

Lake Arrowhead Community Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 6 - Wine & Cheese
- ◆ April 11 - Pool Tournament
- ◆ April 26 - Wine Tasting
- ◆ May - Spring Plant Sale and Community Garage Sale
- ◆ Memorial Day Softball Game & Cookout

Board Update

At the February 2008 Open Board meeting the budget was reviewed and approved. Due to aggressive action that is needed for the lake and an effort to keep membership dues reasonable, the committee accepted a generous donation from the Seijas family. Thank you!

Membership packets have been distributed. Consider an additional donation for lake health along with your dues.

As Spring approaches, improvement and cleanup projects will be underway. Join a work party to help.

Upcoming projects include:

- Powerwash and stain the clubhouse
- Beach cleanup
- Adopt our garden

Recently...

On Super Bowl Sunday the Lake Arrowhead Auxiliary held the annual Pancake Breakfast. The event was attended by 92 children and adults. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event and special thanks to MaryEllen Stanton for organizing it.

The Super Bowl Party was held on Feb 3rd. Over 80 members and their guests attended the event. Special thanks to Alex and Scott Todd for organizing this event.

On March 15th the Auxiliary held the un-birthday party. The theme was "Let Me Entertain You". 18 people attended the event with 15 participants. The frog and beer were stolen many times. Special thanks for Sylvia Lacey for organizing it.

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Wanted...

OLD LAKE ARROWHEAD PHOTOS

If you have any old photos of lake interest, please contact John Stanton. John is compiling a collection of photos of the lake and homes from past years. Any photos that show changes in the lake over the years would be greatly appreciated.

*Lakes Committee
meeting on
April 16*

Lakes

The Lakes Committee has been busy preparing for the upcoming season in several ways. We have hired a new lakes management company, Aquatic Technologies, Inc., which manages a number of lakes in our area, and has offered us treatment programs that will help us with our lakes and may potentially save us money, as well. The treatment programs we are planning for this summer include algaecide as needed for all 4 of our lakes, a dye treatment for Lake Arrowhead, and a possible alum treatment for Lake Arrowhead. We are in the midst of developing a water-testing program to

help us gather information upon which to base future care of the lake. We will be scheduling "Operation Algae" as needed during the season, and will soon be distributing an information and guideline packet on how you can help with the care of our lakes, and increase the value of your lake area property - please watch for it. In the fall, about early October, we will be drawing down Lake Arrowhead, not only to allow the repair of docks and retaining walls, but also to facilitate the manual removal of leaves and detritus from the near shore (littoral) zone of Lake Arrowhead.

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Beach

Wanted: The lake needs at least two 15+ year olds interested in being lifeguards this summer. Any interested teens please contact Rehana Flessner.

Beach clean up will be on Saturday May 17th, rain date May 18th.

Lifeguard certification courses available at the YMCA or KimSwim.

Grounds

If you have extra plants (perennials) when/if you divide and clear out your gardens this spring, please contact Barb Kane, who would love to have them to plant around the lake and Butterfly Field.

Rentals

Book early for your spring events such as communions, graduations and birthdays. The Clubhouse is available for rentals to all Lake Arrowhead members.

Contact Mark Stein to schedule a rental. Check www.lakearrowheadclub.com for current rental rates. Note the Beach, Lakes and Butterfly Field are not included in the rental.

Membership

Wine and Cheese April 6th, 3-5 PM
This event is open to all residents, so please encourage ALL your neighbors to come and enjoy!

Membership packets are currently being distributed. Please read immediately. We are offering a discount for dues paid before April 30, 2008. Beach and Boat tags will be distributed beginning May 1.

Recreation

Get involved with Hub Lakes this summer. We will be looking for children who can swim for the swim team where we will once again join Rainbow lakes as part of the PARTIE team. Anyone interested in swimming contact Rehana Flessner. The swim season is from the end of June through July with weekly meets on Monday evenings and culminates in the Hub Lakes Championship on August 2nd and 3rd.

If any ladies are interested in forming a golf team, for a one-day tournament, please contact Kevin Williams.

Mark your calendar for Oct 4 for the Hub Lakes Dinner/Dance. This year it will be held at Indian Lake.



Auxiliary - Adopt Our Garden

Spring is here and it is time to think of caring for our beautiful Lake Arrowhead Garden.

