

Lake Arrowhead Community Newsletter

March - May 2009



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Board Update

At our last Open Board meeting in February 2009 the budget was reviewed and accepted after considerable debate. Although not ideal everyone realizes a balance must be struck between maintaining membership without overburdening our members or raising dues significantly and risk losing members and reducing available funds.

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

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

Upcoming projects include:

- Powerwash and stain the clubhouse (May 9 and TBD)
- Beach cleanup (May 16)
- Planting a rain garden (May 16-17 and May 30-31)

- Putting up the awning (TBD)

Please welcome Lene Jennings as the new Beach Chairperson and Alex Todd as the new Bar Chairperson.

Officers

President - Mike Bertram
Vice President - Peggy Lefsky
Secretary - Robin Bachman
Treasurer - Robert Seijas

Committees

Bar - Alex Todd
Beach - Lene Jennings
Clubhouse - Jeff Lauver
Grounds - Barb Kane
Lakes - David Hobart
Membership - Peggy Lefsky
Recreation - Kevin Williams
Rentals and Special Projects - Mark Stein

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Kayak Raffle - support the swim team - drawing on 5/25
- ◆ Garage Sale 5/23
- ◆ Memorial Day cookout 5/25
- ◆ Evening with Artists 6/6
- ◆ Lobster Bash 6/13
- ◆ Tie Dye/Ice Cream Party 6/19

Recently...

Pancake Breakfast and Super Bowl Party

The Lake Arrowhead Auxiliary kicked off the year with the annual Pancake Breakfast held on Super Bowl Sunday. The event was attended by 71 adults and 11 children. 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 1st. Over 60 members and their guests attended the event. Special thanks to Alex and Scott Todd for organizing this event.

Pictionary

We had 36 players with many subs to make up our 6 teams this year. The double elimination Pictionary Tournament lasted for 5 Saturdays with many hysterical comments, funny and yet sometimes concise drawings and intense and sometimes stressful moments for the judges. Tom Lacey's team victoriously captured the winning title of first place from Kyle Lacey's 2 year reign. The winning team members all received a *beautiful* miniature

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chalk board with chalk and eraser, so that they may practice for the 2011 season. The second place team was under the leadership of Karen Condon. Thanks to all our team members for participating in this event and to all our non-playing members who came to cheer our teams on. Special thanks to Bill Condon for letting us use his light box once again and to Don Salge for the markers that we seemed to consistently need more of and Sylvia Lacey for organizing the event.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great day despite the rain! Kids of all ages had a great time hunting for eggs, creating their own mugs, jumping on hippety hop balls and enjoying sweet treats. Our Lake Arrowhead kids proved to be great sports as they competed in races and games. They also

realized that egg hunting indoors is not as easy as they thought. While we will hope for sunshine next year, this year's Clubhouse party was still a great time for all who attended. Special thanks to Hope Ritchie for taking this on this year.

Spring Plant Sale

The Spring Plant Sale was a success once again though not as successful as in years past. By purchasing plants through the Lake Arrowhead Auxiliary, the Auxiliary profits and can provide improvements and events not funded by membership dues and you save money on tax. Plants certificates are available if you prefer to pick out your own flats. Keep this in mind for next year.

Membership

Wine and Cheese party was held at the club on April 19 and was a great success with 70 adults and 20 children in attendance. We had the opportunity to welcome several new neighbors.

Membership dues are now due as Beach and Boat tags are already being distributed.

We need your **HELP** to fund our lakes and community.
EVERY MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!



Rentals

Book early for your spring and summer events such as birthdays, anniversaries, Communions, Graduation Parties and Baby/Bridal showers. The Clubhouse is available for rentals to all Lake Arrowhead members. You may even sponsor an outside rental.

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.

Healthy Lakes - How Can You Help?

News from the Lakes Committee:

It's going to be a difficult year for the lakes this year. The LAC budget did not have sufficient funds for a dye application in all lakes, but the LAC Auxiliary has donated \$1500 for the initial dying of Lake Arrowhead - which will cut down on the algae growth in the first part of the summer. Unfortunately, there are not sufficient LAC funds to dye the other lakes at this time, so additional algae growth (and algaecide application) in these lakes should not be unexpected.

We have already had some excessive algae growth in Great Bay and Bay of Deep Waters, and Aquatic Technologies has treated these blooms twice in the past two weeks with copper sulfate (CuSO_4) algaecide. They will continue to monitor the algae growth, and treat as necessary.

The start of treatment was late this year because there was some delay in getting the herbicide application permits from the NJ-DEP. The reason for this was a pending EPA Supreme Court case which narrowly defined herbicides (such as CuSO_4 and Sonar) as pollutants, and prohibited their application. This case has just recently been held in abeyance for two years pending resolution.

