 2011

Dear Neighbors,

As the leaves turn and the end of the year approaches, we would like to bring you up to date on your fire department. To date our volunteers have run more than 145 calls. We have added three new members and continue our training each Tuesday evening. One volunteer completed his Paramedic and Critical Care Certification and two others completed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training. We continue to maintain our four fire trucks, plus one fireboat, our equipment and our fire stations weekly. We use the County Training Center, located behind our station, on a regular basis and participate in live-fire training, ventilation, search and rescue and medical response training among other topics.

We are in constant need of help. If you know of anyone interested in volunteering, we are most interested in them becoming members.

It costs us approximately \$20,000.00 to outfit and train a new member. We make every effort to keep our equipment up to federal, state and local standards in order to help keep your insurance rating low. At this time we find our equipment becoming dated. Our fire trucks are approaching the thirty (30) year mark. We need to replace outdated breathing apparatus, as well as our thermal imaging camera. The breathing apparatus cost begins at \$5,000.00 each and the camera is \$7,000.00. We use the breathing apparatus on all fire calls. The camera is used in many ways; it helps to locate victims in a fire, as well as finding fire in walls. It is also a diagnostic tool for locating victims ejected from automobile crashes. Each member must have communication equipment up-to-date: radio and pager.

Your donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Any amount is appreciated. You will receive a written confirmation of your donation from us. Please feel free to contact me, or any of our members, if you have any questions or wish to volunteer. Thank you for your continued interest and support. Our volunteers are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

*John A. Widgery*

Fire Chief

Cell: 706-490-1246

Home: 706-782-2337

## Lookin' Good!



Photo by K.A. Hamdy-Swink

The LRA Memorial has new landscaping. It was planned with low maintenance in mind. The goal was to make the Memorial site attractive since it is a focal point for almost all residents and visitors on the lake. The lion's share of the work was done by Janet and Clarence Torrance with help from Lyn Asbill, Carol and Steve Raeber, and Rio and Roberto, the hard working men who helped do the heavy work. The LRA Board of Trustees and Officers gave their approval for this project at the Labor Day Meeting and installation was done on October 22nd. Please feel free to pick up any debris that might be left in the garden if you are walking by. There is a trash can right by the ice machines. Let's keep this looking as good as it did on October 22nd.

Carol Raeber



### LRA Membership Renewal

The annual LRA membership dues of \$200.00 for 2011-2012 year are payable by December 31, 2011. If paid after that date, the dues will be \$250.00.

Please make your payment as soon as possible to help us minimize the record keeping. Make your check payable to "Lake Rabun Association" and return with your member information update form to P.O. Box 490, Lakemont, Georgia 30552 before year end. Or, you can now also update your member information online and pay by credit card. Just go to our website, [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org).



## 2012 Summer Preview and Calendar

### ★ ★ ★ July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Celebration (June 29-July 1) ★ ★ ★

There is an exciting list of events for next year to keep young and old alike Playing, Eating, Dancing, Singing, Boating, Drinking, Learning and Relaxing all summer long. We hope something on the list appeals to both family and friends as you plan for the spring and summer season. Your Social Committee members consisting of Craig Kettles, Clara Lander, Libby Mathews, Connie Thompson, Jennifer Tillis and Lisa Hinson along with your Officers and Trustees have been hard at work seeking to provide a fun-filled array of events.

Highlighting the summer season is the July 4th Weekend overflowing with different events. Please note July 4th actually falls on a Wednesday this year, so the LRA events will be celebrated the weekend leading up to Wednesday, July 4th (Friday, June 29th-Sunday, July 1st).



**Kicking-off the weekend celebration will be the 2nd Annual LRA Golf Tournament Friday, June 29th again at the ultra-exclusive Orchard Golf and Country Club starting at 1:00 p.m.** David Stromquist did an outstanding job of planning and executing a flawless day this past summer and participation was tremendous. We expect close to 100 golfers this year to vie for the coveted LRA Trophy plus additional keepsake items like the new “official” LRA Golf Tournament golf shirt. Post-event, on-course food and beverage allow additional opportunities for “fellowship” and “gamesmanship”.

**The Rabun Ramble** has quickly become one of the most popular events of the entire summer and helps anchor our July 4th event list. Sandy O’Brien once again will Chair the 5k and 10k Races held **Saturday, June 30th beginning at 7:00 a.m.** at the Pavilion where the start and finish lines begin and end. This event will draw over 700 combined runners!

Recharge your battery that **Saturday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion with BBQ** and all the “fixins” from our friends at The Dillard House...an annual Lake Rabun tradition. Following dinner, local legends, **The Foxfire Boys**, will lead the “pickin’ and grinnin’”.

**The 37th Annual Wooden Boat Parade will begin its annual cruise at Mathis Dam at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 1st** and promises to be a slower-paced, more enjoyable event to view. There are some incredible new (restored, that is) Wooden Boat additions to the Lake and the Parade will be a great platform to view them all.

Lastly, the annual **Fireworks Show** will be held Sunday evening at dusk and promises to be as special as ever. Show up early and enjoy the view of the lower basin full of boat lights, candles and eager onlookers. Enjoy the show and follow the two DNR Boats out of the basin all the way down through the narrows for a **SLOW, NO-WAKE, SAFE** ride back home.

Ridley Williams





# Lakemont University FUN! & BINGO



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## Lake Rabun Association Calendar of Events 2012

as of 11/17/2011

<b>Saturday, May 26th</b>	Trustees meeting, 8 a.m.-noon
<b>Sunday, May 27th</b>	General membership meeting and brunch (all day)
<b>Saturday, June 9th</b>	Boater Safety Class, 9 am-noon with lunch
<b>Saturday, June 16th</b>	Tour of Homes
<b>Saturday, June 16th</b>	Lakemont University, 5 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
<b>Friday, June 29th</b>	Golf Tournament, The Orchard, 1 p.m.
<b>Saturday, June 30th</b>	Rabun Ramble (a.m. only)
<b>Saturday, June 30th</b>	BBQ and the Foxfire Boys, 6 p.m.
<b>Sunday, July 1st</b>	Wooden Boat Parade, 11 a.m.
<b>Sunday, July 1st</b>	Fireworks at Earthen Dam (Dusk)
<b>Saturday, July 14th</b>	Lakemont University, 5 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, July 21st</b>	LRA Beach music party, 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, August 11th</b>	Lakemont University, 5 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, September 1st</b>	Trustee meeting, 8 a.m.-12 noon
<b>Sunday, September 2nd</b>	LRA General membership meeting, 10 a.m.
<b>Sunday, September 2nd</b>	Dinner and Dancing, 7 p.m.
<b>Friday, November 23rd</b>	Post-Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