We would like to invite you to "Adopt Our Garden". What is the plan? Well, we are asking our residents to adopt a small portion (perhaps 10 feet) of the garden to maintain and keep our garden thriving. Consider coming out and spending 30 minutes a week to

rake, weed, trim and sometimes fertilize our garden.

Our garden has been the pride of the Lake. Angie Haverly has dedicated many years to cultivating the garden. Angie will be retiring from actively hoeing and raking but she will continue to be our mentor, teaching us the way to care for the garden.

We need to have a Spring Cleanup starting April 5th. If we all pull together, it will be an easy and fun project.

Will you consider being part of the garden team? Contact Eileen Atkinson with any questions and to volunteer 973-627-8169.

Local Recognition

On Friday, Feb 29th the Denville PRIDE Council held its 41st annual awards dinner. Each year the council selects 3 recipients, who have made significant contributions to the community through volunteering. Lake Arrowhead member, Tom Dean, was one of the recipients this year.

Lake Arrowhead member, Juliet Payseur, a high school senior, earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scout's highest honor.

Congratulations Tom and Juliet.

Auxiliary

Keep your eye out for the Spring plant sale flyer, plant delivery will be in time for Mother's Day.

Save the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend for annual neighborhood garage sale.

Healthy Lakes - How can you help?

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The key to controlling the algae blooms in a lake is to control the conditions under which the blooms occur: excess nutrients, and heat and light. The primary nutrients for algae growth are phosphates, and decaying plant material. The nutrient control strategies center around controlling the amount in the lakes by removal, prevention of addition, and provision for other uses for the nutrients.

Removal of nutrients can be done chemically, by removal of excess phosphates with alum, or physically, by removal of decaying plant material from the lakes - for example: Operation Algae and the lake drawdown /cleanup in the fall.

Prevention of addition of nutrients can be done by using no fertilizer on any lawn or garden in the watershed, if possible, or using only a minimal amount of phosphate-free fertilizer in the fall - and not using any fertilizer AT ALL within 10 feet of the lake - both fertilizer application restrictions are Denville ordinances. And further, by raking your leaves quickly after they fall, and not into the lake, and picking up your pet waste.

Provision for other uses for the nutrients is done by creating or maintaining a buffer zone of native plants and ground cover at the lake shore and native aquatic plants in the littoral zone. This will serve to filter and absorb the nutrients from the watershed runoff, and mitigate further

nutrient addition to the lakes.

The control strategy for heat and light includes the addition of a blue-green dye to the water to attenuate the amount of sunlight reaching the shallow bottom of our lakes. It is this light that raises the temperature of the water and provides energy for algae photosynthesis and explosive growth.

The final control strategy is, of course, algaecide, which will probably be necessary this season (and future ones as well) while we try to revitalize and rebalance the ecosystems of our lakes. Hopefully with the re-establishment of our lakes' ecosystems, the need for algaecide will become less.

Recently...Egg Hunt

On March 22, the Todd's organized the 13th annual Lake Arrowhead Easter Egg hunt.

41 children participated which meant that 410 eggs were distributed. Due to the threat of a morning rain or snow shower, temperatures close to 32 degrees and a partially muddy field from rains earlier in the week, the location was changed to the beach. The sun popped out unexpected by 9:30 am and it remained sunny for the entire event - although very chilly. After the children each collected their 10 eggs off the beach, they each received their 10 prizes. At this point, everyone gathered inside the Clubhouse for cupcakes and crafts. This year's crafts included felt Easter baskets, felt bunny baskets and foam chick bags.

Thank you to the following volunteers: Shannon Penkrat for distributing the fliers, Karen Scornavacca and Sue Rehnquist for writing the names on all the eggs, Lisa Curran and Janine

Borowski for making cupcakes. Alexis Seijas and Veronika Todd for sorting prizes, helping to assemble bags, egg distribution and set-up on the day of the event; Johnny Cahillane and Matt Thomas for set-up and egg distribution, and finally, Marlena Todd, Lauren Scornavacca and Michael Scornavacca for setting up the craft area. And especially Alex Todd for spearheading this favorite children's event.

There were a couple of funny moments during egg distribution. During the actual distribution on the beach one of the eggs got away and starting floating off in the lake. Matt Thomas quickly removed his shoes, rolled up his pants and waded in up to his knees to retrieve it. After all the eggs were distributed Veronika and Johnny noticed that some Canada geese were attracted to the eggs and were attempting to come up onto the beach to inspect them. While Veronika stood guard, Johnny ran around chasing them with a rake.