There has been some concern expressed about the effect of CuSO_4 on the fish in the lakes. Fish susceptible to CuSO_4 in the concentrations used for algaecide control, include trout and ornamental coy, neither of which we have in our lakes; so there should be no effect on any of the fish in our lakes.

On Great Bay, the initial application of the herbicide, Sonar, was made on May 6 (funded from the Lake Restoration Fund, collected last fall), and will continue for about 6 to 8 weeks, to control the outbreak of *Cabomba* that infested that lake towards the end of the season last year. Sonar works by

preventing the production of chlorophyll in plants and thus is not harmful to fish, wildlife or humans. It will be a few weeks until we start to see results on the *Cabomba*.

LAC has received a grant from the US Dept of Fish and Wildlife, in the form of ½ acre of plants that grow well on the edge of lakes - and serve to absorb the nutrients from storm water runoff, that contribute to algae growth. **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE PLANTING OF THESE PLANTS** in the storm water runoff locations around all the lakes. All volunteers are asked to contact Hope Ritchie (973 784 4054, or hritchie@roysons.com) for details of when and where. The plants were delivered May 7, and planting dates of May 16-17 and 30-31 have been set. The plants will be planted by us, with the consultation of the USDFW. Please watch for a flyer/email confirming the dates - and come join us to help with the planting and care of the lakes!

Three last things: If you must fertilize at all (it's better for the lakes not to fertilize, if possible) - please remember to use phosphate-free fertilizer. And please use no fertilizer **at all** within 10 feet of the lakes or streams. This is mandated by both Denville and Mountain Lakes ordinances, and both have monetary penalties for non-adherence! Anchor Hardware gives a discount to Lake Arrowhead residents on phosphate-free fertilizer.

And please continue to plant your rain gardens and buffer zones with native plants.

And **DO NOT FEED** the geese or swans, and discourage them from your lawns. **DO** addle their eggs, if you can! And please clean up after your pets - and the birds.

Please enjoy our lakes!!



Help LAC go GREEN! Get lake notifications by email and read digitally!



Don't feed the geese!
Pick up after your pets!

LAC Auxiliary

The LAC Auxiliary plans many fun activities throughout the year. Keep an eye on the calendar so you don't miss some fun events. These events don't happen without volunteers to plan and coordinate them. We are still seeking chairpersons to coordinate activities for the July 4th holiday, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve. Contact Robin Bachman if you can volunteer to coordinate any of these events.

The Auxiliary uses funds raised during its various events to provide improvements to the clubhouse. The Auxiliary recently authorized funds to purchase new picnic tables for the beach and clubhouse. Robin Bachman and Rehana Flessner visited several suppliers and were able to select 6 new picnic tables which will arrive in time for the summer season. Volunteers will be needed to seal the tables; watch for a work party request. The Auxiliary also authorized funding for an external bulletin board to post news, information, and events; we hope to have the bulletin board in place in the next few months.

This tentative calendar is provided so you can get an early start in your 2009 planning. Per the schedule below, some events need chairpersons and all need volunteers to help make them successful.

Please contact Robin Bachman, 973-625-5757, to volunteer to chair or assist with any event. More details will be provided as we get closer to the dates of the events. All events are held at the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

Activities are planned for: F=Families, A=Adults, K=Kids

Date	For	Event	Chairperson
Sunday, 2/1	F	Pancake Breakfast; 9:00am - Noon	Mary Ellen Stanton
Sunday, 2/1	F	Super Bowl Party	Scott & Alex Todd
Feb/March	A	Pictionary Tournament	Sylvia Lacey
Sat, 4/11	K	Easter Egg Hunt (Butterfly Field if conditions permit)	Hope Ritchie
April/May		Spring Plant Sale (pick up on May 8; certificates available earlier)	Mary Ellen Stanton/Robin Bachman
Sat, 5/23		Memorial Weekend Lake-wide Garage Sale	Mary Ellen Stanton
Mon, 5/25	F	Memorial Day Cook-out and Games	Beth Stein
Sat, 6/6	F	Evening with the Artists – Enjoy the creations of our own local resident 'artists'	Hope Ritchie
Sat, 6/13	F	Lobster Bash	Pete and Lyn Rand
Fri, June 19	K	End-of-School Tie-dye and Ice Cream Party	Rehana Flessner/Brandy Johnson
Wed, 7/4	F	4 th of July Activities and Dinner	Need Chairperson
July or Aug	F	Butterfly Field Camp-Out	Hope Ritchie/Karen Scornavacca
Mon, 9/7	F	Labor Day Cook-out and Games	Need Chairperson
Oct TBD	A	Oktoberfest (at the Ritchie house!)	Lisa Curran/Hope Ritchie
Oct TBD	K	Children's Halloween Party and Hayride/Haunted House	Hope Ritchie/Karen Scornavacca
Late Nov		Wreath & Poinsettia Sale (pick-up at Holiday Cocktail Party)	Robin Bachman
Sun, 12/13	A	Holiday Cocktail Party	Robin Bachman
Sat, 12/19	F	Holiday Caroling	Elizabeth Baresh
Thurs, 12/31	A	New Year's Eve Celebration (to be determined)	Need Chairperson

*Many hands make
light work.
Sign up to help
out at an event.*

Co-Presidents:
Shannon Penkrat and Robin
Bachman
Vice President: Beth Stein
Secretary: Eileen Atkinson
Treasurer Rehana Flessner

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.

Thanks to the LAC Auxiliary for purchasing the annuals that will be planted on Lake Arrowhead Grounds.

LAST CHANCE TO GET BOATS!!!

Beach

Please come out and help get the beach ready for the summer season:

Saturday, May 16 - 10am to 3pm

Rain Date May 17 - same times

Call Mark Stein for information - 973-983-7514

Welcome Lene Jennings as the new Beach Chairperson.

Recreation

Get involved with Hub Lakes this summer. **Track and Field** is a one day event in June for all ages. **Swimming** is for children age 8 - 18 and runs from the last week in June through end first weekend in August. **Bowling**, **Men's Horseshoes** and **Golf**, **Men's** and **Women's Volleyball** and **Table Tennis** are all sports Lake Arrowhead participates in. Contact Kevin Williams if you are interested.

Hub Lakes sports team meeting is on Tuesday, **May 26th**, at 7:30PM at the Indian Lake Clubhouse. All Lake reps and Sports chair people

are needed to attend a Hub lakes meeting.

The subjects will be:

- 2009 Summer Eligibility
- Sportsmanship
- Big Changes for the 2009 Season

The annual Hub lakes dinner dance is September 12 at Indian Lake Clubhouse from 8 PM - 1.

The Hub Lakes Guide with all sporting event dates and personal contact information will be available in the coming month.

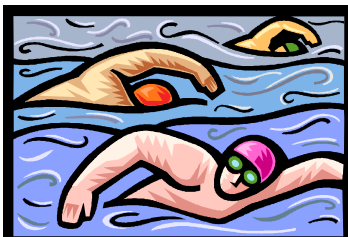
KAYAK RAFFLE TO SUPPORT THE LAC SWIM TEAM

The Lake Arrowhead swim team will be sponsoring a kayak raffle. We will be raffling off a Potomac 100 ES Kayak valued at \$360.00 for a mere \$10.00 per chance.

This beautiful kayak is perfect for a relaxing paddle around our lake. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of new lane lines. The team is very eager to provide a home practice, however without the proper lanes we will not be able to do this.

The raffle will be an ongoing event beginning at the Pancake Breakfast and concluding on Memorial Day weekend. Tickets may be purchased from Lyn Rand. Please contact Lyn at 973 586 4222 or lynrand@gmail.com.

Don't miss this great opportunity to support the swim team!!!!!!!



Fair Share - What is it?

What is Fair Share? Fair Share is a process by which *all* property owners in a community, not just those who choose to join the lake association, are assessed equally for the cost of maintaining the community property: in our case, lake treatments and testing, dam inspection and maintenance, real estate taxes and insurance, and legal, accounting and collection costs. Fair Share has been very strongly supported by the NJ courts, and has been implemented by several lakes in the area: Greenwood Lake, Cedar Lake and Laurel Lake (in south NJ), among others. All have mandatory assessments for community property maintenance separate from their optional club membership fees.

Why LAC? LAC is eligible for Fair Share because research has revealed that most, if not all, Lake Arrowhead community property owners have in their property title chain, (specifically in the deed from the original planned unit developer, the Arthur D. Crane Company, to the original property purchaser) a legal covenant, or easement, granting them the right to use the lakes, subject to rules as may be established (LAC By-laws), and that this right is passed on to whomever owns the property in the future. New Jersey case law has established, in

multiple cases that with this right, comes the legal obligation to share in the cost of maintaining that community property.

What does it mean to LAC members? The Board anticipates that the sum of the Fair Share mandatory assessment plus the revised LAC membership dues would be approximately the same as current LAC dues without Fair Share. With an additional ~140 non-LAC-member properties required to contribute to Fair Share, we will have the funding to do urgent and necessary lake care.

What alternatives do we have? This may be our only option. We can either raise dues for members to cover the increasing cost of property taxes, insurance, lake maintenance etc.; or we can continue to cut back on lake and other property maintenance in order to keep our dues affordable but potentially have lakes that are unusable.